

Nomura's Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index ETF and Nikkei 225 Inverse Index ETF List on Osaka Securities Exchange

Tokyo, April 12, 2012 — Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd., Japan's largest asset management company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Nomura Holdings, Inc., today listed the "NEXT FUNDS Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index Exchange Traded Fund" (ticker: 1570) and the "NEXT FUNDS Nikkei 225 Inverse Index Exchange Traded Fund" (ticker: 1571) on the Osaka Securities Exchange ("OSE").

The Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index ETF targets to link with a leveraged index that fluctuates several times as much as the original index, while the Nikkei 225 Inverse Index ETF targets to link with an inverse index that fluctuates inversely from the original index. The listing of the funds in Japan follows the enactment of amended regulation effective March 12.

The two ETFs are the first funds listed in Japan that are linked to leveraged and inverse indexes based on the Nikkei 225, the most popular stock price benchmark in Japan, as the original index. They were launched with initial assets under management of approximately 10 billion yen each on April 10.

Commenting on the listing at a ceremony held in the JASDAQ-OSE Plaza in Tokyo, Mr. Toshihiro Iwasaki, Chairman and CEO of Nomura Asset Management, said: "I hope the two ETFs will contribute to the further growth of the Japanese market."

In trading today the Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index ETF opened at 4,315 yen and closed at 4,355 yen with total volume of 106,395 units and trading value of approximately 458 million yen. The Nikkei 225 Inverse Index ETF opened at 5,970 yen and closed at 5,940 yen with total volume of 7,317 units and trading value of approximately 44 million yen.



† "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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Therefore, the NEXT FUNDS Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index Exchange Traded Fund is not generally suitable for long-term investment and is suitable for investment aimed at capturing market movements over relatively short periods.

Notice concerning Nikkei 225 Inverse Index

The Nikkei 225 Inverse Index is always calculated so that the rate of change of the index between two consecutive business days is the inverse of (i.e. minus one time) the rate of change of the Nikkei Average over the same period. However, the rate of change of the Nikkei 225 Inverse Index over periods of more than two business days does not generally calculate to the inverse of (i.e. minus one time) the rate of change of the Nikkei Average in the calculation, resulting in an unavoidable difference in calculations.

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Therefore, the NEXT FUNDS Nikkei 225 Inverse Index Exchange Traded Fund is not generally suitable for long-term investment and is suitable for investment aimed at capturing market movements over relatively short periods.

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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 and future contracts, 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, 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.

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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 0.84% (0.80% exclusive of taxes) annually (the percentage will be at 0.84% [0.80% exclusive of taxes] as of April 10, 2012).
- (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.