

Nomura Research Institute Ranked in Top 10 in American Banker and BAI FinTech Forward Rankings

TOKYO – November 13, 2014 – Nomura Research Institute, Ltd., (NRI) a leading provider of consulting services and system solutions, today announced its placement at number nine on the American Banker and BAI inaugural 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.

"The myriad global and regional regulatory frameworks create significant operational challenges for financial firms and as a result, these organizations need cost-effective solutions which enable them to cope with these evolving mandates," said Yasuki Okai, Financial Technology Solution Division Director, NRI. "We remain committed to working with these firms to ensure the delivery of innovative, best-in-class solutions that they can rely on to improve reporting and operational efficiencies."

In order to address today's changing regulatory and reporting climate, NRI recently announced two new solutions designed to help clients maintain compliance. The launch of <u>T-STAR/ReportAssist/EDINET</u> allows investment managers to submit reports that meet new XBRL requirements, while the development of <u>NRI Financial Graphics, Ltd.</u>, a joint venture between NRI Process Innovation and Nikkei Printing Holdings Inc., provides investment managers with a high-quality, one-stop service for outsourcing design operations, including production, print and delivery. NRI has also enhanced its cloud service offerings with the launch of T-MONOLIX ARENA Private Cloud Service, the only available cloud solution for asset managers in Japan. The service is designed to host all of a client's IT applications and is tailored to the specific investment vehicles that the firm own.

Looking ahead into 2015, NRI will support the global business expansion of Japanese financial institutions, while also exploring partnerships with firms outside of the region. "We see numerous changes happening in financial markets around the world," says Okai. "We approach and support the resulting challenges from various dimensions in order to provide our clients with the most comprehensive support."

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.

ABOUT NRI

Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. ("NRI", TYO: 4307) is an independent, global IT solutions and consulting services provider with annual sales of 385.9 billion yen as of FY ended March 2014. 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.

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ABOUT BAI

BAI is a financial services association and leading industry partner for breakthrough information and intelligence. We have deep expertise in retail banking, payments, and regulatory compliance and offer a wide depth of products and services for banks and credit unions such as conferences and events like BAI Retail Delivery, bank research and bank benchmarking programs, and bank and credit union compliance training.

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