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Barclays Appoints New Head of Corporate Banking, Japan

Tokyo/Singapore, 11 November 2015 – Barclays has appointed a new Head of Corporate Banking, Japan, to develop and deepen the bank's corporate banking franchise with Japanese multi-nationals, a key market segment for Barclays Asia Pacific.

Takayoshi Takeshita has been appointed to lead the team supporting Japanese corporates with their growth ambitions in Barclays' key corporate banking markets - Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA) - while strengthening senior client relationships.

The focus of Barclays' corporate banking business in Asia Pacific is to provide access to the bank's transaction banking footprint, including clearing, cash management and trade finance, across EMEA. The bank is also looking to increase corporate banking relationships amongst its well established investment banking client base in the region.

Mr Takeshita joins Barclays from the Royal Bank of Scotland, where he was most recently the Tokyo Branch Manager and Representative in Japan. Prior to this, he held the position of Head of Corporate Coverage, as well as Head of Global Transaction Services in Japan. He brings over 20 years of local and international banking experience to the role, and will be based in Tokyo.

Mr Takeshita will report to Alex Harrison, Managing Director and Head of Corporate Banking, Asia Pacific.

Commenting on the appointment, Mr Harrison 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 continues to offer huge potential through leveraging our footprint in EMEA, for the benefit of our corporate and financial institution clients in the region. Takeshita-san brings a wealth of experience to this role, and I look forward to him continuing the excellent trajectory of growth we have seen from our Japan business in recent years.”

Mr Takeshita said:

“I am delighted to be working with Alex and leading Barclays’ Japanese Corporate Banking business through its next growth phase. My focus will be to enhance existing relationships with global corporate clients in Japan, as well as initiate and develop new ones. We will achieve this through continued excellent service to our clients and customers, and by leveraging our footprint in EMEA.”

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