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Individual/ internal staff engagements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's interests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate transition for clients' needs or sustainability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage investor/ ESG advisors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage investor/ ESG advisors <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify	<input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's interests <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate transition for clients' needs or sustainability <input type="checkbox"/> To engage investor/ ESG advisors <input type="checkbox"/> To engage investor/ ESG advisors <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify	
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# RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

## 2014/15

Nomura Corporate Research and Asset Management Inc.

## About this report

The PRI Reporting Framework is a key step in the journey towards building a common language and industry standard for reporting responsible investment (RI) activities. This RI Transparency Report is one of the key outputs of this Framework. Its primary objective is to enable signatory transparency on RI activities and facilitate dialogue between investors and their clients, beneficiaries and other stakeholders. A copy of this report will be publicly disclosed for all reporting signatories on the [PRI website](#), ensuring accountability of the PRI Initiative and its signatories.

This report is an export of the individual Signatory organisation's response to the PRI during the 2014-15 reporting cycle. It includes their responses to mandatory indicators, as well as responses to voluntary indicators the signatory has agreed to make public. The information is presented exactly as it was reported. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory to select are presented in this report. Presenting the information exactly as reported is a result of signatory feedback which suggested the PRI not summarise the information. As a result, the reports can be extensive. However, to help easily locate information, there is a **Principles index** which highlights where the information can be found and summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose.

## Understanding the Principles Index

The Principles Index summarises the response status for the individual indicators and modules and shows how these relate to the six [Principles for Responsible Investment](#). It can be used by stakeholders as an 'at-a-glance' summary of reported information and to identify particular themes or areas of interest.

Indicators can refer to one or more Principles. Some indicators are not specific to any Principle. These are highlighted in the 'General' column. When multiple Principles are covered across numerous indicators, in order to avoid repetition, only the main Principle covered is highlighted.

All indicators within a module are presented below. The status of indicators is shown with the following symbols:

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed all mandatory parts of this indicator
☑	The signatory has completed some parts of this indicator
🔒	This indicator was not relevant for this signatory
-	The signatory did not complete any part of this indicator
Ⓜ	The signatory has flagged this indicator for internal review

Within the table, indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.

# Principles Index

Organisational Overview				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OO 01	Signatory category and services	✓	Public							✓
OO 02	Headquarters and operational countries	✓	Public							✓
OO 03	Subsidiaries that are separate PRI signatories	✓	Public							✓
OO 04	Reporting year and AUM	✓	Public							✓
OO 05	Breakdown of AUM by asset class	✓	Asset mix disclosed in OO 06							✓
OO 06	How would you like to disclose your asset class mix	✓	Public							✓
OO 07	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	🔒	n/a							✓
OO 08	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Private							✓
OO 09	Additional information about organisation	✓	Private							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	✓	Public							✓
OO 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓
OO 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓

Overarching Approach				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OA 01	RI policy and other guidance documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 02	Publicly available policies / documents	🔒	n/a							✓
OA 03	Policy components and coverage	🔒	n/a	✓	✓					
OA 04	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
OA 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓
OA 06	Main goals/objectives this year	-	n/a							✓
OA 07	Governance, management structures and RI processes	✓	Private							✓
OA 08	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
OA 09	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	✓	Private							✓
OA 10	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
OA 11	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
OA 12	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	✓	Private				✓	✓	✓	
OA 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	✓	Private	✓						
OA 14	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	✓	Private	✓						
OA 15	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	-	n/a							✓
OA 16	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
OA 17	RI/ESG in execution and/or advisory services	🔒	n/a	✓	✓					
OA 18	Innovative features of approach to RI	✓	Private							✓
OA 19	Internal and external review and assurance of responses	✓	Private							✓

Direct - Fixed Income				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
FI 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	✓	Private	✓						
FI 02	Breakdown of investments by credit quality	✓	Private							✓
FI 03	Description of ESG incorporation	✓	Private	✓						
FI 04	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	✓	Public	✓						
FI 05	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	-	n/a	✓						
FI 06	Types of screening applied	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 07	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 08	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 09	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 10	Description of ESG integration	-	n/a	✓						
FI 11	Review of ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	✓	Public	✓						
FI 12	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	-	n/a	✓						
FI 13	Incorporation of ESG issues into analysis and decision making	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 14	ESG issues in index construction	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 15	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	-	n/a	✓						
FI 16	Incorporation of ESG issues has improved financial/ESG performance and reduced risk	-	n/a	✓						
FI 17	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	-	n/a	✓						
FI 18	Disclosure of approach to ESG incorporation	✓	Public		✓					✓
FI 19	Engagement with corporate issuers	✓	Private		✓					
FI 20	Engagement with government issuers	🔒	n/a		✓					

# Nomura Corporate Research and Asset Management Inc.

## Reported Information

## Public version

## Organisational Overview

## PRI disclaimer

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## Basic Information

OO 01

Mandatory

Gateway/Peering

General

OO 01.1

Select the services you offer.

