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Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)
Sustainable Solutions Dept.



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## Overview of Sustainability at SMBC



## **Corporate Overview**

SMBC Group companies provide a wide range of financial and financial related services including commercial banking, leasing, securities, consumer finance, system development, and data processing. SMBC is a top-tier Japanese bank which maintains relationships with approximately 80,000 companies in Japan.

## **Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Profile**

Chairman of the Board	Takeshi Kunibe
President	Toru Nakashima
Capital	¥2,345.9 billion*1
Number of Employees	109,434 <sup>*2</sup>
Stock Exchange Listings	Tokyo Stock Exchange (Prime Market) Nagoya Stock Exchange (Premier Market) Note: American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

## **Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Profile**

Head Office	1-2, Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan
President and CEO Akihiro Fukutome	
Capital	¥1,770.9 billion*1
Number of Offices	Japan : 455 *1 / Overseas : 20*1
Number of Employees	28,191 <sup>*1</sup>



- \*1 As of September 30<sup>th</sup> 2024
- \*2 As of March 30<sup>th</sup> 2024

## Introducing the Sustainable Solution Dept.

In April 2024, in order to further promote social value creation through the promotion of sustainability management and efforts to address materiality, the Sustainability Division was reorganized into the Sustainability Division for Fulfilled Growth.

: Works closely with the Sustainable Solution Dept. Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation organizational chart (partial excerpts) **CSO** (Chief Strategy Officer) **CRO** (Chief Risk Officer) CSuO (Chief Sustainability Officer) **Sustainability Division for Fulfilled Growth** Corporate **Credit & Investment** Planning Dept. Risk Corporate Planning Dept. **Sustainability Planning** Staff Management Dept. **Environmental &** Social value creation by our Unit Unit Social Risk company/Sustainability Digital Sustainability Management Dept. Strategy Dept. **Development Dept.** 0 (3) Sustainable **Corporate Advisory Division** Sustainability of customers Solution Dept. Advisory Dept. I Telecom, Media & Technology Group, Automobile & Industrials Group Wholesale Advisory Dept. II Basic Materials Group, **Banking** Planning and management of sustainable business in Infrastructure Group Strategic Unit general; planning, development and promotion of Global Advisory Dept. Advisory Dept. III Healthcare & Foods Group, Planning Group digital solutions Consumer Products & Retail Group Planning and promotion of engagement (business co-Engagement Corporate Research Dept. creation, etc.), solution development in the Group decarbonization field, GX technology research Development and promotion of sustainability-related **Solution Group** finance and various solutions **Overseas offices** Intelligence Accumulation of decarbonization-related macro Europe, Africa Global **Americas** Management TM knowledge and provision thereof to customers and Middle East **Banking** Unit Accumulation of climate technology knowledge and Climate provision thereof to customers, solution development, **Technology TM** and collaboration creation **APAC East Asia** Compliance Unit Retail Banking Unit Treasury Unit Corporate Services Unit

## **Our achievements in APAC**



#### 1<sup>st</sup> as Japanese bank

We are proud to be the first Japanese bank to issue a TNFD report, emphasizing its dedication to both climate action and biodiversity.



SMBC Group was awarded **Sustainable Markets** Initiative 2023 Terra Carta Seal, which recognizes global companies that are demonstrating their commitment to, and momentum towards, the realization of sustainable society.

SMBC as contributor, partner and sponsor of key sustainability forums

> NUS Sustainable Finance and Green Finance Institute (SGFIN); NUS Centre for Nature-Based Climate Solutions to **foster the** education of the next generation

Ecosperity Week 2023; Joint Committee on Climate Change 2023; Singapore Fintech Festival 2023 to shape discussions on sustainability with relevant market players

> Support the development of Social Financing Framework for VP Bank (Vietnam) and Northern Arc Capital (India); ESG Deposit Framework for BTPN to integrate sustainability into their offerings

**SMBC** as **ESG** 

Academia **Support** 

**Event** 

**Sponsorship** 

**Excellence** Center

> Group **Companies Support**

APLMA Green and Sustainable Finance Committee: Singapore Green Finance Centre (SGFC); WWF Sustainable Banking Assessment (SUSBA) to shape best practices for sustainable finance

Industry

Internal

Capacity

**Building** 

SMBC Transition Finance Roundtable 2024; Lendlease Conference 2023; Bloomberg: Women in Climate Roundtable & Jakarta Forum; S&P Global APAC Financial Institutions Conference 2023 to exchange valuable insights with fellow industry leaders.

