

Nomura Global Sustainable Equity Fund - USD Class

April 2023

Fund Commentary and Strategy

During the month, the Fund was mainly invested in the Target Fund.

Commentary from the Target Fund Manager

Markets traded within a relatively narrow range through April as investors continued to digest the impact of the stress events within the banking sector before rallying somewhat into the end of the month on strong earnings across mega capitalisation technology stock. Sector allocation was a small positive contributor over the month as a result of the recovery in the performance of the Healthcare sector and the underperformance of Consumer Discretionary sector. Selection was the primary driver of outperformance and was positive across Financials and Materials sectors but negative for the Technology sector's holdings in the Target Fund.

Impact Focus of the Month: The team initiated a position in Paychex (PAYX), the second largest payroll and human resource outsourcing solutions company in the United States of America. The company focuses on small businesses – clients have an average employee headcount of 15-20 people – and has a client base of 730,000 companies with broad diversification geographically as well as by industry type. Small businesses do not have the resources to spend on payroll, which is in itself a form of access to financial services, and this also makes Paychex services very sticky. The outsourcing frees up founders and management to focus on the core business and lowers barriers to entry for these small businesses to launch and compete. The team track Payroll & Professional Employer Organisation (PEO) client base as a proxy for the number of Small and Medium Businesses supported by PAYX solutions.

The top contributors to performance were DSM (+11%) and Becton Dickinson (+7%) in addition to not holding Tesla (-21%). DSM (now DSM-Fermentis) has underperformed materially and the team believe this has been in part due to the overhang of its merger with Fermentis, which has experienced multiple delays, but this finally completed in April supporting a rebound in the stock price. Becton Dickinson benefitted from a significant rotation back into healthcare, most notably into MedTech, over the month. The greatest detractors were Cisco (-9%) and ASML (-7%). Cisco underperformed as investors have grown more concerned, following the earnings reports of peers, that IT spending has weakened whilst ASML has lagged following very strong performance in the first quarter of 2023 and has also been dragged down by nervousness around the capital expenditure intentions of its primary customers.

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	YTD 31/12/2022 To 30/4/2023	1 Month 31/3/2023 To 30/4/2023	3 Month 31/1/2023 To 30/4/2023	6 Month 31/10/2022 To 30/4/2023
Fund	7.58	1.91	2.61	14.47
Benchmark	9.04	1.48	1.72	12.97

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	1 Year 30/4/2022 To 30/4/2023	Since Commencement 9/7/2021 To 30/4/2023
Fund	-0.78	-9.89
Benchmark	2.59	-5.07

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Notes: Performance data is calculated based on the changes in the Fund's NAV price per unit for the specified length of time and on the assumption that any dividends declared are reinvested into the Fund. Performance figures are presented in cumulative basis, unless indicated otherwise.

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Fund Objectives

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in the Target Fund.

Target Fund

Nomura Funds Ireland – Global Sustainable Equity Fund USD-F

Benchmark

MSCI All Country World Index

Distribution Policy

Incidental. Distribution of income shall be in line with the dividend policy of the Target Fund.

Key facts

Launch Date	18-Jun-2021
Fund Category	Feeder Fund (Global Equity)
Year End	31 July
Fund Size	USD 2.97 million
Class Size	USD 0.016 million
Units in Circulation (USD Class)	0.018 million
NAV per Unit (USD Class)	USD 0.9011
Transaction cut-off time	Daily; 4:00 pm
Redemption Period	Within 10 days

Sales charge

Up to 3.00% of the NAV per Unit.

Management fee

Up to 1.60% per annum of the NAV of each Class.

Trustee fee

Up to 0.03% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges), subject to a minimum fee of RM12,000.00 per annum.

Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2022	2021
Fund	-18.10	2.27
Benchmark	-17.96	6.12

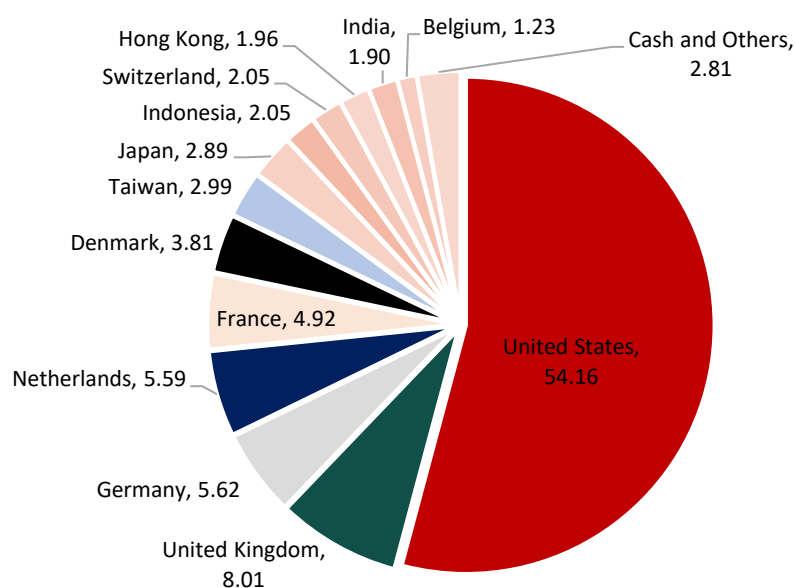
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Top 5 Holdings of Target Fund (%)

Mastercard Incorporated Class A	4.11
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	3.99
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	3.81
NextEra Energy, Inc.	3.78
Johnson Controls International plc	3.63

Country Breakdown of Target Fund (%)



All data presented are as of 28 April 2023 unless otherwise specified.

Data in relation to the Target Fund is sourced from Nomura Asset Management U.K. Ltd.

Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Asset Allocation (%)

Target Fund	99.26
Cash and Others*	0.74

Included in 'Cash and Others' are cash on hand and net current assets / liabilities. Net current liabilities include amounts which are accrued (but not due and payable).

Sector Breakdown of Target Fund (%)

Information Technology	27.83
Health Care	24.12
Industrials	16.48
Financials	10.81
Utilities	7.40
Consumer Staples	3.85
Materials	3.50
Communication Services	3.20
Cash and Others	2.81

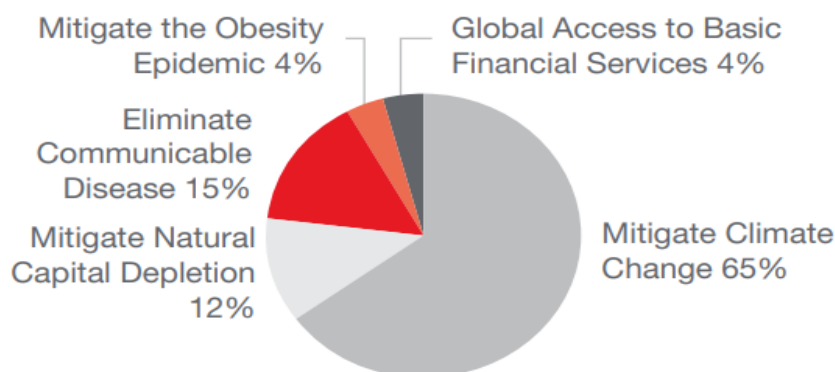
Nomura Asset Management's 6 Impact Goals

In 4Q22 we continued to work on progressing towards our 6 Impact Goals focused around the most pressing issues facing our world and where we as investors believe we can have the greatest positive impact. The impact goals are closely aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), and NAM's Global ESG Statement. As part of our commitment to deeply integrate our 6 Impact Goals into our processes we strive to further increase our engagements with companies on the selected goals and work together towards achieving progress. In 4Q22, 31 of our total engagements were directly aligned to our Mitigate Climate Change goal, 6 with Mitigate Natural Capital Depletion goal, 7 with Eliminate Communicable Disease, 2 with Mitigate the Obesity Epidemic and 2 with Global Access to Financial Services. None of our engagements for impact were linked to our Global Access to Clean Drinking Water goal.

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Engagements by NAM Impact Goals

Mitigate Climate Change	31
Mitigate Natural Capital Depletion	6
Eliminate Communicable Disease	7
Mitigate the Obesity Epidemic	2
Global Access to Basic Financial Services	2
Global Access to Clean Drinking Water	0
Total	48



Source: Nomura Asset Management U.K. Ltd. - Responsible Investing Report Q4 2022

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