News Release



Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.

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

Ascent Finance Limited Series 2019-1020

<Affirmation> Notes: A-

Ascent Finance Limited Series 2019-1020 is a repackaged financial instrument, for which JCR has affirmed the rating of A-, as detailed hereunder.

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Rating	
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Instrument Name:	Series 2019-1020
Issue Amount (mn):	JPY 450
Issue Date:	July 8, 2019
Redemption Date:	April 25, 2028
Rating:	A-
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Issuer:	Ascent Finance Limited
Arranger:	Credit Suisse International
Swap Counterparty:	Credit Suisse AG
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Outline of Underlying Assets:	Bonds and Cross-Currency Asset Swap Agreement

Rating Assignment Date: November 4, 2021

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 "Repackaged Financial Instruments" (August 5, 2019) 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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