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Nikko AM Wins Two ETF Awards

Best ETF Provider, Japan and Best ETF Mandate

On 4 June, Nikko Asset Management (Nikko AM) was recognised as Best ETF Provider Japan and for the Best ETF Mandate as part of The Asset Triple A Awards 2020. [The Asset](#), an influential industry publication about the asset management industry in Asia, made a comprehensive decision looking at ETF providers' products, launches, educational and other activities, innovation, leadership and performance over the period of 1 January to 31 December 2019. This is the second time The Asset has awarded Nikko AM, following the company's first win in 2017.

Head of the ETF Center and Joint Global Head of the ETF Business Koei Imai commented, "We are extremely proud to be named Best ETF Provider for Japan. Nikko AM continues to lead the way in ETF innovation, as the only company in Japan providing cash creation & redemption type ETFs based on the Nikkei 225, JPX Nikkei 400 and the TSE REIT indices. We also offer four TSE-listed ETFs that are eligible for Japan's regular saving NISA, more than any other manager."

The Nikko AM ETF assets under management (AUM) in Japan grew 30% year on year to reach JPY8.65 trillion as of December 2019. The firm carried out robust promotions, including meetings with institutional investors as they searched for revenue in the country's negative interest rate environment. Nikko AM also conducted unconventional, digital promotions of the company's ETFs and the ETF market in general to retail investors, which is remarkable in the traditionally conservative Japan market. Furthermore, the Japan ETF team collaborated with the firm's global offices to hold seminars for non-Japanese institutional investors, and led the pack in handling inquiries from overseas investors and market makers in English.

For these latest awards, The Asset placed a renewed importance on a firm's ESG-oriented initiatives. During the award period, the Nikko AM office in Tokyo earned certification as carbon neutral, the highest gold rating in the PRIDE Index 2019 for creating a workplace that is inclusive of LGBT individuals, and hosted Syrian refugee interns to provide them with valuable experience for their careers and for cultural exchange.

The award for Best ETF Mandate went to the Nikko AM Global Internet ETF, listed on 24 October 2019 and becoming the company's first on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Based on the Singapore Exchange Limited's (SGX) iEdge-FactSet Global Internet Index, it includes access to many of the world's top Internet companies by market capitalisation.

Phillip Yeo, Joint Global Head of ETF Business and International Head of Product Development and Management, remarked, "It is an honour to be chosen for this award. This ETF is a quick and affordable thematic solution made possible through our close collaboration with many business partners including the stock exchange, index providers, fund administrators and market makers. It marks a strategic milestone as we entered the diverse and global Hong Kong market, and strengthened our position across Asia. We look

forward to continuing to produce and deliver a wide range of ETF solutions to meet the needs of customers in Asia and around the world.”

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Redemption fee:	Up to 1.1% (1.0% before tax)
Amount Retained in Trust Assets:	Up to 0.6%

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Trust Fees:	Up to 3.045% (2.95% before tax) Some funds charge a performance fee based on investment performance, etc.
Other Expenses:	Brokerage commission with respect to securities held in the portfolio, audit fees, interest on borrowing and advances, fees related to securities lending, etc.

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