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## **Natixis CIB hosts Global Economic Seminar in Japan**



**Natixis Corporate & Investment Banking (Natixis CIB) successfully held this year's annual flagship client conference, the Global Economic Seminar in Tokyo, Japan. The event provided clients with relevant insights and research intelligence from Natixis CIB industry experts and prestigious guests, including a special remark delivered by *Prime Minister Mr. Fumio Kishida*, and a speech from *Professor Tsutomu Watanabe from the University of Tokyo*.**

With the rapidly evolving global economic landscape, notably Japan's post BOJ monetary policy developments, it is crucial to assess the impact of the macro environment on Japan and the rest of the world. Key themes which arose from the seminar included the normalization of monetary policy and various geopolitical developments, including potential de-globalization.

The changes in the global economy are most acutely felt in Asia because of the region's economic dynamism. Modifications in the mechanisms behind Japan's consumer prices, the shift in Japan's corporate attitude toward wages and employment, as well as the global re-evaluation of the country's financial markets and the huge potential of its financial sector, all point to Japan's importance to the global economy.

**Bruno Le Saint, Chief Executive Officer, Asia Pacific, at Natixis CIB**, commented: "We are honored to have esteemed guests Prime Minister Mr. Fumio Kishida and Professor Tsutomu Watanabe sharing their perspectives, and we are certain that our clients gained deep insights into the current state of the economy. Natixis CIB in Japan continues to be at the center of our Asia Pacific growth ambitions and our 30 years of success in this market would not be possible without the support of our valued clients and partners."

**Makito Nagahiro, Senior Country Manager, Japan for Natixis CIB**, added: "At a time when the global economic landscape is uncertain, we are pleased to ignite a discussion on how these macro events

will impact Japan, and navigate the shifting tides together. We are focused on delivering innovative solutions that meet the evolving needs of our clients, embracing new technologies, partnering with our clients in their financial goals and continuing to contribute to the growth and prosperity of Japan.”

Natixis CIB industry experts speaking at the event included:

- Mr. Jean Francois Robin, Global Head of Research, Natixis CIB
- Ms. Alicia Garcia Herrero, Chief Economist, Asia Pacific, Natixis CIB
- Mr. Kohei Iwahara, Senior Economist, Japan & Pacific, Natixis CIB



Natixis CIB has strong expertise that is relevant to Japanese clients and global clients active in Japan, including in capital markets, M&A, investment banking and asset-backed financing; with capabilities in key sectors such as infrastructure, energy & renewables, insurance, healthcare, digital, telecom and technology. Natixis CIB is well positioned to deliver value not only to clients, but to support the development of the Japanese economy overall.

The bank has a long-term commitment to Japan, founded on an operating history of over 30 years in the country, and enshrined in the bank’s strategic plan that prioritizes Japan as part of an ongoing internationalization of Natixis CIB’s business. The bank serves companies across industries, institutional investors, insurers, banks, and public-sector organizations, leveraging Natixis CIB’s broad international expertise, and the strength of Groupe BPCE.

#### **About Natixis Corporate & Investment Banking**

Natixis Corporate & Investment Banking is a leading global financial institution that provides advisory, investment banking, financing, corporate banking and capital markets services to corporations, financial institutions, financial sponsors and sovereign and supranational organizations worldwide.

Our teams of experts in close to 30 countries advise clients on their strategic development, helping them to grow and transform their businesses, and maximize their positive impact. Natixis CIB is committed to aligning its financing portfolio with a carbon neutrality path by 2050 while helping its clients reduce the environmental impact of their business.

As 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 CIB benefits from the Group’s financial strength and solid financial ratings (Standard & Poor’s: A, Moody’s: A1, Fitch Ratings: A+, R&I: A+).

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