

**Barclays PLC****Agreement to sell Wealth and Investment Management, Americas, franchise to Stifel**

Barclays today announces that it has signed an agreement to sell its Wealth & Investment Management franchise in the Americas to Stifel Financial Corp. (NYSE: SF). The transaction is targeted to close in mid-November, subject to regulatory approvals and customary conditions.

It is intended that clients of Barclays' Wealth & Investment Management, Americas, franchise will become clients of Stifel upon close of the transaction. The acquisition includes Barclays Wealth Trustees (U.S.) N.A. and all associated accounts. Barclays remains committed to providing our clients with the full level of service until the transfer occurs.

With a long history of servicing clients in the investment sector, and an existing sizeable Global Wealth Management franchise, Stifel will be able to offer a broader product range. In addition, Stifel will also be the private wealth distribution partner for certain of Barclays' equities and credit new issue securities in the US.

Barclays' Chief Executive of Global Wealth and Investment Management, Akshaya Bhargava, said, "The sale of our Wealth & Investment Management, Americas, franchise to Stifel represents a good outcome for Barclays and for our clients. We are pleased to have been able to find in Stifel a buyer that is committed to helping the franchise to grow over the long term, and providing for our clients an expanded range of products and services."

"Barclays remains committed to its international Wealth and Investment Management business, which is a successful and growing part of the Barclays Group, and to its other businesses in the US."

Terms of the sale were not disclosed. The sale is expected to have a minimal impact on reported financials.

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**About Barclays**

Barclays is an international financial services provider engaged in personal, corporate and investment banking, credit cards and wealth management with an extensive presence in Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia. Barclays' purpose is to help people achieve their ambitions - in the right way.

With 325 years of history and expertise in banking, Barclays operates in over 50 countries and employs over 130,000 people. Barclays moves, lends, invests and protects money for customers and clients worldwide.

For further information about Barclays, please visit our website [www.barclays.com](http://www.barclays.com)

### **Forward-looking statements**

This document contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to certain of the Group's plans and its current goals and expectations relating to its future financial condition and performance. Barclays cautions readers that no forward-looking statement is a guarantee of future performance and that actual results could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements sometimes use words such as 'may', 'will', 'seek', 'continue', 'aim', 'anticipate', 'target', 'projected', 'expect', 'estimate', 'intend', 'plan', 'goal', 'believe', 'achieve' or other words of similar meaning. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements regarding the Group's future financial position, income growth, assets, impairment charges and provisions, business strategy, capital, leverage and other regulatory ratios, payment of dividends (including dividend pay-out ratios), projected levels of growth in the banking and financial markets, projected costs or savings, original and revised commitments and targets in connection with the Transform Programme and Group Strategy Update, run-down of assets and businesses within Barclays Non-Core, estimates of capital expenditures and plans and objectives for future operations, projected employee numbers and other statements that are not historical fact. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events and circumstances. These may be affected by changes in legislation, the development of standards and interpretations under IFRS, evolving practices with regard to the interpretation and application of accounting and regulatory standards, the outcome of current and future legal proceedings and regulatory investigations, future levels of conduct provisions, the policies and actions of governmental and regulatory authorities, geopolitical risks and the impact of competition. In addition, factors including (but not limited to) the following may have an effect: capital, leverage and other regulatory rules (including with regard to the future structure of the Group) applicable to past, current and future periods; UK, US, Africa, Eurozone and global macroeconomic and business conditions; the effects of continued volatility in credit markets; market related risks such as changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates; effects of changes in valuation of credit market exposures; changes in valuation of issued securities; volatility in capital markets; changes in credit ratings of the Group; the potential for one or more countries exiting the Eurozone; the impact of EU and US sanctions on Russia; the implementation of the Transform Programme; and the success of future acquisitions, disposals and other strategic transactions. A number of these influences and factors are beyond the Group's control. As a result, the Group's actual future results, dividend payments, and capital and leverage ratios may differ materially from the plans, goals, and expectations set forth in the Group's forward-looking statements. Additional risks and factors are identified in our filings with the SEC including our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2014 (2014 20-F), which are available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>; and in our Annual Report for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2014, which is available on the Barclays Investor Relations website at [www.barclays.com/investorrelations](http://www.barclays.com/investorrelations).

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