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## Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited: [ICRA]AAAmfs assigned to Nippon India Nivesh Lakshya Long Duration Fund

### Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Rating action
Nippon India Nivesh Lakshya Long Duration Fund	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs; assigned
<b>Total</b>	-	

*\*Instrument details are provided in Annexure II*

### Rationale and key rating drivers

ICRA has assigned a rating of [ICRA]AAAmfs to Nippon India Nivesh Lakshya Long Duration Fund of Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited (NAM India). The rating has been assigned following ICRA's assessment of the credit risk profile of the month-end portfolio position of the scheme. The credit risk score for this scheme was comfortably within the benchmark limits for the current rating level.

Mutual fund (MF) ratings incorporate ICRA's assessment of the creditworthiness of a debt MF scheme's investment portfolio. These ratings are a symbolic representation of the credit risk in the underlying investments or the degree of safety regarding the timely receipt of payments from the investments made by the MF schemes. The ratings do not indicate the asset management company (AMC) and/or any of its scheme's willingness and/or ability to make timely redemptions to its investors. The ratings also do not address market risks and hence should not be construed as an indication of the expected returns, prospective performance of the MF scheme, and the ability to redeem investments at the reported net asset value (NAV) or volatility in its past returns, as all these are influenced by market risks.

ICRA's assessment of debt MF schemes is guided by the credit ratings of the individual investments and the relative share of investments in the overall assets under management (AUM) of the scheme and the maturity schedule of such investments. ICRA's MF ratings are not a reflection on the quality of the management of the AMC or its financial performance, reputation and other business practices including investment strategies, pricing, marketing, and distribution activities. Furthermore, the ratings are not a reflection of whether the AMC or the fund is compliant with the applicable regulatory requirements.

The credit matrix is a tool used by ICRA for analysing the investment portfolio of the debt MF schemes by assessing the portfolio's aggregate credit quality while reviewing the credit quality of each underlying debt security. The portfolio's weighted average credit quality is compared with a benchmark credit score corresponding to the higher of the weighted average maturity of the scheme's portfolio or the maturity predefined by ICRA for the scheme category. The rating outcome corresponds to the rating level for which the portfolio's weighted average credit score is less than the benchmark credit score associated with the rating level. Further, the lowest rating of the investments of the scheme acts as the floor for its rating.

Once an MF scheme is rated and the rating is accepted, ICRA reviews the underlying investment portfolios for the credit scores on an ongoing basis. To this end, ICRA relies on the information provided by the AMC and/or publicly available sources. ICRA reviews the MF's ratings on a monthly basis or earlier, if required, which involves an evaluation of the rating corresponding to the portfolio credit score in relation to the existing rating outstanding. If the portfolio credit score meets the benchmark score for the existing rating, the rating is retained. If the portfolio credit score has a negative breach from the benchmark credit score for the existing rating, ICRA communicates the same to the fund manager/product manager and/or other officials of the concerned AMC before the end of the next month, and provides 30 working days from the date of such communication to bring the portfolio credit score within the benchmark credit score for maintaining the existing rating level. If the investment

composition of the fund is realigned to bring the portfolio credit score within the benchmark credit score, the rating is retained. However, if the portfolio continues to breach the benchmark credit score for the existing rating level, the rating is revised to reflect the change in the portfolio’s credit quality.

In case of sharp breaches of the benchmark credit score (for instance due to a multi-notch downgrade in the underlying investment) and/or if ICRA believes that the breach may not get rectified within a month of the ongoing review, the rating is generally corrected immediately without giving a month’s time for rebalancing the portfolio. If the AMC corrects its portfolio, post the rating downgrade of the scheme, or the credit score improves in any manner subsequent to the downgrade, making the scheme eligible for an upgrade, ICRA may consider a rating upgrade only if the credit score is maintained consistently for a period of at least three months.

### Liquidity position: Not applicable

### Rating sensitivities

**Positive factors** – Not applicable

**Negative factors** – A deterioration in the credit quality of the underlying investment or a decline in the size of the AUM, which may result in an increase in the share of lower rated investments, leading to a breach in the threshold for the rating level, would be a negative factor.

