

Nomura Asset Management to launch JPX-Nikkei 400 ETFs

Tokyo, August 5, 2015 — Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd., Japan's largest asset management company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Nomura Holdings, Inc., today announced a plan to launch three new exchange traded funds (ETFs) designed to track the performance of the JPX-Nikkei 400 Leveraged (2x) Index, JPX-Nikkei 400 Inverse (-1x) Index and JPX-Nikkei 400 Double Inverse (-2x) Index.

Named "NEXT FUNDS JPX-Nikkei 400 Leveraged Index Exchange Traded Fund" (ticker: 1470), "NEXT FUNDS JPX-Nikkei 400 Inverse Index Exchange Traded Fund" (ticker: 1471), and "NEXT FUNDS JPX-Nikkei 400 Double Inverse Index Exchange Traded Fund" (ticker: 1472) respectively, the ETFs were today approved for listing by the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) with a launch date of August 21 and a listing date of August 24.

From the listing date, investors will be able to trade the ETFs on the TSE through securities dealers and traders in Japan. The ETFs can be subscribed and redeemed only in cash, pursuant to the relevant Japanese tax regulations.

The ETFs are part of Nomura's NEXT FUNDS range, which will total 50 funds with the new listings.



† "NEXT FUNDS" is the brand name for the ETF product range of Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd., representing "Nomura Exchange Traded Funds".

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JPX-Nikkei 400 Leveraged (2x) Index is always calculated so that the rate of change of the index between two consecutive business days is the double of the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 over the same period. However, the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei 400 Leveraged (2x) Index over periods of more than two business days does not generally calculate to the double of the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 in the calculation, resulting in an unavoidable difference in calculations.

The difference between the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei 400 Leveraged (2x) Index and the double of the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 over more than two business days varies depending on the path of movement of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 during the period and may occur in either positive or negative direction. However, in general when the price movement of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 repeats a rise and descent, it is more likely that the difference will occur in the negative direction. Moreover, difference tends to become larger over longer periods.

Therefore, the NEXT FUNDS JPX-Nikkei 400 Leveraged Index Exchange Traded Fund is not generally suitable for long-term investment and is suitable for investment aimed at capturing market movements over relatively short periods.

Notice concerning JPX-Nikkei 400 Inverse (-1x) Index

JPX-Nikkei 400 Inverse (-1x) Index is always calculated so that the rate of change of the index between two consecutive business days is the inverse of (i.e. minus one time) the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 over the same period. However, the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei 400 Inverse (-1x) Index over periods of more than two business days does not generally calculate to the inverse of (i.e. minus one time) the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 in the calculation, resulting in an unavoidable difference in calculations.

The difference between the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei 400 Inverse (-1x) Index and the inverse of (i.e. minus one time) the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 over more than two business days varies depending on the path of movement of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 during the period and may occur in either positive or negative direction. However, in general when the price movement of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 repeats a rise and descent, it is more likely that the difference will occur in the negative direction. Moreover, difference tends to become larger over longer periods.

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JPX-Nikkei 400 Double Inverse (-2x) Index is always calculated so that the rate of change of the index between two consecutive business days is the doubled inverse of (i.e. minus two times) the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 over the same period. However, the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei 400 Double Inverse (-2x) Index over periods of more than two business days does not generally calculate to the doubled inverse of (i.e. minus two times) the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 in the calculation, resulting in an unavoidable difference in calculations.

The difference between the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei 400 Double Inverse (-2x) Index and the doubled inverse of (i.e. minus two times) the rate of change of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 over more than two business days varies depending on the path of movement of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 during the period and may occur in either positive or negative direction. However, in general when the price movement of the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 repeats a rise and descent, it is more likely that the difference will occur in the negative direction. Moreover, difference tends to become larger over longer periods.

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Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. does not directly handle order requests for the Fund from investors. To invest in the Fund, it is necessary to open an account with a nearby Type-1 financial instruments business provider (securities firm) that handles ETFs and make a request to the broker.

Since the Fund invests primarily in securities and future contracts, there is a risk that the market price of such securities or the NAV per unit of the Fund could decline and cause an investment loss due to a decline in the stock price index, a price decline in securities comprising the index, the bankruptcy of a stock issuer, or deterioration in the financial conditions of an issuer, in addition to other market factors.

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AN INVESTOR SHALL BEAR THE FOLLOWING COSTS WHEN INVESTING IN THE FUND.

Trading Fee

Trading of the Fund incurs brokerage commission fees set by a Type-1 financial instruments business provider (securities firm) that handles the transaction. These commissions are separate from the actual transaction value. (Because the commissions charged by each securities firm differ, it is not possible to specify a maximum amount.)

Management Fees

The amount of management fees will be an amount calculated according to (I) below plus that calculated according to (II) below daily during the Fund calculation period.

(I) The management fee will be a percentage of the Fund's total net assets no larger than 0.864% (0.80% exclusive of taxes) annually (the percentage will be at 0.864% [0.80% exclusive of taxes] as of August 5, 2015).

(II) Not more than 43.2% (40% exclusive of taxes) of loan fees when securities are lent. This will be divided in a ratio of 80 to 20 between the manager and the trustee.

An investor shall bear the management fees above according to the holding period. These amounts will be paid out of trust assets and they are the costs indirectly paid by an investor during an investor's holding period.

Other Expenses

The taxes involved in the Fund, various handling costs for the trust business, the interests for the fund paid by the trustee, brokerage commission fees for transactions in the securities comprising the Fund, various expenses such as audit fees, listing fees for the Beneficiary Interests, and fees for use of benchmark index trademarks, and the sales taxes for each fee. These expenses are paid out each time during an investor's holding period. These amounts will be paid out of trust assets and they are the costs indirectly paid by an investor during an investor's holding period.