LOOMIS SAYLES ASSIGNED TIER 1 CLASSIFICATION BY THE FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL

- Tier 1 signatories provide a good quality and transparent description of stewardship approach
- Loomis Sayles UK Stewardship Code Statement applies to Loomis, Sayles & Company L.P. and its UK-based subsidiary, Loomis Sayles Investments Limited

LONDON (18 December 2017) – Loomis, Sayles & Company and its UK subsidiary Loomis Sayles Investments Limited, affiliates of Natixis Investment Managers, announced today that they have achieved Tier 1 status from the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) as signatory to the UK Stewardship Code.

The UK Stewardship Code aims to enhance the quality of engagement between investors and companies to help improve long-term risk-adjusted returns to shareholders. The tiering process is intended to distinguish between signatories who report well and demonstrate their commitment to stewardship, and those for whom reporting improvements are necessary. Tier 1 signatories provide a good quality and transparent description of their approach to stewardship, according to the FRC.

"Loomis Sayles has high regard for the principles of good stewardship that are the pillars of the UK Stewardship Code", said Chris Yiannakou, managing director at Loomis Sayles Investments Limited. "We're very pleased that the FRC recognizes our commitment and transparency by assigning a Tier 1 rating."

Loomis Sayles provides numerous investment strategies, including equity, fixed income and multi-asset offerings, as well as alternative products, to a wide variety of clients. Despite differences in investment strategies and activities, the principles discussed in the statement apply to all asset classes managed by Loomis Sayles. Loomis Sayles, in all cases, recognizes the need for good governance and high standards of corporate practice.

The full statement is available here: Loomis Sayles UK Stewardship Code Statement

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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 integrated risk analysis to make informed, judicious decisions. Using foresight and flexibility, Loomis Sayles looks far and wide for value – across traditional asset classes and alternative investments – to pursue attractive, sustainable returns for clients. This rich tradition has earned Loomis Sayles the trust and respect of clients worldwide, for whom we currently manage approximately £195.0 billion in assets (as of 30th September 2017).

ABOUT NATIXIS INVESTMENT MANAGERS

Natixis Investment Managers serves financial professionals with more insightful ways to construct portfolios. Powered by the expertise of more than 20 specialized investment managers globally, we apply Active Thinking℠ to deliver proactive solutions that help clients pursue better outcomes in all markets. Natixis ranks among the world's largest asset management firms[1] ($961.1 billion AUM[2]).

Natixis Investment Managers includes all of the investment management and distribution entities affiliated with Natixis Distribution, L.P. and Natixis Investment Managers S.A.

[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 September 30, 2017. Assets under management ("AUM"), as reported, may include notional assets, assets serviced, gross assets and other types of non-regulatory AUM.