

Press release

AFME welcomes Bank of England announcement on EU bank branches in UK 20 December 2017

Commenting on the Bank of England's announcement today, Simon Lewis, Chief Executive of AFME, said:

"We welcome the Prudential Regulatory Authority's confirmation that EU27 banks will be able to continue to operate their wholesale business through their existing branches in the UK post-Brexit. This provides welcome clarity for firms, enabling them to proceed with their Brexit planning and avoiding additional fragmentation of capital within Europe."

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