### Analytical approach

Analytical approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	<a href="#">Mutual Funds</a>
Parent/Group support	Not applicable
Consolidation/Standalone	Not applicable

### About the company

Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited (NAM INDIA) is the asset manager of Nippon India Mutual Fund. As on March 31, 2026, Nippon Life Insurance Company (promoter) held 71.93% of the total issued and paid-up equity share capital of NAM INDIA while the balance was held by domestic institutional investors (DIIs; ~13%), foreign institutional investors (FIIs; ~8%) and the public (~7%). As on March 31, 2026, NAM INDIA’s quarterly average AUM stood at Rs. 7,24,965 crore<sup>1</sup>.

### Nippon India Nivesh Lakshya Long Duration Fund

Nippon India Nivesh Lakshya Long Duration Fund is an open-ended debt scheme investing in long-term fixed income securities, which are predominantly Government securities. The Macaulay duration of the portfolio is more than seven years. The fund’s month-end AUM stood at Rs. 7,303 crore as on April 30, 2026.

<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://www.amfiindia.com/aum-data/average-aum>

**Key financial indicators: Not applicable**

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable**

**Any other information: None**

**Rating history for past three years**

Current rating (FY2027)			Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years						
Instrument	Type	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	FY2026		FY2025		FY2024		
			Jun-01-26	Date	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	
<b>Nippon India Nivesh Lakshya Long Duration Fund</b>	Long term	-	[ICRA]AAAmfs	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Annexure I: Disclosure pursuant to the SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS-PoD-2/I/4685/2026 dated February 10, 2026**

ICRA rated Instruments fall under regulatory purview of various Financial Sector Regulators (FSR) as under:

Sr. No.	Instrument	FSR
1	Listed/Proposed to be listed Bonds/Debentures/Preference Shares (all securities)	SEBI
2	Unlisted/Proposed to be unlisted Bonds/Debentures/ Preference share (all securities)	MCA
3	Listed PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities regulated by RBI) (*)	SEBI
4	Listed PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities not regulated by RBI) (*)	SEBI
5	Unlisted PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities regulated by RBI) (*)	RBI
6	Listed Commercial Paper and NCDs with original maturity less than 1 year	RBI
7	Unlisted Commercial Paper and NCDs with original maturity less than 1 year	RBI
8	Loan Facilities (Fund/Non-Fund Based) from Bank / NBFCs/ NHB/ FIs (\$)	RBI
9	External Commercial Borrowings/Loans from overseas branches of Indian Banks/other similar borrowings	RBI
10	Certificates of Deposit	RBI
11	Fixed Deposits raised by NBFCs, Banks, HFCs, FIs	RBI
12	Fixed Deposits raised by corporates other than NBFCs, Banks, HFCs, FIs	MCA
13	Inter Corporate Deposits/Loans extended by Corporates	MCA
14	Listed Security Receipts	SEBI
15	Unlisted Security Receipts	RBI
16	Unlisted PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities not regulated by RBI) (*)	Investor-side Regulator such as IRDAI, PFRDA (%)

(\*) Includes securitisation transactions involving assignee payout, acquirer's payout.

(\$) Includes bank facilities such as liquidity facility, second loss facility that are part of securitisation transactions.

(%) These ratings were assigned prior to the introduction of SEBI CRA Circular dated Feb 10, 2026 and accordingly, investor side FSRs have been mentioned.

Other Activities offered by ICRA fall under regulatory purview of various Financial Sector Regulators (FSR) as under:

Sr. No.	Activity Name	FSR
1	Credit Ratings for Capital Protection Oriented Schemes (by Mutual Funds and AIFs)	SEBI
2	Credit quality ratings (CQRs) for Mutual Fund Schemes and Schemes of AIFs	SEBI
3	Independent Credit Evaluation (ICE)	RBI
4	Expected Loss Ratings (For Loan Facilities [Fund/Non-Fund based] from Banks/NBFCs/NHB/FIs)	RBI
5	Expected Loss Ratings (Listed / Proposed to be listed Bonds / Debentures / Preference Shares (all securities))	SEBI
6	Expected Loss Ratings (Unlisted / Proposed to be unlisted Bonds/ Debentures / Preference Shares (all securities))	MCA
7	Credit Rating of Borrowing programme	(@)
8	Issuer Ratings	(#)
9	Monitoring Agency	SEBI
10	Research activities, incidental to rating such as research for Economy & Industries (permitted by SEBI vide SEBI Master Circular for CRAs)	NA

