

BUY TP: Rs 675 | ▲ 16%

NIPPON LIFE INDIA AMC | NBFC

25 April 2024

Onward and upward; upgrade to BUY

- QAAUM growth robust at 47% YoY to Rs 4.3tn at end Q4 led by a strong equity segment (+63% YoY) constituting 49% of the total
- Market share expands; overall QAAUM share at 7.97% (+30bps QoQ) and equity share at 6.76% (+9bps QoQ) at end Mar'24
- Upgrade to BUY with TP increasing to Rs 675 (from Rs 580), valuing it at a higher 30x on FY26E EPS (vs. 28x)

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Strong growth momentum: Nippon AMC's revenue from operations increased 34% YoY to Rs 4.7bn at end-Q4FY24 (+22% YoY to Rs 16.4bn at end-FY24) and other income, which represents MTM gains on its own investments, grew 133% to Rs 923mn. The core PBT grew 41% YoY to Rs 2.8bn whereas core PAT grew 57% to Rs 2.6bn (vs. our estimate of Rs 2.1bn). PAT grew 73% YoY to Rs 3.4bn.

AUM growth robust: QAAUM grew at a robust 47% YoY to Rs 4.3tn at end Q4 FY24, wherein equity assets jumped 63% YoY and debt was up 26%. Nippon AMC experienced consistent demand growth and held a market share just hitting double digits for net equity flows (except arbitrage and index). ETFs formed 26% of the company's QAAUM. We bake in the Q4 print by raising our FY25/FY26 AUM by 13%/14% and net profit estimates by 7%/9%.

Market share rises: The company maintained its fourth rank on an overall basis with an uptick in market share. QAAUM-based share increased 30bps QoQ to 7.97% in Q4 from 7.67% in Q3FY24. Equity market share improved 9bps QoQ to 6.76% and ETF share grew the most at 135bps QoQ to 16.7% with the company retaining a dominant chunk of volumes and folios. The systematic flow market share improved 90bps QoQ to 12.1%.

Yields under pressure: Yield (calc.) fell ~1bps QoQ at ~43bps in Q4 but declined 4bps YoY due to the regulatory slab system, whereby TER declines as AUM rises. Equity yields have corrected and are now in the early 60s owing to the company's large fund size. The pressure on yields is expected to continue. We bake in 41bps/39bps on a blended basis for FY25/FY26 as compared to 45bps for FY24.

Upgrade to BUY: The stock is trading at 26x FY26E EPS. Factoring in robust equity flows, SIP flows, rising market share and continued ETF leadership, we increase our target P/E from 28x to 30x on FY26E EPS – a 15% premium to the long-term mean. Together with our estimate changes, we raise our TP of Rs 675 (from Rs 580). Our new TP carries upside potential of 16%, leading us to upgrade our rating to BUY from HOLD.

Key changes

Target	Rating	
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Ticker/Price	NAM IN/Rs 584
Market cap	US\$ 4.5bn
Free float	12%
3M ADV	US\$ 6.7mn
52wk high/low	Rs 623/Rs 230
Promoter/FPI/DII	74%/6%/9%

Source: NSE | Price as of 24 Apr 2024

Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Core PBT (Rs mn)	9,584	12,257	14,433
Core PBT (YoY)	25.9	27.9	17.8
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	11,063	12,072	14,155
EPS (Rs)	17.5	19.1	22.4
Consensus EPS (Rs)	15.4	18.5	20.8
MCap/AAAUM (%)	8.6	7.2	6.1
ROAAAUM (bps)	25.6	23.4	23.0
ROE (%)	29.5	29.8	33.9
P/E (x)	33.3	30.5	26.1
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Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research | P - Provisional

