NestAway: A Structural Evidence Review

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> **METHODOLOGICAL NOTE** > This review was produced by searching public web sources, corporate registry mirrors, business journalism, and consumer complaint platforms for material about NestAway, cross-checking claims across independent outlets where possible, and tagging each surviving statement by evidence type before assigning it to a fixed section. No proprietary database, internal filing, or non-public record was used. Any researcher with access to a search engine, the Indian Ministry of Corporate Affairs portal, and standard business news archives could reproduce or update this review using the same method.

1. Purpose and Scope

This document assembles publicly retrievable evidence about NestAway, a Bengaluru-founded managed rental housing platform, and separates that evidence from interpretation of it. It covers corporate history and funding, marketing and product claims, quantitative performance claims, corporate registry status, any automated or AI-driven feature, claims language, and public incident documentation. It does not cover internal financial statements beyond what is filed with regulators and republished by registry aggregators, does not assess code or algorithms directly, and does not offer legal, regulatory, or investment conclusions. Where a section has no independently retrievable evidence, it says so rather than being left blank.

2. Evidence Base and Reliability Ranking

Rank	Source type	Availability for this subject
1	Government or regulatory filings	Partial. Corporate registry data (CIN, incorporation date, directors, filed financials) is available through MCA-derived aggregators. No RoC filing specific to the 2023 acquisition terms was found in public form.
2	Primary company publications	Available. nestaway.com and Aurum PropTech's own rental-vertical pages carry current marketing copy. Older primary statements survive mainly through press citation rather than an archived company blog.

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3	Sector-equivalent registries (real estate regulatory frameworks)	Limited. India's Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act framework does not clearly extend to rental-only intermediary arrangements of NestAway's kind, and no sector-specific registry entry for the company was located.
4	Independent commercial registries	Available. Multiple MCA-data aggregators (thecompanycheck, IndiaFilings, Tracxn, PitchBook, CB Insights) carry consistent registration and financial-filing data.
5	Independent journalism, multiple outlets	Strong. The funding history, the 2023 acquisition, the valuation writedown, and a 2024-2025 founder dispute are each covered by multiple independent business-news outlets (Inc42, Entrackr, Business Standard, TechCrunch, Dazeinfo, and others).
6	Marketing statements, testimonials	Available. City-landing pages on nestaway.com and Aurum PropTech's site carry consistent promotional language.

3. Corporate Background

NestAway Technologies Private Limited was incorporated in Bengaluru on December 30, 2014, and the company traces its founding to January 2015, with Amarendra Sahu, Deepak Dhar, Jitendra Jagadev, and Smruti Ranjan Parida named as co-founders across multiple independent sources [1][2][9]. VERIFIED FACT.

The company raised capital across at least nine rounds totaling roughly 110 to 116 million US dollars, according to independent trackers, beginning with a seed round near 1.2 million dollars in March 2015 from IDG Ventures and angel investor Naveen Tewari, followed by a 12 million dollar round in July 2015 led by Flipkart and Tiger Global Management [2]. VERIFIED FACT. By March 2018, a Series D round of 51 million dollars was reported, with participation from Goldman Sachs and Tiger Global [3]. VERIFIED FACT. Further rounds followed in 2019, including a combined roughly 15 million dollars from Tiger Global, Chiratae Ventures, and the UC-RNT Fund, and about 5 million dollars (34.92 crore rupees) from Goldman Sachs in September 2019 [3][4]. VERIFIED FACT. Independent coverage places the company's last-reported private valuation at approximately 220 to 227 million dollars following the 2019 rounds [5][6]. VERIFIED FACT.

Financial performance deteriorated over the following years. Independent reporting citing filed financial statements shows NestAway's revenue from operations falling 36.2 percent to 57.87 crore rupees for the fiscal year ending March 2022, while losses rose 44.3 percent to 94.97 crore rupees in the same period, and separate coverage puts annual revenue at roughly 3 million dollars in 2022, down from about 9.5 million dollars two years earlier [5]. VERIFIED FACT. Multiple outlets attribute part of this decline to pandemic-driven disruption to rental demand in the cities where the company operated [5][6]. OBSERVED PATTERN, since this reflects a sector-wide disruption rather than a claim specific to how NestAway alone was affected.

