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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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SIGNATURES

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 30, 2014

By: /s/ Hajime Ikeda
Hajime Ikeda
Managing Director

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Nomura Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year Financial Results

Strongest full-year results in eight years with all divisions reporting significantly higher pretax income

Retail drove Group full-year earnings, booking highest pretax income in eight years

Asset Management saw growth in AuM on net inflows and improved market conditions

All regions and business lines in Wholesale reported stronger revenues YoY, while profitability improved on successful strategic refinement and cost reduction program

Full-year earnings per share of Y55.81 and return on equity of 8.9 percent

Tokyo, April 30, 2014 Nomura Holdings, Inc. today announced its consolidated financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended March 2014.

For the full year period, net revenue was 1,557.1 billion yen (US\$15.1 billion)¹, representing a decline of 14 percent year on year due to the deconsolidation of Nomura Real Estate Holdings. Income before income taxes increased by 52 percent from the prior year to 361.6 billion yen (US\$3.5 billion) and net income attributable to Nomura Holdings shareholders jumped 99 percent to 213.6 billion yen (US\$2.1 billion), both of which represent the best full-year results in eight years.

Net revenue in the fourth quarter was 389.9 billion yen (US\$3.8 billion), up 3 percent quarter on quarter, but down 40 percent year on year. Income before income taxes increased 2 percent sequentially and declined by 48 percent over the same period last year to 88.6 billion yen (US\$860 million). Net income attributable to Nomura Holdings shareholders was 61.3 billion yen (US\$595 million), increasing 27 percent from last quarter and decreasing 26 percent compared to the fourth quarter last year.

We reported our best set of full-year results in eight years. All three business divisions saw revenue growth over last year, and our Wholesale business booked significantly stronger pretax income, said Koji Nagai, Nomura's Group CEO.

Earnings remained solid in the fourth quarter. Although revenues from Retail were softer compared to the previous quarter, net inflows into investment trusts and discretionary accounts increased. Asset Management delivered another steady quarter. Wholesale reported stronger revenues and pretax income as improved performance in the Americas and EMEA more than offset a slowdown in Japan and AEJ. The Americas had its best revenue quarter since 2009. Investment Banking revenues were also stronger than last quarter on robust performance in Japan and contributions from our international business.

We remain well positioned to connect markets east and west as Asia's global investment bank to deliver value-added products and services for our clients and contribute to economic growth.

¹ *US dollar amounts are included solely for the convenience of the reader and have been translated at the rate of 102.98 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, 2014. 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.*

Table of Contents**Fourth Quarter Divisional Performance****Retail**

	FY2013/14		
	Q4	QoQ	YoY
Net revenue	Y97.9bn	-24%	-29%
Income before income taxes	Y23.3bn	-51%	-59%

Retail reported net revenue of 97.9 billion yen, down 24 percent quarter on quarter and 29 percent year on year. Income before income taxes declined 51 percent from last quarter and 59 percent compared to the same quarter last year to 23.3 billion yen.

Although sales of equities and investment trusts declined on weaker investor risk appetite due to market uncertainty, Nomura's enhanced focus on delivering consulting-based services led to higher net inflows into investment trusts and discretionary accounts. Recurring revenue continued to expand steadily on an annualized basis.

Bond sales remained robust in the quarter with sales of foreign bonds and JGBs for individual investors roughly unchanged from the previous quarter.

Asset Management

	FY2013/14		
	Q4	QoQ	YoY
Net revenue	Y20.5bn	-4%	+12%
Income before income taxes	Y5.3bn	-40%	+36%

Asset Management booked net revenue of 20.5 billion yen, down 4 percent quarter on quarter, but up 12 percent year on year. Income before income taxes declined 40 percent from the previous quarter and increased 36 percent compared to the same period last year to 5.3 billion yen. Revenues remained strong on contributions from performance fees, despite declining sequentially as the prior quarter revenues included dividend income. The decline in income before income taxes is largely attributable to a one-off charge related to an asset revaluation.

The investment trust business booked inflows into investment trusts across a broad range of asset classes. Highlighting the company's internationally competitive product offering, Nomura reported 66 percent growth in assets under management in UCITS-compliant funds from March 2013, driven by sales to high-net-worth investors and pension funds primarily in Europe.

The investment advisory business reported outflows in Japan, but continued to book inflows from international markets into Japanese equity related products.

