

## **LOOMIS SAYLES PROMOTES STEPHEN LAPLANTE AND JENNIFER THOMAS TO PORTFOLIO MANAGER FOR SECURITIZED STRATEGIES MANAGED BY THE MORTGAGE AND STRUCTURED FINANCE TEAM**

**BOSTON (MAY 19, 2021)** – Loomis, Sayles & Company, an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, announced today that Stephen LaPlante and Jennifer Thomas have been promoted to portfolio manager for two securitized strategies managed by the mortgage and structured finance (MSF) team, effective May 14, 2021.

In their new roles, Jennifer and Stephen manage the Loomis Sayles Investment Grade Securitized Credit strategy with Alessandro Pagani, head of the MSF team. They join Alessandro and Stephen L’Heureux in co-managing the Loomis Sayles High Yield Securitized Credit strategy. Both Jennifer and Stephen will retain their senior analyst roles and responsibilities until suitable replacements are identified.

“Jennifer and Steve are both tenured members of the MSF team and have distinguished themselves as astute securitized investors with the ability to generate alpha for our clients. Throughout their careers, they have both demonstrated exceptional investment intuition and judgment and have made significant contributions to the team and Loomis Sayles,” said Alessandro Pagani. “These promotions to portfolio manager reflect not only their current contributions, but also recognize our expectations for their continued growth and leadership.”

Jennifer joined Loomis Sayles in 2007 and has 19 years of investment experience. She specializes in asset-backed securities (ABS) with a focus on consumer ABS, including auto lending, student loans and unsecured consumer lending. In her senior analyst role, Jennifer is responsible for generating relative value trade ideas to help enhance portfolios and achieve investment objectives, and collaborating on structured product-related initiatives with client services and marketing. In addition, she has supported the credit and research efforts in commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS).

Steve joined Loomis Sayles in 2017 as a mortgage and structured finance analyst and has 11 years of investment industry experience. Steve specializes in residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) and covered bonds. Previously, he was a senior analyst at Manulife, responsible for the mortgage credit sector including non-agency RMBS and agency risk transfer securities. Prior to this, Steve was a senior analyst at Income Research and Management, serving as the primary analyst in commercial mortgage credit, including CMBS and agency CMBS securities.

Under the leadership of Alessandro Pagani, the MSF team helps oversee \$31.1 billion in securitized investments across the firm in both dedicated mandates and as part of broader investment strategies (as of March 31, 2021).

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*\*\*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>2</sup> Assets under management ("AUM") as of March 31, 2021 is \$1,354.8 billion. AUM, as reported, may include notional assets, assets serviced, gross assets, assets of minority-owned affiliated entities and other types of non-regulatory AUM managed or serviced by firms affiliated with Natixis Investment Managers. Excluding H2O Asset Management.

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