Stock performance

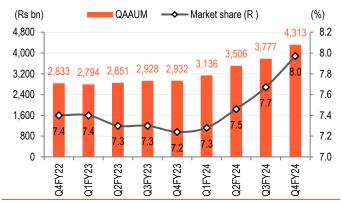


Source: NSE



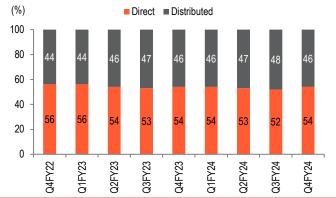


Fig 1 - Strong growth in Q4FY24 AUM



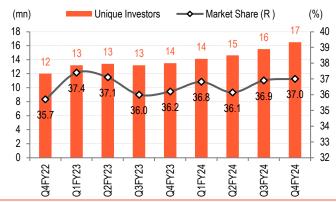
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 3 - Direct channel >50% of QAAUM distribution mix



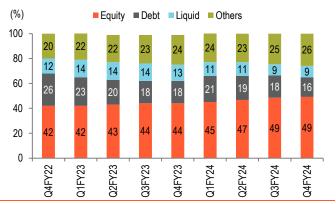
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Fig 5 – Unique investors increasing with higher market share QoQ



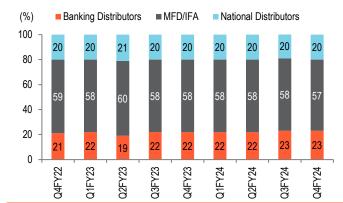
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Fig 2 – Equity component rises QoQ to 49.2% of QAAUM at end-Q4



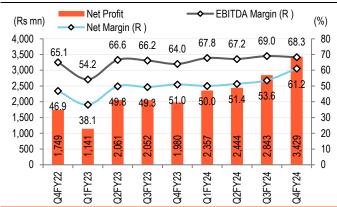
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Fig 4 - Distributed assets largely dependent on MFD/IFA



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 6 - Net profit expands 73% YoY in Q4



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

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Fig 7 - P&L account - Consolidated

Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY (%)	Q3FY24	QoQ (%)	FY24	FY23	YoY (%)
4,683	3,483	34.4	4,233	10.6	16,432	13,498	21.7
923	397	132.6	1,071	(13.8)	3,941	1,668	136.3
5,606	3,880	44.5	5,304	5.7	20,373	15,166	34.3
172	122	41.4	156	10.5	620	501	23.8
886	712	24.6	875	1.3	3,360	3,004	11.9
717	562	27.6	611	17.2	2,515	2,047	22.9
1,775	1,395	27.3	1,642	8.1	6,495	5,551	17.0
3,831	2,485	54.1	3,662	4.6	13,879	9,615	44.3
73	82	(10.0)	65	12.6	291	298	(2.2)
16	12	37.9	17	(3.6)	62	40	57.2
3,741	2,392	56.4	3,581	4.5	13,525	9,277	45.8
227	469	(51.7)	613	(63.1)	2,277	2,121	7.3
88	(54)	(262.9)	127	(30.6)	186	(73)	(353.3)
315	415	(24.1)	741	(57.5)	2,462	2,048	20.2
3	3	3.6	3	7.4	11	4	167.5
3,426	1,977	73.3	2,840	20.6	11,063	7,229	53.0
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Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 8 – AUM breakdown

Particulars	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY (%)	Q3FY24	QoQ (%)	FY24	FY23	YoY (%)
QAAUM (Rs bn)	4,313	2,932	47.1	3,777	14.2	4,313	2,932	47.1
- Equity-oriented	2,123	1,300	63.3	1,835	15.7	2,123	1,300	63.3
- Debt	681	540	26.2	671	1.6	681	540	26.2
- Liquid	394	390	0.9	342	15.1	394	390	0.9
- ETF	1,115	700	59.2	929	20.0	1,115	700	59.2
Unique Investors (mn)	16.5	13.5	22.2	15.5	6.5	16.5	13.5	22.2
Systematic Transactions - Quarterly Book (Rs bn)	70.1	32.2	117.7	59.3	18.2	70.1	32.2	117.7
SIP AUM (Rs bn)	987	580	70.2	914	8.0	987	580	70.2

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 9 – Margin indicators

Particulars	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY (%)	Q3FY24	QoQ (%)	FY24	FY23	YoY (%)
EBITDA margin (%)	68.3	64.0	428bps	69.0	(72bps)	68.1	63.4	472bps
Net margin (%)	61.2	51.0	1,014bps	53.6	758bps	54.4	47.7	666bps
Revenue yield (bps)	43.4	47.5	(4bps)	44.8	(1bps)	44.6	46.9	(2bps)

