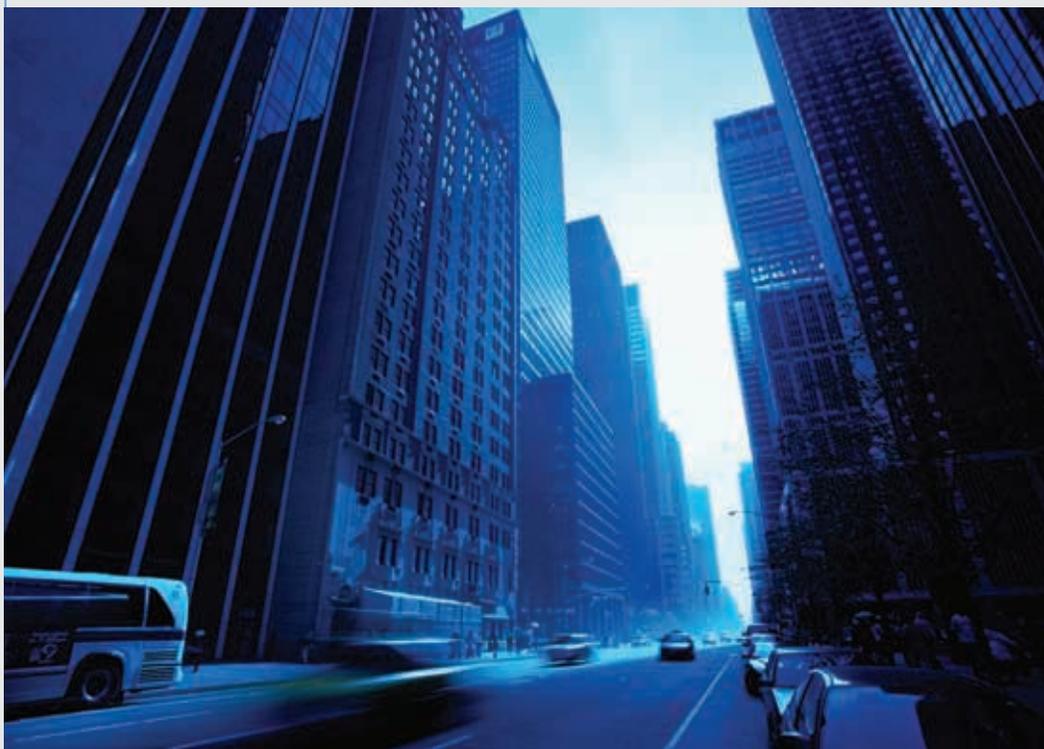


*Business Approaches Adopted by Each Global Group*

*Global Corporate Group*

*— Approaches to Large and Global Corporations, and Other Entities —*



*Business Environment and Overview of the Global Corporate Group*

The self-sustaining recovery trend in the Japanese economy is becoming more apparent as the turnaround spreads from the manufacturing sector to the non-manufacturing sector and hence to consumer spending. Moreover, as the global economy takes a turn for the better, and markets for various industries expand as a result of surging worldwide demand, there are signs of a global industrial realignment that transcends national boundaries. Under these conditions, customers among large and global corporations and other entities expect financial institutions to do more than simply resolve their financial issues in areas such as funding and financial efficiency. Indeed, their needs have expanded to include restructuring existing businesses, advancing into new business sectors, overseas strategies, risk management and numerous other management issues.

For a financial group to enhance its competitiveness in satisfying these needs, it is essential to offer sophisticated, cutting-edge solutions that combine financial functions such as securities and trusts, as well as banking.

To respond to the needs of large and global corporations and other entities, the Global Corporate Group provides highly specialized, cutting-edge solutions by leveraging its comprehensive financial capabilities and promoting close cooperation between the global corporate banking sector and the wholesale securities sector.

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## Key Group Companies

### ● Mizuho Corporate Bank

MHCB provides optimal solutions to the increasingly diverse and sophisticated needs of customers in the areas of both finance and business strategies, focusing its efforts on serving major corporations (such as those listed on the first section of domestic stock exchanges), financial institutions and their group companies, public sector entities, and overseas corporations including subsidiaries of Japanese corporations.

More specifically, it is revamping its organization to dramatically strengthen its ability to provide financial solutions through competitive services at the global level. In addition to taking full advantage of the functions of the group companies of Mizuho such as MHBK, MHSC and MHTB, it is working in broadly-based cooperation with foreign investment banks and various types of investment funds as it pursues a "deal after deal" marketing strategy that offers customers cutting-edge financial solutions on a continuous, multi-faceted basis.

### ● Mizuho Securities

MHSC is a wholesale securities company that offers high-quality, specialized solutions in response to the wide-ranging needs of domestic and overseas institutional investors, corporations, financial institutions and public sector entities.

It already occupies a top position in the domestic investment banking business in such areas as debt, equity, M&A and structured finance, but is working hard to offer more enhanced services that maximize its comprehensive strengths through inter-operational tie-ups and a more customer-oriented operating structure.

It is also proactively strengthening its global operations by promoting greater integration with the operations of overseas offices, establishing representative offices in China, and entering tie-ups with a U.S. investment bank in M&A operations.

## Performance and Highlights

### Performance

Income from business with customers rose sharply due to higher profits from the solutions business and transactions with Japanese companies in the international business sector, as well as substantial increases in income from non-Japanese customers through MBOs and other transactions in Europe. MHSC also set a new record for income as it took advantage of the favorable market environment.

	(Billions of yen)	
	Fiscal 2005	
	Net Income	Net Business Profits
Global Corporate Group	572.7* <sup>1</sup>	435.1* <sup>2</sup>

\*1: Aggregated figures of core banking subsidiary and securities subsidiary (non-consolidated).

\*2: Aggregated figures of core banking subsidiary (non-consolidated).

### Highlights

#### ●MHCB

- Implemented thoroughgoing cross-divisional realignments of all internal and external operating structures to improve its ability to provide world-class services.
- Established the Houston Representative Office and the Atlanta Representative Office of the New York Branch, the New Delhi Branch, the Wuxi Branch, and the Brussels Branch of Mizuho Corporate Bank Nederland.
- Claimed the number five spot in Thomson Financial's world ranking of project finance arrangers.
- Acted as lead arranger in numerous large leveraged finance and MBO deals in Japan and overseas.
- Maintained top domestic share in the syndicated loan sector in fiscal 2005.

#### ●MHSC

- Posted record ordinary profits on both a consolidated and a non-consolidated basis.
- Established the International Business Promotion Group and opened representative offices in Beijing and Shanghai.
- Formed a strategic alliance with U.S. investment bank Evercore Partners to offer cross-border M&A advisory services.

## “Investment Bank Declaration” and “Global Declaration”

In the fall of 2005, MHCBC unveiled its new slogan, the “Investment Bank Declaration,” following the progress it made as a financial institution with its base in corporate finance in achieving a business model that promotes and combines its commercial and investment banking operations. From fiscal 2006, it has launched a new slogan, the “Global Declaration.” This new slogan indicates the direction MHCBC intends to take in the future, which is to build on the strong foundations of commercial banking and establish “true” investment banking, and to expand it globally.

### Strategic Reorganization

In order to reinforce its business model and further promote the globalization of the bank overall, MHCBC instituted major changes in its organization and structure at the end of March 2006. Traditionally, Japanese banks tend to be organized so that domestic and overseas divisions operate separately. In an attempt to transform its organization into something that better suits a financial institution that is expanding its business activities on a global scale, however, MHCBC decided to completely change its approach so that all business promotion and development will be carried out on a bank-wide scale at the global level by divisions with specific functional expertise.

These globalization measures cover not only profit-generating divisions such as business promotion, investment banking and transaction banking divisions, but also corporate divisions such as IT, systems and operations divisions. In other words, all domestic and international banking operations will be integrated on a cross-divisional basis. These efforts to promote globalization will enable MHCBC to provide customers with advanced financial solutions of a higher level of sophistication than ever before.

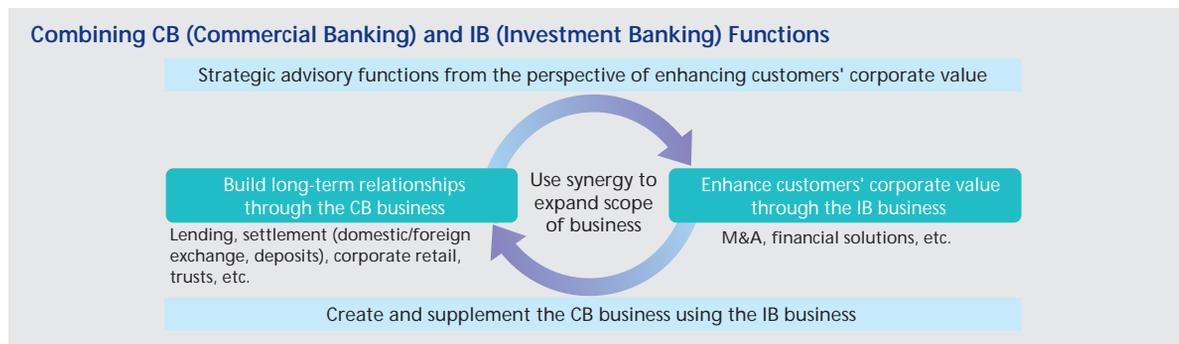
## Solutions for Management and Financial Needs

### Solutions Business Helps Raise Corporate Value

As a bank that is “constantly evolving,” MHCBC is putting a great deal of effort into offering solutions that help raise its customers' corporate value.

Employing a “strategic advisory service-based solutions business approach” as their code of behavior, MHCBC's relationship managers offer global financial solutions that bring together the group's financial functions in the form of group-wide relationship managers. These cover M&A, various forms of securitization, syndicated loans, pensions and CMS, as well as the full line of services available through the combination of banking, securities, trust and other specialist functions of Mizuho.

In other words, they engage in a “deal after deal” marketing approach whereby they offer timely strategic advice on maximizing customers' corporate value with solutions provided on an ongoing, multi-faceted basis created by



taking into consideration the viewpoints of managers of corporate customers.

This business style is unique in that it combines the features of strategic consulting companies and foreign investment banks, and is designed to enable MHC B to become a strategic building partner to its customers through solutions business promotion.

## Solutions for Financial Institutions and Public Sector Entities

### ● Financial Institutions

As customers from the financial sector turn to more aggressive management stances, MHC B has been proposing appropriate solutions that offer a more robust approach than ever from the viewpoint of financial strategies and risk management. In order to respond to customers' increasingly sophisticated investment needs, MHC B investment proposals have come to embrace new products and investment instruments, including cross-border syndicated loans, and investment products incorporating tailor-made investment trusts and derivatives. By offering advanced financial technologies, products and other forms of know-how, it is strengthening its efforts to open up new business frontiers as a partner that can be relied on.

MHC B also seeks to channel the financial functions of Mizuho's group companies into proposing high-quality advisory services and solutions to management issues associated with strengthening customers' financial structures, such as capital management, the removal of assets from the balance sheet and alliance strategies.

### ● Public Sector Entities

In recent years, special public corporation reforms, government FILP (Fiscal Investment and Loan Program) reforms and other reforms affecting the public sector have gotten underway in earnest. As a result, the needs of public sector entities have become more diverse and sophisticated than ever. In response, MHC B endeavors to propose optimal solutions that bring together the sophisticated expertise and know-how of Mizuho's group companies. In the area of diversifying financial needs, examples include the arrangement of syndicated loans and asset securitization, as well as advisory entrustment and the proposal of derivative products to meet increasingly complex risk management needs.

The public and corporate bond business has gone through a number of institutional reforms, including the introduction of the Book-entry Transfer System for "Corporate Bonds" of JASDEC (Japan Securities Depository Center) and the new Company Law of Japan. Against this background, MHC B has drawn on its powerful performance and rich experience as a leading bank to support issuers in procuring stable supplies of funds.

## New Global Expansion

### ● Strategic Reinforcement of Office Network

In light of the increasing global expansion of its customers' business, MHC B is proactively extending its global network in order to provide high-quality support.

With the opening of the Houston Representative Office in August 2005 and the Atlanta Representative Office in February 2006, it rapidly expanded its coverage of the U.S. from three offices to five, in the process establishing a framework that can offer much closer service support than before. In rapidly growing India, one of the pillars of the "BRICs economies"—Brazil, Russia, India and China—MHC B opened a branch in New Delhi in May 2006, adding to its Mumbai Branch to strengthen its support for Japanese companies that are increasingly active on the sub-continent. It subsequently opened a branch in Wuxi, China, in June, and another in Brussels\*, Belgium, in July.

In September 2006, it is scheduled to open a branch in Ho Chi Minh City, its second in Vietnam. The bank will continue to carefully analyze medium-term trends in economic conditions and customers' activities, with a view to maintaining its flexible, proactive branch network development strategy.

\*The Brussels Branch belongs to Mizuho Corporate Bank Nederland, a wholly owned subsidiary of MHC B.

### ● Solutions for Global Companies

MHCB helps enhance customers' corporate value by proactively providing global-based solutions, not only to Japanese companies but also to customers centered in the North American and European markets who are engaged in global business activities. In doing so, it makes strategic use of relationships with external financial institutions to offer solutions that include syndicated loans, project finance, leveraged finance, structured trade finance and various other advanced products.

It holds a top-tier position in the European MBO market, for example. It has also established a strong track record in North America and Europe in proactively putting together securitization products such as CDOs (Collateralized Debt Obligations) that use advanced financial technology. MHCB is also introducing technologies nurtured in advanced markets into Japan and using them in developing solutions that can satisfy its customers' needs more precisely.

### From Corporate Revitalization to Credit Engineering

As it steadily resolved its non-performing loan (NPL) issues, MHCB established the Credit Engineering Division in April 2005 to bring together the highly specialized know-how it accumulated during the corporate revitalization process, and is moving rapidly to promote its credit engineering business.

The new division is actively engaged in promoting and backing up businesses that focus more on enhancing customers' corporate value and improving their market confidence. It offers high value-added investment bank-like skills in setting up business revitalization schemes, calculating corporate value and supporting feasibility studies on refinancing and capital management measures. It has also arranged Japan's first high-yield CLOs (Collateral Loan Obligations) and provided support for an exit strategy of preferred stock.

In keeping with its aim of becoming a partner to its customers in creating new corporate value, MHCB makes use of MHSC and other Mizuho resources while at the same time working in broad-based cooperation with foreign investment banks and various types of equity funds.

## Aiming for Greater Strength in Top-Level Products on a Global Scale

### Promoting Investment Bank-Type Finance

#### ● Leveraged Finance and MBOs

Amidst rapid growth in Japan's M&A business in recent years, MHCB has endeavored to help customers raise their corporate value through business restructuring by promoting leveraged finance, primarily non-recourse finance based on the cashflows of the target companies. In the LBO/MBO sectors in particular, it provides advisory services and arrange finance in connection with large-scale business restructuring involving sell-offs of business divisions and subsidiaries, and similar deals. It has also adopted a proactive approach to crossborder deals, and has the best track record in the sector for global leveraged finance transactions.

Group companies Mizuho Corporate Advisory and Mizuho Capital Partners provide advisory services in connection with MBOs and financial strategies, as well as investments through an MBO fund. In December 2005, it set up Japan's first mezzanine fund in order to satisfy the increasingly sophisticated financial requirements of customers.

#### ● Real Estate Finance

As a leading player in the real estate finance business, MHCB has accumulated advanced expertise in arranging total financial packages using everything from senior debt to mezzanine finance and equity investment, and in putting

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together large-scale development finance projects associated with urban renewal, such as the Tokyo Midtown Project for redeveloping the site once occupied by the Defense Agency.

Amidst the rapid changes affecting the Japanese real estate market and market globalization, it is endeavoring to provide customers with optimal solutions by drawing on its strong record and rich experience in real estate finance, its real estate-related advisory functions and its links with overseas branches.

## ● Structured Finance

MHCB supports its customers' financial strategies by arranging securitization programs to satisfy their funding needs and remove assets from the balance sheet in order to improve their management indices.

It offers several securitization solutions for customers with a variety of assets including future receivables, accounts and notes receivables, and intellectual property rights. It uses syndication methods to satisfy investors' needs for sophisticated, specialist products and solutions.

To provide a wide range of finance solutions, it offers inventory finance and other forms of asset-based lending, and comprehensive balance sheet management covering both the asset and the liability sides.

## ● Project Finance

By its nature, project finance has to be tailored to reflect the very diverse business structures of individual projects, and requires sophisticated skills and a rich store of knowledge. With its team of highly experienced staff members operating at the global level, MHCB occupies an important position in this sector, claiming the number five spot in the world ranking of arrangers compiled by Thomson Financial.

It offers business risk-mitigating solutions to customers who invest in projects by providing limited recourse-based finance for resource development, power generation and other infrastructure improvement projects in Japan and overseas, and for PFI projects in Japan in line with the shift from the public to the private sector.

## Taking the Syndication Business to the Next Phase

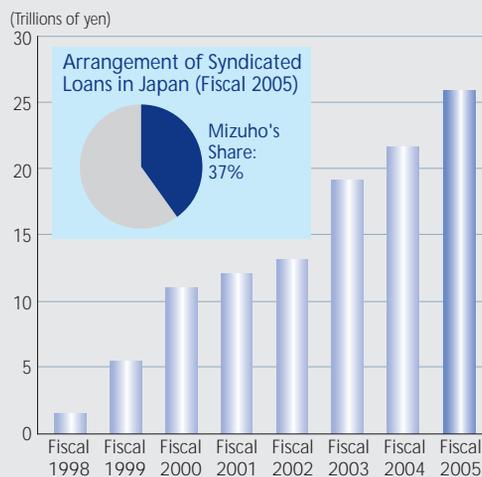
Japan's syndicated loan markets have grown rapidly in recent years, and MHCB plays a leading role in driving market growth and providing high value-added services by making active use of the syndication function to meet a variety of corporate financial needs in all sectors. Examples include cross-border syndicated loans ("Ninja loans") for foreign companies and sovereign entities raising funds in the Japanese market, large LBO deals using M&A finance, and financial solutions for total debt restructuring aimed at increasing corporate value. The loan trading market is essential for MHCB's "originate to distribute" business model based on asset turnover, and MHCB is contributing to its development by compiling an impressive record in arranging numerous "high-liquidity loans"

## Performance as an Arranger of Project Finance (January 2005-December 2005)

Ranking	Company name	Amount (millions of U.S. dollars)	No. of transactions
1	Royal Bank of Scotland	8,891.0	54
2	BNP Paribas	7,647.6	48
3	Societe Generale	7,214.3	37
4	Calyon	6,902.3	59
5	<b>Mizuho Financial Group</b>	<b>5,530.1</b>	<b>38</b>
6	Caja Madrid	3,838.5	16
7	Mitsubishi Tokyo UFJ Financial Group	3,633.3	44
8	West LB	3,620.3	36
9	Dexia	3,545.9	31
10	RBC Capital Markets	3,512.9	11

Source: Thomson Financial

## Trends in Japan's Syndicated Loan Market and Mizuho's Share



Sources: Fiscal 1998 – Fiscal 2002: IFR database  
Fiscal 2003 – Fiscal 2005: Bank of Japan statistics  
(Market share calculated by MHCB)

and other deals. Through its commitment to a proactive involvement in the syndication business as a means of satisfying the needs of both corporate customers and financial institutions, MHC B is seeking new modes of corporate finance that go beyond traditional methodologies.

In order to provide appropriate solutions for customers developing their global businesses in a wide range of sectors, it has strengthened the cooperation between its offices in North America, Europe and Asia, and has worked on strengthening its global syndication system still further. It has also encouraged organic linkage within its Global Investment Banking Group, providing comprehensive solutions that focus both on corporate assets and liabilities, thereby contributing to the creation of a true market with a deeper multi-layered structure in its ongoing role as a market leader in market-oriented indirect financing.

### Acceleration of Sophisticating Portfolio Management

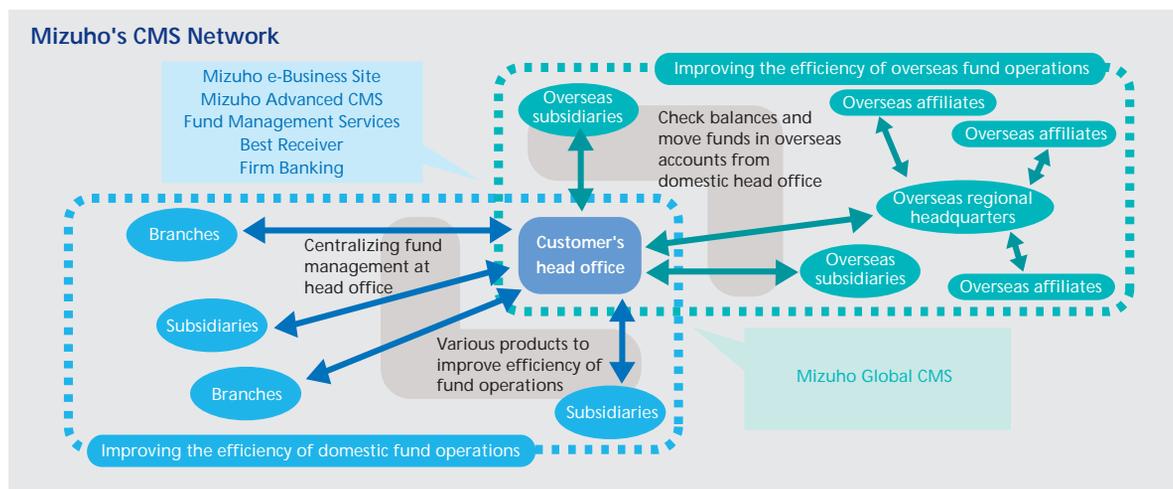
MHC B is making progress in enhancing the sophistication of its portfolio management, recognizing it as one of the important pillars of its “originate to distribute” business model alongside its syndication business. Specifically, its Global Portfolio Management Unit plays a key role in streamlining and improving risk-returns of the bank's overall credit portfolio and makes use of the secondary loan trading market to strategically buy or sell loans in response to changes in the status of the entire portfolio and the macro economic situation. In other words, it makes investments to diversify credit risk and eliminates excess concentration of credit risk inherent in loans.

As an investment bank capable of providing loans, it will endeavor to strengthen its strategic risk-taking capabilities and to maximize portfolio value by controlling credit risk in a dynamic and proactive fashion without curtailing its ability to originate loans.

### Promoting the Transaction Business at the Global Level

#### ● e-Business

The Mizuho Advanced CMS cash management system, as a core solution product, offers pooling, agency payment services and other solutions for managing funds. In addition to Mizuho Global CMS, MHC B has been offering sophisticated fund management services at the global level to customers with overseas offices through its cross-border pooling service since fiscal 2005.



## ● Exchange and Trade Finance

Specialist divisions, domestic branches and overseas offices cooperate in business promotion by proposing global-based solutions. MHCB is also developing a new trade finance business through currency options, NDF and other forms of exchange hedges, responses to large bond deals using syndication, trade receivable finance, structured trade finance, commodity finance and ECA finance.

## ● External “Yen” Settlement

MHCB continues to invest in systems with a view to enhancing service levels and making its operations divisions more reliable and efficient. In line with progress in fund and securities settlement reform, it is pushing forward proactively with foreign exchange settlement, CLS, custody operations, securities settlement and other proxy services with a view to supporting customers' external “yen” settlement and establishing its stable earnings base.

## ● Pensions and Trust Business

MHCB offers comprehensive solutions to its customers who are considering restructuring their pension scheme, centered on defined contribution pension products, cooperating with MHTB, TCSB, DCPS and asset management companies within Mizuho.

MHCB also acts as an agent for MHTB to deliver trust products to its customers.

