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Ostrum Asset Management extends its structured and loan credit management activities to the US and appoints Brian T. Yorke as US Head Structured and Loan Credit Management

Ostrum Asset Management (“Ostrum AM”), a Paris based affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers with €265.6 / \$298.02 billion assets under management¹, is extending its credit activities in the US, with the appointment of Brian T. Yorke, who will join the firm on June 12th, 2019 as US Head of Structured and Loan Credit Management. These new activities will occur through Ostrum Asset Management U.S., LLC, (“Ostrum AM US”), headquartered in New York.

Ostrum AM is extending its structured credit platform to the US in response to demand from institutional investors seeking to diversify into alternative solutions. This initiative is part of Ostrum AM’s broader strategy to develop its international footprint in credit markets. Ostrum AM believes there are real fundamental value opportunities in the US loan markets that can be realized for its clients. In Europe, Ostrum AM has a long track record in corporate debt securitization with more than 15 years of experience in the asset class. The extension of Ostrum AM’s structured and loan credit management activities to the US, coupled with its experience and infrastructure will provide a diversified product selection for investors.

Brian T. Yorke will join the firm as US Head of Structured and Loan Credit Management. His scope will include CLO issuance, managed accounts, fund platforms and related credit solutions for institutional clients. Mr. Yorke will report to Ibrahima Kobar, Deputy CEO and Global CIO of Ostrum AM.

Matthieu Duncan, CEO of Ostrum AM, comments: “We are thrilled that a very seasoned investment professional such as Brian will be joining us as we look to extend our structured and loan credit management capabilities into the US. Brian’s arrival will enhance our existing strengths in credit and structuring skills.”

Ibrahima Kobar adds: “The breadth of Brian’s over 20 years’ experience in the credit markets, coupled with his knowledge in building asset management platforms and managing CLOs, raises the level of expertise and talent within our team.”

“Ostrum AM’s reputation in credit research, analysis and management convinced me to join the firm. I am looking forward to contributing to the firm’s strategy to extend its credit platforms and products internationally and offer performing alternative solutions to our institutional clients”, says Brian T. Yorke.

1. Assets under management as of Ostrum Asset Management – 03/31/2019 reflect aggregate assets of Ostrum AM and affiliates and are not representative of Ostrum AM US assets under management.

Brian T. Yorke is joining Ostrum U.S. as US Head of Structured and Loan Credit Management. Most recently, Mr. Yorke was Head of Trading, Head of Global Performing Credit Portfolio Management and Portfolio Manager for Bardin Hill Investment Partners (“Bardin Hill”) (formerly known as Halcyon Capital Management). Prior to joining Bardin Hill, Mr. Yorke held a number of positions, including: Head of Syndicated Bank Loan Trading at Seix Advisors; Bank Loan Trader and Junior Portfolio Manager in Prudential Investment Management’s Syndicated Bank Loan Group, where he specialized in CLO portfolio management and participated in the launch and management of nine CLO portfolios; a number of other positions within Prudential including Senior Investment Analyst in their Private Fixed Income division, Analyst for Prudential Capital Partners and Analyst for the Credit and Portfolio Management Division of the Prudential Capital Group. Mr. Yorke received a B.S. from the University of Scranton.

About Ostrum Asset Management U.S.

Ostrum Asset Management U.S. LLC (“Ostrum AM US”) is a US based investment advisor, registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Ostrum AM US was founded in 2014 as the US asset management arm of Ostrum Asset Management.

Ostrum AM US is primarily engaged in the management of financial assets for its institutional clients and currently operates two divisions out of its New York office: one dedicated to the management of real asset private debt, and the other focused on structured and loan credit management (including CLO issuance and various associated managed account and fund platforms).

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About Ostrum Asset Management

Ostrum Asset Management has been committed to helping clients provide for their future and achieve their long-term financial goals for more than 30 years. Our portfolio managers combine high-quality proprietary research with stringent risk analysis at each stage of the investment process driving their decisions to deliver the highest quality outcomes for clients. Ostrum Asset Management is based in Europe, with a local presence in the United States¹ and Asia², providing a full range of active fixed-income and equity expertise, along with tailored insurance investment management solutions and alternative strategies to address investors’ needs worldwide.

Ostrum Asset Management is a responsible and committed company³, ranking among the leading asset managers in Europe⁴ with €265.6 / \$298.02 billion in assets under management⁵ for institutional clients, individual investors and distributors.

Ostrum Asset Management is an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers.

1. US via Ostrum Asset Management U.S., LLC, limited liability company, registered as an investment adviser with the SEC.

2. Asia via Ostrum Asset Management Asia Limited – Registered as a fund management company with the Monetary Authority of Singapore – An Ostrum Asset Management subsidiary and via Ostrum Asset Management Hong Kong Limited, subsidiary of Ostrum AM Asia Limited.

3. Ostrum AM was one of the first French asset manager signatories to the PRI in 2008. More details; www.unpri.org

4. IPE Top 400 Asset Managers 2018 ranked Ostrum AM as the 52nd largest asset manager, as at 12/31/2017.

5. Ostrum AM – 03/31/2019.

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1 Cerulli Quantitative Update: Global Markets 2018 ranked Natixis Investment Managers as the 16th largest asset manager in the world based on assets under management as of December 31, 2017.

2 Net asset value as of March 31, 2019. Assets under management ("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.

4 Natixis Investment Managers, L.P. transferred ownership of McDonnell Investment Management, LLC to Loomis, Sayles & Company, Inc. on January 1, 2019.

5 A wholly-owned subsidiary of Natixis Wealth Management.

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