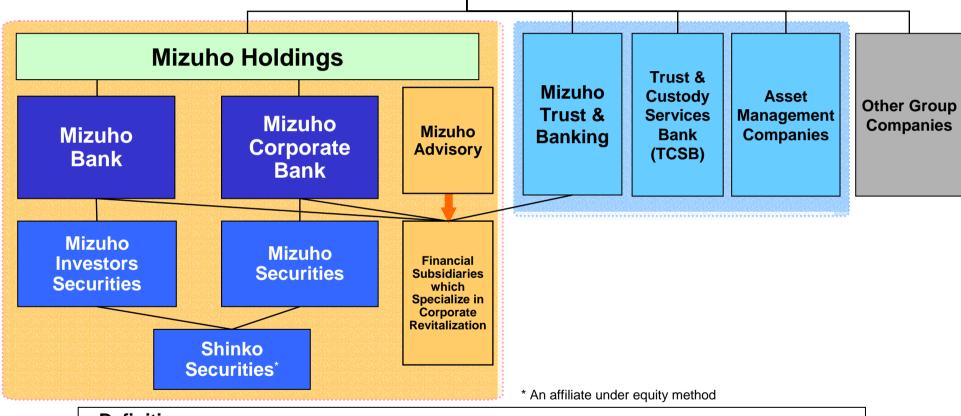
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Mizuho Financial Group

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (MHFG)



Definitions

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Major Financial Data of the Mizuho Financial Group

As of the end of Sep. 2004	Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.	Mizuho Bank	Mizuho Corporate Bank	Mizuho Trust & Banking		
Total Assets	139.3	68.6	70.8	5.8		
Loans	64.2	35.0	26.0	3.2		
Deposits and Debentures	84.5	55.7	27.2	(Trust Assets ⁻¹ 41.4)		
BIS Capital	7.9	3.3 *2	4.4	0.5		
Risk-adjusted Assets	67.2	31.3 ^{*2}	33.2	4.0		
BIS Capital Ratios	11.86%	10.57%*2	13.48%	13.72%		
Net Business Profits [Estimates for FY2004]		350	395	72		
Net Income (Estimates for FY2004)	720 *3	90	560 *3	25		
Financial data are on a consolidated basis except estimates for Net Business Profits	(JPY Tn)	Mizuho Investors Securities	Mizuho Securities	*1 Including re-entrusted assets to TCSB, a subsidiary of MHFG *2 Domestic standard		
and Net Income of Mizuho Bank, Mizuho Corporate Bank, and Mizuho Trust & Bankin which are on a non-consolidated basis and include the estimates for their financial subsidiaries for corporate revitalization	Total Assets	0.5	16.6	*3 Including recording of approx. JPY 280 billion of net extraordinary gain		
	(JPY Bn)	(Assets under Management 4.6)	(Assets under Management 14.2)	due to the Supreme Court judgment on Dec. 24, 2004 regarding a		
_	Ordinary Profits [Actual for FY2003]	12.0	40.2	corporate tax correction with respect to the write-off of credits against Japan Housing Loan, Inc.		
	Net Income [Actual for FY2003]	10.3	19.6			

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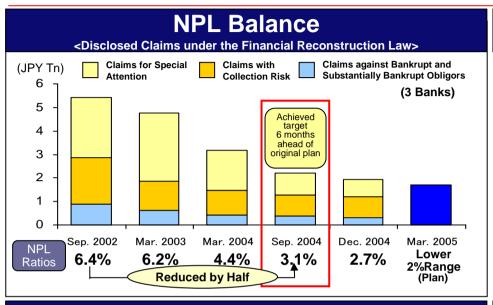
Management Focus Shifting from "Reestablishment of Business Infrastructure" to "Enhancement of Top-Line Growth"

