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Nikko AM Demonstrates Ongoing Commitment to Sustainability with Releases of Sustainability Report 2024, Global TCFD Report 2024

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd. (Nikko AM) has just issued a pair of annual reports that underscore the firm's ongoing global commitments, both as a fiduciary and steward of clients' capital, and as a responsible corporate citizen. [Sustainability Report 2024](#) presents both sides of the coin, explaining sustainable investment structures, Nikko AM's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) approach, frameworks and milestones, as well as various corporate sustainability activities in the firm's own operations. Meanwhile, [Global TCFD Report 2024](#) takes a deep dive into climate related risks and opportunities by assessing the firm's investments and operations aligned with the recommendations of the [Task Force on Climate Related Disclosures](#) (TCFD). Both reports cover the 2023 calendar year.

Sustainability Report 2024

Sections of the report about Nikko AM's sustainable investment efforts were led by the Global Sustainable Investment Team – asset class agnostic specialists dedicated to fostering integration of sustainable investment across the firm working closely with the investment teams. It features updates on approaches to sustainable investment by each in-house asset class team, including New Zealand equities and bonds, Japan equities, Asian equities, Asian fixed income, global equities, global fixed income and multi-asset. The report also presents examples of proxy voting and engagement with investees towards sustainable investment goals, and new elements about collaborative engagement, and how the firm prevents greenwashing.

Sustainable investment milestones from 2023 include expansion of the firm's sustainable fund offering such as under Articles 8 and 9 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation, joining collective engagement initiative Nature Action 100, and entering into a strategic partnership with Osmosis (Holdings) Limited, a UK-based sustainable investment manager specialising in a resource efficient strategy.

Sections about Nikko AM's efforts as a responsible corporate citizen were led by the Global Corporate Sustainability Team, describing efforts carried out by the 11 sustainability groups spanning various themes and geographies, united around Nikko AM's three pillars of sustainability: diversity and inclusion, reducing inequalities, and environment & climate. This year's report features a new section explaining the connection between cybersecurity and sustainability.

Nikko AM President Stefanie Drews commented, "I am delighted with how far our Sustainability Report has come. We believe that ESG considerations are inherent to long-term corporate value creation and contribute to sustainable economic growth. The report also holds us accountable in showing the progress towards our own sustainability goals,

such as having at least 30% of management positions, globally, held by women by 2030, and lowering greenhouse gas emissions from our corporate operations by 40% per employee by 2030, compared with 2019 levels¹.”

Please access the Sustainability Report 2024 at the link below.

<https://www.nikkoam.co.nz/sustainability>

Global TCFD Report 2024

The Global TCFD Report 2024 is a dedicated and deep dive into the impact of climate change on the firm’s investments in the 2023 calendar year, with respect to the TCFD’s four pillars of governance, strategy, risk management, and metrics & targets. The report provides a comprehensive update on Nikko AM’s methodologies to help clients make decisions to meet their climate goals and decarbonize the economy. For example, the Global Sustainable Investment team shares best practices regarding voting in favour of climate shareholder resolutions at Japanese companies - a practice not yet widely adopted in Japan - and advocates for credible, high quality climate data and scenario tools to help identify and ameliorate climate risks.

Nikko AM committed to TCFD in August 2018, and in May 2019, joined the TCFD Consortium, which is a Japanese initiative that aims to further discussions on effective and efficient corporate disclosure of climate-related information and its use by financial institutions. The firm will continuously strengthen and expand its ability to analyse the impact of climate-related risks and opportunities on the financial condition of companies and cooperate with stakeholders both within and outside the investment community.

Global Head of Sustainable Investment Natalia Rajewska remarked, “We are proud to share how we pursue clients’ climate goals and work towards alignment with the Paris agreement, without sacrificing returns. Whilst we recognise the importance of climate scenarios, we acknowledge their complexity and current limitations. Our commitment is to enhance models and disclosures, allowing us to blend top-down and bottom-up analyses. We hope this cross-functional effort will further evolve as access to credible, high-quality climate data improves, alongside with stability of methodologies of third-party data providers and regulatory intervention.”

You can view Nikko AM’s Global TCFD Report 2024 here.²

https://www.nikkoam.co.nz/files/pdf/esg/tcfd_eng_2024.pdf

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¹ Includes direct / indirect emissions in Scopes 1&2 (fuel combustion and consumption of purchased electricity), and certain indirect emissions in Scope 3 (transmission & distribution of energy and business travel not included in Scopes 1&2), as defined by the Greenhouse Gas Protocol.

² This report is for information to institutional investors and intermediaries only.

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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 31 March 2024.

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