



## **Press release** Natixis joins the AFME Board

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At its meeting in Brussels, AFME approved the application of Natixis to join its Board. An AFME member since 2009, Natixis becomes the first new AFME Board member since 2010, joining 21 other leading European wholesale banking groups on AFME's governing body.

**Simon Lewis, Chief Executive of AFME,** said: "We are delighted to welcome Natixis to the AFME Board. As a strong player in Europe's capital markets Natixis will bring an added dimension to the Board's work. We are proud that AFME's board comprises such a wide cross-section of Europe's wholesale markets and the appointment of Natixis shows that the role and purpose of AFME as a pan-European trade group is more important than ever. We will be delighted to welcome Luc François, Head of Global Markets, Corporate & Investment Banking, as our new AFME Board member."

**Luc François, Head of Global Markets, Corporate & Investment Banking, Natixis,** said: "With our headquarters in France and our activities across the continent, Europe is at the heart of Natixis' businesses. We are committed to supporting strong pan-European capital markets at the service of the continent's economies. We are delighted to have been approved as a Board member of AFME, which will allow us to further our contribution to the regulatory decision-making process while benefitting more fully from AFME's extensive wholesale banking expertise."

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## **Notes to Editors**

Biography: **Luc François** began his career in 1986 at IBM before joining Société Générale in 1988 where he held several positions before being appointed Global Head of Equity and Equity Derivatives in 2007. He joined Morgan Stanley in London in 2008 as Head of Equity Derivatives and European Equity. In 2011, he was appointed Global Head of Derivatives. In 2012, Luc François joined Natixis as Head of Global Markets. Luc François is a graduate of Supélec (Ecole Supérieure d'Electricité).

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## About AFME:

AFME (Association for Financial Markets in Europe) advocates for deep and integrated European capital markets which serve the needs of companies and investors, supporting economic growth and benefiting society. AFME is the voice of all Europe's wholesale financial markets, providing expertise across a broad

range of regulatory and capital markets issues. AFME aims to act as a bridge between market participants and policy makers across Europe, drawing on its strong and long-standing relationships, its technical knowledge and fact-based work. Its members comprise pan-EU and global banks as well as key regional banks, brokers, law firms, investors and other financial market participants. AFME participates in a global alliance with the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) in the US, and the Asia Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (ASIFMA) through the GFMA (Global Financial Markets Association). For more information please visit the AFME website: www.afme.eu. Follow us on Twitter @AFME\_EU

## **About Natixis**

Natixis is the international corporate and investment banking, asset management, insurance and financial services arm of Groupe BPCE, the 2nd-largest banking group in France through its two retail banking networks, Banque Populaire and Caisse d'Epargne.

With more than 18,000 employees, Natixis has a number of areas of expertise that are organized into four main business lines: Asset & Wealth Management, Corporate & Investment Banking, Insurance and Specialized Financial Services.

A global player, Natixis has its own client base of companies, financial institutions and institutional investors as well as the client base of individuals, professionals and small and medium-size businesses of Groupe BPCE's banking networks.

Figures as at December 31, 2018

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