B. Riley Hires Bond Veteran Hamill for Fixed-Income Push

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- He will work under Tim Sullivan, head of fixed income

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(Bloomberg) -- B. Riley Financial Inc. has hired bond market veteran Robert Hamill as it plots an expansion of its fixed income business, according to Financial Industry Regulatory Authority records.

Hamill has joined B. Riley as senior managing director for fixed income. He will focus on capital markets and also will help carry out the expansion of the Los Angeles–based investment firm’s credit department, according to people with knowledge of the matter, who asked not be identified discussing the private information.

Hamill will work under Tim Sullivan, who joined the firm from Imperial Capital LLC. last year to head up B. Riley’s fixed income business, including credit. Around that time, B. Riley Chairman and Co–Chief Executive Officer Bryant Riley said fixed income continues to be a “key focus” and a “natural complement” to the investment bank’s existing businesses.

Hamill has about 30 years of experience. He was a managing director at JPMorgan Chase & Co., Jefferies Group LLC and Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., as well as vice president at Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., according to his LinkedIn profile.

Hamill didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment.

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