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## Interim Review

(For the Six Months ended September 30, 2009)

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Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

## Profile

The Mizuho Financial Group is one of the largest financial institutions in the world, offering a broad range of financial services including banking, securities, trust and asset management, credit card, private banking, venture capital through its group companies. The group has over 58,000 staff working in approximately 950 offices inside and outside Japan, and total assets of over \$1.5 trillion (as of September 2009). The group was created in September 2000 through the establishment of a holding company of our three predecessor banks, The Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank (DKB), The Fuji Bank (Fuji) and The Industrial Bank of Japan (IBJ). Under the umbrella of the holding company Mizuho Financial Group, our principal group companies include Mizuho Corporate Bank, Mizuho Bank, Mizuho Securities\* and Mizuho Trust & Banking.

\*The former Shinko Securities and the former Mizuho Securities merged as of May 7, 2009 (the new company name: Mizuho Securities).

## Ratings

As of December 31, 2009	R&I		JCR		Moody's		Standard & Poor's		Fitch	
	Long Term	Short Term	Long Term	Short Term	Long Term	Short Term	Long Term	Short Term	Long Term	Short Term
Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.	A	a-1	—	—	—	P-1	A	—	A	F1
Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.	A+	a-1	AA-	—	Aa3	P-1	A+	A-1	A	F1
Mizuho Bank, Ltd.	A+	a-1	AA-	—	Aa3	P-1	A+	A-1	A	F1
Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.	A+	a-1	AA-	—	Aa3	P-1	A+	A-1	A	F1
Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.	A+	a-1	AA-	J-1+	Aa3*	P-1*	—	—	—	—
Mizuho Investors Securities Co., Ltd.	A+	—	AA-	J-1+	—	—	—	—	—	—

\*Credit ratings for EMTN programme (Joint Medium-term Note Programme with Mizuho International, based on keepwell agreement with Mizuho Corporate Bank).

### Brand Slogan

## Channel to Discovery

The slogan expresses the role Mizuho will play, not only to realize today's dreams, but also to discover new possibilities that lie ahead and to create a better future.

"Discovery" stands for Mizuho's customers discovering their dreams and new possibilities, and "Channel" stands for the role Mizuho will play in providing the ways and means to its customers so that they can realize their dreams and new possibilities.

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All figures contained in this report are calculated using accounting principles generally accepted in Japan ("Japanese GAAP").

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Interim Review contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements do not represent any guarantee by management of future performance.

In many cases, but not all, we use such words as "aim," "anticipate," "believe," "endeavor," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "probability," "project," "risk," "seek," "should," "strive," "target" and similar expressions in relation to us or our management to identify forward-looking statements. You can also identify forward-looking statements by discussions of strategy, plans or intentions. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions.

We may not be successful in implementing our business strategies, and management may fail to achieve its targets, for a wide range of possible reasons, including, without limitation: the incurrence of significant credit-related costs; declines in the value of our securities portfolio, including as a result of the declines in stock markets and the impact of the dislocation in the global financial markets stemming from U.S. subprime loan issues; changes in interest rates; foreign exchange rate fluctuations; decrease in the market liquidity of our assets; revised assumptions or other changes related to our pension plans; a decline in our deferred tax assets; the effect of financial transactions entered into for hedging and other similar purposes; failure to maintain required capital adequacy ratio levels; downgrades in our credit ratings; the effect of changes in general economic conditions in Japan and elsewhere; our ability to avoid reputational harm; and the effectiveness of our operation, legal and other risk management policies.

Further information regarding factors that could affect our financial condition and results of operations is included in "Item 3.D. Key Information—Risk Factors" and "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects" in our latest annual report on Form 20-F filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), which is available in the Financial Information section of our web page at [www.mizuho-fg.co.jp/english/](http://www.mizuho-fg.co.jp/english/) and also at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

We do not intend to update our forward-looking statements. We are under no obligation, and disclaim any obligation, to update or alter our forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by the rules of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.