

Santander AM bolsters its investment capabilities with the appointment of James Ind and Luiz Félix

- The asset manager continues to strengthen its investment teams with new talent.
- James Ind joins as Global Head of Multi Asset Solutions, an essential category at Santander AM.
- Luiz Félix joins as Global Head of Asset Allocation to maximize performance.

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Santander Asset Management (SAM) is tapping new talent to continue strengthening its investment proposition. As part of this drive, the asset manager is bringing in two highly experienced and prestigious asset management professionals: James Ind, as Global Head of Multi Asset Solutions, and Luiz Félix, as Global Head of Asset Allocation. Both will join in July and will report to SAM's Global CIO José Mazoy. These hires will bolster SAM's investment capabilities, enabling it to offer its clients the very best investment solutions across all ten geographies where it operates, and to further expand the product range for the institutional segment.

James Ind has 25 years' experience in asset management. He is joining SAM from Pictet Wealth Management, where he is currently Head of UK Portfolio Management. Previously, he oversaw multi-asset and hedge fund strategies at Barings and Man GLG and led the European Multi Asset Team at Russell Investment. His investment career began at Merrill Lynch. Mr Ind will be based in London and head up Discretionary Funds, Discretionary Portfolio Solutions and Mixed Funds Management for SAM in Brazil, Mexico and Chile.

Luiz Félix comes to SAM from APG Asset Management, where he was Expert Portfolio Manager in its research-driven Multi Asset Division. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) with 20 years' experience in asset management, a PhD in Finance from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, and a certificate in quantitative finance (CQF). Prior to APG, he had been part of the Quantitative Strategies team at ABNAMRO Asset Management and the Asset Allocation team at ABP Investments. He was also a portfolio manager for the Minas Gerais State Government in Brazil. Luiz will be based in Madrid and head up European Tactical Asset Allocation, Macro, and Investment and Systematic Asset Allocation.

Editor's note

Santander Asset Management is a global asset manager with firm roots in Europe and Latin America. Stretching back over 50 years and operating in 10 countries, it has EUR 195 billion in assets under management across all types of investment vehicles, from mutual funds and pension plans to institutional mandates and alternative investments. Its investment solutions include tailor-made Latin American and European fixed-income and equity mandates.

As part of Santander's **Wealth Management & Insurance (WM&I) division**, it has 820 employees all over the globe, 210 of which are investment specialists with over 10 years' experience in asset management. Its investment methods and local teams' analysis capabilities, coupled with stringent risk control, give it a unique insight into market opportunities and its clients' needs. Figures as of 31 March 2023.