



Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management launches APAC REIT UCITS Fund

London –

Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management has launched a Luxembourg-domiciled UCITS version of its highly rated Asia Pacific (APAC including Japan) Real Estate Securities strategy which it has run since 2013. The strategy which invests in the regions' real estate investment trusts has returned 11.45% over 3 years p.a. and 12.17% over 5 years p.a. versus 7.57% and 9.40% for the index¹, placing it as the top ranked strategy in the eVestment universe. The award-winning investment team, led by Etsuro Akiyama, manages a total of USD2.2bn in REITS assets.²

“The dynamism and diversity across Asian real estate markets provides an exciting range of opportunities and scope for diversification that is well suited to actively managed REITs strategies” says Junya Okada, Managing Director of SMDAM (UK) in London.

“We have launched this fund at a time when investors are increasingly looking for a dedicated allocation to the region to capitalise on the growth potential that exists. With our highly experienced team and local presence we are well-placed to meet this demand.”

SMDAM, headquartered in Japan manages a total of circa USD135 billion globally, and has overseas offices in London, New York, Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai.³

¹ Source: SMDAM, eVestment & Bloomberg, reference index: S&P Asia Pacific REIT Index Total Return, as at 31 December 2020.

² Source: SMDAM. Assets as at 31 December 2020

³ Source: SMDAM. As at 30 September 2020

Strategy Awards: Morningstar Award – Best Fund of the Year for both 2018 and 2019. J-REITs Asia Mix Open Fund (Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Strategy).

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Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management is one of the largest investment management companies in Japan, offering discretionary investment management, investment trusts and advisory services to a range of institutional investors, pension funds, government agencies and retail investors worldwide. From its offices in Tokyo, London, New York, Singapore and Hong Kong, there are approximately 1,052 employees with the firm managing more than USD135 billion for institutional and retail investors.

The Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities strategy invests in companies within the real estate industry throughout the Asia Pacific including Japan Market, such as closed-end REITs (real estate investment trusts) and publicly quoted property unit trusts. The strategy's focus is to capture investment income via dividends and to also achieve capital growth over the longer term.

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