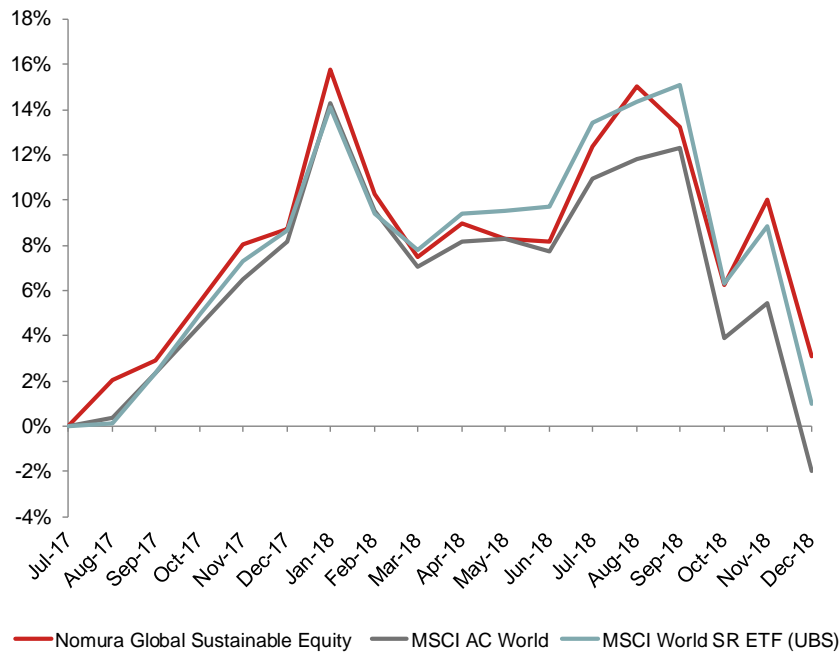


Nomura's Global Sustainable Equity Strategy

December 2018

Cumulative Performance in USD (%)



Strategy Overview

Global investment in businesses exhibiting high sustainable value creation, at discount valuation

Philosophy

- Sustainable Value Creation: high total value generation, 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. Through achieving a sustainable balance of value creation for all stakeholders these businesses can often generate attractive financial returns and considerable benefit to society as a whole over the very long term
- Discount Valuation: buying below intrinsic value and we believe the behavioural biases of other investors give us opportunities to do this

	1 mth	3 mth	1 yr	SI
Nomura Global Sustainable Equity	-6.28%	-8.96%	-5.18%	3.10%
MSCI AC World	-7.05%	-12.75%	-9.42%	-2.00%
MSCI World SR ETF (UBS)	-7.25%	-12.29%	-7.06%	0.96%

*Since Inception: August 2017

Monthly Commentary

The Nomura Global Sustainable Equity strategy returned -6.28% in a tough month for global equity markets, as concerns over whether the Federal Reserve might be making a monetary policy error, stalled trade negotiations, and a US government shutdown weighed heavily on sentiment. The strategy benefited on a relative basis from its defensive positioning, outperforming the MSCI ACWI index and the MSCI World Socially Responsible ETF (UBS) by +0.77% and +0.97% respectively. Allocation was once again a tailwind, driven by the underweight to Materials & Energy, and the overweight to Utilities. The strategy ended the year +4.24% ahead of the MSCI ACWI index and +1.88% ahead of the MSCI World Socially Responsible ETF (UBS).

AIA Group (+1.8%) and Jain Irrigation (+4.7%) were the top performing holdings over the period driven predominantly by regional market outperformance as India in particular held up very well through the correction experienced in developed markets. Jain Irrigation further benefited from lower oil prices given the positive impact this has on both plastic prices (a core input) and the Indian economy.

Within a month in which stocks were driven more by top down sector & regional moves instead of bottom up, company level news flow, Johnson Controls (-14.1%) and Cigna Health (-14.98%) were the primary detractors. The former is seen as a proxy for US construction markets, whilst the latter was dragged down in a very poor month for Healthcare Services and likely suffered from further technical selling pressure as its acquisition of Express Scripts formally closed.

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Portfolio Holdings

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Holdings as at 31/12/2018	Portfolio Weight (%)	Reason for holding this stock
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	5.5%	Best in class diabetes treatment has a crucial role to play in combating the impact of an ever growing global epidemic
Alphabet Inc. Class A	4.9%	World leader in technology. Global inequality can be tackled through equal access to information & data
Microsoft Corporation	4.8%	Has shown an industry leading commitment to sustainability and corporate social responsibility
Waters Corp	4.4%	Analytical laboratory instrument product range used to ensure drug, water and food quality & purity
Mastercard Inc. Class A	4.4%	Replacing cash with card payments adds substantial value to society, reducing inefficiency and friction in the banking system
Eversource Energy	4.4%	High quality, low emitting utility. Significant proportion of future investment will support a transition to lower carbon intensity
PayPal Holdings Inc	4.3%	Enables global access to 'banking' type services, notably across developing markets in which access is otherwise limited
AIA Group Limited	3.9%	Life insurance provider to APAC clients with sustainable management practices
Apple Inc.	3.9%	Pioneer of the smart phone: mobile digitalisation has supported economic growth and reduced inequality globally
Johnson & Johnson	3.8%	Industry leader with regards to sustainability and ethical practices
Safaricom Limited	3.6%	Mobile money services assist financial inclusion in Kenya, reducing friction in the economy and supporting growth
Johnson Controls	3.6%	JCI's HVAC technology has improved building energy efficiency by 40% over the last decade
NextEra Energy, Inc.	3.5%	Global leader in renewables investment and renewable generator operation
Pentair	3.3%	Water filtration & flow control products support increased water purity and quality
SAP SE	3.0%	Products & services facilitate the streamlining of customer's operations reducing friction and supporting economic growth
Allianz SE	3.0%	Very strong sustainability and responsible investment practices
Swedbank	2.9%	Responsible, well governed banks add considerable to society through facilitating economic growth
Housing Devp. Finance.	2.8%	India's largest private mortgage lender; supports increased accessibility of housing and business expansion
Compass Group	2.7%	Outsourced catering services to both the private & public sectors have been shown to increase efficiency and reduce waste output
Orange	2.7%	Decent quality telecom with robust practices; we believe telcos add value through enabling global communication
Celgene Corp	2.3%	Best-in-class therapies for Multiple Myeloma. Price point is high, but on balance we do not find it to be overly excessive vs. peers
eBay, Inc.	2.1%	Online auction platform lowers the barriers to entry for small businesses supporting financial mobility and innovation
Cigna Corporation	2.0%	Succeeds by making healthcare more affordable than competitors, supporting healthcare cost depression for customers
National Grid Plc	1.9%	Huge investment in electricity transmission is supporting the shift from fossil fuel generation to renewables
Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd	1.8%	India's #1 player in micro irrigation; supports water usage reduction & higher crop yields in a nation that is plagued by drought
Axa SA	1.8%	Industry leader with regards to responsibility - formally integrates ESG into insurance underwriting practices
Signify NV	1.7%	Over 75% of revenue derived from sustainable products & services (LED lighting that dramatically reduces energy usage)
Becton, Dickinson and Co.	1.6%	World leading producer of medical devices and instruments
Adecco	1.6%	Largest temp staffing firm globally; facilitating increased access to employment, most notably across blue collar roles
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	1.6%	World leader in HIV treatment. Donated patents for production in low income regions (11m sufferers receive this low cost treatment)
CVS Health Corp	1.4%	Pharmacy Benefit Manager business acts a powerful deflationary force against rapidly rising healthcare costs in the United States
Cash	4.4%	N/A
Total	100.0%	

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