

## **Axiom Alternative Investments strengthens London team with two strategic hires**

Axiom Alternative Investments, the French asset manager with USD1.5 billion under management and offices in London and Paris, today announces the appointments of Laurent Henrio as Portfolio Manager and Antonio Roman as Research Analyst, to support the development and diversification of Axiom's growing London office and fund range.

Laurent Henrio, who brings 16 years of experience in credit trading to the role, joins Axiom from Société Générale, which he joined in 2011 as an Exotic Credit and CDS Trader before being named Global Head of Credit Trading activities in early 2017. He began his career in 2002 at Icmos Pangea Global Hedge Fund as a quantitative analyst in the Emerging Credit Trading Department, before moving to JPMorgan Chase in 2003 as Vice President of Structuring and Pricing of Credit Derivatives, where he remained until 2010.

At Axiom, Laurent will be responsible for managing the new Axiom Synthetic Credit Opportunity Fund; the latest fund in Axiom's product range, which is expected to launch in the new year.

Laurent earned an MSc from the Ecole Polytechnique (X1999) and from Ecole Nationale des Mines de Paris.

Antonio Roman, meanwhile, joins Axiom as an analyst to its London research team, responsible for developing quantitative models under Solvency II and Basel III.

Antonio started his career at Goldman Sachs Asset Management in 2016, where he focused on building optimal investment solutions for institutional clients with unique economic, regulatory and accounting constraints. In 2017, he took a position as a quantitative analyst at JP Morgan Asset Management, where he enhanced his insurance knowledge through the development of portfolio optimisation tools under Solvency II. Antonio earned an MSc from the Ecole Polytechnique (X2012) and the ENSAE and is a member of the French Institute of Actuaries.

### **David Benamou, Chief Investment Officer at Axiom Alternative Investments, said:**

*"We are delighted to welcome Laurent and Antonio to our growing London team, as we prepare for a number of exciting new product launches in 2019. Laurent's extensive experience will be invaluable to Axiom as we extend our range of investment solutions, including our first synthetic credit fund which we expect to launch in the first quarter of 2019. At the same time, we hope that Antonio's specialist expertise will further strengthen the capabilities of our UK research team at this pivotal moment in the development and growth of our fund range."*

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## **AXIOM ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS**

Axiom Alternative Investments has been created in 2009 and is an independent asset management company that combines the complementary expertise of asset managers and former investment bankers specialising in financing operations.

As a specialist in the financial sector, the company now manages above USD1.5 billion through a range of open-ended funds and mandates covering all instruments issued by European financial institutions (senior debt, non-preferred senior debt, subordinated debt and equity). The company is regulated by the AMF, FCA and SEC.

Axiom Alternative Investments markets its funds to institutional clients, Private banks, Family Offices and Asset Management Advisors. The company is based in Paris and London.

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