# **News Release**



Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.

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

## **Renewable Trust**

<Affirmation> Fund Portfolio Rating: A (fp)

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#### Rationale

This is a fund portfolio rating for "Renewable Trust" (the Fund), a performance-based dividend jointlymanaged designated money trust, for which Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation ("MUTB") conducts asset management and administration as the trustee and fund manager.

The Fund will invest in loan claims for renewable energy facilities. By continuously soliciting short-term (6-month and 1-year) investment funds for long-term investment assets (over 10 years), the Fund aims to achieve a yield that exceeds the deposit interest rate for short-term investments. Therefore, in principle, principal redemptions will be funded by new trust funds, but in the event that trust funds are insufficient, MUTB will provide liquidity facility.

The Fund's investment policy is to maintain JCR's fund portfolio rating of "A (fp)," and its investment objective is to ensure the stability of principal redemption and scheduled dividends by investing in safe assets under conservative internal standards. While the portfolio is mainly composed of solar power generation projects, the share of the same projects and the share of projects connected to the same general power transmission and distribution companies are capped in consideration of diversification.

After confirming the Fund's investment policy regarding the quality of assets under management, JCR conducts a risk assessment of individual investment targets using a method equivalent to or similar to credit ratings. Specifically, the main items of consideration are cash flow generation capacity of power generation business, scheme's provisions for disaster risk and operational risk, leverage level and liquidity facility measures, creditworthiness of the parties involved in the scheme and track record in the power generation business. JCR is monitoring the operational status of power generation facilities during the period and does not believe that it is necessary to significantly revise the cash flow assumptions at this time. As a result, JCR affirmed the fund portfolio rating of "A (fp)" for the average asset quality of the Fund as a whole.

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<(	Outline of Fund>	
	Name:	Renewable Trust
	Start Date of Management:	November 25, 2021
	Scheme:	Performance-based Dividend Jointly-Managed Designated Money Trust
	Trustee:	Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation
	Investment Target:	Loan claims with a limited liability clause executed for renewable energy power generation projects that meet the following conditions using project finance method.
		- The project must be located in Japan.
		- The project must have been completed.
		- The project must be covered by the FIT system.
	Credit Enhancement & Liqu	uidity
	Facility:	Liquidity Facility provided by Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation



A fund portfolio rating is an evaluation of average quality of fund investment target. AAA (fp): Average quality of fund portfolio is equivalent to AAA Long-term Issue Rating AA (fp): Average quality of fund portfolio is equivalent to AA Long-term Issue Rating A (fp): Average quality of fund portfolio is equivalent to A Long-term Issue Rating BBB (fp): Average quality of fund portfolio is equivalent to BBB Long-term Issue Rating

N (fp): Not included in any of the upper grades

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