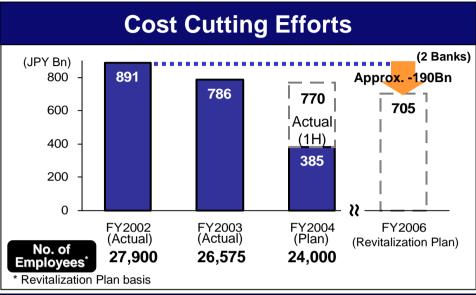
Measures to Enhance Top-Line Growth

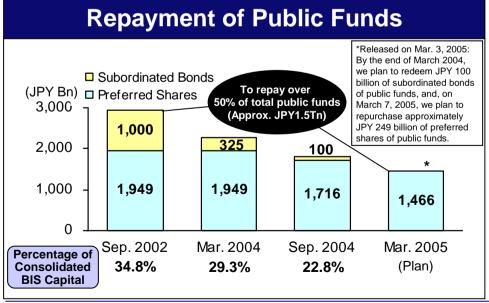
A New Phase in **Management Strategies Based on Steady** Repayment of Mizuho* **Progress in Management** Completion of Stock Price **Public Funds** Reforms **IT Systems** Integration Resolution of JPY 510.000 Feb. 28, 2005 **Financial Issues Acceleration of** Cost-Cutting Efforts **Completed Various** JPY 448,000 Mar. 31, 2004 **Management Reforms** within a Short Period JPY 250,000 Sep. 30, 2003 by Leveraging Launch of "Corporate Revitalization Project" July 2003 JPY 58,300 Apr. 28, 2003 (950 corporate customers / JPY 4.5Tn of financial claims) a "Sense of Crisis" record low since listed) March 2003 **Reformation of Group Management Structure** JPY 96.800 Mar. 31, 2003 ("Business Reorganization") February – March 2003 **Execution of Drastic Financial Actions and Capital Raising of JPY 1.1Tn** November 2002 **Announcement of "Change & Speed-Up Program"** JPY 285,000 Sep. 30, 2002 **April 2002** Start of Operations under a Corporate Structure Legally Separated JPY 302,000 Mar. 29, 2002 According to Customer Segmentation and Business Function *The stock price of Mizuho Holdings, Inc. before Mar. 5, 2003

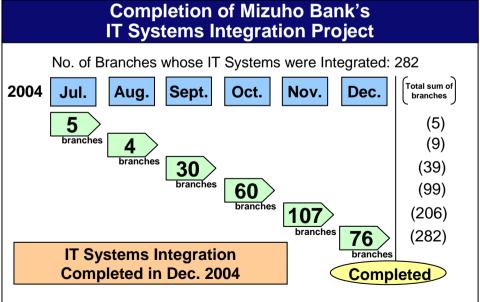
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Progress in Four Challenges









New Major Issues and a New Phase in Management Strategies

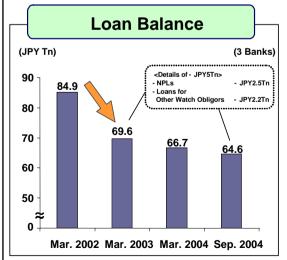
Resolution of NPL Issue = Pursuit of Credit Quality in Loans

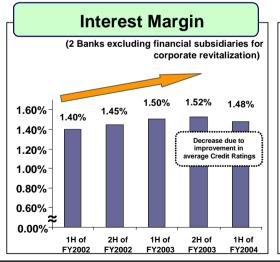
Rapid improvement of asset quality

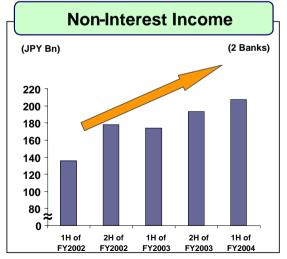


Establishment of sustainable earning base

Major Issues: Further Enhancement of Profits by Increasing Loans with Higher Risk-adjusted Returns, Further Increasing Non-Interest Income, and Reducing Costs







