



## Press Release

### Alpha Bank: Sergiu Oprescu appointed Deputy Chairman of the European Mortgage Federation (EMF)

**Sergiu Oprescu, Executive President of Alpha Bank Romania and General Manager of the International Network of the Alpha Bank Group has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the European Mortgage Federation (EMF) for the mandate 2023-2024.** This is the first time a representative of Eastern Europe is appointed to the European Mortgage Federation's board.

*"I am honored and proud to be appointed EMF Deputy Chairman and I would like to thank the members of the EMF for their trust and confidence in me. It is a great responsibility to represent the mortgage market at European level and I am ready to leverage my entire experience in the financial services sector to promote the responsible and sustainable growth of this sector",* said Sergiu Oprescu, as per the Press Release from Alpha Bank Romania.

Sergiu Oprescu has an extensive 30-year experience in banking and capital markets. He joined Alpha Bank Romania in 1994 and has since held several senior positions before being appointed Executive President in 2007. In 2019 he was appointed General Manager of the International Network of the Alpha Bank Group and member of the Group's Executive Committee. Under his coordination, Alpha Bank Romania has become a point of reference for innovation in the Romanian banking sector, with milestones including the launch of the first mortgage loan in the local market in 2001, becoming the first issuer of covered bonds in Romania in 2019 and the introduction of the first tap to phone POS solution offered by a bank in the country. At the same time, Mr. Oprescu has participated directly in building the Romanian capital market, being Chairman of the Bucharest Stock Exchange from 2000 to 2006, and was involved in local and international professional organizations, also serving as President of the Board of Directors of the Romanian Association of Banks from 2015 to 2021.

#### **The European Mortgage Federation (EMF)**

Established in 1967, EMF is the voice of the European mortgage industry worth over EUR 8 trillion at the end of 2020, representing the interests of mortgage lenders and mortgage bond issuers. The EMF provides data and information on European mortgage markets, with 14 members from 12 EU Member States, as well as a number of observer members. The EMF also includes the European Covered Bond Council (ECBC), which brings together 120 members, representing more than 95% of mortgage bonds outstanding, with a value of almost EUR 3 trillion at the end of 2021.