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## **LOOMIS SAYLES RANKED NUMBER ONE IN BANK LOAN TRADE SETTLEMENT TIMES**

**BOSTON, MA** (May 15, 2014) – Loomis, Sayles & Company was ranked as achieving the fastest average settlement times of secondary bank loan trades for the year ending 2013, according to Markit, a diversified provider of financial information services.

During 2013 Loomis Sayles' average bank loan trade settlement time was 12.9 days, almost twice as fast as the industry average of 22.9 days among users of Markit's ClearPar system. ClearPar is a widely used electronic trade processing platform for settlement of syndicated loan trades.

“As a world class asset management firm, Loomis Sayles seeks excellence in all aspects of our business. While we have a laser-like focus on investment performance, the operational aspects of our client experience are also of great importance to us,” said Robert Blanding, chief executive officer. “It has been my strongly held conviction that our back and middle office capabilities are among the best and it's gratifying to receive this award in this complex area to reaffirm this.”

The ranking included 30 buy-side asset management companies with the largest notional trade amounts for LSTA (Loan Syndication and Trading Association) secondary par trades.

### **About Loomis Sayles**

Since 1926, Loomis, Sayles & Company has helped fulfill the investment needs of institutional and mutual fund clients around the world. Our performance-driven investors integrate deep, independent research with systematic risk analysis to make informed, judicious investment decisions. Teams of portfolio managers, research analysts and traders collaborate daily to strategically evaluate and embrace intelligent risk. This allows our investors to identify investment opportunities, wherever they may lie -- within traditional asset classes or among a range of innovative, alternative investments. We have the foresight and the flexibility to look far and wide for value in broad and narrow markets in our commitment to deliver attractive returns to our clients. This rich tradition has earned Loomis Sayles the trust and respect of clients worldwide, for whom we currently manage \$210 billion in assets (as of March 31, 2014.)

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