

NEWS RELEASE

Aozora Bank Completes Transfer of Trust Operations

Tokyo October 1, 2018 — Aozora Bank, Ltd. (President and CEO: Shinsuke Baba; Head Office: Tokyo) ('Aozora' or 'the Bank') today announced that it has completed the previously disclosed transfer of trust operations handled by the Bank's subsidiary, GMO Aozora Net Bank, Ltd., to the main bank, as detailed in the August 31, 2018 press release titled "Aozora Announces Approval to Conduct Trust Operations".

After the establishment of the Nippon Credit Trust Bank (currently GMO Aozora Net Bank) in 1994, Aozora took proactive measures to provide trust services in order to meet the broad range of asset securitization, financing and operations needs of its corporate and financial institution customers.

Today's transfer of trust operations also marks the beginning of a newly established Trust Banking Group, a trust business division independent from Aozora's banking division. Aozora will continue to build upon its flexible product design and quick customer response in order to provide specialized and differentiated banking and trust services by leveraging the Bank's core competencies.

[Corporate Customers]

- Provide securitization services for our customers' real-estate and monetary claims (such as loans and accounts receivable) in order to help financing efforts and improve overall financial condition.
- Provide escrow trust services offering payment security for real estate purchases and corporate acquisitions up while waiting closing conditions to be fully satisfied.

[Financial Institution Customers]

- Provide a broad range of investment alternatives including asset backed loans through securities and corporate investment trusts targeting financial product investments.
- Work closely with our financial institution customers and assist in financing through the securitization of client payments and medical insurance benefits.

[Retail Customers]

- Provide high quality consulting services regarding investment products to our senior generation mass affluent customers by utilizing our Banking Division's asset management expertise.
- In addition to our existing investment products, leverage our trust operations to develop new services suitable for customers at various ages.

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