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THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS STRENGTHENS MULTI-ASSET TEAM WITH NEW APPOINTMENT

Maya Bhandari joins as Multi Asset Investment Strategist

LONDON, 02 SEPTEMBER 2014: Threadneedle Investments (Threadneedle), a leading international asset manager, has appointed Maya Bhandari as Investment Strategist in its Multi-Asset Allocation team. Maya, who started on 18 August, is based in London and reports to Toby Nangle, Head of Multi-Asset Allocation. Her appointment follows the recent appointment of Craig Nowrie as Client Portfolio Manager to the Multi-Asset Allocation team.

Maya joins Threadneedle from Citigroup, where she was a Director of Global Macro Strategy & Asset Allocation. Prior to that, she was a Director and Head of Emerging Market Analysis at Lombard Street.

Toby Nangle, Head of Multi-Asset Allocation, said: *"I am thrilled that Maya has joined the team. She has a strong track record in calling markets and economic developments ahead of the pack and her appointment will strengthen further Threadneedle's excellence in active asset allocation. Maya's insights will help us tackle the challenges facing today's investors and deliver solutions in an area of increasing demand. With approx. 40% of Threadneedle's assets in some form of asset allocation mandate, we have an established and successful offering in this space."*

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Photo of Maya Bhandari available on request

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² Europe ranking, Morningstar Rankings ex MM, ex FoF and ex Master/Feeder, May 2014

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