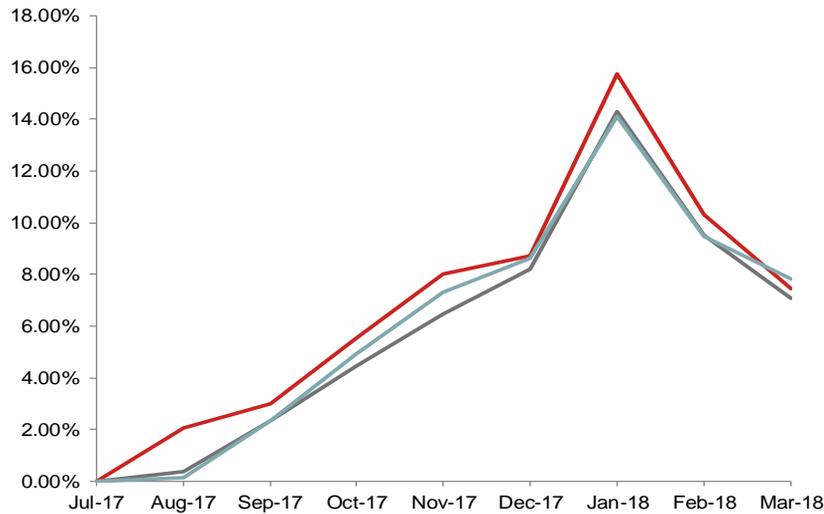


# Nomura's Global High Societal Value Strategy

March 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	-2.56%	-1.16%	4.36%	7.47%
MSCI AC World	-2.21%	-1.03%	4.64%	7.07%
MSCI World SR ETF (UBS)	-1.49%	-0.73%	5.37%	7.82%

## 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 returned -2.56% in February, underperforming MSCI ACWI (-2.21%) by -0.35% and the MSCI World Socially Responsible ETF (UBS) (-1.49%) by -1.07%. Since inception the strategy has outperformed MSCI ACWI by 0.40% and underperformed the Socially Responsible ETF by -0.35%.

Positive contributors to performance included National Grid (+10.3%) and NextEra Energy (+7.4%) with both stocks benefitting from a flight to safety as the market became more concerned with escalating trade war rhetoric and US long term interest rates started to ease.

The negative detractors were primarily AXA (-15.8%) and CVS (-8.2%). AXA in particular made the unwelcome, surprise announcement that the company would be spending \$15bn to acquire XL Group. We view the acquisition as clearly overpriced and the deal marks an end to the potential capital return story.

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## Portfolio Holdings

Holdings as at 31/03/2018	Portfolio Weight (%)	Reason for holding this stock
Compass Group PLC	5.6%	Improving efficiency and food/catering services for workers and clients of offices, factories, hospitals, care homes and schools
Booking Holdings Inc	5.5%	Provides customer access to cheaper options, whilst increasing vendor exposure
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	5.5%	Diabetes drugs add substantial value, and we believe pricing practices are not overly aggressive
Alphabet Inc. Class A	5.3%	World leader in developing technology, with what we believe to be sustainable practices and treatment of stakeholders
Microsoft Corporation	5.0%	Products add substantial value whilst the company's data centre business is energy efficient
Mastercard Inc. Class A	5.0%	Replacing cash with card payments adds substantial value to society and reduces inefficiency in the banking system
PayPal Holdings Inc	4.7%	Enables global access to 'banking' type services, notably across developing markets in which access is otherwise limited
Apple Inc.	4.5%	Pioneered digital use cases for mobile phones which continues to benefit society greatly
CVS Health Corporation	4.4%	Facilitates access to lower priced generic drugs
SAP SE	4.2%	Significant benefit to business customers in streamlining operations
Swedbank AB Class A	3.6%	High quality bank, which in our view is decent quality and well governed
Johnson & Johnson	3.6%	The company is very strong on overall sustainability and ethical practices
Orange SA	3.4%	Decent quality telecom with robust practices; we believe telcos add value through enabling global communication
Ross Stores, Inc.	3.3%	Increases efficiency across the broader clothing retail industry (lowering waste), and supports clothing accessibility
Celgene Corp	3.0%	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
AIA Group Limited	3.0%	Fundamentally business operations - providing life insurance to APAC clients - add value, and we feel that the group is generally run in a sustainable manner
Johnson Controls	2.8%	JCI's HVAC technology has improved building energy efficiency by 40% over the last decade
Becton, Dickinson and Company	2.7%	World leading producer of safety products for patients and healthcare workers
Allianz SE	2.7%	Very strong on sustainability and responsible investing
Eversource Energy	2.7%	Decent quality, low emitting utility with a significant proportion of operations related to renewables
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	2.6%	World leading HIV drug treatment. We believe pricing practices and treatment of customers to be fair
Axa SA	2.6%	Standout within the insurance space for its incorporation of ESG factors into underwriting.
Safaricom Limited	2.6%	Mobile money services assist financial inclusion in Kenya
Waters Corp	2.2%	Products are geared towards lifesience product, food and water purity
National Grid plc	2.0%	National Grid's huge investment in electricity transmission is supporting the shift from fossil fuel generation to renewables
Jain Irrigation Systems Limited	2.0%	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
Housing Devp. Finance Corp.	1.9%	Increasing the accessibility of housing and business expansion across India
METRO AG	1.2%	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
USD	0.5%	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

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