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Natixis Enters Into Agreement To Acquire Majority Stake in Peter J. Solomon Company

Transaction will extend M&A Advisory activity in the US

Natixis today announced that it has entered into an agreement to acquire a majority stake in Peter J. Solomon Company ("PJSC" or the "Company"). Mr. Peter J. Solomon and current PJSC Partners will continue to operate as an entrepreneurial firm and retain a material position in the ongoing company.

Peter J. Solomon Company was established in 1989 to provide independent, objective advice on mergers & acquisitions, capital structure and restructuring to public and private corporations. The firm focuses on the following sectors: Retail and Distribution, Consumer Products, Healthcare and Media, Entertainment and Communications & Technology. The Company comprises 50 bankers and has advised on more than 500 transactions since its inception.

Following the acquisition of Leonardo & Co France in February 2015, since renamed Natixis Partners and 360 Corporate which became Natixis Partners España, in November 2015, this transaction will allow Natixis to continue and speed up the internationalization of its businesses, and further strengthen its M&A advisory offerings. PJSC will contribute to the development of the Natixis Americas platform and sustain further growth in the U.S.

"We are excited about the opportunity of joining forces with Peter J. Solomon Company and welcoming their highly recognized teams. The firm's entrepreneurial approach to advising its corporate managements and owners fits perfectly with our New Frontier strategy which focuses notably on asset-light business lines, deepening the strategic dialogue with our clients and developing high value-added expertise", declared Mr. Laurent Mignon, Chief Executive Officer of Natixis.

"We are pleased by the new opportunities such a partnership would provide for both our clients and our colleagues," said Mr. Peter J. Solomon, Founder and Chairman of Peter J. Solomon Company. "Natixis' strong leveraged finance capabilities and global reach will expand the breadth and depth of PJSC's outstanding M&A advisory business in the U.S. and abroad."

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About Natixis

Natixis is the international 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'Épargne.

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. Figures as of September 30, 2015

About Peter J Solomon Company

Peter J. Solomon Company, located at 1345 Avenue of the Americas in New York, NY, USA, is an independent M&A advisory firm. The company is renowned for its expertise, in particular in the following sectors: Retail and Distribution, Consumer Products, Healthcare and Media, Entertainment, Communications & Technology.

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