Nippon Life India AMC (RELNIP)

CMP: ₹ 422 Target: ₹ 485 (15%)

Target Period: 12 months

November 8, 2021

Market share gain; other income elevated...

About the stock: Nippon Life India AMC is among the largest asset managers in India with an AUM size of ₹ 4.01 lakh crore. The company has a strong distribution network with ~82000 distributors.

- Market share as on Q2FY22 was at 7.3%
- Strong presence in B-30 cities that contribute to ~18% of total AUM

Q2FY22 Results: Steady quarter with gradual uptick in market share.

- QAAUM up 33% YoY, 5% QoQ to ₹ 265500 crore. Market share up 21 bps
- Operational revenue up 27% YoY at ₹ 328 crore; yields down 1 bps QoQ
- PAT up 47% YoY, 18% QoQ to ₹ 213 crore, aided by revenue & other income

What should investors do? Nippon Life India AMC's share price has grown by over 49% since its listing in November 2017.

We maintain BUY rating on the stock

Target Price and Valuation: We value Nippon AMC at ~9.5% FY23E AUM and revise our target price to ₹ 485 per share.

Key triggers for future price performance:

- Strategy to focus on AUM growth & anticipated steady yield to aid revenue
- Plan to continue new product launch ahead to aid capturing market share
- Strong brand franchise, distribution strength and operational capabilities
- Improvement in performance of equity schemes to aid inflow & market share gain

Alternate Stock Idea: Apart from Nippon Life AMC, in our coverage we like MCX.

- MCX is a leader in commodity derivative exchanges in India with ~93% market share in terms of commodity futures turnover.
- BUY with a target price of ₹ 2000

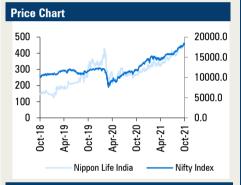


BUY



| Particulars | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| | Amount |
| Market Capitalisation | ₹ 26546 crore |
| Networth | ₹ 3293 crore |
| 52 week H/L | 476/275 |
| Face Value | ₹ 10 |
| DII Holding (%) | 8.8 |
| FII Holding (%) | 6.6 |

| Shareholding pattern | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| | Sep-20 | Dec-20 | Mar- 21 | Jun 21 | Sep 21 | | | | |
| Promoter | 75.9 | 75.8 | 74.5 | 74.2 | 74.0 | | | | |
| FII | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 6.6 | | | | |
| DII | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 7.5 | 8.8 | | | | |
| Others | 12.7 | 12.2 | 12.9 | 12.1 | 10.6 | | | | |



Recent Event & key risk

- QAAUM saw healthy sequential growth of 5% QoQ at ₹ 2.6 lakh crore
- Key Risk: Increasing competitive pressure to exert pressure on yield

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| Key Financial Summary | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|
| ₹ Crore | FY18 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | 4 year CAGR (FY17-FY21) | FY22E | FY23E | 2 year CAGR (FY21-23E) |
| Net Profit (₹ crore) | 456 | 485.7 | 415.4 | 679.4 | 14% | 737.3 | 849.2 | 12% |
| EPS (₹) | 7.4 | 7.9 | 6.8 | 11.0 | 14% | 12.0 | 13.8 | 12% |
| P/E (x) | 45.5 | 53.2 | 62.2 | 38.3 | | 35.3 | 30.6 | |
| AUM /share (₹) | 4002 | 3817.0 | 3347.4 | 3708.0 | | 4375.5 | 5031.8 | |
| P/AUM (%) | 8.5 | 11.1 | 12.6 | 11.4 | | 9.6 | 8.4 | |
| DPS (₹) | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | | 8.7 | 10.0 | |
| RoE (%) | 19.5 | 19.2 | 14.1 | 18.7 | | 16.9 | 16.3 | |

