

Nomura Rebrands NEXT FUNDS Range of ETFs on 25th Anniversary of Japan's First ETF Listing

Tokyo, September 30, 2020—Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. (NAM), the core company within the Asset Management Division of Nomura Group, today announced that, as part of the rebranding of its ETF series, it has integrated all the ETFs it manages under the NEXT FUNDS¹ brand and restructured the management fee system².

A pioneer in ETFs in Japan, NAM this year celebrates 25 years since it listed its first "Nikkei 300 Index Exchange Traded Fund (Nikkei 300 ETF)" on May 29, 1995.

Japan's ETFs have seen rapid growth over the past 25 years. As of the end of August 2020, 186 ETFs (Japan domiciled ETFs only) were listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, with total net assets reaching over 45 trillion yen.

Since its first listing, NAM has sought to provide investors with new investment opportunities by developing pioneering products such as gold, crude oil and REIT ETFs, high-dividend yield stock and bond ETFs, and leveraged ETFs. NAM has also worked to provide liquidity to the ETF market to increase market participants.

As a result of NAM's consistent efforts and the support of investors, as of August 31, 2020, NAM had the top domestic market share by transaction volume and AUM, and ranked fifth³ in the global ETF ranking.

NAM will continue to promote and develop ETFs to help investors build their assets.

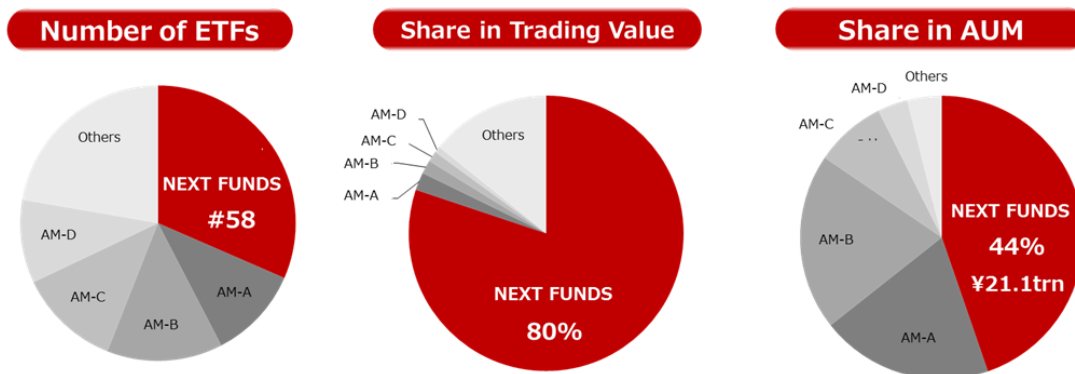


¹ "NEXT FUNDS" is the brand name for the ETF product range of Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd., representing "Nomura Exchange Traded Funds".

² http://global.nomura-am.co.jp/nextfunds/news/2020/20200914_C7A19753.html

³ Source: Morningstar Direct

NEXT FUNDS market share in Japan (as of August 31, 2020)

