News Release



Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd

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Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces the following credit rating.

Ascent Finance Limited Series 2024-1005

<Assignment> Notes: AA-

Ascent Finance Limited Series 2024-1005 are repackaged notes, to which JCR has assigned a rating of AA-, as detailed hereunder.

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Rating

<Assignment>

Instrument Name: Series 2024-1005

Issue Amount (bn): JPY 1

Issue Date: July 29, 2024 Redemption Date: July 10, 2029

Rating: AA-

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

Issuer: Ascent Finance Limited

Arranger: UBS AG Swap Counterparty: UBS AG

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets: Notes, Asset Swap Agreement

Rating Assignment Date: July 26, 2024

The assumptions for the credit ratings and the definitions of the rating symbols are published as "Types of Credit Ratings and Definitions of Rating Symbols" (January 6, 2014) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/).

Outline of the rating methodology is shown as "Repackaged Financial Instruments" (August 5, 2019) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/). Rating methodologies for other ancillary points such as eligible deposit accounts and bankruptcy remoteness are also shown within the same page.

The rating stakeholder participated in the rating process of the aforementioned credit ratings.

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