



**DNCA Finance extends its
Absolute Return portfolio
management team and
welcomes two bond fund
management specialists**



Paris, September 10, 2017 – DNCA, which has more than one hundred staff across three offices in Paris, Milan and Luxembourg, announces the arrival of Pascal Gilbert and François Collet, two well-renowned international absolute return bond fund specialists.

The appointment of Pascal Gilbert and François Collet rounds out DNCA's Absolute Return teams, while extending its bond portfolio management capabilities. This new team will enable DNCA to offer new absolute return strategies on international bonds.

Pascal Gilbert, aged 54, has held various posts since 1988: head of proprietary trading at *Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel*, then euro area bond portfolio manager at *Banque de Financement et de Trésorerie*. He joined *La Française des Placements* in 2001 (which later became *La Française AM* in 2011) as head of bond funds, where he was in charge of a team of seven staff and managed more than €15bn in assets. Pascal Gilbert is ranked AAA by Citywire*.

François Collet, aged 37, joined Natixis Global Asset Management as a bond fund manager in 2003. For three years he managed three bond funds with total AuM of €750million. In 2006, he joined *La Française AM* and worked in Pascal Gilbert's team as deputy head of bond portfolio management, more particularly in charge of the inflation theme. He was head of five bond strategy funds over eleven years, with total assets under management of €2.6bn.

Pascal and François joined DNCA Finance on September 1, 2017. They will set up absolute return bond investment strategies on a global asset universe and inflation strategies, which will be launched before the end of the year.

These appointments reflect DNCA's clear aim to keep on offering new portfolio management strategies aimed at providing sustainable and defensive performances suited to investors' varying requirements and today's market environment.

Francois Collet stated: "In the current context where long only bond funds no longer harbor performance potential, we are convinced that our bond expertise can fully meet our investors' needs. The crux of our strategy is based on an active and transparent fund management approach, which is perfectly in sync with DNCA's portfolio management philosophy."

CEO Eric Franc commented: "We are delighted to announce that Pascal and François have joined the team and we welcome their expertise, which rounds out our existing capabilities".

About DNCA

DNCA is a French asset management company set up in 2000 by wealth-management specialists acting on behalf of private and institutional investors. With a defensive slant, the company seeks to optimize the risk/return ratio on its portfolios. With a team of more than 110 staff, DNCA has developed expertise in European and international equities (long only and absolute return), diversified fund management, and bonds. The quality of the company's investment management, which regularly wins awards from the financial press, has enabled the company to enjoy swift growth over the past Seventeen years. AUM currently stand at €22bn (as at 09/01/2017).

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