

MIZUHO FINANCIAL GROUP INC
Form 6-K
May 15, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 6-K
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of May 2015

Commission File Number 001-33098

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

5-5, Otemachi 1-chome

Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8176

Japan

(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 15, 2015

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Junichi Shinbo

Name: Junichi Shinbo

Title: Managing Executive Officer / Group
CFO

May 15, 2015

To whom it may concern

Company Name: Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.
 Representative: Yasuhiro Sato, President & CEO
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 Security Code: 8411 (Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st
 Section)

Regarding Dividend (Fiscal Year-end Dividend)

for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2015

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (MHFG) hereby announces that its Board of Directors has resolved today to increase the fiscal year-end dividends per share for its common stock by 0.50 yen from its most recent dividend estimates and pay the dividends as stated below. The record date for such dividends is March 31, 2015.

1. Dividend Detail

| | Determined amount | Most recent dividend estimates (announced on January 30, 2015) | Actual dividends for previous fiscal year (ended March 31, 2014) |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Record date | March 31, 2015 | March 31, 2015 | March 31, 2014 |
| Dividend per share | ¥ 4.00 | ¥ 3.50 | ¥ 3.50 |
| (Annual dividend) | (¥ 7.50) | (¥ 7.00) | (¥ 6.50) |
| Total amount of dividends | ¥ 98,452 million | | ¥ 88,012 million |
| Effective date | June 4, 2015 | | June 24, 2014 |
| Source of dividends | Retained earnings | | Retained earnings |

2. Reasons

We are pursuing strengthening of stable capital base and steady returns to shareholders as our disciplined capital management policy. As a new policy to return profits to shareholders, starting from fiscal 2014, we have introduced a steady dividend payout policy setting a dividend payout ratio on a consolidated basis of approximately 30% as a guide for our consideration.

Based on the policy, considering the financial results for fiscal 2014 and other factors, we determined the fiscal year-end dividend per share for common stock to be 4.00 yen, an increase of 0.50 yen from our most recent dividend estimates. As a result, annual dividends for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015 will be 7.50 yen per share of common stock, an increase of 1.00 yen from the previous fiscal year.

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