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## MV Credit announces partnership promotions.

MV Credit, an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, today announced the promotion of Murtaza Merchant as a Managing Partner and Roland Toppen as a Partner

As part of ongoing succession planning Murtaza Merchant becomes Managing Partner and Roland Toppen becomes Partner. Murtaza will Co-Head Business Development with Nicole Downer and Roland will continue to lead the Finance team as Chief Financial Officer.

MV Credit benefits from a long-standing and highly experienced leadership team. Lemy Gresh and Doug Evans Co-Founders and Managing Partners retired in April but will remain involved as Senior Advisors on the investment boards of existing MV Credit funds.

In other changes announced by the firm Managing Partner Rafael Calvo becomes Chief Investment Officer. As CIO Rafael will be responsible for investment and portfolio strategies. François Decoeur, Partner becomes Chief Credit Officer. As CCO, François will focus on investment selection, oversight, and restructuring; in his new role he will work closely with the CIO, the investment team, and the Credit Monitoring team.

Managing Partner Nicole Downer will Co-Head of Business Development with Murtaza Merchant. As Heads of Business Development, Nicole and Murtaza are responsible for driving AUM growth, managing, and retaining investor relationships as well as overseeing the development and implementation of products that align with the firm's long-term goals and objectives.

Frédéric Nadal, Chief Executive Officer said.

" Congratulations to Murtaza and Roland and special thanks to Lemy and Doug for laying such strong foundations that enabled MV Credit to grow into the successful private credit firm it has become today. MV Credit has continued to flourish during recent market turbulence and this is a reflection of one of the most highly experienced management teams in the Private Debt market "

## **About MV Credit**

MV Credit is an independently managed private credit firm founded in 2000. One of the first private credit firms to be established in Europe, MV Credit possesses one of the longest established management team in the private credit space, with a senior team who has on average over twenty years' experience. Since inception MV Credit has invested nearly €8bn in debt financing deals, building over time strong long-term relationships with reputable private equity sponsors. MV Credit invests in senior and subordinated debt across Europe, targeting non-cyclical, defensive industries and regions where the team have a strong understanding. The firm's deep experience enables it to add value by providing tailored financing solutions to high-quality businesses, alongside adding value through active engagement.

https://www.mvcredit.com/





## **About Natixis Investment Managers**

Natixis Investment Managers' multi-affiliate approach connects clients to the independent thinking and focused expertise of more than 15 active managers. Ranked among the world's largest asset managers¹ with more than \$1 trillion assets under management² (€1 trillion), Natixis Investment Managers delivers a diverse range of solutions across asset classes, styles, and vehicles, including innovative environmental, social, and governance (ESG) strategies and products dedicated to advancing sustainable finance. The firm partners with clients in order to understand their unique needs and provide insights and investment solutions tailored to their long-term goals.

Headquartered in Paris and Boston, Natixis Investment Managers is part of the Global Financial Services division of Groupe BPCE, the second-largest banking group in France through the Banque Populaire and Caisse d'Epargne retail networks. Natixis Investment Managers' affiliated investment management firms include AEW; DNCA Investments;³ Dorval Asset Management; Flexstone Partners; Gateway Investment Advisers; Harris Associates; Investors Mutual Limited; Loomis, Sayles & Company; Mirova; MV Credit; Naxicap Partners; Ossiam; Ostrum Asset Management; Seventure Partners; Thematics Asset Management; Vauban Infrastructure Partners; Vaughan Nelson Investment Management; and WCM Investment Management. Additionally, investment solutions are offered through Natixis Investment Managers Solutions and Natixis Advisors, LLC. **Not all offerings are available in all jurisdictions.** For additional information, please visit Natixis Investment Managers' website at <u>im.natixis.com</u> LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/natixis-investment-managers.

Natixis Investment Managers' distribution and service groups include Natixis Distribution, LLC, a limited purpose broker-dealer and the distributor of various U.S. registered investment companies for which advisory services are provided by affiliated firms of Natixis Investment Managers, Natixis Investment Managers S.A. (Luxembourg), Natixis Investment Managers International (France), and their affiliated distribution and service entities in Europe and Asia.

