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### **Barclays announces sale of UK Secured Lending business**

Barclays Bank PLC (“Barclays”) has sold the UK Secured Lending (“UKSL”) portfolio, to a group led by Goldman Sachs and including Elderbridge (part of the Target Group) and Pollen Street Capital.

The sale of UKSL, which is part of Barclays Non-Core, has reduced Risk Weighted Assets by a further £1.2bn and will have a positive impact on Barclays’ CET1 ratio.

The transaction is further evidence of progress in the re-shaping of Barclays Group to focus on its core businesses.

John McFarlane, Barclays Chairman said: “We continue to make solid progress in divesting assets from Barclays Non-Core. The sale of UK Secured Lending is further evidence of our ability to reduce these legacy assets, as we target a Risk Weighted Assets figure of around £20bn in 2017.”

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