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3-year Fund Volatility
13.7
High
Lipper Analytics
30-Jun-2026

Nomura Global Shariah Sustainable Equity Fund - USD Class A

July 2026

Fund Commentary and Strategy

The first half of 2026 was characterized by market euphoria, though this was concentrated primarily within the information technology sector, specifically semiconductor and IT hardware industries. Certain industrial companies with exposure to electrification and power generation experienced comparable, albeit less pronounced, price appreciation. This period commenced with investor preference for AI exposure, resulting in substantial capital rotation into the IT sector, accompanied by heightened expectations that IT companies' earnings beats and guidance raises would almost certainly support linear upward share price movement and any dip would be viewed as buy the dip opportunity. While these expectations were met, the limited margin for error that we identified in the previous month's commentary unfortunately materialized throughout earnings season in July. Escalating investor concerns regarding peak AI capital expenditure growth and AI return on invested capital were amplified by Chinese open-source models alongside uncertain AI regulations from the US government, given multiple cybersecurity breach incidents involving AI agents from OpenAI and Anthropic. Market volatility was exacerbated by margin calls on leveraged positions, resulting in significant correction than anticipated in which the most severe underperformance during July was observed in Asia Pacific markets, including Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan. Conversely, US hyperscalers reported cloud growth acceleration and capital expenditure increases, prompting our assessment that the market's swing from extreme optimism to the opposite extreme likely to create price dislocation opportunities. We think that the structural AI trend will regain market confidence as additional application use cases emerge. Concurrently, we acknowledge that multiple unresolved debates surrounding AI may face rounds of scrutinization and require time for market stabilization. In light of these considerations, we believe that well-balanced diversification within the fund will generate superior value for our investors in the current high-volatility market environment. For the month under review, USD Class returned -4.69% underperforming the DJIDEV index benchmark by 235 basis points. Despite the IT sector's pronounced declines back to May level, the fund managed to successfully deliver net outperformance over the past three months through our efforts to manage our IT positions.

By region, fund underperformance was attributed across regions with Asia Pacific being the largest detractor followed by North America and Europe. Within Asia Pacific, IT sector was the main drag where the fund has overweight position. IT in Asia was the worst due to its semi and IT hardware industry portraying more volatility and lack of large cap software companies which outperformed massively in other region. By sector, outperformance in the defensive sectors such as Healthcare and Financials failed to offset major underperformance in IT sector. Not owning Energy sector was a drag for the month due to market concern around Middle East tension which resulted in rising crude oil price.

The top contributors to the relative performance were Thermo Fischer Scientific and handful of non-holdings including but not limited to Tesla, SK Hynix, and Intel. Despite disappointing guidance cut from Danaher, Thermo Fisher Scientific reported strong earnings which clarified that Danaher guidance disappointment was largely idiosyncratic and life science growth in fact is steadily recovering from its low single digit growth rate. On the other hand, the bottom contributors to the relative performance were Micron and Murata. Both companies reported outstanding earnings beat and revised up FY guidance supported by strong AI demands. However, being AI beneficiaries under the picks and shovels basket which outperformed the broad market YTD, both companies experienced steep multiple compression due to negative market sentiment with concerns around peak of AI capex cycle and the resurgence of DeepSeek moment but this time with a much larger parameter scale Chinese open-source model called Kimi K3.

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	YTD	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month
	31/12/2025 To 31/07/2026	30/06/2026 To 31/07/2026	30/04/2026 To 31/07/2026	31/01/2026 To 31/07/2026
Fund	7.66	-4.69	5.90	6.27
Benchmark	11.50	-2.34	3.51	8.39

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	1 Year	3 Year	Since Commencement
	31/07/2025 To 31/07/2026	31/07/2023 To 31/07/2026	13/06/2022 To 31/07/2026
Fund	18.73	54.26	91.61
Benchmark	23.08	63.62	99.41

Source: LSEG 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.

FUND'S PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT AN INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE PERFORMANCE

Fund Objectives
The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

Benchmark
Dow Jones Islamic Market Developed Markets Index

Investment Adviser
Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited

Distribution Policy
Distribution of income, if any, is incidental and may be made from realised gains, realised income and/or out of capital.

Key Facts

Launch Date	23-May-2022
Fund Category	Equity (Shariah-compliant)
Year End	31 May
Fund Size	USD 25.03 million
Class Size	USD 9.30 million
Units in Circulation (USD Class A)	4.85 million
NAV per Unit (USD Class A)	USD 1.9161
Transaction cut-off time	Daily; 4:00 pm
Redemption Period	T + 10 business days

Sales charge
Up to 5.00% of the NAV per Unit.

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

Trustee fee
Up to 0.05% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (including local custodian fees and expenses but excluding foreign custodian fees and charges), subject to a minimum fee of RM15,000 per annum.

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Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Fund	18.05	19.32	25.77	0.47
Benchmark	19.16	18.48	29.37	-2.08

Source: LSEG Lipper

Notes:
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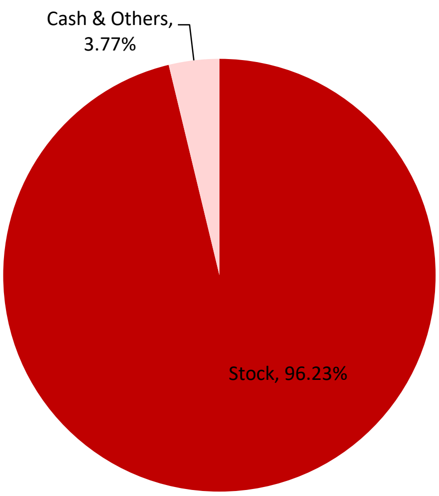
Calendar year returns for 2022 are measured from its commencement date of 13 June 2022.

Asset Allocation (%)



Top 5 Holdings (%)

Nvidia Corp	8.06
Alphabet Inc-Cl A	8.00
Microsoft Corp	6.56
Taiwan Semiconductor-Sp Adr	5.78
Apple Inc	5.10

All data presented are as of 31 July 2026 unless otherwise specified.

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

Temporary negative cash balance reflected in the statement is attributable to payable transactions that have been recorded but not yet settled.

Sector Breakdown (%)

Information Technology	48.39%
Health Care	19.02%
Industrials	14.28%
Communication Services	8.00%
Financials	5.07%
Cash & Others	3.77%
Materials	1.47%

Country Breakdown (%)

United States	67.96%
Taiwan	5.78%
Japan	4.86%
Ireland	4.08%
Cash & Others	3.77%
Netherlands	3.46%
France	2.48%
United Kingdom	2.37%
Italy	2.01%
Switzerland	1.76%
Denmark	1.47%

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Nomura Asset Management's 6 Impact Goals

This quarter we continued to work on progressing towards our 6 Impact Goals (as below) focused around the most pressing issues facing our world and where we as investors believe we can have a positive impact across various stakeholders. In 1Q26, 31 of our total engagements were directly aligned to our 6 Impact Goals outlined below. The impact goals are closely aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), and NAM's 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.

Click below for more details on the report:

https://www.nomura-asset.co.uk/download/past_docs/Past_Responsible_Investing_Reports/NAM_UK_1Q26_RI_Report.pdf

Engagement in Numbers

38 Companies reviewed and assigned ESG Ratings

57 Companies engaged with

97% Response Ratio

Companies reviewed	
Issues (improving)	15
No Issues	12
Issues (not Improving)	11
Uninvestible	0
Total	**38**

Engagements by Subject	
Environment	43
Governance	31
Social	27
Dialogue/Disclosure	26
Business Strategy	10
Financial Strategy	7

Engagements	
Number of contacts	57
Engaged & responded	55
Engaged with no response	2
Response Ratio	**97%**

Environment

94% Mitigate Climate Change

3% Mitigate Natural Capital Depletion

Society

0% Mitigate Obesity Epidemic

0% Eliminate Communicable Disease

3% Global Access to Basic Financial Services

0% Global Access to Clean Drinking Water

The percentage numbers above represent the engagements conducted during the quarter for each impact goal.

Source: Nomura Asset Management U.K. Ltd. - Responsible Investing Report 1Q2026.