## Boosting Sales and Trading Capabilities

In the sales and trading business, MHCB is working to consolidate its market reputation as a top-level “solutions provider” by offering risk hedging schemes employing derivatives and optimal solutions that use cutting-edge financial technologies to satisfy customers' diversified financial and business risk control needs.

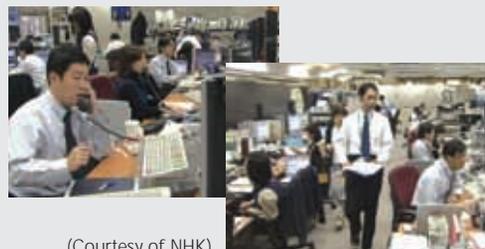
MHCB has established a position as a top global player alongside the leading Western investment banks in the interest rate and exchange-related derivative segments, earning top five placings in *Risk* magazine's “Corporate End-User Survey 2006” in four areas—yen interest rates, yen FRA, dollar/yen currency swaps, and dollar/yen exchange forwards.

MHCB has expanded its product line-up from basic items like interest rates and foreign exchange to oil, metals, weather and other commodity derivatives, and ultra-long-term, low-liquidity currency derivatives. It is also strengthening its tie-up with Mizuho-DL Financial Technology, a group company specializing in the development of financial technology, and is introducing sophisticated risk control methodologies that incorporate dynamic foreign exchange hedging—a statistical/probabilistic exchange risk hedging method that eliminates market views and arbitrariness—and loans that incorporate commodity derivatives to take care of areas that are not covered by existing risk management methods.

For local currency transactions in countries around the world, it continues to expand its product range, strengthen its trading capabilities and offer high-quality solutions to increasingly globalized customers, thus maintaining its efforts to become the most relied on “first call bank.”

### Foreign Exchange Division Featured on TV

The activities of MHCB's Foreign Exchange Division were featured in a program entitled *NHK Special: Simultaneous Three-point Documentary—the Clash of Money Speculators*, which was broadcast by NHK (the public broadcaster) on January 8, 2006.



(Courtesy of NHK)

## Debt-Related Business

### Debt Financing

MHSC has sustained its sector-leading performance as a result of its powerful bond-selling capabilities, and its ability to set prices to reflect customer demand with precision and respond rapidly to changes in the market. Through its proposals for dealing with rating enhancement strategy, disclosure and related issues, it will continue to use accurate analyses of market trends and cutting-edge financial technologies in formulating proposals for optimized funding plans according to customers' needs.

### Sales and Trading

As a leading player in the bond market, MHSC provides products that suit its customers' investment strategies, engaging proactively in market-making and offering high-quality information.

In the area of research, it continues to offer individual market analyses and maintain steady efforts to satisfy customers' individual needs through portfolio diagnostic services and consulting services that can offer efficient investment approaches based on a birds-eye view of the balance sheet. As the securities company with the number-one research division in Japan, it has also earned an extremely good reputation among institutional investors.

It will continue to enhance its market presence by arranging and proposing a variety of high value-added products.

#### Domestic SB League Table (Including yen-denominated foreign bond, and excluding municipal bond bank debenture, self-led issues and retail targeted)

\* Lead managing amount basis. Total Amount of Issues: ¥8,588.3 billion (April 2005-March 2006)

Ranking	Company name	Underwriting (billions of yen)	Market share (%)
1	Mizuho Securities	1,688.2	19.66
2	Nomura Securities	1,654.6	19.27
3	Daiwa Securities SMBC	1,508.4	17.56

Source: Calculated by MHSC based on data of I-N Information Systems

## Equity-Related Business

### Equity Financing

Backed by superior financial technology and enormous equity-selling power at home and overseas, MHSC is steadily improving its performance by dealing with customers' funding needs through public and other stock offerings and sales, and convertible bond-type corporate bonds with stock purchase warrants. It has also been quick to propose new finance schemes that take changes in Japanese legislation and taxation systems into account, draws up proposals pertaining to capital management for maximizing customers' corporate value, and supports IR activities.

It has put together a team with rich experience in the area of IPOs to establish a system for providing advice on the most appropriate capital management and other aspects of preparing for IPOs, as well as full-scale support for disclosure and the compilation of due diligence materials. It also provides customers with high-level solutions to issues arising after the IPO, including IR, growth strategies and capital management measures.

### Sales and Trading

MHSC is extending the range of stocks the research division covers, offering high value-added IR services, and working through its global network to secure trading orders for sales of Japanese stocks, thereby steadily increasing its presence in terms of broker rankings.

Looking ahead, it will devote more effort to further developing its global business by strengthening its sales efforts towards overseas institutional investors and by trading in foreign stocks. It also responds appropriately to customers' increasingly sophisticated requirements by drawing on its broadly based domestic and overseas strengths in sales, research, trading and execution, and its abilities to develop products that utilize derivatives.

#### Domestic Public Offering League Table

\* Underwriting basis, including REITs. Total Amount of Issues: ¥4,698.9 billion (April 2005-March 2006)

Ranking	Company name	Underwriting (billions of yen)	Market share (%)
1	Nomura Securities	1,092.9	23.26
2	Daiwa Securities SMBC	1,048.9	22.32
3	Nikko Citigroup	712.4	15.16
4	Mizuho Securities	370.3	7.88
5	Mitsubishi UFJ Securities	302.6	6.44

Source: Calculated by MHSC based on data of I-N Information Systems

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## Investment Banking

### M&A Advisory Services

MHSC has established a top-level presence in the area of M&A and is regularly placed among the upper echelons of the M&A advisory rankings in terms of the number of advisory deals handled. Drawing on its advanced sectoral knowledge and know-how to satisfy customers' business and financial management strategies, it provides advice on mergers, stock-for-stock exchanges, corporate splits, acquisitions and sales, business tie-ups, capital strategies, corporate revitalization and sell-offs of NPLs.

In February 2006, it formed a strategic alliance with U.S. investment bank Evercore Partners in the area of M&A, in order to strengthen its overseas presence and improve its position for handling cross-border deals.

Looking ahead, it will reinforce its ability to put forward and execute proposals in line with customers' business strategies, and create new business opportunities while striving to further expand its M&A business.

### Structured Finance

MHSC has used its personnel resources and know-how to compile an impressive record that puts it among the market leaders in Japan in real estate (J-REITs, private funds, etc.), monetary claims (lease claims, credit claims, housing loans, etc.) and other areas of securitization, as well as lease finance and other aspects of structured finance.

Looking ahead, it will continue to meet customers' various needs by proactively tackling all aspects of the asset securitization business while developing new financial technologies and utilizing principal investment.

## Global Operations

As the core company responsible for the securities operations of the Global Corporate Group, MHSC has set up securities subsidiaries in key overseas markets in the U.K., the U.S., Hong Kong and Switzerland. To satisfy the diverse needs of globally expanding customers, it is working to realign its global investment banking business organization by promoting stronger integration among its domestic and overseas offices.

To strengthen its securities operations in Asia, it opened its first Chinese representative offices in Beijing and Shanghai in September 2005, and established the International Business Promotion Group.

## To Prevent Recurrence of Placement of Erroneous Orders

With respect to the erroneous stock order placed by MHSC in December 2005, MHSC reiterates its deepest apology to all related parties for any inconvenience this incident had caused. In its efforts to restore market credibility, MHSC is working to prevent any recurrence of such an incident by making systems improvements and conducting a thorough review of its operating procedures, as well as substantially strengthening its management controls.

