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Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

**Mizuho Financial Group Receives Gold Ranking  
in Morningstar's 2018 Gomez IR Site Rankings**

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (President & Group CEO: Tatsufumi Sakai) was recognized by Morningstar Japan K.K. with a Gold Award in their 2018 Gomez IR Site Rankings\*, and ranked number one in the banking sector for the fifth year in a row.

The Gomez IR Site Rankings evaluate the accessibility and thoroughness of the websites of publicly listed companies in Japan for shareholder and investor information. 2018 marks the twelfth time Morningstar has published the rankings.

Analysts at Morningstar rank websites from an investor's perspective based on their ease of use, the thoroughness of their financial and accounting information, the detail of their company and management information, and the extent of their transparency and information disclosure.

Going forward, we will continue to strive to provide our shareholders, investors, and all other stakeholders with relevant and timely information online, and further enhance the content and delivery of this information, in order to facilitate a deeper understanding of our organization.

\*Details of the rankings can be viewed here (in Japanese only):  
<http://www.gomez.co.jp/ranking/ir/index.html>