

Key Events during the Year

The Nomura Group is facing dramatic structural changes such as low fertility rates and the aging population in Japan, and increasing digital innovation. Looking 10 or 20 years ahead, we accelerated initiatives to further strengthen the Nomura Group's business foundations, including launching the principal investment business, starting to examine a business alliance with LINE Corporation which has a strong asset-building user base, and investing in the 8 Group which is skilled in mobile app development. We are also actively involved in ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) activities. The Nomura Group has been included in various ESG indices, and the Nomura Institute of Capital Markets Research also established a dedicated research group to focus on the sustainable development of the ESG bond market.

- 2017
- Apr.** **Management topics**

Established N-Village, a subsidiary to promote new business development and open innovation

Management topics

Established Policy on Customer-Oriented Business Conduct

Management topics

Launched VOYAGER: Nomura FinTech Partnership program in India
 - May** **Assessments**

Selected as Competitive IT Strategy Company 2017 by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and Tokyo Stock Exchange
 - June** **Management topics**

Established new company in Germany to minimize the impact for clients from the UK's exit from the EU and to continue providing financial services as before, and began applying for a formal application for a license in Germany
 - July** **ESG**

Selected as a component of the FTSE Blossom Japan Index
 - Sept.** **ESG**

Selected as a component of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World Index) and the DJSI Asia Pacific Index, global stock indices that measure socially responsible investment

Management topics

Established innovation office in San Francisco to further enhance promotion and support of financial innovation and new business
 - Oct.** **Financials**

Completed share buyback program (100 million shares; about ¥62.3 billion)

Management topics

Adopted "Nomura's Declaration to Support Employees Balance Work and Family Care"
 - Nov.** **Assessments**

Awarded "IT Management Prize" by Japan Institute of Information Technology

Financials

Established Policy for Cancellation of Treasury Shares

Management topics

Decided to establish Merchant Banking Division for overseeing Nomura's principal investment business
 - Dec.** **ESG**

Selected as a component of the MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index (WIN)
 - 2018

Jan. **Management topics**

Nomura Securities Co., Ltd. declared itself a "100-year life partner" that aims to provide optimal financial services to solve customers' problems in Japan's longevity society

Financials

Completed share buyback program (70 million shares; about ¥46.7 billion)
 - Feb.** **Services**

Launched online account opening service using "Japanese Public Key Infrastructure"

ESG

The Nomura Institute of Capital Markets Research established a dedicated research group to focus on the sustainable development of the ESG bond market
 - Mar.** **Management topics**

Concluded basic agreement to start examining financial business alliance with LINE Corporation

Management topics

Nomura Asset Management agreed to acquire shares of 8 Securities and 8 Limited through a third-party allotment