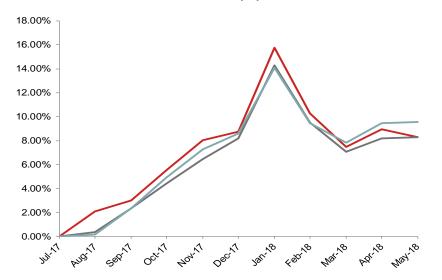
## **Nomura's Global High Societal Value Strategy**

#### May 2018

#### Cumulative Performance in USD (%)



Nomura Global High Societal Value — MSCI AC World — MSCI World SR ETF (UBS)

	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	SI
Nomura Global High Societal Value	-0.61%	-1.81%	0.27%	8.30%
MSCI AC World	0.12%	-1.08%	1.72%	8.30%
MSCI World SR ETF (UBS)	0.08%	0.09%	2.11%	9.54%

#### **Strategy Overview**

Global investment in high societal value businesses at discount valuation

#### **Philosophy**

- High Societal Value: high total value creation, fair value sharing among all stakeholders, good corporate governance and ethical management decision making are all characteristics of companies that have a highly positive impact on society. Such companies can often also generate attractive financial returns so allocating capital to these companies can be beneficial to society at large as well as from an investment return perspective.
- Discount Valuation: buying below intrinsic value and we believe the behavioural biases of other investors give us opportunities to do this.

### **Monthly Commentary**

The Nomura Global High Societal Value Fund returned -0.61% in May underperforming MSCI ACWI (+0.12%) and the MSCI World Socially Responsible ETF (UBS) (+0.08%) by -0.73% and -0.69% respectively. Underperformance was driven by selection across healthcare, industrials and staples whilst allocation was broadly neutral.

Apple (+13.5%) and Paypal (+10.0%) were the strongest performers over the period. Apple was supported by the release of its intention to return \$100bn to shareholders whilst Paypal's announcements that it would acquire iZettle, and updated guidance at its annual investor day drove a recovery in the stock.

The weakest performing stocks over the month were Jain irrigation (-12.3%), which reported full year earnings that highlighted short term margin pressure despite decent top line growth, and Celgene (-9.7%) following negative news flow surrounding its drug pipeline and a broader sell off in US drug price exposed names.

Over the month we initiated a position in Philips Lighting (now Signify); the core operation is the manufacturing of residential and commercial & industrial LED lighting solutions that support large reductions in energy usage. We are further encouraged by the somewhat unique inclusion of sustainability targets within management's remuneration policy.

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#### **Portfolio Holdings**

Holdings as at 31/05/2018	Portfolio Weight (%)	Reason for holding this stock	
Compass Group PLC	5.8%	Improving efficiency and food/catering services for workers and clients of offices, factories, hospitals, care homes and schools	
Alphabet Inc. Class A	5.6%	World leader in developing technology, with what we believe to be sustainable practices and treatment of stakeholders	
Microsoft Corporation	5.4%	Products add substantial value whilst the company's data centre business is energy efficient	
Mastercard Inc. Class A	5.4%	Replacing cash with card payments adds substantial value to society and reduces inefficiency in the banking system	
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	5.3%	Diabetes drugs add substantial value, and we believe pricing practices are not overly aggressive	
PayPal Holdings Inc	5.0%	Enables global access to 'banking' type services, notably across developing markets in which access is otherwise limited	
Apple Inc.	5.0%	Pioneered digital use cases for mobile phones which continues to benefit society greatly	
CVS Health Corporation	4.5%	Facilitates access to lower priced generic drugs	
Booking Holdings Inc	4.2%	Provides customer access to cheaper options, whilst increasing vendor exposure	
Waters Corp	4.1%	Products are geared towards lifescience product, food and water purity	
Orange	3.4%	Decent quality telecom with robust practices; we believe telcos add value through enabling global communication	
Johnson & Johnson	3.3%	High quality bank, which in our view is decent quality and well governed	
Johnson Controls	3.2%	JCI's HVAC technology has improved building energy efficiency by 40% over the last decade	
Safaricom Limited	2.9%	Mobile money services assist financial inclusion in Kenya	
Swedbank AB Class A	2.8%	High quality bank, which in our view is decent quality and well governed	
AIA Group Limited	2.7%	Fundamentally business operations - providing life insurance to APAC clients - add value, and we feel that the group is generally run in a sustainable manner	
Celgene Corp	2.6%	Offers best-in-class therapies for Multiple Myeloma. The price point for Revlimid is high, but on balance we do not find it overly excessive, and we note that increases have been in-line with inflation over the last three years	
Eversource Energy	2.6%	Decent quality, low emitting utility with a significant proportion of operations related to renewables	
Allianz SE	2.5%	Very strong on sustainability and responsible investing	
Signify NV	2.3%	Core operation is the manufacturing of residential and commercial & industrial LED lighting solutions that support large reductions in energy usage	
SAP SE	2.2%	Significant benefit to business customers in streamlining operations	
National Grid plc	2.0%	National Grid's huge investment in electricity transmission is supporting the shift from fossil fuel generation to renewables	
eBay, Inc.	2.0%	Online auction platform lowers the barriers to entry for small businesses supporting financial mobility and innovation	
Axa SA	2.0%	Standout within the insurance space for its incorporation of ESG factors into underwriting.	
Becton, Dickinson and Co.	2.0%	World leading producer of safety products for patients and healthcare workers	
Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd	1.9%	Irrigation products and research/development provide huge support for agricultural yields across India	
NextEra Energy, Inc.	1.9%	Global leader in renewables investment and renewable generator operation	
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	1.9%	World leading HIV drug treatment. We believe pricing practices and treatment of customers to be fair	
Housing Devp. Finance.	1.8%	Increasing the accessibility of housing and business expansion across India	
Ross Stores, Inc.	1.7%	Increases efficiency across the broader clothing retail industry (lowering waste), and supports clothing accessibility	
USD	1.9%	N/A	
Total	100.0%		

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