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Media Release

Nikko AM appoints Sam Belton as Business Development Manager

Nikko Asset Management is pleased to announce the appointment of Sam Belton as the new Business Development Manager at its New Zealand office, in Auckland.

Belton joins Nikko AM NZ with over seven years' experience in investment management most recently as Client Relationship Manager for New Zealand Assets Management (NZAM), a boutique investment management firm. Prior to that he was the Client Relationship Executive Team Manager at Legal & General Investment Management, the largest asset management company in the UK. Belton has also held positions at GlaxoSmithKline and Westpac New Zealand.

James Wesley, Head of Distribution, Nikko AM NZ, says he is thrilled to have Belton join Nikko AM NZ and says his significant background in investment management and involvement with global clients will be a welcome addition to the team. Belton will primarily be responsible for managing and growing the firm's institutional relationships.

"As we continue to expand, Belton's broad exposure to global clients will be beneficial in helping develop and provide NZ clients with more progressive investment solutions," says Wesley.

Belton says he looks forward to helping the firm build on its reputation as a trusted asset manager and capitalise on Nikko AM NZ's global expertise.

"Nikko AM NZ is one of the leading investment managers in the New Zealand market, with the differentiating factor of being part of a well-established, global business. It is an exciting time to join Nikko AM NZ with the recent launch of KiwiSaver, as well as leading the way in New Zealand in the provision of digital investment advice with 'GoalsGetter'," says Belton.

Nikko AM NZ actively manages approximately NZD6 billion of investments, including corporate superannuation schemes, community and charitable trusts, foundations, financial planners, banks, insurance companies, KiwiSaver Schemes, other fund managers and retail investors. It manages domestic assets through its Auckland-based investment team and employs carefully selected offshore managers to manage global assets.

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About the Nikko Asset Management Group

Nikko AM is one of Asia's largest asset managers, with total assets under management of USD214 billion*. It provides high-conviction, active fund management across a range of equity, fixed income and multi-asset strategies. It employs around 200 investment professionals worldwide. This unique advantage makes Nikko AM NZ the only dedicated investment manager in New Zealand to be part of a specialist global investment manager.

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