

Nomura Global Sustainable Equity celebrates its 3rd anniversary

London, 21 April 2022: Nomura Asset Management ('NAM') is marking the third anniversary of the launch of its Global Sustainable Equity Fund, which has delivered a strong return of 14.03% p.a. since inception, (gross performance in USD as per 14.04.2022, inception 15.04.2019) and qualifies as an Article 9 product under SFDR. The Fund is ranked in the first quartile of its Morningstar™ peer group over the 3 years period.¹ In total, the strategy AUM amounts to USD 614m as per end of March 2022. The UCITs Founder share class remains available at just 10 bps management fee.²

The Fund is managed by Alex Rowe, Lead Portfolio Manager and Tom Wildgoose, Co-Portfolio Manager and supported by Daniela Dorelova, ESG Specialist, on ESG research and engagement activities.

The Fund offers investors a concentrated global equity strategy that seeks to deliver both:

1. strong investment returns; and
2. supporting positive social and environmental outcomes through investment and engagement with publicly listed enterprises.

The team focuses on individual stock selection with an emphasis on the timely purchase of a select number of high-quality businesses trading below their intrinsic values. The stock selection process is combined with proprietary 'Total Stakeholder Impact' framework and a UN Sustainable Development Goals analysis.

The team has set six impact goals for the strategy, aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals:

- Mitigate Climate Change
- Mitigate Natural Capital Depletion
- Eliminate Communicable Disease
- Mitigate the Obesity Epidemic
- Global Access to Basic Financial Services
- Global Access to Clean Drinking Water.

Alex Rowe, Lead Portfolio Manager, said: *"We are really proud to have delivered strong performance for our clients whilst supporting positive outcomes. Our strong 'Valuation' and 'Quality' discipline and differentiated, impact-aware approach to defining what makes a 'sustainable' investment have stood the test of time."*

"We believe the Global Sustainable Equity strategy is a compelling proposition for investors seeking a sustainable approach without being forced to take a bet on 'Growth' or compromise on valuation discipline, which protects them against sharp reversals in style performance."

Peter Ball, Head of EMEA Distribution, commented: *"We are seeing significant interest from investors in funds that deliver strong risk adjusted returns through investing in companies that have the greatest total positive impact on the society and environment. We believe that the proposition of concentrated active global sustainable equity at 10bps management fees should be incredibly attractive to those investors seeking to have a more positive impact with their capital whilst still generating strong returns."*

¹ Morningstar Direct, as per 15.04.2022; Peer Group: Morningstar Category = Global Large-Cap Blend Equity And Oldest Share Class = Yes And UCITS = Yes; Morningstar rating based on the lead share class: Nomura Funds Ireland – Global Sustainable Equity Fund I USD.

² Class F Shares will be offered until the assets under management of the Class F Shares reaches US\$150 million or the equivalent thereof or for a limited time subject to the discretion of Nomura Asset Management U.K. Ltd.

Notes to Editors:

Nomura Funds Ireland – Global Sustainable Equity Fund, I USD
Performance net of fees, as per 31.03.2022, in USD

	Nomura Funds Ireland - Global Sustainable Equity Fund (I USD)	MSCI AC World Index	Outperformance
1 Month	3.69%	2.17%	1.52%
YTD	-5.42%	-5.36%	-0.06%
31.03.2021 - 31.03.2022	8.22%	7.28%	0.94%
31.03.2020 - 31.03.2021	43.14%	54.60%	-11.46%
Since Inception (15.04.2019)	47.71%	43.39%	4.31%

Lead Portfolio Manager

Alex Rowe has been with NAM UK since 2014. He has over 10 years of experience as a professional equity investor and has specialised in sustainable and responsible investment since early 2016. Alex has primary responsibility for day to management of the fund and final decision-making authority. He holds a Masters of Chemistry (University of Oxford, First Class), and is a CFA Charterholder. Alex is an alumnus of the Oxford University Saïd Business School Impact Investing executive program.

Co-Portfolio Manager

Tom Wildgoose, also Head of Global Equity Investment at NAM UK, has been with the firm since 2007. He became Head of Research in 2011 and then Head of Global Equities in 2014. Tom has been an equity investor for 21 years and is the co-manager of the Nomura Global High Conviction Fund. Tom holds a Masters of Engineering (University of Durham, First Class), a Masters in Computing (Imperial College, London), is a CFA Charterholder as well as being an exam qualified management accountant.

Global Equity ESG Specialist

Daniela Dorelova is the UK Global Equity Team's ESG Specialist, supporting all ESG research and engagement activity carried out by the team. She has responsibility for the team's Responsible Investment reporting, alongside her role leading a number of collaborative engagements for the firm and covering the Utilities sector. Daniela sits on the Global Equity Responsible Investment Committee and chairs NAM UK's ESG Working Committee.

The team seeks to engage with companies when there are ESG 'issues' and/or areas in which they feel the company could improve its impact on the total stakeholder group, and actively engage with those companies in which it is felt that stakeholder objectives are not being fully met. Where appropriate, they may consider and partake in joint action with other institutional investors and companies.

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