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## BNP Paribas Asset Management appoints Maya Bhandari as Global Head of Multi-Asset

BNP Paribas Asset Management ('BNPP AM') announces the appointment of Maya Bhandari as Global Head of Multi-Asset, effective from 1st November. Based in London, she will report to Denis Panel, CIO of Multi-Asset, Quantitative & Solutions.

Maya will be responsible for further developing BNPP AM's multi-asset business. In particular she will focus on strengthening the investment process, and delivering consistent and strong returns for clients. She will also contribute to BNPP AM's thought leadership and fundamental research, which are at the core of BNPP AM's investment approach, as well as the continued integration of ESG within our multi-asset offering.

Maya brings a wealth of skills to our business, with a strong investment process and consistent track record that is in the top quartile or decile over different periods. She joins from Columbia Threadneedle Investments where she was Executive Director of the Multi-Asset Portfolio business, managing and co-managing a global range of diversified growth, multi-asset income and institutional mandates. Before joining Columbia Threadneedle Investments, Maya was Director, Global Macro & Asset Allocation at Citigroup.

Maya was named as one of *Financial News'* Rising Stars of Asset Management in 2017, and the team were awarded *Insurance Asset* and *UK Professional Pensions* multi-asset manager of the year for several years, including 2020.

She holds an MA in Economics from the University of Edinburgh and an MPhil in International Relations from the University of Cambridge.

## Denis Panel, CIO of Multi-Asset and Quantitative Solutions at BNPP AM, comments:

"Maya is a well-recognised multi-asset portfolio manager, and brings a wealth of expertise in cross asset investing, with a clear and consistent approach that has delivered strong returns to investors across a range of strategies and periods. She has a positive approach to thought leadership, team management and diversity & inclusion, which is an important cultural fit, as well as to ESG, which will enable its further integration within our portfolios. I have every confidence that Maya will be instrumental in accelerating the growth of our multi-asset activity and I look forward to working with her."

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## About BNP Paribas Asset Management

BNP Paribas Asset Management ('BNPP AM') is the investment arm of BNP Paribas, a leading banking group in Europe with international reach. BNPP AM aims to generate long-term sustainable investment returns for its clients, based on a unique sustainability-driven philosophy. BNPP AM's investment capabilities are focused around five key strategies: High Conviction Strategies, Private Debt & Real Assets, Multi-Asset, Quantitative &



The sustainable investor for a changing world Solutions (MAQS), Emerging Markets and Liquidity Solutions, with investment processes incorporating quantitative and fundamental analysis.

Sustainability is embedded within BNPP AM's strategy and investment decision-making. Among the leaders in thematic investment in Europe, BNPP AM contributes to the energy transition, environmental sustainability and the promotion of equality and inclusive growth. BNPP AM currently manages EUR 489 billion of assets (EUR 625 billion of assets under management & advisory) and benefits from the expertise of around 500 investment professionals and over 400 client servicing specialists, serving individual, corporate and institutional clients in 69 countries. Source: BNPP AM, as at 30 June 2021

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