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Nikko Asset Management Bolsters its Business Development in Benelux and Nordics

Marleen Barents-Jager appointed as Business Development Director

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd. ("Nikko AM") has appointed Marleen Barents-Jager as Business Development Director for the Benelux and Nordic regions to further strengthen its European sales effort.

Marleen Barents-Jager will predominantly be based in the Netherlands with regular travel to Nikko AM's Frankfurt office, where its European Distribution team is based. With over 20 years of experience in financial services, she will be responsible for building out Nikko AM's institutional and wholesale client base in the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Nordics. Marleen previously worked at Russell Investments and prior to that at Principal Global Investors where she was responsible for sales in the Benelux and the Nordics.

"We are delighted to have Marleen join our Distribution team. She brings tremendous industry experience that will help us continue to serve the increasing demand for our suite of Equity and Fixed Income investment capabilities in the Benelux and Nordic regions," said Rob Bluzmanis, Nikko AM Regional Head of EMEA and Chief Executive of Nikko AM Europe Ltd.

Nikko Asset Management has been growing its footprint in Europe to better meet client demand, including the opening and expansion of its Frankfurt office in addition to augmenting existing Luxembourg, London and Edinburgh offices. The firm 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.

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About Nikko Asset Management

With US\$206.1 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 25 nationalities, including approximately 200 investment professionals**. The firm has a presence through subsidiaries or affiliates in a total of 11 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.

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 2022.

** Including employees of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries as of 30 June 2022.