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FUND PORTFOLIO RATING

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

Instrument N a m e	SAIMUHOSHOU GOUDOUKINSHIN <202512>
Rating	<assignment> Preliminary A(fp)</assignment>

Rationale

This is a preliminary fund portfolio rating for "SAIMUHOSHOU GOUDOUKINSHIN < 202512>" (hereinafter "the Jointly Operated Designated Money Trust"), a jointly operated designated money trust with performance-based distribution, to be formed based on certain management guidelines, with development-type real estate non-recourse loans as well as ship finance loans held by Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited as part of its banking account as the underlying assets. The preliminary rating will make a transition to a final rating at the commencement of the operation of the Jointly Operated Designated Money Trust, provided that JCR confirms that the final investment policy and the information provided prior to the assignment of the final rating do not warrant a change in the rating.

The management guidelines stipulate that the portfolio assets as a whole must maintain JCR's Fund Portfolio Rating of "A(fp)" by setting certain financing conditions for each development-type real estate non-recourse loan and ship finance. For the Jointly Operated Designated Money Trust, an indirect investment structure involving debt guarantees for development-type real estate non-recourse loans and ship finance, for which Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited is the creditor, is assumed.

JCR conducted a risk assessment of individual portfolio assets scheduled to be included in the portfolio in a manner equivalent or similar to credit ratings, after confirming the investment policy regarding the quality of portfolio assets. Specifically, for development-type real estate non-recourse loans, JCR incorporates in the assessment the development risk, based on construction risk, leasing risk, commitments of related parties, and others, while taking property value and LTV level of the collateral real estate assuming stable operation of the collateral property. For ship finance, the main assessment factors include operational capability and creditworthiness of charterer and other relevant parties, and the cash flow generated from key contracts such as charter hire agreements and loan agreements. As a result of these assessments, JCR determined that all assets scheduled for inclusion in the portfolio of the Jointly Operated Designated Money Trust have creditworthiness consistent with A range rating.

Based on the above, JCR has assigned a preliminary fund portfolio rating of "A (fp)" for the overall average asset quality of the Jointly Operated Designated Money Trust.

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Scheduled Start Date	December 15, 2025
Scheme	Jointly Operated Designated Money Trust with performance-based distribution
Trustee	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited
Investment Target	 Development-type real estate non-recourse loans and ship finance loans that meet the following selection criteria (excerpt) and the portfolio assets as a whole can maintain JCR's fund portfolio rating of "A(fp)" Development-type real estate non-recourse loans The sponsor (Japanese companies) must have a credit rating of "BBB+" or higher. Real estate development construction work must be at least 50% complete according to the construction plan. LTV based on property value assuming stable operation status is 65% or less. Ship Finance loans Repayment of loan principal and interest must be sufficiently covered by charterage received from the charterer. The charterer (or its guarantor) must have a credit rating of "BBB+" or higher. Construction of the ship must be complete.

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