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SMDAM UK Completes Capital Increase with Investment from SMBC Group to Support Growth of "SMBC Private Markets" Private Asset Management Business

Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management (UK) Limited (President: Hiroaki Kato; "SMDAM UK") announces that it has completed a capital increase through a joint investment by Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (Group CEO: Toru Nakashima; together with its group companies, "SMBC Group") and Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Limited (Representative Director, President and CEO: Wataru Ogihara; "SMDAM"). The proceeds will be used primarily to support the further growth of SMDAM UK's private asset management business under the "SMBC Private Markets" brand.

Global demand for investments in private assets—including private equity, real estate, infrastructure and private credit—is rising beyond traditional assets such as equities and bonds. This reflects increasingly diverse wealth-building needs among individual investors and efforts by institutional investors to diversify and enhance their investment portfolios.

SMDAM UK operates the SMBC Private Markets business across Europe, the Middle East and Africa, providing investors with high-quality investment products and solutions. Working with SMBC Group's client network and financing capabilities to originate investment opportunities, SMDAM UK will expand its business in direct lending (*1) , infrastructure project finance (*2) , real estate debt (*3) , fund finance (*4) and asset-based lending (*5) .

The capital increase underscores the strategic importance SMBC Group places on the private asset management business. By drawing on SMBC Group's extensive origination network, SMDAM UK will further enhance the value it delivers to investors in the growing private credit market across Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

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SMDAM UK and SMDAM will continue to work with other SMBC Group companies to strengthen their asset management businesses in both traditional and private assets and, by offering a broad range of investment opportunities to investors in Japan and overseas, support clients' wealth building in line with the management philosophy: "To be the best asset management company contributing to Quality of Life."

Notes

(*1) Lending by a fund or other lender directly to a company, without a bank or other intermediary.

(*2) Financing for which revenue generated by an infrastructure project is the primary source of repayment.

(*3) Debt investments, including loans secured by real estate.

(*4) Lending to investment funds, with the funds' capital commitments or portfolio assets serving as a source of repayment or collateral.

(*5) Lending secured by assets such as accounts receivable, inventory and equipment.

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