

Ossiam hires ESG Specialist



Paris, June 6th 2018: Ossiam, the Paris-based smart beta investment manager and affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, is pleased to announce that the company has hired Antonio Celeste as Sales Director and Head of ESG Business Development.

Mr Celeste was recently Institutional Relations Director, Europe and Middle East, for Sustainalytics, where he worked for seven years. He previously held business development roles with Vigeo (now Vigeo-Eiris) in ESG research and services, and Effiscience, a developer of artificial Intelligence-driven solutions. He began his career as a R&D automotive engineer with Fiat in Italy.

Mr Celeste holds a Master of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Polytechnic University of Turin, and an MBA in international finance from HEC Paris, France.

Bruno Poulin, CEO, Ossiam, said, *“In hiring Antonio Celeste, we are reinforcing our team with a person deeply experienced in ESG. With his R&D engineering background, Antonio has strong quantitative abilities, making him an excellent hire for Ossiam as a leader in smart beta investment solutions. Hiring someone of his calibre is demonstration of the importance of ESG-based investment to the company.”*

Antonio Celeste, Sales Director and Head of ESG Business Development, added, *“I am excited to join Ossiam, one of the original asset management smart beta innovators, to bring my experience and knowledge to their ESG business development strategy.”*

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Notes to editors:

Ossiam is a signatory to the United Nations-backed Principles for Responsible Investment.

About Ossiam

Ossiam is a specialist asset management company that develops and manages investment funds, including exchange-traded funds (ETFs), based on systematic investment processes. Ossiam funds use alternatively weighted indexes – also known as alternative beta or smart beta – applied to a range of financial asset classes. Our ETFs have been listed on major European stock exchanges, including Deutsche Börse, Borsa Italiana, London Stock Exchange, NYSE Euronext and the SIX Swiss Exchange since 2011. The team behind Ossiam has extensive experience in quantitative research and product design, fund management, trading and risk management.

Ossiam is headquartered in Paris, France, and is an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers. The investment company is regulated by the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) of France.

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* First asset manager to launch an ETF based on a minimum variance strategy

* First asset manager to launch a risk-weighted smart beta commodity ETF

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Natixis Investment Managers serves financial professionals with more insightful ways to construct portfolios. Powered by the expertise of 26 specialized investment managers globally, we apply Active ThinkingSM to deliver proactive solutions that help clients pursue better outcomes in all markets. Natixis ranks among the world's largest asset management firms¹ with more than \$1 trillion assets under management² (€818.1 billion AUM). Headquartered in Paris and Boston, Natixis Investment Managers is a subsidiary of Natixis. Listed on the Paris Stock Exchange, Natixis is a subsidiary of BPCE, the second-largest banking group in France.

¹ *Cerulli Quantitative Update: Global Markets 2017 ranked Natixis Investment Managers (formerly Natixis Global Asset Management) as the 15th largest asset manager in the world based on assets under management as of December 31, 2016.*

² *Net asset value as of March 31, 2018 is \$1.008 trillion. Assets under management ("AUM"), as reported, may include notional assets, assets serviced, gross assets and other types of non-regulatory AUM.*