

REYL Intesa Sanpaolo appoints Nicolas Besson as Chief Investment Officer

Geneva, 12 April 2022. **REYL Intesa Sanpaolo has appointed Nicolas Besson as Chief Investment Officer, effective 1 April 2022. Based in Geneva, his main responsibility will be the supervision of the investment activities across all asset classes.**

Nicolas Besson has 28 years of experience in banking, asset management and financial strategy. He acquired his extensive expertise at Unigestion, Republic National Bank of New York, LODH Group, where he was global Co-Head of Fixed Income, and then at HSBC Private Bank as head of bond management and strategy in Geneva. After a short period at Credit Suisse, he joined REYL & Cie in 2015 as Head of Fixed Income and Senior Portfolio Manager, before becoming Deputy Chief Investment Officer.

In addition to overseeing investment activities across the full spectrum of asset classes, Nicolas Besson will focus on developing a platform of collective investment products and advisory services, as well the full integration of impact investing principles in collaboration with Jon Duncan, the Bank's Chief Impact Officer.

Chief Executive Officer François Reyl commented: *"We rely on the qualities of talented professionals like Nicolas Besson to perpetuate innovation within our investment model and secure the long-term development of the Group. The Investment department is acquiring top expertise in the field, meeting the specific needs of our current client base and anticipating those of a new generation."*

Nicolas Besson, CIO, added: *"I am delighted and proud to be able to contribute to further developing the Investment department within a diverse and entrepreneurial group. Designing a flexible and well-diversified investment strategy is at the heart of our concerns in order to best manage our clients' assets. The recent strategic partnership with Fideuram - Intesa Sanpaolo further strengthens our capabilities in this area and broadens our horizons for the distribution of the investment solutions."*

Nicolas Besson holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Geneva and continued his studies at AZEK where he obtained a federal diploma in financial analysis and portfolio management.

About REYL Intesa Sanpaolo

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Founded in 1973, REYL & Cie is a diversified banking group with offices in Switzerland (Geneva, Zurich, Lugano), Europe (London, Luxembourg, Malta) and the rest of the world (Singapore, Dubai). It manages assets in excess of CHF 25 billion and employs over 400 professionals. In 2021, it entered into a strategic partnership with Fideuram - Intesa Sanpaolo Private Banking, a leading European banking player, pursuant to which Fideuram ISP acquired a 69% stake in REYL & Cie.

Developing an innovative approach to banking, REYL & Cie serves a clientele of international entrepreneurs and institutional investors through its *Wealth Management, Entrepreneur & Family Office Services, Corporate Finance, Asset Services* and *Asset Management* business lines. It has further diversified its activities in the areas of impact investing, through the launch

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of pure-play impact asset management firm Asteria and Obviam, and of digital banking for mass affluent clients via the incubation of Alpiam, an app-based aspiring Swiss bank. In December 2021, REYL & Cie acquired a 40% stake in 1875 Finance, a Geneva-based multi-family office and independent asset manager with over CHF 12 billion of assets under management for private clients.

REYL & Cie Ltd is licensed as a bank in Switzerland and performs its activities under the direct control of the Swiss Financial Market regulator (FINMA). Its subsidiaries are also regulated by the FCA in the UK, the CSSF in Luxembourg, the MFSA in Malta, the MAS in Singapore, the DFSA in Dubai and the SEC in the United States.

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