

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

<Asset Securitization Products> Earls Eight Limited Series 773

<Affirmation>

Notes: A-

Earls Eight Limited Series 773 is a credit-linked product, for which JCR has affirmed the rating of A-, as detailed hereunder.

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Rating

<Affirmation>

Instrument Name:	Series 773
Issue Amount (bn):	JPY 1
Subordination Ratio:	-
Scheduled Redemption Date:	June 23, 2023
Coupon Type:	Fixed
Rating:	A-

<Information on Outline of Issue>

Issue Date:	March 28, 2018
Coupon Payment Dates:	June 23 and December 23 every year
Redemption Method:	Bullet Redemption
Credit Enhancement & Liquidity Facility:	NA

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

SPC:	Earls Eight Limited
Arranger:	Deutsche Bank (London Branch)
Swap Counterparty:	Deutsche Bank (London Branch)
Trustee:	Deutsche Trustee Company Limited
Calculation Agent:	Deutsche Bank (London Branch)

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets:	Corporate Bonds, Default Swap Agreement, Asset Swap Agreement
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Rating Assignment Date: March 20, 2019

The criteria used for identifying matters which serve as assumptions for the assessment of the credit status, and the criteria used for setting of grades indicating the results of the assessments of the credit status 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 methodology for determination of the credit rating 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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