

News Release

**Nomura Research Institute Named Best Utilities Technology
by Wall Street Letter**

New York, February 24, 2016 – Nomura Research Institute (NRI), a leading provider of consulting services and system solutions, today announced its Prime Settlement Service (PSS) for investment banks in Japan, has been named “Best Utilities Technology,” by The Wall Street Letter, as part of the publication’s 2016 Institutional Trading Awards.

NRI’s PSS, a utility service for financial institutions, integrates both Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and Information Technology Outsourcing (ITO) services to improve the efficiency of back-office post-trade processes. PSS’s ITO component is NRI’s I-STAR, a de-facto-standard system used by over forty companies in Japan’s investment banking sector. I-STAR technology ensures clients are able to meet their data security and risk assessments requirements. PSS’s BPO services are jointly provided by NRI and its subsidiary NRI Process Innovation, Ltd (NRI-PI), and its current and former BPO clients include forty-four asset management companies. By integrating BPO and ITO services, PSS enables its financial institution partners to standardize their business processes, improve back-office efficiency and flexibly adapt to regulatory and infrastructural changes. Most recently, UBS Securities Co. in Japan began utilizing NRI’s PSS.

“NRI is the leading utility service provider for investment banks in Japan, and we strive to contribute our local experience and knowledge to our clients globally,” comments Minoru Yokote, Senior Managing Director of NRI. “It is an honor that the industry recognizes our efforts, and we are proud to receive this award.”

The WSL Institutional Trading Awards recognize excellence among providers to the institutional trading industry, specifically rewarding brokerage firms, exchanges and financial technology companies for achievements and innovation over the past year. The Wall Street Letter’s audience consists of top management at securities broker/dealers, including executive management, research heads, corporate finance officials, retail heads and trading desk heads.

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