



CHRISTOPHER G. WILLIAMS JOINS PERELLA WEINBERG PARTNERS AS PARTNER

Firm Expands Financial Institutions Advisory Coverage

London and New York - June 4, 2015 - Perella Weinberg Partners today announced that Christopher G. Williams has joined the Firm as a Partner in its Advisory business. Mr. Williams will focus on providing strategic and financial advice to European financial institutions and will be based in London.

Mr. Williams comes to Perella Weinberg Partners from Credit Suisse, where he was Executive Vice Chairman of the Global Financial Institutions Group and an Executive Board Member of Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) and Credit Suisse International. During his 28 year career in investment banking, Mr. Williams has advised senior management and boards on numerous complex transactions in the FIG space.

Peter Weinberg, Partner and Head of Advisory at Perella Weinberg Partners, said, "Financial institutions is an important sector and one where we see increased activity going forward, particularly in Europe. Chris' global experience and deep sector knowledge will be invaluable to our clients and will further enhance our existing financial institutions coverage."

Christopher Williams stated, "Perella Weinberg Partners is a well-regarded independent advisory firm with an impressive track record of providing insightful and distinguished advice. I am excited to join a team of this caliber and look forward to partnering with my colleagues to help our clients meet their strategic needs."

Perella Weinberg Partners has been actively advising financial institutions clients. Some of the Firm's assignments include advising:

- Willis Group Holdings in connection with its acquisition of a majority (85%) interest in Miller Insurance Services LLP;
- DBRS and its founder Walter Schroeder in connection with its sale to The Carlyle Group and Warburg Pincus;
- Novo Banco in connection with the sale of BESI - Banco Espírito Santo de Investimento to Haitong International Holdings for €379 million;

- Lone Star in connection with the sale of COREALCREDIT Bank AG to Aareal Bank AG for €342 million;
- NYSE Euronext in connection with its sale to IntercontinentalExchange for \$10.2 billion;
- Citigroup and Morgan Stanley as the independent appraiser of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in connection with Morgan Stanley exercising its option to acquire an additional 14% stake in Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; and
- Julius Baer Group in connection with its acquisition of Merrill Lynch's International Wealth Management business from Bank of America for up to \$1.2 billion.

Biography of Christopher G. Williams

Christopher G. Williams is a Partner at Perella Weinberg Partners. Prior to joining Perella Weinberg Partners, Mr. Williams was Executive Vice Chairman, Global Financial Institutions Group at Credit Suisse, where he also served as an Executive Board Member for Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) and Credit Suisse International. During his tenure at Credit Suisse, Mr. Williams also served as Vice Chairman of Investment Banking for EMEA, where he was Chairman of the EMEA Client Committee and a member of the Global Leadership Council and the EMEA Investment Banking Committee. Previously, Mr. Williams was Co-Head of the Global Financial Institutions Group at Citigroup, where he was also a member of the Global Investment Banking Committee. Prior to joining Citigroup, Mr. Williams spent 13 years at Goldman Sachs, ultimately rising to Managing Director and Head of European Banks Advisory. He began his career in mergers and acquisitions at Bankers Trust International and Hill Samuel & Co. Mr. Williams received a Bachelor of Science, with Honors, in Chemical Engineering from the University of Birmingham.

About Perella Weinberg Partners

Perella Weinberg Partners is a leading independent, client-focused financial services firm providing advisory and asset management services to a broad, global client base, including corporations, institutions and governments. The Advisory business advises clients on mergers, acquisitions, defense advisory, financial restructuring, private capital raising, and pension matters. The Asset Management business includes a suite of hedge fund strategies, private investment funds (including real estate) and outsourced CIO solutions. Together with its affiliates, the Asset Management business has capital commitments and managed assets of approximately \$10.5 billion. With approximately 450 employees, Perella Weinberg Partners maintains offices in New York, London, Abu Dhabi, Denver, Dubai, and San Francisco. For more information on Perella Weinberg Partners, please visit <http://www.pwpartners.com>.

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