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Nomura Global Sustainable Equity Fund

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 July 2023

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1. FUND PROFILE

1.1 Fund Name

Nomura Global Sustainable Equity Fund (“Fund”)

1.2 Type and Category of Fund

Growth – Feeder Fund (Global equity)

1.3 Duration of the Fund

The Fund is an open-ended fund.

1.4 Investment Objectives

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in the Nomura Funds Ireland – Global Sustainable Equity Fund USD-F (“Target Fund”).

1.5 Distribution Policy

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

1.6 Performance Benchmark

MSCI All Country World Index (“Benchmark”).

2. FUND PERFORMANCE

2.1 Key Fund Performance Data

Asset Allocation / Portfolio Composition	31 Jul 2023	31 Jul 2022
Target Fund	99.21%	98.92%
Cash and Others [#]	0.79%	1.08%
Total	100.00%	100.00%

[#] 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).

Fund – MYR Class A

Category	1 Aug 2022 to 31 Jul 2023	Since Commencement, 9 Jul 2021 to 31 Jul 2022
Highest NAV per Unit (RM) ¹	1.0731	1.0489
Lowest NAV per Unit (RM) ¹	0.8366	0.8635
Total Return (%) ²		
- Capital growth (%)	12.11	(5.50)
- Income (%)	-	-
Gross/Net Distribution per unit (sen)	-	-
Total NAV (USD) ¹	235	212
NAV per Unit (RM)	1.0594	0.9449
Unit in Circulation	1,000	1,000

Fund – MYR Class B

Category	1 Aug 2022 to 31 Jul 2023	Since Commencement, 9 Jul 2021 to 31 Jul 2022
Highest NAV per Unit (RM) ¹	1.0392	1.0444
Lowest NAV per Unit (RM) ¹	0.8183	0.8493
Total Return (%) ²		
- Capital growth (%)	10.47	(7.25)
- Income (%)	-	-
Gross/Net Distribution per unit (sen)	-	-
Total NAV (USD) ¹	2,826,883	3,212,192
NAV per Unit (RM)	1.0246	0.9274
Unit in Circulation	12,434,661	15,406,885

Fund – USD Class

Category	1 Aug 2022 to 31 Jul 2023	Since Commencement, 9 Jul 2021 to 31 Jul 2022
Highest NAV per Unit (USD) ¹	0.9534	1.0346
Lowest NAV per Unit (USD) ¹	0.7268	0.8041
Total Return (%) ²		
- Capital growth (%)	9.02	(13.13)
- Income (%)	-	-
Gross/Net Distribution per unit (sen)	-	-
Total NAV (USD) ¹	17,328	29,828
NAV per Unit (USD)	0.9471	0.8686
Unit in Circulation	18,296	34,342

Category	1 Aug 2022 to 31 Jul 2023	Since Commencement, 9 Jul 2021 to 31 Jul 2022
Total Expense Ratio (%) ³	1.72	2.06
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (time) ⁴	0.17	0.94

Notes:

- (1) *Figures shown as ex-distribution.*
- (2) *Total Return of the Fund and its Benchmark for a period are calculated based on the absolute return of the Fund for that period. The calculation of the Total Return of the Fund is based on NAV-to-NAV basis, and is sourced from Refinitiv Lipper. Fund performances include reinvestment of income distributions into the Fund. The performance figures are a comparison of the growth/decline in NAV for the stipulated period taking into account all the distributions payable (if any) during the stipulated period:*
- **Capital Return**= {NAV per Unit End / NAV per Unit Beginning – 1} x 100
 - **Income Return**= {Income Distribution per Unit / NAV per Unit Ex-Distribution} x 100
- (3) *Total Expense Ratio (“TER”) is calculated based on the total fees and expenses incurred by the Fund divided by the average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on daily basis.*
- (4) *Portfolio Turnover ratio (“PTR”) is calculated based on the total acquisitions and total disposals of investment securities of the Fund for the financial period divided by the average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on daily basis.*

2.2 Average Total Return of the Fund

Fund – MYR Class A

	1 Year to 31 Jul 2023
Average Total Return (%)	12.11

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Fund – MYR Class B

	1 Year to 31 Jul 2023
Average Total Return (%)	10.47

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Fund – USD Class

	1 Year to 31 Jul 2023
Average Total Return (%)	9.02

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

2.3 Annual Total Return of the Fund

Fund – MYR Class A

	1 Aug 2022 to 31 Jul 2023	Since Commencement, 9 Jul 2021 to 31 Jul 2022
Total Return (%) ¹	12.11	(5.50)
Benchmark (%)	14.98	(3.26)

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Fund – MYR Class B

	1 Aug 2022 to 31 Jul 2023	Since Commencement, 9 Jul 2021 to 31 Jul 2022
Total Return (%) ¹	10.47	(7.25)
Benchmark (%)	14.98	(3.26)

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Fund – USD Class

	1 Aug 2022 to 31 Jul 2023	Since Commencement, 9 Jul 2021 to 31 Jul 2022
Total Return (%) ¹	9.02	(13.13)
Benchmark (%)	13.49	(9.11)

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Notes:

- (1) Annual Total Return of the Fund and its Benchmark for a period are calculated based on the absolute return of the Fund for that period. The calculation of the Annual Total Return of the Fund is based on NAV-to-NAV basis, and is sourced from Refinitiv Lipper. Fund performances include reinvestment of income distributions into the Fund. Further details on basis of calculation and assumption made in calculating returns is as follows:

The performance figures are a comparison of the growth/decline in NAV for the stipulated period taking into account all the distributions payable (if any) during the stipulated period:

