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## Press Release

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd.

### **Nikko AM named Best Asia-Pacific Equity ETF Manager at the 2013 ETF Express Awards**

- 3rd award in past four years -

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd. (Nikko AM) has recently won Best Asia-Pacific Equity ETF Manager for the third time, at the 2013 ETF Express Awards conducted by the global exchange traded fund (ETF) information provider ETF Express.

ETF Express is a dedicated ETF website run by UK-based global investment news provider, Global Fund Media. Its annual ETF awards select 'best-in-class' ETF managers based on investment performance product innovation, consistency, depth of expert knowledge and transparency. The awards, which consist of multiple categories for each region and asset class, is based on a 'peer review system' that sees investors, managers, advisers and distributors and other industry participants nominate the firm that gets their vote in each category. Firms with the most votes are subject to a final review by the senior editorial team at ETF Express and the winners are then named.



Nikko AM, named as Best Asia-Pacific Equity ETF Manager, won the same award in 2010 and 2011, making it the third time that Nikko AM has won this award since its establishment four years ago. To be selected from the many Japanese and foreign asset managers that list and manage ETFs in the Asia-Pacific region is a huge honour. Nikko AM is extremely pleased to receive such a high praise from investors and market participants alike and will continue to develop products and enhance its services to contribute to the further development of the ETF market.

For further information, please visit the following websites.

ETF Express: <http://www.etfexpress.com>

GFM's official website: <http://www.globalfundmedia.com>

*\*This award is based on past performance and does not guarantee future investment performance.*

## ■Risk Information

- Investment trust principal is not guaranteed and invests in assets for which prices fluctuate (assets denominated in foreign currencies also bear exchange rate risks), therefore market transaction prices and NAV will fluctuate. It is possible that the NAV will fall below the principal amount of your investment. Profits and losses made by the management of investment trusts all belong to the beneficiaries. Investment trusts differ from deposits and savings.
- Different investment trusts invest in different asset classes, markets, and countries, and contain different investment restrictions, so the details of their risks differ accordingly.

## ■Outline of Fees, etc.

Investors must bear the following expenses:

<Fees charged at the time of subscription and redemption>

- Subscription Fees As independently stipulated by the distributors. Please contact your distributor for details. A tax equivalent will also be added to this amount.
- Redemption Fees: The distributors may charge beneficiaries a fee determined by each distributor, together with consumption tax thereon, upon redemption or repurchase of beneficiary interests.
- Amount Retained in Trust Assets: Up to 0.3%

<Fees charged at the time of trading at the Exchange>

- Trading Commission: As independently stipulated by the broker. Please contact your broker for details.

< Fees and expenses charged indirectly through the trust assets (i.e. paid by the Fund)>

- Trust Fees: Up to 0.9975% (0.95% before tax)
- Other Expenses: Brokerage commission with respect to securities held in the portfolio, audit fees, interest on advances, costs of listing beneficiary interests, license fees and fees related to securities lending (in the case of securities lending, the amount reached by multiplying up to 0.525% (0.5% before tax as of the date of filing of the securities registration statement) on the lending fee)).  
\*The rate or maximum amounts applicable to other fees and expenses cannot be disclosed in advance because the actual amount will vary depending on the state of the assets managed.

\* The total amount of fees above will vary depending on the length of investment period and other factors. Therefore, we cannot give a specific total.

\* For more detail, please refer to the investment trust explanatory document (prospectus distributed in advance of purchase).

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- Fees, etc. listed are the highest rates among those charged to the ETFs managed by Nikko Asset Management (as of the date this document was created).
- The risk information and fees, etc. disclosed above are those typical for a general investment trust. Actual fees will vary for each specific investment trust. For more detail, please refer to the investment trust explanatory document (prospectus distributed in advance of subscription).

## ■Other matters to consider

- These marketing materials were prepared for the purpose of providing information on the ETFs managed by Nikko Asset Management and promoting investors' understanding of this Fund.
- The provisions stipulated in Article 37-6 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act (the cooling-off period) do not apply to transactions of the Fund.
- Unlike bank deposits or insurance policies, investment trusts are not protected by the Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Insurance Policyholders Protection Corporations.
- Any profit or loss derived from the management of investment trusts belongs to all the beneficiaries. Please read the related contract prior to investing in the Funds.

## About Nikko Asset Management

Established in 1959, the Nikko Asset Management group (Nikko AM) has grown to become the largest regional asset management company headquartered in Asia, with total AUM of US\$154 billion\* and one of the largest distributor networks across the Asia-Pacific region, comprising over 300 banks, brokers, IFAs and life insurance companies.

Nikko AM manages a wide range of Asian equity and Asian fixed income strategies for retail and institutional investors around the world. The company has been recognised by industry peers for outstanding performance, product innovation and market leadership across the Asia-Pacific region, winning a number of prestigious awards, including “Asia-Based Asset Manager of the Year” in 2012 and “Best Japan Onshore Fund Manager” in 2012 and 2011, both from *AsianInvestor*.

Nikko AM also offers specialist third-party expertise – currently from over 40 fund managers – through the World Series Fund Platform®, operating a “best-in-class” approach across a broad range of asset classes.

Nikko AM's senior management team has significant experience across Asian as well as global markets. The team combines local knowledge with internationally recognised standards of investment practice, transparency and corporate governance to achieve growth across the business. The company adopts a “multi local” approach – giving local management teams a high degree of autonomy to address local market conditions and client servicing needs.

Nikko AM's head office is in Tokyo and the firm has an extensive footprint across the Asia-Pacific region that includes offices in Singapore, Hong Kong, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Auckland. Offices in New York and London with full service teams provide support to investors in the US, Europe and the Middle East.

Nikko AM's strong Asian presence is cemented with stakes in several joint venture companies. Rongtong Fund Management is one of the largest Sino-foreign joint venture fund management firms in China, while Hwang Investment Management Berhad and Asian Islamic Investment Management Sdn. Bhd. are leading investment management firms in Malaysia. Recent additions Ambit Investment Advisory Private Limited in Mumbai and Ambit Mauritius Investment Management Private Limited provide Indian equity expertise to Nikko AM's global clients.

Nikko AM is an independently managed asset management company, majority owned by Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings and with DBS Bank as the second largest shareholder.

For more information, please visit [www.nikkoam.com/english](http://www.nikkoam.com/english)

\* Consolidated assets under management and advice of Nikko AM and its subsidiaries as at 31 December 2012. “Largest” based on AUM sourced from Asia, including Australia and New Zealand, using third party published AUM figures as of June 30, 2012. “Regional” excludes firms with more than 75% of AUM sourced from a single country.

### **Nikko Asset Management Co., LTD**

Registration Number: Director of the Kanto Local Finance Bureau (Financial instruments firms) No. 368

Member Associations: The Investment Trusts Association, Japan/Japan Investment Advisers Association