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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: April 26, 2018

By: /s/ Hajime Ikeda
Hajime Ikeda
Senior Managing Director

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Nomura Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year Financial Results

Full-year group net revenue and pretax income up YoY

Retail reported growth in full-year net revenue and income before income taxes

Asset Management booked best yearly income since FY2001/02 and record AuM

Robust Equities and Investment Banking performance; Fixed Income slowed due to low volatility

Full-year EPS of 61.88 yen and ROE of 7.9%

Tokyo, April 26, 2018 Nomura Holdings, Inc. today announced its consolidated financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended March 2018.

For the full year period, net revenue was 1,497.0 billion yen (US\$14.1 billion)¹, representing an increase of 7 percent year on year. Income before income taxes increased 2 percent from the prior year to 328.2 billion yen (US\$3.1 billion) and net income attributable to Nomura Holdings shareholders decreased by 8 percent to 219.3 billion yen (US\$2.1 billion). Earnings per share for the year was 61.88 yen and return on equity was 7.9 percent.

Net revenue in the fourth quarter was 378.0 billion yen (US\$3.6 billion), decreasing 7 percent quarter on quarter and increasing 8 percent year on year. Income before income taxes was 46.9 billion yen (US\$442 million) and net income attributable to Nomura Holdings shareholders was 22.7 billion yen (US\$214 million).

Our net revenue and pretax income increased compared to last year, driven by contributions from our Retail and Asset Management businesses. However, net income declined year on year due to a rise in the effective tax rate as the Americas booked provisions for legacy transactions, said Nomura Group CEO Koji Nagai.

Retail reported stronger sales of stocks and investment trusts due to an upturn in investor sentiment as the market environment improved. We successfully grew client assets with inflows into investment trusts and discretionary investments. Annualized recurring revenue reached 90 billion yen.

Assets under management in Asset Management climbed to a new record high on the back of ongoing inflows, and asset management fees increased. Gains from American Century Investments contributed to the strongest net revenue and pretax income since the year ended March 2002.

In Wholesale, revenues slowed in Fixed Income due to low volatility, while Equities and Investment Banking both booked stronger revenues.

We will continue to leverage our expertise in the capital markets to contribute to a more affluent society. We remain focused on being the most trusted partner for our clients and delivering a better tomorrow.

- ¹ *US dollar amounts are included solely for the convenience of the reader and have been translated at the rate of 106.20 yen = 1 US dollar, the noon buying rate in New York for cable transfers in foreign currencies as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on March 31, 2018. This translation should not be construed to imply that the yen amounts actually represent, or have been or could be converted into, equivalent amounts in US dollars.*

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| | FY2017/18 | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| | Q4 | QoQ | YoY |
| Net revenue | Y98.2bn | -12% | -5% |
| Income before income taxes | Y21.4bn | -32% | -17% |

Retail reported fourth quarter net revenue of 98.2 billion yen, down 12 percent quarter on quarter and 5 percent year on year. Income before income taxes declined by 32 percent from last quarter and decreased 17 percent compared to the same quarter last year to 21.4 billion yen.

Despite a strong start in the fourth quarter, a market adjustment mainly due to a US interest rate hike and yen appreciation in the latter half of the quarter caused investor sentiment to fall. As a result, sales of stocks and investment trusts slowed.

For the full year, both net revenue and income before income taxes increased on the back of robust performance in stocks and investment trusts due to the global stock market rally.

Nomura's ongoing initiatives to grow client assets progressed steadily, with net inflows into investment trusts and discretionary investments. Annualized net revenue increased to 90 billion yen, and the recurring revenue cost coverage ratio rose to 29 percent.

Asset Management

| | FY2017/18 | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| | Q4 | QoQ | YoY |
| Net revenue | Y27.3bn | -25% | +17% |
| Income before income taxes | Y11.3bn | -46% | +30% |

Asset Management fourth quarter net revenue was 27.3 billion yen, down 25 percent quarter on quarter, but up 17 percent year on year. Income before income taxes declined 46 percent from the previous quarter but increased 30 percent compared to the same period last year to 11.3 billion yen.

Strong performance in the asset management business drove continued inflows, which helped lift assets under management to a high of 50 trillion yen.

The fourth quarter results also included contributions from American Century Investments, albeit lower than the previous quarter.

Asset Management also continued to book inflows into the investment trust and investment advisory businesses during the quarter. The investment trust business was particularly strong, recording inflows into ETFs of approximately 1.7 trillion yen, helping lift Nomura Asset Management's share of Japan's public investment trust market to 27.4%.

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| | FY2017/18 | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| | Q4 | QoQ | YoY |
| Net revenue | Y211.4bn | +28% | +24% |
| Income before income taxes | Y44.2bn | 3.1x | +57% |

Wholesale reported net revenue of 211.4 billion yen, up 28 percent quarter on quarter and 24 percent year on year. Income before income taxes jumped more than threefold from the previous quarter, and increased 57 percent compared to the same period last year to 44.2 billion yen. All business lines reported stronger revenues compared to last quarter.

