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**Jean-Yves Gourin appointed Chief Executive Officer
of Natixis Gestion de Fortune**

Jean-Yves Gourin was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Natixis Gestion de Fortune, Natixis' wealth management subsidiary in Switzerland.

Jean-Yves Gourin, 57 years old, began his career in 1973 at Crédit Lyonnais as portfolio manager. In 1974, he became director of Essor gestion, and joint director in 1978 of French American Capital Corporation, a subsidiary of BNP in New York.

In 1985, he joined Montgomery Securities in San Francisco, followed by Paine Webber in 1986 where he acted as portfolio manager. President and founder of Unigestion Asset Management France in 1991, he became Chief Executive Officer of Tocqueville Finance in 2003. In 2006, he joined Natixis as Senior Banker in charge of management firms and private banks.

Jean-Yves Gourin holds a masters' degree in Management from Université de Grenoble and is a former student of ESSCA (Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers).

Natixis Gestion de Fortune is Natixis Private Banking International's subsidiary in Switzerland. Natixis Gestion de Fortune provides high potential international customers with wealth management, financial asset management, and investors search products.

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