Fund management

% of assets under management (AUM) in ranges

<10%

10-50%

>50%

Fund of funds, manager of managers, sub-advised products

Other, specify

Execution and advisory services

OO 02

Mandatory

Peering

General

OO 02.1

Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

United States

OO 02.2

Indicate the number of countries in which you have offices (including your headquarters).

1

2-5

6-10

>10

OO 02.3

Indicate the approximate number of staff in your organisation in full-time equivalents (FTE).

FTE

40

OO 03

Mandatory

Descriptive

General

OO 03.1

Indicate whether you have subsidiaries within your organisation that are also PRI signatories in their own right.

Yes

No

OO 04

Mandatory

Gateway/Peering

General

**OO 04.1** Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/12/2014

**OO 04.2** Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year, excluding subsidiaries you have chosen not to report on, and advisory/execution only assets.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		13	608	821	566
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD		13	608	821	566

**OO 04.5** Indicate the level of detail you would like to provide about your asset class mix.

- Approximate percentage breakdown to the nearest 5% (e.g. 45%)
- Broad ranges breakdown (i.e. <10%; 10-50%; >50%)

**OO 06**

**Mandatory**

**Descriptive**

**General**

**OO 06.1** To contextualise your responses to the public, indicate how you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

- Publish our asset class mix as broad ranges

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	<10%	0
Fixed income – corporate	>50%	0
Fixed income – government	<10%	0
Fixed income – other	<10%	0
Private debt	0	0
Private equity	0	0
Property	0	0
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	<10%	0



Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	<10%	0
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

○ Publish our asset class mix as per attached file (the following image formats can be uploaded: .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .bmp and .gif)

### Gateway asset class implementation indicators

OO 10	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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**OO 10.1**

Select the responsible investment activities your organisation implemented, directly and/or indirectly, for listed equities in the reporting year.

- We incorporate ESG issues into investment decisions on our internally managed assets
- We engage with companies on ESG issues via our staff, collaborations or service providers
- We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via service providers
- None of the above

OO 11	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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**OO 11.1**

Indicate if in the reporting year you incorporated ESG issues into your investment decisions and/or your active ownership practices in the following internally managed asset classes.

- Fixed income – corporate
- Fixed income – government
- Fixed Income – other
- Hedge funds
- Cash
- None of the above

OO 12	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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**OO 12.1**

The modules and sections that you will be required to complete are listed below.

*This list is based on the percentages provided in your AUM breakdown and your responses to the gateway indicators. You are only required to report on asset classes that represent 10% or more of your AUM. You may report voluntarily on any applicable modules or sections by selecting them from the list. Fixed Income and Infrastructure are voluntary.*

**Core modules**

- Organisational Overview
- Overarching Approach (including assets which do not have a separate module)

**RI implementation directly or via service providers**

Direct - Listed Equity incorporation

- Listed Equity incorporation

Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

- Engagements

Direct - Fixed Income

- Fixed Income - Corporate
- Fixed Income - Government

**Closing module**

- Closing module

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## Overarching Approach

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## Responsible investment policy

OA 01	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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**OA 01.1** Indicate if you have a responsible investment policy.

- Yes  
 No

**OA 01.2** Indicate if you have other guidance documents or more specific policies related to responsible investment.

- Yes  
 No

**OA 01.3** Provide a brief description of the key elements of your responsible investment policy or, if you do not have a policy, of your overall approach to responsible investment. [Optional]

We consider ESG issues to be important factors when analyzing a company's sustainability and investment prospects. We therefore strive to incorporate these principles into our investment process. Portfolio managers and analysts have agreed to consider environmental, social, and governance factors when making investment recommendations and portfolio decisions. When we select bonds to be held in the portfolio, we take into account non-financial factors such as ESG issues and management quality. We will consider a company's record in how they treat the environment, how they treat their employees, how they treat the communities in which they operate, and their impact on their customers. In addition, we will consider their track record in behaving fairly towards bondholders and other investors. We have found that consideration of sustainability is congruent with our Strong Horse investment philosophy. This helps us to invest in stronger companies, invest in improving credits, and avoid defaults. Should we assess that the company's activities may not reflect our ESG principles, the holding will be reviewed.

OA 04	Mandatory	Core Assessed	General
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**OA 04.1** Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.

- Yes

**OA 04.2** Describe your policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process. [Optional]

### Conflict of Interest and Internal Policies

NCRAM's employees are bound by a strict Code of Ethics, so as to ensure that the highest level of business ethics is maintained. This Code of Ethics is intended to address three fundamental principles that must guide the personal investment activities of the directors, officers and employees of the firm in light of their fiduciary duties:

Place the interests of our clients first. As a fiduciary, we must avoid serving our own personal interests ahead of the interests of our clients;

- Employees must avoid taking inappropriate advantage of their position in the firm; and
- Personal investing activities must be conducted in such a way as to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest with investment activities undertaken for our clients

The Code of Ethics provides principles of conduct on matters that relate to ethical business standards including, but not limited to, conflicts of interest, gifts and entertainment, document retention, confidentiality and anti-money laundering practices. Complying with this code, and local laws and regulations is a condition of employment. Any violation of this Code may be cause for disciplinary action, including termination of employment.

