

———— JCR Green Loan Evaluation by Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. ————

Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces the Annual Review of its Green Loan Evaluation.

JCR Reviewed Green loan Evaluation on Long-Term Loans Borrowed by United Urban Investment Corporation

Subject	: Long-term loans borrowed by United Urban Investment Corporation
Type	: Long-term loan
Lender	: Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank (SuMi TRUST)
Borrowing Amount	: JPY 10 billion
Interest Rate	: 0.25% (per annum)
Borrowing Date	: September 28, 2018
Repayment Date	: September 29, 2023
Repayment Method	: Lump-sum repayment at maturity
Use of proceeds	: Payment of assets to be acquired and refinance funds used for acquiring assets held

<Green Loan Review Results>

Overall Evaluation	Green 1
Greenness Evaluation (Use of Proceeds)	g1
Management, Operation and Transparency Evaluation	m1

1. Overview

On September 28, 2018, JCR announced its "Green 1" overall evaluation of long-term loans borrowed by United Urban Investment Corporation (UUR) to be used for refinancing funds for acquiring existing office buildings and commercial facilities, and for acquiring new hotels. The main summary is as follows.

(An excerpt from the evaluation report dated September 28, 2018)

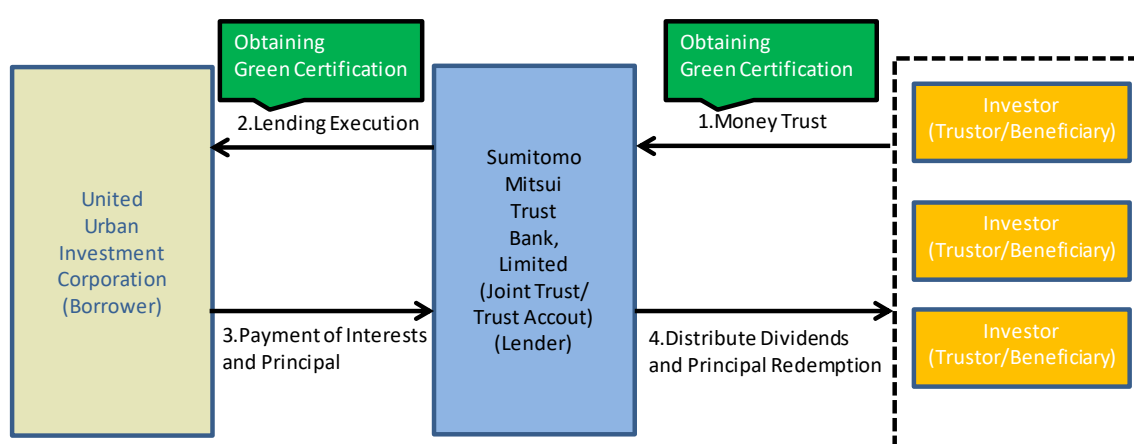
United Urban Investment Corporation (UUR) was established in November 2003 under the Investment Trust Law and listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Real Estate Investment Trust Market (J-REIT Market) in December 2003. The asset management business is conducted by Japan REIT Advisors Co., Ltd. (JRA).

UUR defines real estate that can secure stable profitability over the medium to long term as real estate that has "intrinsic value," and aims to become a comprehensive portfolio with diversified uses and investment areas (comprehensive J-REIT), and is working to secure stable earnings over the medium to long term by investing in carefully selected properties from a wide range of investment targets, identifying the "intrinsic value" of individual properties.

UUR also merged with Nippon Commercial Investment Corporation in 2010. Even after the merger, the company continued to acquire assets by raising funds through loans and public offerings. As a result, it was one of the largest assets in the J-REIT market.

This evaluation is based on long-term loans borrowed by the UUR from the trust account (joint money trust) of the SuMi TRUST. The overview of finance is shown below.

(Scheme Diagram)



SuMi TRUST receives money in trust from investors (1), or borrowing from ABLs and lend the fund to UUR (2). Principal and interest paid by UUR to SuMi TRUST (3) Dividend income (4). This is a mechanism for returning profits to investors.