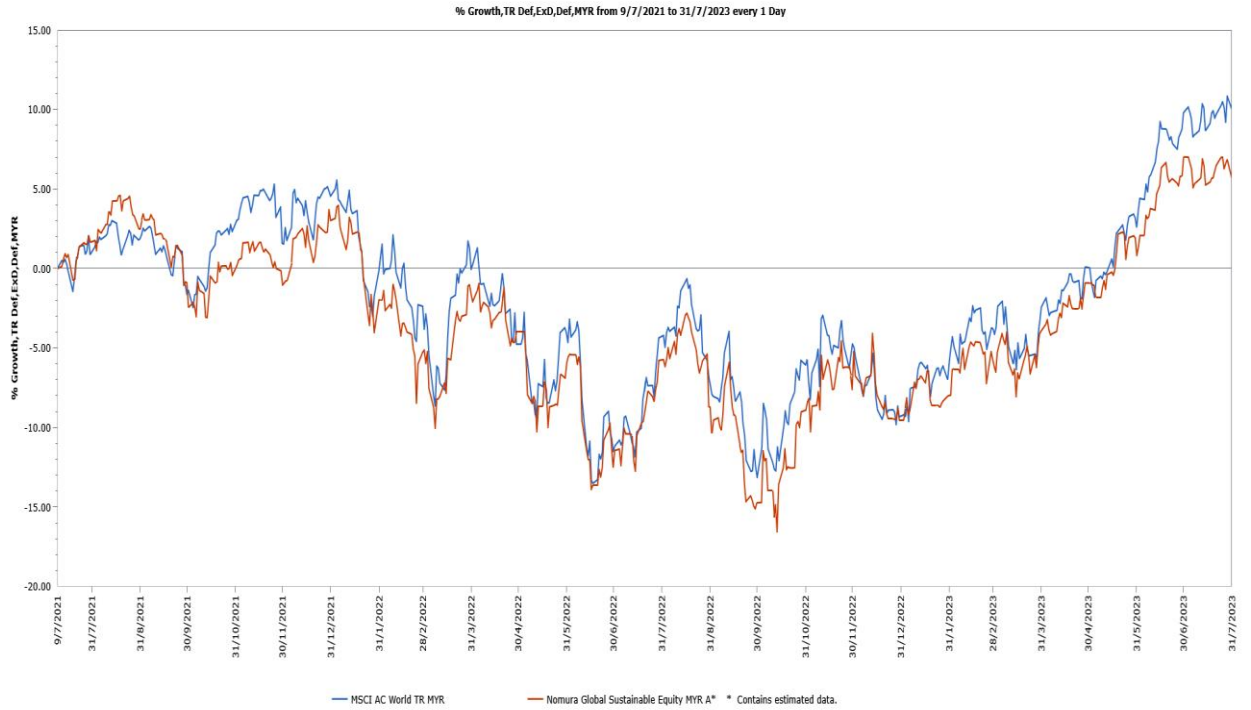
- **Capital Return** = {NAV per Unit End / NAV per Unit Beginning – 1} x 100
- **Income Return** = {Income Distribution per Unit / NAV per Unit Ex-Distribution} x 100
- **Total Return** = (1 + Percentage Growth)^{1/n} – 1

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance and that unit prices and investment returns may go down, as well as up.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

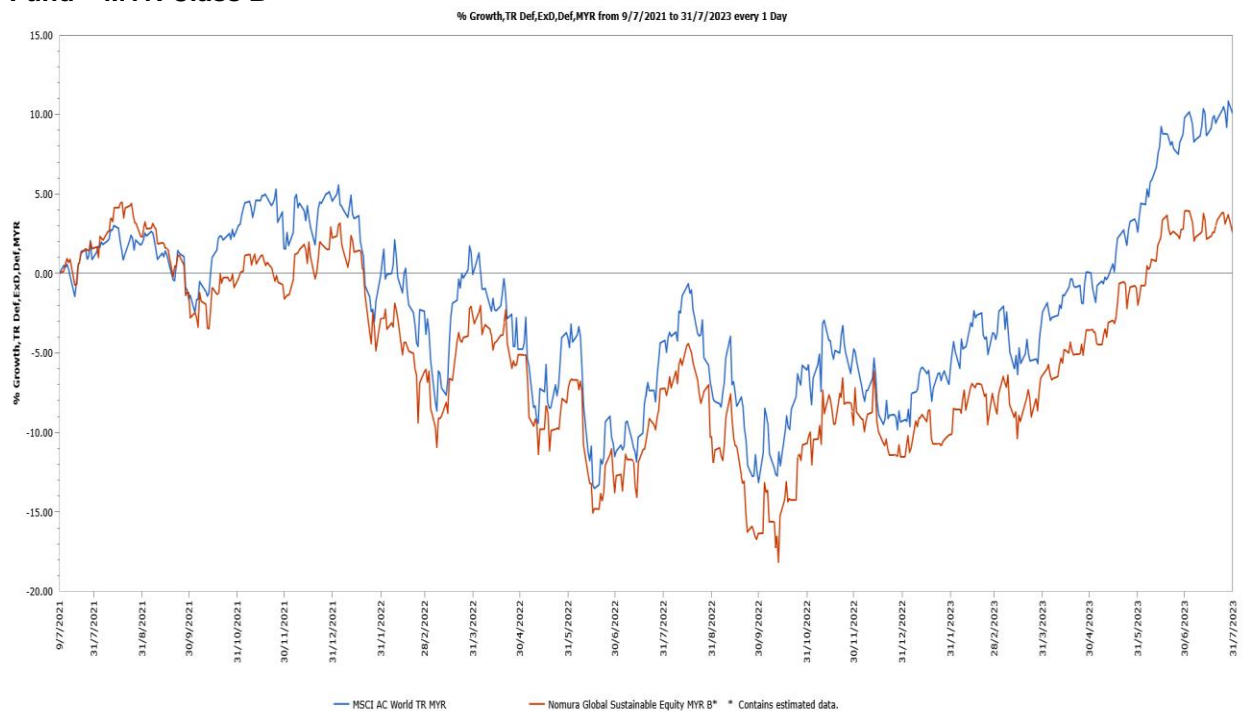
Performance of Nomura Global Sustainable Equity Fund from 9 July 2021 to 31 July 2023

Fund – MYR Class A



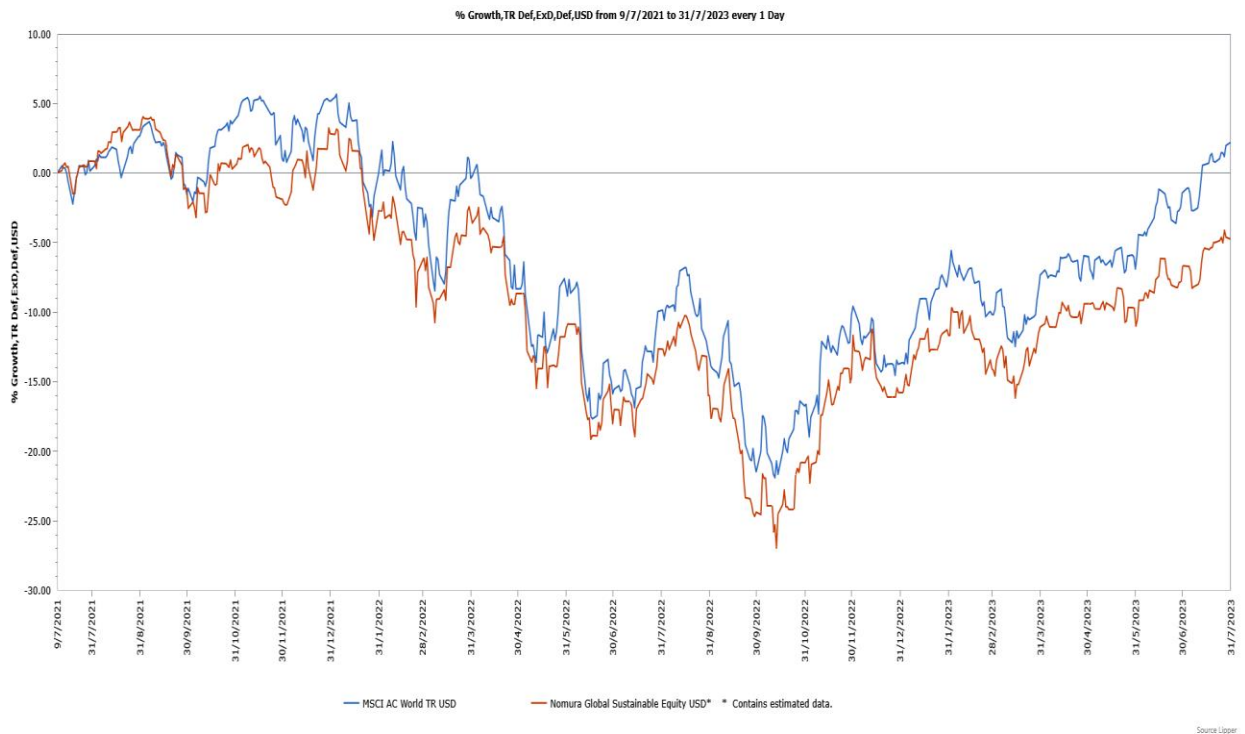
Source: Uppier

Fund – MYR Class B



Source: Uppier

Fund – USD Class



Benchmark: MSCI All Country World Index

Source: The calculation of the Annual Total Return of the Fund is based on NAV-to-NAV basis, and is sourced from Refinitiv Lipper. Fund performances include reinvestment of income distributions into the Fund.

