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## The Exane Group creates Ixios Asset Management, a new thematic management company

Exane is expanding its range of investment solutions with the creation of a new thematic management company called Ixios Asset Management (“Ixios”). It will join Exane AM and Ellipsis AM, which respectively specialise in Market Neutral and European equities and European convertible bonds and credit.

A subsidiary of Exane Derivatives, Ixios plans to develop a range of global funds with long-term, strong conviction themes. It will start with the launch of two strategies – “Gold” and “Smart Manufacturing”, grouped under the Ixios Funds SICAV domiciled in France.

In an initial phase, Exane Derivatives will support Ixios Asset Management’s development by becoming the distributor of its funds.

David Finch, previously Head of Thematic Management at Exane BNP Paribas, was appointed CEO of this new management company. He was joined at the end of 2018 by Nan Zhang, who will support him in the management of the first two. The team was strengthened in January 2019 with the arrival of Charles-Erwan de Faÿ as COO-Head of Compliance and Internal Control.

### The Ixios Asset Management team



**David Finch** joined the Exane Group in 1992 after previously having worked for Barclays Bank International, Robert Fleming and James Capel. He has held various positions within Exane, first as part of the Sales businesses, then as Head of Cross-sector research and Co-Head of the Equity Strategy. In these last two roles, David developed a series of thematic portfolios, which were then marketed by Exane Derivatives in the form of certificates.

David studied at Epsom College and the University of Cambridge.



**Before joining the Exane Group, Nan Zhang, CFA** worked for the LVMH Group and Edmond de Rothschild Asset Management, where she managed thematic funds in the luxury and Big Data sectors.

Nan studied at Fudan University in Shanghai (BS in Information and Computer Science), then at the École Polytechnique (diploma in quantitative economics and finance) and at the École des Mines (Master’s Degree in Industrial Economics).



**Charles-Erwan de Faÿ** joined the Exane Group in 2007 after having worked at Deloitte as senior auditor within the banking department. He has held several positions at Exane, specifically Head of Compliance for Sales and Sales-Equities Trading and Deputy to the Director of Operations. From 2016 to 2018, he was Head of Compliance and Internal Control at Mosaic Finance.

Charles-Erwan is a graduate from ISEP (Institut Supérieur d’Électronique de Paris).

### About the Exane Group

The Exane Group was founded in 1990, on the back of a robust business model built around 3 complementary business lines: Cash Equities (Exane BNP Paribas), Derivatives (Exane Derivatives), and Asset Management (Exane Asset Management, Ellipsis AM and recently Ixios Asset Management). The Group now numbers 900 employees spread across nine sites worldwide, and has its main offices in Paris and London.

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