Nomura Research Institute Ranked in Top 10 in American Banker and BAI FinTech Forward Rankings for 2^{nd} Consecutive Year

TOKYO, October 13, 2015 – <u>Nomura Research Institute</u>, Ltd., (NRI) a leading provider of consulting services and system solutions, today announced its placement at number nine on the American Banker and BAI FinTech Forward Rankings. The Top 100 represents the largest fintech focused companies in the world that derive at least 33 percent of revenue from the banking, capital markets, payments or insurance industries.

In 2014, NRI made significant progress in expanding service capabilities both within and outside Japan. While the majority of NRI's solutions have already been recognized as the industry's de facto platform in Japan, NRI has also developed solutions that respond to the "My Number" system--Japan's Social Security and Tax Identification Number system that will be launched in January 2016--and assisted the implementations of the system at numerous financial institutions. Outside of Japan, NRI has expanded NRI Financial Technologies India Pvt. Ltd. through the establishment of a new team in Mumbai to enhance the service capability in the area. NRI also assists Japanese financial firms' global expansions by providing solutions tailored to specific needs of markets in Asia, Europe and North America.

"We are honored that American Banker and BAI have recognized NRI's commitment to continuing to be a leading global utility service provider to financial firms," said Harumi Saitou, Senior Executive Managing Director at NRI. "In the past years, we have reaffirmed our dominance in the Japanese market and expanded our capabilities around the world, and this recognition is a testament to the successful, ongoing evolution of our firm as a global provider of innovative technology solutions."

In 2014, American Banker and BAI formed a strategic alliance and signature program, FinTech Forward, a new initiative focused on giving bankers the information and perspective on technology they need to plot a course for the future. FinTech Forward brings together the research, media, and event capabilities – and the engaged and influential audience communities – of banking's top two professional information and education organizations. The central objective of the FinTech Forward program is to identify the

forces and trends that are motivating banks' technology investment. The FinTech Forward team also spotlights new players that are shaking up the establishment.

For more information about the rankings, visit http://www.americanbanker.com/fintech-forward/rankings/.

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ABOUT NRI

Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. ("NRI", TYO: 4307) is an independent, global IT solutions and consulting services provider with annual sales of 405.9 billion yen as of FY ended March 2015. With front-to-back support for the buy- and sell-side, NRI's tradition of innovation has positioned them as a trusted international market leader. Leveraging NRI's global consulting business, NRI is able to provide innovative financial IT solutions for investment banks, asset managers, banks and insurance providers. For more information, visit www.nri.com.

ABOUT FINTECH FORWARD

FinTech Forward, a collaboration of American Banker and BAI, brings together the research, media, and event capabilities of banking's top two professional information and education organizations. The initiative includes the annual FinTech Rankings of technology vendors to the financial services industry and new proprietary research and market analysis conducted by BAI and American Banker to identify the forces and trends that are motivating banks' technology investment.

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