Fiduciary duties*

* Fiduciary duties is a general term for the broad range of roles and responsibilities that fiduciaries are expected to fulfill when engaging in certain business activities in order to live up to the trust that is placed in them by their customers.

Mizuho's Corporate Identity includes our central values—the Mizuho Values—starting with putting our customers first, and these values are shared by everyone at Mizuho. As a team of financial professionals providing a broad range of financial services, we are committed to providing the best, most appropriate solutions in response to our customers' diverse needs.

We have released Policies Regarding Mizuho's Fiduciary Duties as group-wide policies which ensure that through our asset managementrelated businesses we offer products and services that are in the best interest of our customers and that we continue to be our customers' most trusted financial services partner and long-term partner. In addition, at the holding company and relevant group companies, we have established and made public specific action plans for ensuring we are always aligned with customers' best interests.

☐ For more information on Policies Regarding Mizuho's Fiduciary Duties, please see our website:

https://www.mizuhogroup.com/binaries/content/assets/pdf/mizuhoglobal/news/2017/03/20170330 2release jp 1-1.pdf

Our commitment to fulfilling our fiduciary duties to create shared value between customers and Mizuho

Through fulfilling our fiduciary duties, Mizuho aims to ensure a high level of customer satisfaction and to earn the trust of customers by increasing their financial assets in the medium to long term.

At the same time, by expanding our customer base and establishing a brand built on customer satisfaction and trust, we aim to create shared value with our customers that will also lead to medium- to long-term growth for Mizuho, which will allow us to further enhance the level of customer service we provide.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

With the objective of creating shared value with our customers, we have established KPIs to confirm our level of performance of our fiduciary duties, and we announce them periodically along with the status of initiatives under our Action Plan.

Creating shared value between customers and Mizuho

Positive and trustworthy public image Fulfilling our fiduciary duties Results Mizuho Customers Mizuho Increase in financial assets Medium- to long-term growth Providing optimal financial products over the medium to long term and services to customers Expanding customer base Pursuing our customers' best interests Enhancing customer satisfaction and trust and strengthening our brand **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** Balance of assets under management from investment Number of personnel with professional qualifications Number of customers using our investment products Number of funds with a rating of 4 stars or higher Customer ratio by investment profit/loss from investment Number of companies involved in our engagement activities Customer satisfaction surveys Number of publicly offered investment trusts in different Average holding period for publicly offered investment trusts Number of funds which have received fund awards balance ranges Balance of funds in publicly offered and privately placed Average balance per publicly offered investment trust Survey of satisfaction among investment trust companies investment trusts Number of website views Balance of asset formation-focused products Number of participants enrolled in financial education Balance of pension trust assets courses Balance of publicly offered investment trusts under

*In addition to the Key Performance Indicators listed above, the following common KPIs have also been released.

(1) Customer ratio by investment profit/loss from investment trust funds/fund wraps, (2) Cost vs. return of the best-selling investment products in terms of the balance of investment trust assets under management, (3) Risk vs. return of the best-selling investment products in terms of the balance of investment trust assets under management, (4) Customer ratio by investment performance of the foreign currency-denominated insurance products. (5) Cost vs. return of the foreign currency-denominated insurance products.

Earned S+ score in R&I Customer-Oriented Investment Trust Sales Company Evaluation

Mizuho Financial Group, Mizuho Bank, Mizuho Trust & Banking, and Mizuho Securities, as part of our efforts to obtain third-party objective evaluations of our initiatives for our fiduciary duties, obtain assessments from Rating & Investment Information (R&I) under their Customer-Oriented Investment Trust Sales Company Evaluation.

We received the latest results in January 2022. All four companies earned an S+ score for the second consecutive year, placing them in the top tier of companies in the industry.



The R&I Customer-Oriented Investment Trust Sales Company Evaluation ("this evaluation") represents R&I's opinion on the "customer-oriented husiness operations" initiatives of sales companies engaged in the investment trust sales business, and is not a statement of fact. The information used by R&I in conducting this evaluation is deemed to be reliable by R&I at its discretion, but R&I does not independently verify the accuracy of such information. In addition, R&I and others do not guarantee the accuracy and completeness of the information, and do not recommend the purchase, sale or holding of specific products or guarantee future performance. All intellectual property rights such as copyrights related to this evaluation and all other rights belong to R&I and are prohibited from reproduction or reprinting without permission. The evaluation of Mizuho Financial Group combines the evaluations of Mizuho Bank, Mizuho Trust & Banking, and Mizuho Securities.