

Nomura Asset Management to launch two Asian emerging country ETFs

Tokyo, April 14, 2011—Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd., Japan's largest asset management company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Nomura Holdings, Inc., today announced plans to launch two new exchange traded funds (ETFs) designed to track the performances of Thai and Malaysian equity market indices.

Named "NEXT FUNDS Thai Stock SET50 Exchange Traded Fund" (ticker: 1559) and "NEXT FUNDS FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Exchange Traded Fund" (ticker: 1560), the new ETFs were today approved for listing by the Tokyo Stock Exchange with a launch date of May 10 and listing date of May 12, 2011. From the listing date, investors will be able to trade the ETFs just like ordinary stocks on the TSE through securities dealers and traders in Japan.

To achieve their investment objectives, each ETF will directly hold a portfolio maintaining a correspondence between the composition and weights of the stocks (including depositary receipts) held within the ETF assets and the stocks in their respective index. The ETFs are designed to provide investment results that generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the respective index, where performance of both the ETF and the index are measured in Japanese yen. The funds may also periodically take minor positions in stock index futures when necessary.

The two ETFs can be subscribed to and redeemed only in cash, pursuant to the relevant Japanese tax regulations.



† "NEXT FUNDS" is the brand name for the ETF product range of Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd., representing "Nomura Exchange Traded Funds".

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Notes to editors:

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Registration Number: Director of the Kanto Local Financial Bureau (Financial instruments firms) No. 373

Member Associations: The Investment Trusts Association, Japan; Japan Securities Investment Advisers Association

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Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. does not directly handle order requests for the Fund from investors. To invest in the Fund, it is necessary to open an account with a nearby Type-1 financial instruments business provider (securities firm) that handles ETFs and make a request to the broker.

Since the Fund invests primarily in securities, there is a risk that the market price of such securities or the NAV per unit of the Fund could decline and cause an investment loss due to a decline in the stock price index, fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, a price decline in securities comprising the index, the bankruptcy of a stock issuer, or deterioration in the financial conditions of an issuer, in addition to other market factors.

An investor's principal is therefore not guaranteed.

An investor shall bear the following costs when investing in the Fund.

Trading Fee

Trading of the Fund incurs brokerage commission fees set by a Type-1 financial instruments business provider (securities firm) that handles the transaction. These commissions are separate from the actual transaction value. (Because the commissions charged by each securities firm differ, it is not possible to specify a maximum amount.)

Management Fees

The amount of management fees will be an amount calculated according to (I) below plus that calculated according to (II) below daily during the Fund calculation period.

- (I) The management fee will be a percentage of the Fund's total net assets no larger than 0.5775% (0.55% exclusive of taxes) annually (the percentage will be at 0.5775% [0.55% exclusive of taxes] as of May 10, 2011).
- (II) Not more than 42% (40% exclusive of taxes) of loan fees when securities are lent. This will be divided in a ratio of 80 to 20 between the manager and the trustee.

An investor shall bear the management fees above according to the holding period. These amounts will be paid out of trust assets and they are the costs indirectly paid by an investor during an investor's holding period.

Other Expenses

The taxes involved in the Fund, various handling costs for the trust business, the interests for the fund paid by the trustee, brokerage commission fees for transactions in the securities comprising the Fund, various expenses such as audit fees, listing fees for the Beneficiary Interests, and fees for use of benchmark index trademarks, and the sales taxes for each fee. These expenses are paid out each time during an investor's holding period. These amounts will be paid out of trust assets and they are the costs indirectly paid by an investor during an investor's holding period.

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