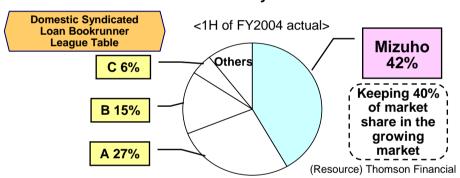


Management Vision in the New Phase

Enhance Top-Line Growth -Increase Profits from Customer Groups-

Wholesale Market

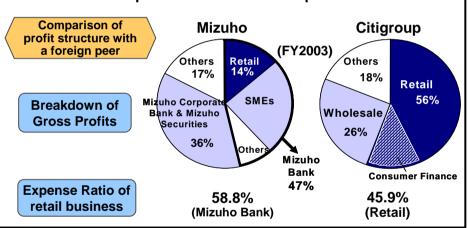
- Already established corporate customer base
 - Mizuho's corporate customers: 70% of listed companies
 Mizuho is main bank for 40% of them
 - No. 1 market share in domestic syndicated loan market



- Further leverage current customer base to enhance profitability
 - → Focus on securities and investment banking business

Retail & SME Market

- Establish a business model to enhance profitability
 - Retail: Retain existing customers and attain new customers through various alliances
 - SMEs: Enhance market share for loans to Middle Credit Risk Corporations and Small Corporations



Further Reduce Costs through Business Process Reengineering

Effect of IT Systems Integration

■ Realize cost-cutting effect after the completion of IT systems integration in Mizuho Bank

Business Process Reengineering

■ Improve customer service and reduce costs through promotion of business process reengineering after the completion of IT systems integration

II. Strategic Focus in the New Phase

Strategic Focus and Measures

Retail Market

- Enhance Profitability of "Mass-Retail Transactions"
- Strengthen Loan Business for Individuals
- Strengthen Housing Loan Business
- Promote Business with Enhanced Consulting Functions

Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) Market

Increase Loans to Middle Credit Risk Corporations and Small Corporations

Securities and Investment Banking (IB) Business

Strengthen Group Synergy and Alliances with Other Companies

Trust Business

Expand Trust and Asset Management Business

Retail Market

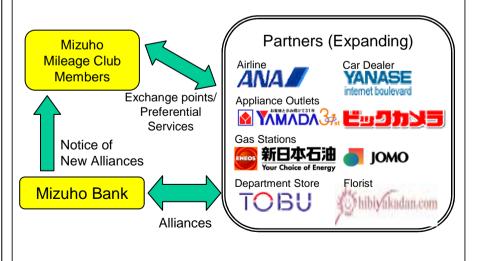
Enhance Profitability of "Mass-Retail Transactions" (Mizuho Mileage Club)

Introduce A New Membership Service Platform -ATM Card with Credit Card Function without Annual Fee Mizuho Mileage Club (MMC) Increase sales of Encourage "mass-retail investment products customers" to upgrade their status to "targeted and loans to **Mileage Function** customers" individuals Retention of Cross-Sell **MMC** Customers **ATM Card with Credit Card Credit Card Function Purchase Records** Revolving Credit Function) **Profits from Credit Card Business** Improve profitability of "mass-retail customers" ■ Offer mileage points that can be accumulated for an indefinite period, which can be used to obtain preferential pricing on deposits and loans, by banking transactions and credit card

- usage
- Enhance data-based marketing by sharing customer's credit card purchase records
- Share profits fifty-fifty from credit card business with credit card companies

Upgrade Services and Functions of MMC

- Introduction of new revolving credit function* (Nov. 2004)
 - * Customers may choose the upper limit of monthly payments
- Internet services exclusive to MMC members
 - Account Aggregation** (Nov. 2004)
 - "Customers are able to check their deposits, investment trusts and credit-card accounts on one screen on the internet
- Introduction of services from corporate partners (Feb. 2005)
 - Increase membership and facilitate credit card usage by providing high quality services



Retail Market

Enhance Profitability of "Mass-Retail Transactions"

(Business Alliance with Credit Saison)

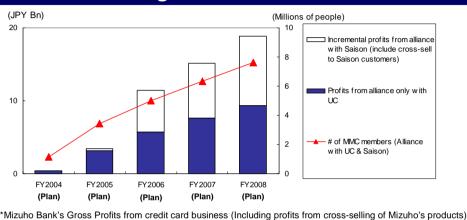
Further Expand Credit Card Business through Enhancing Brand Power and Opening Each Other's Customer Base

