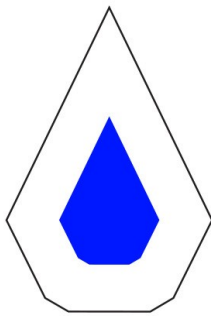


Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management wins
The Best Fund Awards of “Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Japan 2021”

Tokyo, March 18, 2021 --- Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company Ltd. (President & CEO, Takashi Saruta; hereinafter “SMDAM”) is honored to announce that SMDAM’s ten funds are selected as “the Best Fund Award” in fifteen categories.

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Best Fund Awards in the Investment Trusts Category

■ **DAIWA SB DC FOREIGN EQUITY ACTIVE FUND**

In the category Equity Global ex Japan for its performance over 3 years, 5 years and 10 years

■ **GLOBAL HIGH DIVIDEND EQUITY OPEN**

In the category Equity Global Income for its performance over 3 years, 5 years

■ **US Municipal Fixed Income Fund(JPY Hedged)**

In the category Bond USD Municipal for its performance over 3 years

■ **J-REIT Asia Mix Open**

In the category Equity Sector Real Estate Holdings Asia Pacific for its performance over 3 years

■ **Global Higher Interest Rate Currency Fund**

In the category Bond Global Short-term for its performance over 5 years

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui Focus Japan Open**

In the Equity Japan Income for its performance over 5 years

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui Dividend Yield Stock Open**

In the Equity Japan Income for its performance over 10 years

Best Fund Awards in the Defined Contribution Pension Category

■ **DAIWA SUMIGIN DC INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND**

In the category Equity Global ex Japan for its performance over 3 years, 5 years and 10 years

■ **DAIWA SUMIGIN DC PENSION PLAN FUND 50**

In the category Mixed Asset JPY Balanced for its performance over 5 years

■ **DAIWA SUMIGIN DC PENSION PLAN FUND 30**

In the category Mixed Asset JPY Conservative for its performance over 5 years

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