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NIKKO ASSET MANAGEMENT CO., LTD.

Nikko AM to Launch “Listed Index Fund Nikkei Semiconductor Stock”

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd. (Nikko AM) today announces it is scheduled to launch the new exchange traded fund (ETF) “Listed Index Fund Nikkei Semiconductor Stock” on 11 July, and list it on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on 12 July.



Name of fund	Listed Index Fund Nikkei Semiconductor Stock		
Securities Code	213A	Trust Fee (including tax)	0.165% per annum (0.15% excluding tax)
Index	Nikkei Semiconductor Stock Index		
Closing Dates	8 January, 8 July of each year		
Trading Unit on Exchange	10 units ¹	Minimum Investment Amount ²	Approximately 2,000 yen (200 yen per unit x 10 units)
NISA	Growth investment quota		
Listing Date	12 July 2024		

Demand for semiconductors is expected to continue to grow over the medium to long term as a fundamental technology supporting the digitalisation of various industries, and semiconductors are also increasingly positioned as a strategic resource that also influences national security. In Japan, national efforts are also in full swing. Japanese companies have a global advantage in the fields of semiconductor production equipment and semiconductor materials, and with demand expected to increase worldwide, there are significant growth opportunities for Japanese semiconductor-related companies.

“Listed Index Fund Nikkei Semiconductor Stock” is linked to the Nikkei Semiconductor Stock Index, which consists of the 30 largest semiconductor-related stocks by market capitalisation listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, providing new investment opportunities in companies that are driving the growth of the Japanese semiconductor industry.

Features of the Nikkei Semiconductor Stock Index

<p>1 Comprised of major Japanese semiconductor-related companies</p>  <p>Selection of 30 stocks with the largest market capitalisation listed on the TSE</p>	<p>2 Holdings reviewed annually</p>  <p>Periodic review of constituent stocks at the end of November each year</p>	<p>3 Maximum weight assigned to one stock is 15%</p>  <p>Up to 5% for companies whose main business is not semiconductor-related</p>
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1 Some brokers may offer trading in single units. Please see the broker's home page for details.

2 As of the time of listing.

The trust fee for “Listed Index Fund Nikkei Semiconductor Stock” is 0.165% per annum (0.15% excluding tax), the lowest³ among Japanese semiconductor stock thematic ETFs. The ETF can be traded for as little as 2,000 yen².

Further information on “Listed Index Fund Nikkei Semiconductor Stock” is available at https://www.nikkoam.com/products/etf/lineup/nikkei_semiconductor (Japanese)

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³ Among those traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, as of 24 June 2024, according to Nikko AM research.

Fund Outline for Exchange Trading

Product Type	Open-end/Domestic/Equity/ETF/Index type
Listed Exchange	Tokyo Stock Exchange
Listing Date	12 July 2024 (scheduled)
Securities Code	213A
Trading Unit on Exchange	10 units
Trust Period	Unlimited (launch date: 11 July 2024)
Closing Dates	8 January, 8 July of each year
Dividends	Distributions will be made two times a year in accordance with the distribution policy. *In principle, the management company will transfer the dividend to the bank account, etc. designated in advance by the beneficiary on the date designated by the management company, which falls within 40 days after the end of each calculation period. If the beneficiary has entered into a separate agreement with the handling company regarding the handling of profit distribution, it shall be paid in accordance with the said agreement.

Outline of Fees, etc.

Investors bear the following expenses:

Fees charged at the time of trading at the Exchange

- Trading Fees: Fees are determined by each broker. Inquire with the relevant broker for details. Fees are subject to Japanese consumption tax.

Fees and expenses charged indirectly through the trust assets (i.e. paid by the Fund)

- Trust Fees: Fund: annual rate of up to 0.165% (0.15% excluding tax) of total net assets
- Other Expenses

An amount no greater than the total obtained by multiplying the fund's daily total net assets by an annual rate of 0.1% and multiplying the result by the trust period.

Expenses including the following will be paid from trust assets at the times stipulated by the asset manager: (i) expenses for creating and delivering prospectuses, (ii) expenses for accounting and related services, (iii) expenses for producing summaries of accounts (if the services set forth in (i)–(iii) are outsourced, they will also include outsourcing fees), (iv) audit costs, (v) listing fees, and (vi) fees for using the indices.

