

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE  
SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**NOMURA HORUDINGUSU KABUSHIKI KAISHA**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

**Japan**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**None**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**9-1, Nihonbashi 1-chome  
Chuo-ku, Tokyo, 103-8645  
Japan  
(81-3-5255-1000)**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**Stock Acquisition Rights (No.36) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.**  
**Stock Acquisition Rights (No.38) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.**  
**Stock Acquisition Rights (No.41) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.**  
**Stock Acquisition Rights (No.43) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.**  
**Stock Acquisition Rights (No.44) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.**  
(Full Title of the Plan)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)  Smaller reporting company

**Nomura Securities International, Inc.**  
**2 World Financial Center, Building B**  
**New York, New York 10281-1198**  
**(212-667-9300)**  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Agent for Service)

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## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of the Plan	Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee (3)
Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 36) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.	Common Stock	2,211,800 shares	\$0.02	\$44,236.00	\$6.04
Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 38) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.	Common Stock	9,111,300 shares	\$0.02	\$182,226.00	\$24.86
Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 41) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.	Common Stock	18,956,700 shares	\$0.02	\$379,134.00	\$51.72
Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 43) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.	Common Stock	2,828,400 shares	\$3.16	\$8,937,744.00	\$1,219.11
Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 44) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.	Common Stock	13,093,900 shares	\$0.02	\$261,878.00	\$35.73
Total		46,202,100 shares	N/A	\$9,805,218.00	\$1,337.44

- (1) Plus such indeterminate number of additional shares as may be offered and issued to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits or similar transactions in accordance with Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").
- (2) The proposed maximum offering price per share was derived, pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act, from the price at which a Stock Acquisition Right may be exercised. Exercise prices were expressed in Japanese yen and converted to U.S. dollars based on an exchange rate of ¥94.91 per dollar, as quoted at New York close on March 21, 2013 by ICAP plc and published in the website of the Wall Street Journal).
- (3) Numbers have been rounded up to the nearest cent.

## **PART I**

### **INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

#### **Item 1. Plan Information.**

All information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this registration statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act, and the Note to Part I of Form S-8.

#### **Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.**

All information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this registration statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act and the Note to Part I to Form S-8.

## **PART II**

### **INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

#### **Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following documents, or sections of documents, as applicable, filed by Nomura Holdings, Inc. (the "Registrant") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof:

(1) The Registrant's annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012 filed by the Registrant with the Commission on June 27, 2012; and

(2) All other reports filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") since March 31, 2012.

In addition, all reports filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this registration statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this registration statement which indicates that all securities offered have been sold, or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

#### **Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

#### **Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not applicable.

#### **Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Article 330 and Article 402, Paragraph 3 of the Companies Act of Japan (the "Companies Act") make the provisions of Part III, Chapter 2, Section 10 of the Civil Code of Japan (the "Civil Code") applicable to the relationship between the Registrant and its directors and executive officers, respectively. Section 10 of the Civil Code, among other things, provides in effect that:

(1) Any director or executive officer of a company may demand advance payment of expenses which are considered necessary for the management of the affairs of such company entrusted to him;

(2) If a director or an executive officer of a company has defrayed any expenses which are considered necessary for the management of the affairs of such company entrusted to him, he may demand reimbursement therefor and interest thereon after the date of payment from such company;

(3) If a director or an executive officer has assumed an obligation necessary for the management of the affairs of a company entrusted to him, he may require such company to perform it in his place or, if it is not due, to furnish adequate security; and

(4) If a director or an executive officer, without any fault on his part, sustains damage through the management of the affairs of a company entrusted to him, he may demand compensation therefor from such company.

The Registrant pursuant to Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act has entered into agreements with its "Outside Directors" as defined in Article 2, Item 15 of the Companies Act under which, if such directors become liable for damages to the Registrant pursuant to Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, for any reason attributable to their duties performed in good faith and without gross negligence, such liability is limited to certain amounts. Such limitation is generally enforceable as between the Registrant and such directors under Japanese law. Such agreements may not be available for certain violations of U.S. federal securities law and may be determined by courts of the United States to be unenforceable in such circumstances.

