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Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

**Selected by RobecoSAM for Excellence in
Sustainability Performance
Selected as “Industry Leader” and “Gold Class”
for Third Consecutive Year**

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. hereby announces that, in addition to being selected for excellence in sustainability performance, it has, for the third year in a row, earned the highest possible “Gold Class” rating from RobecoSAM (Head Office: Switzerland), a world leading assessor of socially responsible investments (SRI). Furthermore, Sumitomo Forestry has also been selected as the “Industry Leader” (top scoring company) in the Homebuilding Industry for the third consecutive year. This year, it has also been selected as the Industry Mover (company with the biggest score improvement compared to the previous year).

Every year, RobecoSAM assesses the economic, environmental and social activities of about 3,000 leading companies in the world. It selects the top 15% of companies in 59 industries for their excellence in sustainability, and publishes them in *The Sustainability Yearbook*. Those companies whose performance is particularly excellent receive Gold Class, Silver Class and Bronze Class distinctions.

Of the 39 Japanese companies that were selected for their excellence in sustainability performance, five companies received the Gold Class distinction, and four companies were selected as Industry Leaders (company with the highest assessment).

In the more than 320 years since its founding, the Sumitomo Forestry Group has expanded globally its comprehensive housing and wood products businesses by using wood, which is a renewable natural resource. With a goal of achieving a sustainable society, the Group will continue to contribute to creating solutions to social issues through its business operations, as it strives for the development of local communities and improvement of its corporate value.



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About Sumitomo Forestry

Founded in 1691, Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. and its Group companies have broadened business activities focused on wood. Based on its corporate philosophy—“utilize timber as a renewable, healthy and environmentally friendly natural resource, and contributes to a prosperous society through all types of housing-related services”— and with its approximately 250,000 hectares of owned and managed forest, the global network that spans more than 20 countries and expertise and technology in housing-related businesses, Sumitomo Forestry Group is developing the Forestry and Environment Business, the Timber and Building Materials Business, the Housing Business, the Overseas Business, the Lifestyle Service Business and other businesses both in Japan and abroad. Adding such businesses as wooden biomass power generation and Timber Solution, it will continue to pursue the potential of timber.

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