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Hanover hires Cicero's Cooper

hanover has hired Cicero Consulting's Michael Cooper as a Senior Consultant to join the company's growing financial services practice.

Michael will work with Account Director Laura Chisholm, former HBOS public affairs manager, who also joined hanover from Cicero last year.

Michael has particular specialist knowledge of financial services policy in the EU and has previously worked for the CBI in Brussels. Alongside servicing UK clients, Michael will be instrumental in the development of hanover's EU public affairs offering; a core strand of new business growth.

Michael's clients will include Abbey, soon to be re-branded Santander, and the Alternative Investment Management Association, which represents the global hedge fund industry and is campaigning against a draft EU Commission Directive threatening the competitiveness of the City of London.

Managing Director Charles Lewington commented: "I am delighted that Michael has joined us and I am certain that his experience will be invaluable to our clients as they negotiate the complexities of financial services public policy."

Michael commented: "This is a time of unprecedented change to the regulation of financial markets. Engaging with and influencing the policy debate in both Brussels and Westminster has never been more important. I very much look forward to working with hanover's clients to this end and to enhancing the company's EU presence."

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