In June 2023, Aurum PropTech Limited, a listed Indian real estate technology company, completed the acquisition of NestAway for a reported consideration of up to 90 crore rupees (approximately 11 million dollars), with Aurum additionally injecting 30 crore rupees to stabilize operations [5][6][7][8]. VERIFIED FACT. Independent outlets characterize this as roughly a 95 percent reduction from the company's 2019 private valuation, describing the transaction variously as a fire sale or a distress acquisition [5][6][7]. VERIFIED FACT, insofar as the percentage decline and the outlets' framing are directly reported; the characterization as "distress" is the language used by the cited outlets rather than a term independently confirmed against a formal insolvency filing.

EVIDENCE: The user brief for this review referenced an acquirer named "Storia India." No independent source located during this research identifies an entity by that name in connection with NestAway. Every independent outlet reviewed, including TechCrunch, Business Standard, Inc42, Entrackr, Dazeinfo, and Aurum PropTech's own site, identifies the acquirer as Aurum PropTech Limited, and Aurum's site presents NestAway as one of several brands (alongside HouseMonk, The Office Monk, and HelloWorld) inside its rental-technology division [7][8][11]. This review proceeds on the acquirer identity supported by that convergent evidence rather than the unverified name, and the discrepancy is noted here rather than silently corrected without explanation.

A dispute among former stakeholders followed the acquisition. Co-founder Amarendra Sahu filed a police complaint in Odisha in September 2024 alleging fraud, forgery, and criminal intimidation against Tiger Global, Chiratae Ventures, and Goldman Sachs, asserting that his signature as a company director was used to finalize the 90 crore rupee sale after he had already resigned from his director role, and that he had been promised additional compensation that was not paid [9][10]. VERIFIED FACT, as to the filing and its contents as reported. The named investors have petitioned the Orissa High Court to quash the complaint, and the matter remained in litigation as of the most recent reporting found [9][10]. VERIFIED FACT. This review takes no position on the merits of the allegations, which are unresolved in the cited reporting.

LIMITATION: No RoC filing or court order specific to the acquisition or the fraud complaint was located in a form retrievable through open web search. The account above relies on independent journalism rather than the underlying legal documents.

4. Product Claims: Evidentiary Basis

NestAway's current city-landing pages (for example, its Noida, Delhi, Gurugram, Mumbai, and Pune pages) advertise "hassle-free living with verified listings and easy rentals" and position the company as offering flats, houses, PGs, and shared rooms "without broker" [12]. VERIFIED FACT, as a direct record of the company's own published marketing copy. Separate marketing text describes NestAway as India's "largest and fastest growing Managed Home Rental Network," lists coverage across roughly twenty named cities including Bengaluru, Gurgaon, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Chennai, and Pune, and states "100% Houses Verified & Vetted" [12]. VERIFIED FACT as to what the company states; the underlying verification process, its criteria, and any audit of compliance are not disclosed on the pages reviewed. INTERPRETATION: a claim of full verification without a described method is a claim that cannot itself be independently checked from outside the company, which is a gap in traceability rather than evidence that the claim is false.

Marketing copy attributed to the company also states "11+ years of hands-on management" and references "overseeing 2000-plus crore rupees in transactions" [12]. VERIFIED FACT as a record of the stated language. No supporting methodology, audit, or third-party attestation for the transaction-value figure was found in the sources reviewed. LIMITATION: this review could not independently verify the cumulative transaction figure against any filed or audited source.

The direct comparison between marketing claims and the incident record in Section 9 is notable: a platform marketing "hassle-free" and "verified" experiences coexists, in the public record, with a substantial and recurring volume of tenant complaints about deposit handling. INTERPRETATION, evidence chain in Section 9: this gap between promotional language and documented dispute volume does not establish that the marketing claims are false for any individual listing, but it does mean the claims are not corroborated by the complaint record, and a reader should not treat "verified" and "hassle-free" as independently confirmed properties of the service as a whole.

