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**JOHNSON FINANCIAL GROUP TO ACQUIRE CLEARY GULL ADVISORS INC.
CLEARY GULL INC. TO FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON INVESTMENT BANKING**

Milwaukee, WI. January 6, 2016 - Cleary Gull Holdings, Inc. today announced a definitive agreement to sell Cleary Gull Advisors Inc. to **Johnson Financial Group**. Following the sale, Cleary Gull Inc. will focus exclusively on its middle market investment banking business.

Cleary Gull Inc. will be led by Managing Directors Ronald Miller and John Peterson. “We have a 28-year history serving entrepreneurs, private equity firms and corporations with their merger and acquisition and financing transactions,” said Mr. Miller. “We look forward to continuing to build upon our firm’s reputation as we focus exclusively on investment banking.”

“Over the past decade we have significantly increased our transaction volume, geographic reach and employee base” said Mr. Peterson, “and we expect our banking growth to continue to accelerate during the next few years.”

Cleary Gull’s current investment management clients will continue being served by the same team of investment advisors. “Our team is excited to provide an even broader and deeper platform of financial services available through Johnson Financial Group,” according to current Chairman & CEO Michael Cleary, who will serve as President of Cleary Gull Advisors, a Johnson Financial Group Company after the transaction closes during the second quarter.

To read Johnson Financial Group’s press release, [click here](#).

About Cleary Gull Holdings

Cleary Gull (www.clearygull.com) is an employee-owned firm providing financial advice through two operating divisions: Investment Advisory and Investment Banking. Cleary Gull provides investment advice with respect to over \$2.1 billion of client assets for high net worth individuals and families, pilots and not-for-profit hospitals and senior living communities across the nation. Cleary Gull’s investment bankers specialize in providing advice on exclusive sales, mergers and acquisitions, and private debt and equity capital placement, typically for transactions from \$10 million to \$200 million.

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