

European Institutional Investor Selects Nomura's Japan Equity Climate Change ETF (NF Japan Climate Select ETF)

Tokyo, December 3, 2024— Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. (NAM), the core company within the Investment Management Division of Nomura Group, today announces that Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company (Varma) has selected the “NEXT FUNDS MSCI Global Climate 500 Japan Selection Index Exchange Traded Fund (code: 294A, nickname: NF Japan Climate Select ETF)” as its designated responsible investment for Japan equities with a focus on climate change. Varma, headquartered in Finland, is a leading European pension insurance company that actively engages with ESG issues through its investments.

The ETF is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) today, December 3, 2024, with Varma having invested approximately 500 million euros in it. The ETF is designed to invest in Japanese companies that are approved by SBTi (Science Based Targets initiative)¹ and that proactively contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Mr. Timo Sallinen, Head of Listed Securities, Varma, commented: *"I'm very proud of our long-standing collaboration with Nomura. Nomura Asset Management designed this unique climate-driven ETF for Japanese equity market. Varma will continue focusing on new ETF products that take sustainability aspects into account and Nomura is one of our key partners."*

Kiyoshi Agata, Senior Corporate Managing Director and Head of Institutional Client Unit at NAM, stated: *"We are honored that we finally launched this ETF and make its announcement with Varma, a leading European pension insurer, as a Japan equity product with a specific focus on climate change. As interest in Japanese equities from overseas investors continues to grow, we would like to pursue our efforts to further expand the use of ETFs in thematic investments, such as those related to climate change, among domestic and international investors."*

NAM is one of Japan's largest asset management companies, and listed its first ETF in Japan in May 1995. As of the end of November 2024, the company manages over JPY 37 trillion (US\$251 billion) in ETFs, making NAM the dominant player in Japan's ETF market with a 43.3% market share by AUM, and the largest in Asia.²

We continue to be committed to the promotion and development of ETFs to enhance asset management for global investors.



† “NEXT FUNDS” is the brand name for the ETF product range of Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd., representing “**N**omura **E**xchange **T**raded **F**unds”. The ETF is a part of Nomura’s NEXT FUNDS range and brings the total to 72.

¹ A joint initiative by the CDP, the World Resources Institute (WRI), the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), and the UN Global Compact (UNGC) that supports and certifies companies in setting a science-based target for greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

² As of the end of November, 2024. Converted JPY150.185 to USD1.

About Nomura

Nomura is a global financial services group with an integrated network spanning approximately 30 countries and regions. By connecting markets East & West, Nomura services the needs of individuals, institutions, corporates and governments through its three business divisions: Wealth Management, Investment Management, and Wholesale (Global Markets and Investment Banking). Founded in 1925, the firm is built on a tradition of disciplined entrepreneurship, serving clients with creative solutions and considered thought leadership. For further information about Nomura, visit www.nomura.com.

About Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company

Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company is a Finnish investor of pension funds. The company is responsible for the statutory earnings-related pension cover of some 981,000 people in the private sector. Premiums written totalled EUR 6.5 billion in 2023 and pension payments stood at EUR 7.1 billion. Varma's investment portfolio amounted to EUR 59.1 billion at the end of 2023.

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ETF Investment Risks

Since the Fund invests primarily in securities and futures 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 index, a price decline in securities comprising the index, the bankruptcy of a security issuer, or deterioration in the financial conditions of an issuer, in addition to other market factors.

Also, because some securities in the Fund are influenced by exchange rates, the NAV may fall due to fluctuations in the foreign exchange rate. An investor's principal is therefore not guaranteed.

Furthermore, investment trusts are different from deposits and savings.

*ETF risks are not limited to the above.

Before investing in the Fund, prospective investors should carefully read the summary prospectus and base decisions on their own judgement.

ETF Investment Costs (as of December 2024)

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 total management fee is obtained by adding the amount determined in (2) below to the amount determined in (1) below. Management fees are paid from the trust assets, and therefore are charged indirectly according to the period that the ETF is held.

(1) The amount obtained by multiplying the total net assets by a rate determined by the Management Company not to exceed 1.045% annually* (0.95% exclusive of taxes).

*The maximum management fee of each ETF is indicated above. For some ETFs, the management fees are calculated based on the Fund's principal.

(2) If the securities belonging to the trust assets have been loaned, an amount no more than 55%* (50%

exclusive of taxes) of the loan fees.*

*The highest loan fee of the ETFs is indicated.

Other Fees:

ETF-related taxes, expenses necessary for trust administrative procedures (including various expenses necessary for safekeeping of overseas assets), interest on advances provided by the trustee, sales consignment fees incurred when securities included in the fund are traded, audit fees, other expenses (including expenses relating to listing of Beneficiary Interests and fees for the use of trademarks to subject indexes), and consumption taxes on these fees are incurred, when applicable, during the trust period. These expenses are paid from the trust assets and are charged indirectly during the period that the ETF is held. Other expenses will vary according to investment circumstances, and consequently, rates and maximum amounts cannot be specified in advance.

The total amount of the above fees and expenses will vary according to investment duration, so they cannot be specified ahead of time.

For further details, please refer to the "Fund Expense and Taxes" section of the summary prospectus.

Notes

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.

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 Investment Advisers Association; Type II Financial Instruments Firms Association