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Barclays announces new Head of Corporate Banking, Asia Pacific

Singapore/Hong Kong, 22 July 2015 – Barclays is investing in a new growth phase for its Corporate Banking business in Asia, and has appointed a new Head of Corporate Banking for the region to lead this push.

The bank is currently hiring corporate bankers in Asia, as it grows and deepens its corporate client base alongside its financial institutions franchise. With Corporate Banking hubs in Singapore, India, Hong Kong and Japan, the bank plans to increase revenues significantly.

Alexander Harrison has been appointed to lead the next phase of strategic growth in the region. Relocating from Dubai to Singapore, Mr Harrison's role will focus on supporting Asia Pacific corporates and financial institutions with growth ambitions in its key Corporate Banking markets of Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA), while deepening and embedding senior client relationships.

The bank has also set up specific India, China and Japan desks in the UK, and a China desk in Africa, to better facilitate trade between EMEA and the Asia Pacific region.

Mr Harrison joined Barclays in 1998 and has held numerous senior positions within the bank across product and coverage in London, including leading both the London and International Debt Finance teams. In 2012, he relocated to Dubai in a role that expanded to the Head of International Debt Finance for non-UK debt origination covering EMEA and India. He also served as a member of the senior leadership team for Global Credit Products where he supported the Corporate Bank's broader product agenda and value proposition for clients.

Mr Harrison will report to Matt Tuck, Head of Global Corporate Banking, Barclays.

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Commenting on the appointment, Mr Tuck said:

“Our Corporate Banking business in the Asia Pacific region has grown from strength to strength in recent years. It has become a key driver of growth within our wider Asia franchise, and still has huge potential through leveraging our footprint in EMEA for the benefit of our corporate and financial institution clients in the region. Alex has an exciting opportunity in front of him, and the skills and experience to capitalise on it.”

Mr Harrison, Managing Director and Head of Corporate Banking, Asia Pacific, said:

“It is an exciting challenge to be leading our Asia Pacific Corporate Banking business on its next growth phase, in a region that is investing heavily into our EMEA footprint. My focus is to build a truly sustainable, unified platform to provide service excellence to our clients, be a catalyst for long term success and ensure seamless interaction with our leading Investment Banking and Wealth Management businesses in the region. With Sibos also coming to Singapore this year, it is a great time to arrive in Asia.”

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