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## **Natixis finalizes the acquisition of Leonardo & Co.'s activities in France. Leonardo & Co. now becomes Natixis Partners.**

Natixis has finalized the acquisition of Leonardo & Co SAS ("Leonardo France"), which will now operate under the Natixis Partners brand.

Natixis Partners will be specialized in delivering M&A advisory services for private equity groups and midcap clients. The team which is composed of 25 investment bankers and managed by Patrick Maurel, advises clients on more than thirty transactions a year.

The creation of Natixis Partners is a significant milestone in the rollout of the New Frontier strategic plan and reinforces Natixis' status as a core bank for midcaps in France both in financing and M&A advisory.

### **About Natixis :**

*Natixis is the corporate, investment, insurance and financial services arm of Groupe BPCE, the 2nd-largest banking group in France with 36 million clients spread over two retail banking networks, Banque Populaire and Caisse d'Epargne.*

*With more than 16,000 employees, Natixis has a number of areas of expertise that are organized into three main business lines: Corporate & Investment Banking, Investment Solutions & Insurance, and Specialized Financial Services.*

*A global player, Natixis has its own client base of companies, financial institutions and institutional investors as well as the client base of individuals, professionals and small and medium-size businesses of Groupe BPCE's banking networks.*

*Listed on the Paris stock exchange, it has a solid financial base with a CET1 capital under Basel 3(1) of €13.4 billion, a Basel 3 CET1 Ratio (1) of 10.6% and quality long-term ratings (Standard & Poor's: A / Moody's: A2 / Fitch Ratings: A).*

*(1) Based on CRR-CRD4 rules published on June 26, 2013, including the Danish compromise - no phase-in except for DTAs on loss carry-forwards, pro forma of the DNCA acquisition estimated impact  
Figures as at May 6, 2015*

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