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## Nikko Asset Management Launches Japan Focus Equity Strategy

Nikko Asset Management has launched a Luxemburg domiciled Japan Focus Equity UCITS fund. The fund is managed by Nikko Asset Management's Yuki Watanabe.

The Japan Focus strategy aims to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in a portfolio of more than 30 stocks. The team takes an active investment approach based on thorough fundamental research, analysing long term structural trends and identifying companies that benefit from them.

The UCITS fund is based on an existing strategy domiciled in Japan, which has been managed by Watanabe since August 2012. As of March 31, 2016, the fund has returned 26.15 percent annually since September 2012 compared with an annualised 21.24 percent rise in the TOPIX Total Return Index.\*

"Our Japan Focus fund has been launched in response to investor demand for specialist expertise in actively managed investments in Japan," said Watanabe, Senior Fund Manager of the Nikko AM Japan Focus Fund. "We have strong relationships locally which provide our team with unique insights into the underlying companies, and the ability to tap into opportunities that may have otherwise been overlooked."

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

This latest fund builds on the success of Nikko Asset Management's launch of the Asia ex-Japan UCITS fund in September 2015. The firm continues to expand its range of UCITS funds with further launches planned later in 2016, providing access to a broad range of exposures across developed and emerging markets.

## About Nikko Asset Management

Nikko Asset Management offers world-class asset management solutions for global investors, and has US\$153.7 billion (18.49 trillion yen) in assets under management\*. With more than 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.

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\* Consolidated assets under management and sub-advisory of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015.

\*\* Including employees of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries.