



## Press release

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### **Rothschild Global Advisory expands market-leading Debt Advisory business into North America**

#### **Michael Speller joins as Head of Debt Advisory, North America**

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Rothschild Global Advisory, part of the Rothschild & Co Group, is expanding its Debt Advisory business by appointing Michael Speller as Head of Debt Advisory, North America.

Rothschild & Co's Financing Advisory business, which encompasses Debt Advisory, Equity Advisory and Restructuring accounts for approximately 30% of total Rothschild Global Advisory revenues. Since 2010 it has advised on 900 Debt Advisory assignments totalling \$940 billion. Their bundled or unbundled offering of M&A and Financing Advisory provides an unparalleled service proposition to clients.

Today the firm announced that Michael Speller will join Rothschild Global Advisory as a Managing Director and Head of Debt Advisory for North America commencing 13 February 2017. Mr. Speller will lead the Debt Advisory team in North America, advising clients on the strategy and execution of debt market transactions for both publicly listed and privately owned companies, including companies owned by financial sponsors.

Commenting on the appointment, Jimmy Neissa, Head of Rothschild & Co North America, said, *"The addition of a North American Debt Advisory business, building on the great success of our global franchise, will help fulfil our continued ambition to expand our differentiated services in this important market."* Mr. Neissa continued, *"It is with great pleasure that we welcome Michael Speller to Rothschild Global Advisory. Michael's deep knowledge and broad experience in debt capital markets is an exceptional enhancement of our worldwide Financing Advisory and M&A expertise."*

Paul Duffy, Global Head of Debt Advisory said, *"Michael Speller is a seasoned debt market professional, bringing with him extensive market knowledge and transaction experience. He will allow us to expand our debt advisory business significantly in North America which is an important geography in our overall market-leading global debt advisory activity."*

Michael joins Rothschild Global Advisory after more than 16 years at Credit Suisse Group where, most recently, he spent nine years as a Managing Director and Head of Leveraged Finance Origination, Global Industrials Group. Prior to Credit Suisse Group he spent time at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities (DLJ) and Bear Stearns. Michael is a graduate from the University of Texas at Austin, and Columbia Business School. On his appointment, Michael commented, *"I am very enthusiastic about working with such a reputable organisation and to be part of the exciting journey to build the debt advisory business in North America."*

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#### **Notes to Editors**

Rothschild & Co's Financing Advisory teams around the world, encompassing debt and restructuring and equity advisory, provide advice to clients on financing strategy and solutions.

Our Debt Advisory capabilities include advice on debt raisings and refinancings across all sectors with expertise across bank debt, bonds, credit ratings and derivatives. We are market leaders in this field.



As we are independent advisers we have no conflicts of interest or preferences for specific debt solutions or capital providers. We hold an impartial view across all debt markets and counterparties and are able to deliver to our clients the optimal debt solution with the right counterparties.

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**About Rothschild Global Advisory**

Rothschild & Co is a family-controlled and independent business that has been at the centre of the world's financial markets for over 200 years. It is one of the world's largest independent financial advisory groups, employing approximately 2,800 people in 40 countries around the world.

Rothschild Global Advisory, a division of the Rothschild & Co Group, designs and executes strategic M&A and financing solutions. It combines the breadth of its advisory offering with a high volume of transactions to achieve a unique understanding and perspective into markets and participants worldwide.

Rothschild Global Advisory provides impartial, expert advice to large and mid-sized corporations, private equity, families and entrepreneurs, and governments through an unrivalled network of 900 industry and financing specialists in 40 countries worldwide.