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Sidoine Viagbo joins Enko Capital as Partner, Head of Trade Finance

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Enko Capital welcomes Sidoine Viagbo as a Partner and Head of Trade Finance for Enko's Africa private debt offering. He has joined the investment team led by Enko's founder and CIO, Alain Nkontchou. Sidoine's nearly 20 years of experience working in African trade and commodity finance significantly bolsters Enko's coverage of the private debt space in Africa.

Sidoine joins Enko at a critical juncture as the firm is leveraging its Africa-focused platform to expand its offerings to include an African private debt strategy. Enko has proven itself a leader in the African debt space through its award-winning Enko Africa Debt Fund, and is deeply experienced in the African private markets through its Enko Africa Private Equity Fund. The new African private debt strategy is a synthesis of these skill sets with a highly experienced, very senior team.

"Having led an Africa-focused investment firm for the past 13 years, I am extremely aware of the lending opportunities and risks in Africa," states Enko's co-founder, Alain Nkontchou. "The need for short and medium-term financing in Sub-Saharan Africa is enormous. Private, non-bank lenders have a critical role to play in complementing traditional bank lending across the region. The addition of Sidoine to Enko's team was a strategic priority for me as the depth and breadth of his experience in African lending is not common."

Sidoine's experience in the private debt space is exceptional. Most recently he was based in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, with Barak Fund Management (2018-21) originating structured trade and commodity finance deals in West Africa. Prior to that, Sidoine was the Head of Group Structured Trade and Commodity Finance for Ecobank Transnational Incorporated (2013-18). Before that, he was a Director of Structured Trade Finance for BNP Paribas in Paris (2011-13) focusing on energy and commodity finance. Sidoine also held a number of roles at Marsh McLennan, Natixis and Group Fortis in Paris from 2001 to 2011.

Sidoine, a dual citizen of Togo and France, brings a long, proven track record in the African private debt space. His fluency in both French and English, alongside his local knowledge and connections are major assets to Enko.

Enko Capital is an \$800 million Africa-focused investment firm with offices in London and across Africa. The firm's mission is to be a conduit for desperately needed capital in Africa to fund public and private investment. Enko's world-class team stands out not only for its experience and performance, but is one of the most diverse investment teams in the industry.

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