5. Quantitative Claims and Traceability

The company's marketing states full verification of listed properties and a cumulative transaction figure, as recorded in Section 4, without disclosing sample size, audit methodology, or a definition of what "verified" requires [12]. VERIFIED FACT as to what is and is not disclosed. LIMITATION: because no methodology accompanies these figures, this review cannot assess whether they represent a current, historical, or aggregated-since-founding measure.

Independent, filing-derived figures are more traceable. Registry-aggregator data drawn from filed financial statements places NestAway Technologies Private Limited's revenue for the fiscal year ending March 2025 at approximately 41.53 crore rupees, described as 27 percent growth year over year, alongside an approximate headcount of 250 employees as of April 2024 [13]. VERIFIED FACT, sourced to filing-derived aggregator data rather than a raw regulatory document. This suggests the business has been rebuilding revenue under Aurum PropTech ownership after the pre-acquisition decline documented in Section 3. OBSERVED PATTERN, since a post-acquisition revenue recovery is common among distressed-asset turnarounds generally and is not unique evidence about NestAway's specific execution.

6. Corporate Identity and Registry Verification

NestAway Technologies Private Limited carries Corporate Identification Number U72400KA2014PTC078018, registered with the Registrar of Companies, Bangalore, with an incorporation date of December 30, 2014, and a registered address in HSR Layout, Bengaluru [13][14]. VERIFIED FACT, consistent across two independent registry aggregators. The company's status is listed as active and compliant, with authorized capital of 60 lakh rupees and paid-up capital of 6.86 lakh rupees [13]. VERIFIED FACT.

Registry-derived director listings show Kunal Karan, Srirang Yashwant Athalye, Vasant Vitthaldas Gujarathi, and Jitendra Jagadev as current directors [13][14]. VERIFIED FACT as recorded by the aggregator sources consulted; this review could not cross-check this list directly against a live MCA portal query. The presence of a founding co-founder (Jagadev) alongside apparently Aurum-affiliated names is consistent with the acquisition structure described in independent reporting, where NestAway continued to operate as a subsidiary brand rather than being dissolved [7][8][13]. INTERPRETATION, evidence chain: the director overlap and continued active-compliant registry status together support that NestAway persists as a distinct registered legal entity under new ownership rather than having ceased to exist after 2023.

Registry data also lists three associated subsidiaries, City Synapse Information Private Limited, Eukleia Technologies Private Limited, and Nestassist Services Private Limited, and notes recognition as a startup by India's Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade [13]. VERIFIED FACT as recorded by the aggregator. LIMITATION: this review did not independently trace the corporate function of each subsidiary beyond the aggregator's summary description.

7. Artificial Intelligence Component: Oversight Documentation

No independently documented, company-attributed description of an AI-driven or automated tenant-matching or recommendation feature specific to NestAway was located. Search results returned general industry material on AI-based tenant matching in the property-technology sector, and a reference to a NestAway-branded product named MIMO listed on a software comparison site, but no primary NestAway documentation describing an AI feature's scope, training data, or escalation path to human review was found [15]. LIMITATION: this section is marked unassessed for oversight documentation specifically, because no such documentation was retrievable, not because an AI feature has been confirmed absent. If NestAway or Aurum PropTech operates an automated matching or screening system, its governance is not publicly documented in the sources this review could access.

8. Claims Language and Regulatory Positioning

NestAway's marketing language, including "100% Houses Verified & Vetted" and "hassle-free living," falls into an absolute-guarantee style of consumer claim that has drawn regulatory scrutiny in other consumer-facing sectors in India, such as advertising standards actions against unqualified "100%" or "guaranteed" claims in other industries [12]. OBSERVED PATTERN, since this reflects a general regulatory posture toward absolute consumer claims across sectors rather than a specific enforcement action against NestAway. No advertising-standards ruling, consumer-protection order, or regulatory notice specifically naming NestAway for its marketing language was found in this research. LIMITATION: absence of a located enforcement action does not establish that none exists; it reflects the limits of what open web search surfaced.

