Nomura Lists Fourth ESG ETF on Tokyo Stock Exchange

Tokyo, July 16, 2021—Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. (NAM), the core company within the Investment Management Division of Nomura Group, today announced that it has listed a new ETF designed to track the performance of the MSCI Japan Country ESG Leaders Index on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE). From today, investors can trade the ETF on the TSE through securities dealers and traders in Japan.

Code	Name	Index	Management Fee*
2643	NEXT FUNDS MSCI Japan Country ESG Leaders Index Exchange Traded Fund	MSCI Japan Country ESG Leaders Index	0.132% annually (0.12%, tax excluded)

*Management fee rates are as of July 15, 2021.

To respond to increasing investor needs for ESG investment, the ETF is designed to track the ESG index in Japanese stocks. As a result of the listing, NAM now offers four ESG ETFs under the NEXT FUNDS brand, including the NF Enterprise Value ETF, the NF Japan Empowering Women ETF, and the NF S&P 500 ESG ETF.

NAM listed its first ETF in Japan in May 1995. The new listing brings ETFs in Nomura's NEXT FUNDS range to a total of 61.

For further details on the ETF, please refer to the link below. <u>http://global.nomura-am.co.jp/nextfunds/information/2643.html</u>



† "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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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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