APAC wide training for SMBC business leaders; Asia Sustainability Academy for all SMBC APAC staff; Sustainable Finance Bulletin for all staff to ensure strong internal foundations, policies and knowledge to advance our sustainable finance strategy.

Support for BTPN and SMBC Malaysia to organize and contribute to sustainability seminars and workshops to exchange knowledge with local leaders

Source: Sustainable Market Initiative



## **Transition Plan to Realize Net Zero (Overview)**

Transition Plan is series of goals and actions for SMBC Group to realize net zero. We will continue to enhance them.

Current Medium-Term Management Plan

					V				
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2030	2040	2050
Scope1,2		2030 Net Zero Commitment	Switch to rer SMBC head office	Self-owned buildings	Data Centers	Achieve mid- term target	Net Zero		
Scope (Portfo	3 olio GHG)	2050 Net Zero Commitment	Set mid-term target Power, Coal, Oil & Gas	Set mid-term target Steel, Automobile	Set mid-term target Real Estate		Achieve mid- term targets		Net Zero
Cool	Loan balance for coal-fired power generation		Established phase-out strategy		Tightening policies for specific businesses and sectors	į.	Project finance 50% reduction from Mar. 21	Zero Balance fo Project finance ar Corporate finance tied to facilities	ıd
Coal	Loan balance for thermal coal mining sector			Established phase-out strategy	Tightening policies for specific businesses and sectors		Zero Balance OECD countrie	0.00	
Sustainable Finance							JPY 50 tn		

#### Governance

- Strengthen governance system
  - ✓ Revise executive compensation system
- Establish internal control
- Strengthen capabilities of directors and employees

#### **Metrics and targets**

- Scope 1,2 reduction targets
- Scope 3 reduction targets
- Sustainable finance KPI
- Transition KPI

#### Implementation strategy

- Strengthen risk management
  - ✓ Climate-related RAF
- Promote decarbonization business
  - ✓ Transition Finance Playbook

#### **Engagement strategy**

- Approach to customers
- ✓ Customers' transition strategies assessment
- Engage with other stakeholders



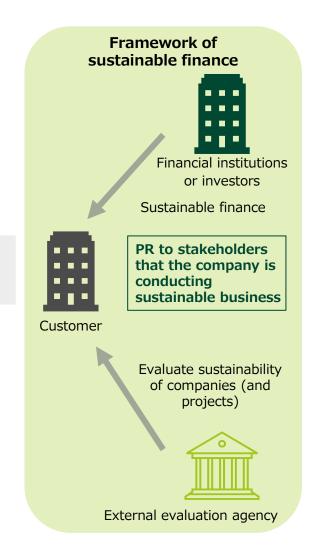
## **Overview of Sustainable Finance**



## **Increasing Stakeholder Pressure on Sustainability**

Shareholders and investors, who traditionally focused on a company's financial conditions and profitability, are now adopting ESG investment methods that incorporate a sustainability perspective.

#### Supplier **Consumers** Similar Consumer contribution to support for sustainability corporate stance throughout the (Especially BtoC) **Companies** supply chain Appealing to ethical consumption **Employees** Increased **Shareholders and Customers** motivation **Investors** Trends in and lovalty Increase of ESG through a incorporating investment sense of social Sustainability contribution Contributing to into partner through work society through selection Potentially investee processes chosen based companies on sustainability in selecting Central and local taraet **Local community** workplace(s) governments Encouraging Trends in local residents Incorporating awareness Sustainability into government



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## **Overview of Sustainable Finance**

Sustainable finance refers to "methods and activities that encourage addressing environmental and social issues through financial means."

