

## Henriot Inc. Appoints New Chief Executive Officer

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Henriot Inc., a New York based import company specializing in the distribution, sales and marketing of ultra premium wine and Champagne, announces the appointment of Walter M. Sawitsky as Chief Executive Officer, reporting to Stanislas Henriot.

'Even through these very difficult economic times, Henriot Inc. continues to experience increased sales and distribution throughout the US,' said Henriot. 'At this critical point in our growth and through these challenging financial times, we believe Walter Sawitsky's extensive experience in the industry will be an incredible asset to our company. He is the right man to take the leading role in implementing and driving our strategies as we continue to evolve.'

Sawitsky joins Henriot Inc. with a proven record of success, he is highly regarded in the wine and spirits industry for his integrity, competence and leadership. He recently retired from Moët Hennessy, USA where as a senior vice president he played a key role in the creation and implementation of Moët Hennessy, USA and its infrastructure.

Prior to MHUSA, he served for 13 years at Clicquot Inc. as senior vice president and CFO and was a major contributor to the development and overall success of Veuve Clicquot. During his term, he also served in general management roles for Pacific Echo Cellars and Newton Vineyard.

His early career development was with Whitbread North America Inc. (Julius Wile and Fleischmann Distilling Co.), where he was ultimately was appointed treasurer of the company.

'I am honored that the Henriots have chosen me to lead their US organization,' said Sawitsky. 'The reputation of the Henriot family is legendary. Their commitment to the success of terroir-driven wines is world-renowned and considered by many in the industry to be without equal.'

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