

Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management wins Morningstar Award
“Fund of the Year 2019”

Tokyo, January 29, 2020 --- Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company Ltd. (President & CEO, Takashi Matsushita; hereinafter “SMDAM”) is honored to announce that SMDAM has won the “Best Fund of the Year” and the “Fund of the Year” in Morningstar Award “Fund of the Year 2019”.

Encouraged by these awards, SMDAM will make a further effort to continue to provide customers with quality service by developing attractive products and improving investment performance.

■ **Best Fund of the Year**

In the category of REIT Fund Division



J-REIT Asia Mix Open (annual pay-out)

Taking every factor into consideration, Morningstar Japan K.K. has selected funds for Morningstar Award “Fund of the Year 2019” in each divisions from open-end mutual fund based upon its unique quantitative and qualitative analysis. Awarded funds in the REIT Fund Division have been selected from 406 funds at the end of December 2019.

■ **Fund of the Year**

In the category of Global-Stock Fund Division



Global Autonomous Driving Related Equity Fund (Unhedged)

Taking every factor into consideration, Morningstar Japan K.K. has selected funds for Morningstar Award “Fund of the Year 2019” in each divisions from open-end mutual fund based upon its unique quantitative and qualitative analysis. Awarded funds in the Global-Stock Fund Division have been selected from 546 funds at the end of December 2019.

■ Fund of the Year

In the category of REIT Fund Division



Asia Dividend Yield REIT Fund

Taking every factor into consideration, Morningstar Japan K.K. has selected funds for Morningstar Award “Fund of the Year 2019” in each divisions from open-end mutual fund based upon its unique quantitative and qualitative analysis. Awarded funds in the REIT Fund Division have been selected from 406 funds at the end of December 2019.

■ Fund of the Year

In the category of ESG Fund Division



Global Impact Fund

Taking every factor into consideration, Morningstar Japan K.K. has selected funds for Morningstar Award “Fund of the Year 2019” in each divisions from open-end mutual fund based upon its unique quantitative and qualitative analysis. Awarded funds in the ESG Fund Division have been selected from 103 funds at the end of December 2019.

References to any specific securities do not constitute an offer to buy or sell securities. Those awarded funds based upon the past performance cannot guarantee their future performance. Data or statements are obtained from sources Morningstar Japan K.K. believed to be reliable but are not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness. All information is the property of Morningstar Japan K.K. or Morningstar, Inc. and protected by copyright and intellectual property laws. All rights reserved.

This press release is provided by SMDAM for information purpose only and is not meant as an advice in your making any investment decisions, nor is it intended to be an offer to buy or sell any financial products or services. These awards are based on past achievements and do not guarantee future results. Those awarded funds based upon the past performance cannot guarantee their future performance.

-End-

Disclaimer

Please read this disclaimer carefully.

- This material is for non-Japanese institutional investors only.
- The research and analysis included in this report, and those opinions or judgments as outcomes thereof, are intended to introduce or

demonstrate capabilities and expertise of Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Ltd. (hereinafter "SMDAM"), or to provide information on investment strategies and opportunities. Therefore this material is not intended to offer or solicit investments, provide investment advice or service, or to be considered as disclosure documents under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan.

- The expected returns or risks in this report are calculated based upon historical data and/or estimated upon the economic outlook at present, and should be construed no warrant of future returns and risks.
- Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results.
- The simulated data or returns in this report besides the fund historical returns do not include/reflect any investment management fees, transaction costs, or re-balancing costs, etc.
- The investment products or strategies do not guarantee future results nor guarantee the principal of investments. The investments may suffer losses and the results of investments, including such losses, belong to the client.
- The recipient of this report must make its own independent decisions regarding investments.
- The opinions, outlooks and estimates in this report do not guarantee future trends or results. They constitute SMDAM's judgment as of the date of this material and are subject to change without notice.
- The awards included in this report are based on past achievements and do not guarantee future results.
- The intellectual property and all rights of the benchmarks/indices belong to the publisher and the authorized entities/individuals.
- This material has been prepared by obtaining data from sources which are believed to be reliable but SMDAM cannot and does not guarantee its completeness or accuracy.
- All rights, titles and interests in this material and any content contained herein are the exclusive properties of SMDAM, except as otherwise stated. It is strictly prohibited from using this material for investments, reproducing/copying this material without SMDAM's authorization, or from disclosing this material to a third party.

Registered Number: The Director of Kanto Local Finance Bureau (KINSHO) No.399

Member of Japan Investment Advisers Association, The Investment Trusts Association, Japan and Type II Financial Instruments Firms Association

© Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Limited