

Cool Japan Fund Inc.
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Chikaranomoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange

Cool Japan Fund (CJF) announces that Chikaranomoto Holdings Co., Ltd. (Chikaranomoto) has successfully completed its listing on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Mothers Market today. CJF previously announced its decision to invest in Chikaranomoto in December 2014.

Chikaranomoto has been expanding its restaurant business in the very challenging markets of Europe, the United States, and Australia in areas such as Paris and London. With Ippudo - a restaurant that serves ramen noodles, Japanese side dishes arranged to match local tastes, Japanese sake, and other Japanese beverages - at the center of its business, Chikaranomoto has been contributing to the increase of fans of Japanese cuisine, as well as the international expansion of the Japanese food and beverage industry.

CJF has provided Chikaranomoto with funding necessary for its overseas expansion. Furthermore, CJF has also offered various forms of management support, including but not limited to the dispatching of an external director and the provision of advice regarding overseas expansion.

Reference: CJF announced its investment in Chikaranomoto through the following news release published on December 8, 2014:

URL: https://www.cj-fund.co.jp/en/files/press_141208-2.pdf

About Chikaranomoto Holdings Co., Ltd.

Established in:	October 1986
Business Domain:	Operation of Ippudo and other restaurants and bakeries, consulting services regarding ramen and other eating/drinking establishments, farming corporation, food production, operation of research facilities, operation of a flour-based foods facility, food education, cooking classes.
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