3.1 Performance for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023

Fund – MYR Class A

For the period under review from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023, MYR Class A has registered 12.11% return. Compared to the Benchmark return of 14.98%, MYR Class A has underperformed the Benchmark by -2.87%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of MYR Class A as at 31 July 2022 was RM 0.9449 compared to the NAV per unit as at 31 July 2023 of RM 1.0594. On the total NAV basis, MYR Class A's NAV stood at RM 1,059.42 as at 31 July 2023. During the period under review, MYR Class A has not declared any income distribution.

Fund – MYR Class B

For the period under review from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023, MYR Class B has registered 10.47% return. Compared to the Benchmark return of 14.98%, MYR Class B has underperformed the Benchmark by -4.51%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of MYR Class B as at 31 July 2022 was RM 0.9274 compared to the NAV per unit as at 31 July 2023 of RM 1.0246. On the total NAV basis, MYR Class B's NAV stood at RM 12.77 million as at 31 July 2023. During the period under review, MYR Class B has not declared any income distribution.

Fund – USD Class

For the period under review from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023, USD Class has registered 9.02% return. Compared to the Benchmark return of 13.49%, USD Class has underperformed the Benchmark by -4.47%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of USD Class as at 31 July 2022 was USD 0.8686 compared to the NAV per unit as at 31 July 2023 of USD 0.9471. On the total NAV basis, USD Class' NAV stood at USD 0.02 million as at 31 July 2023. During the period under review, USD Class has not declared any income distribution.

3.2 Review of Market and Target Fund for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023

Amid concerns about the high rate environment, market re-tested its bottom until October 2022 before it rallied. Although debates about recession and likelihood of more rate hikes persisted throughout this period, investors became more accepting to the idea that recession, if there is one, would not be catastrophic and that central banks nearing the end of their rate-hike cycle. In May 2023, a brief about bank failures hit the market. Nothing worse got materialised from the event as central banks and other large cap banks swiftly provided accommodative support. From the bottom-up, companies were able to produce better than fear earnings results. In other words, it suggested less risks of more downward earnings revision which helped stabilising market confidence. We first observed the market to start rallying with a very narrow breadth among the large cap companies, which only then broadened out. Lastly, Nvidia positively surprised the market in its quarterly earnings update about Artificial Intelligence (AI) market growth opportunities which drove a round of fear of missing out (FOMO) rally.

For the fiscal year, the Target Fund underperformed benchmark by 115bps. The negative selection in North America was more than offset by the strong performance in Europe and Asia Pacific. In addition, this underperformance was attributed to the sector allocation where most performance weakness was due to the selections Materials, Utilities and Communication services. This underperformance was partially offset with Industrials, Financials and no exposure in Real Estate.

The greatest contributors to the performance of the Target Fund were Pentair and Johnson Control, while the greatest detractors to the performance were Fidelity National Information Services and Safaricom PLC.

Source: Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited

3.3 Investment Outlook

The US 10-year Treasury yield rose above 4.3% which is at decades high level comparable to '07-'08 as inflation remains elevated and there are more ongoing Treasury issuance. Along with the latest market rally, there would be more questions on what would be the appropriate valuation multiples for a company and how well companies could operate and compete with peers. Companies that have more direct exposures to discretionary consumption spending would be operating in a much tougher environment as consumers in general have tighter wallet and more appetite to save. In addition, while the strategy has no direct investment in China, we closely monitor any significant flow through impacts from China's economic and property risk.

We believe the right approach is to be more selective with quality companies that have higher probabilities to deliver promising earnings results at a reasonable valuation. However, we would not be surprised about drastic market movements ahead of us as investors get influenced by more macro noises. We believe that there is likely another period of high market volatilities ahead of us. This would be great opportunities for our strategy which is characterized by discipline selection of oversold or undervalued opportunities with unchanged or stronger fundamentals.

More importantly, we contribute strong efforts to the equally important core focus of delivering the positive impact. To conclude, we strongly believe it is more important than ever within this extremely volatile environment – in which markets are readjusting to unprecedented changes in levels of support combined with highly elevated geopolitical risk – to remain diligently focused on valuation and not chase 'Growth' or 'Impact' at any price.

Source: Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited

3.4 Strategies Employed for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023

For the financial year under review, the Fund has complied with the requirements of the Guidelines on Sustainable and Responsible Investment Funds.

The Fund invests in the Target Fund which invests in businesses that provide a positive impact on the sustainable development of society in accordance to the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (“**UN SDGs**”). This includes the screening, selection, monitoring and realisation of the Target Fund’s investments by the Investment Manager.

The Fund remained primarily invested in the Target Fund with approximately 99% of the Fund’s assets being invested in the Target Fund during the period under review.

The Manager’s general approach to responsible investment can be found in its reports via the following link: <https://www.nomura-asset.com.my/responsible-investment/responsible-investing-reports/>

3.5 Strategies Employed by the Target Fund for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023

Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited, the investment manager of the Target Fund (“**Investment Manager**”) has set six UN SDGs aligned “Impact Goals,” reflecting its sustainable investment objective, to pursue over the long term. The “Impact Goals” are as follows:

- 1) Mitigate Climate Change,
- 2) Mitigate Natural Capital Depletion,
- 3) Eliminate Communicable Disease,
- 4) Mitigate the Obesity Epidemic,
- 5) Global Access to Basic Financial Services and
- 6) Global Access to Clean Drinking Water.

2022 Impact Report is available on:

https://www.nomura-asset.com.my/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/NAM_Impact-Report_2022.pdf

Source: Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited

The Global Sustainable Equity Fund Investee Company Impact

Per US\$1mm invested in the Global Sustainable Equity strategy it is estimated that the underlying holdings achieved the following impact. More details on individual company contribution are available in the appendix.

Mitigate Natural Capital Depletion



Recovered **788 kgs** of high value industrial and precious metals through recycling
4188 single use plastic water bottles displaced by filtration products

Mitigate Climate Change



158 tonnes lower CO₂ emissions (scope 1+2+3) relative to MSCI ACWI
 Equivalent to taking **34 cars off the road** and **77 tonnes** of reported emissions avoided from products (Scope 4)



2.73 kW of renewable energy connected and **\$2,675** of investment into Electric Networks



102 kWh of cathode material produced for electric vehicles
 Enough to power **2 EVs**

Global Access to Clean Drinking Water



2034 litres of safe and clean drinking water



103 people reached through hygiene outreach and water access programmes

Eliminate Communicable Disease



27 low income patients reached with treatments through access strategies – of which 7 represents HIV treatment



196 vaccines delivered last year (130 excluding COVID-19 vaccines)

per **US\$1mm** invested

COVID-19 (Eliminate Communicable Disease)



66 COVID-19 vaccines manufactured in 2022
198 COVID-19 PCR diagnostic tests produced
955 medical delivery devices committed for COVID-19 vaccines

Source: Company Reports - Nomura Asset Management Research as of December 2022, accessed May 2023.
 Company sustainability data is collected from each company's shareholder reports, regulatory filings, and/or other company-specific documentation. Impact data is susceptible to inconsistencies. There is currently no standardised, uniformly accepted methodology for companies to measure and report this data, which, in some cases, requires a conversion to allow for aggregation across the strategy. The slide contains estimates produced by NAM UK and has been prepared on a best efforts basis with a view of supporting an understanding of the impact of underlying holdings. Data has not been independently verified. Impact per US\$1 mm is taking into account the strategy's effective ownership of underlying companies. The impact is calculated as a proportion of our ownership relative to the company's overall impact and is aggregated across all holdings. For example, if Company A reached 15.2mm people with HIV treatment through its access strategies, and considering the strategy holds 2% of its AUM in this company US\$1 mm in the strategy would have a US\$20k holding in Company A. To calculate the impact we use the market cap of Company A and apply the following formula: $(\$20k/\text{market cap}) \times 15.2\text{mm}$. This and result represents the estimated number of people reached with HIV treatment by the underlying companies within the portfolio per US\$1 mm invested. The company specific impact metrics and KPIs we track for our 8 Impact goals have been collected from April until the end of May 2023.

Global Access to Basic Financial Services



Supports **78** otherwise highly underserved individuals across Kenya having access to mobile payments



Provided **\$995 of mortgage financing** to the economically weak sector in India and **\$22,728 of loans** to micro, small and medium enterprises in Indonesia finance



Have reached **126 previously unbanked** individuals through financial access strategies since 2015



Provided insurance solutions in emerging economies for **31 individuals**

Mitigate the Obesity Epidemic



Provided treatment for **4 diabetes sufferers**



10 members covered with medical insurance

Source: Nomura Global Sustainable Equity Fund Impact Report 2022

3.6 Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation / Portfolio Composition	31 Jul 2023	31 Jul 2022
Target Fund	99.21%	98.92%
Cash and Others [#]	0.79%	1.08%
Total	100.00%	100.00%

[#] 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).

There were no significant changes on the Fund's asset allocation during the financial year under review.

3.7 Target Fund's Top 10 Holdings

As at 31 July 2023

No.	Holdings Name	(% of Target Fund's NAV)
1	Johnson Controls International plc	4.11
2	Mastercard Incorporated Class A	3.78
3	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	3.67
4	Microsoft Corporation	3.62
5	ASML Holding NV	3.59
6	NextEra Energy, Inc.	3.58
7	Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	3.49
8	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	3.24
9	Adobe Incorporated	3.16
10	Pentair plc	3.11

Source: Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited

As at 31 July 2022

No.	Holdings Name	(% of Target Fund's NAV)
1	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	4.39
2	Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	4.09
3	Mastercard Incorporated Class A	4.07
4	Johnson Controls International plc	4.01
5	Microsoft Corporation	4.00
6	NextEra Energy, Inc.	3.85
7	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	3.73
8	Alphabet Inc. Class A	3.59
9	Cisco Systems, Inc.	3.21
10	Becton, Dickinson and Company	3.13

Source: Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited

3.8 Securities Lending or Repurchase Transactions

The Fund has not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transactions during the financial year under review.

3.9 Income Distribution

The Fund did not declare any income during the financial year under review.

3.10 Details of Any Unit Split Exercise

There was no unit split exercise during the financial year under review.

3.11 Significant Changes in the State of Affairs of the Fund

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund during the financial year under review.

However, a first supplementary prospectus of the Fund dated 15 May 2023 has been issued. Unit holders have been informed on the changes made to the Fund via letter dated 28 April 2023.

In addition, please find the latest changes to the Manager's board of directors as follows:

Mr. Leslie Yap Kim Loong
 Mr. Atsushi Ichii
 Ms. Chooi Su May
 Mr. Tomoya Kawagishi (appointed on 7 August 2023)
 Mr. Johari Bin Abdul Muid*
 Ms. Julia Binti Hashim*

* *Independent director*

3.12 Circumstances that Materially Affect Any Interest of Unit Holders

There were no circumstances that had materially affected the interest of the unit holders during the financial year under review.

3.13 Cross Trades Transactions

There were no cross trades conducted during the financial year under review.

3.14 Soft Commissions Received From Brokers

The Manager did not receive any soft commission during the financial year under review.

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NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND

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NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2023</u> USD	Financial period from 18.6.2021 (date of launch) to <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)			
Net loss on derivative at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	7	(9,322)	(11,889)
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	8	312,054	(349,289)
Net loss on foreign currency exchange		(6,483)	(5,414)
		<u>296,249</u>	<u>(366,592)</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	3	47,350	36,278
Trustee fee	4	2,696	2,758
Auditors' remuneration		2,242	2,530
Tax agent's fee		929	1,287
Other expenses		639	1,106
		<u>53,856</u>	<u>43,959</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		242,393	(410,551)
TAXATION	5	-	-
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		<u>242,393</u>	<u>(410,551)</u>
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders are made up of the following:			
Realised amount		(130,821)	(68,911)
Unrealised amount		373,214	(341,640)
		<u>242,393</u>	<u>(410,551)</u>

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 JULY 2023

	<u>Note</u>	As at <u>31.7.2023</u> USD	As at <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	50,404	138,213
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	8	2,821,870	3,207,212
Amount due from Manager	3	2,195	455
Amount due from Manager of Target Fund - management fee rebate receivable		245	266
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>2,874,714</u>	<u>3,346,146</u>
LIABILITIES			
Derivative	7	-	2,736
Amount due to Manager		22,913	92,713
Accrued management fee	3	3,959	4,320
Amount due to Trustee	4	229	780
Auditors' remuneration		2,381	2,530
Tax agent's fee		786	835
TOTAL LIABILITIES EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		<u>30,268</u>	<u>103,914</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>2,844,446</u>	<u>3,242,232</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		<u>2,844,446</u>	<u>3,242,232</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS (USD)			
MYR CLASS A		235	212
MYR CLASS B		2,826,883	3,212,192
USD CLASS		17,328	29,828
NUMBER OF UNIT IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)			
MYR CLASS A	9(a)	1,000	1,000
MYR CLASS B	9(b)	12,434,661	15,406,885
USD CLASS	9(c)	18,296	34,342

