

Announcement of Issuance of Social Bonds

Credit Saison Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Toshima-ku, Tokyo; Representative, Executive President and COO: Katsumi Mizuno; hereinafter “Credit Saison”) has decided to issue Credit Saison Unsecured Straight Bonds No. 91 (with Inter-bond Pari Passu Clause; hereinafter “the Bonds”) as described below. The Bonds will be offered only to institutional investors .

Social bonds are bonds issued by corporations, local governments and other organizations to raise funds for projects aimed at providing solutions to social issues.

The Bonds are Credit Saison’s first social bonds. The funds raised through the issue of the Bonds will be applied to new expenditures and/or refinancing related to the following two projects:

- Capital increase or loans for Kisetu Saison Finance (India) Pvt. Ltd., an Indian subsidiary of Credit Saison
The Bonds will finance local non-banks and fintech operators so that the operators or Kisetu Saison Finance itself can provide financing to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), micro-enterprises and individuals.
- Loans to Saison Capital Pte. Ltd., a Singaporean subsidiary of Credit Saison
The Bonds will finance investment in and lending to startup companies (non-banks, fintech firms, etc.) engaged in efforts to achieve financial inclusion.

The purpose of the two projects above is aimed to provide solutions to the social challenges confronted by the MSMEs or individuals within underserved segment in emerging countries such as India and Southeast Asian countries that are suffering from obtaining sufficient financial services.

For issuance of the Bonds, Credit Saison has created a social-bond framework in accordance with Social Bond Principles 2021¹ and Social Bond Guidelines 2021². Credit Saison has also obtained external evaluation of the framework’s appropriateness (“second opinion”) from Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (hereinafter “R&I”)³.

Under our management philosophy as a leading-edge service company, Credit Saison aims to fulfill its social responsibilities to all stakeholders. In the medium-term management vision, Credit Saison identifies three basic concepts, “Innovative,” “Digital” and “Global”, in abid to “Transforming into a Comprehensive Lifestyle Services Group~Achieving Customer Success through the Fusion of Real Life and Digital Technology~ .”

By issuing the Bonds, Credit Saison will diversify its fundraising and, pursuing the theme of financial inclusion, expand its operations from Asia to the world stage. In so doing, Credit Saison will contribute to social development and the solution of social challenges.

Overview of the Bonds

Term of issue	5 years
Amount of issue	10 billion yen
Rate of interest	0.400%
Date of issue	Friday, June 10, 2022
Lead managers	Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd., Daiwa Securities Co., Ltd., Nomura Securities Co., Ltd., Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities Co., Ltd.
Structuring agents ⁴	Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd., Daiwa Securities Co., Ltd.

Notes

1. Social Bond Principles 2021 is a set of guidelines for the issuance of social bonds. It was established by the Green Bond Principles and Social Bond Principles Executive Committee, a private-sector organization for which the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) serves as the secretariat.
2. Social Bond Guidelines 2021 is a set of guidelines established and published by the Financial Services Agency in October 2021 for the purpose of furthering the adoption in Japan of social bonds. The Guidelines provide examples of specific responses and interpretations adapted to the circumstances of Japan, a country challenged by a number of so-called “advanced-country problems,” for reference in gauging the appropriateness of social-bond issues in light of the Social Bond Principles and examining specific responses by officers of market participants with respect to social bonds.
3. Second opinion from R&I:

https://www.r-i.co.jp/news_release_sof/2022/02/news_release_sof_20220214_jpn_01.pdf
4. Structuring agents provide support for the issuance of social bonds by establishing social-bond frameworks and advising on the solicitation of second opinions.