

Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation
The Master Trust Bank of Japan , Ltd
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Investment Management Platform Partnership Leveraging BlackRock's Aladdin® Forged in Japan

2 December 2021, Tokyo – The Master Trust Bank of Japan Ltd (“MTBJ”), a subsidiary of Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation (“MUTB”), has entered into a strategic partnership with BlackRock's Aladdin® platform, to support the closer integration of front-to-back-office investment management lifecycle. The partnership is the first of its kind in Japan, and will be implemented through collaboration between BlackRock Solutions and MTBJ.

The partnership enriches MTBJ, as one of the first trust banks that focuses on fund administration services in Japan, with specialized custodian offering to enable operational transformation for its asset manager and institutional clients in Japan. Leveraging its expertise in custody and middle/back office outsourcing capability, MTBJ can now offer a streamlined investment management experience to mutual clients of MTBJ and BlackRock's Aladdin® platform, enabling a coherent and efficient flow of data for a fully connected front-to-back office. By providing integrated operational workflows across the investment management lifecycle, their clients can enjoy access to seamless data update, and operational risk and cost management that enhances the end-to-end experience.

Toshikazu Mukohara, Representative Director and President of MTBJ, said, "As an asset servicing company, we have cultivated know-how and technology over the years through operations related to the settlement, custody, and accounting of securities on behalf of investors. Through the Aladdin® platform, we aspire to further contribute to the asset management industry and solve challenges our clients face, by fostering an environment where asset management companies and institutional investors can specialize in investment management.

Akiyoshi Takeuchi, Head of BlackRock Solutions Asia-Pacific, said, "We are delighted to have MTBJ as our first Japanese partner on the Aladdin Provider. It is a critical milestone as we continue to support clients in Japan and across the Asia Pacific region in enhancing technology platform for them. Our partnership can increase our shared value to solve the diverse and increasingly complex needs of clients in asset management and custody operations, and ultimately to contribute to the advancement of the asset management industry."

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About Master Trust Bank of Japan

In May 2000, MTBJ began its operations as Japan's first trust bank specializing in asset management. The bank has invested in approximately 130 countries and has assets of over 500 trillion yen under custody.

As a leading custody bank that provides the highest level of comprehensive asset management services in an efficient manner with global standards, we will provide the "MTBJ Platform (Data Management Platform)" that aims to improve the efficiency of the asset management industry.

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