Plan to market Mizuho products to over 16 million Credit Saison (Saison) customers

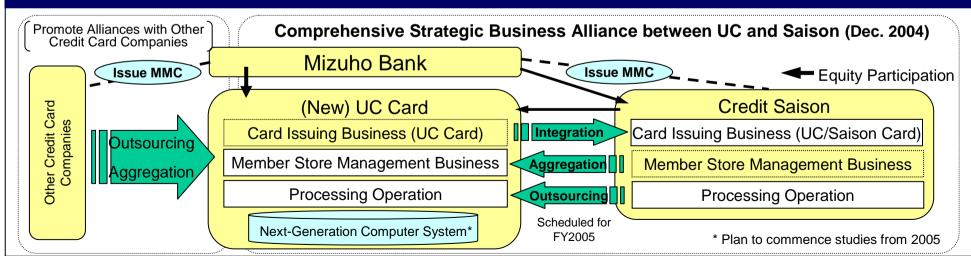
Saison's 16million Customer Base Customer Base Accounts

MMC (Saison Card)/New Products and Services through this Alliance

Increase Number of Members and Profits* of MMC through the Alliance with Saison



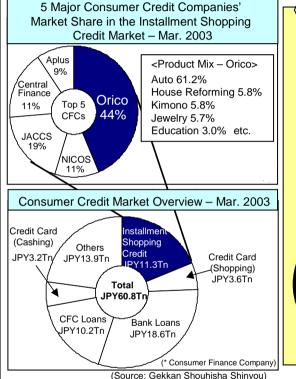
Reorganize Credit Card Business through Comprehensive Strategic Business Alliance with Saison

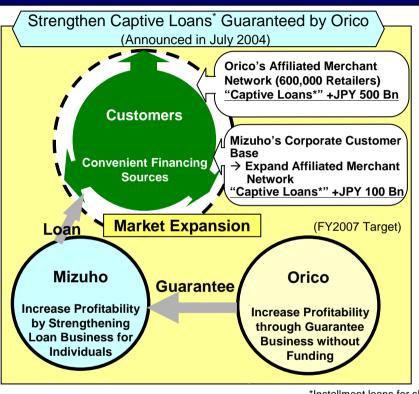


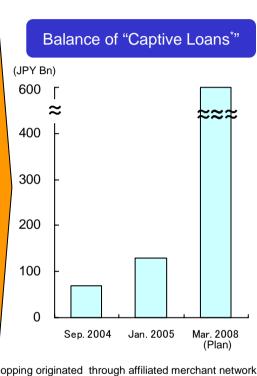
Strengthen Loan Business for Individuals

(Business Alliance with Orient Corporation)

Strengthen Loan Business for Individuals through Orico's Affiliated Merchant Network







*Installment loans for shopping originated through affiliated merchant network

Utilize Orico's Underwriting, Loan Collection and Marketing Capabilities

New loan card for individuals "Mizuho Orico Loan Card" to be released in FY2005

Transfer unsecured loan guarantee **business** from UC Card to Orico

Leverage Alliance between Orico and ITOCHU Corp.

ITOCHU Corp. plans to acquire 21% of Orico's ordinary shares (JPY 24.3 Bn of 3rd party allotment and approx. JPY 24 Bn of existing shares) and preferred shares (face value of JPY 20 Bn)

Strengthening of retail business by providing Orico's affiliated merchants and individual customers with more products and services by ITOCHU Corp.



Strengthen Housing Loan Business

Further Strengthen Housing Loan Business by Revision of Underwriting Process and Distribution Network and Reinforcement of Housing Loan Products

Flexible Response to Customers' Needs

Revision of Underwriting Process and Distribution Network

- Target: same day response for 80% of applications
- Introduce scoring model
- Increase Housing Loan Centers to 100 by FY2005

Balance of Housing Loans for Owner's Residential Housing Parameter Honsing Loans Corp. Mar. 02 Mar. 03 Mar. 04 Mar. 07 (Plan)

Introduction of Competitive Products and Pricing

Special Pricing Campaign

- Offer special pricing with limited period and amount to maintain certain market share in the housing loan market
- Offer special pricing for loans whose interest rate risks can be covered in the financial market

For ultra-long term housing loans, offer securitization type housing loans (see below)

Promote Securitization-type Housing Loans in Alliance with Government Housing Loan Corp.

