Nomura to Launch Three New ETFs Designed to Track Performance of S&P 500 Index, S&P 500 in TTM Rates JPY Hedged Index and S&P 500 ESG Index

Tokyo, March 11, 2021—Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd., the core company within the Asset Management Division of Nomura Group, today announced that it will launch three new ETFs designed to track the performance of the S&P 500 index, the S&P 500 in TTM Rates JPY Hedged Index, and the S&P 500 ESG Index, respectively. The first two ETFs will be managed at the lowest cost level in Japan, and the third will be the first ETF in Japan to track the S&P 500 ESG Index.

Code	Name	Index	Management Fee*
2633	NEXT FUNDS S&P 500 (Unhedged) Exchange Traded Fund	JPY converted S&P 500 Index	0.077% annually (0.07%, tax excluded)
2634	NEXT FUNDS S&P 500 (Yen-Hedged) Exchange Traded Fund	S&P 500 in TTM Rates JPY Hedged Index	0.077% annually (0.07%, tax excluded)
2635	NEXT FUNDS S&P 500 ESG Index Exchange Traded Fund	JPY converted S&P 500 ESG Index	0.143% annually (0.13%, tax excluded)

^{*} Management fee rates are as of March 29, 2021.

The ETFs were today approved for listing by the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) with a listing date of March 31, 2021. From the listing date, investors will be able to trade the ETFs on the TSE through securities dealers and traders in Japan.

The minimum investment amount for each ETF is expected to be approximately 20,000 yen (per 10 units).

Nomura Asset Management listed its first ETF in Japan in May 1995. Including ETFs structured and listed overseas, the new listings will bring ETFs in Nomura's NEXT FUNDS range to a total of 61.



† "**NEXT FUNDS**" is the brand name for the ETF product range of Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd., representing "<u>N</u>omura <u>Ex</u>change <u>T</u>raded <u>Funds</u>".

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Trading Fee

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Management fees (fees are charged during the trust period according to the length of the trust period)

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 Nikkei 300 Exchange Traded Fund 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.

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