The firm's Code of Ethics states that all outside business activities, including service as a partner, officer, director, owner or trustee, must receive the prior written approval from Compliance. Access Persons and investment personnel are prohibited from serving on the board of directors or other governing boards of a publicly traded entity, except with prior written authorization from the Compliance Department. In the event of such authorization, Compliance considers the imposition of appropriate procedures to prevent the misuse of material non-public information, which may be acquired through board service and other procedures, or investment restrictions, which may be required to prevent actual or potential conflicts of interest.

No

## Objectives and strategies

OA 05	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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**OA 05.1** Indicate if your organisation sets objectives for its responsible investment activities.

Yes

**OA 05.2** Indicate how frequently your organisation sets or revises objectives for responsible investment.

- At least once per year
- Less than once per year

**OA 05.3** Indicate how frequently your organisation formally reviews performance against its objectives for responsible investment.

- Quarterly
- Biannually
- Annually
- Every two years or less
- It is not reviewed

No

## Governance and human resources

OA 08	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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**OA 08.1** Indicate the roles present in your organisation and for each, indicate whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.

## Roles present in your organisation

- Board members or trustees
  - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
  - Implementation of responsible investment
  - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Investment Committee
  - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
  - Implementation of responsible investment
  - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other Chief-level staff or head of department, specify
- Portfolio managers
  - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
  - Implementation of responsible investment
  - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Investment analysts
  - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
  - Implementation of responsible investment
  - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
- External managers or service providers
- Other role, specify
- Other role, specify

## Promoting responsible investment

OA 10

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 4,5

OA 10.1

Select the collaborative organisation and/or initiatives of which your organisation is a member or in which it participated during the reporting year, and the role you played.

### Select all that apply

- Principles for Responsible Investment

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative.  
[Optional]

NCRAM's primary industry initiative and investor collaboration is as a signatory to the UN PRI. We also collaborate with companies in the Nomura Group on our approach to using Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") factors. We consider ESG issues to be important factors when analyzing a company's sustainability and investment prospects.

Our affiliate, Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. (NAM Tokyo), has established an ESG committee, chaired by senior investment personnel, to discuss the company's key policies relating to ESG issues on a firm-wide basis. The ESG committee also includes members from NAM Tokyo Investment Management and Research, Client Services, and Corporate Office divisions. NCRAM's CIO, David Crall, interfaces with NAM Tokyo on the subject of how to implement responsible investment practices.

With regard to reporting, NAM's parent company Nomura Holdings provides a CSR report annually. Please find below the address. The CSR portion is included in Chapter II.  
(<http://www.nomuraholdings.com/investor/library/ar/index.html>)

Within NCRAM, our CIO supervises our investment process including our implementation of ESG investments.

- Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia
- Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
- CDP Climate Change
- CDP Forests
- CDP Water
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
- Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
- Eumedion
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
- Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)
- Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
- International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)
- Investor Group on Climate Change, Australia/New Zealand (IGCC)
- Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
- Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
- Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify
- Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)
- United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)
- United Nations Global Compact
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

OA 11

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 4

**OA 11.1**

Indicate if your organisation promotes responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

Yes

No



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#### Direct - Fixed Income

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## ESG incorporation in actively managed fixed income

### Fixed Income - Corporate

#### Implementation processes


FI 04	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	PRI 1
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FI 04.1

Indicate (1) which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed corporate fixed income investments; and, (2) the breakdown of your actively managed corporate fixed income investments by incorporation strategy or combination of strategies.

#### ESG incorporation strategy (select all that apply)

- Screening alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)
- Thematic alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)
- Integration alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)

Percentage of active corporate fixed income to which the strategy is applied (estimate +/- 10%)	 100
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- Screening + Integration strategies
- Thematic + integration strategies
- Screening + thematic strategies
- All three strategies combined
- No incorporation strategies applied

Total actively managed fixed income - corporate

100%

FI 04.2

Describe your primary reasons for choosing a particular incorporation strategy.

We believe that integration of ESG issues into our investment process helps us invest in stronger companies, invest in improving credits, and avoid defaults.

#### (C) Implementation: Integration of ESG factors

FI 11	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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FI 11.1

Indicate if E, S and G issues are reviewed while researching companies and/or sectors in active strategies.

ESG issues	Coverage/extent of review on these issues
Environmental	<input type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input checked="" type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review environmental issues
Social	<input type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input checked="" type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review social issues
Corporate Governance	<input checked="" type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review corporate governance issues

## Communication

FI 18

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2,6

FI 18.1

Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your approach to ESG incorporation in all fixed income investments.

- We disclose it publicly
- We disclose it to clients/beneficiaries only
- We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries