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Nikko Asset Management bolsters Global Equity team in Edinburgh

Ella-Kara Brown appointed as Portfolio Manager

Nikko Asset Management (“Nikko AM”) has appointed Ella-Kara Brown as Portfolio Manager within its Global Equity team based in Edinburgh. Ella-Kara Brown joins the existing Global Equity team as a Portfolio Manager to further bolster the firm’s Global Equity capability. The team has achieved considerable success in building their franchise with a focus on Future Quality investing, with assets under management growing from a modest start of approximately USD 250 million in 2014 to over USD 4 billion today*.

Ella-Kara has over 19 years of experience working in investment management and will join the existing investment team in collectively managing Global Equity portfolios with their well-established team investment approach. Ella-Kara was previously a Portfolio Manager at abrdn managing a range of Global Equity strategies.

“We are delighted that Ella-Kara has joined our Global Equity team in Edinburgh. Clients across the world are increasingly adopting our Future Quality investing approach, and adding the talent and experience of Ella-Kara will help ensure that we continue delivering performance for our clients,” said Will Low, Portfolio Manager and Head of Global Equity at Nikko AM.

“Several members of our investment team worked briefly with Ella-Kara at her previous employer, and hence we are all excited to have her join with the knowledge that she shares our cultural values and will easily assimilate into the team,” said Iain Fulton, Global Equity Portfolio Manager at Nikko AM.

The Nikko AM Global Equity Strategy has delivered strong outperformance since inception in 2014, with an annualised gross return of 10.21% compared to the MSCI ACWI Net Total Return Index return of 7.18%**.

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***Based on Global Equity Team AUM of USD 4.10 billion as of 30 September 2023.**

****Past performance is not a guide to future returns.**

The benchmark for this composite is MSCI ACWI Net Total Return Index. The benchmark was the MSCI ACWI ex AU since inception of the composite to 31 March 2016. Inception date for the composite is 01 October 2014. Returns are based on Nikko AM's (hereafter referred to as the "Firm") Global Equity Strategy Composite returns. Returns for periods in excess of 1 year are annualised. The Firm claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS. Returns are US Dollar based and are calculated gross of advisory and management fees, custodial fees and withholding taxes, but are net of transaction costs and include reinvestment of dividends and interest. Copyright © MSCI Inc. The copyright and intellectual rights to the index displayed above are the sole property of the index provider. Any comparison to a reference index or benchmark may have material inherent limitations and therefore should not be relied upon. GIPS is a registered trademark of the CFA Institute. Data as of 30 September 2023

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With US\$219.2 billion* under management, Nikko Asset Management is one of Asia's largest asset managers, providing high-conviction, active fund management across a range of equity, fixed income, multi-asset and alternative strategies. In addition, its complementary range of passive strategies covers more than 20 indices and includes some of Asia's leading exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

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The investment teams benefit from a unique global perspective complemented by the firm's historic Asian DNA, striving to deliver consistent excellence in performance. The firm also prides itself on its progressive, solution-driven approach, which has led to many innovative funds launched for its clients.

For more information about Nikko Asset Management and to access its investment insights, please visit the firm's [homepage](#).

* Consolidated assets under management and sub-advisory of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries as of 30 June 2023.

** Including employees of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries as of 30 June 2023.

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