



## Media Release

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### Aviva Investors appoints Ashish Dafria Director of Credit Research

(Chicago): Aviva Investors today announced it has appointed Ashish Dafria, CFA as Director of Credit Research in North America. In this role, he will lead the credit research team responsible for more than \$56 billion of North American fixed income assets.

Ashish will report to Ross Junge, Aviva Investors CIO of Fixed Income in North America and will oversee and develop Aviva Investors credit research investment strategy. This includes working closely with the portfolio management team to formulate sector and industry allocation views and to monitor the performance of research recommendations.

Ross Junge said: "We conducted a rigorous external and internal search to identify a candidate with deep experience in credit research across investment grade and high yield fixed income markets and are pleased to have been able to recognize that talent within Aviva Investors.

"Ashish has more than 14 years of financial services and credit experience and has served as a Senior Securities Analyst with Aviva Investors in North America since 2008. His investment experience and leadership skills make him well-placed to help ensure that our research analysis continues to deliver exceptional investment results across our range of actively managed fixed income capabilities in North America, including High Yield, Investment Grade, US Core, and Canadian Fixed Income."

Prior to joining Aviva Investors, Ashish worked at UBS Investment Bank as a Director in Investment Banking and also worked as a Senior Analyst at Standard & Poor's in India.

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