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TOP PERFORMING LOOMIS SAYLES FUNDS EARN 2017 THOMSON REUTERS LIPPER FUND AWARDS IN THE UNITED STATES

BOSTON, MA (March 24, 2017) – At the annual Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards last night, three Loomis, Sayles & Company funds received awards for superior risk-adjusted performance relative to peer funds:

- **The Loomis Sayles Senior Floating Rate and Fixed Income Fund (LSFYX)** received a trophy for top performance in the Loan Participation Funds category for the three-year period (48 eligible US funds, 194 share classes) and five-year period (38 eligible US funds, 153 share classes). The Fund is managed by John Bell and Kevin Perry, who have co-managed bank loan strategies at Loomis Sayles for 15 years.
- **The Loomis Sayles Limited Term Government and Agency Fund (NELYX)** was recognized for top performance for the five-year period in the Short-Intermediate US Government Funds category (10 eligible US funds, 23 share classes). The Fund is managed by Chris Harms, Cliff Rowe and Kurt Wagner, who as a team have an average of 33 years of investment experience.
- **The Loomis Sayles Core Plus Bond Fund (NERYX)** won for top performance for the 10-year period in the Core Plus Bond Funds category (42 eligible US funds, 106 share classes). The Fund is managed by Peter Palfrey and Rick Raczkowski, who have co-managed core plus fixed income strategies at Loomis Sayles since 2001.

“At Loomis Sayles, our investment teams are part of a unified organization, but have the autonomy to seek performance for clients in distinct ways – we are happy to see this approach affirmed by three distinct strategies at this year’s Lipper Awards,” said Jae Park, chief investment officer.

The 2017 Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards are for the period ending December 31, 2016. The awards were distributed at a gathering of mutual fund industry executives and media, held last night at the Mandarin Oriental in New York City.

About the Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards

For more than three decades and in over 20 countries worldwide, the Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards have honored funds and fund management firms that have excelled in providing consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers. Renowned fund data and proprietary methodology is the foundation of the Award qualification. Individual classifications of three-, five-, and ten-year periods, as well as fund families with high average scores for the three-year period, are recognized. www.lipperfundawards.com

About Loomis Sayles

Since 1926, Loomis, Sayles & Company, L.P. has served the investment needs of institutional and mutual fund clients. As performance-driven investors seeking exceptional opportunities, Loomis Sayles employs actively managed disciplines that combine fundamental research, systematic risk assessment and experienced portfolio management. This rich tradition has earned Loomis Sayles the trust and respect of clients worldwide, for whom it manages \$240.2 billion in assets as of December 31, 2016. *



*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, L.P.

About Natixis Global Asset Management

Natixis Global Asset Management serves thoughtful investment professionals worldwide through our Durable Portfolio Construction® approach: applying risk-minded insights to empower more intelligent investing. Uniting over 20 specialized investment managers globally (\$877 billion AUM¹), Natixis is ranked among the world's largest asset management firms.²

¹Net asset value as of December 31, 2016. Assets under management (AUM) may include assets for which non-regulatory AUM services are provided. Non-regulatory AUM includes assets which do not fall within the SEC's definition of 'regulatory AUM' in Form ADV, Part 1.

²Cerulli Quantitative Update: Global Markets 2016 ranked Natixis Global Asset Management, S.A. as the 16th largest asset manager in the world based on assets under management (\$870.3 billion) as of December 31, 2015.

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Lipper Fund Classification Award (2017)

For funds with multiple share classes, Lipper selects the share class with the best Lipper Leader score as the basis for the award winner for demonstrating consistently strong risk-adjusted returns compared with peers. The highest Lipper Leader for Consistent Return (Effective Return) value determines the fund classification winner for each period. Lipper classification awards are given for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods. **Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of, and not necessarily indicative of, future results.**

Before investing, consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. Please visit loomissayles.com or call us at 800-225-5478 for a prospectus and a summary prospectus, if available, containing this and other information. Read it carefully.

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