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Ostrum Asset Management announces the appointment of Axel Botte as Head of Markets Strategy

Ostrum Asset Management (Ostrum AM), an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, announces the appointment of Axel Botte as Head of Markets Strategy. He was previously the global strategist in the same team.

Axel Botte will head the markets strategy team, which is composed of : Zouhoure Bousbih, Emerging countries Strategist and Aline Goupil-Raguénès, Developed Countries Strategist, both members of the team since 2018. The recruitment of a new global strategist is underway. Axel Botte reports directly to Ibrahima Kobar, CIO Fixed Income, Structuring and Research, and member of Ostrum AM's Executive Committee.

Within Ostrum AM, the main missions of the Markets Strategy team are to establish a macroeconomic, economic and financial scenario to support the active fundamental management teams in their strategy and asset allocation recommendations, as well as to provide top-down internal research to support the managers' convictions.

Ibrahima Kobar, CIO Fixed Income, Structuring and Research at Ostrum AM, said: *"We are delighted that Axel has taken on this new role at Ostrum AM. His experience in asset management and his expertise in international markets strategy are major assets to meet the requirements of our institutional clients"*.

Axel Botte started his career in 2000 at Axa IM as an economist, then became an equity strategist between 2002 and 2006. In 2007, he was appointed head of fixed income strategy in the Investment Strategy department of the management company. In 2010, Axel Botte joined Ostrum AM, as an Global Strategist, where he works closely with the fixed income teams on specific themes, such as interest rates, developed market government bonds, inflation-linked bonds and credit.

Axel Botte holds a DEA in Industrial and Financial Strategies and Econometrics from the University of Cergy-Pontoise.

About Ostrum Asset Management

Ostrum Asset Management draws on its investment expertise to enhance the impact of its clients' commitments as they act together to support European citizens' life plans, health and retirement. A European institutional investment management leader¹, Ostrum Asset Management supports its clients in their liability-driven investments, offering both asset management solutions on the back of its long-standing fixed-income and insurance-related management expertise (equity and fixed income), and investment services via its innovative technological platform.

Ostrum Asset Management is a well-established responsible investment advocate² and manages €377 billion³ in assets for large institutional clients – insurers, pension funds, health insurers, corporations – as well as €515 billion³ in assets under administration for professional investors worldwide across all asset classes.

Ostrum Asset Management is an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers.

Asset management company regulated by AMF under n° GP-18000014 – Limited company with a share of 50 938 997 €. Trade register 525 192 753 RCS Paris – VAT : FR 93 525 192 753. Registered office: 43, avenue Pierre Mendès-France – 75013 Paris – www.ostrum.com

1. IPE Top 500 Asset Managers (Investment & Pensions Europe) 2022 ranked Ostrum AM as the 11th largest asset manager, as at 12/31/2021. Any reference to a ranking, a rating or an award provides no guarantee for future performance.
2. Ostrum AM was one of the first French asset manager signatories to the PRI in 2008. More details; www.unpri.org
3. Source: Ostrum Asset Management, consolidated data at March 31st, 2023. Administered assets include Ostrum AM's assets. The services provided for a given client may concern certain services only.

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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'Épargne 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,

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1. 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.
2. 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 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.
3. A brand of DNCA Finance.

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