Key takeaways of recent quarter & conference call highlights

Q2FY22 Results: Growth remains healthy; yields remain dampener

- AUM growth of 33% YoY, 10% QoQ was led by 46% YoY and 15.8% QoQ rise in equity AUM while ETFs also increased 10.4% QoQ
- Other income increased 53% YoY to ₹ 97 crore, mainly due to higher MTM gains during the quarter
- Yields declined ~1 bps QoQ to 49 bps, mainly on account of lower TER due to increase in fund size
- SIP book increased sequentially from ₹ 1750 crore to ₹ 1880 crore in Q2FY22, with number of folios increasing from 34 lakh in Q1FY22 to 36 lakh in Q2FY22
- Operating expense increased 7% QoQ, 8% YoY, which can be partly attributed to an increase in staff movement and related expenses. Employee expenses increased 8% YoY due to Esops related costs (₹ 4.6 crore)
- Opex is expected to be under control and should be below topline growth.
 In turn, this should provide operating leverage ahead
- The company has a strong presence beyond 30 cities (B-30) with 18% of AUM coming from this segment compared to industry average of 16.5%
- The company has gained AUM market share on an overall basis by ~21 bps sequentially to 7.33%
- Number of unique investors has increased by 39% YoY to 86 lakh

Q2FY22 Earnings Conference Call highlights

- Decline in yields in the current quarter was mainly due to a reduction in TERs of a few funds due to an increase in size, higher trail commission and increase in competition
- Gain in market share was on account of debt funds; share of equity funds remained largely stable
- With the better performance, it has started to see higher flows in equity
- The management has approved 58 lakh shares as Esops amounting to ₹ 4.6 crore in Q2FY22
- Mark to market gains in the current quarter contributed to higher other income
- Realisation from ETF (excluding CPSE & gold) in the range of 15-17 bps. No plan to lower cost as Nippon remains market leader in terms of volume
- The management believes digital and physical business model to co-exist ahead with customer handholding required in smaller towns and cities

Peer comparison

| Exhibit 1: ICICI Direct coverage universe (AMC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|------|---------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|---------|-------|
| Sector / Company | CMP | | | M Cap | EPS | (₹) | | - 1 | P/E (x) | | P/A | BV (x) | | R | loE (%) | |
| | (₹) | TP(₹) | Rating | (₹ bn) | FY21 | FY22E | FY23E | FY21 | FY22E | FY23E | FY21 | FY22E | FY23E | FY21 | FY22E | FY23E |
| HDFC AMC (HDFAMC) | 2,668 | 3,000 | Hold | 568 | 62.2 | 67.0 | 77.8 | 42.9 | 39.8 | 34.3 | 11.9 | 10.5 | 9.2 | 27.8 | 26.3 | 26.8 |
| Nippon AMC (RELNIP) | 422 | 485 | Buy | 265 | 11.0 | 12.0 | 13.8 | 38.3 | 35.3 | 30.6 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 18.7 | 16.9 | 16.3 |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

We remain positive on the strong brand franchise and efficient operational strength. We maintain BUY rating awaiting continued improvement in market share.

| ₹ crore | Q2FY22 | Q2FY21 | YoY | Q1FY22 | QoQ | Comments |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--|
| Revenue from Operations | 327.9 | 258.7 | 27% | 302.3 | 8% | AUM growth bolsters revenue growth |
| Revenue/AUM | 0.5 | 0.5 | -3bps | 0.5 | -1bps | Yields decline due to higher inflows in low yielding products and decline in TER |
| Other Income | 97.2 | 63.7 | 53% | 66.9 | 45% | Higher other income attributable to MTM gains in equity portfolio |
| Net Total Income | 425.1 | 322.4 | 32% | 369.2 | 15% | |
| Staff Cost | 73.2 | 67.9 | 8% | 69.7 | 5% | |
| Other Operating Expenses | 69.1 | 63.5 | 9% | 63.5 | 9% | |
| Total Expenses | 142.3 | 131.4 | 8% | 133.2 | 7% | Rebound in business activity and marketing expense push opex |
| PBT | 282.8 | 191.0 | 48% | 236.0 | 20% | |
| Tax Outgo | 69.6 | 45.7 | 52% | 54.7 | 27% | |
| PAT | 213.2 | 145.2 | 47% | 181.4 | 18% | |
| MF- AAUM | 265500 | 200000 | 33% | 240400 | 10% | Healthy AAUM growth with market share gains |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

