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Natixis Seeyond International Minimum Volatility ETF (MVIN) Named Hidden Gem by Inside ETFs

MVIN Allows Investors to Maintain Exposure to International Equity Markets with Dual Objectives of Consistent Volatility Reduction and Potential Capital Appreciation

BOSTON, June 22, 2018 – Seeyond, an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, was recently recognized by Inside ETFs for its fund, the Natixis Seeyond International Minimum Volatility ETF (NYSE Arca: MVIN) at the Inside Smart Beta & Active ETFs Summit in NYC on June 6, 2018. MVIN was selected as a Hidden Gem among various smart beta and active ETF nominations that offer unique exposures to potentially outperform benchmarks.

“MVIN offers investors a low volatility strategy that is backed by both quantitative analysis and an active approach that has the potential to improve risk-adjusted returns,” said Frédéric Babu, Chief Investment Officer for Seeyond in the US. “We are honored that Inside ETFs has recognized MVIN as a Hidden Gem to help investors maintain an international equity allocation with a portfolio that has demonstrated both a lower sensitivity to the market and to volatility, while exhibiting potential alpha generation.”

MVIN is an actively managed minimum volatility international equity ETF. The fund seeks a dual investment outcome of capital appreciation over the long term with consistent volatility reduction through an investment process that selects stocks based on their risk profile and correlations rather than investment fundamentals. MVIN differentiates itself through its portfolio construction, active implementation and daily risk monitoring which seek to provide pure exposure to the factor; effectively minimizing volatility associated with international equities.

“The dominance of larger ETFs make it increasingly difficult for newer funds with innovative ideas to break through,” said John Swolfs, Chief Executive Officer of *Inside ETFs*. “We created the Hidden Gems award to shine a light on smaller funds that are pushing boundaries to create better outcomes for investors.”

For more information on the Natixis Seeyond International Minimum Volatility ETF, visit <https://www.im.natixis.com/us/etfs/natixis-seeyond-international-minimum-volatility-etf/MVIN>

Inside ETFs Hidden Gem Awards

The Inside ETFs Hidden Gem is awarded to ETFs that are listed in the US and had less than \$300 million in assets as of September 30, 2017¹. More than 20 ETFs were nominated for consideration in the category of active or smart beta strategies in an open call for nominations. The Inside ETFs team selects top nominations based on innovation and portfolio practicality. A voting committee then decides the top eight finalists. Winners are informed and if they should decide not to accept, the award is given to the next highest finishing nominee. Inside ETFs is a division of Informa PLC. Informa is a leading business intelligence, academic publishing, knowledge and events business, operating in the Knowledge and Information Economy.

¹ Universe of 1324 ETFs in the US under \$300 million as of 9/30/17, Morningstar Data

About Natixis Investment Managers

Natixis Investment Managers serves financial professionals with more insightful ways to construct portfolios. Powered by the expertise of 26 specialized investment managers globally, we apply Active ThinkingSM to deliver proactive solutions that help clients pursue better outcomes in all markets. Natixis ranks among the world's largest asset management firms² with more than \$1 trillion assets under management³ (€818.1 billion AUM).

Headquartered in Paris and Boston, Natixis Investment Managers is a subsidiary of Natixis. Listed on the Paris Stock Exchange, Natixis is a subsidiary of BPCE, the second-largest banking group in France. Natixis Investment Managers' affiliated investment management firms and distribution and service groups include Active Index Advisors[®];⁴ AEW; AlphaSimplex Group; Axeltis; Darius Capital Partners; DNCA Investments;⁵ Dorval Asset Management;⁶ Gateway Investment Advisers; H2O Asset Management;⁶ Harris Associates; Investors Mutual Limited; Loomis, Sayles & Company; Managed Portfolio Advisors[®];⁴ McDonnell Investment Management; Mirova;⁶ Ossiam; Ostrum Asset Management; Seeyond;⁷ Vaughan Nelson Investment Management; Vega Investment Managers; and Natixis Private Equity Division, which includes Seventure Partners, Naxicap Partners, Alliance Entrepreneurs, Euro Private Equity, Caspian Private Equity,⁸ and Eagle Asia Partners. **Not all offerings available in all jurisdictions.** For additional information, please visit the company's website at im.natixis.com | LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/company/natixis-investment-managers](https://www.linkedin.com/company/natixis-investment-managers).

Natixis Investment Managers includes all of the investment management and distribution entities affiliated with Natixis Distribution, L.P. and Natixis Investment Managers S.A.

² Cerulli Quantitative Update: Global Markets 2017 ranked Natixis Investment Managers (formerly Natixis Global Asset Management) as the 15th largest asset manager in the world based on assets under management as of December 31, 2016.

³ Net asset value as of March 31, 2018 is \$1.008 trillion. Assets under management ("AUM"), as reported, may include notional assets, assets serviced, gross assets and other types of non-regulatory AUM.

⁴ A division of Natixis Advisors, L.P.

⁵ A brand of DNCA Finance.

⁶ A subsidiary of Ostrum Asset Management.

⁷ Operated in the U.S. through Ostrum Asset Management U.S., LLC.

⁸ Caspian Private Equity is a joint venture between Natixis Investment Managers, L.P. and Caspian Management Holdings, LLC.

About Seeyond

Seeyond,⁷ a global affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, specializes in active quantitative strategies which seek to optimally reward risk in three core areas of expertise: equity strategies, multi-asset strategies, volatility & overlay strategies. Seeyond, a team of 20 recognized asset management professionals with deep financial markets' experience, manages around \$9.7 billion of assets under management (as of 3/31/18).

About Ostrum Asset Management US, LLC

Ostrum AM US provides access to investment solutions that benefit from the extensive resources of a leading European asset management group. Ostrum AM US, is a US-based investment adviser with \$681 million in assets under management (as of 3/31/18).

Risks:

Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs) trade like stocks, are subject to investment risk, and will fluctuate in market value. Unlike mutual funds, ETF shares are not individually redeemable directly with the Fund, and are bought and sold at market price, which may be higher or lower than the ETF's net asset value (NAV). Transactions in shares of ETFs will result in brokerage commissions, which will reduce returns.

Active ETFs, unlike typical exchange-traded funds, do not attempt to track or replicate an index. Thus, the ability of the Fund to achieve its objectives will depend on the effectiveness of the portfolio manager.

Equity securities are volatile and can decline significantly in response to broad market and economic conditions.

Foreign securities may involve heightened risk due to currency fluctuations. Additionally, they may be subject to greater political, economic, environmental, credit, and information risks. Foreign securities may be subject to higher volatility than U.S. securities, due to varying degrees of regulation and limited liquidity.

Currency exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies may cause the value of the fund's investments to decline.

Alpha: A measure of the difference between a portfolio's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of systematic market risk. A positive alpha indicates outperformance and negative alpha indicates underperformance relative to the portfolio's level of systematic risk.

Beta: Measures the volatility of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole.

Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss.

Fund Objective: The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation with less volatility than typically experienced by international equity markets.

Before investing, consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses. Visit im.natixis.com for a prospectus or a summary prospectus containing this and other information. Read it carefully.

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