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Nikko Asset Management Adds Depth to Global Equity Team

Nikko Asset Management ("Nikko AM") has appointed Jeremy Hall as Investment Director – Global Equity. In this role, he will be a portfolio manager within the Nikko AM Global Equity team based in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Hall is both a Chartered Financial Analyst and Chartered Accountant with 17 years of professional investment experience, most recently as a partner and investment manager at Cartesian Capital Partners LLP where he was responsible for both UK equity long and long-short funds.

"The Global Equity team places significant emphasis on teamwork, its investment ethos and having clear shared values. In this regard we are excited to welcome Jeremy to the team," said William Low, the Head of Global Equity at the firm." He has a long track record of undertaking research and picking stocks within high conviction equity portfolios. His investment style is highly aligned with the team's focus on Future Quality firms."

Nikko AM's Global Equity team, which manages high conviction and benchmark-unconstrained global equity long-only portfolios, is based in Edinburgh, Scotland and comprises six portfolio managers with an average 20 years' industry experience.

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About Nikko Asset Management

With US\$182.7 billion (20.36 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 more than 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.

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