

Revision of the Sustainable Investment System and ESG-related Naming Rule

Asset Management One Co., Ltd. (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, President & CEO; Noriyuki Sugihara, hereinafter, AM-One) has been implementing a sustainability transformation (SX) since the establishment of its corporate message “Creating a sustainable future through the power of investment” in January 2021.

AM-One announces that it has undertaken a revision of its sustainable investment system and ESG-related naming rule that it established in the previous fiscal year.

<Recategorization of sustainable investment system and clarification of standards>

In the sustainable investment system, we first established “Impact Investment” and “Sustainability Investment” as two separate categories instead of subcategories of “Impact Investment”, and then redefined the standards for this.

New Category	Features of Fund
Impact Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investments aiming for a positive and measurable environmental and social impact • Requires the three elements of intended creation of impact in society, additionality and novelty, and measurement and reporting
Sustainability Investment*	Investments aiming to contribute to the solution of environmental and social issues
ESG Leader	Invest in “Excellent Companies” that contribute to the achievement of a sustainable society
Transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in companies that take a positive approach to incremental reduction of society’s and their own environmental and social burden • Invest in companies with promise for improved ESG initiatives
ESG Integration	Consider ESG risks and/or opportunities in the investment process

*Areas displayed in red indicate parts changed from FY2022

<Revision of ESG-related naming rule>

Funds which use “ESG” or other related words in their names must fall under the “Impact Investment”, “Sustainability Investment”, “ESG Leader”, or “Transition” (ESG investment trusts only) categories in the new investment system. The rule continues to require that the product be structured with reference to the SFDR* and other international initiatives, and that it meets the requirements for disclosure.

*SFDR (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation): A European regulation for disclosure concerning to sustainable finance

We shall mainly be enhancing and increasing ESG-related information disclosure for publicly offered investment trusts. In Impact Investment case, examples of this include describing what is used to assess impact and how attempts are being made to achieve this impact in the features of funds in our prospectus, and noting the status of progress toward achieving the impact in the delivery investment report**. Through initiatives such as this, we hope that investors will be able to fully appreciate that their investment will contribute to society, and we hope that we can make obtaining financial and social returns over the medium-to-long term a reality.

** On September 28, 2023, we have made a correction to the stated information.

The news release from the previous fiscal year concerning this matter is available from the URL below.

November 16, 2022: AM-One to establish Sustainable Investment Category and enhancing ESG-related Naming Rule

http://www.am-one.co.jp/pdf/english/96/221116_AMOne_newsrelease.pdf

Going forward, AM-One shall continue to update its sustainable investment system and ESG-related naming rule as and when necessary in light of trends in Japan and overseas, and shall work with clients to put sustainable investment into practice.

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