

Evaluation by Society

External Recognition

ESG (environmental, social, and governance) investment involves, in addition to conventional financial analyses, the evaluation of corporations from the environmental, social, and governance aspects, whereby the level of fulfillment of corporations' social responsibilities is regarded as an integral part of investment standards. Our selection for inclusion in major ESG investment indices in and outside Japan indicates that we are highly evaluated by society.



Dow Jones Sustainability Indices

The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices is a global stock index developed jointly by Dow Jones & Company in the U.S. and RobecoSAM AG in Switzerland. Major corporations around the world are evaluated in terms of their economic, environmental, and social performance. In 2017, 320 companies (which included 31 Japanese companies) were selected for the World Index and 152 companies (which included 72 Japanese companies) were selected for the Asia Pacific Index. Mitsui was selected for both the World Index and Asia Pacific Index in 2017.



RobecoSAM Sustainability Award

RobecoSAM carries out surveys and analyses for the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices. From each industry, it recommends companies that have undertaken outstanding environmental, social, and economic initiatives. A total of 478 companies (including 51 Japanese companies) were selected worldwide for the RobecoSAM Sustainability Awards 2018. In the Trading Companies & Distributors category, Mitsui was selected as one of the companies to be ranked Gold Class, which is awarded to companies that are within a 1% range of the score of the industry leaders.



FTSE4Good Index Series

The FTSE4Good Index Series is a stock index developed by FTSE Russell, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the London Stock Exchange. FTSE Russell evaluates major corporations around the world from the aspects of environmental, social, and governance criteria, including the labor standards applied throughout their supply chains, as well as on the basis of corporate sustainability. It selects companies that satisfy its standards as constituents of the index. Mitsui fulfilled the criteria of the index and was selected in the FTSE4 Good Index Series.



FTSE Blossom Japan Index

The FTSE Blossom Japan Index is designed to measure the performance of Japanese companies that demonstrate strong environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices. The index uses FTSE Russell's ESG Ratings data model, which draws on existing international ESG standards such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and is adopted by the Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF) of Japan as a core ESG benchmark for its passive investments. Mitsui fulfilled the criteria of the index and was selected in the FTSE Blossom Japan Index in 2017.



MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index (WIN)

Developed by Morgan Stanley Capital Investment (MSCI), the MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index is adopted by Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF) as a tracking benchmark for its passive ESG investment. The index is a selection of Japanese companies from each industry that represent high gender diversity. Mitsui fulfilled the criteria of the index and was selected in for the MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index.



CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project)

CDP is a London-based non-profit organization operated collaboratively by institutional investors. Its purpose is to urge leading companies (in terms of aggregate value) in major countries to disclose their environmental strategies and greenhouse gas emissions; Mitsui has continued to answer the questionnaire since 2012. In 2017, Mitsui was granted the rating "Management Level B", in relation to both climate change and water.



Inclusion in the 2018 Competitive IT Strategy Company Stock Selection

The Competitive IT Strategy Company Stock Selection is designated by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) on the basis of outstanding IT utilization initiatives. Key focal points for the assessment process for 2018 included the creation of new business and value through the use of AI, IoT and other latest digital technologies, as well as strategic IT initiatives based on medium- to long-term perspectives targeted at renovating legacy systems. Mitsui has been selected for four years in a row since the launch of the award in 2015.



Nadeshiko Brand

The Nadeshiko Brand is a designation jointly awarded by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) to companies listed in all TSE sections that have shown excellence in promoting career advancement for women. In the fiscal year ended March 2018, Mitsui was selected as a Nadeshiko Brand company for its proactive efforts to women to play more active roles in the workplace. Including being selected as a Semi-Nadeshiko Brand in the fiscal year ended March 2017, this is the fourth year running that Mitsui has been recognized as a Nadeshiko Brand.



Eruboshi (L Star)

Eruboshi status is awarded to companies that have submitted notifications under the Act on Promotion of Women's Participation and Advancement in the Workplace (Promotion of Women's Career Activities Act) promulgated on April 1, 2016. Requirements for certification include the fulfillment of specific standards, and the implementation of outstanding initiatives to promote the advancement of women in the workplace. In September 2016, the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare certified Mitsui as having achieved the second of three levels under the Eruboshi system.

Awards Received in Past Five Years

FY 2017

- Selected for the top award in the commerce industry category at the “2017 Award for Excellence in Corporate Disclosure” by the Securities Analysts Association of Japan
- Received the Award for Excellence at the 20th Nikkei Annual Report Awards (2017) by Nikkei, Inc.
- Judging Panel’s Special Prize in the Corporate Youth Experience Promotion Awards of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Mitsui SASUGAKU Academy)

FY 2016

- Hiroko Koshino Prize and Hiroshi Yagyu Prize in the 22nd National Geographic Japan Advertising Awards (Mitsui & Co. Environment Fund)
- Japan Association for Human and Environmental Symbiosis Award for Environmental Activities (Mitsui SASUGAKU Academy)
- Judging Panel’s Incentive Prize in the Corporate Youth Experience Promotion Awards of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Mitsui SASUGAKU Academy)

FY 2015

- Ranked second in the 18th Nikkei Annual Report Awards (2015) by Nikkei, Inc.

FY 2014

- Ranked first in the “Toyo Keizai CSR Ranking” Wholesale Category by Toyo Keizai Inc.
- Ranked first in the “18th Environmental Management Survey” Trading Company category by Nikkei, Inc.
- Selected for the top award in the commerce industry category at the “2014 Award for Excellence in Corporate Disclosure” by the Securities Analysts Association of Japan
- Received the “2014 IR Special Award” by the Japan Investor Relations Association
- Received the 20th Nikkei BP Advertising Award’s Excellent Business Expert Award (2014) by Nikkei Business Publications, Inc. (Mitsui’s Forests)

FY 2013

- Ranked first in the “Toyo Keizai CSR Ranking” Wholesale Category by Toyo Keizai Inc.
- Ranked first in the “17th Environmental Management Survey” Trading Company category by Nikkei, Inc.
- Received the Award for Special Merit in the 48th Industrial Advertising Award (2013) in the Newspaper Category by Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun Ltd. (Mitsui’s Forests)
- Received the 19th Nikkei BP Advertising Award’s National Geographic Japan Award (2013) by Nikkei Business Publications, Inc. (Mitsui’s Forests)