

MIZUHO FINANCIAL GROUP INC
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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 February 2013

Commission File Number 001-33098

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

5-1, Marunouchi 2-chome

Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8333

Japan

(Address of principal executive office)

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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: February 26, 2013

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Hideyuki Takahashi

Name: Hideyuki Takahashi

Title: Managing Director / CFO

February 26, 2013

To whom it may concern:

Company Name: Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.
 Representative: Yasuhiro Sato
 President & CEO
 Head Office: 2-5-1 Marunouchi
 Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
 (Code Number: 8411 TSE OSE 1st Sec.)

Company Name: Mizuho Bank, Ltd.
 Representative: Takashi Tsukamoto
 President & CEO
 Head Office: 1-1-5 Uchisaiwaicho
 Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Company Name: Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.
 Representative: Yasuhiro Sato
 President & CEO
 Head Office: 1-3-3 Marunouchi
 Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Signing of Merger Agreement between Mizuho Bank, Ltd. and Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.,

Change in Trade Name of Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. and

Determination of Representative Director after Merger

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (President & CEO: Yasuhiro Sato) (MHFG), Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO: Takashi Tsukamoto) (MHBK) and Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO: Yasuhiro Sato) (MHCB) announced on November 14, 2011 in the release titled Memorandum of Understanding on Merger between Mizuho Bank, Ltd. and Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. that MHBK and MHCB decided to conduct a merger (the Merger) by around the end of the first half of fiscal year 2013. MHFG, MHBK and MHCB also announced on March 30, 2012 in the release titled Determination of Effective Date of Merger between Mizuho Bank, Ltd. and Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. that they determined that the effective date of the Merger (the Scheduled Date of the Merger) shall be July 1, 2013. In addition, MHFG, MHBK and MHCB announced on February 8, 2013 in the release titled Determination of Representative Director, etc. of Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. after Merger with Mizuho Bank, Ltd. that the representative director, etc. of MHCB as of the Scheduled Date of the Merger had been determined.

MHFG, MHBK and MHCB hereby announce that they have determined that MHBK and MHCB will, on the condition that, among other things, permission is obtained from the relevant authorities in Japan, conduct the Merger, and that MHBK and MHCB have signed a merger agreement (the Merger Agreement) today. In addition, MHFG, MHBK and MHCB hereby announce that they have determined the change in MHCB's trade name on the condition that the Merger takes effect and determined additional representative directors of MHCB as of the Scheduled Date of the Merger, on the assumption that the resolution of MHCB's general shareholders meeting and the resolution of MHCB's board of directors will have been made and that filings will have been made to, and the permissions will have been obtained from, the relevant authorities in Japan and any foreign countries.

1. Purpose of the Merger

Through the Merger, our group (Mizuho) aims to become able to provide directly and promptly diverse and functional financial services to both MHBK and MHCB customers, utilizing the current strengths and advantages of MHBK and MHCB, and to continue to improve customer services by further enhancing group collaboration among the banking, trust and securities functions. At the same time, MHFG aims to realize further enhancement of the consolidation of group-wide business operations and optimization of management resources, such as workforce and branch network, by strengthening group governance and improving group management efficiency.

In addition to the Merger, MHFG will continue to consider the possibility of a consolidation that includes Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. (President & CEO: Takashi Nonaka).

2. Summary of the Merger

(1) Schedule of the Merger

Meetings of the board of directors for determination of the signing of the Merger Agreement	February 26, 2013
Signing of the Merger Agreement	February 26, 2013
General meetings of shareholders and the general meetings of class shareholders for approval of the Merger Agreement	February 26, 2013
Effective date of the Merger	July 1, 2013 (scheduled)

(2) Method of the Merger

An absorption-type merger, whereby MHCB will be the surviving company and MHBK will be the dissolving company

(3) Details of Allotment upon the Merger

MHFG holds all of the issued shares (excluding treasury stock) of each of MHBK and MHCB. Therefore, upon the Merger, MHCB (the surviving company in absorption-type merger) will not deliver to shareholders of MHBK (the dissolving company in absorption-type merger) shares or any other assets, as consideration for the Merger.

(4) Treatment of Stock Acquisition Rights and Bonds with Stock Acquisition Rights upon the Merger

MHBK and MHCB have issued neither stock acquisition rights nor bonds with stock acquisition rights.

3. Change in Surviving Company's Trade Name

(1) New Trade Name

Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

(2) Scheduled Date of Change

July 1, 2013

Please note that MHCB's trade name will be changed on the condition that the Merger takes effect.

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4. Determination of Representative Directors after the Merger (as of July 1, 2013)

Name	New Title	Current Title	Other positions
Masaaki Kono	Deputy President and Deputy President - Executive Officer (Representative Director)	Managing Executive Officer	Deputy President - Executive Officer of MHFG
Toshitsugu Okabe	Deputy President and Deputy President - Executive Officer (Representative Director)	Managing Executive Officer	Deputy President and Deputy President - Executive Officer of MHFG
Yasuhiko Imaizumi	Deputy President and Deputy President - Executive Officer (Representative Director)	Managing Executive Officer	Deputy President - Executive Officer of MHFG
Nobuhide Hayashi	Deputy President and Deputy President - Executive Officer (Representative Director)	Managing Director and Managing Executive Officer	Deputy President and Deputy President - Executive Officer of MHFG
Hirohisa Kashiwazaki	Deputy President and Deputy President - Executive Officer (Representative Director)	Managing Executive Officer of MHBK	

Please see the announcement made on February 26, 2013 in the release titled "Re: Management Changes for the Mizuho Financial Group, regarding the change in MHCBS management as of April 1, 2013."

