

PRESS RELEASE

## **BNP Paribas Asset Management further expands commitment to sustainability with appointment of Head of Climate Change Investment Research**

**BNP Paribas Asset Management ('BNPP AM') announces the appointment of Mark Lewis as Head of Climate Change Investment Research within its Sustainability Centre. Based in Paris, Mark will join on 7 January. He will be a member of BNPP AM's Sustainability Research & Policy team, headed by Helena Viñes Fiestas, and will report to Jane Ambachtsheer, BNPP AM's Global Head of Sustainability.**

In this newly-created role Mark will provide an authoritative view on developments within climate change and energy transition, and their implications for current and future investment decision making, supporting BNPP AM's investment analysts and portfolio managers. This will include analysing energy finance and regulatory developments, establishing a framework to identify and monitor climate-related risks across portfolios, and conducting sector and company research to provide insights into specific risks and opportunities. He will also engage with company management to encourage them to adopt the aims of the Climate Action 100+ initiative, in addition to helping direct the climate-related research, analysis and reporting undertaken by the Sustainability Centre.

Mark has more than 20 years' experience as a financial analyst covering energy and environmental markets. He joins from Carbon Tracker, an award-winning think tank, where he was Head of Research. Previously, he was MD and Head of European Utilities Research at Barclays, Chief Energy Economist at Kepler Cheuvreux, and MD and Head of Carbon Research at Deutsche Bank. He was also a member of the Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures from May 2016 to May 2018. Prior to his career in banking, Mark was an academic at the University of London at Royal Holloway College. Mark has an MA in German from King's College London, an MPhil in Latin American Studies from Cambridge University and a BA in Spanish & German from Sheffield University

### **Jane Ambachtsheer, Global Head of Sustainability at BNP Paribas Asset Management, comments:**

"Climate change is a defining economic and social issue of our time, presenting investors with both risks and opportunities. Those investors who succeed in understanding how this economic transition will unfold will be better placed to deliver superior outcomes through more informed capital allocation. Mark Lewis is a globally-renowned expert on the financial impacts of climate change, and his experience and expertise will be invaluable in helping us to do this, as well as contributing to the broader expansion of our sustainable capabilities. We are very pleased to welcome him to BNP Paribas Asset Management."

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### About BNP Paribas Asset Management

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### About BNP Paribas Asset Management's responsible investment approach

BNP Paribas Asset Management has been a major player in sustainable and responsible investment (SRI) since 2002. BNPP AM has implemented its own responsible investment policy, applying environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria to all its collective investments. It has also implemented BNP Paribas Group sector policies that ban investments in specific companies operating in controversial sectors. BNPP AM supplements this approach by systematically exercising its shareholder voting rights and through its participation in major organisations involved in these issues, thereby actively contributing to the public debate. BNPP AM has been a member of the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) since 2003 and was a founding signatory of the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) in 2006. BNPP AM was also one of the first mainstream investment managers to sign the Montreal Carbon Pledge, in May 2015, and to join the Portfolio Decarbonization Coalition (PDC), demonstrating its desire to take concrete action through SRI investment strategies, energy transition and climate preservation. As at 31 December 2017, BNPP AM managed nearly EUR 35 billion of assets in SRI strategies.



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