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**Acceleration of Barclays Non-Core rundown continues
Barclays announces exclusive discussions for potential sale of French retail, and
wealth and investment management business**

Barclays has today announced that it has entered into exclusive discussions with AnaCap Financial Partners for the potential sale of its French Retail Banking operations including its network of 74 branches, life insurance business, and wealth and investment management operations. Any potential transaction is subject to a mandatory consultation period.

These discussions do not include Barclays' corporate and investment banking businesses in France. Barclays will continue to operate corporate and investment banking in France.

Commenting on the agreement, Jes Staley, Barclays Group Chief Executive, said:
"Accelerating the disposal of our Non-Core unit is the key to creating a simpler, more focused Barclays, and to eliminating the drag on the performance of our strong Core business. Today's announcement, together with the sale of our Asia Wealth operations announced earlier this month, represent significant steps forward, and are tangible evidence of the progress we continue to make.

"Barclays' French retail and wealth and investment management business is attractive, but no longer fits with our strategic ambitions. With its committed staff and strong customer and client relationships, it is well-placed to thrive under new ownership.

"This transaction, once completed, would effectively finish our exit from Continental European branch-based retail banking."

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