

Nomura Asset Management launches Global Sustainable Equity Fund

London, 15 April 2019: Nomura Asset Management U.K. Ltd. (NAM UK) has announced the launch of its Global Sustainable Equity Fund (“the Fund”) offering investors exposure to companies aiming to make a positive impact on the environment and society. The Fund, which focuses on the United Nation’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals, will invest in a portfolio of 30-40 global equity stocks in sectors such as healthcare, renewable energy and fintech.

The Ireland-domiciled UCITS fund is managed from London by Lead Portfolio Manager Alex Rowe and Tom Wildgoose, Head of Equity Investment at NAM UK. The fund will aim to outperform the MSCI All Country World Total Return index by 2% - 3% per annum (net of fees) over a three year rolling period.

Alex Rowe said: “We are seeing considerable demand across clients for truly active, sustainable investment solutions. The fund is a natural extension to the firm’s extensive track record and commitment to responsible investment and we believe it offers something truly differentiated in this fast growing sector.”

Commenting on the launch, Peter Ball, Managing Director at NAM UK said: “The Global Sustainable Equity Fund launch marks a further extension of the Nomura Funds Ireland Plc. range of funds, which currently has \$7.7 billion of assets under management. The strategy capitalises on Nomura’s global equity investment platform and long standing track record as responsible investors.”

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Notes to Editors:

Nomura Asset Management's record in Responsible Investing:

- **2011:** NAM Group became a signatory to UNPRI
- **2013:** ESG analysis integrated into all stock reviews, utilizing MSCI ESG research
- **2016:** Improved our engagement programme and introduced public Responsible Investment reporting
- **2017:** Published the "Philosophical Thoughts of a Responsible Investment Team"
- **2017:** The Global Sustainable Equity paper strategy was launched in Aug 2017
- **2018:** ESG formally introduced into all investment team member's performance objectives
- **2018:** NAM UK Merged the Responsible Investment activities of Equity & Fixed Income teams to maximise impact

Primary day-to-day portfolio management will be undertaken by Alex Rowe, Lead Portfolio Manager. Tom Wildgoose, Head of Investments, provides stock selection and portfolio risk oversight.

- Alex has been with Nomura Asset Management U.K. Ltd since 2014.
- Tom is the Head of Equity Investment at Nomura Asset Management U.K. Ltd and has been with the firm since 2007.

The Nomura Asset Management Group is a leading global investment manager. Headquartered in Tokyo, Nomura has additional investment offices throughout the world including London, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Taipei, Frankfurt and New York. With a global workforce of over 1,200 employees it has been operating in Europe for the past 30 years. Today Nomura Asset Management provides its clients with a wide range of innovative investment strategies including global, regional and single country equities, high yield bonds, alternative investments and global fixed income strategies.

The Nomura Funds Ireland – Global Sustainable Equity Fund is a sub-fund of Nomura Funds Ireland plc. which is authorised and supervised by the Central Bank of Ireland as an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between its sub-funds, established as an undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities under the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011. .

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