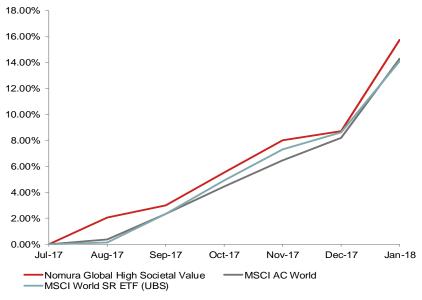
# **Nomura's Global High Societal Value Strategy**

## **January 2018**

#### Cumulative Performance in USD (%)



	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	SI
Nomura Global High Societal Value	6.46%	9.70%	15.76%	15.76%
MSCI AC World	5.64%	9.42%	14.29%	14.29%
MSCI World SR ETF (UBS)	5.04%	8.73%	14.08%	14.08%

## **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 strategy had a strong start to the year rising +6.46% in January, outperforming MSCI ACWI (+5.64%) and the MSCI World Socially Responsible ETF (UBS) (+5.04%) by 82bps and 142bps respectively. The strategy has outperformed MSCI ACWI and the MSCI World Socially Responsible ETF (UBS) by 1.47% and 1.68% since the inception in August 2017.

Whilst the strategy suffered again from being overweight to the utilities and telecoms sectors, our overweight to IT and strong selection within consumer staples more than offset these headwinds. The greatest contributors to performance at stock level were Paypal (+15.89%), Alphabet (+12.23%) and Gilead (+16.97%). The latter benefited from competitor Abbvie posting strong Hepatitis C drug sales that catalysed a number of sell slide upgrades, whilst Paypal and Alphabet were supported by an exceptional start to the year for US technology.

The greatest detractors to performance were Celgene (-3.07%) and Compass Group (-1.16%). Compass suffered in part from a very weak dollar in January (most of its profits are derived from the US) whilst the announcement that Celgene would acquire biotech company Juno weighed on the stock.

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## **Portfolio Holdings**

Holdings as at 31/01/2018	Portfolio Weight (%)	Reason for holding this stock		
Alphabet Inc. Class A	6.0%	World leader in developing technology, with what we believe to be sustainable practices and treatment of stakeholders		
PayPal Holdings Inc	5.4%	Enables global access to 'banking' type services, notably across developing markets in which access is otherwise limited		
Compass Group PLC	5.3%	Improving efficiency and food/catering services for workers and clients of offices, factories, hospitals, care homes and schools		
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	5.2%	Diabetes drugs add substantial value, and we believe pricing practices are not overly aggressive		
CVS Health Corporation	5.2%	Facilitates access to lower priced generic drugs		
Priceline Group Inc	5.1%	Provides customer access to cheaper options, whilst increasing vendor exposure		
Microsoft Corporation	4.9%	Products add substantial value whilst the company's data centre business is energy efficient		
Mastercard Inc. Class A	4.4%	Replacing cash with card payments adds substantial value to society and reduces inefficiency in the banking system		
Swedbank AB Class A	4.3%	High quality bank, which in our view is decent quality and well governed		
SAP SE	4.2%	Significant benefit to business customers in streamlining operations		
Allianz SE	4.1%	Very strong on sustainability and responsible investing		
Apple Inc.	3.7%	Pioneered digital use cases for mobile phones which continues to benefit society greatly		
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	3.7%	World leading HIV drug treatment. We believe pricing practices and treatment of customers to be fair		
Johnson & Johnson	3.6%	The company is very strong on overall sustainability and ethical practices		
Orange SA	3.3%	Decent quality telecom with robust practices; we believe telcos add value through enabling global communication		
AIA Group Limited	3.3%	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	3.2%	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		
Becton, Dickinson and Company	2.8%	World leading producer of safety products for patients and healthcare workers		
Eversource Energy	2.7%	Decent quality, low emitting utility with a significant proportion of operations related to renewables		
Safaricom Limited	2.7%	Mobile money services assist financial inclusion in Kenya		
Ross Stores, Inc.	2.6%	Increases efficiency across the broader clothing retail industry (lowering waste), and supports clothing accessibility		
Jain Irrigation Systems Limited	2.5%	Irrigation products and research/development provide huge support for agricultural yields across India		
Waters Corp	2.2%	Products are geared towards lifescience product, food and water purity		
METRO AG	2.1%	Wholesale distribution supports efficiency and lower pricing within the broader food retail industry. Furthermore Metro stands out on its organic food offering and is a leader in food sustainability		
National Grid plc	1.9%	National Grid's huge investment in electricity transmission is supporting the shift from fossil fuel generation to renewables		
Housing Devp. Finance Corp.	1.9%	Increasing the accessibility of housing and business expansion across India		
NextEra Energy, Inc.	1.7%	Global leader in renewables investment and renewable generator operation		
USD	2.1%	N/A		
Total	100.0%			

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