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Sodali announced today that **Hernan Lopez** has joined its New York office to develop the firm's Latin American business.



Hernan Lopez

Mr. Lopez, who will serve as Sodali's Regional Manager - Latin America, was formerly a Director for Latin America at NASDAQ. He brings more than 15 years of corporate and legal experience and a strong background in new business development to his role at Sodali. His experience includes managing relations with the Latin American corporate trust accounts as Vice-President for the Bank of New York and work on major debt restructuring transactions in Latin America. He is a native of Argentina, where he practiced law. He holds a law degree from Pace University and a degree in Finance and Economics from Columbia University, New York.

John Wilcox, Chairman of Sodali, said: "I am happy to welcome Hernan Lopez to the Sodali team. He shares our conviction that the Sodali business model will be effective with Latin American companies, many of which are family owned and are also strongly committed to good corporate governance".

Giulio Pediconi, Sodali Managing Director, added "Hernan Lopez has worked with many Latin American companies and he also knows institutional investors and the back-office custodial operations that are essential to Sodali's business. He also has extensive debt restructuring experience, which is an important part of our service offering to clients during the current economic crisis".

About Sodali

Sodali is a global consultancy providing advice and transactional services to companies in Europe, Asia, Latin America and developing markets. The firm's services include: preparation and conduct of AGMs and EGMs, bondholder campaigns, capital restructurings, corporate governance consulting, board evaluation and training, research on strategic issues and shareholder outreach programmes. Sodali's mission is to help companies anticipate, understand and deal effectively with the expectations of shareholders, investors and the financial markets. The firm is part of the GWM Group and has offices and representatives in major financial centres around the world.