Government Housing Loan Corp. will be transformed into an independent agency supporting securitization of housing loans → Further contraction of market share

- Increase Mizuho's share by strengthening business for securitization-type loans
- Develop the securitization market and establish business model for fee businesses
- Long-term (over 20 years) fixed interest rate: 2% range
- Mizuho promotes securitization-type housing loans while other banks focus on promoting their own booked loans

→ Originations are increasing steadily

	1Q of FY2004	2Q of FY2004	3Q of FY2004	From Jan. to Feb. 2005	Applications under review (as of the end of Feb. 05)
Origination Amount (JPY Bn)	1.1	2.3	10.9	11.8	57.9

Customers

argeted

Thousand

800

AUM*:

JPY 100M or

more →PB staff

AUM*: JPY 30M or more

→ 1st Class

FCs

AUM*:

JPY 10M or

more

→ 2nd/3rd
Class FCs

Promote Business with Enhanced Consulting Functions

Increase Sales of Investment Products through Enhancement of Consulting Functions to "Targeted Customers"

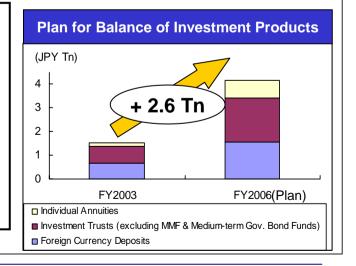
Reassembling of Private Banking (PB) Strategies

Reinforce Customer Relationship through Total Wealth Management (lifetime asset management)

- Clarify target customers and increase the number of PB staff
 - > Focus on owners and executives of companies, and landlords in Tokyo, Kanagawa, and Osaka
- Enhance group approach to meet customers' increasingly sophisticated needs e.g. Real estate consulting services for landlords through alliance with Mizuho Trust & Banking
- Provide direct brokerage services upon deregulation of securities brokerage e.g. Alliance with Mizuho Investors Securities

Early Establishment of Consulting Services

- **■** Consulting Counters
 - > Install consulting counters in 250 branches by FY 2005
- Financial Consultants (FCs): 2,000 FCs in FY2005
 - > Current Number of FCs: 684 (Dec. 2004)
 - > Recruiting 500 consultants through FY2004 and FY2005
 - Fostering FCs speedily
- Plan to open branches specializing in consulting services

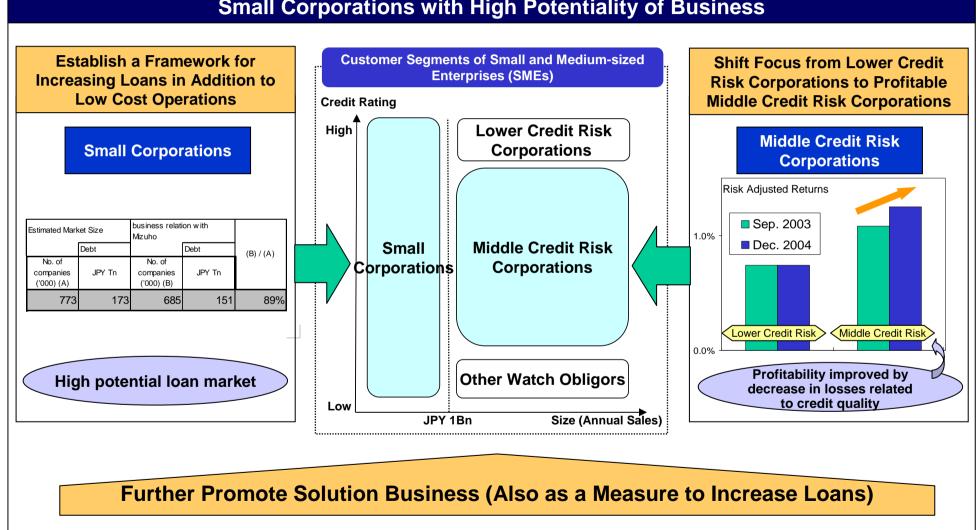


^{*} Assets under Management



Increase Loans to Middle Credit Risk Corporations and Small Corporations

Focus on Middle Credit Risk Corporations with Improved Profitability and Small Corporations with High Potentiality of Business