Source: BOBCAPS Research | Note: The above data is based on consolidated P&L numbers; Revenue yield is calculated



Earnings call takeaways

Business highlights

- Nippon AMC's QAAUM grew 47% YoY (+14% QoQ) to Rs 4.3tn in Q4FY24, with equity assets constituting 49.2% of the total from 44.4% a year ago and 48.6% last quarter. It maintained its fourth rank in the AMC industry.
- Nippon AMC's market share based on QAAUM increased 30bps QoQ to 7.97% in Q4. Equity QAAUM market share also improved 9bps QoQ to 6.76%.
- The company continued to attract higher flows, with a market share just hitting double digits for net equity flows (except arbitrage and index).
- In terms of customer mix, individual AUM (retail plus HNI) accounted for 61% of the total at Rs 2.6tn. By geography, B30 locations contributed 19.5% of AUM at Rs 862bn vs. 17.9% for the industry, translating to 8.8% market share.
- Category-wise, Nippon AMC remains one of the largest ETF players in India, with ETF AUM of Rs 1.1tn and 17% market share. Nippon AMC has a 60% share in industry ETF folios and 61% share of ETF volumes on the National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange.
- The company's SIP AUM grew 70% YoY to Rs 987bn as systematic flows swelled 117% to Rs 70.1bn. AUM wise, SIP accounts continuing for more than five years was 62% for the company vs. 28% for the industry.
- Subsidiary Nippon India Alternate Investments (NIAIF) reported an investment commitment of Rs 61.9bn as on Q4FY24. During the quarter, the company onboarded a new Fund Manager for Long Only Equity AIF Schemes.
- Unique customers in the mutual fund industry grew to 44.6mn from 37.7mn in Q4FY23, of which the company has ~37% share.

Yields

- Operating yield (calc.) fell ~1bps QoQ at ~43bps in Q4 but declined 4bps YoY due to the slab-wise TER system, whereby TER declines as AUM rises.
- Equity yield was 63bps, debt at 25bps, liquid funds at 10-12bps and ETFs at 15bps.
- Per management, it will take four to five years for the compression in blended mutual fund yields to halt.

Key financial metrics

- Nippon AMC's total revenue from operations increased 34% YoY to Rs 4.7bn in Q4, whereas total income grew 45% to Rs 5.6bn. PAT increased 73% YoY to Rs 3.4bn. Core PAT grew 57% YoY to Rs 2.6bn whereas core PBT grew 41% YoY to Rs 2.8bn.
- Other income (MTM gains) can vary depending on market movements. Other income grew 133% YoY to Rs 923mn.

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Operating expenses increased 27% YoY to Rs 1.8bn as other expenses rose 28% to Rs 717mn and employee cost was up 25% to Rs 886mn.

Others

- Tax rate remained low in Q4 owing to transfer of (i) investments from short term to long term and (ii) reversal of provisions from the earlier years.
- Employee numbers inched up from 989 in Q3 to 1,001 in Q4. Management indicated that it continues to invest in people and technology.
- Digital purchases (lumpsum + new) grew 100% YoY to 6.6mn transactions at end-FY24 compared to 3.3mn in FY23.
- The company announced a total dividend of Rs 16.5 per share for FY24 (including Rs 11 per share as proposed final dividend).



Valuation methodology

Nippon AMC, the #4 player in the asset management industry by QAAUM, continues to attract robust flows and deliver top-quartile scheme performance across the large-, mid-and small-cap equity categories. The company's AUM market share increased 30bps QoQ to 7.97% during Q4FY24, while equity QAAUM market share also improved 9bps to 6.76%. Its continued leadership in the growing ETF space is another positive, with 61% volume share and 60% folio share at end-Q4. SIP AUM too has grown at a robust 70% YoY to Rs 987bn as systematic flows swelled 117% to Rs 70.1bn.

