

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

Earls Four Limited Series 1096

<Assignment>
ABL: A+

Earls Four Limited Series 1096 is a repackaged loan, to which JCR has assigned a rating of "A+," as detailed hereunder.

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Rating

<Assignment>
Instrument Name: Series 1096
Issue Amount (bn): JPY 7.5
Issue Date: July 19, 2024
Redemption Date: December 22, 2033
Rating: A+

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

Issuer: Earls Four Limited
Arranger: Deutsche Bank AG
Swap Counterparty: Deutsche Bank AG

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets: Notes, Swap Agreement

Rating Assignment Date: July 1, 2026

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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