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Nikko AM launches first ETF on SGX to provide exposure to Asia ex Japan ex China

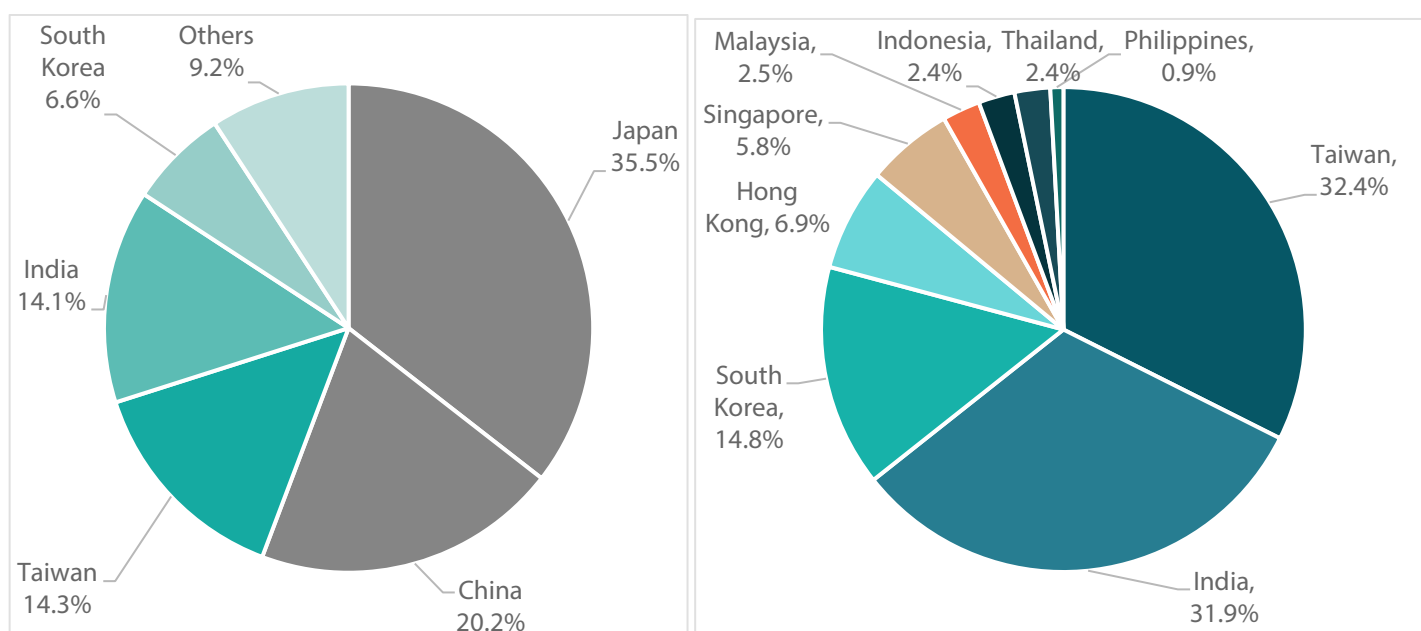
Nikko Asset Management announces the launch of the **Amova MSCI AC Asia ex Japan ex China Index ETF** on Singapore Exchange on 2 April 2025. The name is in anticipation of the firm's new name, Amova Asset Management, from 1 September 2025.

Tracking the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan ex China Index, this ETF provides exposure to the performance of large and mid-cap companies in both Developed and Emerging markets in Asia, *excluding* Japan and China. The ETF aims to maximise growth and accumulate wealth for investors over the longer term by reinvesting dividends paid by underlying constituents back into the fund.

Rebalancing Asia: A modern approach to regional investing

The Amova MSCI AC Asia ex Japan ex China Index ETF introduces a more precise way to capture Asia's growth markets. For decades, investors have tended to view Asia in two parts – Japan and Asia ex-Japan – due to Japan's outsized market dominance. Today the world's second largest economy, China has also become an asset class in its own right. By excluding Japan and China, the ETF provides a more balanced representation of Asia's emerging and developed markets, while maintaining exposure to the region's long-term growth drivers.

Geographical split – MSCI AC Asia Index vs MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan ex-China Index



Source: MSCI data, 31 December 2024.

Note: Numbers may not sum up exactly due to rounding.

Phillip Yeo, International Head of Product Development and Management and Joint Global Head of ETF Business, Nikko Asset Management Asia commented, “This ETF is designed to provide a modern and targeted approach to investing in Asia – giving investors access to the region’s dynamic growth while mitigating concentration from the two largest economies. As the first of its kind on SGX, it introduces a fresh perspective on portfolio construction for Asia’s evolving markets.”

Two trends underscore the growing demand for such ETFs:

- i. Recent data indicates a significant shift in investor preferences. Assets in funds that omit China have surged by 75% this year, reaching US\$26 billion. These funds have attracted US\$10 billion in net inflows, surpassing broader emerging market funds [Source: Financial Times, <https://www.ft.com/content/d0631629-568e-4fe6-adb2-b7b8395c91f4>].
- ii. Assets invested in the ETFs industry in Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) reached a new record of US\$979.28 billion at the end of July 2024 beating the previous record of US\$924.01 billion at the end of June 2024. [Source: ETFGI, <https://etfgi.com/news/press-releases/2024/08/etfgi-reports-assets-invested-etfs-industry-asia-pacific-ex-japan>]

Note: The links will bring you to a third party website.

Structural mega-trends power Asia’s high growth economies

The ETF gives direct exposure to structural mega-trends that are occurring globally and in Asia. One such trend is the wider adoption of AI. The computer chips underpinning it are manufactured largely in Taiwan and Korea. There is also the renaissance of the Indian investor embracing their local equities, and the rise, once again, of ASEAN as a manufacturing hub.

Eleanor Seet, President and Director, Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited and Head of Asia ex-Japan, Nikko Asset Management, said, “We anticipate an enduring trend of strong demand for exposure to Asian markets that exclude China and Japan to diversify and be more specific to approaching opportunities in this region. The launch of the Amova MSCI AC Asia ex Japan ex China Index ETF demonstrates our commitment to bring progressive and high quality solutions to investors. We are additionally proud to launch this fund under our Amova name that we will be introducing through the course of 2025.”

For more information about the **Amova MSCI AC Asia ex Japan ex China Index ETF**, visit [our website](#).

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About Nikko Asset Management

With US\$246.1 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).

Headquartered in Asia since 1959, Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries employ personnel representing around 30 nationalities, including approximately 200 investment professionals**. The firm has a presence through subsidiaries or affiliates in a total of 12 countries and regions. More than 400 banks, brokers, financial advisors and life insurance companies around the world distribute the firm'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.

Effective 1 September 2025, we are changing our name



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 September 2024.

** Including employees of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries as of 30 September 2024.

Important Information

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