



Mizuho Financial Group

18th interim period report to our shareholders

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Definitions

Mizuho Financial Group: Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (the holding company)

We/us/our, the group, Mizuho: Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates

Message from the Group CEO

Strategy

Results

Dividends

We are transitioning to the next generation of financial services by implementing our 5-Year Business Plan.

Start of the 5-Year Business Plan: Transitioning to the Next Generation of Financial Services

Our customers' needs and the financial industry are rapidly undergoing structural changes, reflecting the structural shifts occurring in the economy, industry and society such as digitalization, globalization and an aging society with a low birthrate. To respond, in FY2019 we launched our 5-Year Business Plan: Transitioning to the Next Generation of Financial Services.

Our new business plan is focused on transitioning to the next generation of financial services—building new forms of partnerships with our customers so that we can respond to their needs as the times change. Our objective is to build a stronger and more resilient financial group that our customers can depend on in the coming era.

FY2019 H1 results: Strong progress

In our FY2019 H1 results, our Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent came to ¥287.6 billion. The primary factors were the solid performance of our customer divisions, especially outside Japan, and the cost reductions from our implementation of structural reforms. We have made strong progress, reaching 61% of our fiscal year target of ¥470 billion. Also, our Common Equity Tier 1 capital ratio was 12.18%.

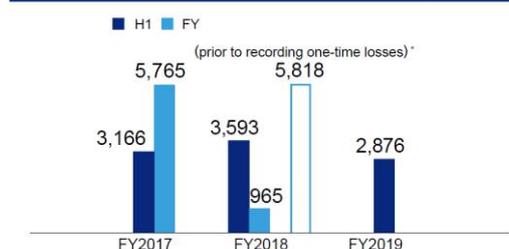
FY2019 interim cash dividend: ¥3.75

We have been implementing a disciplined capital management policy which maintains the optimal balance between the strengthening of our stable capital base and steady returns to shareholders.

In line with our new business plan, the shareholder return policy we have established for FY2019 is to maintain the current level of dividends for the time being while further strengthening our capital base with an aim to enhance returns to shareholders at an early stage. Under this policy, our interim cash dividend per share is ¥3.75, as estimated at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Going forward, we will continue steadily implementing our 5-Year Business Plan and further strengthening our capital base with the goal of enhancing returns to shareholders at an early stage.

Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent (¥ 100M)



*Prior to recording one-time losses of ¥695.4 billion in light of structural reforms

Capital ratio (%)



Cash dividend per share of common stock (¥)



FY2019 interim

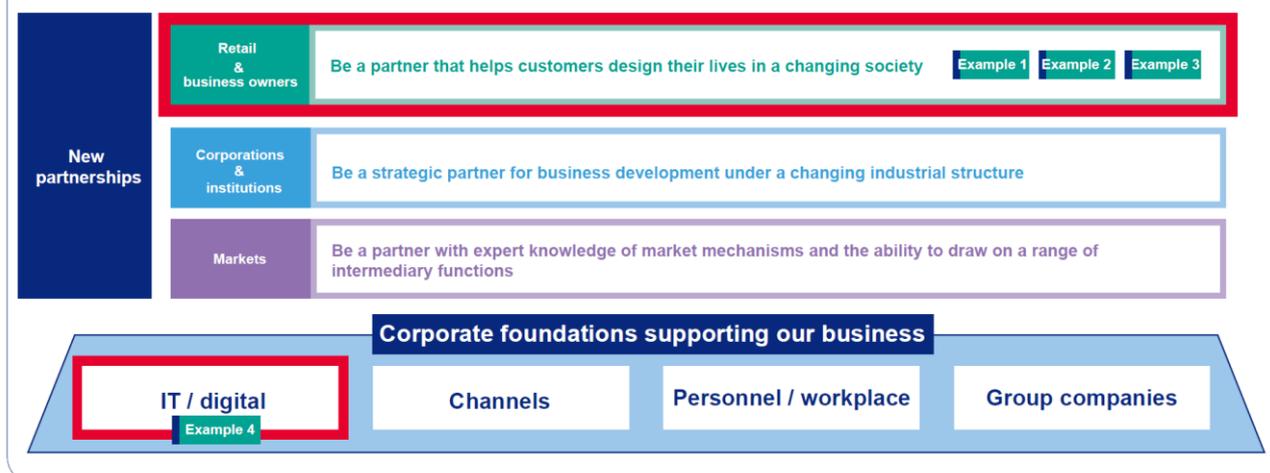
Interim cash dividend per share of common stock	¥ 3.75
Total interim cash dividend	¥ 95.2B
Interim Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	¥ 287.6B



December 2019

Tatsufumi Sakai, President & Group CEO
Member of the Board of Directors
Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

At Mizuho, we are working to create new value incorporating both financial and non-financial products and services in order to forge new partnerships with our customers. At the same time, we are also pursuing reforms to our corporate foundations.



These pages introduce some specific examples of how we are creating new value for retail customers and business owners and reforming our corporate foundations to support this.

Example 1

Sustainability initiatives

Safety and security in an age of longevity Trusts providing support in the case of dementia

Our customers are looking ahead at the possibility that they may develop dementia. They want to make sure that their money will be put towards their living and medical expenses, and they want to reduce the potential issues the family taking care of them may have with managing their money and paying their expenses. To allay these concerns, Mizuho Trust & Banking has launched a flexible policy cash trust product designed to provide support in the event of developing dementia.

Features

- ✓ Upon submission of a diagnosis of dementia, the customer can begin using the trust's services, with restrictions on their ability to cancel the trust.
- ✓ Mizuho Trust & Banking confirms payments for medical and caregiving expenses.
- ✓ The trust allows for appointing an agent and ensuring notification to family and local governments (community general support centers).

Example 2

Digitalization initiatives

An ATM in your smartphone J-Coin Pay

J-Coin Pay is a bank account-linked service that offers the safety and security of banking with the convenience of mobile payments. It allows customers to make payments, send and receive transfers, and perform other financial transactions all on their smartphones. Customers are also able to use the smartphone app to easily move funds between their J-Coin Pay accounts and their deposit accounts at their financial institutions for free, anytime and anywhere.

Transforming the way we pay!

- Split the bill with your friends using your smartphone!
- Keep your wallet in your pocket and pay quickly with a QR code!
- Skip the ATM and use your smartphone instead!

Targets at time of launch

At least 70 participating financial institutions*	At least 300,000 affiliated merchants	At least 6.5 million active users
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*Around 90 financial institutions are already participating

Example 3
 Digitalization initiatives

Cashless and cardless lifestyle

Mizuho Wallet

Over 1 million downloads!

Mizuho Wallet is a bank account-linked smartphone payment app that any Mizuho Bank account holding customer can easily begin using. The app allows customers to make debit payments, use Suica (on iOS only) and check their account balance all on their smartphone. It is a step above the numerous other payment services available.

First in Japan 1 Bank account-linked contactless payments	First in Japan 2 Bank account-linked add balance functions	First in Japan 3 Apple Pay debit payments
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Example 4
 IT system enhancements

Completion of the migration to MINORI, our new core banking system

The migration to our new IT system, which began last year, has been completed as of July 2019. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all of our shareholders and customers for their understanding and support during the migration.

To address the needs of customers as times change, we will create new value spanning both finance and adjacent fields by providing solutions that go beyond the conventional boundaries of finance.

Impact of the new IT system	
Improved service capabilities	Cost reduction
Improved IT system stability	Contributes to increased operational efficiency and becoming paperless

Financial highlights

Please refer to the “Summary of Financial Results” posted on our website: https://www.mizuho-fg.com/investors/financial/fin_statements/pdf/data18_2q_2.pdf