Following the strong and higher-than-estimated Q4FY24 print, we increase our FY25/FY26 AUM estimates by 13%/14% to Rs 5.2tn/ Rs 6.2tn. Our net profit forecasts for these years rise by 7%/9% after factoring in blended yield assumptions of 41bps/39bps as compared to 45bps in FY24.

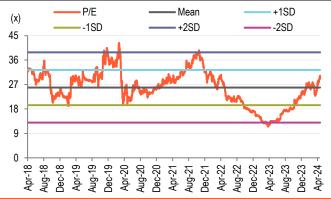
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Fig 10 - Revised estimates

(Rs mn)	New	1	Old		Change	€ (%)
(No IIIII)	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E
Total Income	23,079	26,603	21,815	24,834	5.8	7.1
EBITDA	15,850	18,549	14,821	17,049	6.9	8.8
Profit After Tax (PAT)	12,072	14,155	11,271	12,978	7.1	9.1
AUM (Rs bn)	5,169	6,162	4,565	5,389	13.3	14.3
EBITDA Margin (%)	68.7	69.7	67.9	68.6	74bps	108bps
Net Margin (%)	52.3	53.2	51.7	52.3	65bps	95bps

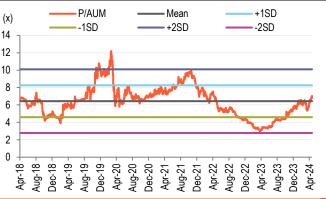
Source: BOBCAPS Research

Fig 11 - 1Y fwd P/E band - Trading close to +1SD



Source: BOBCAPS Research

Fig 12 – 1Y fwd P/AUM band – Upward trajectory



Source: BOBCAPS Research



Key risks

Downside risks

- Decline in AUM growth due to increased competition: Nippon AMC has witnessed intense competitive pressure in the AUM industry. Higher competition coupled with new entrants could dampen AUM growth and hurt revenue.
- Prolonged weakness in equity markets: Equity assets constitute a significant portion of the company's AUM. Thus, a fall in Indian equity markets would cause AUM to decline directly as the value of underlying securities falls, and indirectly as securities investments become less attractive for investors, resulting in net outflows or redemptions. Any decrease in AUM will impact fees and consequently net profit.
- Regulatory risks: AMCs are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India and could be adversely impacted in the event of unfavourable policy changes. For instance, should the regulator mandate a further decline in total expense ratio, yields could weaken even more.
- Covid-like disruptions: While Covid-related lockdowns are unlikely to be unduly
 harsh in future, we believe that any such lockdowns/disruptions due to any
 pandemic/virus mutations would be a risk to retail customer acquisition and could
 also result in higher redemptions.

Sector recommendation snapshot

Company	Ticker	Market Cap (US\$ bn)	Price (Rs)	Target (Rs)	Rating
Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC	ABSLAMC IN	1.9	551	500	HOLD
HDFC AMC	HDFCAMC IN	9.5	3,660	3,675	HOLD
Nippon Life India AMC	NAM IN	4.5	584	675	BUY
UTI AMC	UTIAM IN	1.5	948	909	HOLD

Source: BOBCAPS Research, NSE | Price as of 24 Apr 2024

Glossary

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AUM	Assets Under Management	MF	Mutual Fund
AAAUM	Average Annual Assets Under Management	MFD	Mutual Fund Distributor
AIF	Alternate Investment Fund	MTM	Mark to Market
B30	Beyond the Top 30 cities	NFO	New Fund Offer
eKYC	Electronic Know Your Customer	PMS	Portfolio Management Services
EPFO	Employees' Provident Fund Organisation	QAAUM	Quarterly Average Assets Under Management
ETF	Exchange Traded Funds	SIP	Systematic Investment Plan
FOF	Fund of Funds	STP	Systematic Transfer Plan
HNI	High Net-worth Indvividual	T30	Top 30 cities
IFA	Independent Financial Advisor	TER	Total Expense Ratio
MAAUM	Monthly Average Assets Under Management		



Financials

Dividend yield (%)

