

Nomura Asset Management Recognized in Asia Asset Management 2026 ETF Awards and 2026 Best of the Best Awards

Tokyo, March 27, 2026—Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. (Nomura AM) has announced that in March 2026, at the "2026 ETF Awards" hosted by Asia Asset Management magazine in Hong Kong, one of the Company's ETFs won the top prize in the Thematic Passive ETF (Japan) category, and Nomura Asset Management Taiwan (Nomura AM Taiwan) won the top prize in the ETF Launch of the Year (Taiwan) category. In addition, in January of the same year, the magazine awarded our three funds top prizes in the Performance Category of its "2026 Best of the Best Awards," and, the Company's Taiwan office, Nomura AM Taiwan received two top prizes as a corporate entity in the Country Category.

ETF Awards 2026 – Country Category

Award	Name of Fund / Recipient
Thematic Passive ETF of the Year (Japan)	NEXT FUNDS Nikkei Semiconductor Stock Index Exchange Traded Fund
ETF Launch of the Year (Taiwan)	Nomura Asset Management Taiwan Ltd. (As a company)

2026 Best of the Best Awards – Performance Category

Award	Name of Funds
India Equity (10 Years)	Nomura Funds Ireland – India Equity Fund
US High Yield (5 Years)	Nomura Funds Ireland – US High Yield Bond Fund
Global Absolute Return (5 Years)	Nomura Funds Ireland – Global Dynamic Bond Fund

2026 Best of the Best Awards – Country Category

Award	Name of Recipient
Best Equity Manager	Nomura Asset Management Taiwan Ltd. (As a company)
Best Pension Fund Manager	Nomura Asset Management Taiwan Ltd. (As a company)

The "2026 ETF Awards" was established as a dedicated ETF category for the first time in about a decade, and our firm won two awards across Japan and Taiwan. We view this recognition as an acknowledgement of our track record of customizing world-class products and services to meet client needs.

The "2026 Best of the Best Awards" Country Awards recognize outstanding asset managers, chief investment officers, and product offerings in specific countries or regions. Nomura AM Taiwan has now been honored in multiple categories of these awards for ten consecutive years, including this year.

Based in Hong Kong, Asia Asset Management was launched in December 1995 as Asia Pacific's first trade magazine aimed at asset management companies, pension funds, and institutional investors. Each year, the magazine recognizes outstanding financial institutions and pension funds in the Asia Pacific region through its Best of the Best Awards. This year marks the 23th year of the awards.

Nomura AM will continue striving to improve investment performance and deliver competitive products and services across regions and markets, with the aim of becoming the asset manager of choice for clients around the world.

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

The total number of "NEXT FUNDS" ETFs under "NEXT FUNDS" is 75.

About the 2026 Best of the Best Awards

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Costs Associated with Financial Products (Fees and Other Costs)

Customers pay the following expenses.

All information on this document is intended for information purpose only and does not constitute a solicitation of an offer to buy any investment product nor to enter into an investment advisory agreement with Nomura Asset Management to any persons. The following fees and expenses are charged to investors of our investment products. We can only provide a general description of our fee calculation formula here, as fee rates will vary depending on the specific product characteristics or the specific contract with each of our clients.

•As a consideration of our investment advisory services, fees equivalent to the sum of the assets under contract multiplied by the agreed-upon percentage fee rate (%) will be charged depending on the length of the contract.

[Calculation formula] Assets amount under contract x fee rate (%) x length of the contract (days) / 365

•Based on mutual agreement, we may adopt a performance-based fee structure or a combination of performance-based fee structure and the flat fee structure mentioned above. We are unable to provide detailed calculation nor the maximum fee for performance-based fee structure as the actual advisory fee vary depending on the investment performance of the relevant strategy, and the agreed terms with each client. Performance-based fee structures will be negotiated individually between client and Nomura Asset Management.

•Separate from the investment advisory fees, securities trading consignment fees and expenses related to the custody of securities will also be deducted from the contracted assets. It is not possible to specify the rate or maximum amount in advance as such fees would vary depending on the status of the investment.

•Nomura Asset Management may, based on its discretionary investment decisions, purchase investment trust products to be included in a portfolio under a discretionary investment contract. In such cases, expenses

such as investment trust management fees, sales company and management company fees, and fees charged when converting investment trusts to cash would incur. If such cases investment trust products are issued by our own company or one of our group companies, the investment advisory fees may be adjusted to avoid double payment of management fees. The adjustment calculation methods are specified in each contract. Total investment advisory fees paid by the client shall amount to investment advisory fees less the investment management fees associated with the purchased investment trust products.

Investment Risks Associated with Financial Products

The financial instrument transactions conducted on behalf of the client shall include investments made in shares, bonds with new share warrants, bonds issued by public corporations, and other instruments (including cases where investments are made via investment trusts and through Limited Partnerships). Consequently, the prices of shares and other investments may decline as a result of the effects of domestic and overseas economic variables and political circumstances, fluctuations in interest rates, and changes in the performance and financial standing of the issuing entities, resulting in investment losses.

Financial products may also make use of derivative transactions. Such transactions utilize leverage in excess of the margin amount, and if prices change as a result of the fluctuations in the securities and indexes that serve as the underlying assets, it is possible that losses in excess of the amount of the margin deposited will be incurred. Also, the leverage rates vary continuously as a result of changes in investment policies and domestic and overseas market environments, and consequently they cannot be specified in advance. During the terms of derivative transactions, Nomura Asset Management shall deposit margins taken from the contract assets in amounts that it determines to be suitable based on calculations performed by the securities companies with which the orders are placed.

Disclosures required in Japan

ETF Investment Risks

Since the ETF 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 ETF 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 ETF 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 ETF, prospective investors should carefully read the summary prospectus and base decisions on their own judgement.

ETF Investment Costs (as of March 2026)

An investor shall bear the following costs when investing in the ETF.

Trading Fee:

Trading of the ETF 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 ETF'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 each ETF 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 ETF from investors. To invest in the ETF, 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