* Audit costs are expenses for audits of a fund paid to an auditing firm, etc. Brokerage fees for securities purchased, interest on borrowings and interest on advance payments are paid from trust assets upon occurrence.

Brokerage fees, etc.: Brokerage fees for securities held in the portfolio, costs for assets held abroad, interest on advances and fees related to securities borrowed (when securities are borrowed, the amount obtained by multiplying the borrowing fee, which is income for the trust property, by 0.55 (0.5 before tax as of the date of filing of the securities registration statement) or less (0.5 before tax)) are paid out of the trust assets upon occurrence. The amount of the borrowing fee (the amount obtained by multiplying the borrowing fee by 0.55 (0.5 excluding tax as of the date of submission of the securities registration statement)), etc. is paid from the trust assets upon occurrence.

The rate, maximum amount, etc. cannot be indicated in advance as they are subject to change depending on investment conditions and other factors.

* As miscellaneous expenses can vary depending on a fund's management status and other such circumstances, it is not possible to provide information such as rates and maximum amounts in advance.

For more details, please refer to the investment trust explanatory document (prospectus distributed in advance of creation).

Fund Outline

This is applicable to direct creations and exchanges of the fund, and not applicable to those investors who trade on the exchange.

Subscription and Exchange Processing Hours	Orders will in principle be processed on the same business day if all administrative procedures prescribed by the authorised participant are completed by 3:00 p.m. Japan time. *After 5 November 2024, as a general rule, the receipt for the same day will be those for which the paperwork prescribed by the authorised participant has been completed by 3.30 pm Japan time on the authorised participant's business day. As this may vary, please contact the authorised participant for details.
Creation Units	The number of units (rounded up to the nearest 10 units) obtained by dividing the valuation of the unit shares by the NAV on the date the application for creation is accepted shall be the unit of application, which shall be an integral multiple of the NAV.
Creation Value	<Initial subscription period> 200 yen per unit <Continuous application period> Net Asset Value (NAV) on the date of application for subscription
Exchange Units	The minimum number of units to be requested for exchange shall be determined by the management company and shall be an integral multiple of the minimum number of units to be requested for exchange. The minimum number of units to be requested for exchange shall be determined by the management company as the number of units that corresponds to the total valuation of each component of the Nikkei Semiconductor Stock Index, which the management company assumes to be linked to the Nikkei Semiconductor Stock Index on the exchange request date, multiplied by the NAV on the exchange request date.
Exchange Value	NAV as of business day following date of application receipt

Fees charged at the time of creation and exchange

- Creation Fees: Fees are determined by each authorised participant. Inquire with the authorised participant for details.
- Exchange Fees: Fees are determined by each authorised participant. Inquire with the authorised participant for details.
- Amount Retained in Trust Assets (Exchange charge): None

Fees and expenses charged indirectly through the trust assets (i.e. paid by the Fund)

- Trust Fees: Fund: annual rate of up to 0.165% (0.15% excluding tax) of total net assets
- Other Expenses: An amount no greater than the total obtained by multiplying the fund's daily total net assets by an annual rate of 0.1% and multiplying the result by the trust period.
Expenses including the following will be paid from trust assets at the times stipulated by the asset manager: (i) expenses for creating and delivering prospectuses, (ii) expenses for accounting and related services, (iii) expenses for producing summaries of accounts (if the services set forth in (i)–(iii) are outsourced, they will also include outsourcing fees), (iv) audit costs, (v) listing fees, and (vi) fees for using the indices.
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* As miscellaneous expenses can vary depending on a fund's management status and other such circumstances, it is not possible to provide information such as rates and maximum amounts in advance. As the funds do not include any securities lending at present, no securities lending-related fees apply.

For more detail, please refer to the investment trust explanatory document (prospectus distributed in advance of creation).

Risk Information

Invested principal is not guaranteed. The investment's value may fall below the principal amount if a fall in market price and/or the NAV of the fund invested in causes a loss. All gains and losses from management of the funds are attributable to the investor (beneficiary). The funds are different from bank deposits.

As the funds are mainly invested in equities, they may experience losses from falls in NAV caused by adverse impacts from equity price drops or adverse changes in an equity issuer's financial situation or results.

The major risk factors involved in investing in fund securities are as below:

[Price Fluctuation Risk] [Liquidity Risk] [Credit Risk] [Risks in lending of securities, etc.]

* Refer to the explanatory prospectus delivered prior to investment for details.

* The factors that change the NAV are not limited to the above.

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