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## Annual Review

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**One MIZUHO**  
Building the future with you



Mizuho has adopted a new brand slogan, "One MIZUHO: Building the future with you", to indicate our commitment to become "The most trusted financial services group with a global presence and a broad customer base, contributing to the prosperity of the world, Asia, and Japan". All Mizuho employees are committed to realizing the ideas embodied in our brand slogan, and together we pledge to all of our stakeholders to help Mizuho achieve its vision for the future.

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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 Annual Review contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including estimates, forecasts, targets and plans. 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: incurrence of significant credit-related costs; declines in the value of our securities portfolio; changes in interest rates; foreign currency 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; our ability to avoid reputational harm; our ability to implement our Medium-term Business Plan, realize the synergy effects of the transformation into "one bank" and "One MIZUHO," and implement other strategic initiatives and measures effectively; the effectiveness of our operational, legal and other risk management policies; the effect of changes in general economic conditions in Japan and elsewhere; and changes to applicable laws and regulations. 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 most recent Form 20-F filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). In addition, information regarding market developments after March 31, 2013 and their effects on our financial condition and results of operations is included in the report on Form 6-K furnished to the SEC on July 31, 2013 containing financial information for the first quarter of this fiscal year under accounting principles generally accepted in Japan. These reports are 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 website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

The contents of this Annual Review were prepared prior to the announcement of our financial results for the first quarter of fiscal 2013.

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.