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Alex Markin has been appointed Managing Director at Trumont International, an M&A and corporate development boutique focused on the world-wide chemicals and materials industries.

At Trumont, Mr. Markin will be responsible for cross-border coverage of intermediate and specialty chemical companies in North America. He was most recently affiliated with First Analysis Securities for chemicals M&A. During this time, he represented Lawter on its sale to Eastman Chemicals, and the leading Mexican PVC company, Primex, on its sale to Mexichem.

Mr. Markin has over 40 years of experience and held Vice President-level roles in corporate development at Engelhard, Henkel and WR Grace. Alex has led more than 30 completed M&A transactions in the Americas, Europe, Asia and Australia/New Zealand.

Mr. Markin holds B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Chemical Engineering from the Israeli Institute of Technology.