

Nomura Launches Japan Shariah Active Core Fund to Harness Opportunities from Japan's Economic Growth

Kuala Lumpur, January 20, 2025—Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., a Malaysian fund management unit of Nomura Holdings, Inc., launched the Japan Shariah Active Core Fund to offer investors Shariah-compliant exposure to Japan's dynamic equity market.

The Nomura Japan Shariah Active Core Fund is the first Malaysian unit trust fund that primarily invests in Shariah-compliant companies domiciled in or derive their earnings from Japan. The fund is available from today for a minimum initial investment of RM 1,000 or USD 1,000. The Active Core strategy of the fund is designed to capture the essence of Japan's evolving economy without being tied to either value or growth investing, ensuring that the portfolio remains balanced and resilient. This dual focus allows the fund to capture opportunities in high-growth sectors while maintaining a strong foundation in value-oriented investments, offering a unique proposition to investors seeking both stability and growth.

"Being one of Japan's largest asset managers, we have been managing active equities worldwide for over 60 years, beginning in Japan. We are thrilled to introduce the Japan Shariah Active Core Fund, which blends our extensive expertise in Japanese equities with the values of Shariah principles," says Atsushi Ichii, Managing Director of Nomura Islamic Asset Management.

Managed by Nomura Asset Management's award-winning global equity team, the fund focuses on quality companies with high growth potential, healthy profit margins and strong intellectual property, pricing power and balance sheets. The strategy is backed by in-depth fundamental analysis identifying quality names with distinct competitive advantages, solid governance, stable cash returns to shareholders, and a consistent track record of attractive returns on capital.

Company background

Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. (NAM) manages client assets globally and has a footprint across Japan, Asia, Americas, Europe, and the Middle East.

Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. and Nomura Islamic Asset Management Sdn. Bhd. are the Malaysian subsidiary companies of NAM. The combined total assets under management of both entities stood at MYR 36.6 billion as of December 31, 2024.

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