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NIKKO ASSET MANAGEMENT CO., LTD.

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## Nikko Asset Management Establishes Corporate Sustainability Department

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd. (“Nikko AM”) today announces the establishment of its Corporate Sustainability Department, bolstering its Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) commitments both in the way in which it manages itself and how it approaches investing.

Overseen by Representative Director and Executive Deputy President Junichi Sayato and led day to day from Tokyo by Global Head of Product & Marketing, and Head of Corporate Sustainability Stefanie Drews, the Department guides the Firm’s internal ESG commitments and implementation, and will work closely with investment teams globally to communicate developments in their approach to ESG in investment processes. Specific internal ESG commitments include nurturing diversity and inclusion for LGBT, women, and those living with disability; monitoring adherence to local Corporate Governance Codes; and minimizing impact on the environment.

Junichi Sayato said, “As a fiduciary, we hold ourselves to the highest standards of responsibility with regards to ESG, in both how we manage ourselves and in the way in which we approach investment and work with our invested companies. Our clients are at the core of everything that we do, and this launch is further evidence of our efforts to deliver performance to them.”

As an element of this launch, the Firm has established a [microsite](#) featuring details on its ESG commitments and activities, as well as insights particularly regarding ESG in the investment process.

This launch further builds from the Firm’s ongoing internal ESG obligations, including its status as a member of LGBT Finance and adherence to the [Women’s Empowerment Principles](#) and the [Principles for Responsible Investment \(PRI\)](#).

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## About Nikko Asset Management

With US\$220.1 billion (23.41 trillion yen)\* under management, Nikko Asset Management is one of Asia's largest asset managers, providing high-conviction, active fund management across a range of Equity, Fixed Income, Multi-Asset and Alternative strategies. In addition, its complementary range of passive strategies covers more than 20 indices and includes some of Asia's largest exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

Headquartered in Asia since 1959, the firm represents nearly 200\*\* investment professionals and over 30 nationalities across 9 countries. More than 300 banks, brokers, financial advisors and life insurance companies around the world distribute the company's products.

The investment teams benefit from a unique global perspective complemented by the firm's historic Asian DNA, striving to deliver consistent excellence in performance. The firm also prides itself on its progressive solution-driven approach, which has led to many innovative funds launched for its clients.

For more information about Nikko Asset Management and to access its investment insights, please visit the firm's [homepage](#).

\* Consolidated assets under management and sub-advisory of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries as of 31 March 2018.

\*\* As of 31 March 2018, including employees of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries.

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