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NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 JULY 2023 (CONTINUED)

	<u>Note</u>	As at <u>31.7.2023</u> USD	As at <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
REPRESENTED BY: (CONTINUED)			
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)			
MYR CLASS A		0.2350	0.2124
MYR CLASS B		0.2273	0.2085
USD CLASS		<u>0.9471</u>	<u>0.8686</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES			
MYR CLASS A		1.0594	0.9449
MYR CLASS B		1.0246	0.9274
USD CLASS		<u>0.9471</u>	<u>0.8686</u>

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NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	<u>2023</u> USD	Financial period from 18.6.2021 (date of launch) to <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the financial year/period	3,242,232	-
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial year/period:		
Creation of units from applications		
MYR CLASS A	-	241
MYR CLASS B	290,092	3,793,642
USD CLASS	556	39,454
	<u>290,648</u>	<u>3,833,337</u>
Cancellation of units		
MYR CLASS B	(916,039)	(175,660)
USD CLASS	(14,788)	(4,894)
	<u>(930,827)</u>	<u>(180,554)</u>
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders during the financial year/period	<u>242,393</u>	<u>(410,551)</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of financial year/period	<u>2,844,446</u>	<u>3,242,232</u>

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NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2023</u> USD	Financial Period from 18.6.2021 (date of launch) to <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceed from sale of investments		861,891	117,655
Purchase of investments		(167,424)	(3,676,417)
Management fee paid		(47,711)	(31,958)
Management fee rebate		2,952	1,994
Trustee fee paid		(3,247)	(1,978)
Tax agent fee paid		(978)	(452)
Payment for other fees and expenses		(3,031)	(1,106)
Net realised loss on derivative		(12,058)	(9,153)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities		<u>630,394</u>	<u>(3,601,415)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from creation of units		288,913	3,832,882
Payments for cancellation of units		(1,000,815)	(87,881)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		<u>(711,902)</u>	<u>3,745,001</u>
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(81,508)	143,586
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE		(6,301)	(5,373)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR/PERIOD		<u>138,213</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR/PERIOD	6	<u>50,404</u>	<u>138,213</u>

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

The following accounting policies have been used in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of Nomura Global Sustainable Equity Fund (the “Fund”) have been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the MFRS and IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported financial period. It also requires the Manager to exercise their judgment in the process of applying the Fund’s accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgment are based on the Manager’s best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note L.

(i) Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 January 2022.

There are no standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 August 2022 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

(ii) New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 January 2022 and have not been early adopted.

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 August 2022, and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

B PRESENTATION AND FUNCTIONAL CURRENCY

Items included in the financial statements of the Fund are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (the “functional currency”).

Due to mixed factors in determining the functional currency of the Fund, the Manager has used its judgement to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions and have determined the functional currency to be in United States Dollar (“USD”) primarily due to the following factors:

- i) Significant portion of the net asset value (“NAV”) is invested in the form of collective investment scheme denominated in USD.
- ii) Significant portion of the Fund’s expenses are denominated in USD.

The financial statements are presented in USD, which is the Fund’s presentation and functional currency.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (CONTINUED)

B PRESENTATION AND FUNCTIONAL CURRENCY (CONTINUED)

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

C INCOME RECOGNITION

For collective investment scheme ("CIS"), realised gains and losses on sale of investments are accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

D TAXATION

Current tax expense is determined according to the Malaysian tax laws at the current rate based upon the taxable profits earned during the financial year.

E CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank balances that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

(i) Classification

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income ('OCI') or through profit or loss), and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions.

The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value through other comprehensive income. The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely principal and interest ("SPPI"), however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (CONTINUED)

F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(i) Classification (continued)

Investments in collective investment scheme (“CIS”) have contractual cash flows that do not represent SPPI, and therefore are classified as fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents and amount due from Manager as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

The Fund classifies amount due to Manager, amount due to Trustee, auditor’s remuneration and tax agent’s fee as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

(ii) Recognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value.

Financial liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Financial assets are de-recognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities are de-recognised when it is extinguished, i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expired.

Unrealised gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the “financial assets at fair value through profit or loss” category are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in the financial year/period in which they arise.

Collective investment scheme is valued based on the most recent published NAV per unit or share of such collective investment scheme or, if unavailable, on the last published price of such unit or share (excluding any sales charge included in such selling price).

Financial assets at amortised cost and other financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using effective interest method.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (CONTINUED)

F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(iii) Impairment

The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses (“ECL”) using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. The Manager considers both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any ECL. The Manager considers the probability of default to be closed to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12 month ECL as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

Significant increase in credit risk

A significant increase in credit risk is defined by the Manager as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit-impaired.

Write-off

The Fund write off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of debtor’s sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount. The Fund may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in impairment gains. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial year/period.

G UNITHOLDERS’ CAPITAL

The unitholders’ contribution to the Fund meet the definition of puttable instruments classified as financial liability under MFRS132 “Financial Instruments: Presentation”.

The Fund issues cancellable units, in three classes of units, known respectively as MYR Class A, MYR Class B and USD Class, which are cancelled at the unitholders’ option and do not have identical features subject to restrictions as stipulated in the Prospectus and Securities Commission’s (“SC”) Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds. The units are classified as financial liabilities.

Cancellable units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund’s NAV of respective classes. The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the date of the statement of financial position if the unitholders exercise the right to put back the unit to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at the unitholders’ option at prices based on the Fund’s NAV per unit of respective classes at the close of business on the relevant dealing day. The Fund’s NAV per unit of respective classes is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unitholders of respective classes with the total number of outstanding units of respective classes.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (CONTINUED)

H AMOUNT DUE FROM/TO PROVIDER

Amounts due from/to provider represent receivables for collective investment scheme sold and payables for collective investment scheme purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively.

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on amounts due from provider at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12 months expected credit losses. Significant financial difficulties of the provider, probability that the provider will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit-impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by the provider as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit-impaired.

I MANAGEMENT FEE REBATE

Management fee rebate derived from the Manager on an accrual basis to ensure no double charging of management fee. It is accrued daily based on the fair value of collective investment scheme held.

J INCREASE/DECREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders.

K DERIVATIVE

A derivative is any contract that gives rise to both a financial asset of one enterprise and a financial liability or equity instrument of another enterprise.

The Fund's derivative comprise forward foreign currency contracts. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Financial derivative positions will be "marked to market" at the close of each valuation day. Foreign exchange gains and losses on the derivative are recognised in profit or loss when settled or at the date of the statement of financial position at which time they are included in the measurement of the derivative. Derivative instruments that have a negative fair value are presented as liabilities as fair value through profit or loss.

The fair value of forward foreign currency contracts is determined using forward exchange rates on the date of the statement of financial position, with the resulting value discounted back to present value.

The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and the nature of the item being hedged. Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are classified as financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (CONTINUED)

L CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, rarely equal the related actual results. To enhance the information contents on the estimates, certain key variables that are anticipated to have material impacts to the Fund's results and financial position are tested for sensitivity to changes in the underlying parameters.