Increase Loans to Middle Credit Risk Corporations and Small Corporations

Strategies for Middle Credit Risk Corporations

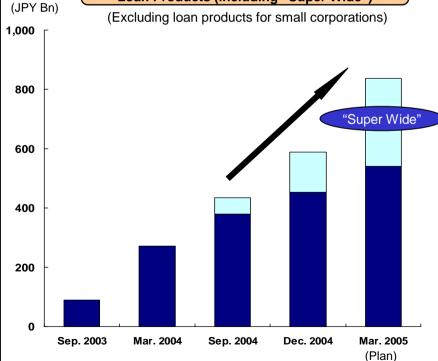
Introduction of "Preauthorized Business Direction to Each Customer" and increase share of loans for each customer

Launch of new loan product "Super-Wide"

Speeding up of approval process and enhancement of screening skills specialized for SME-specific industries

Focusing on creating business with new customers

Accumulated Origination Amount of Unsecured Loan Products (including "Super Wide")



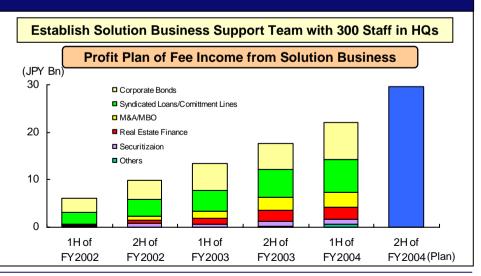
Strategies for Small Corporations

Establishment of low-cost sales channels designed for the high potential market of small corporations

Plan of Number of Centers and Staff of Business Finance Centers (BFCs)

		Mar. 2004	Dec. 2004	Mar. 2006 (Plan)	Minute Detinops 470
Ν	o. of Centers	11	19	100	Mizuho Retirees: 170
	BFC Branches	11	19	40	• Retirees from Credit
	BFC Sales Offices	-	-	11	Associations
	Representaive Ofiices				(Shinkin Banks) and
	located at Mizuho Bank	-	-	49 /	Credit Unions: 290
Ν	o. of Staff	150	260	600	Part-timers, etc: 140

Promotion of Solution Business

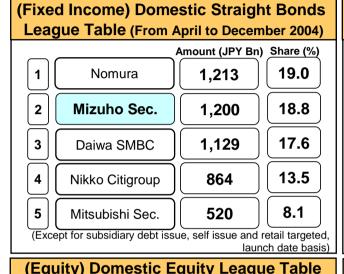




Current Status of Securities and IB Business

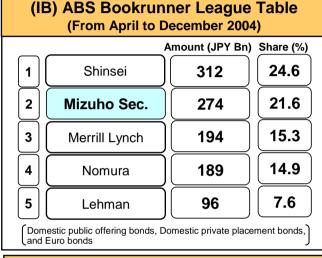
Need to Strengthen Equity Business

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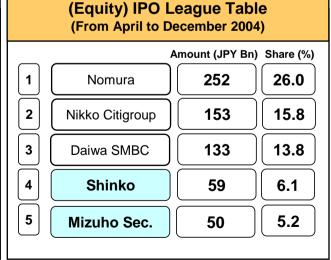


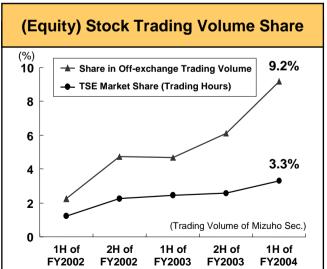
(From January to December 2004)					
Deals Amount (USD Mn)					
1	Mizuho*	108	9,166		
2	Nomura	104	25,031		
3	Daiwa SMBC	80	18,035		
4	Mitsubishi Tokyo	61	6,424		
5	Nikko Cordial	55	505		
*Including Mizuho Securities, Mizuho Corporate Bank, Mizuho Bank, Mizuho Investors Securities, and Mizuho Corporate Advisory					

