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Awards and Recognition by Third Parties in fiscal 2021

In recent years, interest is growing in ESG investment which considers not only financial but also Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) elements as investment criteria. Sumitomo Forestry Group has been included in the following ESG Indices as of March 2022.

DJSI (Dow Jones Sustainability Indices)

The most trusted index for companies' environmental and sustainability index developed by Dow Jones & Company in 1999. The index surveys over 3,400 companies included in the Dow Jones Global Index around the world on their economic, environmental, and societal aspects. The Dow Jones Sustainability World Index and the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index selected Sumitomo Forestry for inclusion as a brand in November 2021. This is the 14th time Sumitomo Forestry has been selected as a member for the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices series.

Member of

**Dow Jones
Sustainability Indices**

Powered by the S&P Global CSA

Selected as "Gold Class" by S&P Global Corporation in the fourth consecutive years

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. has been consecutively selected in the fourth years with the highest valuation "Gold Class" in sustainability rating of the S&P Global Corporation, a global company responsible for evaluating social responsibility investment (SRI). S&P Global Corporation evaluate initiatives in economic, environmental, and social aspects of 7,000 large-scale enterprises or more worldwide, and publishes the top 15% of these enterprises in each of 61 industries in the "Sustainability Yearbook 2022" as "Company with excellent sustainability". Particularly excellent enterprises are rated therein as Gold Class, Silver Class, and Bronze Class.

Sustainability Award
Gold Class 2022

S&P Global



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Sumitomo Forestry Makes Climate Change A List in CDP 2021

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. has been selected by "Climate Change A List" as an enterprise in the sixth consecutive year - which achieves highest rating from CDP, a NGO, making a sustainable society come true. Since the evaluation criteria were changed in 2016, only four Japanese enterprises, including Sumitomo Forestry, have been selected in the sixth consecutive year.

* CDP Forest: A- CDP Water: B



FTSE4Good Global Index

Evaluation of companies that fulfill international standards in environment, social, and governance aspects by FTSE Russell, a group company of London Stock Exchange. Sumitomo Forestry has been consecutively included in the FTSE4Good Global Index every year since 2004.



FTSE4Good

Used as a Constituent Company in all Five ESG Indices Selected by GPIF

FTSE Blossom Japan Index

An ESG index for Japanese stocks by FTSE Russell, Ltd. and selected by the Government Pension Investment Fund, Japan (GPIF) as one of its three ESG indices in July 2017.



FTSE Blossom
Japan



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FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index

It is one of ESG indices of FTSE Russell, which was chosen in March 2022 by the Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF), a selective ESG composite Index which is evaluated in terms of three perspectives including ESG evaluation by FTSE Russell, carbon intensity (greenhouse gas emissions per sales unit), and management attitude toward climate change risks and opportunities.



FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index

* FTSE Russell (registered trademark of FTSE International Limited and Frank Russell Company) hereby certifies that Sumitomo Forestry as a result of a third-party investigation, has met the requirements for inclusion in the FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index and has become a constituent of the index.

MSCI Japan ESG Select Leaders Index

Index for Japanese stocks selected by the Government Pension Investment Fund, Japan (GPIF) as one of its three ESG indices in July 2017. Companies with relatively excellent ESG with "MSCI Japan IMI top 700 stocks by market capitalization" as parent index evaluating companies within the industry.

2021 CONSTITUENT MSCIジャパン
ESGセレクト・リーダーズ指数

MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index (WIN)

Index for Japanese stocks selected by the Government Pension Investment Fund, Japan (GPIF) as one of its three ESG indices in July 2017. Companies with relatively excellent ESG with "MSCI Japan IMI top 700 stocks by market capitalization" as parent index evaluating companies within the industry.

2021 CONSTITUENT MSCI日本株
女性活躍指数 (WIN)

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S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index

Discloses the S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index, jointly developed as an environmental index by the Japan Exchange Group, the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and the S&P Dow Jones Index.

The Government Pension Investment Fund, Japan (GPIF) selected the S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index as a benchmark for ESG investment strategy from fiscal 2018.





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Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index

Bloomberg selected Sumitomo Forestry as part of the 2022 Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index (GEI) in January 26, 2022. This is the second consecutive year that Sumitomo Forestry has been selected as a GEI index companies. GEI is an index that evaluates the transparency of corporate informational disclosure on gender as well as company's gender equality initiatives and performance. The GEI assessed our gender equality initiatives and selected Sumitomo Forestry as one of 418 companies with head offices in 45 countries and regions (12 of which are Japanese companies).




SOMPO Sustainability Index

The SOMPO Sustainability Index is an ESG evaluation by Sompo Asset Management Co., Ltd. Evaluated based on an environmental survey by Sompo Risk Management and a social and governance survey by IntegreX Inc., Sumitomo Forestry has been consecutively included in the SOMPO Sustainability Index since fiscal 2013.



Others

Other evaluations and awards

Award/Organiser	Recognition	Scope of Recognition
Forestry Agency	<p>Toho Gakuen Munetsugu Hall, which was designed and constructed by Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. in a joint venture (JV) with MAEDA CORPORATION, received the Forestry Agency Commissioner's Award at the fiscal 2021 Wood Utilization Excellent Facility Contest.</p> <p>> https://sfc.jp/information/news/2021/2021-10-14.html (in Japanese) </p>	Sumitomo Forestry



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<p>Wood Design Award Operational Secretariat</p>	<p>Sumitomo Forestry received the Japan Wood Design Award for the seventh consecutive year in 2021</p>  <p>JAPAN WOOD DESIGN AWARD 2021</p> <p>> https://sfc.jp/information/news/2021/2021-10-27.html (in Japanese) </p>	<p>Sumitomo Forestry</p>
<p>Organization for Landscape and Urban Green Infrastructure</p>	<p>We have concluded an "Agreement on Researching Effective Utilization of Residential Outdoor Spaces in Use of Environmental Certification System" with Independent Administrative Institution Urban Renewal Organization, and the green space of Tokiwadaira Danchi has been certified as SEGES "Sodateru Midori (fostered green color)" category Excellent Stage 2.</p>  <p>> https://sfc.jp/information/news/2021/2021-04-14-02.html (in Japanese) </p>	<p>Sumitomo Forestry Landscaping</p>



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Oricon ME Inc.	<p>Sumitomo Forestry Home Service was selected as the top ranking of Oricon Customer Satisfaction, ranging from three rankings of real estate brokerage, "Sold Condominiums," "Purchased Condominiums," and "Sold Detached Houses."</p>  <p><2021年 オリコン顧客満足度調査 不動産仲介 売却 マンション/購入 マンション/売却 戸建て 第1位></p> <p>> https://sfc.jp/information/news/2021/2021-09-01.html </p>	Sumitomo Forestry Home Service
Ministry of the Environment	<p>Sumitomo Forestry was selected as an Environmentally Sustainable Company in the Environmentally Sustainable Company Division of the third ESG Finance Award Japan.</p> 	Sumitomo Forestry
National Association of Home Builders	<p>Sumitomo Forestry received the highest award in two categories of Multifamily Pillars of the Industry Awards 2021 sponsored by NAHB (National Association of Home Builders). It is the third consecutive year that Crescent Communities has received the NAHB award.</p> <p>> https://sfc.jp/english/news/pdf/20220228_01.pdf </p>	Crescent Communities