

## Euler Hermes appoints Jean Placotaris CEO of Euler Hermes Collections

**PARIS – 13 NOVEMBER 2012** – Jean Placotaris has been appointed chief executive officer of the Group's trade debt collection entity [Euler Hermes Collections](#) effective 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012. He reports to Dirk Oevermann, member of the [Euler Hermes](#) Board of Management.

Prior to joining Euler Hermes, Placotaris held various international management positions in the financial services sector for over 20 years, including Crédit Agricole, Visa International and Cofidis. In his most recent positions with Société Générale, he was regional director for consumer finance in Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Portugal, Serbia and Slovenia, before serving as Collection director leading a task force across 23 countries.

Placotaris, a French national, is also fluent in English and Greek. He holds an Executive MBA from the French business school HEC, near Paris.

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Euler Hermes has developed a credit intelligence network that enables it to analyze the financial stability of 40+ million businesses across the globe. The Group insured worldwide business transactions totaling € 702 billion exposure end of December 2011.

Euler Hermes, a subsidiary of Allianz, is listed on NYSE Euronext Paris (ELE.PA) and is rated AA- by Standard & Poor's.

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