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Ostrum Asset Management launches the first global bond fund devoted to the Just Transition

Ostrum Asset Management (Ostrum AM), an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, today announces the launch of Ostrum Global Sustainable Transition Bonds¹, the first bond fund with a global investment universe devoted to the Just Transition. The fund is classified as Article 9 under SFDR² and complies with requirements set by the French Greenfin³ accreditation. Available to all types of investors, the fund supports both institutional investors in enhancing their commitments as they align with their own CSR policies, and retail investors striving to bring greater meaning to their investment.

Investing in the Just Transition

Governments and corporations must pursue a Just Transition to tackle today's climate emergency and stage the transition to a low-carbon world in order to safeguard the environment and biodiversity and ensure inclusion for all of society across all countries and regions. Here at Ostrum AM, we are convinced that the financial industry has a key role to play in driving this transition and supporting these crucial changes. On the basis of this conviction and in our capacity as a European sustainability bond leader⁴, we are launching a new bond strategy devoted to the Just Transition.

Climate and social impact strategy

Ostrum Global Sustainable Transition Bonds is fully invested in global sustainable bonds. Both the issuers and the instruments we hold incorporate the Just Transition, with a threefold goal for our fund:

1. **Reduce the carbon footprint:** fund renewable energies, green buildings, clean mobility, solutions to decarbonize industry, develop energy efficiency, etc.;
2. **Promote social impact:** promote accessibility to basic infrastructure, healthcare, education and training, decent housing and financial services, etc.;
3. **Safeguard ecosystems and local economies:** develop the local economic fabric, sustainably use resources, safeguard biodiversity.

Olivier Vietti, Portfolio Manager for the Ostrum Global Sustainable Transition Bonds fund says: *"Incorporating the Just Transition into our investments helps us better assess risks, while also unlocking long-term value for our clients"*.

Developing a proprietary Just Transition indicator

Our investment process for Ostrum Global Sustainable Transition Bonds is based on a proprietary methodology that analyzes securities and allocates them a score for projects funded

and issuers. This score incorporates our new indicator – the Just Transition Indicator – which focuses in particular on issuers’ best practices on social aspects, as well as regional development.

Nathalie Beauvir-Rodes, Head of Sustainable Bond Analysis and Research adds: *“With a holistic and inclusive approach to sustainable development, the Just Transition theme is an opportunity to select the best business projects that support the ecological transition from both environmental and social standpoints.”*

1. View information below for more details on the fund i.e. fund risks, accreditation, fund manager, etc.
2. Article 9 funds under the SFDR classification have sustainable investment as their objective.
3. All instruments that we invest in must comply with the exclusions set out in the Greenfin accreditation across the entire fossil fuel value chain and the whole nuclear industry. Details are available on the French Ministry of Ecological Transition website (<https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/> in French only). The Greenfin accreditation was developed by the French Ministry of Ecological Transition: it guarantees the green aspect of investment funds and is designed for financial stakeholders that seek to support the common good via transparent and sustainable practices. The accreditation has the specific feature of excluding funds that invest in companies operating in the nuclear and fossil fuel sectors.
4. Source Ostrum AM at end-June 2022, Ostrum AM managed more than €23 billion in assets invested in sustainability bonds.

Fund risks: Risk of capital loss, interest rate risk, credit risk, emerging country risk, liquidity risk, counterparty risk, risk of overexposure, specific risks related to ABS and MBS, sustainability risk. For more details on the risks involved, please read the fund’s prospectus and the KIID available from the management company.

Refer to the fund prospectus and the key investor information document before making any final investment decisions. Ostrum Global Sustainable Transition Bonds is domiciled in France and approved as a UCITS fund by the French financial markets regulator, AMF. Natixis Investment Managers International is the management company and has delegated financial management to Ostrum AM.

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Any references to a ranking, award, accreditation and/or rating provide no guarantee of funds’ future performances.

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 €389 billion³ in assets for large institutional clients – insurers, pension funds, health insurers, corporations – as well as €542 billion³ in assets under administration for professional investors worldwide across all asset classes.

Ostrum Asset Management is an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers.

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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 end-June 2022. Administered assets include Ostrum AM's assets. The services provided for a given client may concern certain services only.

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About Natixis Investment Managers

Natixis Investment Managers' multi-affiliate approach connects clients to the independent thinking and focused expertise of more than 20 active managers. Ranked among the world's largest asset managers¹ with more than \$1.1 trillion assets under management² (€1.1 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; AlphaSimplex Group; 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; Seeyond; Seventure Partners; Thematics Asset

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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 current affiliated entities measured as of June 30, 2022 are \$1,156.7 billion (€1,106.7 billion). 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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