

SoftBank Group's Subsidiary Arm to Be Listed—Arm's Future Growth Strategies Will Be Watched

The following is Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR)'s opinion on the public offering by Arm Holdings plc, a subsidiary of SoftBank Group Corp. (security code: 9984).

- (1) Arm Holdings plc ("Arm"), a subsidiary of SoftBank Group Corp. ("SBG"), will on September 14 (U.S. time) make an initial public offering ("IPO") of American depository shares ("ADSs"), which represent its ordinary shares. ADSs are priced at USD 51.00 per share, and market capitalization will amount to approximately USD 52 billion. SBG will continue to hold approximately 90% of Arm shares even after the IPO, and Arm will remain to be SBG's consolidated subsidiary.
- (2) As a result of the IPO, the value of Arm shares held is most likely to increase, pushing down LTV. Yet, SBG's financial policy remains unchanged, including keeping LTV below 25% in normal times, and impact on the rating is marginal. JCR has always highly evaluated Arm's strong competitiveness and growth potential and maintains this view. Continued attention will be paid to Arm's future growth strategies.

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Issuer: SoftBank Group Corp.

Long-term Issuer Rating: A- Outlook: Stable

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