

Nomura Asset Management to launch a new ETF designed to track the performance of the “MSCI Japan Empowering Women (WIN) Select Index”

Tokyo, April 12, 2018— Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. (NAM), the core company within the Asset Management Division of the Nomura Group, today announced plans to launch a new exchange traded fund (ETF) designed to track the performance of the “MSCI Japan Empowering Women (WIN) Select Index.”

The MSCI Japan Empowering Women (WIN) Select Index is a stock price index developed by MSCI Inc. and comprises leading Japanese companies that promote gender diversity. Companies that foster diversity and actively encourage women’s participation in the workplace are better able to respond to changes in the environment and better positioned to achieve sustainable earnings growth over the long term. The index also selects companies based on such factors as sales and capital expenditure, which contribute to company growth.

Through the new ETF, NAM aims to provide investment opportunities to companies striving to empower women.

Named "NEXT FUNDS MSCI Japan Empowering Women Select Index Exchange Traded Fund" (ticker:2518), the new ETF was today approved for listing by the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) with a listing date of May 15.

From the listing date, investors will be able to trade the ETF on the TSE through securities dealers and traders in Japan. The ETF can be subscribed and redeemed only in kind, in accordance with the relevant Japanese tax regulations.

The ETF is part of Nomura’s NEXT FUNDS range, and brings the total to 59.



† “**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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The funds or securities referred to herein are not sponsored, endorsed, or promoted by MSCI, and MSCI bears no liability with respect to any such funds or securities or any index on which such funds or securities are based. The Prospectus that is scheduled to be published on May 14, 2018 will contain a more detailed description of the limited relationship MSCI has with NOMURA ASSET MANAGEMENT CO., LTD and any related funds.

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The contents of this material are based on an English translation of a Japanese announcement made on April 12, 2018 by Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. Whilst every effort has been made to translate the Japanese document into English, the accuracy and correctness of this translation are not guaranteed, therefore please refer to the original Japanese document.

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Disclosures required in Japan

Registered Company Name: Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd.

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; Type II Financial Instruments Firms Association

This document is issued for reference purposes to explain the outline of "NEXT FUNDS MSCI Japan Empowering Women Select Index Exchange Traded Fund" ("Fund") and does not constitute disclosure

material based on the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law. Moreover, this document is not in any way intended to be an investment solicitation. Before investing in the Fund, prospective investors should carefully read the “Securities Registration Statement”, “the Prospectus”, and the “Document Prior to Conclusion of Contract” under your own responsibilities and based on your own judgment.

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.

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 0.162% (0.15% exclusive of taxes) annually (the percentage will be at 0.162% [0.15% exclusive of taxes] as of April 12, 2018).

(II) Not more than 43.2% (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.