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EXECUTION NOBLE EXPANDS ITS PARIS OFFICE WITH EQUITIES HIRES

Execution Noble, the international investment banking group, is expanding its presence in France with the appointment of two senior equity sales specialists for its Paris office. The new appointments are part of Execution Noble's plans to expand its French operation to service clients across continental Europe.

The pair, who worked together at Lehman Brothers and latterly Nomura, together have more than 25 years of equity sales experience at leading international investment banks.

Norwegian-born Dag Messelt has been hired as head of Nordic equity sales. He was previously an executive director at Nomura based in Paris, where for three years he was responsible for cross-equity sales for the Nordic region and also worked in OTC derivatives sales. Prior to joining Lehman Brothers, he worked at a variety of investment banks, including Société Générale and BNP Paribas, covering the Nordic region.

In addition, Execution Noble has recruited Nathanaël Mettoudi, to strengthen its presence in French equity sales. Mr Mettoudi also worked at Lehman Brothers, latterly Nomura, on cash equity and derivatives sales. Previously, he held positions in cash equity sales at Ixis Securities and Exane. Immediately prior to joining Execution Noble he founded the OWL company, specialising in fund distribution and fund raising.

Garreth Hodgson, Execution Noble Head of Global Equities, said: "These are significant hires in what we see as a key and growing area for us, as we prepare to reap benefits from our recent deal with Banco Espirito Santo de Investimento. We expect to further expand our regional presence in Europe as part of our plan to become a global integrated investment bank."

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