

FORM 6-K

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**9-1, Nihonbashi 1-chome
Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-8645
Japan**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: October 15, 2003

By: /s/ MASANORI ITATANI
Masanori Itatani
Senior Managing Director

Press Release

Tokyo, 15 October 2003

Nomura becomes First Lead Corporate Sponsor of the Program on Alternative Investments at Columbia Business School

Nomura Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") announced today that the Company has decided to support the Program on Alternative Investments at Columbia Business School's Center on Japanese Economy and Business (the "Program").

The Company has made a three-year financial commitment of US \$300,000 as a lead corporate sponsor to the Program.

The Program was established in July 2002 to analyse the development of hedge funds, private equity and other alternative asset classes in Japan and the broader East Asian region. Given the Program's initial success, the Center on Japanese Economy and Business has underway as its next phase a three-year program to expand and deepen its activities both at Columbia Business School in New York and in Tokyo.

The Program conducts an extensive series of activities to improve understanding of this growing set of asset classes. The Program currently is undertaking five research projects, examining the development of Japan-focused hedge funds, private equity (buyouts), distressed investing, commercial real estate alternatives and the evolving strategies of Japanese institutional investors in alternative assets.

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