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NIKKO ASSET MANAGEMENT CO., LTD.

Nikko Asset Management Discloses its Voting Results for 2017/18 Shareholder Meetings

At the shareholder meetings of 2,255 Japanese companies in which Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd. (Nikko AM) invests held from July 2017 through June 2018, the Firm cast 3,453 negative votes against 22,142 proposals. This translates to 15.6% of the total.

Last year, this was 16.9%, up from 9.1% in 2015/16 - an almost doubling based on an enhanced commitment to disclosure [introduced with 2016/17 Shareholder Meetings](#), and continued this year.

Nikko AM votes based on its [Guidelines on Exercising Voting Rights](#), which stipulates criteria. See the tables below (*Votes by Proposal Type*) for further details.

Votes by Proposal Type

1. Company-generated proposals

Proposal		Yea	Nay	Subtotal	Nay ratio
Proposals on company bodies	Election/Dismissal of directors	14,183	2,934	17,117	17.1%
	Ref: number of companies	1,252	832	2,084	39.9%
	Election/Dismissal of corporate auditors	1,568	162	1,730	9.4%
	Ref: number of companies	893	135	1,028	13.1%
	Appointment/dismissal of accounting auditors	40	0	40	0.0%
Proposals on executive remuneration	Executive remuneration amount	699	73	772	9.5%
	Retirement benefit payments	162	26	188	13.8%
Proposals on capital policy (excluding proposals on articles of incorporation)	Appropriation of surpluses	1,374	135	1,509	8.9%
	Restructuring	43	11	54	20.4%
	Introduction/renewal/abolishment of anti-takeover measures	0	62	62	100.0%
	Other capital policy proposals	110	8	118	6.8%
Revision to articles of incorporation		510	41	551	7.4%
Other		0	1	1	100.0%
Total		18,689	3,453	22,142	15.6%

Note: For some of the proposals related to issuing stock acquisition rights as stock options, we changed the proposal type from "Other capital policy proposals" to "Executive remuneration amount". (Changed on 28 August 2018)

2. Shareholder Proposals

Proposal		Yea	Nay	Subtotal	Yea ratio
Proposals on company bodies	Election/Dismissal of directors	5	41	46	10.9%
	Ref: number of companies	2	15	17	11.8%
	Election/Dismissal of corporate auditors	0	0	0	0.0%
	Ref: number of companies	0	0	0	0.0%
	Appointment/dismissal of accounting auditors	0	0	0	0.0%
Proposals on executive remuneration	Executive remuneration amount	0	7	7	0.0%
	Retirement benefit payments	0	0	0	0.0%
Proposals on capital policy (excluding proposals on articles of incorporation)	Appropriation of surpluses	6	5	11	54.5%
	Restructuring	0	0	0	0.0%
	Introduction/renewal/abolishment of anti-takeover measures	2	0	2	100.0%
	Other capital policy proposals	0	0	0	0.0%
Revision to articles of incorporation		0	0	0	0.0%
Other		12	86	98	12.2%
Total		25	139	164	15.2%

In June 2016, the Firm established its Stewardship & Voting Rights Policy Committee, to ensure conformity with fiduciary and ESG principles. This Committee is majority composed of outside representatives who monitor and supervise Nikko AM's voting activities, and engagement by research analysts and others. The Firm also monitors transactions related to potential conflict of interest, and the Committee supervises the Firm's voting in relation to this.

Nikko AM is committed to fully adhering to its stewardship responsibilities, as part of efforts to maximize medium and long-term investment returns for its clients and beneficiaries, and in accordance with the [Principles for Responsible Institutional Investors](#) set forth in Japan's Stewardship Code.

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About Nikko Asset Management

With US\$220.1 billion (23.41 trillion yen)* under management, Nikko Asset Management is one of Asia's largest asset managers, providing high-conviction, active fund management across a range of Equity, Fixed Income, Multi-Asset and Alternative strategies. In addition, its complementary range of passive strategies covers more than 20 indices and includes some of Asia's largest exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

Headquartered in Asia since 1959, the firm represents nearly 200** investment professionals and over 30 nationalities across 9 countries. More than 300 banks, brokers, financial advisors and life insurance companies around the world distribute the company's products.

The investment teams benefit from a unique global perspective complemented by the firm's historic Asian DNA, striving to deliver consistent excellence in performance. The firm also prides itself on its progressive solution-driven approach, which has led to many innovative funds launched for its clients.

For more information about Nikko Asset Management and to access its investment insights, please visit the firm's [homepage](#).

* Consolidated assets under management and sub-advisory of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries as of 31 March 2018.

** As of 31 March 2018, including employees of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries.

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