

Natixis Global Asset Management expands Portfolio Research and Consulting Group

FRANKFURT / LONDON, 24th July 2014 - Natixis Global Asset Management (NGAM) today announces four new appointments to its Portfolio Research and Consulting Group. Julien Dauchez joins as Consultant, Xavier Lassau and Narimane Agha join as Junior Analysts and Graham Brewster is relocated from the Boston Portfolio Research and Consulting Group; all four will be based in the firm's London office and will report to James Beaumont, head of the London Portfolio Research and Consulting Group.

The Portfolio Research and Consulting Group was first launched in the US in 2011 and has since grown to a team of 30 people in the US and the UK bringing financial advisers an independent perspective on their model portfolio allocations and helping them build more durable portfolios for their clients. The team brings advanced analytical capabilities derived from sophisticated, institutional grade software to help advisers improve the way they create and manage client portfolios. Their analysis focuses primarily on risk, including identifying and qualifying risk, developing a risk budget and understanding risk exposures to improve diversification with a goal of achieving better returns with lower overall volatility.

Dauchez, who brings sixteen years of investment experience and significant expertise in creating financial solutions for institutional investors, will focus on expanding the group's activities in France, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Belgium as well as among institutional investors. Prior to joining NGAM, Dauchez ran his own consultancy firm and was a Director at Barclays Capital where he worked on delivering cross asset fund solutions and quantitative investment strategies for private banks and pension funds in Europe and the US.

Brewster worked for 3 years with the US Portfolio Research and Consulting Group and he joined the London team to help deliver a consistent global service to advisers and their clients across the globe. Lassau joins from Amundi in Paris where he was a quantitative risk analyst and Agha joins from Natixis AM, also in Paris, where she worked as a quantitative analyst in the risk measurement team.

Of the appointments, Beaumont commented "As concerns escalate over the state of investors' retirement pots, the role of the financial adviser has never been more crucial, and it is the responsibility of asset managers to ensure that the adviser community is fully equipped. We are continuing to expand our portfolio analysis capabilities to provide advisers with the tools they need to build portfolios that meet their clients' long term investment objectives."

About Natixis Global Asset Management

Natixis Global Asset Management ranks among the largest asset managers in the world based on assets under management¹. Its affiliated asset management companies provide investment products that seek to enhance and protect the wealth and retirement assets of both institutional and individual investor clients. Its proprietary distribution network helps package and deliver its affiliates' products around the world. Recognized as the #1 U.S. mutual fund family for 2013 performance in the annual Barron's/Lipper Fund Family Ranking², Natixis Global Asset Management, S.A. brings together the expertise of multiple specialized investment managers based in Europe, the United States and Asia to offer a wide spectrum of equity, fixed-income and alternative investment strategies. Headquartered in Paris and Boston, Natixis Global Asset Management, S.A.'s assets under management totaled \$899.9 billion (€652.9 billion) as of March 31, 2014.³ Natixis Global Asset Management, S.A. is part of Natixis. Listed on the Paris Stock Exchange, Natixis is a subsidiary of BPCE, the second-largest banking group in France. Natixis Global Asset Management, S.A.'s affiliated investment management firms and distribution and service groups include Absolute Asia Asset Management; AEW Capital Management; AEW Europe; AlphaSimplex Group; Aurora Investment Management; Capital Growth Management; Darius Capital Partners; Gateway Investment Advisers; H2O Asset Management; Hansberger Global Investors; Harris Associates; IDFC Asset Management Company; Loomis, Sayles & Company; McDonnell Investment Management; Mirova Asset Management; Natixis Asset Management; Ossiam; Natixis Environnement & Infrastructure Luxembourg; Reich & Tang Asset Management; Snyder Capital Management; Vaughan Nelson Investment Management; Vega Investment Managers and Natixis Global Asset Management Private Equity, which includes Seventure Partners, Naxicap Partners, Alliance Entreprendre, Euro Private Equity, Caspian Private Equity and Eagle Asia Partners. Visit ngam.natixis.com for more information.

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¹ Cerulli Quantitative Update: Global Markets 2014, ranked Natixis Global Asset Management, S.A. as the 16th largest asset manager in the world based on assets under management as of December 31, 2013.

² Barron's/Lipper 2013 one-year fund family ranking based on 64 qualifying U.S. fund companies. Each fund family must have at least three funds in Lipper's general U.S.-stock category, one world (global and international), one mixed-asset/balanced (stocks and bonds), two taxable bond and one tax-exempt bond fund. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

³ Assets under management (AUM) may include assets for which non-regulatory AUM services are provided. Non-regulatory AUM includes assets which do not fall within the SEC's definition of 'regulatory AUM' in Form ADV, Part 1

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