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Daiwa Asset Management Co.Ltd.

Daiwa Asset Management Wins Five Top Honors at Asia Asset Management ETF Awards 2026

Daiwa Asset Management Co.Ltd. (President and CEO: Kei Sano, hereinafter "Daiwa Asset Management") won top prizes in the following five categories at the "Asia Asset Management ETF Awards 2026" hosted by Hong Kong's "Asia Asset Management Journal of Investments & Pensions" (hereinafter "Asia Asset Management").

Details of the five award-winning categories are as follows.

Category	Award	ETF Fund
Single-Market ETF Awards (Japan)	ETF Launch of the Year (Annual Best New ETF Launch Award)	iFreeETF Bloomberg Japanese Stocks High Dividend 50 Index (354A)
Single-Market ETF Awards (Japan)	Most Innovative Passive ETF of the Year	iFreeETF Bloomberg Japanese Stocks High Dividend 50 Index (354A)
Single-Market ETF Awards (Japan)	Most Innovative Active ETF of the Year	iFreeETF Japanese Stocks Dividend Rotation Strategy (435A)
Single-Market ETF Awards (Japan)	ETF Rising Star Daiwa Asset Management Co.Ltd. (Regional Winner)	-
Single-Market ETF Awards (Asia-Pacific Region)	ETF Rising Star Daiwa Asset Management Co.Ltd. (Regional Winner)	-

The iFreeETF Bloomberg Japanese Stocks High Dividend 50 Index (354A) and iFreeETF Japanese Stocks Dividend Rotation Strategy (435A) have steadily increased their total net assets since listing on the Tokyo Stock Exchange in April and October last year, respectively. The iFreeETF Bloomberg Japanese Stocks High Dividend 50 Index (354A) is an ETF tracking an index jointly developed by our company and Bloomberg. The iFreeETF Japan

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Stocks Dividend Rotation Strategy (435A) is our first actively managed product within our Japanese stocks high-dividend ETF lineup.

We are continuously committed to developing products that contribute to our investors' asset formation. We have been awarded the "Rising Star Award," an award given to a firm that has shown exceptional potential and has achieved success in the local market or in the region. We will continue striving to provide attractive products to our investors and kindly ask for your continued support.

[For Reference]

Asia Asset Management is a Hong Kong-based publication specializing in the asset management and pension industries across the Asia-Pacific region. The ETF Awards, hosted by the magazine, recognize outstanding asset management firms in the Asia region once a year.

Website: <https://www.asiaasset.com/>

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- The ETFs referred to in this press release are offered in Japan.

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