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Natixis Investment Managers and Loomis Sayles Announce Launch of Natixis Loomis Sayles Focused Growth ETF, Managed by the \$70B Loomis Sayles Growth Equity Strategies Team

BOSTON, June 29, 2023 – Natixis Investment Managers (Natixis IM) and its affiliate Loomis, Sayles & Company, announced today the launch of the Natixis Loomis Sayles Focused Growth ETF (NYSE Arca: LSGR). LSGR is Natixis IM’s fourth ETF and second ETF with Loomis Sayles.

The new ETF is managed by Aziz V. Hamzaogullari, chief investment officer and founder of the Loomis Sayles Growth Equity Strategies (GES) team. Collectively, GES manages over \$70 billion in assets under management¹ across a suite of growth equity products including the Loomis Sayles Growth Fund, which earned a Morningstar Analyst Rating™ of Gold (as of 9 January 2023). The team’s longest-dated strategies, including the Large Cap Growth strategy which is employed by the Fund, crosses their 17-year anniversaries at the end of this month.

A differentiated investment philosophy – supported by a proprietary seven-step research framework – underpins the GES team’s long-term, private equity approach to investing. The team seeks to invest in those few high-quality businesses with sustainable competitive advantages and profitable growth only when they trade at a discount to the GES estimate of intrinsic value.

“Through the Focused Growth ETF, we are excited to leverage our disciplined process to hone in on an even more concentrated portfolio,” Aziz Hamzaogullari said. “LSGR will hold 20-30 US companies only that meet our rigorous high-quality, growth, and valuation criteria. We are pleased to offer investors and asset allocators access to our long-term approach to growth equity investing via an ETF.”

Natixis IM is most well-known for being a leader in active ETFs and was one of the first issuers to launch an active semi-transparent ETF through its partnership with the New York Stock Exchange. The firm’s longest standing ETF goes back to 2017, the Natixis Loomis Sayles Short Duration Income ETF (LSST). Natixis IM’s full lineup of ETFs includes:

- Natixis Loomis Sayles Focused Growth ETF (LSGR)
- Natixis Loomis Sayles Short Duration Income ETF (LSST)
- Natixis Vaughan Nelson Mid Cap ETF (VNMC)
- Natixis Vaughan Nelson Select ETF (VNSE)

“We are thrilled to bring a new ETF to market featuring a concentrated stock portfolio and purely US exposure managed by Aziz Hamzaogullari,” said David Giunta, CEO of Natixis Investment Managers in the US. “Aziz is an established portfolio manager with a substantial asset base, a strong institutional and advisor following, and a unique vision and skill that has brought great value to his investors. In partnership with Aziz, we look forward to introducing existing and new investors to the alpha potential that the new LSGR ETF represents.”

Initially, LSGR is expected to be available through Natixis IM platform partners such as Fidelity, Schwab, Pershing and Envestnet with additional platforms to be announced in the near future.

¹ US \$70 billion assets under management as of May 31, 2023.

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About Natixis Investment Managers

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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; 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; Seventure Partners; Thematics Asset Management; Vauban Infrastructure Partners; Vaughan Nelson Investment Management; and WCM Investment Management. Additionally, investment solutions are offered through Natixis Investment Managers Solutions and Natixis Advisors, LLC. **Not all offerings are available in all jurisdictions.** For additional information, please visit Natixis Investment Managers' website at im.natixis.com | LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/natixis-investment-managers.

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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 March 31, 2023 are \$1,208.2 billion (€1,111.9 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.

About Loomis Sayles

Since 1926, Loomis, Sayles & Company has helped fulfill the investment needs of institutional and mutual fund clients worldwide. The firm's performance-driven investors integrate deep proprietary research and risk analysis to make informed, judicious decisions. Teams of portfolio managers, strategists, research analysts and traders collaborate to assess market sectors and identify investment opportunities wherever they may lie, within traditional asset classes or among a range of alternative investments. Loomis Sayles has the resources, foresight and the flexibility to look far and wide for value in broad and narrow markets in its commitment to deliver attractive, risk-adjusted returns for clients. This rich tradition has earned Loomis Sayles the trust and respect of clients worldwide, for whom it manages \$302.1 billion* in assets (as of 31 March 2023).

*Includes the assets of both Loomis, Sayles & Co., LP, and Loomis Sayles Trust Company, LLC. (\$35.7 billion for the Loomis Sayles Trust Company). Loomis Sayles Trust Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Loomis, Sayles & Company, L.P.

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