# **Nomura Reports Third Quarter Financial Results**

- Net revenue and pretax income growth at Group level both QoQ and YoY
- Retail reported strongest pretax income for six quarters with record Retail client assets of 104.8 trillion yen
- Net assets under management at record high of 37.7 trillion yen
- Wholesale revenues resilient with strong performance in Equities and Investment Banking despite a slow quarter in Fixed Income; AEJ posted highest quarterly revenues since April 2009
- Robust financial position with total capital ratio of 14.3 percent and Tier 1 capital ratio of 12.5 percent under Basel III

**Tokyo, January 29, 2015**—Nomura Holdings, Inc. today announced its consolidated financial results for the third quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.

Net revenue for the third quarter was 425 billion yen (US\$3.5 billion)<sup>1</sup>, an increase of 14 percent quarter on quarter and 12 percent year on year. Income before income taxes was 116.1 billion yen (US\$969 million), up 57 percent quarter on quarter and 34 percent year on year. Net income grew 32 percent quarter on quarter and 45 percent year on year to 70 billion yen (US\$584 million).

"We continued to build momentum during the third quarter with net revenue and pretax income both up quarter on quarter and year on year. Pretax and net income for the nine months to December were close to the record high in the same period last year," said Koji Nagai, Group Chief Executive Officer.

"Retail reported its strongest pretax income for six quarters. Retail client assets broke through the 100 trillion yen level for the first time, climbing to 104.8 trillion yen. Asset Management has its best pretax quarter since September 2007 as assets under management grew to a record high.

"Wholesale reported softer net revenue and pretax income compared to last quarter as a slowdown in Fixed Income in EMEA and the Americas more than offset a solid performance in Global Markets in Japan and AEJ and Investment Banking globally.

"Looking ahead, we remain focused on further establishing our position as Asia's global investment bank by seeking out opportunities for our clients in the changing environment and continuing to transform our business."

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# **Divisional Performance**

# Retail

(billions of yen)	FY2014/15 Q3	QoQ	YoY
Net revenue	128.8	+9%	+1%
Income before income taxes	50.5	+30%	+6%

Retail net revenue increased 9 percent quarter on quarter and 1 percent year on year to 128.8 billion yen. Income before income taxes was 50.5 billion yen, up 30 percent from last quarter and 6 percent over last year.

Retail reported robust sales of stocks during the quarter on the back of a market rally, driven by monetary easing by the Bank of Japan and an uptick in primary deals. Discretionary investment net inflows and sales of insurance products were at the highest level since Nomura started transforming its Retail business model.

Retail client assets climbed to a record 104.8 trillion yen at the end of December. Recurring revenue was 16.6 billion yen for the quarter, or 65.7 billion yen on an annualized basis, putting Nomura within reach of its March 2016 target of 69.6 billion yen.

# **Asset Management**

(billions of yen)	FY2014/15 Q3	QoQ	YoY
Net revenue	23.4	+8%	+10%
Income before income taxes	9.3	+20%	+5%

Asset Management net revenue rose 8 percent from last quarter and 10 percent year on year to 23.4 billion yen. Income before income taxes increased 20 percent quarter on quarter and 5 percent year on year to 9.3 billion yen.

Assets under management reached a record 37.7 trillion yen on inflows into products for discretionary investments and support from market factors.

In the investment trust business, Nomura reported inflows mainly into funds seeking income gain and funds for discretionary investments. Assets under management in Fund Wrap and SMA funds grew strongly, while sales of privately placed funds remained firm.

In the investment advisory business, Nomura's international business continued to grow through UCITS<sup>2</sup> compliant funds. The company expanded its distribution channels in terms of regional coverage and client type, as evidenced by winning new mandates from pension funds in Chile and Mexico.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) is the main European framework covering collective investment schemes investing in transferable securities.

#### **Wholesale**

(billions of yen)	FY2014/15 Q3	QoQ	YoY
Net revenue	178.9	-6%	-5%
Income before income taxes	0.5	-98%	-98%

Wholesale booked net revenue of 178.9 billion yen, down 6 percent from last quarter and 5 percent from the third quarter last year. Income before income taxes decreased 98 percent both quarter on quarter and year on year to 500 million yen.

In Global Markets, Japan and AEJ had a good quarter. AEJ reported its highest quarterly revenues since April 2009 as Nomura continued to expand its client franchise, particularly in emerging markets. In Fixed Income, Japan Rates and AEJ FX performed well, while Rates and Credit in EMEA and the Americas had a challenging quarter as lower yields had heightened volatility. The Equities Cash business had a solid quarter on a rebound in market volumes globally.

Investment Banking reported stronger revenues in both Japan and overseas, supported bya strong quarter in the ECM business combined with rebound in global M&A revenues. Nomura won high-profile IPO and convertible bond mandates in Japan and retained high market share in the league tables. Internationally, Nomura worked on numerous high-profile mandates such as non-Japan related M&A deals and large financing transactions.

### **Financial Position**

Nomura maintains a robust financial position and a healthy balance sheet. As of the end of December, Nomura's total capital ratio was 14.3 percent and its Tier 1 ratio was 12.5 percent under Basel III. Nomura had total assets of 44.1 trillion yen and shareholders' equity of 2.7 trillion yen. Gross leverage was 16.2 times and net leverage was 10.5 times. All figures are on a preliminary basis.

# Share buyback

Nomura's Board of Directors today approved a resolution to set up a share buyback program with an upper limit of 40 million shares of Nomura Holdings common stock. The upper limit of the aggregate amount of the repurchase price will be 30 billion yen. Nomura plans to use the acquired treasury stock to deliver shares upon the exercise of stock options and to raise capital efficiency and ensure a flexible capital management policy.

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# Nomura

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