

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

<Asset Securitization Products> Ascent Finance Limited Series 2019-1003

<Affirmation>

Notes: AA-

Rationale

Ascent Finance Limited Series 2019-1003 is a credit-linked product, on which JCR has affirmed the rating of AA-, as detailed hereunder.

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Rating

<Affirmation>

Instrument Name:	Series 2019-1003
Issue Amount (mn):	35 Euro
Subordination Ratio:	-
Scheduled Redemption/Redemption Date*:	August 4, 2025
Coupon Type:	Fixed
Rating:	AA-

*In cases where the calculation agent determines by the Scheduled Redemption Date that a credit event has occurred or there is a possibility that a credit event has occurred at the reference entity, it will be a day defined by the relevant agreement.

<Information on Outline of Issue>

Issue Date:	April 17, 2019
Coupon Payment Dates:	February 4 and August 4 every year
Repayment Method:	Bullet Redemption
Credit Enhancement & Liquidity Facility:	NA

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets:	Japanese Joint Local Government Bonds, CDS Agreement, and Cross-Currency Asset Swap Agreement
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Rating Assignment Date: September 8, 2022

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 "Credit-Linked Products" (December 3, 2012) 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.

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