

DAN FUSS WINS OUTSTANDING PORTFOLIO MANAGER AT THE 2019 U.S. MORNINGSTAR AWARDS FOR INVESTING EXCELLENCE

- Fixed income pioneer recognized for long-term track record
- Fuss cited for advancing the next generation of fixed income investors at Loomis Sayles

CHICAGO (MAY 9, 2019) – Loomis, Sayles & Company, an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, is pleased to announce that Dan Fuss has been named Outstanding Portfolio Manager at the 2019 U.S. Morningstar Awards for Investing Excellence.

Morningstar has granted annual awards to accomplished portfolio managers since 1988. The awards recognize portfolio managers, asset management firms, and up-and-coming managers who demonstrate excellent investment skill, the courage to differ from the consensus to benefit investors, and an alignment of interests with the strategies' investors. The Morningstar Awards for Investing Excellence winners are chosen based on research and in-depth qualitative evaluation by Morningstar's manager research group. Methodology for the awards is [available here](#).

“Dan Fuss pioneered the benchmark-agnostic, multisector approach to fixed-income that has defined the firm's flagship Loomis Sayles Bond (LSBDX) since 1991. During his tenure at Loomis Sayles, he's demonstrated a value-driven, often contrarian, and aggressive strategy that's contributed to an impressive long-term record for the fund and its siblings,” said Alfonzo Bruno, Manager Research Analyst at Morningstar. “Fuss also deserves credit for working with firm CIO Jae Park to codify the firm's fixed-income investment process and to develop the next generation of bond investors at Loomis Sayles.”

“We are honored that Morningstar has selected Dan as this year's Outstanding Portfolio Manager. He's a true investment icon, but an even better individual,” said Kevin Charleston, chief executive officer of Loomis Sayles. “Since joining Loomis Sayles over 40 years ago, Dan's intellectual curiosity, investment excellence, humility and unparalleled commitment to clients have shaped the ethos of our organization. As the maverick of multisector investing, he has built an impressive team with a suite of products all managed with a consistent investment philosophy and a flexible, long-term, benchmark-agnostic, value-driven approach.”

Dan Fuss has 61 years of experience in the investment industry and has been with Loomis, Sayles & Company since 1976. He is vice chairman of the firm's Board of Directors and co-manages the firm's flagship Loomis Sayles Bond Fund—which won the 2009 Morningstar Fund Manager of the Year award in the fixed-income category—in addition to the Loomis Sayles Investment Grade Fixed Income, Strategic Income, Fixed Income, Institutional High Income and Global Allocation funds. In 2012, Dan received both the Institutional Investor Money Management Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Lipper Excellence in Investing Award. In 2013, Dan received the CFA Society of Milwaukee Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2000, he was named to the Fixed Income Analysts Society's Hall of Fame in recognition of his contributions and lifetime achievements toward the advancement of the analysis of fixed income securities and portfolios. He has twice been president of CFA Society Boston. Dan earned a BS and an MBA from Marquette University. He served in the US Navy from 1955 to 1958 and held the rank of Lieutenant.

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**Total strategy assets include all assets managed by the respective team.*

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

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ABOUT THE OUTSTANDING PORTFOLIO MANAGER AWARD

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To be eligible for the Outstanding Portfolio Manager award, managers must run investment strategies that are under Morningstar manager research analyst coverage, which includes approximately 1,800 open-end mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, separately managed accounts, or collective investment trusts, and have received a Morningstar Analyst Rating™ of Gold or Silver over the past 12 months. Nominees for this award have delivered strong returns for investors over their careers.

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