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated by the Manager and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

M REALISED AND UNREALISED PORTIONS OF INCREASE OR DECREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

The analysis of realised and unrealised amount in increase or decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

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1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

Nomura Global Sustainable Equity Fund (the “Fund”) was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Principal Deed (the “Deed”) dated 26 March 2021 and Supplemental Deed dated 22 September 2022 entered into between Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd (the “Manager”) and Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the “Trustee”).

The Fund commenced operations on 18 June 2021 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Manager or the Trustee as provided under Clause 12 of the Deed.

The Fund will invest in Nomura Funds Ireland – Global Sustainable Equity Fund USD-F (“Target Fund”), money market instruments, deposits, derivatives for hedging purposes, and any other form of investments as may be determined by the Manager and is permitted by the Securities Commission Malaysia from time to time that is in line with the Fund’s objective.

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

The Manager is a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activities of the Manager are establishment and management of unit trust funds and asset management including providing fund management services to private clients.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 25 September 2023.

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments are as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	Financial assets at amortised cost USD	Financial assets at FVTPL USD	<u>Total USD</u>
<u>Financial assets</u>				
<u>As at 31.7.2023</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	6	50,404	-	50,404
Financial assets at FVTPL	8	-	2,821,870	2,821,870
Amount due from Manager		2,195	-	2,195
Amount due from Manager of the Target Fund - management fee rebate receivable		245	-	245
Total		52,844	2,821,870	2,874,714
<u>As at 31.7.2022</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	6	138,213	-	138,213
Financial assets at FVTPL	8	-	3,207,212	3,207,212
Amount due from Manager		455	-	455
Amount due from Manager of the Target Fund - management fee rebate receivable		266	-	266
Total		138,934	3,207,212	3,346,146

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

All current liabilities are financial liabilities which are carried at amortised cost.

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks which include liquidity risk, credit risk, capital risk, market risk (inclusive of price risk and currency risk), country risk, concentration risk and fund management risk.

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated in the Deed and SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

Liquidity risk

The Fund maintains sufficient level of liquid assets, after consultation with the Trustee, to meet anticipated payments and cancellation of units by the unitholders. Liquid assets comprise cash, deposits with licensed financial institutions and other instruments which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 days. The Fund aims to reduce its liquidity risk by maintaining a prudent level of liquid assets.

The table below summarises the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining year as at the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than <u>1 month</u> USD	Between 1 month <u>to 1 year</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
<u>As at 31.7.2023</u>			
Amount due to Manager	22,913	-	22,913
Accrued management fee	3,959	-	3,959
Amount due to Trustee	229	-	229
Other payables and accruals#	-	3,167	3,167
Net assets attributable to unitholders*	2,844,446	-	2,844,446
Contractual cash out flows	<u>2,871,547</u>	<u>3,167</u>	<u>2,874,714</u>
<u>As at 31.7.2022</u>			
Forward foreign currency contracts	2,736	-	2,736
Amount due to Manager	92,713	-	92,713
Accrued management fee	4,320	-	4,320
Amount due to Trustee	780	-	780
Other payables and accruals#	-	3,365	3,365
Net assets attributable to unitholders*	3,242,232	-	3,242,232
Contractual cash out flows	<u>3,342,781</u>	<u>3,365</u>	<u>3,346,146</u>

*Outstanding units are redeemed on demand at the unitholders' option. However, the Manager does not envisage that the contractual maturity disclosed in the table above will be representative of the actual cash outflows, as holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term.

#Other payables and accruals include auditor's remuneration payable and tax agent fees payable.

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the ability of an issuer or a counter party to make timely payments of interest or principals payment on the maturity date. This may lead to a default in the payment of principal and interest and ultimately a reduction in the value of the Fund. In the case of the Fund, the Manager will endeavor to minimise the risk by selecting only licensed financial institutions with acceptable credit ratings.

For amount due from Manager, the settlement terms of units receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

Credit risk arising from cash and bank balances is managed by ensuring that they are held by parties with credit rating of AA or higher.

The following table sets out the credit risk concentration of the Fund:

	<u>Bank balances</u> USD	<u>Other assets*</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
<u>As at 31.7.2023</u>			
Financial institutions			
- AA1	50,404	-	50,404
Other			
- Not Rated	-	2,440	2,440
	<u>50,404</u>	<u>2,440</u>	<u>52,844</u>
<u>As at 31.7.2022</u>			
Financial institutions			
- AA1	138,213	-	138,213
Other			
- Not Rated	-	721	721
	<u>138,213</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>138,934</u>

*Other assets include amount due from Manager and amount due from Manager of the Target Fund.

The financial assets of the Fund are neither past due or impaired.

Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by net assets attributable to unitholders of USD2,844,446 (2022: USD3,242,232). The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of the unitholders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for the unitholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk

(a) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value of an investment of the Fund will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from currency risk).

The Fund's overall exposures to price risk are as follows:

	As at <u>31.7.2023</u> USD	As at <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
Financial assets at FVTPL:		
Collective investment scheme	<u>2,821,870</u>	<u>3,207,212</u>

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit/(loss) after tax and NAV to movements in prices of investments at the end of each reporting year/period. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the price of the investments fluctuates by 5% with all other variables held constant.

<u>% Change in price</u>	<u>Market value</u> USD	Impact on profit/(loss) after tax and <u>NAV</u> USD
<u>As at 31.7.2023</u>		
+ 5	2,962,964	141,094
- 5	<u>2,680,776</u>	<u>(141,094)</u>
<u>As at 31.7.2022</u>		
+ 5	3,367,573	160,361
- 5	<u>3,046,851</u>	<u>(160,361)</u>

(b) Currency risk

Currency risk is associated with investments denominated in Ringgit Malaysia. When the foreign currency fluctuates in an unfavorable movement against United States Dollar, the investments will face currency losses in addition to the capital gain/(loss). The Manager will evaluate the likely directions of a foreign currency versus United States Dollar based on considerations of economic fundamentals such as interest differentials, balance of payments position, debt levels, and technical chart of considerations.

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk (continued)

(b) Currency risk (continued)

The following tables set out the foreign currency risk concentrations and counterparties of the Fund:

<u>As at 31.7.2023</u>		<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> USD	<u>Amount due from Manager</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
<u>Financial assets</u> Ringgit Malaysia		46,582	2,195	48,777
	<u>Amount due to Manager</u> USD	<u>Other payables and accruals*</u> USD	<u>Net assets attributable to unitholders</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
<u>Financial liabilities</u> Ringgit Malaysia	22,913	3,167	2,827,118	2,853,198
<u>As at 31.7.2022</u>		<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> USD	<u>Amount due from Manager</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
<u>Financial assets</u> Ringgit Malaysia		127,075	455	127,530
	<u>Amount due to Manager</u> USD	<u>Other payables and accruals*</u> USD	<u>Net assets attributable to unitholders</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
<u>Financial liabilities</u> Ringgit Malaysia	92,713	3,365	3,212,404	3,308,482

*Other payables and accruals include auditor's remuneration payable and tax agent fees payable.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk (continued)

(b) Currency risk (continued)

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit/(loss) after tax and NAV to changes in foreign exchange movements at the end of each reporting year/period. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate changes by 5%, with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in a foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate. Any increase/(decrease) in foreign exchange rate will result in a corresponding (decrease)/increase in the net assets attributable to unitholders by approximately 5%. Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive and negative.

