

## PRESS RELEASE

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### AEW Europe promotes Vanessa Roux-Collet to CEO Europe and Head of France and Christina Ofschonka to CIO Europe

AEW Europe, one of the world's largest real estate investment and asset managers<sup>[1]</sup> and an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, announces the appointment of Vanessa Roux-Collet as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Europe and Head of France, based in Paris. Christina Ofschonka has been promoted to Chief Investment Officer (CIO) Europe, in addition to her existing role as AEW Europe's Head of Germany & CEE, based in Frankfurt. Both appointments are effective immediately.

Both Vanessa and Christina are already members of AEW Europe's Executive, Investment and Risk Committees, where they have been active contributors to the definition and implementation of AEW Europe's strategy in recent years.

They replace Rob Wilkinson and Raphaël Brault, who are leaving independently to pursue new professional opportunities after 16 years and 12 years with AEW Europe respectively.



Vanessa Roux-Collet has been with AEW Europe for 15 years, having joined the legal department in 2010. She was subsequently promoted to Head of Legal in Paris in 2015 and General Secretary Europe in 2018 notably overseeing compliance, legal, risk, insurance, and IT & Data Management teams. Since 2022, she has co-managed the French entity. Prior to joining AEW Europe, Vanessa was a senior lawyer at Clifford Chance within the real estate department, having started her career at Jones Day. She has over 22 years of experience, she was admitted to the Paris bar and holds a master's degree in Banking and Financial Law from Paris I University, as well as a master's degree in Common Law from Paris II University.

With almost 20 years of industry experience, Christina joined AEW Europe in 2016. Before her promotion to Head of Germany & CEE, she served as Head of Fund Management for the German platform and as Fund Manager of AEW Europe's flagship open-ended pan-European core strategy. Prior to joining AEW Europe, Christina worked as a Portfolio Manager at ALTE LEIPZIGER AG for seven years and began her career at IVG. She is a graduate of TH Aschaffenburg University of Applied Sciences, where she's also a lecturer in real estate portfolio management since 2019.



**Philippe Setbon, Chief Executive Officer of Natixis Investment Managers**, commented: "AEW Europe is a leader in the global real estate markets and a cornerstone of Natixis Investment Managers' private asset offering, so I am pleased to have Vanessa and Christina, two industry veterans and long-time leaders at AEW Europe with a strong international background and network, in these leadership positions. I also want to thank Rob and Raphaël for their contributions to AEW Europe's growth over the years."

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As at 30 June 2025, AEW managed €35.8bn of real estate assets in Europe on behalf of a number of funds and separate accounts. AEW has over 520 employees based in 11 offices across Europe and has a long track record of successfully implementing Core, Value-Add and Opportunistic investment strategies on behalf of its clients. In the last five years, AEW has invested and divested a total volume of almost €15bn of real estate across European markets.

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<sup>1</sup> Survey respondents and publicly available data ranked by Investment & Pensions Europe/Top 500 Asset Managers 2025 ranked Natixis Investment Managers as the 20<sup>th</sup> largest asset manager in the world based on assets under management as of December 31, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Assets under management (AUM) of affiliated entities measured as of June 30, 2025, are \$1,497.7 billion (€1,275.8 billion). AUM, as reported, may include notional assets, assets serviced, gross assets, assets of minority-owned affiliated entities and other types of nonregulatory AUM managed or serviced by firms affiliated with Natixis Investment Managers.

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