

## **Awarded Bronze in the Investor Category of the Ministry of the Environment's “ESG Finance Award Japan”**

Asset Management One Co., Ltd. ("AM-One") received the Bronze award in the Investor category of the first ESG Finance Award Japan ("the Award") by the Ministry of the Environment.

This Award was established by the Ministry of the Environment in October 2019 in order to promote and expand ESG finance. The purpose of this award is to evaluate and commend financial institutions that are actively involved in ESG finance and companies that are engaged in sustainable environmental management. In February, the awardees were announced in their first ceremony.

AM-One received the Bronze Award based on the fact that “Asset Management One focuses on returns (expanding business opportunities) and engaging with an awareness that resolving environmental issues leads to an increase in corporate value over the medium to long term. The Award Selection Committee appreciated that, based on these concepts, AM-One meticulously manages the progress of engagement and is aware of inter-industry linkages in engagement.”

As a leading asset management company, AM-One works together with its investee companies to resolve social issues and to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society. AM-One confirms whether the companies which it invests in are practicing sustainable management and actively engage in stewardship activities to further encourage and develop our efforts. Engagement activities, which were highly evaluated and commended at the time of this award, are at the core of AM-One's stewardship activities alongside voting activities.

AM-One aims to continue contributing to the realization of a sustainable society by appropriately fulfilling its stewardship responsibilities, as encouraged and recognized by this award.

