

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLIENTS FROM NATIXIS REGARDING USD LIBOR TRANSACTIONS**

**This communication is to inform you of the limited circumstances under which Natixis may transact new USD LIBOR contracts after December 31, 2021, pursuant to the regulatory guidance referred to below.**

As you may be aware, U.S. regulators have issued guidance generally **prohibiting Natixis from entering into new USD LIBOR contracts after December 31, 2021**. The prohibition is intended to promote a smooth transition away from the remaining five USD LIBOR settings (*i.e.*, overnight, 1 month, 3, month, 6 month, and 12 month tenors) that will continue to be published after December 31, 2021 and are expected to cease publication/become non-representative after June 30, 2023.

The U.S. regulators have provided certain limited exceptions to this prohibition. Most of these exceptions apply to new USD LIBOR contracts that are related to USD LIBOR transactions executed before January 1, 2022.

**The permitted exceptions from the prohibition to enter into new USD LIBOR contracts after December 31, 2021 are:**

1. market making in support of client activity related to USD LIBOR transactions executed before January 1, 2022;
2. transactions that reduce or hedge our own or our clients' USD LIBOR exposure on contracts entered into before January 1, 2022;
3. novations of USD LIBOR transactions executed before January 1, 2022; and
4. transactions executed for purposes of participation in a central counterparty auction procedure in the case of a member default, including transactions to hedge the resulting USD LIBOR exposure.

Natixis must comply with all applicable regulatory guidance and prohibitions on the use of new USD LIBOR contracts. Our expectation is that you also respect such regulatory guidance and prohibitions and will only enter into new USD LIBOR contracts with us in compliance with such regulatory guidance and prohibitions.

**In order to comply with the regulatory restrictions applicable to new LIBOR transactions, we will treat each request (or other invitation) by you to enter into a LIBOR transaction with us as a representation that the transaction complies with such regulatory guidance and prohibitions.**

**If you do not agree to make such representation(s), please contact [bal-ibortransition@natixis.com](mailto:bal-ibortransition@natixis.com) immediately.** Absent any objection in writing from you, Natixis will consider that you have agreed to the contents of this notice.

This notice supersedes any prior client communication from Natixis which is inconsistent with the above.

As used in the communication, the terms “we”, “us”, “our” and “Natixis” are intended to refer to Natixis S.A. and its affiliates. Please contact your Natixis representative if you wish to discuss any aspect of this communication.

### **Disclaimer**

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