

## LOOMIS SAYLES BOLSTERS INVESTMENT STAFF AND CAPABILITIES IN SINGAPORE

- Thu Ha Chow named portfolio manager and senior credit strategist
- Zhi Wei Feng and Jeremy Teng hired as senior credit research analysts

**BOSTON AND SINGAPORE (April 25, 2019)** – Loomis, Sayles & Company, an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, has named Thu Ha Chow a portfolio manager on Asia credit strategies, including the recently launched Asia Bond Plus strategy, and senior credit strategist for the emerging markets debt team.

Thu Ha joins existing emerging markets debt portfolio manager Elisabeth Colleran in co-managing the Asia Bond Plus strategy, which seeks to generate returns by investing in corporate bonds benefiting from the long-term structural growth in Asia. Elisabeth has over 28 years of industry experience, including 15 at Loomis Sayles managing a suite of emerging market corporate debt products.

In addition to her portfolio management responsibilities, Thu Ha will also focus on identifying Asian corporate credit investment opportunities across the emerging market debt portfolios.

Based in Singapore, Thu Ha joined Loomis Sayles Investments Asia Pte. Ltd. in 2016 as a senior credit research analyst covering Asian corporate credits. In her new role, Thu Ha will now report to David Waldman, deputy chief investment officer. She will also continue to report to Paul Ong, managing director of Loomis Sayles Investments Asia Pte. Ltd. and head of the Loomis Sayles Singapore office.

“Thu Ha has over two decades of experience, and this new role recognizes her particular expertise in Asia credit investing,” said David Waldman. “Elisabeth Colleran has been instrumental in building Loomis Sayles’ emerging market corporate debt capabilities over the years, and with Thu Ha joining her as a co-portfolio manager we feel well positioned for additional growth and success.”

“We’re pleased to announce Thu Ha as Loomis Sayles’ first portfolio manager located in Asia,” said Paul Ong. “Her new role also underscores both our commitment to growing the Loomis Sayles emerging markets debt platform and building our investment capabilities in Singapore.”

The Loomis Sayles emerging markets debt team currently manages more than \$2.5 billion across a range of strategies, including Emerging Markets Corporate Debt, Local Currency Debt and Short Duration Credit (as of March 31, 2019).

Also in Singapore, Zhi Wei Feng and Jeremy Teng have joined the firm as senior credit research analysts. Zhi Wei focuses primarily on the Chinese corporate sector, including the property sector. Jeremy’s coverage concentrates on Asian credits outside of China. Zhi Wei and Jeremy both report to Chris Gootkind, director of credit research, and Paul Ong.

“We are very excited to welcome Zhi Wei and Jeremy to Loomis Sayles,” said Chris Gootkind. “They both bring excellent experience and analytical skills, and will be an integral part of the investment process as we strengthen our capabilities globally.”

Loomis Sayles also recently hired emerging market research analysts in Boston and London to support and expand Loomis Sayles’ emerging markets research and investing capabilities globally.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: THU HA CHOW**

Thu Ha Chow is a portfolio manager and senior credit strategist for the emerging markets debt team at Loomis Sayles Investments Asia Pte. Ltd. She joined Loomis Sayles in 2016 as a senior credit research analyst and has 21 years of investment industry experience. Previously, Thu Ha was the head of Asian credit at Aberdeen Asset Management in Singapore, responsible for research, portfolio and Asian credit trading. Prior to this, she was a director and portfolio manager at Deutsche Asset Management in London, where she managed European corporate portfolios. Thu Ha earned a BSc (Hon) Economics and an MSc Economics and Philosophy from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: ZHI WEI FENG**

Zhi Wei is a senior credit research analyst at Loomis Sayles Investments Asia Pte. Ltd., covering the Chinese corporate sector. She joined Loomis Sayles in 2018 and has 14 years of investment industry experience. Previously, Zhi Wei was the executive director of credit research at Standard Chartered Bank, where she also covered Asian high yield credits (mostly China, Indonesia and the Philippines), and later covered Chinese credits, across a wide industry and rating spectrum. Prior to this, she was the associate director of credit research at Barclays Capital, where she began as a desk analyst for the principal investment unit and then became a publishing analyst in credit research. Zhi Wei has previously worked as director of research and consultancy for Jones Lang LaSalle Property Consultants, leading a team that covered the property sector in Singapore and other major Southeast Asian cities. She earned a BSc from Shanghai Jiaotong University and a CDipAF from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: JEREMY WEE CHONG TENG**

Jeremy Teng is a senior credit research analyst at Loomis Sayles Investments Asia Pte., covering Asian credits. He joined Loomis Sayles in September 2018 and has 12 years of investment industry experience. Previously, Jeremy was at Aberdeen Standard Investments, starting as a credit analyst covering across various sectors of Asian corporates, and later progressing as an investment manager taking on additional responsibility in team-based asset allocation strategy. He also supported a broader global and emerging markets team on research and recommendations of Asian credits. Prior to this, Jeremy was a credit analyst focused on Malaysian credits at AmInvestment Management. He has also worked as an analyst at CIMB Private Banking. Jeremy earned a BEng in mechanical engineering and an MSc in entrepreneurship from the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom.

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*\*Total strategy assets include all assets managed by the respective team.*

*\*\*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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<sup>1</sup> *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.*

<sup>2</sup> *Net asset value as of December 31, 2018. Assets under management ("AUM"), as reported, may include notional assets, assets serviced, gross assets and other types of non-regulatory AUM. AUM does not include Vega Investment Managers, which was transferred to Natixis Wealth Management in December 2018.*

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