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London Trade House Adds Securitization Experts

London-based trade house **Falcon Group** has appointed two structured finance professionals to help develop financial structures different from the firm's traditional trade services arena. The new structures will include asset financing and off-balance sheet financing. **Niels Slikker** has been brought on board as head of product development, while **John Bishop** has been made head of marketing.

Slikker previously spent three years at reinsurer **Swiss Re**, where he was a director and specialized in originations. Bishop was a partner and joint founder of credit hedge fund **Observatory Capital Management** for five years. At Falcon, both will report to **Kamel Alzarka**, Falcon's chairman, and **Will Nagle**, the group's chief executive.

Officials at Observatory and Swiss Re did not return phone calls immediately.

- Daniel O'Leary