

LOOMIS SAYLES GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY STRATEGY MARKS ONE YEAR

BOSTON (DECEMBER 17, 2020) – Loomis, Sayles & Company, an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, marks the one-year anniversary of the Loomis Sayles Global Emerging Markets Equity strategy. Managed by <u>Ashish Chugh</u>, portfolio manager and head of the Global Emerging Markets Equity team, the strategy has delivered its investors a return of 39.22% gross (37.94% net) over the past year (since inception on December 1, 2019, to November 30, 2020) versus the 18.82% return of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

The Loomis Sayles Global Emerging Markets Equity strategy seeks to provide long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in equity securities of companies in global emerging markets. The team takes a private equity approach to research and investing with a long-term, ownership mindset. The team builds conviction by seeking distinctive insights through deep bottom-up fundamental research to identify high-quality companies and companies likely transitioning to high quality that are trading at significant discount to intrinsic value in industries experiencing secular growth. The portfolio is concentrated, high-conviction and low turnover, typically holding 30-40 stocks with an annual turnover typically less than 10% and active share* typically above 95%.

The team's investment process is differentiated through its private equity approach to deep bottom-up fundamental research. Ashish is supported by senior analysts Juhee Han (consumer & healthcare), Ji Zhang (technology, media & telecom) and Eric Spencer (financials & cyclicals). The team members have hedge fund backgrounds and perform rigorous, iterative, and collaborative research to connect the dots across a company's ecosystem throughout emerging markets in their respective sectors. The team strives to be early in "catching" companies that might be transitioning from low to high quality, as well as identifying high-quality companies that the market may misprice.

Given the distinct structural and historical nature of the financials sector in emerging markets, the team often looks at an emerging market through a "financials lens," performing deep bottom-up analysis on banks and other financial companies to identify areas of growth and stress that the market might be missing. The investment process also enables the team to leverage insights from the Loomis Sayles' emerging markets (EM) sovereign and corporate credit teams, critical as EM credit markets often recognize stress before equity markets.

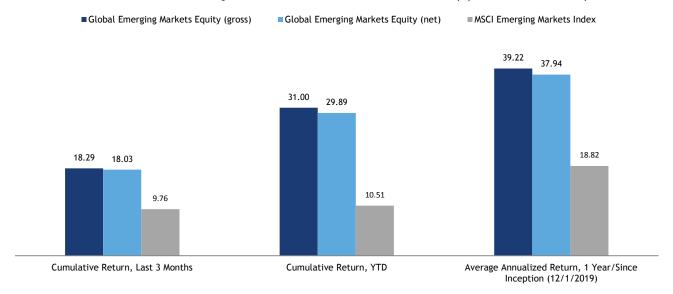
"We're happy to mark our first year of the Loomis Sayles Global Emerging Markets Equity strategy with strong performance and a talented team," said Ashish Chugh. "We believe our philosophy and process is truly differentiated within the emerging markets equity investing space, and we look forward to continuing to serve our clients for years to come."

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*Active share indicates the proportion of the portfolio's holdings (by market value) that are different than the benchmark. A higher active share indicates a larger difference between the benchmark and the portfolio. This disclosure should be first – above the performance since it is linked to content.

LOOMIS SAYLES EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY STRATEGY COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%) AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2020



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Current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. Returns are shown in US dollars and are annualized for one and multi-year periods. Gross returns are net of trading costs. Net returns are gross returns less effective management fees.

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Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

About Risk Equity securities are volatile and can decline significantly in response to broad market and economic conditions. Foreign and emerging market securities may be subject to greater political, economic, environmental, credit, currency and information risks. Foreign securities may be subject to higher volatility than US securities due to varying degrees of regulation and limited liquidity. These risks are magnified in emerging markets. Investments in small and mid-size companies can be more volatile than those of larger companies. Growth stocks may be more sensitive to market conditions than other equities as their prices strongly reflect future expectations. Currency exchange rates between the US dollar and foreign currencies may cause the value of the fund's investments to decline.

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^{**}Includes the assets of Loomis, Sayles & Co., LP, and Loomis Sayles Trust Company, LLC. Loomis Sayles Trust Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Loomis, Sayles & Company, LP.

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¹ Cerulli Quantitative Update: Global Markets 2020 ranked Natixis Investment Managers as the 17th largest asset manager in the world based on assets under management as of December 31, 2019.

² Assets under management ("AUM") as of September 30, 2020 is \$1,067.3 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.

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ A brand of DNCA Finance.

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