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# Global cyber security firm Lodestone appoints Alton Kizziah as Chief Executive Officer to drive ambitious growth agenda

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Global cybersecurity firm Lodestone Security LLC (Lodestone), a wholly-owned subsidiary of leading specialist insurer Beazley, has named information security expert Alton Kizziah as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective May 1st, 2023.

Lodestone specialises in incident response, digital forensics, offensive security, and threat detection. As a subsidiary of Beazley, long a pioneer in the cyber insurance market, Lodestone is poised to support Beazley insureds even further in responding to some of the toughest security challenges that industries face today.

In his new role, Alton Kizziah will lead a newly-expanded senior leadership team in spearheading and extending the firm’s commitment to helping clients secure their business environment, detect threats, and respond to cyber incidents. In particular, Mr Kizziah will be focused on establishing the platform, processes, and capacity to enable Lodestone to drive deeper engagement with existing Beazley clients, as well as developing Lodestone into an industry-recognised first-choice for cyber incident preparedness and response.

Paul Bantick, Global Head of Cyber Risks at Beazley, said: “Lodestone is an increasingly important part of Beazley’s cyber ecosystem and we are pleased to have attracted someone with Alton’s experience to lead the company into its exciting next phase of development. Building and bringing together teams, driving industry innovation, and creating service businesses are highlights of Alton's experience. This will be invaluable as we grow Lodestone further, advancing ambitions to deliver the effective cyber security support that businesses across the

United States and beyond increasingly need.”

Alton Kizziah said, “I’m thrilled to join the Beazley family to help Lodestone take the next step in its evolution. Our first step will be to formalise our approach to deliver excellent outcomes more efficiently, while also preparing the organisation for growth and scale.

An information security executive with 22 years of experience delivering successful security solutions to clients on a global scale, Alton Kizziah comes to Lodestone from MGT Consulting Group, where he served as Executive Vice President and General Manager for the consultancy’s Technology Solutions Group. Prior to MGT, he held leadership positions with several preeminent security companies. A significant portion of his career has been spent in global roles, splitting time between the US and Europe.

A veteran of the US Army, Mr Kizziah attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Kennesaw State University. He has held a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) credential for 15 years.

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