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Nikko AM Expands Green Bond Capability

Expansion of investment universe increases impact opportunities across biodiversity and climate change

Nikko Asset Management (“Nikko AM”) today announces the expansion of its Green Bond capability. This provides investors a broader investment universe beyond SSA (Sovereign, Supranational, and Agency) Green Bonds, allowing for a wider variety of impact opportunities presented by the inclusion of Corporate issuers and of Social, Sustainability and Sustainability-Linked Bonds. The Fund is managed by the London-based Nikko AM Global Green Bond team, and leverages impact, reporting, and engagement insights from a dedicated Sustainable Investment team.

“Nikko AM is a pioneer in the Green Bond investment space, having launched one of the world’s first Green Bond Funds in 2010,” said Andre Severino, Head of Global Fixed Income. “It is exciting to participate directly in addressing two environmental megatrends: climate change and loss of biodiversity. The proceeds from the bonds we hold will directly fund projects that promote nature and support positive climate change solutions.”

The Luxembourg-domiciled Nikko AM Global Green Bond UCITS Fund (the “Fund”) is an SFDR (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation) Article 9 Fund that provides investors access to Green and Sustainability Bonds through a diversified and actively managed portfolio. The new mandate of the Fund enables the Global Green Bond team to leverage over a decade of experience in Green Bonds to ensure that invested capital contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Affordable and Clean Energy, Sustainable Cities and Communities, and Climate Action.

S&P Global projects that 2023 GSSSB (Green, Social, Sustainable, and Sustainability-linked Bond) issuance to be between \$900 billion to \$1 trillion, or 14% to 16% of total bond issuance.¹ For more details, please see: <https://emea.nikkoam.com/institutional/fixed-income-strategies/global-green-bonds>

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¹ [“Global Sustainable Bonds 2023 Issuance To Exceed \\$900 Billion”](#), S&P, 5 September 2023

About Nikko Asset Management

With US\$219.2 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 30 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 June 2023.

** Including employees of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries as of 30 June 2023.

Important Information

Please refer to the Prospectus of the UCITS and to the KIID before making final investment decisions

If you intend to invest in the UCITS Fund, please refer to the Fund Prospectus in order to identify whether the Sub-Fund will manage sustainability factors within the meaning of the SFD Regulation (EU) 2019/2088: an article 6 (limited to analysing sustainability risk as part of its risk management process), an article 8 (which also promotes certain environmental and social characteristics) or article 9 (which has sustainable investment as its primary objective).

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