

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

<Asset Securitization Products> Ascent Finance Limited Series 2021-1023

<Assignment>
Notes: AA-

Ascent Finance Limited Series 2021-1023 is a credit-linked product, to which JCR has assigned a rating of AA-, as detailed hereunder.

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Rating

<Assignment>
Instrument Name: Series 2021-1023
Issue Amount (mn): JPY 500
Subordination Ratio: -
Redemption Date: September 8, 2028
Coupon Type: Fixed
Rating: AA-

<Information on Outline of Issue>

Issue Date: September 30, 2021
Interest Payment Date: March 8 and September 8 every year
Redemption Method: Bullet Redemption (with a Call Option)
Credit Enhancement & Liquidity Facility: NA

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

SPC: Ascent Finance Limited
Arranger: Credit Suisse International
Swap Counterparty: Credit Suisse International
Resident Country of Reference Entity: Undisclosed
Industry of Reference Entity: Undisclosed
Issuer Rating of Reference Entity: Undisclosed

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets: Bonds issue by Credit Suisse AG, CDS Agreement, Cross-Currency Asset Swap Agreement

Rating Assignment Date: September 29, 2021

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Outline of the rating methodology is shown as "Credit-Linked Products" (December 3, 2012) in Structured Finance, Rating Methodology on JCR's website (<http://www.jcr.co.jp/english/>). Rating methodologies for other ancillary points such as eligible deposit accounts and bankruptcy remoteness are also shown within the same page.

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