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# News Release

Nissay Asset Management Co., Ltd.

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## **Nissay Asset Management Won R&I Fund Award 2014**

Nissay Asset Management Corporation (President and Chief Executive Officer: Kiyoshi Ujihara; hereinafter “NAM”) is honored to announce that NAM has won R&I Fund Award 2014 in the following two categories.

NAM will continue to provide customers with high-quality services and attractive investment products contributing to long-term asset formation.

### **Investment Trusts**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>
North American Bond Fund	Nissay / Putnam Income Open
North American Bond Fund	Nissay / Putnam Monthly Dividend Income Open

### **Defined Contribution Pension**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>
Global Equity Fund	DC Nissay / Putnam Global Core Equity



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Funds eligible for the "Investment Trusts" and "Investment Trusts/Aggregate" categories are Japanese Publicly Offered Open-type Stock Investment Trusts excluding defined contribution pension funds. Those for "Defined Contribution Pension" consist of Japanese Publicly Offered Open-type Stock Investment Trusts used in defined contribution pension plans. "NISA" funds are Japanese Publicly Offered Open-type Stock Investment Trusts for Nippon Individual Savings Accounts. Funds for "Defined Benefit Pension" are those registered in "R&I Universe Data Service". All of them are in principle based on R&I's classifications.

The funds nominated in the "Investment Trusts", "Defined Contribution Pension", "NISA" and "Defined Benefit Pension" categories are those ranked in the top 75% of the annual quantitative evaluation for three consecutive years based on the actual performance data for each year ending in March 2012, 2013 and 2014. Winners are selected according to the ranking of quantitative evaluation for the three-year period ending in March 2014. The quantitative evaluation for "Investment Trusts", "Defined Contribution Pension" and "NISA" is based on "Sharpe Ratio", and nominated funds are required to have been set for three years or more and have one year or more left before maturity. For "Investment Trusts" and "NISA", funds must have 3 billion yen or more outstanding and rank among the top 50% in their respective subcategories in terms of outstanding balance. Funds for "Defined Contribution Pension" need to have 1 billion yen or more outstanding and rank among the top 75% in their respective subcategories in terms of outstanding balance. The quantitative evaluation for "Defined Benefit Pension", on the other hand, is based on "Information Ratio". For "Investment Trusts", "Defined Contribution Pension" and "NISA", R&I awards the first prize to one fund and the second prize to about two funds. "Defined Benefit Pension" has no prize levels. Eligible for the "Investment Trusts/Aggregate" category are fund managers that have three funds or more with the balance of 3 billion yen or more each as of the end of March 2014. The first prize and the second prize are awarded to one fund manager each based on the ranking by balance-weighted average "Sharpe Ratio" of funds during the last three years.

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