

Press Release

Flexstone Partners appoints François Desprez de Fresnoye as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer for its European operations

London – June 1st, 2023 – Flexstone Partners, an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers specializing in the global, small and midcap private equity markets has announced the appointment of François Desprez de Fresnoye as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer for its European operations, effective beginning of May 2023.

Based in Paris, François (48) is responsible for all aspects of the firm's day-to-day European operations, including operations and finance, legal and corporate.

Benoit de Kerleau, Managing Partner at Flexstone Partners in Paris, commented: *"We are delighted to welcome François to our Paris office. His extensive experience in private equity is invaluable as we continue to grow our business and focus on delivering excellence to our clients"*.

François Desprez de Fresnoye, CFO and COO Europe at Flexstone Partners, said: *"It is a great privilege to join the Flexstone team, whose expertise in private equity is well established. I am looking forward to working with the team, helping to develop the firm's offering and focusing on delivering the best possible investment solutions for the investor"*.

Prior to joining Flexstone, François was responsible for the legal affairs, compliance, internal control and corporate matters (finance and human resources) at EMZ Partners, an investment firm specializing in management buyouts. Prior to this, he spent eleven years at Access Capital Partners, where he was a director and then a partner in charge of legal and tax matters related to funds and investment transactions, including fund structuring and investment execution. He has also held middle and back-office positions at Allianz and CPR Private Equity.

François holds a Master's degree in Banking and Financial Markets Laws & Economics from the Jean Monnet University in Caen, and a Bachelor of Arts of Commercial and Tax Law from the University of Picardy Jules Verne.

About Flexstone Partners

Flexstone Partners (“Flexstone”)¹, a majority owned affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, provides global institutional investors with investment management and advisory services across global private markets. Flexstone manages \$10 billion² in assets and offers clients bespoke, global private markets solutions through Customized Investment Solutions, and Secondary and Co-Investment funds focused on lower, middle market buyouts, growth equity, and emerging managers in the US, Europe and Asia.

With over 50 professionals based in New York, Paris, Geneva, and Singapore, Flexstone’s global team serves the distinct needs of our clients worldwide. The team has diverse backgrounds, deep market experience, and private markets expertise, and is immersed in the world’s most compelling markets across North America, Europe, and Asia.

Further information: www.flexstonepartners.com

¹ Flexstone is the name that collectively identifies Flexstone and its affiliated entities.

² US\$10 billion assets under management as of December 31, 2022.

About Natixis Investment Managers

Natixis Investment Managers’ multi-affiliate approach connects clients to the independent thinking and focused expertise of more than 15 active managers. Ranked among the world’s largest asset managers¹ with more than \$1.2 trillion assets under management² (€1.1 trillion), Natixis Investment Managers delivers a diverse range of solutions across asset classes, styles, and vehicles, including innovative environmental, social, and governance (ESG) strategies and products dedicated to advancing sustainable finance. The firm partners with clients in order to understand their unique needs and provide insights and investment solutions tailored to their long-term goals.

Headquartered in Paris and Boston, Natixis Investment Managers is part of the Global Financial Services division of Groupe BPCE, the second-largest banking group in France through the Banque Populaire and Caisse d’Epargne retail networks. Natixis Investment Managers’ affiliated investment management firms include AEW; DNCA Investments;³ Dorval Asset Management; Flexstone Partners; Gateway Investment Advisers; Harris Associates; Investors Mutual Limited; Loomis, Sayles & Company; Mirova; MV Credit; Naxicap Partners; Ossiam; Ostrum Asset Management; Seventure Partners; Thematics Asset Management; Vauban Infrastructure Partners; Vaughan Nelson Investment Management; and WCM Investment Management. Additionally, investment solutions are offered through Natixis Investment Managers Solutions and Natixis Advisors, LLC. **Not all offerings are available in all jurisdictions.** For additional information, please visit Natixis Investment Managers’ website at im.natixis.com | LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/company/natixis-investment-managers](https://www.linkedin.com/company/natixis-investment-managers).

Natixis Investment Managers’ distribution and service groups include Natixis Distribution, LLC, a limited purpose broker-dealer and the distributor of various U.S. registered investment companies for which advisory services are provided by affiliated firms of Natixis Investment Managers, Natixis Investment Managers S.A. (Luxembourg), Natixis Investment Managers International (France), and their affiliated distribution and service entities in Europe and Asia.

¹ Cerulli Quantitative Update: Global Markets 2022 ranked Natixis Investment Managers as the 18th largest asset manager in the world based on assets under management as of December 31, 2021.

² Assets under management (“AUM”) of current affiliated entities measured as of March 31, 2023 are \$1,208.2 billion (€1,111.9 billion). AUM, as reported, may include notional assets, assets serviced, gross assets, assets of minority-owned affiliated entities and other types of non-regulatory AUM managed or serviced by firms affiliated with Natixis Investment Managers.