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	FY2013/14		
	Q4	QoQ	YoY
Net revenue	Y198.5bn	+5%	+1%
Income before income taxes	Y33.5bn	+20%	-6%

Wholesale reported fourth quarter net revenue of 198.5 billion yen, up 5 percent quarter on quarter and 1 percent year on year. Income before income taxes grew 20 percent from the previous quarter, but declined 6 percent compared to the same period last year. The quarterly gains were driven by robust performance in the Americas and EMEA, which offset a slowdown in Japan and AEJ.

Global Markets continued to grow its client franchise with higher client revenues in EMEA and the Americas contributing to strong revenues amidst challenging market conditions. Fixed Income reported stronger revenues quarter on quarter as robust performance in Rates and Securitized Products more than offset a slowdown primarily in the emerging market FX business. In Equities, the Cash and Derivatives businesses drove stronger revenues in EMEA and the Americas, offsetting a slowdown in Japan and AEJ.

Investment Banking net revenue increased from the strong third quarter which included a private equity unrealized gain. Japan had another solid quarter and all international regions reported significant revenue growth on the back of contributions from cross-border, multi-product M&A deals and solutions businesses.

Financial Position

Nomura maintains a robust financial position and a healthy balance sheet. As of the end of March, Nomura's total capital ratio was 15.6 percent and its Tier 1 ratio was 13.3 percent under Basel 3. Nomura had total assets of 43.5 trillion yen and shareholders' equity of 2.5 trillion yen. Gross leverage was 17.3 times and net leverage was 10.4 times. All figures are on a preliminary basis.

Shareholder Returns

Nomura today declared a year-end dividend of 9 yen per share to shareholders of record as of March 31, 2014. The dividend will be paid on June 2, 2014. Accordingly, the annual dividend for the year ended March 2014 will total 17 yen per share.

In addition, Nomura's Board of Directors today approved a resolution to set up a share buyback program with a maximum of 100 million shares in order to raise capital efficiency and ensure a flexible capital management policy.

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

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Recent dividends

	Annual Dividend	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2012	JPY 6.0		JPY 4.0		JPY 2.0
2013	JPY 8.0		JPY 2.0		JPY 6.0
2014	JPY 17.0		JPY 8.0		JPY 9.0

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Nomura to Issue Stock Options (Stock Acquisition Rights)

Tokyo, April 30, 2014 Nomura Holdings, Inc. (the Company) today announced that the Company will issue Stock Acquisition Rights (SARs) in early June 2014.

The Exercise Price of the SARs will be one (1) yen per share and they will be granted to directors, executive officers and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The SARs will be issued as deferred compensation to grantees and are restricted from being exercised for approximately one year up to three years from the issuance resolution date.

The number of SARs is estimated to be approximately 490 thousand units (49 million shares equivalent).

The number and detailed terms and conditions of the SARs will be determined at a meeting of the Company's Executive Management Board¹ scheduled for the middle of May 2014 and will be announced immediately thereafter.

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¹ *The Executive Management Board consists of the Group CEO (Representative Executive Officer), the Group COO (Representative Executive Officer), Division CEOs, and any other executive officers nominated by the Group CEO, and via Board of Directors resolutions decides important business matters including the issuance of SARs. Moreover, the grant of SARs to directors and executive officers of the Company is in accordance with decisions made by the Compensation Committee.*

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Nomura Approves Share Buyback Program

Tokyo, April 30, 2014 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 19, 2014, to July 25, 2014, and have an upper limit of 100 million shares of Nomura Holdings common stock, or 2.6 percent of outstanding shares. Of this, approximately 44 million shares are expected to be used for stock options. The shares will be purchased on the stock exchange via a trust bank.

Nomura plans to use the acquired treasury stock to issue shares upon the exercise of stock options and to raise capital efficiency and ensure a flexible capital management policy.

As of March 31, 2014, Nomura Holdings had 3,822,562,601 outstanding shares including 104,927,439 shares as treasury stock.

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Tokyo, April 30, 2014 Nomura Holdings, Inc. today announced that it has recognized impairment charges on equity investments in its unconsolidated financial results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014, as shown below.

The impairment charges are mainly due to a substantial decrease in the actual equity value of a regional holding company for Asia.

Impairment Charges on Equity Investments in Subsidiaries in the Fourth Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2014

	(millions of yen)
Impairment charges on equity investments in subsidiaries in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014 (= A - B)	79,309
(A) Impairment charges on equity investments in subsidiaries from April 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014	79,309
(B) Impairment charges on equity investments in subsidiaries from April 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013	

As the above impairment charges are eliminated at consolidation, there is no impact on Nomura's consolidated results.

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