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SMBC Group Report 2018 is designed to convey financial and non-financial information about the overall picture, business strategy, and corporate infrastructure of SMBC Group. It has been compiled with reference to the International Integrated Reporting Framework issued by the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) in December 2013.

The appendix in the back of this report contains more detailed information on the Group. Additional information on CSR activities can be found on the Company's corporate website.

Scope of Report

Period covered:

Fiscal 2017 (April 2017 to March 2018)
Some subsequent information is also included.

Organizations covered:

Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group and its subsidiaries and affiliates

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