India's rental-housing intermediary model, including NestAway's, operates outside the direct scope of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, since rental-only arrangements without a sale component generally fall outside RERA's allottee-based framework [16]. VERIFIED FACT as a description of the regulatory landscape, not a claim about NestAway's specific compliance posture. This means claims made in NestAway's marketing are not currently subject to the disclosure obligations RERA imposes on sale transactions, which is a structural feature of the sector rather than a choice unique to this company. OBSERVED PATTERN.

9. Incident and Safety Protocol Documentation

Public complaint platforms document a substantial volume of tenant-facing disputes concerning security deposit handling. Consumer complaint aggregator data shows NestAway Technologies with over a thousand logged complaints, a majority of which are recorded as unresolved at the time of listing, with recurring themes of delayed deposit refunds, deductions the aggregator source describes as unexplained or previously undisclosed (cleaning, appliance, and utility charges), and move-out inspections conducted without the tenant present [17][18]. VERIFIED FACT as to the existence and general content of this complaint record; the accuracy of any individual complainant's account was not independently adjudicated by this review. Independent question-and-answer forums (Quora) and legal-advice forums (Kaanoon) contain multiple individually dated accounts describing multi-month to multi-year delays in deposit return and disputes in which NestAway and the property owner each attribute responsibility to the other [19][20]. VERIFIED FACT as to the existence of these individually attributable public accounts; the underlying factual disputes between tenant, owner, and company were not independently resolved by this review.

KEY OBSERVATION: the recurring pattern across independent complaint channels is a three-way attribution dispute (tenant, NestAway, property owner) over deposit funds, rather than complaints alleging a single clear point of failure. INTERPRETATION, evidence chain above: this structural pattern suggests the platform's deposit-holding and disbursement process itself may not clearly establish where funds sit at any given time, though this review cannot confirm the internal mechanics of that process from public sources alone.

No company-published incident-response protocol, dispute-resolution timeline commitment, or safety-escalation procedure specific to deposit disputes was located on nestaway.com or in company statements captured by press coverage. LIMITATION: this review could not retrieve a formal, company-published protocol for handling these disputes, and this section should be read as documenting an absence of retrievable protocol material rather than a finding that no internal process exists.

10. Summary Table

Section	Evidence available	Independently verifiable	Status
Corporate and funding facts	Yes, extensive independent journalism and registry data	Yes, cross-corroborated across multiple outlets	Established
Product and service claims	Yes, direct company marketing text	Partially; claims language is documented, underlying verification method is not disclosed	Open
Quantitative performance claims	Mixed; marketing figures undisclosed in method, filed revenue figures traceable	Partially; only filing-derived figures are independently traceable	Open
Corporate identity and registry	Yes, consistent registry aggregator data	Yes, cross-checked across two independent aggregators	Established
AI oversight documentation	No company-specific documentation located	No	Unassessed

Section	Evidence available	Independently verifiable	Status
Claims language positioning	Yes, marketing text and sector regulatory context	Partially; no specific enforcement action located either way	Open
Incident and safety protocol	Yes, extensive complaint-platform and forum record	Partially; individual complaint accuracy not independently adjudicated	Open

This table reflects public documentation as of the reference date stated above and is not a composite score.

11. Limitations

This review relies on independent journalism, registry aggregators, and public complaint platforms rather than direct access to regulatory filings, court records, or internal company documents. The 2023 acquisition agreement and the 2024 fraud complaint are described only as reported by press outlets; the underlying legal instruments were not retrieved. Registry-derived financial figures come from aggregator sites that themselves compile MCA filings, and this review did not query the MCA portal directly. The volume and detail of individual complaint accounts on forums such as Quora and Kaanoon could not be independently adjudicated for factual accuracy, and this review treats them only as evidence that such accounts exist and recur, not as proven fact in each instance. No primary documentation of an AI-driven feature's design or oversight was found, which limits Section 7 to a statement of absence in the public record rather than a conclusion about what the company does or does not operate internally. The user brief that initiated this research referenced an acquirer named Storia India; no evidence for that name was found, and this review instead documents the acquirer identified consistently across independent sources, Aurum PropTech Limited, with the discrepancy noted in Section 3.

