

# Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management



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Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management (SMTAM) has its origins in the management of pension funds, which are the foundation supporting its clients' livelihoods. Since the early 1960s, SMTAM has refined its investment techniques in a wide range of asset classes, including both Japan-listed and overseas equities and bonds, and has provided numerous products to clients in Japan and overseas.

Its role in the capital markets is to contribute to the healthy growth of the economy as a whole, as part of an investment chain that promotes the sustainable growth of investee companies and delivers the fruits of that growth to investors. As an asset management company, SMTAM plays an active role in creating value for investee companies through constructive dialogue in order to enhance the investment chain and achieve growth together.

As a concrete initiative, SMTAM has organized key sustainability issues into 12 "ESG materialities" intended to help achieve the 17 SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). In the active management of stocks and bonds, SMTAM evaluates investment target companies from the perspective of ESG materiality and performs "ESG integration" to incorporate that into

investment decisions. In addition, it works to solve ESG challenges from a global perspective through constructive dialogue with investee companies and collaboration in various areas with international ESG advocacy organizations. SMTAM delivers the results of these efforts to its clients through a diverse lineup that includes index-type products, ESG-aware products (which use non-financial information as an important basis for investment decisions), ESG-focused products, and impact investment products. SMTAM is also working daily to develop new investment methods and improve the quality of its investment products, with a focus on data science initiatives that use technologies such as machine learning and rely on alternative data different from traditional financial information.

As a member of a trust banking group, SMTAM will continue to provide solutions from a long-term perspective in order to open up future possibilities and foster a truly prosperous society. At the same time, as an independent asset management company that is indispensable to its clients, SMTAM will do its utmost to increase the value of the assets entrusted to the company over the medium to long-term.