

## Nomura Launches Affordable Global Sustainable Equity Fund for Investors in Malaysia

– Nomura partners with Sun Life Malaysia to promote ESG investing –

**Kuala Lumpur, July 26, 2021**—Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., a Malaysian fund management unit of Nomura Holdings, Inc., has for the first time launched a fund with sustainable and responsible investment objectives for investors in Malaysia.

The locally domiciled Nomura Global Sustainable Equity Fund will feed into Nomura Funds Ireland – Global Sustainable Equity Fund, and is available in Malaysia from today for a minimum initial investment of MYR 1,000 and available for subscription online.

“We are proud to bring this fund to investors in Malaysia who actively seek to make a positive impact on society and the environment, and embrace socially responsible investing. We have prioritized affordability as anyone can begin their investing journey with this fund regardless of income level,” said Nor Rejina Abdul Rahim, Managing Director and Country Head, Nomura Asset Management Malaysia.

The Ireland-domiciled target fund aims to provide investors with long-term capital growth through investments in a relatively concentrated, actively managed portfolio of shares issued by global companies with a high positive impact on society.

These companies are evaluated based on Nomura’s six impact goals of mitigating climate change, natural capital depreciation and obesity, eliminating communicable diseases, and providing global access to clean drinking water and basic financial services, which in turn are all aligned to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals. The fund is benchmarked to the MSCI All Countries World Index.

The investment strategy also capitalizes on Nomura’s successful core global equity platform and long-standing track record as a responsible investor. At the group level, Nomura Asset Management has been a signatory to the United Nations-backed Principles for Responsible Investment since March 2011. Earlier this month, it signed the Investor Agenda, a joint statement by institutional investors to accelerate initiatives on climate change.

In a bid to make ESG investing more accessible to the Malaysian public, Nomura Asset Management has launched a partnership with Sun Life Malaysia Assurance Berhad, a leading life insurance provider, to offer this new fund to the insurer’s clients.

Commenting on the partnership, Raymond Lew, Sun Life Malaysia’s CEO and President/Country Head, said, “2020 has shone a light on the importance of building a more sustainable and equitable world. This partnership with Nomura deepens Sun Life’s global commitment to continue advancing sustainability by increasing financial security, fostering healthier lives and promoting sustainable investing. By becoming the official insurance partner of this new fund, we will be able to extend more ESG investment choices to our clients.”

“The embedding of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in impact investment funds to sustainably address climate change, human healthcare and basic access to clean water, can be a powerful instrument for change delivering demonstrable social and environmental gains. By prioritizing SDG impacts alongside financial returns, impact investment funds can deliver what traditional investing cannot,” said Stefan Priesner, UN Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam.

“ESG-integrated sustainable investing has fast become one of the most popular and important strategies globally. We are well positioned to invest in companies that can sustainably deliver significant value to society and generate attractive returns to shareholders at the same time,” said Leslie Yap, Head of Investment, Nomura Asset Management Malaysia.

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#### Nomura

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#### Sun Life Malaysia

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