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Hansberger Global Investors Will Form New Asset Management Firm

The remaining operations management team of **Hansberger Global Investors** (HGI) will spin off from their parent firm **Natixis Global Asset Management** to form an independent asset management firm. HGI's management team acquired 100% of the firm's equity from NGAM and will now operate as an independent, employee-owned asset management company under the name **PREMIS Capital Partners**.

"The plan is to launch our own firm with internal money and begin with a new strategy," **Ron Holt**, the new cio, ceo and president of PREMIS, told *FEI*. The new Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based firm will begin raising assets in 2015. The firm is expecting to raise \$2 billion in the next few years, Holt said.

In July, Natixis sold off *Hansberger International Growth Fund*, which was HGI's asset management business, to **Madison Asset Management**. Madison kept the Hansberger name and dubbed its recently-acquired growth equity team, **Hansberger Growth Investors**. The growth equity team is under the leadership of CIO **Thomas Tibbles**. Since the sale, the remaining part of HGI, which was only the operations team, did not manage any client assets.

PREMIS will focus on international value equity mandates for institutional investors and sub-advisory clients. It will look for opportunities in high quality investments that may be undervalued and focus its portfolio on no more than 50 positions, with a higher tracking error, higher active share and explicit expected return or hurdle rate. The new firm will use an absolute return strategy in its investment philosophy.

The PREMIS team will be structured as follows: **Ali Fahs** will serve as senior v.p. of research and portfolio management; **Mary Foglia** will be the senior v.p. and director of trading, **Jessica Davis** will serve as chief administrative officer; **Rebecca Bormett** will be the chief compliance officer; and **Stanley Dejak** will serve as the v.p. of investment administration.

"Ron and his team have been great partners and terrific money managers over the years," stated **John Hailer**, president and ceo of NGAM, the Americas and Asia. "We are continually reevaluating our investment capabilities and came to a mutual agreement with the PREMIS Capital team that this was the best path forward. I wish them the best in the future."

NGAM referred all inquiries to Holt.



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