#### About sustainable finance

- Aims at addressing global issues, such as environmental issues like climate change, and social issues like human rights issues and poverty.
- General term for financial services that covers not only ESG investment but also a wide range of financial services including sustainable loans and bonds
- Sustainable finance is expected to play an important role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030

#### The benefits of engaging in sustainable finance

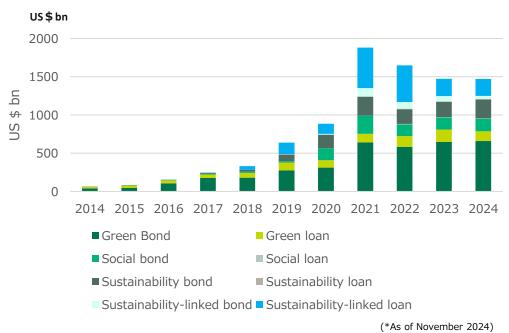
- Efficiently communicate to major stakeholders, including investors, business partners, and employees.
- Increase enterprise value in the medium to long term.



Some of the products and services described in this document may not be available from SMBC. If you wish, we can introduce you to a relevant Group company/companies.

#### Trends in the global sustainable finance market

• The size of the sustainable finance market has been declining for two consecutive years due to factors such as rising interest rates from 2022 onwards and stricter management requirements for sustainability-linked loans/bonds. On the other hand, green loans/bonds turned around to an upward trend in 2023 compared to the previous year.



Source: Compiled by SMBC from Bloomberg NEF

## **Overview of Sustainable Finance products**

	Use of Pr	Sustainability-linked
Туре	Green Loans	Sustainability-linked Loans
Approach	Financing or refinancing with <b>defined</b> social initiatives	General corporate financing with margin linked to sustainability targets
Core Components	Use of proceeds; <b>Project evaluation</b> proceeds; Progress reporting	<ul><li>Material &amp; ambitious KPIs</li><li>Benchmarking</li><li>Progress reporting</li><li>Periodic verification</li></ul>
Benefits	<ul> <li>Specific financing for green and social</li> <li>Tap on growing investor demand for B</li> <li>Demonstrates capex invested in susta</li> <li>Demonstrates credibility of corporate</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Improve sustainability profile</li><li>Financial incentive to meet targets</li></ul>



## **Green/Social/Sustainability Loan**



 Allocated to projects contributing to solving environmental problems (green projects) meeting the the Green Loan Principles.

Examples: Renewable energy, energy efficiency improvement, environmentally sustainable management, biodiversity conservation, clean transportation, etc.

#### Social loan

- Allocated to projects that contribute to solving social problems (social projects) meeting the Social Loan Principles.
- Examples: Infrastructure development, water/sanitation, medical and education services, microfinance, etc.

## Sustainability loan

Allocated to both green and social projects meeting the Sustainability Loan Principles.

#### **Examples**

TEPCO Renewable Power	Green loan	<ul> <li>Projects for development, construction, operation and renovation of renewable energy (hydroelectric, wind, solar and geothermal)</li> </ul>
Healthcare & medical investment corporation	Social Ioan	■ Integrated healthcare facilities where the functions of a paid nursing home for the elderly with nursing carers, a hospital, and a paid nursing home for the elderly, are integrated

#### Main features

- Transparency is ensured through assured tracing and management, as Use of proceed is restricted.
- Formulation of a loan framework and obtain evaluation from an external evaluation agency
- After the loan extension, implement an annual reporting on the status of impact manifestation



## Sustainability-Linked Loan (SLL)

Sustainability-Linked loan  This loan product sets ambitious sustainability performance targets (SPTs) that are aligned with the obligor sustainability strategy, and in accordance with the achievement status, incentives or disincentives will arise.

#### **Description**

- Setting ambitious SPTs material to the business. There are two setting patterns as follows:
- (1) Borrower and arranger **set individual goals** (GHG reduction goals, etc.).
- (2) Use scores given by external evaluation agencies (overall scores and individual item scores).
- There are two setting patterns for incentives and disincentives as follows:
- ① Interest rate-linked method: Interest rates will go up and down depending on the level of achievement. Generally, the linkage range is some basis points.
- ② **Donation method**: When a goal is not reached, the customer donates a predetermined amount to an organization of their choice.
- In principle, acquisition of an external evaluation on compliance with the SLL principles is required (with exceptions).

