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Nikko AM Wins Three Categories in Asia Asset Management's 2021 Best of the Best Awards

Japan: Fund Launch of the Year and ETF Manager of the Year
Singapore: Best Multi-Asset Manager

Nikko Asset Management (Nikko AM) is proud to win three categories at the [Asia Asset Management](#) 2021 Best of the Best Country Awards. In Japan, Nikko AM was recognised for Fund Launch of the Year and ETF Manager of the Year, and in Singapore as Best Multi-Asset Manager. The awards cover the year ending 30 November, 2020, and mark the eighth consecutive year Nikko AM earned an award from Asia Asset Management, The Journal of Investments and Pensions, regarded as one of the most influential publications about the asset management industry in Asia.

Fund Launch of the Year went to the 31 July launch of the Digital Transformation Equity Fund¹, sub-advised by Nikko Asset Management Americas Inc. based on research by New York based ARK Investment Management LLC. With a launch AUM of JPY89.6 billion, a combination of inflows and robust performance drove the fund's AUM to more than quadruple to JPY367.8 billion by the end of the award period on 30 November, making it Japan's second largest publicly offered investment trust launch of the year. The fund, which stands at JPY540 billion as of 22 January, 2021, invests primarily in equities of online shopping, delivery, streaming media, electronic contactless payment and other companies that address society's need for alternatives to in-person contact, which was an ongoing trend accelerated by the pandemic.

Nikko AM's win as ETF Manager of the Year in Japan came for the second consecutive time. During the award period, the firm increased its Japan ETF AUM by 20.9% year-on-year, and expanded its share to 20.1% of all ETFs trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The firm also listed four new ETFs and boosted the quality of information on its website, making it easier to understand and also in Excel format. The popularity of these improved materials has increased clients' trust and attracted inflows.

As Best Multi-Asset Manager in Singapore, Nikko AM employs a holistic approach that emphasises nimbleness for fast and efficient decision making. The key to this is balance and understanding through multiple quantitative and qualitative lenses, integrating the team's own top-down macro views with bottom-up perspectives derived from partner investment teams. An Asian perspective may just be the team's edge, helping to better navigate essential growth opportunities where change is constant. The Multi-Asset team is well-positioned for navigating the crisis of Covid-19 both for its downside protection as well as appropriately re-risking into the liquidity driven turn.

Nikko AM President and Co-CEO Hideo Abe commented, "It is a great honour to be recognised once again by Asia Asset Management. These awards demonstrate the adaptability of our teams during a pandemic to continually produce innovative products suited to clients' needs, the insights needed to strive for returns for our investors, and an unwavering commitment to provide high-quality service."

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About Nikko Asset Management

With US\$249.1 billion* 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 employs approximately 200** investment professionals, representing approximately 30 nationalities across 11 countries. More than 400 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 30 September 2020.

** As of 30 September 2020, including employees of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries.

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