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NIKKO ASSET MANAGEMENT CO., LTD.

Nikko AM Goes Carbon Neutral

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd. (Nikko AM) has been certified as carbon neutral for the first time, after entering into a carbon offset programme with the UK-based international organisation Carbon Footprint Ltd.

Nikko AM’s Corporate Sustainability Department aggregated the travel and financial data from the Firm’s global offices in Tokyo, Singapore, Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland, New York, and London. In line with the findings and our commitment to the UN’s SDG goal #13: “Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts” the department reached out to Carbon Footprint Ltd. to offset the emissions. The offsets will be used to fund the installation of renewable solar PV cells into the Indian National Grid for diversification of energy sources and sustainable growth. This also contributes to sustainable employment, improved healthcare, sanitation and education to the local communities.

Nikko AM Senior Corporate Managing Director and Head of Corporate Sustainability Stefanie Drews remarked, “Our company strives to be a leader in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG), both in the way we manage our own operations as well as our approach to investing. This carbon neutral certification will be a powerful asset to our business as it provides a third-party verifiable measurement to show institutional and other investors who are placing a growing importance on ESG. The certification also motivates our employees and stakeholders to be conscious of their own environmental impact.”

Carbon Footprint Ltd. was founded in 2005, and helps companies to calculate, reduce and offset their carbon emissions. The company is independently audited for maximum transparency, and a recognised authority on carbon footprinting.

This carbon neutral announcement comes on the heels of Nikko AM’s first annual report presenting activities aligned with the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). The Firm’s other internal ESG activities include employee working groups on the environment, diversity and inclusion, as well as charitable contributions to the UNHCR and others.

For more details on Nikko AM’s ESG activities, please visit the sustainability microsite at the link below.
https://sustainability.nikkoam.com/

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With US$224 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 largest exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

Headquartered in Asia since 1959, the firm represents nearly 200** investment professionals and over 30 nationalities across 11 countries. More than 300 banks, brokers, financial advisors and life insurance companies around the world distribute the company’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](https://www.nikko-am.com).

* Consolidated assets under management and sub-advisory of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries as of 30 June 2019.
** As of 30 June 2019, including employees of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries.

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