(@) The rated instrument may involve issuance of different instruments such as debt securities (listed or otherwise), bank loans, commercial paper (listed or otherwise), etc. The regulator of the instrument can only be determined upon issuance. Accordingly, ICRA shall capture the rated quantum details along with names of respective FSR in the press release(s) after the issuance(s) of the instruments.

(#) Since no instrument is being rated, FSR is not applicable. The rating scale and definitions stipulated in SEBI Master Circular for CRAs are being followed.

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### Complexity level of the rated instruments: Not applicable

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### Annexure II: Instrument details

ISIN	Instrument name	Date of issuance/ Sanction	Coupon rate	Maturity date	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Current rating and outlook
NA	Nippon India Nivesh Lakshya Long Duration Fund	NA	NA	NA	NA	[ICRA]AAAms

### Annexure III: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not applicable

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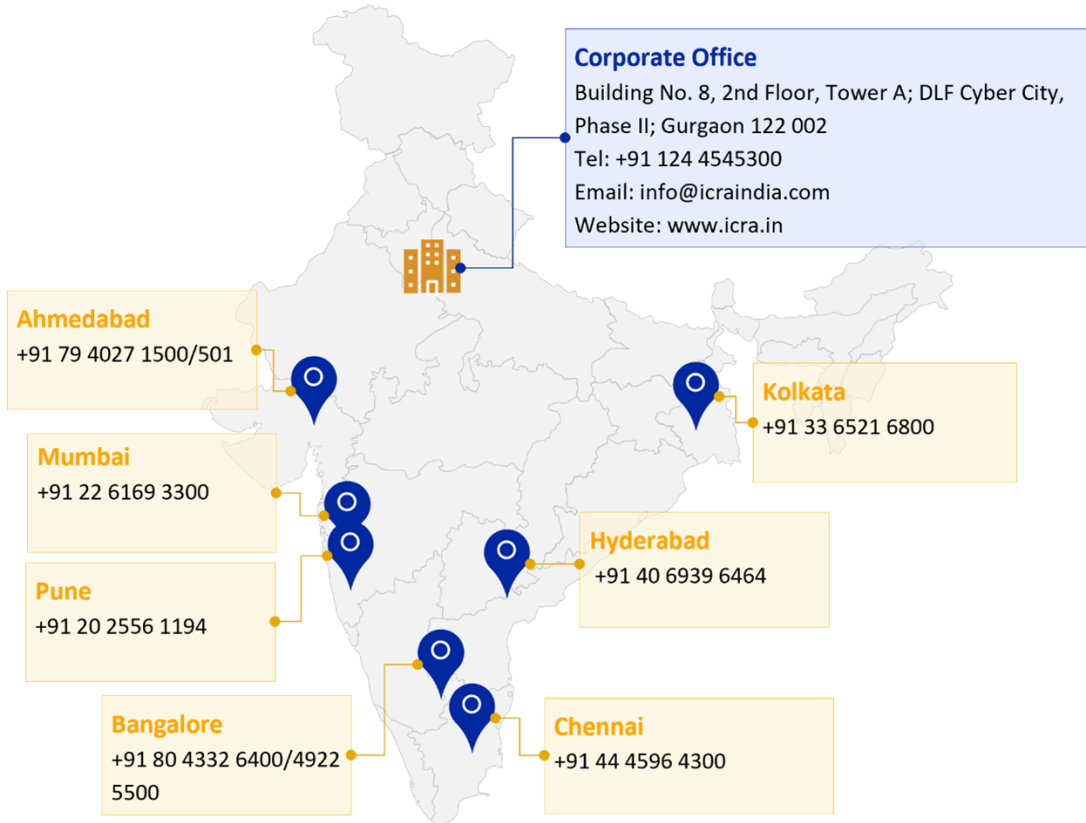


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