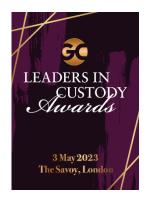
Mizuho receives the award "Agent of the Year" by Global Custodian magazine

We are pleased to announce that Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO: Masahiko Kato) has received the "Agent of the Year" and the "Award for Consistent Excellence" awards at the "Leaders in Custody awards 2023" held by the Global Custodian magazine to award the best custodian banks* in their respective fields.

In addition, Mizuho Bank also received the awards "Agent Bank Award - Client Service and Relationship Management" and "Regional Clients' Choice - Major Markets" in the Asian awards category which Global Custodian newly established this year in response to the growing Asian markets.

*A bank that provides custody services such as safekeeping assets and settlement of securities to financial institutions and institutional investors





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Our winning of these awards is underpinned by our dedicated service and expertise in custody services that have consistently received high evaluation from our clients, including non-Japanese financial institutions and institutional investors. In fact, we have been ranked No. 1 in the Japan category for 12 consecutive years in the customer experience survey organized by Global Custodian.

We will continue to utilize our knowledge and expertise in custody services to meet the needs of our clients, and contribute to developing the Japanese securities market by liaising with non-Japanese investors who are increasing investment in Japan.

For more information about the Leaders in Custody awards, please visit the following URL.https://www.globalcustodian.com/global-custodian-announces-winners-of-leaders-in-custody-awards-2023/