

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

<Asset Securitization Products> ZEST Investments B Series 1601-B01

<Affirmation>

Notes: A+

ZEST Investments B Series 1601-B01 is a credit-linked product, for which JCR has affirmed a rating of A+, as detailed hereunder.

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Rating

<Affirmation>

Instrument Name:	Series 1601-B01
Issue Amount (bn):	JPY 1.0
Subordination Ratio:	-
Maturity Date:	January 5, 2021
Coupon Type:	Floating
Rating:	A+

<Information on Outline of Issue>

Issue Date:	January 25, 2016
Coupon Payment Dates:	January 5 and July 5
Repayment Method:	Bullet Repayment
Credit Enhancement & Liquidity Facility:	NA

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

SPC:	ZEST Investments B
Arranger:	Daiwa Capital Markets Europe Limited
Swap Counterparty:	Daiwa Securities Co., Ltd.
Trustee:	BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited
Calculation Agent:	Daiwa Securities Co., Ltd.

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets: JGBs, CDS Agreement and IRS Agreement

Rating Assignment Date: March 1, 2018

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