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Natixis CIB strengthens partnerships in Japan with Natixis CIB Japan Forum



Natixis Corporate & Investment Banking (Natixis CIB) successfully held this year's annual flagship client conference, the Natixis CIB Japan Forum, in Tokyo as part of the Japanese government's "Japan Week". The event provided clients with relevant insights and research intelligence from Natixis CIB industry experts and prestigious guests, including special remarks from *The Minister of Finance and Minister of State for Financial Services, Japan, Satsuki Katayama*, and *Professor Tsutomu Watanabe from the University of Tokyo*.

Global economic uncertainty and the ongoing impact of the Iran conflict continue to reshape trade flows, investment patterns and capital markets. While global central banks have tightened to stabilize inflation, AI investments have offset headwinds from geopolitical tensions and policy uncertainties. In Japan, growth is impacted by currency pressures and is caught in the gap between the US and China. Rising global interest rates complicate the policy landscape, while the Bank of Japan faces the delicate task of adjusting its loose stance without destabilizing fragile recovery prospects. These dynamics call for a careful assessment of the challenges and opportunities in navigating a rapidly evolving macroeconomic landscape.

These complex global dynamics call for a careful assessment of the challenges and opportunities for businesses, financial institutions and investors in Japan when navigating this rapidly evolving macroeconomic landscape. To help clients decrypt these trends, Natixis CIB brought together their leading macro experts:

- **Mr. Jean-François Robin, Global Head of Research, Natixis CIB**
- **Ms. Alicia Garcia Herrero, Chief Economist for Asia Pacific & Middle East, Natixis CIB**
- **Mr. Christopher Hodge, our Head US Economist, Natixis CIB**
- **Mr. Kohei Iwahara, Senior Economist for Japan & Pacific, Natixis CIB**

They shared their outlook on the global and regional economic situations, providing clients in Japan with actionable insights to steer their businesses forward.



Bruno Le Saint, Chief Executive Officer, Asia Pacific & Middle East, at Natixis CIB, commented:

“We are pleased to deepen connections and strengthen partnerships at Natixis CIB’s annual flagship conference in Tokyo. This forum has grown to become a cornerstone of our engagement in Japan —a moment where we step back to share strategic ideas and deepen our collective understanding of the world. Japan will continue to play an important role in shaping the future of global finance, and we are fully committed to being an active participant in this exciting journey.”

Makito Nagahiro, Senior Country Manager, Japan, at Natixis CIB, added:

“As we navigate a world of geopolitical change and evolving monetary policies, close collaboration is key. We are proud to serve as the go-to partner for our clients—bridging Japanese capital with global opportunities, and channeling global expertise to support Japanese ambitions.”

Bringing extensive expertise relevant to both Japanese clients and global clients active in Japan, Natixis CIB specializes in areas such as capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, investment banking and asset-backed financing; with capabilities in key sectors such as infrastructure, energy & renewables, insurance, transportation, healthcare, telecom and technology.

Natixis CIB has a long-term commitment to Japan, founded on an operating history of over 30 years in the country. One of its key strategic priorities in Asia Pacific & Middle East is the ongoing internationalization of Japan’s business activities. The bank serves companies across industries, institutional investors, insurers, banks, financial sponsors 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 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: A2, Fitch Ratings: A+, R&I: A+).

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