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College Hill advises Banco Espirito Santo on acquisition of Execution Noble

College Hill has been appointed to advise Banco Espirito Santo de Investimento ("BESI") on its acquisition of a majority stake in UK-based investment bank Execution Noble. BESI is part of one of Portugal's largest financial institutions.

The transaction creates the platform for a new integrated investment banking offer with a significant distribution platform and strong pan-European footprint, a leading position in the key emerging markets including Brazil and India and a full range of investment banking services. The combined 1,000 strong team will be spread across thirteen offices around the world.

BESI's Chief Executive, Jose Maria Espirito Santo Ricciardi, will Chair the new board of directors, which will also include Execution Noble's Nick Finegold and BESI's Global Head of Capital Markets, Luis Luna Vaz. Simon Brookhouse will continue as CEO and Execution Noble's senior management and staff will remain significant shareholders in the business.

Mike Davies, the College Hill partner leading the team, said: "We are delighted to advise BESI on this deal. The reach of this new investment banking platform has great synergy with our own international platform and there are great opportunities to work together further."

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