

Nomura Wins Eight Best Fund Awards — 17 Total — in R&I Fund Award 2023

Tokyo, April 26, 2023—Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. (NAM), the core company within the Investment Management Division of Nomura Group, today announced that it has been awarded a total of 17 awards across three categories in the R&I Fund Award 2023, including eight best fund awards.

The J-REIT Open (4 times Per Year Settlement Type) has won the award for 16 consecutive years, the longest among all the winning funds. The Strategic Value Open (Investment trusts/20-year category) and the Information Electronics Fund (Investment trusts/10-year category) were highly praised for their long-term performance. This is the third consecutive year that the Information Electronics Fund has won the award.

In addition, the Nomura Pictet Premium Brand Fund Course B, the Small Capitalization Blue Chip Open and the Nomura Global Sector Investment Series (Global Semiconductor Investment) were recognized in the investment trust category for the second consecutive year.

Investment Trusts / 20-year Category

Category	Prize	Fund Name
Japanese Equity Value Fund	Second Prize	Strategic Value Open

Investment Trusts/ 10-year Category

Category	Prize	Fund Name
Japanese Equity Technology Fund	First Prize	Information Electronics Fund

Investment Trusts Category

Category	Prize	Fund Name
Global Equity Core Fund	First Prize	Nomura Pictet Premium Brand Fund Course B
North American Equity Value Fund	First Prize	U.S. Value Strategy Fund Course B
European Equity Fund	First Prize	Nomura Euro Top Company Course B
Global Unconstrained Bond Fund	First Prize	Nomura PIMCO World Income Strategy Fund Course B/ Course D
Hybrid Security Fund	First Prize	U.S. Preferred Securities Open
Leverage Balance Fund	First Prize	NOMURA World Star Open
Japanese Equity Mid Small Cap Fund	Second Prize	Small Capitalization Blue Chip Open
Global Equity Technology Fund	Second Prize	Nomura Global Sector Investment Series (Global Semiconductor Investment)
US High Yield Bond Fund	Second Prize	Nomura US High Yield Corporate Bond Fund Course D
Japanese REIT Fund	Second Prize	J-REIT Open (4 times Per Year Settlement Type) J-REIT Open (Monthly Settlement Type) J-REIT Open (Asset Growth Type) Nomura J-REIT Fund
Global REIT Fund	Second Prize	Nomura Global REIT Fund

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Selection method: The selection period is the past 3 years for the Investment Trust category, the past 10 years for the Investment Trust 10 category, and the past 20 years for the Investment Trust 20 category. The selection period is based on the ranking by the Sharpe Ratio and takes into account the maximum drawdown. Those eligible for the award have at least 1 year until the redemption date, and have at least the top 50% in their category and a balance of at least 3 billion yen. The selection is for domestic public open-ended stock investment trusts other than those dedicated to defined contribution pension plans and SMA/wrap accounts. The assessment date was March 31, 2023.

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Investment trusts invest mainly in domestic and foreign stocks, public and corporate bonds, and other securities whose prices fluctuate, and the investment principal is not guaranteed. The price per unit of investment fluctuates due to fluctuations in the market prices of the assets and in foreign exchange rates. Therefore, losses may be incurred as the price of unit may become less than the amount invested by investors. Investment Trusts differ from deposits and savings. In addition, for investment trusts, the content and nature of risks are different because the types of target assets, restrictions, trading markets, countries, etc. are different for each investment trust. Therefore, please refer to the explanatory document (prospectus) and the pre-contract document when investing.

Expenses related to investment trusts

The total amount of the following costs will vary depending on the period investors hold the fund, etc., and therefore cannot be presented.

As of April, 2023

Subscription fee: Maximum 3.85% (tax included)	It is the expense which the investor bears when purchasing a fund. The fund distributor receives it as the cost of sales. The rate, etc. must be confirmed with the distributor. Depending on the fund, "Redemption fee" may be required at the time of redemption (and at the time of redemption).
Trust fee: Maximum 2.222% (tax included)	It is the cost charged based on the period the investor holds the fund. The asset management company, the trustee company and the distributor receive it in a proportional manner. The asset management company receives the investment compensation, the trustee company receives the custody compensation, and the distributor receives compensation for administrative duty including the distribution of dividend, redemption money and investment reports *For some funds, extra fee may be charged depending on the investment performance. *In the case of a fund of funds, with some exceptions, trust fees, etc. for funds invested by the fund are separately charged.
Investment trust reserve expense: Maximum 0.5%	It is borne by investors upon redemption. It is charged in order for investors themselves to bear the costs incurred in the trust property due to redemption by investors.
Other fees:	In addition to the expenses mentioned above, expenses such as "Brokerage commissions for the purchase and sale of securities, etc.", "tax on the fund", "audit cost", "Expenses for custody of assets in foreign countries", etc. are to be borne according to the investing period, etc. The rate, maximum amount, etc. cannot be shown in advance because it fluctuates depending on the investment status, etc.

When subscribing fund, please make a decision by yourself after confirming the contents of the explanatory document (prospectus) provided by the distributor.

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