

# News Release

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## **Wells Fargo Sponsors the Jasper Johns Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts**

First international sponsorship for the company

**LONDON**, October 20, 2017—[Wells Fargo & Company](#) (NYSE: [WFC](#)), is sponsoring the [Jasper Johns: 'Something Resembling Truth' exhibition](#) at the Royal Academy of Arts in London, which is currently running until December 10. Johns, an Honorary Royal Academician, is recognized as one of the most significant artists of the 20th and 21st centuries; and this exhibition is the first time in 40 years that his work is being showcased in the UK. With a commitment to support local communities, the Royal Academy of Arts' Johns exhibition is Wells Fargo's first corporate sponsorship outside of North America.

Born in Georgia, USA, in 1930, Johns has occupied a central position in the American contemporary art space for over 60 years, and this exhibition will feature more than 150 sculptures, drawings and prints. It hosts works from Johns' early career, right up to the present time, and the exhibition will bring together artworks that rarely travel from international private and public collections.

"We are incredibly grateful to Wells Fargo, and through their support of Jasper Johns, a classic modern American artist, many UK and international visitors to the Royal Academy can experience our big retrospective exhibition," said Charles Saumarez Smith, Secretary and Chief Executive, Royal Academy of Arts.

This exhibition is of particular significance to Wells Fargo as the UK is the company's biggest market in the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region. Wells Fargo's international strategy is premised on supporting existing US customers, who conduct business internationally, along with foreign multinationals, who conduct business in the US. The company has been working with many of its UK clients for decades, and continues to enhance its franchise in the country.

“A majority of Wells Fargo’s EMEA team members and customers are based in the UK, and as a company with American roots, we are very proud to support the Royal Academy of Arts in bringing together the works of Jasper Johns to a UK audience,” said Frank Pizzo, Regional President, EMEA, Wells Fargo. “Alongside the mandate to strengthen our regional presence and capabilities to support our existing customers’ financial goals, Wells Fargo is also committed to supporting organizations which enrich our local communities around the world.”

Wells Fargo is dedicated to strengthening its operations in the UK. In July 2016, after the Brexit vote, Wells Fargo announced that it would purchase [33 King William Street](#) in the City’s financial district. Next year, the company expects to move its London-based team members to its new building in order to more efficiently and effectively manage its UK operations.

The company has more than 1,100 Wholesale banking team members in EMEA to serve its corporate, commercial and financial institution customers. Wells Fargo currently operates 16 lines of business throughout the region, including financial institutions group, corporate banking, securities, commercial real estate, capital finance and asset management.

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