(Deals completed, Japanese target, any acquirer)



(Total of IPO/PO/CB/REIT, From April to December 2004) Amount (JPY Bn) Share (%) 23.2 Nomura 677 Daiwa SMBC 578 19.8 17.3 Nikko Citigroup 506 Mitsubishi Sec. 180 6.1 5 Mizuho Sec. 161 5.5 6 Shinko 4.8 140





(Resource) IN Information Center, Thomson Deal Watch, etc.

Strengthen Group Synergy and Alliances with Other Companies

Wholesale Market (Mizuho Securities)

Pursuit of Group Synergy

- Further Strengthen Cooperation with Mizuho Corporate Bank
- Further Promote Cooperation with Shinko Securities focusing on equity underwriting

Alliances with Other Companies

- Business Alliance with Nikko Cordial Corporation and Nikko Cordial Securities (Jan. 2005)
 - > Promotion of cooperation in equity underwriting
- **■** Enhancement of Alliance with Norinchukin Group
 - ➤ Business transfer of Norinchukin Securities and establishment of JA Sales Department in Mizuho Securities to strengthen product sales to Japan Agricultural Co-operatives (Mar. 2004)
 - Third party allotment of capital of JPY 74.9Bn to Norinchukin (Sep. 2004)
- Business Alliance with Monex Beans Group (Aug. 2004)
 - Expansion of sales channel to retail customers utilizing on-line trading
 - > Sales commission for IPO-related equity products
- Aggressive Approach toward Securities Brokerage Business
 - Expansion of sales channels through alliances with regional banks

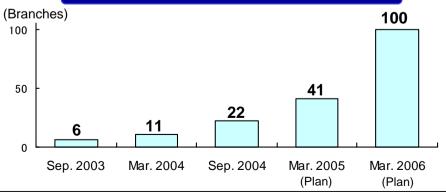
e.g. Hiroshima Bank, Chugoku Bank

Retail Market (Mizuho Investors Securities)