### M&A Advisory Ranking (Japanese target, any acquirer nation, deals completed)

\* League table based on number of deals (January 2005-December 2005)

Ranking	Advisor	No. of transactions	Amount (millions of U.S. dollars)
1	Nomura	131	77,862
2	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	130	52,771
3	<b>Mizuho Financial Group</b>	96	7,122

Source: Thomson Financial

### Overall ABS Bookrunner League Table (ABSs backed by assets in Japan: Domestic public and private bonds and Eurobonds)

\* Settlement date basis (April 2005 - March 2006)

Ranking	Company name	No. of issues	Amount (billions of yen)	Market share (%)
1	<b>Mizuho Financial Group</b>	19	752.5	22.5
2	Daiwa Securities SMBC	12	722.6	21.7
3	Nomura Securities	8	473.1	14.2

Source: Thomson Financial

\* Figures for Mizuho Financial Group are the aggregate figures for MHSC and its overseas securities subsidiaries

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*Global Retail Group*

*— Targeting Individuals, SMEs and Middle-Market Corporations —*



*Business Environment and Overview of the Global Retail Group*

● **The Environment Facing Individual Customers**

Against the background of progressive deregulation, prolonged low interest rates, an aging society with falling birthrates and other changes in the Japanese social structure, personal asset investment needs have diversified and their focus has shifted dramatically from savings to investments. In light of these changes, banks are increasingly expected to offer one-stop services to satisfy customers' diverse requirements, from consulting functions to products ranging from banking, trusts, securities and insurance through multiple channels. Meanwhile, it would be no exaggeration to say that one of the banks' social missions is to ensure the greater convenience and safety of settlement functions, which are key elements of the social infrastructure.

● **The Environment Facing SMEs and Middle-Market Corporations**

Although improvements in corporate earnings and other factors show that business conditions have entered a recovery trend, the Japanese economy must promote the creation and development of SMEs and middle-market corporations with growth potential and venture businesses with a revolutionary, challenging spirit to instill a new sense of vitality into the Japanese economy. Banks are strongly required to respond to these corporate customers' needs for stable lending services and management issue resolution.

With the close cooperation of the group companies of Mizuho and leading domestic and international companies, the Global Retail Group provides top-level products and services on a global scale in response to the increasingly diversified and globalized needs of individuals, SMEs and middle-market companies.

# GLOBAL RETAIL GROUP

## Key Group Companies

### ● Mizuho Bank

MHBK's primary customers are individuals, SMEs and middle-market corporations.

MHBK sees asset management consulting and personal loans as the key business areas for individual customers, and is working to strengthen its business promotion organization and ability to offer products by cooperating with securities companies and trust banks, as well as training financial consultants and developing competitive new products.

It is also encouraging customers to deepen, expand and consolidate their banking transactions with MHBK by offering highly convenient products and services such as the "Mizuho Mileage Club," which allows them to accumulate points according to their usage of MHBK services, and an expanded channel network. MHBK has also adopted a more proactive approach to reinforcing security by introducing biometric identification (finger vein recognition) for ATM transactions and other measures.

As for the needs of SMEs and middle-market corporations for funding and resolution of management issues, it makes use of the financial functions and networks of Mizuho and business tie-ups to offer optimal products, services and solutions to customers ranging from those who are just starting up in business to those who seek to expand.

### ● Mizuho Investors Securities

In line with its aspirations to become "the securities company that customers know and trust most," MHIS is working with MHBK to establish joint branches and promote securities sales agency business while cooperating with Mizuho's group companies to satisfy wide-ranging securities transaction needs in areas like IPOs.

### ● UC Card

Through its strategic tie-up with Credit Saison, UC Card has built the strongest business structure in the credit card sector by becoming the first company in Japan to specialize in both the management business of affiliated merchants and the processing business, offering highly convenient and innovative services.

### ● Mizuho Capital

Mizuho Capital ranks among the top domestic venture capital companies in performance, making full use of its rich pool of know-how and Mizuho's domestic and overseas network in its proactive approach to investment and consulting.

## Performance and Highlights

### Performance

In the business with customers, there was a steady increase in fee income from investment trust sales and solutions-related business. A strong performance by MHIS also contributed to higher income.

	(Billions of yen)	
	Fiscal 2005	
	Net Income	Net Business Profits
Global Retail Group	157.5* <sup>1</sup>	365.7* <sup>2</sup>

\*1: Aggregated figures of core banking subsidiary and securities subsidiary (non-consolidated).

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### Highlights

#### ●MHBK

#### *Approaches to Individual Customers*

- Membership of the "Mizuho Mileage Club" topped the 1.9 million mark in June 2006.
- A new-type office was opened in Roppongi Hills.
- The consulting system was further strengthened with the deployment of 2,000 financial consultants.
- "Mizuho Orico Card Loans" were launched.
- The number of IC cash cards exceeded 3.0 million.

#### *Approaches to SMEs and Middle-Market Corporations*

- Lending increased by ¥620 billion (including private bond issues).
- The number of offices of Mizuho Business Financial Center reached 100, with a staff of 600.
- Reorganization of the Corporate Banking Group strengthened the solution support framework.

## Approaches to Individual Customers

### Working to Improve the Convenience of Customer Transactions

#### Mizuho Mileage Club

Membership of the “Mizuho Mileage Club” broke through the 1.9 million mark in June 2006.

In the area of Mizuho Mileage Club cards with credit card functions, we started offering Saison American Express<sup>®</sup> Card in January 2006. As a result, customers are now able to choose from among the four major international brands, including MasterCard (UC) and VISA/JCB (Saison) according to their requirements.

In the area of the “Partners Service,” which is built on affiliations with well-known companies, new tie-ups were concluded with the Lotte Group of Korea in June 2006, which owns department stores, hotels, theme parks, and duty free stores, and Prince Hotels, which owns the largest network of hotels and leisure facilities in Japan.

#### “Mizuho Suica Card” Launched

In March 2006, MHBK started offering “Mizuho Suica Cards” in a tie-up with the East Japan Railway Company (JR East).

These cards combine MHBK’s IC ATM cards with JR East’s View Card credit cards and Suica, which incorporates train ticket and electronic money functions. Not only can the View Thanks Points that accumulate according to credit card usage be converted into Mizuho Mileage Club points, but Mileage points can also then be used to charge the Suica with new cash. MHBK is thus the first financial institution to offer a point service with such advanced features and convenience.

#### Comprehensive Business Alliance with DoCoMo and UC Card

MHBK has reached agreement on a comprehensive business alliance with NTT DoCoMo (DoCoMo) and UC Card. In cooperation with DoCoMo, MHBK is planning to offer customers holding Mizuho Mileage Club cards a service whereby credit card settlements can be made by mobile phones using “iD”<sup>\*</sup>.

It will work to improve user convenience further by developing services that link mobile phones that are already an integral part of its daily life infrastructure and financial products that are closely linked to daily lifestyles.

\*iD is a service that enables DoCoMo mobile phones to settle credit card payments.

#### New-Style Office Opened in Roppongi Hills

In March 2006, MHBK opened a new-style office specializing in services for individual customers in Roppongi Hills, Tokyo.

Customers who urgently need asset management or lending services can use this office on weekday evenings and Saturdays. It features a spacious lounge where customers can relax in a calm and comfortable atmosphere, and private rooms where they can receive sufficient advice from specialized consultants.

This Roppongi Hills office is the first of a planned total of 100 new-style outlets that MHBK intends to tailor to market characteristics and customer requirements.

\* This office is a part of the Roppongi Branch, not a business office (branch, representative office) under the Banking Law of Japan.

#### Targeting the Senior Executives and Employees of Corporate Customers

MHBK offers various products and services that senior executives and employees of its own customer corporations and those of MHCBC can use at various stages of their lives, from opening salary deposit accounts and asset-building

savings (Zaikei) to housing, education and other types of loans and retirement allowance management.

In particular, as a result of increasing the number of centers handling sales to senior executives and employees of corporate customers to six, as well as other efforts to improve services, it has posted steady growth in the number of housing loans handled for this market.

## Personal Loans

### Housing Loans

MHBK is working to strengthen its products and services in response to its customers' constantly diversifying housing loan needs.

To respond to customers' interest requirements, it continues its special interest rate housing loan campaign and offers the "Flat 35" securitization-type housing loan product to cater to customers' longer term fixed-interest needs. In fact, "Flat 35" continued the trend set in fiscal 2004 by retaining the number-one spot among financial institutions on a results basis in fiscal 2005 as well.

In July 2006, MHBK started handling housing loans with a sickness security rider as it continued to expand its product line-up.

During fiscal 2005, MHBK also held weekend consultations on housing loans at an aggregate total of around 1,000 branches throughout Japan, assisting large numbers of customers who cannot visit its offices on regular business days. From April 2006, some branches have started holding evening sessions on weekdays to assist customers on their way home from work with their consultation needs.

