

StormHarbour Announces Appointment of Gonzalo Chocano as Principal and Managing Director

London and New York: April 19, 2012 – StormHarbour, a leading independent global markets and financial advisory firm, announces today that Gonzalo Chocano has joined the firm as a Principal and Managing Director.

Chocano, who has over 18 years of combined investment banking and capital markets experience, will be chiefly responsible in his role as part of the senior team in helping to drive client coverage in Spain across the core businesses of sales and trading, structuring and advisory, and capital markets. He is based in StormHarbour's London office.

Chocano was most recently a Managing Director of Debt Markets and Head of Global Futures & Derivatives Clearing Services at Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BOAML) in New York. Previously, Chocano held a number of other senior roles at Merrill Lynch in New York and London, including: Head of the Fixed Income Currencies and Commodities Strategic Solutions Group for North America; Head of European Interest Rate Sales, Foreign Exchange Sales and Listed Derivatives Businesses (London); and Head of Institutional Debt Market Activity (London) for Southern Europe.

He left BOAML in 2011 having originally joined Merrill Lynch in 2000 from Goldman Sachs International, where he was a Vice President in the firm's Fixed Income Division. He joined Goldman Sachs in 1994.

Chocano's appointment is the latest StormHarbour has made this year to its senior ranks and forms part of the firm's strategy to selectively add highly experienced professionals to its team and continue to build on the successes it has already achieved internationally and in important regional markets where there is substantial growth potential and opportunities.

Antonio Cacorino, a Managing Principal in London, commented: "As a core part of our European growth strategy, Spain represents an important market for our firm and one where we believe we can further deepen our penetration and coverage by delivering the type expert independent advice and solutions that are highly valued by clients. Gonzalo's wealth of investment banking and markets experience, product expertise and extensive client relationships will undoubtedly help us achieve this goal, and we are delighted to have him as part of the team."

Gonzalo Chocano, commented further: "StormHarbour's growth and development since it was founded has impressed and its success is testament to a commitment to a differentiated business model that is client-centric and focused entirely on providing best in class solutions and advice. I look forward to working with the entire team to build on the successes already achieved and help the firm realise its full potential in Spain."

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About StormHarbour

StormHarbour is an independent global markets and financial advisory firm founded in 2009 on the core values of integrity, trust and global expertise.

With over 200 experienced professionals and affiliate offices currently in the major financial centres of New York, London, Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo and branch in Copenhagen, StormHarbour prides itself on providing clients with unrivalled markets expertise and coverage that is truly global in scope.

The firm's core businesses are sales and trading, structuring and advisory, capital markets under StormHarbour Securities, and asset management under StormHarbour Alternative Investments.

As an independent and relationship-driven partnership, StormHarbour places client value at the core of its business.