

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

<Asset Securitization Products> Ascent Finance Limited Credit-Linked Notes

<Credit Monitor Removal> <Affirmation>
Notes: from #AA-/Negative to AA-

Rational

JCR reviewed the rating stakeholders, and removed the credit monitor for rating on the notes and affirmed the "AA-" rating as detailed hereunder.

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Rating

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Issue	Amount	Subordination Ratio	Scheduled Redemption Date	Coupon Type	Rating
Series 2019-1003	EUR 35 mn	-	Aug. 4, 2025	Fixed	AA-
Series 2019-1005	EUR 33 mn	-	Dec. 30, 2025	Fixed	AA-
Series 2021-1001	AUD 30 mn	-	Dec. 27, 2030	Fixed	AA-
Series 2021-1023	JPY 0.5 bn	-	Sept. 8, 2028	Fixed	AA-
Series 2022-1048	JPY 1 bn	-	Sept. 20, 2030	Fixed	AA-
Series 2022-1067	JPY 1 bn	-	Apr. 23, 2031	Fixed	AA-

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

Issue	Issue Date	Coupon Payment Date	Redemption Method	Credit Enhancement & Liquidity Facility
Series 2019-1003	Apr. 17, 2019	Feb. 4 and Aug. 4 every year	Bullet Redemption	NA
Series 2019-1005	May 9, 2019	June 30 and Dec. 30 every year	Bullet Redemption	NA
Series 2021-1001	Jan. 29, 2021	June 27 and Dec. 27 every year	Bullet Redemption	NA
Series 2021-1023	Sept. 30, 2021	Mar. 8 and Sept. 8 every year	Bullet Redemption	NA
Series 2022-1048	Sept. 27, 2022	Mar. 20 and Sept. 20 every year	Bullet Redemption	NA
Series 2022-1067	Dec. 29, 2022	Apr. 23 and Oct. 23 every year	Bullet Redemption	NA

Rating Assignment Date: September 27, 2023

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Outline of the rating methodology 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.

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



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