It is also enhancing its services to customers by expanding its Housing Loan Business Promotion Centers—a specialist channel via which customers apply for housing loans through housing sales companies.

### Unsecured Loans

Through its comprehensive business alliance with Orient Corporation (Orico), MHBK has successfully increased the balance of captive loans (exclusive sales tie-up loans extended through Orico's affiliated merchants). In January 2006, it also started selling "Mizuho Orico Card Loans," which it developed jointly with Orico. This product comes in two types to meet customers' diversifying loan needs. The "Casual Plan" features simplified application procedures, while the "Platinum Plan" offers the lowest interest rates in the industry.

## Aiming for the No.1 Spot in Consulting Services

### Strengthening Consulting Functions

MHBK is striving to become the leader in consulting services to ensure that it is the customer's bank of choice as a lifetime advisor at various stages of their lives. To this end, it is working to train and deploy more expert personnel, build a new in-branch organization and improve its information infrastructure.

It will respond to customers' increasingly sophisticated needs by training and deploying 2,000 financial consultants who specialize in business promotion for individual customers and can respond to all kinds of consulting needs.

As of the end of March 2006, it had established "Premium Salons" at 150 branches to provide customers with space for thorough consultations on asset management using life plan simulations and other tools, and plans to expand this to approximately 250 branches.

It is also establishing “Comprehensive Reception and Information Desks” and deploying “Lobby Concierges” to assist customers in completing their business at branches more smoothly.

### **Cooperation with Securities Company and Trust Bank**

MHBK is moving ahead with tie-ups with the group companies of Mizuho and the online securities company, Monex Securities.

There was further progress in setting up MHIS consultation booths (“Planet Booths”) in the lobbies of MHBK branches, and as of the end of March 2006, the number of branches with these booths had reached 73. MHBK is thus able to respond to a wide range of asset investment needs by introducing MHIS through these joint branches.

MHBK also offers an online securities sales agency service through Internet channels in an alliance with Monex Securities. From February 2006, this service was further enhanced by allowing mileage points to be accumulated for the Mizuho Mileage Club through agency sales of securities, etc., via the Internet.

MHBK also handles a variety of MHTB trust products at all of its branches using the agent system for trust banking businesses.

MHBK has worked to upgrade its services in the testamentary trusts business by preparing a guidebook designed to answer the needs that customers increasingly face as a result of the aging society, with information on inheritance procedures, notifications, etc.

### **Expanding Asset Management Products**

To support customers' asset investment needs, MHBK is endeavoring to expand its product line-up of investment trusts, individual annuity insurance and foreign currency deposits.

Following the third stage lifting of the ban on over-the-counter sales of insurance by banks in December 2005, MHBK initiated sales of lump-sum payment whole life insurance and lump-sum payment endowment insurance at all branches throughout Japan.

In the area of investment trusts, it also started handling the following products for the first time: the Nomura Small Cap Stock Open, which focuses on diversified investment in small-cap Japanese stocks, and the World 8 Asset Fund (stable course, allocation course, growth course; also known as “World Suite”) which focuses on diversified investment in Japanese and foreign stocks, bonds and REITs. In the area of individual annuity insurance, it deals in the “Nenkin Kiko” fixed annuity insurance and the “Tanoshimi Life” annuity funding-guaranteed type variable personal pension insurance. It also offers products that promise good yields on a yen basis through riders, such as “Mizuho Yen Time Deposits with Rider.” MHBK is striving to satisfy customers' diversifying asset management needs by using campaigns and other means to expand its business in JGBs for individual investors.

### **“Special Consulting Program for Retirees” Launched**

MHBK has drawn up the “Special Consulting Program for Retirees” for members of the generation who are facing a new start in life, and since June 2006, has been enhancing its services to enable customers to live more prosperous, more fruitful lives.

It offers various services, starting with “Money Life Simulations” whereby it provides various estimates of pension receipts and future cash flow, etc., while consulting with customers. It has also launched the “Retirement Allowance Investment Plan,” which offers a 1% preferential interest rate on the special rate already available on “Mizuho Money Plan Set” 3-month yen time deposits, and the “Money Life Information Delivery” service, which offers basic knowledge on retirement allowances and the latest useful money life information on a regular basis.

## Targeting SMEs and Middle-Market Corporations

By strengthening its efforts to create a larger and more stable profit base for the future, as well to further promote its solutions businesses, MHBK aims to become the top bank in terms of both share of transactions with SMEs and middle-market corporations, and of providing solutions for them.

### Promoting Lending

MHBK is working proactively to increase lending with a view to creating a stronger, more stable profit base.

Its positive efforts to boost its share of lending in fiscal 2005 resulted in an increase of approximately ¥620 billion, including private bond issues. As a result of efforts to increase its specialist staff, new transactions with new customers resulted in a one-year increase of approximately ¥1,160 billion, including private bond issues, in fiscal 2005.

MHBK will be positive in taking risks without relying on collateral and adhere to a proactive approach to meeting customers' funding demands by expanding the "Partner Series" of unsecured loan products and by offering various fund procurement schemes as a means of satisfying the varied needs of SMEs and middle-market corporations, including the ¥1 trillion "Super Wide" strategic loan fund.

### Alliance with Orient Corporation

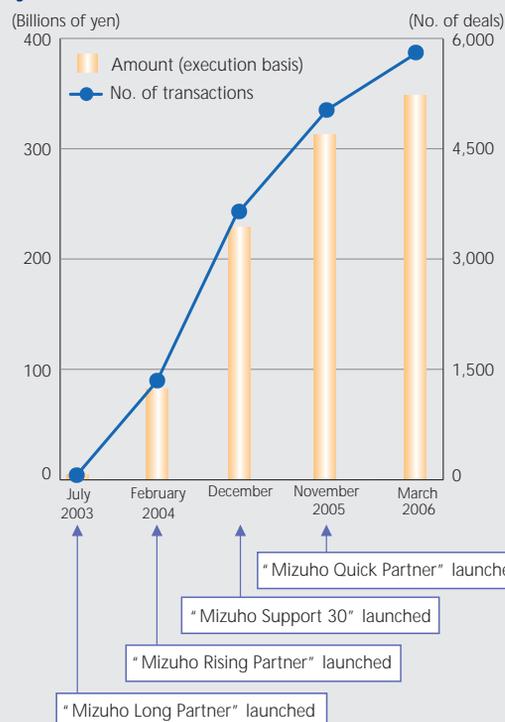
#### Launching New Loan Products for SMEs

MHBK is making use of the credit enhancement capabilities offered by Orico and the debt servicer know-how offered by Japan Collection Service, a member of the Orico group, to develop a number of loan products for SME customers. On an execution basis, it has already extended approximately ¥350 billion in loans.

This was realized by the development of several breakthrough products that manage risk for the entire product portfolio, including "Mizuho Long Partner," which provides unsecured working capital for up to seven years, "Mizuho Rising Partner," which provides loans to SMEs with growth potential, and "Mizuho Quick Partner," an unsecured loan product that uses a rapid automatic credit-scoring model for applications. Of these, "Mizuho Long Partner" responds to the needs of companies planning IPOs. So long as they meet certain criteria, it is now possible to eliminate the need to obtain guarantees from a customer's representative director.

MHBK intends to respond speedily to the financing needs of corporate customers by developing more unsecured loan products in cooperation with Orico.

#### Sales Performance of Three Products Developed by Mizuho



## Approach to Small-Scale Companies

MHBK is proactively engaged in the lending business, and has concentrated its overall lending operations for small-scale companies in Mizuho Business Financial Center, a subsidiary specializing in lending.

The number of offices of Mizuho Business Financial Center reached 100 during fiscal 2005, and its staff reached 600, most of them veterans who are well-versed in the lending business. Making the most of these resources, MHBK works proactively to satisfy the funding needs of small-scale customers through loans with guarantees from the Credit Guarantee Corporation and the “Mizuho Quick Partner” unsecured loan product.