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Investment mgmt. fees	13,066	13,498	16,432	19,859	22,888
YoY (%)	23.0	3.3	21.7	20.9	15.3
Operating expenses	5,159	5,551	6,495	7,229	8,054
Core operating profits	7,907	7,947	9,937	12,629	14,835
Core operating profits growth (%)	41.8	0.5	25.0	27.1	17.5
Depreciation and Interest	310	338	354	373	402
Core PBT	7,597	7,610	9,584	12,257	14,433
Core PBT growth (%)	46.1	0.2	25.9	27.9	17.8
Other income	2,290	1,668	3,941	3,221	3,715
PBT	9,887	9,277	13,525	15,478	18,147
PBT growth (%)	12.7	(6.2)	45.8	14.4	17.3
Tax	2,453	2,048	2,462	3,405	3,992
Tax rate (%)	24.8	22.1	18.2	22.0	22.0
Reported PAT	7,434	7,229	11,063	12,072	14,155
Balance Sheet Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Equity capital	6,228	6,234	6,300	6,300	6,300
Reserves & surplus	28,558	28,922	33,522	34,772	36,187
Net worth	34,786	35,156	39,822	41,072	42,487
Borrowings	0	0	0	0	0
Other liab. & provisions	3,179	3,453	3,929	5,395	6,675
Total liab. & equities	37,965	38,609	43,750	46,467	49,163
Cash & bank balance	32,801	32,959	37,832	41,103	43,994
Fixed & Other assets	4,784	5,444	5,663	5,109	4,913
Total assets	37,965	38,609	43,750	46,467	49,163
Per Share					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
EPS	11.8	11.5	17.5	19.1	22.4
Dividend per share	11.0	11.5	16.5	17.4	20.4
Book value per share	55.2	56.1	63.1	65.1	67.3
Valuations Ratios					
Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
P/E	49.5	50.7	33.3	30.5	26.1
P/BV	10.6	10.4	9.3	9.0	8.7
	10.0	10.7	0.0	0.0	0.1

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Y/E 31 Mar (bps of AAAUM)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Operating income	46.1	46.1	38.1	38.4	37.1
Operating expenses	18.2	18.9	15.1	14.0	13.1
EBITDA	36.0	32.8	32.2	30.7	30.1
Depreciation and Others	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.7
Core PBT	26.8	26.0	22.2	23.7	23.4
Other income	8.1	5.7	9.1	6.2	6.0
PBT	34.9	31.7	31.4	29.9	29.5
Tax	8.7	7.0	5.7	6.6	6.5
ROAAAUM	26.2	24.7	25.6	23.4	23.0
Ratio Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
YoY growth (%)					
Investment mgmt. fees	23.0	3.3	21.7	20.9	15.3
Core operating profit	41.8	0.5	25.0	27.1	17.5
EPS	62.9	8.3	(2.3)	52.0	9.1
Profitability & Return ratios (%)				
Operating inome to Total inc.	85.1	89.0	80.7	86.0	86.0
Cost to Core income ratio	39.5	41.1	39.5	36.4	35.2
EBITDA margin	66.4	63.4	68.1	68.7	69.7
Core PBT margin	49.5	50.2	47.0	53.1	54.3
PBT margin (on total inc.)	64.4	61.2	66.4	67.1	68.2
ROE	22.6	20.7	29.5	29.8	33.9
Dividend payout ratio	93.2	99.7	94.1	90.0	90.0
Annual Average AUM					
Y/E 31 Mar	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
AAAUM (Rs bn)	2,832	2,930	4,313	5,169	6,162
YoY Growth (%)	23.9	3.5	47.2	19.8	19.2
% of AAAUM					

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Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

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BUY - Expected return >+15%

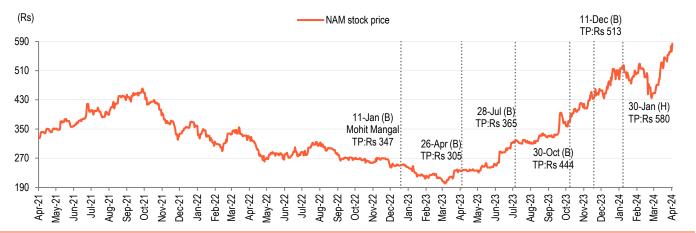
HOLD - Expected return from -6% to +15%

SELL - Expected return <-6%

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