Nomura Appoints Mark Yassin as Executive Chairman, Middle East & North Africa

London, October 9, 2017 – Nomura, Asia's global investment bank, today announced the appointment of Mark Yassin as Executive Chairman, Middle East & North Africa (MENA).

In this role, Mr. Yassin will be responsible for developing key client relationships and driving the growth of Nomura's Wholesale operations across the Middle East and North Africa, an important region for clients, investors and capital market activity. He will be based in Dubai and will report to Yasuo Kashiwagi, Executive Chairman, EMEA, and Charles Pitts-Tucker, Head of Investment Banking, EMEA.

Yasuo Kashiwagi, Executive Chairman, EMEA, said: "Nomura already has a strong foundation in the Middle East and Mark's appointment as Chairman will help us to grow our business further across the region, where we see opportunities to deliver our product strengths and leverage our market leading structured solutions capability."

Mr. Yassin has 30 years of banking experience, and was most recently with National Bank of Abu Dhabi, where he was Co-Head of Global Wholesale Banking and Head of Global Banking and a member of NBAD's Executive Committee. Previous roles include acting as Global Head of Corporate Finance at Arab Bank PLC, Head of Corporate and Global Structured Finance with Arab Banking Corporation and Global Head of Project and Structured Finance at Gulf International Bank.

Nomura's presence in the Middle East includes offices in Dubai, Riyadh, Manama and Doha.

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