(End of the excerpt)

JCR reviewed the borrower and confirmed that the eight properties which are the targets of use of proceeds of the loans continue to be operated successfully by the UUR. JCR also confirmed that the reporting concerning the use of proceeds for properties acquired by UUR through the loans and the environmental improvement effects were carried out.

As a result, JCR assigned "g1" for "Greenness Evaluation (Use of Proceeds)" and "m1" for "Management, Operation and Transparency Evaluation." Consequently, JCR assigned "Green 1" as an overall evaluation results of the loans. Detailed evaluation is discussed in the next chapter.

The loans are considered to meet the criteria for items in Green Loan Principle and MOE's Green Bond Guidelines.¹²

¹ LMAs (Loan Market Association), APLMA (Asia Pacific Loan Market Association) Green Loan Principles 2018 <https://www.icmagroup.org/green-social-and-sustainability-bonds/green-bond-principles-gbp/>

² Ministry of the Environment Green Bond Guidelines 2017 http://greenbondplatform.env.go.jp/pdf/greenbond_guideline2017.pdf

2. Post-issuance review items

In this section, JCR describes the items to be confirmed in the post-issuance review. The review focuses on items whose content has changed compared with the previous evaluation periods.

(1) Use of Proceeds (Status of Appropriation)

JCR evaluates if the management of proceeds procured by the loans and the appropriation of proceeds procured for green projects has been properly carried out in a manner specified by the borrower at the time of assigning the Green Loan Evaluation.

(2) Appropriateness and Transparency Concerning Selection Standards and Processes of the Use of Proceeds

JCR evaluates if there are any changes to the objectives to be achieved through the loan, the criteria for selecting green projects, the adequacy of the process, and the series of processes to be implemented.

(3) Appropriateness and Transparency of management of the proceeds

JCR evaluates whether the proceeds have been certainly allocated to green projects or not. JCR also evaluates if there is a system and internal system in which the allocation status can be easily tracked and managed.

(4) Reporting

JCR evaluates if the environmental improvement effects resulting from the green project financed by the funds procured by the loans are appropriately calculated according to the method stipulated by the borrower at the time of assigning the Green Loan Evaluation.

(5) Organization's Environmental Activities

JCR evaluates if the borrower's management is continuing to regard environmental issues as a high priority issue.

3. Contents of Review

(1) Use of Proceeds (Status of Appropriation)

(List of Use of Proceeds)

1. Pacific Marks Yokohama East

Location	3-4 Sakae-cho, Kanagawa-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa
Principal uses	Office
Site area	2,525.41m ²
Total floor area	15,387.49m ²
Number of stories	Basement floor and 12 floors above ground
Completion	October, 1992
Acquisition value	JPY 7,110 million
Environmental certification	CASBEE for Real Estate S
Features and environmental performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large office building located within a ten-minute walk from Yokohama Station on the JR Line. • Energy efficiency efforts are being made to reduce environmental impact, such as adoption of LED lighting and renewal of air conditioning equipment.

2. Pacific Marks Shin-Yokohama

Location	3-18-20 Shin-Yokohama, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa
Principal uses	Office
Site area	475.00 m ²
Total floor area	4,141.89 m ²
Number of stories	Basement floor and 10 floors above the ground
Completion	October, 1991
Acquisition value	JPY 1,700 million
Environmental certification	CASBEE for Real Estate A
Features and environmental performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An office building located within a four-minute walk from Shin-Yokohama Station on the JR Line. • Energy efficiency efforts are being made to reduce environmental impact, such as the adoption of LED lighting and the renewal of air conditioning equipment.

3. Pacific Marks Sapporo Kita-Ichijo

Location	7-4-4 Kita Ichi-jo Nishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido
Principal uses	Office
Site area	987.04 m ²
Total floor area	6,048.97 m ²
Number of stories	Basement floor and 8 floors above ground
Completion	February, 1993
Acquisition value	JPY 2,250 million
Environmental certification	CASBEE for Real Estate A
Features and environmental performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An office building located within an eight-minute walk from Odori Station, Sapporo Municipal Subway Line • Energy efficiency efforts are being made to reduce environmental impact, such as the adoption of LED lighting and the renewal of air conditioning equipment.

