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Peter H. Chase joined the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as its Senior Representative in Europe, based in Brussels, in April 2010. He became Vice President for Europe in August 2012.

Chase is a Foreign Service Officer with more than 30 years of experience in promoting U.S. business interests abroad. He brings substantial expertise on Europe to the Chamber, including tours as Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs in the U.S. Mission to the European Union (2007–2010), Director of the State Department's Office of EU Affairs (2004–2007), Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary of Economic Affairs (2001–2003), and Counselor and Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs in the U.S. Embassy in London between 1997 and 2001. His first foray into the EU came as economic counselor at the Mission to the EU between 1992 and 1996.

Other relevant assignments include two years as Director for Investment Affairs at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and two years as foreign and economic policy adviser to Sen. Bill Bradley (D-NJ). His earlier career was oriented toward China, including opening the first U.S. Consulate General in Guangzhou, serving in the Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs, and working with the American Institute in Taiwan.

Chase has a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University's School of International Affairs and a bachelor's degree in Chinese language and literature from the University of Washington.

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