<sup>1</sup> Cerulli Quantitative Update: Global Markets 2022 ranked Natixis Investment Managers as the 18th largest asset manager in the world based on assets under management as of December 31, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Assets under management ("AUM") of affiliated entities measured as of December 31, 2022 are \$1,151.3 billion (€1,078.8 billion). AUM includes AlphaSimplex Group, LLC (\$8.2 billion / €7.7 billion), which was acquired by Virtus Investment Partners, Inc., effective April 1, 2023. AUM, as reported, may include notional assets, assets serviced, gross assets, assets of minority-owned affiliated entities and other types of non-regulatory AUM managed or serviced by firms affiliated with Natixis Investment Managers.

<sup>3</sup> A brand of DNCA Finance.

## À propos de Natixis Investment Managers

L'approche multi-boutique de Natixis Investment Managers permet aux clients de bénéficier de la réflexion et de l'expertise ciblée de plus de 15 gérants actifs. Classé parmi les plus grands gestionnaires d'actifs<sup>1</sup> au monde avec plus de 1 078 milliards d'euros d'actifs sous gestion<sup>2</sup>, Natixis Investment Managers propose une gamme de solutions diversifiées couvrant différents types de classes d'actifs, de styles de gestion et de véhicules, y compris des stratégies et des produits innovants en matière d'environnement, de social et de gouvernance (ESG) dédiés au développement de la finance durable.





Nous travaillons en partenariat avec nos clients afin de comprendre leurs besoins personnels et de leur fournir des informations et des solutions d'investissement adaptées à leurs objectifs à long terme.

Basée à Paris et à Boston, Natixis Investment Managers fait partie du pôle Global Financial Services du Groupe BPCE, deuxième groupe bancaire en France à travers les réseaux Banque Populaire et Caisse d'Epargne. Les sociétés de gestion affiliées à Natixis Investment Managers comprennent AEW, DNCA Investments<sup>3</sup>, Dorval Asset Management, Flexstone Partners, Gateway Investment Advisers, Harris Associates, Investors Mutual Limited, Loomis, Sayles & Company, Mirova, MV Credit, Naxicap Partners, Ossiam, Ostrum Asset Management, Seventure Partners, Thematics Asset Management, Vauban Infrastructure Partners, Vaughan Nelson Investment Management et WCM Investment Management. Nous proposons également des solutions d'investissement par le biais de Natixis Investment Managers Solutions et Natixis Advisors, LLC. Toutes les offres ne sont pas disponibles dans toutes les juridictions. Pour plus d'informations, veuillez consulter le site Internet de Natixis Investment Managers à l'adresse im.natixis.com | LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/natixis-investment-managers.

Les groupes de distribution et de services de Natixis Investment Managers comprennent Natixis Distribution, LLC, une société de courtage à vocation limitée et le distributeur de diverses sociétés d'investissement enregistrées aux États-Unis pour lesquelles des services de conseil sont fournis par des sociétés affiliées de Natixis Investment Managers, Natixis Investment Managers S.A. (Luxembourg), Natixis Investment Managers International (France), et leurs entités de distribution et de services affiliées en Europe et en Asie.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cerulli Quantitative Update : Global Markets 2022 a classé Natixis Investment Managers comme le 18éme plus grand gestionnaire d'actifs au monde sur la base des actifs sous gestion au 31 décembre 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Les actifs sous gestion ("AUM") au 31 décembre 2022 des entités affiliées sont de 1 151,3 milliards de dollars (soit 1 078,8 milliards d'euros). Les actifs sous gestion comprennent AlphaSimplex Group, LLC (8,2 milliards de dollars / 7,7 milliards d'euros), qui a été acquis par Virtus Investment Partners, Inc., effectif à compter du 1er avril 2023. Les actifs sous gestion, tels que déclarés, peuvent inclure des actifs notionnels, des actifs gérés, des actifs bruts, des actifs d'entités affiliées détenues par des minorités et d'autres types d'actifs sous gestion non réglementaires gérés ou gérés par des sociétés affiliées à Natixis Investment Managers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Une marque de DNCA Finance.