12. Reproducibility Notes

Toolchain used: general web search and page retrieval tools, applied to public search engines, business news archives, corporate registry aggregator sites, and consumer complaint and forum platforms. No proprietary database or non-public record was accessed.

1. Search for the entity name together with terms such as "founders," "funding," and "valuation" to establish the corporate and funding history, cross-checking figures across at least two independent outlets before recording them as verified.
2. Search for the entity name together with "acquisition," "acquired," and the reference date range to identify any change of ownership, and verify the acquirer's identity against the acquirer's own published materials where available.
3. Search a corporate registry aggregator (for example, an MCA-data mirror) using the company's legal name to retrieve its Corporate Identification Number, incorporation date, director list, and most recently filed financial figures.
4. Retrieve the company's own current marketing pages directly to record verbatim claims language, noting whether any methodology or sample size accompanies quantitative statements.

5. Search consumer complaint aggregators, forum sites, and review platforms using the company name together with terms such as "deposit," "refund," and "complaint" to assess the volume and pattern of publicly documented disputes.
6. Search for any AI, automation, or algorithmic feature the company markets, and separately search for any published documentation of its oversight, scope, or escalation path.
7. Search for the company name together with "lawsuit," "FIR," "fraud," or "litigation" to identify any unresolved legal disputes involving founders, investors, or the company itself.
8. Record every claim with its exact wording, source URL, and retrieval date before drafting, and discard any claim that cannot be traced to a working source.

13. Evolution Opportunities

1. Publishing a plain description of the deposit-holding and disbursement process, including who holds funds at each stage of a tenancy and the standard timeline for return, would directly address the most frequently recurring complaint pattern documented in Section 9, at relatively low disclosure cost since this is an operational description rather than a competitive secret.
2. Disclosing the criteria and audit frequency behind the "100% Houses Verified & Vetted" claim would let prospective tenants and owners assess what verification actually covers, at low cost since it requires describing an existing internal process rather than changing it.
3. Publishing a defined dispute-resolution timeline with an escalation path beyond first-line customer support would give the incident record in Section 9 a public benchmark to be measured against, at moderate cost since it requires an operational commitment the company would then be held to.
4. Disclosing methodology and time period behind quantitative marketing figures such as cumulative transaction value would improve traceability of Section 5's claims at low cost, since it only requires stating what is presumably already known internally.
5. Publishing a summary of any automated or AI-assisted matching or screening functionality, including its scope and the point at which a human reviews its output, would resolve the unassessed status of Section 7, at a cost proportional to how much competitive detail the disclosure includes.

14. Future Questions

What is the current operational and organizational relationship between NestAway as a brand and Aurum PropTech's other rental-technology brands, such as HouseMonk and HelloWorld, in terms of shared infrastructure, staff, and customer-facing accountability?

What is the current status and eventual outcome of the fraud complaint filed by co-founder Amarendra Sahu against Tiger Global, Chiratae Ventures, and Goldman Sachs, and does it have any bearing on the validity of the 2023 acquisition?

Does NestAway, or Aurum PropTech on its behalf, operate any automated or AI-assisted tenant matching, screening, or pricing system, and if so, what oversight applies to it?

What proportion of the complaints documented on public forums have been resolved in the tenant's favor, the owner's favor, or left unresolved, and is there a published resolution-rate figure anywhere in the company's own reporting?

Has any Indian consumer protection authority or advertising standards body issued a finding specific to NestAway's marketing claims, separate from the general sector-wide scrutiny of absolute consumer-facing language?

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