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Nikko AM Wins Four Categories in Asia Asset Management's 2022 Best of the Best Awards

Japan: Best Pension Fund Manager, Best Retail House, Fund Launch of the Year
Singapore: Best Multi-Asset Manager

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd. (Nikko AM) won in four categories at the [Asia Asset Management](#) 2022 Best of the Best Country Awards. In Japan, Nikko AM was recognised as Best Pension Fund Manager, Best Retail House, and for Fund Launch of the Year. In Singapore, the firm took home Best Multi-Asset Manager for the second consecutive year. The country awards cover the year ending 30 November, 2021, and mark the ninth 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.

Nikko AM was awarded Japan's Best Pension Fund Manager for the performance achieved and mandates earned from public and private pensions for the Japan Research Active Strategy¹ over a three-year and five-year basis. This style agnostic strategy uses Nikko AM's equity research platform. The portfolio is built on a fundamental, bottom up philosophy consisting of companies identified to have competitive advantages that can drive sustained earnings growth, and those undergoing structural changes that would lead to improvement in earnings momentum.

For Japan's Best Retail House, Nikko AM increased its retail assets under management (AUM) by 31% year on year². The firm also launched new funds, such as those targeting companies capable of positive environmental impact. For example, the Global Hydrogen Equity Fund^{1,3} is the first ever fund targeting investors in Japan with a global equity portfolio based on companies involved in hydrogen. The China Decarbonization Innovation Equity Fund^{1,3} is based on the expectation that Chinese companies can lead the way in decarbonization infrastructure and hardware. Nikko AM also relaunched its website for retail investors, offering full smartphone support, improved NAV reporting and other features, and rolled out cutting-edge online events for retail distributors and individual investors.

Nikko AM won Fund Launch of the Year for the 26 April launch of the Global Exponential Innovation Fund^{1,3}, sub-advised by Nikko Asset Management Americas Inc. based on research by ARK Investment Management LLC. The launch AUM of JPY286.6 billion was the third largest initial amount in Japan ever⁴, and by 30 November it had nearly doubled in size to JPY483.09 billion, putting it in the top 20 by AUM among all equity investment trusts in Japan⁵ (excluding ETFs). The portfolio management team identifies companies capable of spurring innovation through innovation itself to generate investment returns while addressing societal concerns, such as those outlined in the Paris Agreement or UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Nikko AM was named Best Multi-Asset Manager in Singapore for the second year in a row. The nine investment professionals on the Multi-Asset team share a philosophy of valuation being of primary importance, a qualitative fundamental process with quantitative rigour, and proactive downside protection. Leveraging a unique Asian perspective where global growth is centred, the firm's Multi-Asset portfolios are consequently unique in terms of exposures, particularly with regards to emerging markets.

¹ The fund is not authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission and is not available to retail investors in Hong Kong.

² As of 31 October 2021

³ The fund is not registered for sale in Singapore.

⁴ According to QUICK Money World, as of 26 April 2021

⁵ According to The Investment Trusts Association, Japan for AUM as of 30 November 2021

Nikko AM Chairman, President and CEO Junichi Sayato commented on the awards, “We are honoured and grateful that Asia Asset Management has continued to recognise us. These awards prove our excellent investment capabilities and client-focused distribution. We will continuously strive to raise the bar and meet clients’ current and future needs.”

Past performance of the managers or funds is not necessarily indicative of its future performance.

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Invested principal is not guaranteed, and the investor may incur a loss when the market transaction price or the fund’s base value (NAV) fall below the invested principal amount. All gains and losses stemming from management of the fund are attributed to the investor (beneficiary). This fund is different from bank deposits.

Different investment trusts invest in different asset classes, markets, and countries, and contain different investment restrictions, so the details of their risks differ accordingly.

Outline of Fees, etc.

Investors must bear the following expenses:

Fee charged directly at the time of purchase and redemption

Purchase Application Fees:	Up to 3.85% (3.5% before tax)
Redemption fee:	Up to 1.1% (1.0% before tax)
Amount Retained in Trust Assets:	Up to 0.6%

Fees and expenses charged indirectly through the trust assets (i.e. paid by the Fund)

Trust Fees:	Up to 3.045% (2.95% before tax) Some funds charge a performance fee based on investment performance, etc.
Other Expenses:	Brokerage commission with respect to securities held in the portfolio, audit fees, interest on borrowing and advances, fees related to securities lending, etc.

* The rate or maximum amounts applicable to other fees and expenses cannot be disclosed in advance because the actual amount will vary depending on the state of the assets managed.

* The total amount of fees above will vary depending on the length of investment period and other factors. Therefore, we cannot give a specific total.

* For more detail, please refer to the investment trust explanatory document (prospectus distributed in advance of purchase).

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The main risks pertaining to investment advisory agreements and discretionary investment agreements are 1) price fluctuation risk, 2) liquidity risk, 3) credit risk, 4) exchange-rate fluctuation risk, 5) country risk, 6) derivative risk, 7) risk unique to alternative strategies.

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About Nikko Asset Management

With US\$282.5 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 leading exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

Headquartered in Asia since 1959, Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries employ personnel representing around 25 nationalities, including approximately 200 investment professionals**. The firm has a presence through subsidiaries or affiliates in a total of 11 countries and regions. More than 400 banks, brokers, financial advisors and life insurance companies around the world distribute the firm'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 2021.

** Including employees of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries as of 30 September 2021.

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