#### **Main features**

- Can be used for operating capital and other annual expenses as there are no restrictions on Use of proceed.
- 2 Incentives to achieve SPTs.
- Annual **reporting** on the achievement status of SPTs.

### **Case examples**

Kyushu Railway Company	■ Reduce Scope 1 and 2 CO2 emissions by 50% in FY2030 (vs. the reference year of FY2013).
Nomura Real Estate Holdings	<ul> <li>SPT-1: Reduce the total GHG emissions of Scope 1 and Scope 2 across the entire group by 35% by FY2030 vs. FY2019.</li> <li>SPT-2: Reduce the group's Scope 3 (Category 1 and 11) GHG emissions by 35% by FY2030 vs. FY2019.</li> </ul>

Source: Compiled by SMBC from publicly available materials

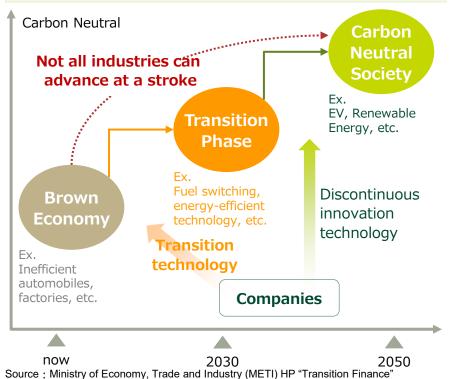
## **Concept of Transition Finance**

Transition finance is a financing method aimed at supporting companies that are making steady efforts to reduce GHG emissions in accordance with long-term strategies to achieve a decarbonized society. **Example of transition (power sector)** 

Pathway to carbon neutral society

#### **Point**

- The pathways to decarbonization are expected to be diverse, considering the characteristics of each country and industry.
- There are many technological and cost-related challenges in decarbonizing society, and it cannot be achieved in one leap.



#### **Point**

- The transition to a decarbonized society requires business restructuring and large-scale investment.
- It is important financial institutions support companies working towards the transition to a carbon neutral society.

Decarbonizati	metric	Target for net zero				
on levers	metric	2020	2030	2050		
ccus	CO2 captured : Mt CO2e	40 <b>x4</b> 2	2 1,670 x4	7,600		
Renewable energy	Renewable energy ratio in generation : %	29 <b>x2.</b>	1 61 x1	.4 88		
Ammonia generation	Consumption of ammonia fuel: Mt	0	8 x1	<b>.6</b> 13		
Hydrogen generation	Consumption of hydrogen fuel: Mt	0	43 <b>x</b>	88		
Power company		Cummont	Financial	Institutions		
Capital investment	R&D	Support		ance ond, equity)		

Source: IEA "Net Zero by 2050"

M&A

reconstruction of

supply chain

**Advisory** 

## **Transition Loan**

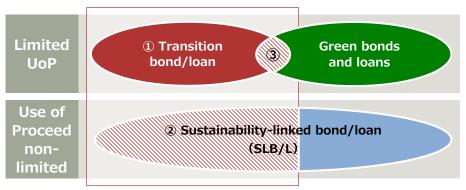
**Transition loan** 

- Finance to support initiatives implemented by industries with high GHG emissions in accordance with longterm strategies aimed at realizing a decarbonized society
- Enables **financing for decarbonization** in industrial sectors where emissions reductions are particularly difficult.

#### **Description**

- Both limited Use of Proceed and non-limited Use of Proceed.
- It is required to be consistent with the International Capital Market Association's "Climate Transition Finance Handbook" and the "Basic Guidelines for Climate Transition Finance" of METI, MOE, and FSA.
- It is necessary to satisfy the **four elements** of **transition**: strategy and governance, materiality, scientific foundation, and transparency.

#### **Transition finance (concept)**



#### **Main features**

- Support customers' transition efforts towards decarbonization that cannot be supported through green initiatives.
- Must meet common transition finance requirements and framework requirements depending
- Annual reporting.

