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Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management Co., Ltd.

## **Announcing the Listing of SMT ETF Carbon Efficient Index Japan Equity (TSE stock code: 2642)**

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management Co., Ltd. (Representative Director and President: Yoshio Hishida; hereinafter "SuMi TRUST") is pleased to announce the SMT ETF Carbon Efficient Index Japan Equity (TSE stock code: 2642) (hereinafter, "the ETF") will be listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on June 23, 2021.

The ETF is based on the Tokyo Stock Price Index (TOPIX) constituents as its universe, with the similar risk/return characteristics as TOPIX, but with a 19% improvement in carbon efficiency (carbon emissions per unit of revenue) (as of March 31, 2021\*). It can be expected to be useful as a tool for forming new core Japanese equity portfolios that also address climate change risk, and as an extension or alternative to TOPIX-linked funds. In addition, the ETF can address the concerns of investors who wish to contribute to society through their investments but find it difficult to see how they are contributing.

(\*According to S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC.)

As a responsible institutional investor, SuMi TRUST is committed to addressing ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) issues from a global perspective through constructive dialogue with companies in its portfolio and collaboration with international organizations promoting ESG efforts in various fields. The ETF is a symbolic product that is in line with such efforts taken by us and, after more than two-year track record of investing in the index, SuMi TRUST have decided to offer this product in the form of an ETF in order to make it available to as many investors as possible.

SuMi TRUST is committed to pursuing new forms of asset management that meet the needs of the times and aspirations for the future.



<b>ETF Overview</b>	
Issue name/Code	SMT ETF Carbon Efficient Index Japan Equity (TSE stock code: 2642/ISIN: JP3049340007)
Fund characteristics	An ETF that aims to track the S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index*.  *An index that uses TOPIX constituents as its universe and determines the weight of constituents by focusing on the level of environmental information disclosure and carbon efficiency (carbon emissions per unit of revenue).
Target Index	S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index
Type	ETF
Launch Date	June 22, 2021
TOPIX Listing Date	June 23, 2021



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<Points to Consider>

### ■ Risk of Loss

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### ■ Price Fluctuations

Assets which are managed by Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management Co., Ltd. pursuant to an investment management agreement are subject to various risks, including, without limitation:

#### (1) Market Risk

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#### (2) Credit Risk

Risk of the price movements in the managed assets due to changes in the financial and/or business conditions of issuers, counterparties to a transaction or the counterparties of the issuers.



### (3)Liquidity Risk

Risk of the trading of the any interests within the managed assets being restricted due to the market environment or the lack of trading volume. Similarly, there is a risk that the value of the managed assets being volatile due to the lack of market liquidity of such assets.

Furthermore, investments of the managed assets into hedge funds and securitized products may contain various risks related to investment approach and structure in of such investment in addition to the any of the risks mentioned above. For further information, please refer to the explanatory documents for each product.

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Company Name: Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management Co., Ltd.

Financial Institution Registration Number: No.347 Kanto Finance Bureau of the Ministry of Finance

Commodity Trading Advisor License Number: #(1) No.25, the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry

Participating Associations: The Investment Trusts Association, Japan, Japan Investment Advisers Association

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(Management fees)

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(Securities Lending)

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When terminating an investment management agreement, a termination fee may be charged based on the terms and conditions set forth in such agreement.

(Other Expenses)

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#### (3) Purpose

Research and development of various financial products

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