

## American Century Investments and Nomura Asset Management Launch U.S. Focused Innovation Equity UCITS

### Highlights:

- New UCITS identifies innovative companies positioned to sustain above average growth
- Experienced investment team with extensive industry credentials
- The team's investment strategy U.S. Focused Dynamic Growth has more than \$3.2 billion assets under management as of April 2021 and is available in multiple investment vehicles

Tokyo, Aug. 10, 2021 - American Century Investments and Nomura Asset Management on June 30 launched the American Century U.S. Focused Innovation Equity Fund (ISIN: I USD IE0006AEA9Y8), a sub-fund of Nomura Funds Ireland Plc, that will be available to investors in Europe and Asia.

This is the fourth UCITS sub-fund of Nomura Funds Ireland plc created in collaboration with Nomura Asset Management. The new sub-fund strives to provide returns using an investment process that identifies companies mainly in their early and rapid growth phases with significant long-term potential. The fund will invest in 30-45 companies that the team believes are positioned for sustained high growth rates over time. The team's rigorous fundamental research evaluates companies for:

- their competitive advantage,
- ESG risks that may impact growth,
- capability for high profitability, and
- opportunities for management to reinvest capital in an effort to create further scale and extend their competitive advantage.

The strategy will be managed by an experienced investment team led by American Century Investments Senior Portfolio Managers [Keith Lee](#) and [Michael Li](#) and Portfolio Managers [Prabha Ram](#) and [Henry He](#).

**Prabha Ram, Vice President and Portfolio Manager for American Century, said:** "Our investment approach looks beyond short-term market fluctuations and focuses instead on businesses with enduring franchises and strong balance sheets, that we think will be able to generate attractive cash flow growth over a long time horizon. Our positioning is ultimately determined by an assessment of a company's long-term business conditions and management's abilities to execute on those opportunities."

**Go Hiramatsu CEO at Nomura Asset Management U.K., commented:** "In May, Nomura Asset Management and American Century Investments celebrated the [five-year anniversary](#) of its strategic partnership. This collaboration is an example of our two firms working together to find innovative products for our clients and provide a broader range of solutions to serve their strategic interests. Given high valuations investing into U.S. growth companies needs a rigorous selection process based on longstanding experience."

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**Note to Editors:****A Strategic Business Partnership**

On May 19, 2016, Nomura Holdings acquired a non-controlling approx. 41 percent economic interest (voting rights of 10.1 percent) in American Century Investments (ACI), an independent investment management firm in the U.S.

ACI has a strong presence in the U.S. mutual fund market, which is about 22 times the size of Japan's, and has particular expertise actively managing U.S. and global equity funds. In addition, ACI has strong connections to key distribution channels including leading global advisors, banks, and insurance companies.

Given the minimal overlap between Nomura's and ACI's investment strategies, products and regional coverage, the strategic partnership enables both firms to serve a broader array of clients, bringing value to both organizations. Nomura Group's strength in Japan and Asia makes the firm an extremely attractive strategic business partner for American Century. Nomura Asset Management is accessing and leveraging ACI's expertise to offer a wider range of investment management solutions to individual and institutional clients in Japan and the rest of the world.

**American Century Investments**

American Century Investments is a leading global asset manager focused on delivering investment results and building long-term client relationships while supporting breakthrough medical research. Founded in 1958, American Century Investments' 1,400 employees serve financial professionals, institutions, corporations and individual investors from offices in New York; London; Hong Kong; Frankfurt; Sydney; Los Angeles; Mountain View, Calif.; and Kansas City, Mo. Jonathan S. Thomas is president and chief executive officer, and Victor Zhang serves as chief investment officer. Delivering investment results to clients enables American Century Investments to distribute over 40 percent of its dividends to the Stowers Institute for Medical Research, a 500-person, non-profit basic biomedical research organization. The Institute owns more than 40 percent of American Century Investments and has received dividend payments of \$1.7 billion since 2000. For more information about American Century Investments, visit [americancentury.com](http://americancentury.com).

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