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### Nissay Asset Management Awarded A+ ratings in PRI Assessment

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

#### 【Nam’s PRI Assessment 2020 Summary Score】

Module Name		Score
<b>Strategy &amp; Governance</b>		<b>A+, 6yrs in a row</b>
Direct	Listed Equity - Incorporation	A+, 5yrs in a row
	Listed Equity - Active Ownership	A+, 3yrs in a row
Indirect	Listed Equity	A+, 2yrs in a row

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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\*<sup>2</sup>) in 2008.

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

\*<sup>1</sup> 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.

\*<sup>2</sup> Evaluating corporate ESG activities from the viewpoint of corporate value enhancement.