	Change in foreign exchange <u>rate</u> %	Impact on profit after tax and <u>NAV</u> As at <u>31.7.2023</u>	Impact on profit after tax and <u>NAV</u> As at <u>31.7.2022</u>
Ringgit Malaysia	+5	140,221	159,048
	-5	(140,221)	(159,048)

Country Risk

The risk of price fluctuation in foreign securities may arise due to political, financial and economic events in foreign countries. If this occurs, there is possibility that the NAV of the Fund may be adversely affected.

Concentration Risk

The Fund, as a feeder fund, invests significantly all its assets in a CIS, any adverse effect on the CIS will inevitably affect the Fund as well. The performance of the Fund is also dependent on the performance of the CIS. This risk may be mitigated as the Manager is allowed to take temporary defensive positions in response to adverse market conditions. The Manager is also able to substitute the CIS with another fund with similar objective of the Fund if, in the Manager's opinion, the CIS no longer meets the Fund's objective subject to the unitholders' approval.

Fund management risk

There is the risk that the management company may not adhere to the investment mandate of the respective fund. With close monitoring by various relevant internal parties, investment management system being incorporated with limits and controls, and regular reporting to the senior management team, the management company is able to manage such risk. The Trustee has an oversight function over management of the Fund by the management company to safeguard the interests of the unitholders.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair value estimation

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e. an exit price).

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active market (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the year end date.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each year end date. Valuation techniques used for non-standardised financial instruments such as options, currency swaps and other over-the-counter derivatives, include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

The fair values are based on the following methodology and assumptions:

- (i) For bank balances, the carrying value is a reasonable estimate of fair value.
- (ii) The carrying value less impairment provision of receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The carrying value of the financial assets and financial liabilities approximate their fair value due to their short-term nature.

Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including model risk, liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

Fair value hierarchy

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value by valuation method. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).
- Level 3: Inputs for the asset and liability that are not based on observable market data (that is unobservable inputs).

NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement.

Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgment by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's financial assets (by class) measured at fair value:

	<u>Level 1</u> USD	<u>Level 2</u> USD	<u>Level 3</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
<u>As at 31.7.2023</u>				
Financial assets at FVTPL:				
- Collective investment scheme	<u>2,821,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,821,870</u>
<u>As at 31.7.2022</u>				
Financial assets at FVTPL:				
- Collective investment scheme	<u>3,207,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,207,212</u>
Financial liabilities at FVTPL:				
- Forward foreign currency contracts	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,736)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,736)</u>

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, include active listed equities and collective investment scheme. The Fund does not adjust the quoted prices for these instruments.

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. These include derivative. As Level 2 instruments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

The carrying values of financial assets (other than financial assets at FVTPL) and financial liabilities (other than forward foreign currency contracts) are reasonable approximation of the fair value due to their short-term nature.

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3 MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate not exceeding 3.00% per annum of the NAV of each Class calculated and accrued on a daily basis.

For the financial year ended 31 July 2023, the management fee is recognised at 0.60% (financial period from 18.06.2021 (date of launch) to 31.07.2022: 0.60%) per annum of the NAV of MYR Class A and 1.60% (financial period from 18.06.2021 (date of launch) to 31.07.2022: 1.60%) per annum of the NAV of MYR Class B and USD Class respectively, calculated on a daily basis for the financial year/period.

There will be no further liability to the Manager in respect of the management fee other than the amounts recognised above.

4 TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to an annual fee at a rate not exceeding 0.10% per annum of the NAV of the Fund subject to a minimum fee of RM12,000 (equivalent to: USD2,696) (financial period from 18.06.2021 (date of launch) to 31.07.2022: RM12,000 (equivalent to: USD2,758)) per annum (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges).

For the financial year ended 31 July 2023, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.03% (financial period from 18.6.2021 (date of launch) to 31.7.2022: 0.03%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges) calculated on a daily basis for the financial year/period.

There will be no further liability to the Trustee in respect of the trustee fee other than the amounts recognised above.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (CONTINUED)

5 TAXATION

	<u>2023</u> USD	Financial period from 18.6.2021 (date of launch to <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
Current taxation – local	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The numerical reconciliation between profit/(loss) before taxation multiplied by the Malaysian statutory tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:

	<u>2023</u> USD	Financial period from <u>18.6.2021</u> (date of launch to <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
Profit/(loss) before taxation	<u>242,393</u>	<u>(410,551)</u>
Taxation at applicable rate of 24% (2022: 24%)	58,174	(98,532)
Tax effect of:		
(Investment income not subject to tax)/Investment loss not deductible for tax purpose	(70,397)	88,524
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	2,111	2,114
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	10,112	7,894
Taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As at <u>31.7.2023</u> USD	As at <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
Cash and bank balances	<u>50,404</u>	<u>138,213</u>

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7 DERIVATIVE AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (“FVTPL”)

	As at <u>31.7.2023</u> USD	As at <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
<u>Derivative liabilities</u>		
Forward foreign currency contracts	-	2,736
	<u>2023</u> USD	Financial period from 18.6.2021 (date of Launched) to <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
Net realised loss on forward currency contracts	(12,058)	(9,153)
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on forward currency contracts	2,736	(2,736)
Net loss on derivative	<u>(9,322)</u>	<u>(11,889)</u>
	<u>Payables</u> USD	<u>Fair Value</u> USD
		Percentage of NAV %
<u>As at 31.7.2022</u>		
Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad	(1,582)	(1,582) 0.05
CIMB Bank Berhad	(1,154)	(1,154) 0.03
	<u>(2,736)</u>	<u>(2,736) 0.08</u>

As at 31 July 2023, the notional principal amount for forward foreign currency contract is NIL (2022: USD332,729). The USD/MYR forward foreign currency contracts entered into during the financial year/period to minimise the risk of foreign exchange exposure between the USD and MYR for the Fund.

As the Fund has not adopted hedge accounting the change in fair value of the forward foreign currency contract is recognised immediately in statement of comprehensive income.

