

## ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CREDIT RESEARCH SHANNON O'MARA NAMED ONE OF INVESTMENT NEWS' WOMEN TO WATCH

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**BOSTON (November 18, 2019)** – Loomis, Sayles & Company, an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, announced today that InvestmentNews has recognized Shannon O'Mara as a 2019 Women to Watch honoree.

Shannon was selected from several hundred nominations for her leadership, contributions and impact in the industry. Each of the 20 women included on the fifth annual InvestmentNews Women to Watch list were chosen through a “rigorous selection process designed to identify women who possess leadership skills, the ability to effect change in the industry, a willingness to share their expertise with other women, and are committed to giving back to the community.”

“We are proud to see Shannon included on the 2019 InvestmentNews Women to Watch list. This honor highlights her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in addressing gender diversity in our industry,” said Kevin Charleston, chief executive officer. “Through her leadership and willingness to help others, Shannon has also earned the respect and gratitude of her colleagues, industry peers and mentees.”

Shannon O'Mara is a vice president and associate director of credit research at Loomis, Sayles & Company. She founded the Undergraduate Women's Investment Network (“UWIN”) in 2015 to attract and recruit women to investment management careers through mentorship and internship opportunities. In addition to this program and her credit research coverage, she has management responsibility for junior-level research staff and partners with the director of credit research on management of the department.

The 2019-2020 academic year marks the fifth year of UWIN, with 40 women participating in the mentorship and internship programs this year. Shannon developed and launched the program after she noticed a startling trend; women were only 18% of the applicant pool for junior-level research positions. The UWIN program offers mentorship and internship opportunities to female undergraduate students from Bentley University and the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Since its launch, 123 women have participated in UWIN. Of those participants who have graduated and shared their full-time employment information, nearly 60% are working within investment management.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: SHANNON O'MARA, CFA**

Shannon O'Mara is a vice president and associate director of credit research at Loomis, Sayles & Company. She covers the home construction and building materials industries. Shannon also manages the junior credit research staff, including the credit research training program. Additionally, she founded the Undergraduate Women's Investment Network (“UWIN”) in 2015 to attract and recruit women in investment management careers through mentorship and internship opportunities. Shannon began her investment industry career in 1993 and joined Loomis Sayles in 1998. Prior to Loomis Sayles, she was a credit risk manager and lending officer at J.P. Morgan. Shannon earned a BA in economics from the University of Rochester and management certificates in finance and accounting from the William E. Simon School of Business at the University of Rochester.

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