The Registrant has in place a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy, which indemnifies its directors and officers against liability arising from certain acts performed or omission thereof in their respective capacities.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.\***

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| 4.1  | Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (English translation) (filed on June 30, 2011 as an exhibit to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2011 (No.001-15270) and incorporated herein by reference) |
| 4.2  | Share Handling Regulations of the Registrant (English translation) (filed on April 7, 2010 as an exhibit to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-165925) and incorporated herein by reference)                                       |
| 15   | Acknowledgement Letter of Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC  |
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\* Exhibits required by Items 601(b)(5) and 601(b)(99) of Regulation S-K have been omitted because they are not applicable.

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

- (1) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:
- (a) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*provided, however,* that paragraphs (a)(i) and (a)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

- (b) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (c) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (d) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

In a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned Registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

(2) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of

the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Tokyo, Japan on March 28, 2013.

### NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Koji Nagai  
Name: Koji Nagai  
Title: Representative Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the indicated capacities on March 28, 2013.

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the Registrant, do hereby severally constitute and appoint Eiji Miura, Senior Managing Director of the Registrant, as our true and lawful attorney and agent, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorney and agent may deem necessary or advisable to enable the Registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any rules, regulations and requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, in connection with the Registration Statement of the Company on Form S-8, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto; and we do each hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorney and agent shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Signature

Title

/s/ Nobuyuki Koga  
Nobuyuki Koga

Director  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

/s/ Haruo Tsuji  
Haruo Tsuji

Director

/s/ Tsuguoki Fujinuma  
Tsuguoki Fujinuma

Director

/s/ Masahiro Sakane  
Masahiro Sakane

Director

/s/ Dame Clara Furse  
Dame Clara Furse

Director

/s/ Takao Kusakari  
Takao Kusakari

Director

/s/ Toshinori Kanemoto  
Toshinori Kanemoto

Director

/s/ Michael Lim Choo San  
Michael Lim Choo San

Director

/s/ Masanori Itatani  
Masanori Itatani

Director

/s/ Masanori Nishimatsu  
Masanori Nishimatsu

Director



/s/ David Benson  
David Benson

Director

/s/ Koji Nagai  
Koji Nagai

Representative Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Junko Nakagawa  
Junko Nakagawa

Executive Managing Director  
(Principal Financial Officer and  
Principal Accounting Officer)

/s/ David Findlay  
David Findlay

Senior Managing Director  
(Authorized Representative in the United States)

## EXHIBIT INDEX\*

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
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**EXHIBIT 15**

March 28, 2013  
The Board of Directors  
Nomura Holdings, Inc.

We are aware of the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement (Form S-8) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. pertaining to the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 36), the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 38), the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 41), the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 43) and the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 44) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. of our report dated December 21, 2012 relating to the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Nomura Holdings, Inc. as of September 30, 2012, and the related unaudited consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, and the unaudited consolidated statements of changes in equity and cash flows for the six-month periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 that is included in its Form 6-K dated December 21, 2012.

/s/ Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC

**EXHIBIT 23.1**

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 36), the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 38), the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 41), the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 43) and the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 44) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. of our reports dated June 27, 2012, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Nomura Holdings, Inc., and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Nomura Holdings, Inc., included in its Annual Report (Form 20-F) for the year ended March 31, 2012, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC

Tokyo, Japan  
March 28, 2013

**EXHIBIT 23.2**

**Consent of Independent Auditors**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 36), the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 38), the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 41), the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 43) and the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 44) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. of our report dated June 27, 2012, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Nomura Research Institute, Ltd., included in the Annual Report (Form 20-F) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2012, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC

Tokyo, Japan  
March 28, 2013