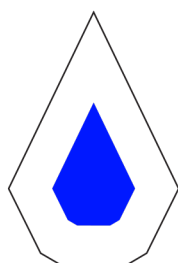


Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management wins
The Best Fund Awards of “Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards 2020 Japan”

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Best Fund Awards in the Investment Trusts Category

■ **DAIWA SB DC FOREIGN EQUITY ACTIVE FUND**

In the category Equity Global ex Japan for its performance over 3, 5 and 10 years

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui Focus Japan Open**

In the category Equity Japan Income for its performance over 3 and 5 years

■ **North America Energy Fund (Biannually Settlement type)**

In the category Equity Sector Energy for its performance over 5 years

■ **SB JAPAN BOND FUND**

In the category Bond JPY for its performance over 10 years

■ **GLOBAL BEST FUND**

In the category Equity Global for its performance over 10 years

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui Dividend Yield Stock Open**

In the category Equity Japan Income for its performance over 10 years

Best Fund Awards in the Defined Contribution Pension Category

■ **DAIWA SUMIGIN DC INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND**

In the category Equity Global ex Japan for its performance over 3, 5 and 10 years

■ **DAIWA SUMIGIN DC PENSION PLAN FUND 70**

In the category Mixed Asset JPY Aggressive for its performance over 5 years

■ **DAIWA SUMIGIN DC PENSION PLAN FUND 50**

In the category Mixed Asset JPY Balanced for its performance over 5 years

■ **DAIWA SUMIGIN DC PENSION PLAN FUND 30**

In the category Mixed Asset JPY Conservative for its performance over 5 years

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