

Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management wins
The Best Fund Awards of “Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Japan 2022”

Tokyo, March 24, 2022 --- Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company Ltd. (President & CEO, Takashi Saruta; hereinafter “SMDAM”) is honored to announce that SMDAM and SMDAM’s eight funds are selected as “the Best Fund Award” in seven categories.

Encouraged by these awards, SMDAM will make a further effort to continue to provide customers with quality service by developing attractive products and improving investment performance.

Best Group Awards

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Limited**

In the category Defined Contribution Pension, Overall

In the category Defined Contribution Pension, Equity

Best Fund Awards in the Investment Trusts Category

■ **GLOBAL HIGH DIVIDEND EQUITY OPEN**

In the category Equity Global Income for its performance over 3years, 5years

■ **US High Income BDC Fund (Annual pay-out)**

In the category Equity Sector Financial for its performance over 3years

■ **Hitokufuu Developed Markets REIT Fund**

In the category Equity Sector Real Estate Holdings Global for its performance over 3years

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui China A & H Shares Open**

In the category Equity China for its performance over 5years

■ **JAPAN HIGH DIVIDEND EQUITY OPEN**

In the Equity Japan Income for its performance over 5years

■ **DAIWA SB DC FOREIGN EQUITY ACTIVE FUND**

In the category Equity Global ex Japan for its performance over 10years

■ Sumitomo Mitsui Dividend Yield Stock Open

In the Equity Japan Income for its performance over 10years

■ DAIWA SUMIGIN DC INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND

In the category Equity Global ex Japan for its performance over 10years

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