4. Mallage Kashiwa

Location	2-3-1 Oyamadai, Kashiwa, Chiba
Principal uses	Commercial facility
Site area	79,484.47 m ²
Total floor area	54,689.28 m ²
Number of stories	4 floors
Completion	June, 2004
Acquisition value	JPY 17,310 million
Environmental certification	CASBEE for Real Estate S
Features and environmental performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A shopping center located about 12 minutes by bus from JR Kashiwa Station. • Efforts are being made to reduce environmental impacts through energy efficiency and resource conservation, such as using LED lighting, reducing waste, and waste for fertilizer.

5. Pacific Marks Tsukishima

Location	1-15-7 Tsukishima, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
Principal uses	Offices and Residences
Site area	3,302.07 m ²
Total floor area	14,507.92 m ²
Number of stories	2 basement floor and 13 above ground floors
Completion	March, 1990
Acquisition value	JPY 8,080 million
Environmental certification	CASBEE for Real Estate A
Features and environmental performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The office building is located within a four-minute walk from Tokyo Metro's Tsukishima Station. • Ecosystems are being considered by adopting LED lighting to save energy and ensuring a high greening rate (20.2%).

6. Pacific Marks Akasaka-mitsuke

Location	3-20-6 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo
Principal uses	Office
Site area	390.86 m ²
Total floor area	1,895.87 m ²
Number of stories	Basement and 7 floors above the ground
Completion	March, 1994
Acquisition value	JPY 2,450 million
Environmental certification	CASBEE for Real Estate A
Features and environmental performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The office building is located within a three-minute walk from Tokyo Metro's Akasaka-mitsuke Station. • Energy-saving measures are being taken to reduce environmental impact, such as the use of LED lighting and large openings (active natural lighting).

7. Tsubogawa Square Building

Location	3-3-5, Tsubogawa, Naha, Okinawa
Principal uses	Call Centers, Data Centers, Backup Offices, etc.
Site area	5,294.63 m ²
Total floor area	14,742.80 m ²
Number of stories	11 floors
Completion	June 2009
Acquisition value	JPY 4,150 million
Environmental certification	DBJ Green Building 3 stars
Features and environmental performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This complex is located in front of Tsubogawa Station, Okinawa Urban Monorail. It takes 5 minutes from Prefectural Office Station, which is locating in the center of Naha City and 10 minutes from at Naha Airport Station. • The buildings is designed to be against the power outages and disasters, including 2 times-line power reception and space for tenant emergency power generators.

8. The B Fukuoka Tenjin (Note)

Location	1-2-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka, Fukuoka
Principal uses	Hotel
Site area	469.79m ²
Total floor area	3,567.22 m ²
Number of stories	10 floors
Completion	May, 2017
Acquisition value	JPY 3,000 million
Environmental certification	BELS certification three stars
Features and environmental performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A hotel in Tenjin district located within a one-minute walk from Tenjin Minami Station on the Subway Nanakuma Line and a five-minute walk from Tenjin Station on the Subway Kuko line. • Adoption of LED lighting and the latest air conditioning equipment are working to reduce environmental impact by saving energy.

(NOTE)

Regarding "The B Fukuoka Tenjin," in a press release by UUR on December 16, 2020, it was announced that there was a change in its tenant from K.K. Ishin Tenjin Operations, the former tenant, to Greens Co., Ltd.

JCR confirmed that UUR continued to own the eight properties which are subject to use of proceeds. No serious negative effects on the environment, such as noise and soil contamination or complaints from local residents, have been identified. JCR confirmed that the tenancy agreement of The B Fukuoka Tenjin with the former tenant was terminated but UUR managed to find a new tenant and concluded a new agreement. In conjunction with this tenant transfer, a small-scale construction such as the replacement of signage is scheduled, but JCR confirmed through an interview to the Company that there are no negative impacts on the environment.

