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Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

## Mizuho receives Best IR Award in 2025 IR Awards

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (President & Group CEO: Masahiro Kihara) established Mizuho's corporate Purpose of "Proactively innovate together with our clients for a prosperous and sustainable future" in May 2023 and has since pursued unique IR initiatives group-wide. As a result of these ongoing efforts, Mizuho has received a Best IR Award in the Japan Investor Relations Association (JIRA)'s 2025 IR Awards. This is the first time for Mizuho to receive a Best IR Award and marks its first IR Award in 10 years, since its IR Special Award in 2015.



The IR Awards are designed to recognize companies which have been highly accredited in the investment community for their understanding and promotion of IR activities. This year marks the 30th year since the first IR Awards. Of the JIRA member companies, 371 publicly-traded companies applied for the 2025 IR Awards and a total of 13 companies were selected and received awards: IR Grands Prix were given to two companies, Best IR Awards to six, IR Special Awards to three, and Best IR Awards for Encouragement to two.

Reason for selection (excerpt from JIRA's press release):

Mizuho's management is gaining recognition by being involved in IR activities. The CEO and the CFO engage in frank dialogues with investors, and management's awareness of cost of capital and stock prices is well conveyed. In its growth strategy, Mizuho has set targets for improving EPS and ROE, and the explanation for realizing these is easy to understand. The IR Department also strives to improve its activities based on the opinions and requests of investors. On the IR Day, Mizuho's arguments on areas of focus, issues, and

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strengths of its businesses have become more persuasive, with the heads of cross-entity divisions attending the IR Day to engage in dialogue with investors. A comprehensive understanding of multiple businesses is progressing, and expectations for group synergies are rising.

Mizuho will continue to engage in constructive dialogue with stakeholders and provide transparent and timely disclosures. It remains committed to advancing unique IR initiatives and creating sustainable corporate value.

Reference: JIRA website <https://www.jira.or.jp/english/>