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Natixis Corporate and Investment Banking division brings together its equity trading businesses

The Corporate and Investment banking division of Natixis has finalized the organization of its equity trading business through the merger of Natexis Bleichroeder, IXIS Midcaps and IXIS Securities on June 29, 2007, on schedule.

On the legal aspect, Natexis Bleichroeder SA and IXIS Midcaps transferred their business¹ to IXIS Securities, which changed names to Natixis Securities. With the pooling of research, sales, sales trading and execution teams, Natixis Securities has enriched its services.

Headed by Pierre Heydacker, Natixis Securities is a first rank European trader with a staff close to 400, including 200 in front-office. With some 80 analysts, it has the biggest research team on French and European securities based in Paris.

As a result of its expertise in areas such as equities, listed derivatives, bonds and agency loans, Natixis Securities can provide services in line with its development ambitions and client needs.

Geoffrey de Beauregard will manage the Cash Equity business. Over and above Natixis Securities, this business comprises Natixis Bleichroeder Inc. in the US and London, and Equity Capital Markets headed by Jean-François Tiné.

In the US, research will be sold by the Europe sales teams of Natixis Bleichroeder Inc.

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 holds leading positions in its businesses in France, Europe and worldwide: number 1 asset management bank in France with €584bn under management, number 1 in France for employee savings. 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).

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¹ Except for Large Cap engineering and syndication which were brought to IXIS Corporate & Investment Bank at the same date.