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PRESS RELEASE

BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT STRENGTHENS ETF AND INDEX SOLUTIONS TEAM IN EUROPE

BNP Paribas Asset Management ('BNPP AM') announces the appointment of two new additions to its Exchange Traded Funds ('ETF') and Index Solutions team, **Maude Rivierre Bianchi** and **Chiara Solazzo**, as well as the recent addition of two junior colleagues, Victor Volard and Nitharshini Thevathas.

Maude Rivierre Bianchi joined on 23 April as a Product Specialist. She is based in Paris and reports to Bertrand Alfandari, Head of ETF Development. **Chiara Solazzo** joined on 2 May as a member of the ETF and Index Solutions sales team in Milan and reports to Sabrina Principi, Head of ETF Sales for Italy and Spain.

Last year, Victor Volard joined the sales team covering French clients, and Nitharshini Thevathas joined the product development team.

These appointments are in line with the strategic growth plan announced in 2016 by Isabelle Bourcier, BNPP AM's Head of Quantitative & Index Management. BNPP AM aims to double its assets under management in ETFs and index solutions, supported by significantly strengthening its sales and product development teams.

Isabelle Bourcier, Head of Quantitative & Index Management at BNP Paribas Asset Management, comments:

"The new organisational structure that BNP Paribas Asset Management has established is already showing results, and since I joined in mid-2016, we have accelerated our recruitment programme to reinforce our team responsible for the development of ETF and index solutions.

"After two years of intensive fund-raising, in 2016 and 2017, assets under management in our index business had grown to EUR 19.5 billion at the end of December 2017¹, and our positioning in Europe continues to progress. We intend to pursue this expansion with further recruitments before the end of this year."

BNP Paribas Asset Management's ETF and Index Solutions team currently numbers 28, including 10 managers and 18 business developers covering French- and German-speaking countries, as well as Italy².

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Biographies

Maude Rivierre Bianchi started her career in 2005 as a hedge fund analyst at Natixis Asset Square, which became Natixis Multimanager in 2007. In 2012, she was appointed to the alternative multi-management team, and in June 2015 she joined the development department of VEGA Investment Managers as a product specialist. Maude is a qualified Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst and graduated from the University of Paris Dauphine and IAE Gustave Eiffel.

Chiara Solazzo started her career in 2008 as an ETF and ETC sales trader at Unicredit-HVB in Milan. In 2011, she joined Crédit Suisse Italy SPA as an ETF product specialist, before joining Blackrock's ETF iShares sales team in 2013. Chiara has a Master's degree in Finance from the Italian University of Sienna.

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