(2) Appropriateness and Transparency concerning selection standards and processes of the use of proceeds

At the time of this evaluation, JCR evaluated that the selection criteria for the use of proceeds and the process as appropriate. In this review, JCR confirmed in an interview that there were no particular changes in the selection criteria for the use of the proceeds and its process. Transparency is also considered to be ensured because details were indicated in the evaluation report at the time of execution of the loans.

(3) Appropriateness and Transparency of Management of the Proceeds

JCR evaluated the management of the proceeds as appropriate at the time of this evaluation. There are no unappropriated funds as the proceeds have already been used in full to finance purchase of new green buildings or refinance the funds for acquiring existing ones. Accordingly, JCR continues to evaluate the fund management system as appropriate.

(4) Reporting

a. Reporting on the funds allocation

The status of the funding of the eight properties acquired through the loans is disclosed by the press release of UUR. After procurement, the entire amount was immediately appropriated to refinance funds for acquiring or acquiring eight properties, and there was no unappropriated fund. JCR evaluates that the reporting items and contents are appropriate.

b. Reporting on environmental improvement effects

UUR publishes on its website the level of environmental certification acquired for "green eligible assets" subject to green loans. In addition, JCR confirmed in an interview that the data related to green eligible assets (electricity consumption, CO₂ emissions, and water consumption) for the fiscal 2019 will be published by the end of March at the latest. JCR will confirm whether the disclosure will be made in the future.

Based on the above, JCR confirmed that the aforementioned reporting items and contents related to the effects of environmental improvement will be properly disclosed to lenders.

(5) Organization's Environmental Activities

UUR formulated its Environmental Policy in May 2012, and declared that UUR will contribute to the development of a sustainable society by taking environmental considerations and reducing environmental impact.

The Environmental Policy states as follows: (1) Energy saving and measures for global warming: United Urban Investment Corporation will proactively promote efficient use of resources and energy and contribute toward realization of a low-carbon society through introducing such technologies and systems as being friendly to the environment; and (2) Reduction of environmental burdens; United Urban Investment Corporation will make efforts for reduction of environmental burdens and realization of a recycling society through such measures as saving water, reducing (curb of the waste), re-using and recycling together with reduction of carbon emission.

UUR also revised its Environmental Policy in November 2018, stating that UUR will continue to enhance its environmental management system, and is continuing its ongoing efforts to improve its environmental performance.

In particular, with regard to the environment, UUR has announced the "Sustainability Targets" on its website as follows: "As an owner of large-scale business facilities whose greenhouse gas emissions are assumed to be high, United Urban sets a target to reduce the "specific energy consumption rate" by 1% per annum on average for 5 years ("Specific energy consumption rate" is calculated by the factors like energy consumption, floor space, etc.). United Urban will accomplish the above-mentioned target by such means as introducing highly-efficient equipment suitable to each facility on replacement of air-conditioners or lighting equipment."

Every fiscal year, the amount of electricity used, gas used, CO₂ emissions, and water consumption for properties owned by the UUR is disclosed. As for reducing waste, in addition to the amount of non-hazardous and hazardous waste, the recycling rate, incineration rate, landfill rate, etc. are also disclosed every fiscal year. In this way, information on environmental performance is actively disclosed to the public.

For ESG, UUR have independently established important sustainability issues (materiality), and each materiality is linked to each sustainable development target (SDGs), and each target is evaluated annually and publicly announced on the website.

As one of the materialities, UUR cites "certification/evaluation of environmental performances" and acquire GRESB Real Estate Assessment. In GRESB Real Estate Assessment, UUR has obtained 3 Stars of the five-level scale assessment, and has also acquired "Green Star", which will be awarded to companies that excel in both the two

assessment axes of ESG assessment, Management Component and Performance Component, for the third consecutive year. In addition, UUR received the highest rating of "A" for the GRESB Disclosure Assessment for the 3 years consecutive year as the disclosure of information on initiatives for environmental considerations and sustainability were highly evaluated.³

In November 2018, UUR's asset management company, JRA, also signed the "Principles for Responsible Investment" (PRI), which advocates incorporating ESG issues into investment decisions. JRA also participates in the PRI real estate working group and regularly exchanges opinions with other companies. After the revision of aforementioned environment policy of UUR of November 2018, in February 2019, JRA has obtained ISO14001, an international certification for environmental management, and JRA is further strengthening its environmental and other ESG initiatives.

