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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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1. Nomura Reports Third Quarter Financial Results

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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: February 1, 2012

By: /s/ Shinji Iwai
Shinji Iwai
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Nomura Reports Third Quarter Financial Results

Net revenue of Y404.9bn, up 34% QoQ and 37% YoY; Pretax income of Y34.5bn and net income of Y17.8bn; All business divisions profitable on pretax basis

Retail performance remained resilient amid decline in investor risk appetite; Asset Management contained costs and continued to deliver stable earnings

Wholesale reported significantly higher revenues in all regions and across all business lines

Robust financial position with total capital ratio of 15.5% and Tier 1 capital ratio of 12.9% under Basel 2.5

Tokyo, February 1, 2012 Nomura Holdings, Inc. today announced its consolidated financial results for the third quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012.

Net revenue for the third quarter was 404.9 billion yen (US\$5.3 billion)¹, a 34 percent increase on the previous quarter and 37 percent higher than the same quarter last year. Income before income taxes was 34.5 billion yen (US\$448 million) and net income attributable to Nomura Holdings shareholders was 17.8 billion yen (US\$232million).

Our third quarter results improved significantly from last quarter with all divisions profitable on a pretax basis and substantially higher overall net revenue and income. Retail and Asset Management continued to deliver stable earnings amid challenging market conditions. Wholesale reported stronger revenues in all regions and business lines, driven by improved trading revenues and further growth across our global investment banking platform, said Kenichi Watanabe, Nomura's Group CEO.

We have made solid progress towards achieving the targets of our \$1.2 billion cost reduction program announced in November. We continue to reduce risk assets and manage risk prudently to position the firm for the new regulatory environment. Looking ahead, we will focus on delivering value-added products and services to our clients, while maintaining our robust financial position and abundant liquidity portfolio.

¹ *US dollar amounts are included solely for the convenience of the reader and have been translated at the rate of 76.98 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 December 30, 2011. 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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| | FY2011/12 | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----|------|
| | Q3 | QoQ | YoY |
| Net revenue | Y 79.7bn | -5% | -18% |
| Income before income taxes | Y 10.1bn | -6% | -56% |

Net revenue in Retail was 79.7 billion yen, down 5 percent quarter on quarter and 18 percent year on year. Income before income taxes declined 6 percent sequentially and 56 percent from the prior year to 10.1 billion yen.

Despite a marked decline in risk appetite among retail investors due to current market conditions, Retail reported its seventh straight quarter of net asset inflows as its consulting based strategy continued to deliver results.

Sales of fixed income products remain strong, increasing for the fourth consecutive quarter. Nomura continues to attract new retail clients with a total of 50,000 new accounts opened in the third quarter.

Asset Management

| | FY2011/12 | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|
| | Q3 | QoQ | YoY |
| Net revenue | Y 15.3bn | -4% | -11% |
| Income before income taxes | Y 4.2bn | -10% | -24% |

Asset Management net revenue declined 4 percent on the previous quarter and 11 percent compared to the third quarter last year to 15.3 billion yen. Income before income taxes was down 10 percent quarter on quarter and 24 percent year on year at 4.2 billion yen.

Asset Management continued to deliver stable earnings by controlling costs to offset a slight decline in assets under management. Although public stock investment trusts (excluding ETFs) reported net outflows as investors shied away from the market, net inflows of 96.8 billion yen into ETFs underpinned assets under management, which declined only slightly from the second quarter.

Wholesale

| | FY2011/12 | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------|------|
| | Q3 | QoQ | YoY |
| Net revenue | Y 176.2bn | +122% | +2% |
| Income before income taxes | Y 37.8bn | | 3.5x |

Wholesale reported net revenue of 176.2 billion yen, an increase of 122 percent on the previous quarter and 2 percent on the same period last year. Income before income taxes was 37.8 billion yen. All regions and all business lines reported significantly higher revenues compared to the second quarter.

In Global Markets, trading revenues improved across all products in both Fixed Income and Equities.

Fixed Income revenues increased across most product lines, jumping 56 percent compared to the previous quarter. Revenues in the Credit and Rates businesses were driven by structured products, while FX revenues increased on stronger client flows and higher trading revenues. Asia ex-Japan and EMEA reported higher revenues and the revenue contribution from international businesses increased from 53 percent in the first half of the year to 68 percent in the third quarter. Overall Fixed Income client revenues were up 5 percent quarter on quarter.

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Despite subdued market volumes, Equities reported a 19 percent increase in net revenue compared to last quarter. The stronger results were mostly attributable to improved trading revenues. A rebound in the cash equities and derivatives businesses in the Americas also contributed to the higher revenues.

Investment Banking returned to profit on a pretax basis, reporting a marked improvement in revenues compared to last quarter. Revenues were driven by DCM transactions for Japanese and international issuers, cross-border M&A, and various ECM/DCM deals for European financial institutions. Revenues were also booked in the private equity business.

Financial Position

Nomura maintains a robust financial position and a healthy balance sheet. As of the end of December, Nomura's total capital ratio was 15.5 percent and its Tier 1 ratio was 12.9 percent under Basel 2.5. Nomura had total assets of 33.5 trillion yen and shareholders' equity of 2.1 trillion yen. Gross leverage was 16.2 times and net leverage was 10.1 times. All figures are on a preliminary basis.

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