

# Editorial Policy

This report focuses on the ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) initiatives of the SuMi TRUST Group, which strives for the balanced creation of both social value and economic value. The Group has been publishing integrated reports with investors as the primary reader since 2017, and this report provides comprehensive disclosure to investors and non-investor stakeholders seeking more detailed ESG information.

This report was prepared based on the Common Metrics presented in the white paper “Measuring Stakeholder Capitalism-Toward Common Metrics and Consistent Reporting of Sustainable Value Creation,” which was compiled by the four major global accounting firms based on recommendations from the World Economic Forum’s International Business Council. In addition, at the end of the report, there is a comparison table with these common metrics, the US non-financial disclosure standard SASB (Sustainability Accounting Standards Board) and financial sector accounting metrics, and the GRI (Global Reporting

Initiative) international non-financial disclosure standards, as well as annual disclosure information as mandated by the Principles for Responsible Banking to which the Group became a signatory in September 2019.

## Scope of This Report

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group (comprised of Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc., Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited, and other group companies)

## Target Readers

All stakeholders, including customers, shareholders and investors, employees, business partners, local communities, NPOs, governments, international institutions, etc.

## Period Covered by This Report

October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021

\*This report also includes the most recent information on activities before fiscal year 2020 as well as after October 2021.

## Sustainability Information Disclosure Outline

In addition to this report and the Integrated Report, the Group discloses a variety of information on sustainability. First, there are separately published versions spun off from this report, which are the TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures) Report (formerly the “Climate Change Report”), the Natural Capital Report, and the ESG Real Estate (formerly the “Environmentally Friendly Property Report”). In addition, SuMi TRUST Bank publishes two types of digest reports for seniors (“Considering the Problems of Dementia” and “Senior-Generation Housing”) every other year, and publishes the SuMi TRUST With You Social Contribution Report every quarter. Meanwhile, asset management business Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management publishes the Stewardship Report and Nikko AM publishes the Sustainability Report annually to disclose details of their respective ESG investment initiatives. Our website carries extensive information on the Sustainability activities that Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group does not cover in this report.



Specifically, the website provides more detailed information on our initiatives related to issues such as successful aging and support for the environment and living creatures.

Sustainability in Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group  
<https://www.smth.jp/en/csr/index.html>

The quarterly journal “SuMi TRUST With You” reports on the “With You” social contribution activities of SuMi TRUST Bank (four issues per year).

