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Nissay Asset Management Awarded A+ ratings in PRI Assessment

Nissay Asset Management Corporation (President and Chief Executive Officer: Hiroyuki Nishi; hereinafter “NAM”) is honoured to announce that NAM has been awarded an A+ rating for five consecutive years for its overall approach to responsible investment (Strategy and Governance), as well as for four years in a row for its ESG incorporation into internally managed listed equity holdings (Direct – Listed Equity Incorporation), and for two years for engagement and proxy voting approach (Direct – Listed Equity Active Ownership) by the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI*¹). In addition, NAM has been newly awarded A+ ratings for some Indirect investment sections – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring.

【Nam’s PRI Assessment 2019 Summary Score】

Module Name		Score
Strategy & Governance		A+, 5yrs in a row
Direct	Listed Equity - Incorporation	A+, 4yrs in a row
	Listed Equity - Active Ownership	A+, 2yrs in a row
Indirect	Listed Equity	A+, new
	Fixed Income – Corporate, Financial / Non-Financial	A+, new

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PRI signatories are required to report on their responsible investment activities annually, and the report will be assessed by 6-point scale (A+, A, B, C, D, and E), where A+ denotes the highest point.

NAM believes that addressing ESG issues in our investment research and decision-making process will not only lead to the improvement of our long-term investment performance, but also ultimately contributes to a sustainable society and ensures well-functioning capital markets. Therefore, NAM has focused on ESG investment since its implementation of the systematic ESG evaluation of Japanese listed equities (ESG rating*²) in 2008.

As a responsible investor, NAM will put further efforts into the ESG investment to fulfil our social responsibilities.

*¹ The PRI, advocated by the United Nations and launched in 2006, is an initiative and a set of investment principles that offer a menu of possible actions for incorporating ESG issues into investment practice.

*² Evaluating corporate ESG activities from the viewpoint of corporate value enhancement.