## Becoming the Top Bank in Providing Solutions for SMEs and Middle-Market Corporations

### Further Promoting the Solutions Business

A team of approximately 350 MHBK professionals specializing in corporate banking is working together with its branches to provide solutions that make the most of the bank's expertise as a specialist in transactions with SMEs and middle-market corporations.

The solutions offered are very diverse, ranging from financing deals in areas like structured finance and syndicated loans to solutions associated with business strategies such as business inheritance, M&As and business matching, and advisory services on overseas expansion.

In March 2006, MHBK reorganized its Corporate Banking Group to enable it to offer solutions to customers' varied management issues and needs more rapidly. Specifically, this involved establishing the Corporate Finance Division, which centralizes various solutions functions, and the ALC Advisory Division, which supports management strategies in order to bring together group know-how and offer more precise solutions than ever. The Comprehensive Solutions Strategy Team has also been established in the ALC Advisory Division to offer strategic, comprehensive proposals in response to the management issues of upper-middle corporations with advanced solutions needs.

### Business Matching

MHBK is proactively engaged in business matching services for introducing customers of Mizuho who best satisfy the business needs of other customers. These include introducing new sales and purchasing partners, and partner companies for developing new products or business diversification.

“Business Matching Forums” are designed to bring corporate customers together to engage in individual business negotiations, and have been extremely well received.

### Defined Contribution Pensions

Environmental changes that are occurring with the scheduled abolition of the preferential tax treatment connected with the Tax Qualified Pension System and Reserve for Employee Retirement Benefits have presented customers with the need to restructure their corporate pension schemes. In response, the Corporate Planning Division's Defined Contribution Pension Office offers integrated services extending from feasibility studies to actual introduction, management and administration. These services cover pension consulting centered on defined contribution pension schemes, support for introducing these schemes, investment products and aftercare for policyholders.

MHBK also provides support for various defined contribution pension schemes to suit a variety of requirements, including the Mizuho “SogoGata (comprehensive package)” DC Plan for SMEs and the “Mizuho Personal DC Plan” for individuals.

## Mobilizing Group Strengths

### ● Support for New Businesses

In the new business market, MHBK's know-how is far superior to that of other banks, and it proactively offers finance to corporate customers possessing core technologies with promising business potential, even if they are recently established venture firms.

### ● IPO Support

MHBK responds to the needs of customers planning IPOs through dynamic collaboration with other group companies of Mizuho: Mizuho Capital serves as a venture capital investor and provides advice on going public; MHIS provides broadly based support as a securities company; and MHTB provides advisory and stock transfer agency services.

### ● Responding to Business Inheritance Needs

In October 2005, MHBK set up the Corporate Consulting Office within the Corporate Banking Group to strengthen its ability to deal with important customer management issues, such as the inheritance of management rights and business restructuring. In cooperation with MHTB and Mizuho Management Advisory, it offers the best possible solutions to customers' needs in such areas as business inheritance.

### ● Support for Overseas Expansion

In order to satisfy the needs of Japanese companies that are increasingly active in China and other Asian markets, specialist staff who are well-versed in overseas business provide assistance in customers' local projects through the group's overseas network, which is the most extensive of any Japanese bank. Its specialist staff cooperate with the relevant divisions to offer wide-ranging solutions pertaining to customers' overseas business operations, including the CMS, solutions to risk mitigation needs, and operational support for foreign exchange and foreign trade.

## Securities Sales Agency Business

Now that MHBK handles securities sales agency business aimed at corporate customers, the bank itself is able to respond proactively to customers' diversifying investment needs by engaging in solicitation and agency businesses in connection with structured bonds and other instruments that were once the exclusive province of securities companies.

The Asset Management Office for Corporate proposes solutions to corporate customers' investment needs, and its highly expert staff offers both securities, investment trusts and other products to suit customers' requirements.

*Business Approaches Adopted by Each Global Group*

*Global Asset & Wealth Management Group*

*— Dealing with Customers' Demands for Asset Management and Administration —*



*Business Environment and Overview of the Global Asset & Wealth Management Group*

Against the background of an aging society and reforms to legislative and accounting systems, the need for asset management and administration is increasing among individuals and corporates alike.

In the world of trusts, moreover, restrictions limiting the assets that could be placed in trust were abolished by revisions to the Trust Business Law in December 2004. At the same time, entities other than financial institutions are now allowed to enter the trust business, and the scope for adopting the agent system for trust banking businesses has been expanded. This has led to a steady increase in the number of opportunities to offer solutions that make use of trust functions.

The Global Asset & Wealth Management Group provides world-class products and services to meet diverse and sophisticated customer needs in the areas of trust and custody services as well as private banking services.

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## Key Group Companies

### ● Mizuho Trust & Banking

Trust banks may engage in trust business and related operations as well as banking business. One particular feature that sets trust banks apart from other banks is their asset management function, which allows them to manage and administer customers' assets.

MHTB offers a full range of trust services to individual and corporate customers, and is working on strengthening its asset administration divisions, handling pensions, asset management, real estate, securitization and stock transfer agency business.

### ● Trust & Custody Services Bank

TCSB is a highly specialized trust bank focusing on asset management services, offering high-quality, high value-added trust and custody services to financial institutions and institutional investors.

### ● Asset Management Companies

Mizuho's asset management companies Dai-ichi Kangyo Asset Management, Fuji Investment Management and DLIBJ Asset Management constantly pursue optimal investment results in both the investment trust and the investment advisory businesses as they strive to respond accurately to customers' increasingly diverse and sophisticated asset management needs.

### ● Mizuho Private Wealth Management

As a full-fledged private banking services company, MHPW provides optimal, high-quality comprehensive and integrative products and services tailored to the needs of individual customers.

## Performance and Highlights

### Performance

The group achieved steady profit growth as a result of its efforts to strengthen its asset management business further.

	(Billions of yen)	
	Fiscal 2005	
	Net Income	Net Business Profits
Global Asset & Wealth Management Group	41.2	88.3

\*: Figures of core banking subsidiary (non-consolidated).

### Highlights

#### ●MHTB

- The number of testamentary trusts entrusted to MHTB increased steadily, reaching 11,504 contracts as of the end of March 2006.
- The balance entrusted to the "Noteless" lump-sum accounts receivable trust scheme exceeded ¥1 trillion.
- The balance of securitized assets (real estate) under administration increased by ¥1 trillion to ¥4.2 trillion.

#### ●Asset Management Companies

- Received commendations from numerous investment trust evaluation organizations.

#### ●MHPW

- Started operations in November 2005.

## Expanding the Trust Market

The trust system involves the transfer of assets from one party (the entruster) to someone the entruster trusts (the trustee), who is then entrusted with the management and administration of said assets on behalf of the entruster in accordance with certain objectives (the trust objectives).

Today's trust system is said to have been introduced into Japan during the Meiji era (1868-1912), and the Trust Law and the Trust Business Law were enacted in 1922. In the 80 or so years since, money held in trusts, securities held in trusts and other forms of trusts have made an enormous contribution to the lives of the Japanese people.

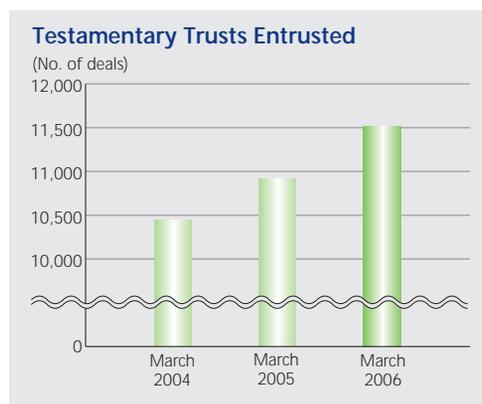
In December 2004, the system underwent the largest change in its history when the revised Trust Business Law was passed. This abolished restrictions that had originally limited the assets that could be placed in trust to six categories, including money and land, and made it possible to place intellectual property rights such as copyright in trust. For all practical purposes, only financial institutions were originally allowed to participate in the trust business, but it has now been opened up to ordinary business corporations and the scope for adopting the agent system for trust banking businesses has been expanded. This means the trust mechanism has come into much more general use and the trust market is expected to grow further.