In Global Markets, a pick up in volatility from the end of last year supported higher client activity. Fixed Income had larger revenue contributions from Emerging Markets, Rates and Credit. In Equities, Derivatives had a strong quarter in Japan and the Americas, and Cash Equities was robust.

Investment Banking net revenue was up quarter on quarter mainly driven by strong performance in the international businesses. Both ECM and DCM revenues increased in Japan. Nomura topped the Japan ECM and M&A league tables². DCM business and M&A related financing deals contributed to international revenues.

Financial position

Nomura maintains a robust financial position and a healthy balance sheet. As of the end of March 2018, Nomura's Tier 1 capital ratio was 17.6 percent and its common equity Tier 1 capital ratio was 16.5 percent under Basel III. Nomura had total assets of 40.6 trillion yen and shareholders' equity of 2.7 trillion yen. All figures are on a preliminary basis.

Shareholder returns

Nomura today declared a year-end dividend of 11 yen per share to shareholders of record as of March 31, 2018. The dividend will be paid on June 1, 2018. Accordingly, the annual dividend for the year ended March 2018 will total 20 yen per share.

Nomura also approved a resolution to set up a share buyback program with an upper limit of 100 million shares of Nomura Holdings common stock (2.7 percent of outstanding shares) or 70 billion yen of the aggregate amount of the repurchase price. Nomura will aim for a total payout ratio, which includes dividends and share buybacks, of at least 50 percent.

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² Source: Thomson Reuters; Apr 2017 - Mar 2018

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6. *The consolidated financial information in this document is unaudited.*

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Tokyo, April 26, 2018 Nomura Holdings, Inc. today announced that it has declared a year-end dividend of 11 yen per share to shareholders of record as of March 31, 2018. The dividend will be paid on June 1, 2018. The annual dividend for the year ended March 2018 will total 20 yen per share.

1. Recent dividends

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Annual Dividend |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| FY2015/16 | | JPY10.0 | | JPY3.0 | JPY13.0 |
| FY2016/17 | | JPY9.0 | | JPY11.0 | JPY20.0 |
| FY2017/18 | | JPY9.0 | | JPY11.0 | JPY20.0 |

2. Dividend policy

Nomura believes that raising corporate value over the long term and paying dividends is essential to rewarding shareholders.

Nomura will strive to pay dividends using a consolidated payout ratio of 30 percent of each semi-annual consolidated earnings as a key indicator.

Dividend payments will be determined taking into account a comprehensive range of factors such as the tightening of Basel regulations and other changes to the regulatory environment as well as the company's consolidated financial performance.

Dividends will in principle be paid on a semi-annual basis with record dates of September 30 and March 31.

Nomura will also aim for a total payout ratio, which includes dividends and share buybacks, of at least 50 percent.

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Nomura Approves Share Buyback Program

Tokyo, April 26, 2018 Nomura Holdings, Inc. today announced that its Board of Directors approved a resolution to set up a share buyback program, pursuant to the company's articles of incorporation set out in accordance with Article 459-1 of the Companies Act of Japan.

The share buyback program will run from May 16, 2018, to March 29, 2019 (excluding the ten business days following the announcement of quarterly financial results), and have an upper limit of 100 million shares of Nomura Holdings common stock, or 2.7 percent of outstanding shares. The upper limit of the aggregate amount of the repurchase price will be 70 billion yen, and the shares will be purchased on the stock exchange via a trust bank.

The details of the trust agreement, including the timing to start the buyback, will be decided separately by a Representative Executive Officer or the CFO.

Nomura plans to acquire treasury stock to raise capital efficiency and ensure a flexible capital management policy, and to deliver as stock-based compensation.

As of March 31, 2018, Nomura Holdings had 3,643,562,601 outstanding shares including 250,625,115 shares as treasury stock.

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Nomura to Grant Restricted Stock Units (RSUs)

Tokyo, April 26, 2018 Nomura Holdings, Inc. today announced plans to grant Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) to directors, executive officers and employees of the firm and its subsidiaries in late May 2018.

The firm will grant RSUs in lieu of existing compensation programs such as the issuance of stock acquisition rights (stock options).

The RSUs will be granted as deferred compensation. Subject to certain conditions, Nomura will deliver shares of common stock to RSU grantees one to three years (up to seven years where required by local regulations) after the RSUs are granted mainly through disposal of treasury shares.

The number of RSUs to be granted is estimated to be approximately 52 million units (52 million shares equivalent).

The number and detailed terms and conditions of the RSUs will be determined at a meeting of the Executive Management Board¹ scheduled for the middle of May 2018, and will be announced immediately thereafter.

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¹ *The grant of RSUs to directors and executive officers is in accordance with decisions made by the Compensation Committee.*