

Vontobel Asset Management's Fixed Income Boutique expands its US footprint

In recent years, Vontobel Asset Management has strengthened its fixed income capabilities in Zurich, London and New York. To further broaden its US based research capabilities, Vontobel Asset Management has appointed Diana Chiu as Credit Analyst based in New York.

Currently, global corporate bonds in particular are seeing significant inflows. As the world's largest and most liquid corporate bond market, the US is an integral part of the Fixed Income Boutique's Global Corporate Bond Mid Yield strategy, which was launched in 2015.

Diana brings seven years of investment experience in credit research, covering investment grade and high yield credits. Prior to joining Vontobel, she worked for Barclays Capital in New York as a credit analyst covering multiple sectors including media, technology and consumer products. Diana began her career as an analyst with Hartford Investment Management Company conducting investment grade credit research, including US utilities. Diana has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics with a minor in Political Science from Middlebury College in Vermont.

"Diana's appointment reflects our commitment to develop our Global Corporate Bond Mid Yield strategy, a key component of the nearly 9 billion Swiss francs in corporate credit managed within the Fixed Income Boutique. It is also an important step in increasing our existing research presence in New York with Jim Stahl covering US high yield credits," said Mondher Bettaieb, Head of Corporate Bonds at Vontobel Asset Management.

Vontobel Asset Management has more than 20 years of experience as a fixed income investment house with expertise in all major segments such as global flexible bonds, corporate bonds, emerging market debt, global & Swiss bonds, unconstrained fixed income as well as asset-backed securities. The Fixed Income Boutique, based in Zurich, manages CHF 15.7 billion in assets (as of 30.06.2017).

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About Vontobel Asset Management

Since it was established in 1988, Vontobel Asset Management has pursued a multi-boutique approach with a focused offering in the areas of equities, fixed income and multi-asset. Its goal is to create value – or 'alpha' – for clients. Vontobel Asset Management has around 400 employees, including 160 investment specialists, in over a dozen locations around the globe. Its advised client assets totalled around CHF 107 billion as of 30 June 2017. Vontobel Asset Management is one of Vontobel's three divisions – together with Private Banking and Investment Banking – whose mission is to protect and build the wealth clients have entrusted to them over the long term. In doing so, Vontobel is committed to Swiss quality and performance standards. With their good name, the owner families have stood by these principles for generations. The registered shares of Vontobel Holding AG are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. The Vontobel families and the Vontobel Foundation hold the majority of shares and votes in the company. Find out more about Vontobel Asset Management at <http://www.vontobel.com/am>.