

LOOMIS SAYLES GLOBAL EQUITY FUND MARKS ONE YEAR IN THE AUSTRALIAN MARKET WITH ITS ADDITION TO THE MLC PLATFORMS

SYDNEY (NOVEMBER 15, 2019) – The Loomis Sayles Global Equity Fund (the Fund) has attracted significant interest from advisers since its launch in late 2018 and following visits from the Fund’s Portfolio Managers during 2019.

Last week, the Fund was added to the **MLC Wrap** and **Navigator** platforms, and is also available to advisers on the **Asgard, BT Wrap, BT Panorama, Netwealth, Hub24 and Powerwrap** platforms.

The Fund is managed by Co-Portfolio Managers **Eileen Riley** - who visited Australia for the Fund’s official launch and inaugural adviser roadshow in February- and **Lee Rosenbaum** - who appeared in a series of adviser events alongside portfolio managers from Investors Mutual in September.

The Fund’s active, research-led approach to managing equity portfolios, clear ‘style agnostic’ investment philosophy and disciplined approach to stock selection is resonating with advisers. This discipline is especially important during times of market volatility, whether from US-China trade tensions, Brexit or other global developments.

“We continue to seek and own quality companies that in our view can grow their intrinsic value over time and that are attractively valued. Market noise and short-term headlines can provide opportunities as we research companies that represent long-term value.” Mr Rosenbaum said.

“When it comes to the Loomis Sayles global equity portfolio, our focus is on providing investors with access to our best ideas from around the world – investing in quality businesses with strong underlying fundamentals” adds Ms. Riley.

The Fund was launched in Australia a year ago (on 1 November 2018) in a partnership between global active manager Loomis, Sayles & Company L.P. (Loomis Sayles) and Investors Mutual Limited (IML) – both affiliates of Natixis Investment Managers.

“We’ve been delighted with the feedback on the Fund from advisers who have met with the Loomis Sayles team over the last 12 months. The level of interest in the Fund reflects a long-term, style agnostic investment strategy that provides investors with a portfolio possessing minimal holdings overlap with other available global equity solutions. The Loomis Sayles Global Equity Fund is based on an existing US domiciled strategy, with a track record going back to 2004.” said **Wayne McGauley**, Head of Retail for IML.

The Loomis Sayles Global Equity Fund has delivered its investors a return of +22.1% in the 12 months since inception, compared to the MSCI AC World (the Fund’s benchmark) return of +16.3%.*

The Loomis Sayles Global Equity Opportunity Composite has returned +11.5% per annum since its inception in October 2004, compared to the benchmark’s return of +7.6% per annum.**

The Loomis Sayles Global Equity Fund has been rated “Recommended” by Zenith and a 4-star ‘Superior’ rating from SQM research.

For more information on the Fund, please visit www.loomissayles.com.au

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The investment strategy of the Fund has been designed to replicate that of the Loomis Sayles Global Equity Opportunities Composite (the 'Composite') which is a separate investment vehicle offered to qualified investors by the Fund Manager, Loomis Sayles & Company, LP. Given the Fund is new, the table below summarises the recent performance of the Composite, which may be a useful reference point for the Fund. However, you should be aware that the Fund itself is new and has limited performance history – the past performance information below is NOT the past performance of the Fund. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

**Fund since inception return calculated from November 1, 2018.*

***Composite since inception return calculated from October 1, 2004.*

Fund and Composite returns are calculated net of management fees, and assuming all distributions are re-invested.

The benchmark for this Fund and the Composite is the MSCI All Country World Index NR (MSCI AC World)

ABOUT LOOMIS SAYLES

The Loomis Sayles Global Equity Fund offers investors a disciplined, bottom-up, unconstrained approach to global equity investing. Investors Mutual Ltd (AFSL 229988) is the issuer of and Responsible Entity for the Fund.

Since 1926, Loomis, Sayles & Company has helped fulfill the investment needs of institutional and mutual fund clients worldwide. The firm's performance-driven investors integrate deep proprietary research and integrated risk analysis to make informed, judicious decisions. Teams of portfolio managers, strategists, research analysts and traders collaborate to assess market sectors and identify investment opportunities wherever they may lie, within traditional asset classes or among a range of alternative investments. Loomis Sayles has the resources, foresight and the flexibility to look far and wide for value in broad and narrow markets in its commitment to deliver attractive sustainable returns for clients. This rich tradition has earned Loomis Sayles the trust and respect of clients worldwide, for whom it manages US\$286 billion* in assets (as of September 30, 2019).

**Includes the assets of both Loomis, Sayles & Co., LP, and Loomis Sayles Trust Company, LLC. Loomis Sayles Trust Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Loomis, Sayles & Company, L.P.*

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IML has a conservative investment style with a long-term focus and aims to deliver consistent returns for clients. IML achieves this through the disciplined application of a fundamental, quality and value-based approach to investing.

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