



Stanton Chase Opens Detroit Office

DETROIT – Stanton Chase, a global retained executive search firm, has opened an office in Detroit to serve its growing list of corporate clients in the manufacturing, automotive, commercial vehicle, and defense industries.

The announcement was made by Daniel Casteel, Regional Vice President, North America for Stanton Chase, which has 73 offices in 45 countries.

Rich Kolpasky, a veteran search consultant and former senior executive in the automotive sector, will head up the office as the managing director.

“It is a distinct pleasure to welcome Rich to the Stanton Chase family,” said Casteel. “With the opening of this office, Stanton Chase becomes one of the few global retained search firms with an office in the area. Rich has deep contacts in the business community and will be a great asset to Stanton Chase as he helps Midwest companies build their senior leadership teams.”

In addition to his expertise in the automotive industry, Kolpasky also has experience in a variety of other sectors, most notably the defense industry, which has a major presence in Michigan.

Prior to joining Stanton Chase, Kolpasky was with Korn Ferry and Boyden. Before his career in executive search, he was a senior-level executive within the Tier I automotive segment and held positions in engineering, program management, operations, sales and marketing, and general management.

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Kolpasky was also president of North American Seating for Faurecia SA and president of Global Fluid Carrying Systems for TI Automotive.

“I’m thrilled to be joining Stanton Chase,” said Kolpasky. “As a friendly competitor over the years, I have always been impressed with the Stanton Chase business model and its global footprint. The collegial atmosphere and entrepreneurial spirit among the offices are particularly impressive, since the goal is to always find the finest executives to lead clients into the future.”

Kolpasky has extensive experience in the defense sector as both a soldier and as a civilian professional. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Field Artillery and is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses. Following his military service, he was a principal with Booz-Allen & Hamilton and was involved in numerous ground-based R&D programs as an engineer and program manager.

Kolpasky holds a Master’s of Business Administration from Michigan State University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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