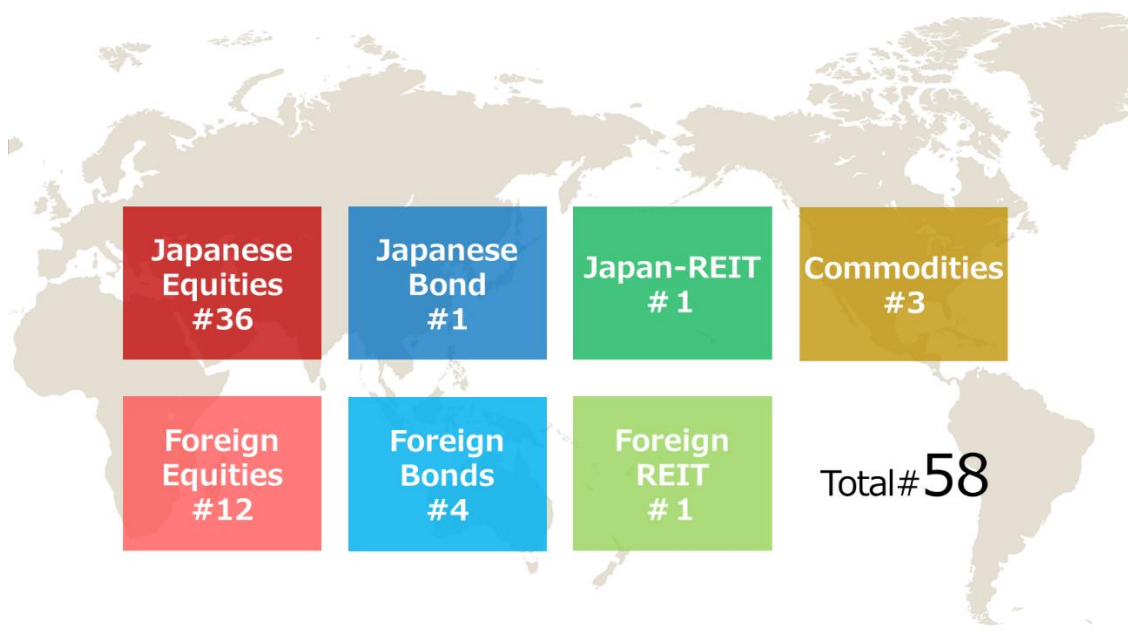


(Source) Compiled by Nomura Asset Management based on data from the Tokyo Stock Exchange and Nomura Research Institute's Fundmark/DI.

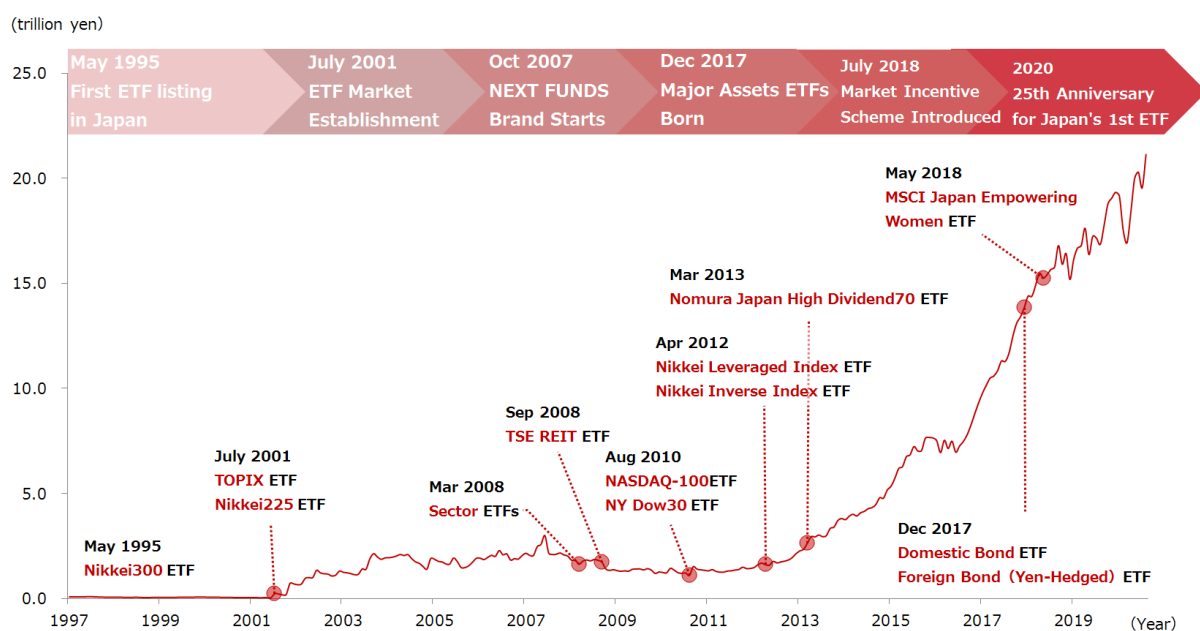
(Note) All data is for Japan domiciled ETFs. Number of ETFs and AUM are as of August 31, 2020. Trading value represents the monthly in-session trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange for August 2020.

NEXT FUNDS product range (as of August 31, 2020)

With a broad lineup of stocks, bonds, REITs, and commodities, NAM provides various opportunities for investors in Japan to invest in assets all over the world.



NEXT FUNDS performance over past 25 years (January 1997 to August 2020)



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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 Investment Advisers Association; Type II Financial Instruments Firms 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 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 1.045% (0.95% exclusive of taxes) annually (the percentage will be at 1.045% [0.95% exclusive of taxes] as of Sep 30, 2020).

(II) Not more than 55% (50% exclusive of taxes) of loan fees when securities are lent.

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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