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SGX Index Edge licenses index to Nikko Asset Management as investors increasingly turn to thematic investing

Singapore Exchange (SGX) today announced it is licensing its iEdge-FactSet Global Internet Index to Nikko Asset Management (Nikko AM). Nikko AM, one of Asia's largest asset managers, will adopt the index for exchange-traded fund (ETF) listing.

Thematic investing is growing rapidly, as investors aim to capitalise on long-term, macro-economic themes and trends by investing in businesses that are poised to benefit from these economic, social or technological trends.

SGX Index Edge, in collaboration with partner FactSet, have developed a suite of indices aimed at capturing global, transformational trends, while offering investment opportunities in businesses impacted by these trends. iEdge-FactSet Global Internet Index is a new addition to the iEdge-FactSet series of indices, providing exposure to global stocks that are positioned to grow with the shift to web-based technologies.

Simon Karaban, Head of Index Services at SGX, said, "There is an increasing allocation of global assets to thematic-based investing and we are proud to be at the forefront of developing innovative and respected index-based solutions for our product partners. The iEdge-FactSet series of thematic indices offer flexibility and choice for investors who can better express their view on a range of emerging trends across global markets. We are pleased to be partnering with Nikko AM in licensing the iEdge-FactSet Global Internet Index, drawing on our respective strengths to offer a compelling solution for investors."

Eleanor Seet, Head of Asia ex-Japan at Nikko Asset Management, said, "This is Nikko AM's first ETF offering in Hong Kong, and we are pleased to have the partnership of SGX through the iEdge-FactSet Global Internet Index. The [Nikko AM Global Internet ETF](#) provides investors with easy and low-cost access to the world's internet titans, across trending themes such as e-commerce, internet of things, social networking, cloud services and e-gaming. As a leading ETF issuer in an increasingly challenging environment, we are committed to delivering progressive and relevant solutions to our investors."

The iEdge-FactSet Global Internet Index aims to trace the performance of developed market securities in the internet segments. Securities captured within this index include companies primarily in Internet and Data Services, General Internet and Online Services, Internet Support Services, Financial Software and Services, Virtual Reality and Engineering Software business segments and Online Retail. For more information on iEdge-FactSet Thematic Indices, please click [here](#).

SGX will continue to expand its series of thematic indices, working closely with product issuers to deliver differentiated products through customised index solutions that offer investors significant choice and investment opportunity.

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SGX is the world's most liquid international market for the benchmark equity indices of China, India, Japan and ASEAN and offers commodities and currency derivatives products. Headquartered in AAA-rated Singapore, SGX is globally recognised for its risk management and clearing capabilities. For more information, please visit www.sgx.com.

About Nikko Asset Management

With US\$224 billion (23.41 trillion yen)* 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 largest exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

Headquartered in Asia since 1959, the firm represents nearly 200** investment professionals and over 30 nationalities across 11 countries. More than 300 banks, brokers, financial advisors and life insurance companies around the world distribute the company's products.

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 2019.*

*** As of 30 June 2019, including employees of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries.*

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