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# Notice Concerning Amendments to Asset Management Guidelines of Asset Manager

BLife Investment Corporation ("BLife") announces Daiwa House Asset Management Co., Ltd., the asset manager to which BLife entrusts the management of its assets (the "Asset Manager"), today decided to amend the Asset Management Guidelines pertaining to the management of BLife's assets, which are internal rules of the Asset Manager, to exclude retail properties from the investment assets that it will acquire going forward.

## 1. Background

- (1) BLife was listed as a complex-type real estate investment trust (J-REIT) that invests in residential properties (rental housing), which have stable rent and occupancy rates, and retail properties, which have rent that is expected to increase when there is an economic upturn, with an aim of securing stable mid- to long-term income and to achieve steady portfolio growth.
- (2) However, due in part to merging with New City Residence Investment Corporation, which invested in solely residential properties, and succeeding its 105 residential properties, the properties that BLife has acquired since listing are mostly residential properties and BLife holds just two retail properties (accounting for 1.3% of the entire portfolio) as of today.

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Under such circumstances, for future ongoing acquisition of retail properties and gaining of momentum in the management of retail properties, the Asset Manager will be required to increasingly strengthen its structure through various means, such as additionally securing personnel for the management of retail properties and developing additional information sourcing channels for the acquisition of retail properties, as well as taking other drastic measures.

In light of the above, a consideration of the economic climate of Japan and other factors has led to the Asset Manager concluding that rather than taking such drastic measures and expanding the scope of BLife's investment, pursuit of even higher investment efficiency and operational capacity of residential properties by BLife, and the Asset Manager concentrating management resources on the management of residential properties instead of additionally acquiring retail properties, would result in the maximization of returns for unitholders. Accordingly, the decision was made today to amend the Asset Management Guidelines.

(3) Concerning the two retail properties (accounting for 1.3% of the entire portfolio) that BLife holds as of today, the policy is to keep holding these for the time being due in part to the current occupancy rate being 100%. However, studies will be underway on selling these properties at an appropriate time and as needed based on assessment of market conditions and other factors in accordance with BLife's selling policy.

#### 2. Amendment Date

September 5, 2011

#### 3. Other

An extraordinary report was submitted today to the Director-General of the Kanto Local Finance Bureau pursuant to the provisions of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act for this matter.

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<sup>\*</sup> URL of the BLife's website: http://www.blife-reit.co.jp/eng/





#### [Reference]

# Amendments to Portfolio Development Policies

Investment Ratio by Property Usage and Investment Ratio by Area

# (i) Investment Ratio by Property Usage

The investment ratio by property usage is as follows:

	Residential	
Investment Ratio	100%	

Deletion of Retail

## (ii) Investment Ratio by Area

The investment ratio by area is, in principle, as follows:

Area	Location	Investment Ratio	
	Location	Residential	
Area 1	5 major wards of Tokyo	40 to 60%	
	(Chiyoda, Chuo, Minato, Shibuya and Shinjuku Wards)		
Area 2	Wards of Tokyo excluding Area 1	20 to 50%	
Area 3	okyo metropolitan area 0 to 20%		
	(Tokyo (excluding Area 1 and Area 2), and Kanagawa, Saitama and Chiba Prefectures)	0 10 20%	
Area 4	Other cities with populations of approximately 100,000 or more	0 to 20%	
Total		100%	

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## Investment Ratio by Type

The investment ratio by type of residential property is, in principle, as follows:

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Type	Single (S)	DINKS (D)	Family (F)	Large (L)
Dedicated Area	30m <sup>2</sup> or less	Over $30\text{m}^2$ to $70\text{m}^2$	Over $70\text{m}^2$ to $100\text{m}^2$	Over 100m <sup>2</sup>
Investment Ratio by the Number of Units against All Residential Units	30 to 60%	40 to 60%	0 to 20%	0 to 10%

Deletion of the (i) symbol and (ii) Investment Ratio by Type of Retail Property

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