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HSBC continues to bolster US franchise with two more strategic investment banking hires

New York – HSBC today announced the addition of two more strategic hires to further strengthen its investment banking capabilities across North America. Mark Epley joins as Head of Financial Sponsors Group for the Americas and George Patterson joins as Head of Technology, Corporates, for North America.

This follows three recent Managing Director hires in North America: Sarah Salih as Head of Financial Institutions Group for North America; Jonathan Tretler as Head of Consumer and Retail for North America, and; Thad Davis as Head of Healthcare for North America.

Mark Epley, Head of Financial Sponsors Group, Americas

Epley joins HSBC from Jamieson Corporate Finance, where he served as US Chairman. Epley has more than 25 years of experience in the financial sponsors space, working across market classes. He has previously held senior positions at Nomura Securities, Deutsche Bank and Morgan Stanley. Epley founded Nomura's Americas Financial Sponsor coverage business in 2010 and headed up Deutsche Bank's global sponsor coverage. He brings deep industry expertise and relationships to HSBC, having worked with some of the leading global private equity firms. Epley will be based in New York City, reporting to Lex Malas and Russell Julius, Co-Heads of Global Banking for North America, and Alexis Maskell, Global Head of Financial Sponsors Group.

George Patterson, Head of Technology, Corporates, North America

Patterson joins HSBC from CODE Advisors, a technology and media focused boutique financial services firm headquartered in San Francisco with offices in London and New York. From July 2013 to July 2015, he served as the Co-Head of Software, Systems and Solutions Investment Banking at Barclays Investment Bank, based in New York. From January 2009 to June 2013, Patterson was Head of Technology Investment Banking, EMEA for Barclays, based in London. Prior to Barclays' acquisition of Lehman Brothers' North American operations in 2008, he worked in the Technology investment banking group at Lehman Brothers, which he joined in 2000. During his tenure as an investment banker, Patterson has worked on a wide variety of equity, fixed income and M&A transactions for many corporate and institutional clients across the technology ecosystem in North America, EMEA and the Asia Pacific. Based in New York City, Patterson will report to Omar Abboud, Head of Corporates for the Americas, and to Dan Bailey, Global Head of Technology, Media and Telecommunications.

Commenting on the appointments, Lex Malas and Russell Julius, Co-Heads of Global Banking for North America, said: "This comes hot on the heels of our recent key appointments of Sarah Salih, Jonathan Tretler and Thad Davis. Expanding our sector coverage and capabilities remains a top priority for us as we continue to grow our investment banking franchise in the US. By sharpening our industry and segment focus, we will be able to serve our clients' complex and international needs better through enhanced and tailored banking solutions."

"It's our pleasure to welcome Mark and George to HSBC. Their deep expertise and strong industry relationships will be of great benefit to our clients and our business," concluded Malas and Julius.

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