# **News Release**



## Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd

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

## ZEST Investments B Series 1502-B01

<Affirmation>
Notes: A+

ZEST Investments B Series 1502-B01 is a repackaged financial instrument, for which JCR has affirmed the rating of A+, as detailed hereunder.

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### Rating

<Affirmation>

Instrument Name: Series 1502-B01

Issue Amount (bn): JPY 5.0

Issue Date: March 10, 2015 Redemption Date: March 20, 2035

Rating: A+

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

Issuer: ZEST Investments B

Arranger: Daiwa Capital Markets Europe Limited

Swap Counterparty: Daiwa Securities Co., Ltd.

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets: Notes, Swap Agreement

Rating Assignment Date: October 19, 2023

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.

The rating stakeholder participated in the rating process of the aforementioned credit ratings.

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