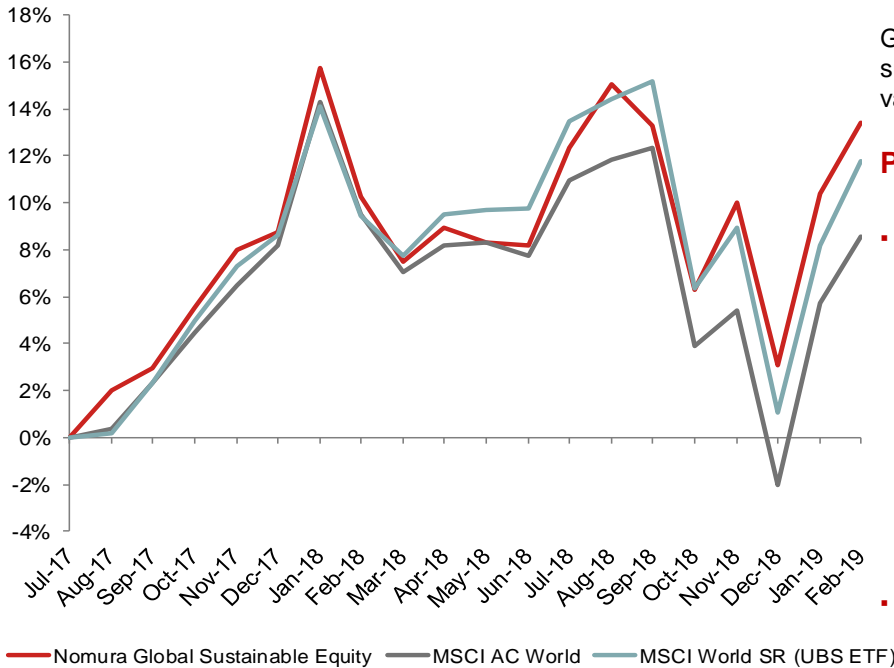


# Nomura's Global Sustainable Equity Strategy

February 2019

## Cumulative Performance in USD (%)



## Strategy Overview

Global investment in businesses exhibiting high sustainable value creation, at discount valuation

## Philosophy

- Sustainable Value Creation: high total value generation, fair value sharing among all stakeholders, good corporate governance and ethical management decision making are all characteristics of companies that have a highly positive impact on society. Through achieving a sustainable balance of value creation for all stakeholders these businesses can often generate attractive financial returns and considerable benefit to society as a whole over the very long term
- Discount Valuation: buying below intrinsic value and we believe the behavioural biases of other investors give us opportunities to do this

	1 mth	3 mth	1 yr	SI p.a
Nomura Global Sustainable Equity	2.75	3.09	2.83	8.29
MSCI AC World	2.67	2.98	-0.84	5.34
MSCI World SR (UBS ETF)	3.36	2.63	2.18	7.32

\*Since Inception: August 2017

## Monthly Commentary

The Nomura Global Sustainable Equity strategy returned +2.75% in February outperforming the MSCI ACWI index by 0.08% and underperforming the MSCI World Socially Responsible ETF (UBS) by -0.61%. Allocation was a tailwind over the month and the strategy benefited from its overweight to the technology sector.

PayPal (+10.5%) and AiA (+11.1%) were the greatest contributors to performance. AiA benefitted from both an improvement in sentiment, as US-China tensions eased, and news that the company had received regulatory approval to operate in Tianjin & Hebei further expanding its presence in China. PayPal had another good quarter with 16.6% growth in active registered accounts and 25% growth in FX-neutral TPV (Transaction Processing Volume).

Swedbank (-19.4%) was the primary detractor to performance. The company was caught up in a series of allegations that it has facilitated money laundering and potential evidence of overlap with the Danske Bank scandal that rocked Denmark in 2018 – something that Swedbank management had previously strenuously denied. Whilst these are currently unproven allegations we have taken the view that we cannot continue to hold position in the stock and have fully exited.

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## Portfolio Holdings

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Holdings as at 28/02/2019	Portfolio Weight (%)	Reason for holding this stock
Microsoft Corporation	5.4%	Has shown an industry leading commitment to sustainability and corporate social responsibility
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	5.4%	Best in class diabetes treatment has a crucial role to play in combating the impact of an ever growing global epidemic
Alphabet Inc. Class A	4.8%	World leader in technology. Global inequality can be tackled through equal access to information & data
MasterCard Inc. Class A	4.8%	Replacing cash with card payments adds substantial value to society, reducing inefficiency and friction in the banking system
PayPal Holdings Inc	4.6%	Enables global access to 'banking' type services, notably across developing markets in which access is otherwise limited
Apple Inc.	4.5%	Pioneer of the smart phone: mobile digitalisation has supported economic growth and reduced inequality globally
Eversource Energy	4.3%	High quality, low emitting utility. Significant proportion of future investment will support a transition to lower carbon intensity
Safaricom Limited	3.9%	Mobile money services assist financial inclusion in Kenya, reducing friction in the economy and supporting growth
Johnson Controls	3.9%	JCI's HVAC technology has improved building energy efficiency by 40% over the last decade
AIA Group Limited	3.7%	Life insurance provider to APAC clients with sustainable management practices
Johnson & Johnson	3.7%	Industry leader with regards to sustainability and ethical practices
NextEra Energy, Inc.	3.4%	Global leader in renewables investment and renewable generator operation
Pentair	3.4%	Water filtration & flow control products support increased water purity and quality
Allianz SE	3.0%	Very strong sustainability and responsible investment practices
SAP SE	2.9%	Products & services facilitate the streamlining of customer's operations reducing friction and supporting economic growth
Orange	2.8%	Decent quality telecom with robust practices; we believe telcos add value through enabling global communication
Celgene Corp	2.7%	Best-in-class therapies for Multiple Myeloma. Price point is high, but on balance we do not find it to be overly excessive vs. peers
Waters Corp	2.6%	Analytical laboratory instrument product range used to ensure drug, water and food quality & purity
eBay, Inc.	2.6%	Online auction platform lowers the barriers to entry for small businesses supporting financial mobility and innovation
Becton, Dickinson and Co.	2.6%	World leading producer of medical devices and instruments
Adecco	2.6%	Largest temp staffing firm globally; facilitating increased access to employment, most notably across blue collar roles
Axa SA	2.5%	Industry leader with regards to responsibility - formally integrates ESG into insurance underwriting practices
Medtronic Plc	2.4%	World leading cardiac & vascular medtech offering (cardiovascular disease is the number one killer globally)
Housing Devp. Finance.	2.3%	India's largest private mortgage lender; supports increased accessibility of housing and business expansion
Compass Group	2.1%	Outsourced catering services to both the private & public sectors have been shown to increase efficiency and reduce waste output
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	2.1%	World leader in HIV treatment. Donated patents for production in low income regions (11m sufferers receive this low cost treatment)
National Grid Plc	2.0%	Huge investment in electricity transmission is supporting the shift from fossil fuel generation to renewables
Signify NV	1.7%	Over 75% of revenue derived from sustainable products & services (LED lighting that dramatically reduces energy usage)
Cigna Corporation	1.7%	Succeeds by making healthcare more affordable than competitors, supporting healthcare cost depression for customers
Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd	1.4%	India's #1 player in micro irrigation; supports water usage reduction & higher crop yields in a nation that is plagued by drought
CVS Health Corp	1.3%	Pharmacy Benefit Manager business acts a powerful deflationary force against rapidly rising healthcare costs in the United States
Cash	2.8%	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

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