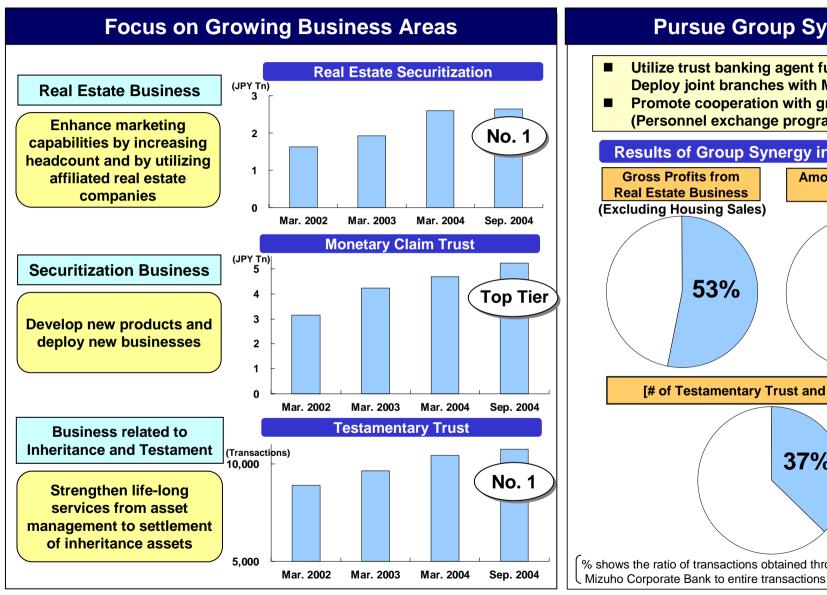
Pursuit of Group Synergy

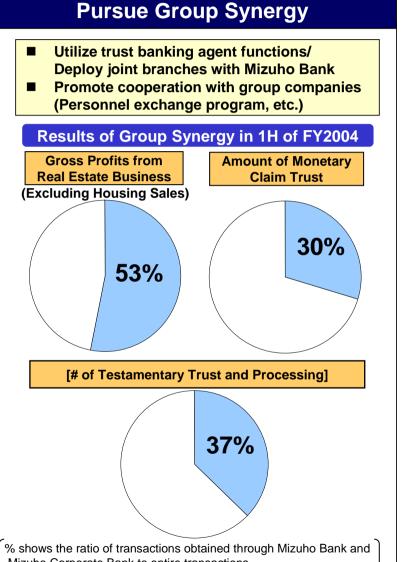
- **■**Further Strengthen Cooperation with Mizuho Bank
 - > Accelerate deployment of joint branches
 - Accelerate deployment of securities consulting booths in lobby of Mizuho Bank's branches ("Planet Booth"), targeting 100 branches within FY2005
 - ➤ Increase the number of IPO bookrunner deals through cooperation with Mizuho Bank
 - Promote business cooperation in securities brokerage business for targeted customers for private banking
 - Offer preferential commission fee for Mizuho Mileage Club members
 - > Promote personnel exchange program

Joint Branches with Mizuho Bank



Expand Trust and Asset Management Business





III. In Closing

In Closing

At present, Mizuho already has a sufficient business base and full financial service functions within the Group

Huge domestic customer base <Our challenge is to take full advantage of this base>

Capabilities to provide comprehensive financial services of the Group (e.g. securities, trust, credit card)

Toward a new stage: competition on the speed at which profitability is enhanced

- Lead Mizuho by leveraging

a "sense of crisis" for new competition -

Carry out measures to enhance top-line growth promptly and steadily

Establish business models in focused business areas (e.g. retail, SMEs) in preparation for a change of the zero-interest rate policy

Pursue synergy utilizing Mizuho's huge domestic customer base

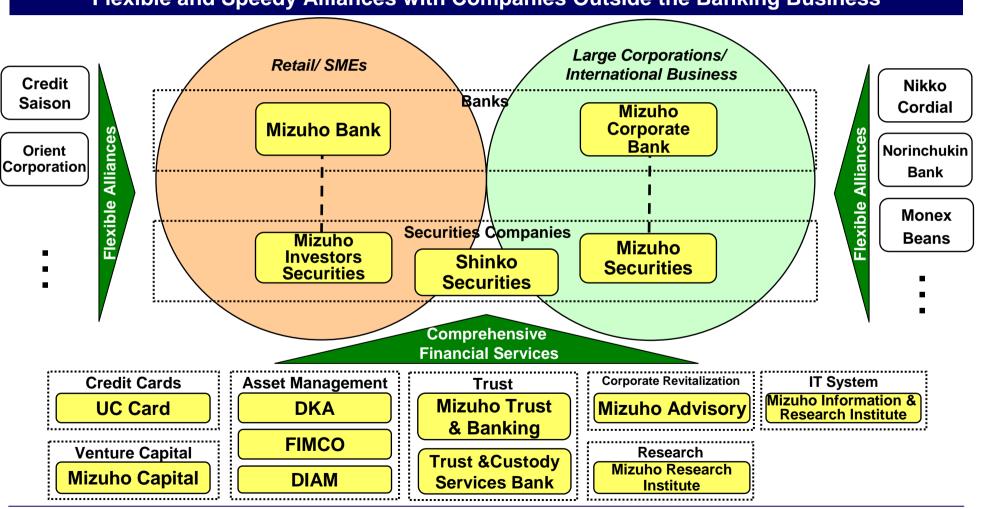
Form and utilize flexible "business alliances" with companies outside the banking business (e.g. consumer credit, credit card, securities)

Realize more benefits of the consolidation through further streamlining of operations

Pursue Group Synergy and Flexible Alliances

Pursuit of Group Synergy Utilizing Huge Customer Base in Japan and Comprehensive Financial Service Functions within the Group

Flexible and Speedy Alliances with Companies Outside the Banking Business



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