### **Case introduction**

Kirin Holdings	Linked	GHG emission reduction rates in Scope 1 and Scope 2 (Reference FY: FY2019) *Multiple SPTs are set during the loan tenor.
Mazda Use of Proceed are restricted		Development and manufacturing of battery EVs and plug-in hybrid vehicles, as well as CN of globally-owned factories, etc.

Source: Compiled by SMBC from METI website

Source: Compiled by SMBC from publicly available materials



## **Importance of disclosures**



## **SMBC's Transition Finance Playbook – Context**

## SMBC's Commitment

SMBC Group, as a responsible financial institution, will support our customers' transition and efforts to develop new technologies, to maximize our contributions in realizing a decarbonized society. We are committed to achieving net zero emissions in our overall loan and investment portfolio by 2050.

## Achieving net zero

To achieve net zero, it is important to provide financing to activities and sectors which immediately contribute to decarbonization (i.e., green financing)

## Requires reducing our Financed Emissions (FE), but also

To achieve our commitment of net-zero by 2050, we need to also reduce our financing to high emitters on the long-term.

# Requires transition finance

Sectors and activities hard to decarbonize should also be supported to manage their transition to decarbonization, which would contribute to the emission reduction of the real economy. Thus, these should receive "Transition Finance"

## **Increasing FE**

However, these sectors and activities would likely increase SMBC's financed emissions.

# Accountability and Engagement

Transition Finance playbook should help to:

- 1. Better manage our FE
- 2. Increase our lending and investment into transition activities
- 3. Enhance our engagement with our clients on transition and decarbonization strategies

## **Transition Finance Playbook**

In 2023, SMBC published the Transition Finance Playbook, disclosing our definition of transition finance.

	Purpose	Financing to brid	✓ SMBC MARKET					
Transition Finance	Our definition		Financial services aiming to support clients align their operations with pathways in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement.					
	Principles	Do No Significant Harm	No carbon lock-in	Best available technology	Just transition	757574 2種196 2時04、そ 2975年2		
Objectives o Playbook	f the	<ol> <li>Develop objective criteria to define Transition Finance</li> <li>Ensure accountability towards stakeholders</li> <li>Leverage the Playbook for customer engagement</li> </ol>				した。 した。 した。 してはある。 いてはある。 いてはある。 いてはある。 は、また。 ではないでは、 は、また。 ではないでは、 は、また。 ではないでは、 は、また。 ではないでは、 は、また。 また。 は、また。 また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。 は、また。		
Targeted sec	ctors	Power	Oil and Gas	Steel New	Automobile New			
A year of im in figures *as of September	plementation 2024	We labeled We engaged with  36 transactions More than 100 clients						
Feedback fro		"The Playbook is a	"The Playbook is a practical tool to support transition" (Foreign authorit "The Playbook is a realistic initiative, designed in detail according to tec local context" (Investor/Rating agency)					
Starcholders		"We understand v manufacturer)	ve need to explair	n the story towar	ds decarbonization	"(Heavy industry		

## The decision process framework in a nutshell

## Project Finance, Use of Proceeds

### Financing Assets

 Assets are assessed based on SMBC's Internal Taxonomy

according to best practice, regional

# differences and pathways and technological information. To the extent possible, it takes into account alignment with national transition plans / pathways. • Assess the project's main sponsor's\* or the

The Internal Taxonomy has been developed

# **Transition Strategies**

borrower's transition strategy
\*Refer to the General Corporate Finance table for
the detailed criteria

\*The main sponsor is defined as the sponsor with the most influence on the project's decision making process

## **General Corporate Finance**

# initiatives to address climate change, or has pledged to address climate change with international initiatives such as RE100 and SBTi

Participation in sectoral / national

- Commitment for net zero by 2050
- Disclosure of GHG emissions
- Reduction targets for GHG emissions
- Concrete transition strategies to achieve the targets
  - ✓ The borrower has a science-based climate transition strategy which includes credible targets and pathways, aligned with the 1.5℃ pathway
  - The borrower's climate transition strategy is operationalized by an investment plan
- Clear governance oversights to implement the transition strategy
- Appropriate KPIs

## Main Criteria



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