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Press Release

Nikko Asset Management Europe Limited

Nikko Asset Management Launches Asia ex-Japan Equity Fund

Nikko Asset Management has launched a Luxemburg domiciled Asia ex-Japan Equity UCITS fund. The fund is managed by Nikko Asset Management's experienced Asia ex-Japan equities team headed by Peter Sartori and Eng Teck Tan as lead portfolio managers. Its active Asia ex-Japan equity strategy has been managed by the team since 2006.

The Asia ex-Japan strategy aims to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in a portfolio of 40-60 mid- to large-cap stocks issued by companies in the Asia ex-Japan region. The team takes an active investment approach based on thorough fundamental research, taking advantage of mispricings in Asian equities.

The fund provides access to Nikko Asset Management's proven Asia ex-Japan team and market leading resources in Asian fund management. The company has approximately 200 investment professionals operating in 11 countries, nine of which are based in Asia.

This latest fund launch builds on the success of Nikko Asset Management's launch of the Global Equity and Global Multi Asset UCITS earlier this year. The firm continues to expand its range of UCITS funds for sophisticated global investors, providing access to a broad range of exposures across developed and emerging markets.

"We have launched the fund in response to investor demand for specialist expertise in actively managed investments in Asia ex-Japan," Sartori commented. "The need for a highly skilled active fund management team with on-the-ground resources, and experience in different market conditions is increasing."

"Our experienced Asia ex-Japan team has worked closely together since 1999, and they have a proven track record of long term outperformance through the different market cycles across Asia. This expertise is invaluable in delivering alpha in the fast evolving Asian markets."

Nikko Asset Management will launch further UCITS funds later in 2015 to meet investors' demands for access to specialist investment strategies.

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Nikko Asset Management is positioning itself to be Asia's premier global asset manager. The firm offers world-class asset management solutions for global investors, and has US\$161.3 billion (19.74 trillion yen) in assets under management*. With approximately 200 investment professionals**, the firm leverages its extensive global resources representing over 30 nationalities across 11 countries. Headquartered in Asia for over 55 years, Nikko Asset Management's vantage point, extending east to west, distinguishes its investment approach.

For more information, please visit <http://en.nikkoam.com/>

* Consolidated assets under management and sub-advisory of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries as of June 30, 2015

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