Certification, Evaluation, and Recognitions by External Organizations

We have made advanced efforts in tangible and intangible ways to create shopping malls designed with people and the environment in mind. In FY2021, we received high commendations from domestic and overseas organizations.

Certifications and Evaluations From ESG Evaluation Organizations

Recognized as a Leaderboard Company; Highest CDP Supplier Engagement Rating

The CDP is a non-profit organization that conducts international environmental research and information disclosure related to its supplier engagement rating. AEON MALL received the highest rating of Leader Board in recognition of our efforts to address climate change throughout our supply chain, as well as our activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Further, the CDP favored the information we disclosed on our strategy and response to climate change in relation to climate issues, giving us a score of "B."



5 Star (Highest) Rating in the 2021 GRESB Real Estate Assessment for a Second Consecutive Year

We received a five Star rating (highest rating) in the 2021 GRESB Real Estate Assessment for the second year in a row. The GRESB evaluation is based on a five-step scale according to the global ranking based on an overall score. In addition, for the seventh consecutive year, we received the Green Star rating. This rating is an indicator of excellent participant in both the Management Component (policies and organizational structure for ESG promotion) and the Performance Component (environmental performance and initiatives with tenants at the properties we own).



Selected as Constituent of ESG Investing Stock Indexes

ESG investing reflects investment decisions of a company's value based not only on financial information, but also environmental, social, and governance initiatives (non-financial information). Amid the rapid growth of this investment approach, we have been selected as a constituent of various indexes calculated by organizations that provide investment information to institutional investors. These investors select companies that excel in ESG evaluations.



Ten Malls Received DBJ Green Building Certification

DBJ Green Building Certification is granted by Development Bank of Japan based on a comprehensive evaluation system that includes not only the environmental performance of the subject property, but also considers the social demands of the various stakeholders in the area around the property. In January 2022, AEON MALL Morioka (Iwate Prefecture)*, AEON MALL Kurashiki (Okayama Prefecture)*, AEON MALL Nogata (Fukuoka Prefecture)*, AEON MALL Shinrifu North Wing (Miyagi Prefecture), AEON MALL Takasaki (Gunma Prefecture), and AEON MALL Narita (Chiba Prefecture) received four stars in the rating, AEON MALL Shinkomatsu (Ishikawa Prefecture) received the highest rating of five stars. In March 2022, AEON MALL Ota (Gunma Prefecture)*, AEON MALL Suzuka (Mie Prefecture)*, and AEON MALL Kyoto Gojo (Kyoto Prefecture)* received four stars. *Recertified malls



External Recognitions

Example of Outstanding Practices in Shopping Center Management

In July 2021, AEON MALL Wuhan Jinyintan (China) received the 2021 CCFA Golden Lily Best Practice in the shopping mall category at the 2021 CCFA Shopping Center & Chain Brands Development Summit organized by the China Chain Store & Franchise Association (CCFA). The mall was expanded and renovated in July 2020. The project included converting the 4th floor of the multi-story parking lot into retail stores, the construction of one of the largest restaurant areas in the area covering approximately 15,000m², and improvements to existing areas. In addition, the mall prepared to open its specialty stores rapidly after the lifting of lockdowns in Wuhan City during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the mall was able to open 90% of the restaurant area on the 4th floor on July 31 of the same year, and all stores in the area by the end of the year.



SDGs











AEON MALL Given 99 Giving Day Patronage Award

In October 2021, AEON MALL China received the 2021 99 Giving Day Patronage Award from the One Foundation, a private public interest organization. The award recognized the mall for its 99 Giving Day event, one of the largest public interest events in China. In collaboration with the One Foundation and the AEON Group's China headquarters, 19,800 people supported an activity in which customers who donated 1 yuan or more at 22 malls in China received novelty gifts. The mall also received high marks for its ongoing efforts, including the use of posters and LED screens to encourage participation in public service activities.



Top 5 Office & Shopping Center 2020

In March 2021, AEON MALL Ha Dong (Vietnam) received the Top 5 Office & Shopping Center 2020 award. This award is based on a vote conducted by 500,000 journalists and business leaders in the fields of economics, construction, and real estate. The mall was also highly regarded for suggesting lifestyles for coexistence with the environment and the high levels of convenience in accordance with universal design guidelines.



App Ape Award 2020 App of the Year Award for Excellence

In February 2021, the AEON MALL app was selected as the winner of the App of the Year Award for Excellence in recognition of the app's growing user base. The App Ape awards are given by Fuller,



Inc., an app analysis platform company. We released a comprehensive upgrade to the AEON MALL app in June 2020. The app now features information about the user's favorite stores, routes to the mall, and suggested travel paths within the mall. The enhanced content made the app even more convenient and easy to use.

Osaka Stop Global Warming Awards, Fourth Recognition

The Osaka Stop Global Warming Awards is sponsored by the Department of Environment, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Osaka Prefectural Government. The award is given to businesses with offices in Osaka Prefecture that have made exemplary and particularly outstanding efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and human-generated heat emissions in their business activities. AEON MALL Sakai Kitahanada, AEON MALL Rinku Sennan, AEON MALL Tsurumi Ryokuchi, AEON MALL Shijonawate, AEON MALL Sakai Teppoucho, and AEON Fujiidera Shopping Center, managed and operated by AEON MALL, have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 4.6% compared to FY2018 by utilizing CO₂-free electricity and adding EV chargers.



The 3rd Koriyama SDGs Award

Hiwada Shopping Mall Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary that operates Shopping Mall Festa (Fukushima Prefecture) received the 3rd Koriyama SDGs Award (General Division) in February 2022. The awards are given to residents, organizations, and businesses that make particularly outstanding efforts to create SDGs Future City in the 16 municipalities that make up the greater Koriyama area. The company was recognized specifically for its SDGs Week, held in collaboration with the local community to spread and practice the SDGs, as well as its work with specialty store tenants in food education and food loss reduction.



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