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**FRC Figures Show Natixis Global Associates  
is Fastest-Growing Fund Complex Over the Past Year**

Natixis Global Asset Management, L.P. today announced its fund distribution organization, Natixis Global Associates has been identified as the fastest growing fund complex over the 12-month period ended October 31, as measured by the ratio of net flows to assets(1). The calculation is based on flow figures released by Financial Research Corporation (FRC), the financial services consulting firm, as measured against other fund firms with \$10 billion in assets or more.

*"We are delighted, but not surprised, by the extraordinary growth of Natixis Global Associates over the past year",* said John T. Hailer, president and chief executive officer of Natixis Global Asset Management, L.P. *"The proof of the strength of our affiliated management franchise is in the results we see day in and day out. In my new role, I intend to build on this strength with a targeted and diversified strategy that will build on this success".*

Mr. Hailer was recently named president and chief executive officer of Natixis Global Asset Management, L.P., and is responsible for the overall strategic development of the Firm's investment management and distribution businesses in North America. Mr. Hailer is currently president and chief executive officer of Natixis Global Associates, the firm's distribution organization and continues in that role. He reports to Pierre Servant, president and chief executive officer of Natixis Global Asset Management.

Under Mr. Hailer's leadership Natixis Global Associates increased its assets serviced by more than \$70 billion from \$7.4 billion to \$77 billion and built a transparent distribution architecture that provides access to the investment capabilities of the firm's affiliated managers across a range of investment platforms.

## About Natixis Global Asset Management

Natixis Global Asset Management is one of the top 15 largest asset managers in the world (2) based on assets under management and one of the top five in Europe (3). Its affiliated asset management companies provide investment products that seek to enhance and protect the wealth and retirement assets of both institutional and individual investor clients. Its proprietary distribution network helps package and deliver its affiliates' products around the world. Natixis Global Asset Management brings together the expertise of multiple specialized investment managers based in Europe, the United States and Asia to offer a wide spectrum of equity, fixed income and alternative investment strategies.

Headquartered in Paris and Boston, Natixis Global Asset Management's assets under management totalled \$860 billion (€606 billion) as of September 30, 2007. Natixis Global Asset Management is part of Natixis, the investment and project bank of the Banque Populaire and Caisse d'Epargne groups. Its affiliated investment management firms and distribution and service groups include: AEW Capital Management; Active Investment Advisors (4); AlphaSimplex; Capital Growth Management; Caspian Capital Management; Hansberger Global Investors; Harris Alternatives; Harris Associates; Loomis, Sayles & Co.; Managed Portfolio Advisors (4); Natixis Global Associates; Portfolio Management Partners (4); Reich & Tang Capital Management; Snyder Capital Management; Vaughan Nelson Investment Management; and Westpeak Global Advisors. In addition to the U.S. firms, Natixis Global Asset Management includes four principal affiliates based in Paris: Natixis Asset Management, Natixis Multimanager, AEW Europe and Ecureuil Gestion.

## About Natixis

Natixis, the "investments and projects bank" is the jointly held bank of Caisse d'Epargne and Banque Populaire in corporate and investment banking, asset management, private equity and private banking, financial services and receivables management. Backed by nearly 23,000 employees, with a net banking income of €7.3bn, it is a major player in its sector in Europe. Natixis enjoys expertise worldwide acknowledged in credit insurance (number 3 worldwide), private equity and structured financing (real estate, commodities, asset-backed finance and leverage finance).

Natixis Global Associates includes Natixis Distributors, L.P. (member FINRA) and Natixis Asset Management Advisors, L.P (a registered investment advisor).

*1 Based on combined data for the Natixis Funds and Loomis Sayles Funds.*

*2 Cerulli Associates 2007 Global Update*

*3 Institutional Investor (international), 11/1/07*

*4 A division of Natixis Asset Management Advisors, L.P.*

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