| Exhibit 3: Change in es | timates | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|
| (₹ crore) | | FY22E | | | FY23E | |
| | Old | New | Change % | Old | New | Change % |
| Revenue from Operations | 1239.4 | 1338.6 | 8% | 1404.7 | 1523.3 | 8% |
| PBT | 921.3 | 989.7 | 7% | 1051.6 | 1139.9 | 8% |
| PAT | 686.3 | 737.3 | 7% | 783.4 | 849.2 | 8% |
| EPS (₹) | 11.1 | 12.0 | 7% | 12.7 | 13.8 | 8% |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Financial Summary

| /F ereres | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22E | FY23E |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (₹ crores) | FIIS | FIZU | FIZI | FIZZE | FIZƏE |
| Revenue from Operations | 1,478.5 | 1,203.1 | 1,062.1 | 1,338.6 | 1,523.3 |
| Growth (%) | -7.1% | -18.6% | -11.7% | 26.0% | 13.8% |
| Other Income | 171.3 | (9.8) | 357.2 | 210.0 | 220.0 |
| Total Revenue | 1,649.8 | 1,193.3 | 1,419.3 | 1,548.6 | 1,743.3 |
| Employee Benefit Expenses | 293.5 | 302.4 | 271.3 | 284.6 | 292.3 |
| Depreciation & Amortization Expense | 10.1 | 32.6 | 33.3 | 33.3 | 33.3 |
| Other Expenses (incl fees) | 646.0 | 297.9 | 237.7 | 241.0 | 277.8 |
| Total Expenses | 949.6 | 632.9 | 542.3 | 558.9 | 603.4 |
| Profit Before Tax | 700.2 | 560.4 | 877.0 | 989.7 | 1,139.9 |
| Taxes | 214.5 | 145.0 | 197.6 | 252.4 | 290.7 |
| Profit After Tax | 485.7 | 415.4 | 679.4 | 737.3 | 849.2 |
| EPS (₹) | 7.9 | 6.8 | 11.0 | 12.0 | 13.8 |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

| Exhibit 5: Balance Sheet | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| (₹ crores) | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22E | FY23E |
| Sources of Funds | | | | | |
| Share capital | 612.0 | 612.1 | 616.5 | 616.5 | 616.5 |
| Reserves and surplus | 1958.0 | 1980.9 | 2483.8 | 2685.9 | 2918.6 |
| Total Equity | 2570.0 | 2593.1 | 3100.3 | 3302.4 | 3535.1 |
| | | | | | |
| Trade payables | 47.4 | 67.7 | 62.9 | 66.0 | 69.3 |
| Others | 158.5 | 220.1 | 228.5 | 251.4 | 276.5 |
| Total Liabilities + Equity | 2775.8 | 2880.8 | 3391.7 | 3619.8 | 3880.9 |
| | | | | | |
| Applications of Funds | | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 12.5 | 11.2 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.1 |
| Intangible assets | 243.6 | 314.4 | 290.0 | 290.0 | 290.0 |
| Cash and bank balance | 30.0 | 463.3 | 360.6 | 403.9 | 452.3 |
| Investments | 1290.0 | 1884.6 | 2550.0 | 2678.3 | 2868.6 |
| Recieveables | 102.6 | 59.3 | 45.9 | 45.9 | 45.9 |
| Deferred tax assets (net) | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Others | 1097.2 | 147.3 | 133.2 | 189.6 | 212.1 |
| Total Assets | 2775.8 | 2880.8 | 3391.7 | 3619.8 | 3880.9 |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

| Exhibit 6: Key Ratios | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22E | FY23E |
| Valuation | | | | | |
| No of Equity shares (crore) | 61.2 | 61.2 | 61.7 | 61.7 | 61.7 |
| EPS | 7.9 | 6.8 | 11.0 | 12.0 | 13.8 |
| DPS | 6.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 8.7 | 10.0 |
| BVPS | 42.0 | 42.4 | 50.3 | 53.6 | 57.3 |
| P/E | 53.2 | 62.2 | 38.3 | 35.3 | 30.6 |
| P/BV | 10.0 | 10.0 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 7.4 |
| Operating Ratios (%) | | | | | |
| Rev/AUM | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| EBITDA/AUM | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| PAT/AUM | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Return Ratios (%) | | | | | |
| RoNW | 19.2% | 14.1% | 18.7% | 16.9% | 16.3% |
| NAV per equity share | 42.0 | 42.4 | 50.3 | 53.6 | 57.3 |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

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