

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

## Ascent Finance Limited Series 2023-1018

<Assignment>

Notes: #AA-/Negative

Ascent Finance Limited Series 2023-1018 is a repackaged product, to which JCR has assigned a rating of #AA-/Negative, as detailed hereunder.

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### Rating

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Instrument Name:	Series 2023-1018
Issue Amount (bn):	JPY 1
Issue Date:	March 30, 2023
Redemption Date:	April 22, 2027
Rating:	#AA-/Negative

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

Issuer:	Ascent Finance Limited
Arranger:	Credit Suisse International
Swap Counterparty:	Credit Suisse International

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets:	Notes, Asset Swap Agreement
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Rating Assignment Date: March 29, 2023

The assumptions for the credit ratings and the definitions of the rating symbols are published as "Types of Credit Ratings and Definitions of Rating Symbols" (January 6, 2014) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>).

Outline of the rating methodology is shown as "Repackaged Financial Instruments" (August 5, 2019) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>). Rating methodologies for other ancillary points such as eligible deposit accounts and bankruptcy remoteness are also shown within the same page.

The rating stakeholder participated in the rating process of the aforementioned credit ratings.

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