MHTB sees expansion of the trust market as a new business opportunity and will provide Mizuho's customers with sophisticated trust solutions.

## Sophisticated Solutions

### Testamentary Trusts

In contemporary Japan, the advent of an aging society with falling birthrates and heightened awareness of individual rights have fueled an increase in the number of inheritance problems. Each year, more and more customers are making use of the trust banks' testamentary trust business as a means of preventing these inheritance problems from arising. MHTB's testamentary trust business covers three services: consent to allow the bank to undertake the execution of wills so that their provisions are fulfilled; will custody trust services; and entrustment by all heirs to allow the bank to act as their agent in the inheritance and thus the distribution of the estate. As of the end of March 2006, 11,504 customers had entrusted MHTB with their wills, thereby placing the futures of their families in its hands where asset inheritance is concerned.



### Securitization of Monetary Claims and Other Claims

MHTB makes full use of its trust functions in developing asset financing schemes on an order-made basis, and proposing them to its customers.

Utilizing the high-level structuring capabilities it has built up on the basis of its strong track record, MHTB offers various solutions to customer needs for fund procurement, cutbacks in assets and liabilities, and better financial indices. As a result, the balance of monetary claims in trust rose by approximately ¥1.2 trillion to ¥6.6 trillion. In particular,

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the balance of funds in the "Noteless" lump-sum accounts exceeded ¥1 trillion. "Noteless" is a product whereby accounts receivable are accepted in trust from customers in such a way as to provide them with a service that allows due-date collections and pre-maturity conversion into funds of the receivables in question.

At the same time, it provides investors with new investment instruments in the form of asset securitization products. Since its launch in July 2002, the "Chochiku no Tatsujin" automobile loan securitization product for individuals (results-based dividend type money held in trust) has been well-received because it focuses on balancing safety with profitability, and its outstanding sales have increased steadily, topping the ¥630 billion mark as of the end of March 2006.

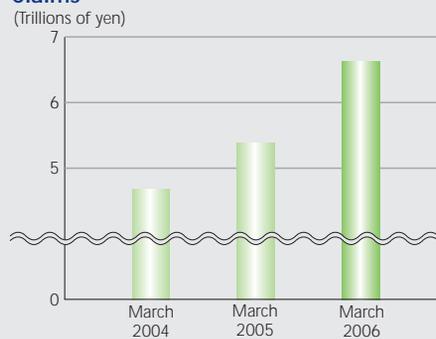
## Real Estate Securitization

In recent years, real estate securitization has come into increasingly active use because of the need to overhaul strategies relating to real estate holdings in response to changes in the business environment. These include the growing need to make more efficient use of assets, the diversification of fund investment and procurement needs, and changes in the accounting system.

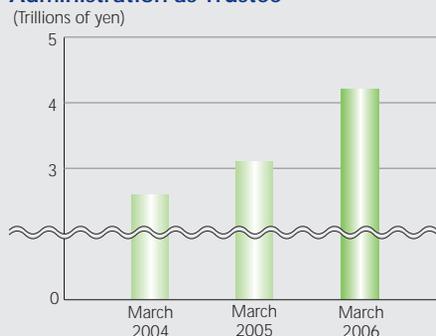
Fully utilizing the know-how it has built up over many years, MHTB is engaged in a wide range of securitization deals involving office buildings and commercial facilities. At the same time, it is proactively engaged in real estate development methods that utilize securitization mechanisms. MHTB's capabilities and performance in arranging real estate securitization deals have earned high marks among Japanese and overseas rating agencies and investors. As of the end of March 2006, it boasted the highest balance of securitized assets under administration as a trustee with a total in excess of ¥4.2 trillion.

It will put forward sophisticated proposals that will satisfy all real estate needs by making the most of the overall strengths generated through the combination of its arrangement capabilities and financial functions.

## Securitized Monetary Claims and Other Claims



## Securitized Assets (Real Estate) under Administration as Trustee

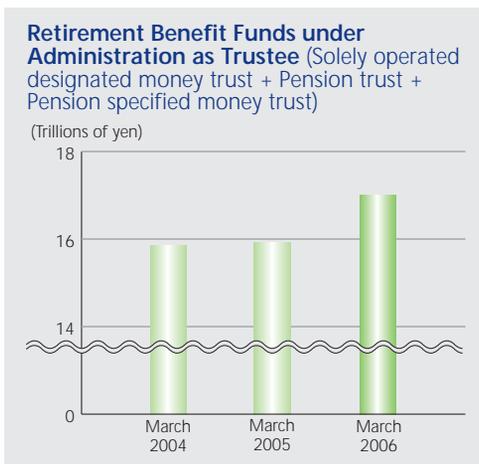


## Pensions Business

The move to reform corporate pensions triggered by the introduction of accounting standards for retirement benefits is now underway in earnest following the passage of the Defined Benefit Corporate Pension Law and the Defined Contribution Pension Law. As Japan's structural reforms progress, and responses to globalization become more necessary, corporate pension schemes are increasingly in need of drastic reform as companies reassess their human resource programs, strengthen their measures against financial risk, and move ahead with corporate realignments.

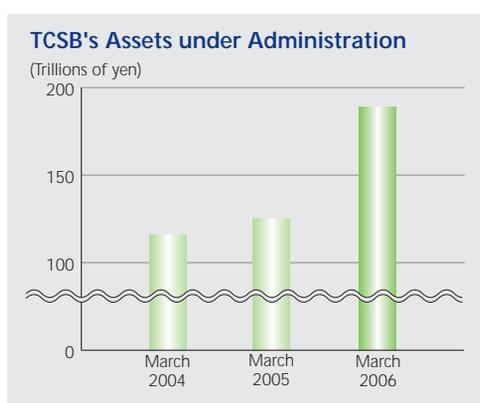
MHTB responds to customers' broad-based needs as a pension trustee offering full services ranging from pension planning and consultation to pension asset management. In cooperation with Mizuho Pension Research Institute, MHTB provides ALM consultation and risk management services through highly experienced professionals equipped with the best know-how in the business.

As a "Best Solutions Partner" in the area of corporate pensions, MHTB will continue to offer appropriate high-quality services and products.



## TCSB Number One in Terms of Outstanding Assets under Management

In cooperation with the group companies of Mizuho, TCSB has worked to expand its transactions with financial institutions and institutional investors. As a result, the balance of assets under management reached ¥189 trillion as of the end of March 2006, putting it in the number one position among trust banks specializing in asset management services. It will continue to exploit the economies of scale that result from its strong base of assets under management to provide high-quality, high value-added custody services that match the needs of its customers.



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## Mizuho's Asset Management Performance Rated Highly

Mizuho's asset management companies have earned an excellent reputation among investment trust evaluation organizations for their investment expertise and unique product characteristics.

By offering investment products that make the most of the expertise of each company, they will continue to satisfy customers' asset management needs.

### Mizuho's Asset Management Companies and Awards Received

Dai-ichi Kangyo Asset Management	Morningstar Japan Award "Fund of the Year 2005" • Excellent Funds in Domestic Equity/Hybrid
Fuji Investment Management	Lipper Fund Awards Japan 2006 • Best Fund Management Company (Bond)
DLIBJ Asset Management	Morningstar Japan Award "Fund of the Year 2005" • Best Fund in Fixed Income • Excellent Funds in Global Equity/Hybrid Lipper Fund Awards Japan 2006 • Best Fund Management Company (Overall)

## Full-Scale Private Banking Services

Mizuho offers the best solutions to individual customers' diversified asset management and administration needs.

In November 2005, the newly established firm, Mizuho Private Wealth Management, Japan's first full-fledged private banking services company, started operations providing comprehensive and integrative services similar to those available in the U.S. and Europe to the extent permitted under Japanese laws and regulations.

Based on the open-architecture concept of "providing customers with the best around the globe," it will seek to offer products and services of the highest level.

With regard to non-financial services, it will provide premium services to meet customers' diverse needs in relation to art, automobiles and similar areas, in collaboration with prestigious companies, as well as high-quality solutions in connection with areas such as philanthropy and concierge services.