In addition to these, JRA is continually working to improve the expertise of its employees as shown that some employees of JRA have obtained a qualification relating to CASBEE for Real Estate (CASBEE Real Estate Assessor) in March 2019 and others..

JRA's Sustainability Committee, which includes management members and has expert knowledge, is involved in determining the investment policy for "green eligible assets," and JCR evaluates that JRA has clearly positioned the funding policy, process, and green project selection criteria as an organization.

JCR recognizes that environmental problems are a high priority for UUR, and that departments with expertise are clearly involved in green loan procurement policies and processes and the selection of green projects.

(Reference) GRESB Real Estate Assessment

GRESB is an acronym for Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark. GRESB is a benchmark established in 2009 that measures and evaluates the degree of consideration given to ESG by companies that holding and manages real estate and infrastructure. From 2016, the evaluation-results are shown on a five-star scale (five stars, four stars, three stars, two stars, and one star). Companies that have made excellent efforts are given "Green Star" separately from the five-star evaluation. As of 2020, 46 investment corporations have participated in the evaluation from J-REIT.

³ From 2020, it has changed from the previous "Management and Policies" and "Implementation and Measurement"

■Conclusion

As a result of verifying the matters described in the previous section, JCR confirmed that 100% of the proceeds of the loans have been allocated to the green projects, which were originally assumed to be used for , and the target assets have sufficiently performed the effects of environmental improvement as originally assumed.

[JCR Green Loan Evaluation Matrix]

		Management, Operation and Transparency Evaluation				
		m1	m2	m3	m4	m5
Greenness Evaluation	g1	Green 1	Green 2	Green 3	Green 4	Green 5
	g2	Green 2	Green 2	Green 3	Green 4	Green 5
	g3	Green 3	Green 3	Green 4	Green 5	Not qualified
	g4	Green 4	Green 4	Green 5	Not qualified	Not qualified
	g5	Green 5	Green 5	Not qualified	Not qualified	Not qualified

■Subject

Borrower: United Urban Investment Corporation (Security Code: 8960)

Subject	Borrowing Amount	Borrowing Date	Repayment Date	Interest Rate	Evaluation
Long-term loans (Green Loan)	JPY 10 billion	September 28, 2018	September 29, 2023	0.25%	JCR Green Loan Evaluation :Green1 Greenness Evaluation :g1 Management, Operation and Transparency Evaluation :m1

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Important explanation of the Green Loan Evaluation

1. Assumptions, Significance, and Limitations of JCR Green Evaluation

JCR Green Loan Evaluation, which is granted and provided by the Japan Credit Rating Agency (JCR), is a comprehensive expression of JCR's current opinion on the extent to which the funds procured green loans, which are subject to evaluation, are allocated to green projects defined by JCR and the extent to which the management, operation, and transparency of the use of green loans are ensured. The JCR Green Loan Evaluation does not fully indicate the extent to which the funds procured from such green loans are allocated and the management, operation, and transparency of the use of the funds are ensured.

JCR Green Loan Evaluation evaluates the planning and status of the appropriation of funds at the time of the green loan procurement plan or procurement, and does not guarantee the appropriation of funds in the future. In addition, the JCR Green Loan Evaluation does not prove the environmental effects of green loans and is not responsible for their environmental effects. JCR confirms that the effects of the funds procured from the issuance of green loan on the environment are measured quantitatively and qualitatively by the borrower or by a third party requested by the borrower, but in principle it does not directly measure the effects.

2. Methods used in the conduct of this evaluation

The methods used in this evaluation are listed on JCR website (Sustainable Finance and ESG in <https://www.jcr.co.jp/en>) as JCR Green Finance Evaluation Method.

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4. Relationship with Credit Ratings

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