

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

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

<Assignment>
Notes: AA-

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

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Rating

<Assignment>
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 Structure and Stakeholders>

SPC: Ascent Finance Limited
Arranger: Credit Suisse International
Swap Counterparty: Credit Suisse AG
Resident Country of Reference Entity: Commonwealth of Australia
Industry of Reference Entity: Sovereign
Issuer Rating of Reference Entity: AAA

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets: Japanese Joint Local Government Bonds, CDS Agreement, and Cross-Currency Asset Swap Agreement

Rating Assignment Date: April 15, 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 Rating Policies on JCR's website (<http://www.jcr.co.jp/english/>).

Outline of methodology for determination of the credit rating is shown as "Credit-Linked Products" (December 3, 2012) in Structured Finance, Rating Methodology on JCR's website (<http://www.jcr.co.jp/english/>). 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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