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8 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS ("FVTPL")

	As at <u>31.7.2023</u> USD	As at <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
Financial assets at FVTPL:		
- Collective investment scheme – foreign	<u>2,821,870</u>	<u>3,207,212</u>
		Financial period from 18.6.2021 (date of launch) to <u>31.7.2022</u> USD
	<u>2023</u> USD	
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at FVTPL comprised of:		
- realised loss on sale of financial assets at FVTPL	(67,837)	(12,687)
- unrealised gain/(loss) on changes in fair values	376,961	(338,863)
- management fee rebate on collective investment scheme #	<u>2,930</u>	<u>2,261</u>
	<u>312,054</u>	<u>(349,289)</u>

Collective investment scheme – foreign as at 31 July 2023 is as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u> Units	Aggregate <u>Cost</u> USD	Fair <u>Value</u> USD	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
Nomura Funds Ireland - Global Sustainable Equity Fund USD- F	<u>28,023</u>	<u>2,783,772</u>	<u>2,821,870</u>	<u>99.21</u>

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8 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS ("FVTPL") (CONTINUED)

Collective investment scheme – foreign as at 31 July 2022 is as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u> Units	Aggregate <u>Cost</u> USD	Fair <u>Value</u> USD	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
Nomura Funds Ireland - Global Sustainable Equity Fund USD-F	<u>35,579</u>	<u>3,546,075</u>	<u>3,207,212</u>	<u>98.92</u>

In arriving at the fair value of collective investment scheme, the management fee initially paid to the Manager of collective investment scheme have been considered as part of its NAV. In order to prevent the double charging of management fee which is not permissible under SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, management fee charged on the Fund's investments in collective investment scheme have been refunded to the Fund. Accordingly, any management fee rebate received from the Manager of collective investment scheme is reflected as an increase in the NAV of the collective investment scheme.

Top 10 holdings of the Target Fund are as follow:

<u>Security Name</u>	<u>Percentage of Target Fund NAV</u> %
<u>As at 31.7.2023</u>	
Johnson Controls International plc	4.11
Mastercard Incorporated Class A	3.78
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	3.67
Microsoft Corporation	3.62
ASML Holding NV	3.59
NextEra Energy, Inc.	3.58
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	3.49
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	3.24
Adobe Incorporated	3.16
Pentair plc	3.11
	<u>35.35</u>
<u>As at 31.7.2022</u>	
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	4.39
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	4.09
Mastercard Incorporated Class A	4.07
Johnson Controls International plc	4.01
Microsoft Corporation	4.00
NextEra Energy, Inc.	3.85
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	3.73
Alphabet Inc. Class A	3.59
Cisco Systems, Inc.	3.21
Becton, Dickinson and Company	3.13
	<u>38.07</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (CONTINUED)

9 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	<u>2023</u> No. of units	Financial period from 18.6.2021 (date of launch to 31.7.2022 No. of units
(a) MYR CLASS A		
At beginning of the financial year/period	1,000	-
Creation of units during the financial year/period arising from applications	-	1,000
At end of the financial year/period	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
(b) MYR CLASS B		
At beginning of the financial year/period	15,406,885	-
Creation of units during the financial year/period arising from applications	1,374,866	16,221,178
Cancellation of units	(4,347,090)	(814,293)
At end of the financial year/period	<u>12,434,661</u>	<u>15,406,885</u>
(c) USD CLASS		
At beginning of the financial year/period	34,342	-
Creation of units during the financial year/period arising from applications	636	39,826
Cancellation of units	(16,682)	(5,484)
At end of the financial year/period	<u>18,296</u>	<u>34,342</u>

10 TRANSACTIONS WITH PROVIDER

Details of transactions with the provider of the CIS as follows:

<u>Name of provider</u>	<u>Value of trade</u> USD	<u>Percentage of total trade</u> %
<u>2023:</u> Brown Brothers Harriman and Co.	<u>1,029,315</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<u>Financial period from 18.6.2021(date of launch) to 31.7.2022</u> Brown Brothers Harriman and Co.	<u>3,794,072</u>	<u>100.00</u>

The provider above is not related to the Manager.

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11 TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	<u>2023</u> %	Financial period from 18.6.2021 (date of launch) to <u>31.7.2022</u> %
TER	<u>1.72</u>	<u>2.06</u>

TER is derived from the following calculation:

$$\text{TER} = \frac{(A + B + C + D + E)}{F} \times 100$$

A	=	Management fee (net of management fee rebate)
B	=	Trustee's fee
C	=	Audit fee
D	=	Tax agent's fee
E	=	Other expenses
F	=	Average NAV of Fund calculated on daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on a daily basis is USD2,958,117 (financial period from 18.06.2021 (date of launch) to 31.07.2022: USD2,023,464).

12 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	<u>2023</u>	Financial period from 18.6.2021 (date of launch) to <u>31.7.2022</u>
PTR (times)	<u>0.17</u>	<u>0.94</u>

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

$$\frac{(\text{Total acquisition for the financial year/period} + \text{total disposal for the financial year/period}) \div 2}{\text{Average NAV of the Fund for the financial year/period calculated on daily basis}}$$

Where: total acquisition for the financial year/period = USD167,424
(financial period from 18.06.2021 (date of launch) to 31.07.2022: USD3,676,417)
total disposal for the financial year/period = USD861,891
(financial period from 18.06.2021 (date of launch) to 31.07.2022: USD117,655)

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13 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER

The related party of and its relationship with the Fund are as follows:

<u>Related party</u>	<u>31.07.2023</u>		<u>31.07.2022</u>	
	No. of units	USD	No. of units	USD
Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd				
Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd MYR CLASS A	<u>1,000</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>212</u>

Relationship
The Manager

The units are held legally by the Manager for booking purposes.

In addition to the related party disclosure mentioned elsewhere in the financial statements, there were no other significant related party transactions and balances.

Other than the above, there were no units held by parties related to the Manager.

14 COMPARATIVES

The figures are not comparable as the comparatives do not cover a full financial year.

15 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 25 September 2023.

NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND**STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER**

We, Leslie Yap Kim Loong and Atsushi Ichii, being two of the Directors of Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd (the "Manager"), do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 1 to 27 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deed and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 July 2023 and of its financial performance, changes in net assets attributable to unitholders and cash flows for the financial year ended 31 July 2023 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, and International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager,
NOMURA ASSET MANAGEMENT MALAYSIA SDN BHD



LESLIE YAP KIM LOONG
Managing Director



ATSUSHI ICHII
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Kuala Lumpur
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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial year ended 31 July 2023 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd has operated and managed the Fund during the year covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:-

1. Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the management company under the deed, securities laws and the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the deed; and
3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the deed and any regulatory requirement.

For Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad


Ng Hon Leong
Head, Fund Operations


Sylvia Beh
Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur
25 September 2023



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Nomura Global Sustainable Equity Fund (“the Fund”) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 July 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 July 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets attributable to unitholders and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 1 to 27.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the “Auditors’ responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements” section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (“By-Laws”) and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (“IESBA Code”), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code.

Information other than the financial statements and auditors’ report thereon

The Manager of the Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Manager’s Report, but does not include the financial statements of the Fund and our auditors’ report thereon.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND
(CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Our opinion on the financial statements of the Fund does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Fund, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Fund or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Manager for the financial statements

The Manager of the Fund is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements of the Fund that give a true and fair view in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards. The Manager is also responsible for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements of the Fund that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements of the Fund, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to liquidate the Fund or to terminate the Fund, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Fund as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND
(CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- (a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the Fund, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- (b) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- (c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- (d) Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Fund or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- (e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Fund, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Fund represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Manager regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NOMURA GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND
(CONTINUED)

OTHER MATTERS

This report is made solely to the unitholders of the Fund, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

A large, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PwC' in a stylized, cursive script.

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS PLT
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Chartered Accountants

Kuala Lumpur
25 September 2023