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Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management Co., Ltd.

SuMi TRUST receives Asia Asset Management's 2019 Award for Japan's Best Small Cap Equity Fund

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management's (SuMi TRUST) Japan Small Cap fund has been named 'Japan's Best Small Cap Equity Fund' in the Asia Asset Management '2019 Best of the Best Awards'.

SuMi TRUST has won the best country category for Japanese small cap equities, on the basis of the achievements and skills of the company and its portfolio managers, compared against competitors from the same country.

The award-winning Japan Small Cap Fund, which was launched in 2013 and is UCITS compliant, is managed by Satoshi Marui. Mr. Marui has been managing Japanese equities for over 20 years, and has been responsible for the strategy of the Japan Small Cap Fund since its inception in 2005 as dedicated Chief Portfolio Manager.

The strategy of the Japan Small Cap Fund is based on the belief that the small cap sector of the Japanese stock market can provide excellent opportunities for consistent, uncorrelated high returns. The fund managers seek to identify stocks overlooked or undervalued by the market through research based on MBIS[®], maintaining a high degree of contact with companies in which they invest.

*Asia Asset Management's "2019 Best of the Best Awards"

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Asia Asset Management is a major publication company specializing in the pension fund industry geared towards Asian institutional investors.

The "Best of the Best Awards" has been awarded annually for the past 15 years to outstanding Asian fund managers. The award for "Japan's Best Small Cap Equity Fund" was selected among Japanese small cap funds based on Asian Asset Management's quantitative and qualitative analyses, and goes to the fund with overall superb performance.

** MBIS[®] is SuMi TRUST's proprietary evaluation methodology which scores companies based on their sustainable growth.

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