The content of the announcement made on February 8, 2013 in the release titled "Determination of Representative Director, etc. of Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. after Merger with Mizuho Bank, Ltd." has not been changed.

5. Outline of New Company

Trade Name	Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (As described in 3. above, the trade name of MHCBS, which is the surviving company in absorption-type merger, is scheduled to be changed on the effective date of the Merger.)
Location	3-3 Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo (Location of the head office of the current MHCBS) After the completion of the "Otemachi 1-6 Project Building (tentative name), located at 6, Otemachi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, which is now under construction and is scheduled to be completed after the effective date of the Merger, the location of the head office will be moved to the location of the new building.
Representative	Yasuhiro Sato, President & CEO (representative director) (scheduled)
Purpose of Business	Bank business
Capital	¥1,404,065 million (Upon the Merger, neither the capital nor reserve will be increased.) (scheduled)

The organization after the Merger is described in Exhibit 1. In addition, the composition of directors, corporate auditors and executive officers after the Merger has been determined as described in Exhibit 2, which includes the announcement made on February 8, 2013 in the release titled Determination of Representative Director, etc. of Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. after Merger with Mizuho Bank, Ltd. and the description made in 4. above.

6. Outlook

The Merger will not change the earnings estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013 announced by MHFG.

(For Reference) The Consolidated Earnings Estimate for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2013 and the Consolidated Financial Results for the Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2012

MHFG (consolidated earnings estimate announced as of January 31, 2013)

	Net Income	Net Income per Share of Common Stock
Consolidated Earnings Estimate for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2013	¥ 500,000 million	¥20.43

(Note) MHFG does not forecast earnings in respect of consolidated ordinary income or consolidated ordinary profits; and does not forecast earnings in respect of operating profits, since its statement of income has no such item.

	Ordinary Income	Operating Profits	Ordinary Profits	Net Income
Consolidated Financial Results for the Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2012	¥ 2,715,674 million		¥ 648,561 million	¥ 484,519 million

(Note) Amounts generally referred to as net sales are herein stated as Ordinary Income. No amounts are indicated as Operating Profits since MHFG's statement of income has no such item.

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Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

Corporate Communications, Public Relations Office

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Outline of the Parties

(1) Name	MHCB (surviving company)	MHBK (dissolving company)
(2) Location	3-3 Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo	1-5 Uchisaiwaicho 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
(3) Name and Title of Representative	President & CEO: Yasuhiro Sato	President & CEO: Takashi Tsukamoto
(4) Purpose of Business	Bank business	Bank business
(5) Capital	¥1,404,065 million	¥700,000 million
(as of September 30, 2012)		
(6) Date of Establishment	April 1, 2002	April 1, 2002
(7) Number of Issued Shares	16,151,573 shares (common shares)	10,006,205 shares (common shares)
(as of September 30, 2012)	64,500 shares (the Second Series Class IV preferred shares)	64,500 shares (the Forth Series Class IV preferred shares)
	85,500 shares (the Eighth Series Class VIII preferred shares)	85,500 shares (the Fifth Series Class V preferred shares)
	3,609,650 shares (the Eleventh Series Class XIII preferred shares)	1,800,000 shares (the Tenth Series Class XIII preferred shares)
(8) Fiscal Year End	March 31	March 31
(9) Number of Employees	18,022 (consolidated)	27,128 (consolidated)
(as of September 30, 2012)	8,341 (non-consolidated)	18,890 (non-consolidated)
(10) Major Shareholder and Percentage of Shareholding	MHFG 100% (excluding treasury stock held by MHCB)	MHFG 100% (excluding treasury stock held by MHBK)
(as of September 30, 2012)		
(11) Relationship between the Parties	Capital Relationship	Not applicable.
	Personnel Relationship	There is one director who serves concurrently as a director of both MHCB and MHBK and two corporate auditors who serve concurrently as corporate auditors of both MHCB and MHBK.
	Transaction Relationship	MHCB and MHBK engage in deposit transactions and securities transactions, etc., with each other

(12) Results of Operations and Financial Conditions for Previous Three Fiscal Years (consolidated)

MHCB				MHBK			
Fiscal Year Ended	March 2010	March 2011	March 2012	Fiscal Year Ended	March 2010	March 2011	March 2012
Net Assets (¥ million)	4,235,205	4,689,334	4,732,660	Net Assets (¥ million)	2,036,642	2,481,918	2,671,110
Total Assets (¥ million)	90,338,181	92,950,239	94,621,163	Total Assets (¥ million)	72,838,895	74,781,922	77,198,363

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Net Asset per Share (¥)	231,007.37	198,228.31	216,544.16	Net Asset per Share (¥)	199,590.04	199,943.74	222,565.51
Ordinary Income (¥ million)	1,429,520	1,393,988	1,350,920	Ordinary Income (¥ million)	1,214,751	1,140,371	1,177,722
Operating Profits (¥ million)				Operating Profits (¥ million)			
Ordinary Profits (¥ million)	240,218	378,203	352,669	Ordinary Profits (¥ million)	45,831	169,016	235,920
Net Income (¥ million)	223,933	266,490	280,873	Net Income (¥ million)	55,714	140,072	181,605

(Note) The amounts generally indicated as net sales are herein stated as Ordinary Income. No amounts are indicated as Operating Profits since the statement of income has no such item.

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Directors, Corporate Auditors and Executive Officers of

Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

(Effective as of July 1, 2013)

Title	Name	Areas of Responsibilities
<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Mr. Takashi Tsukamoto</u>	
<u>President & CEO</u>		
<u>(Representative Director)</u>	<u>Mr. Yasuhiro Sato</u>	
Deputy President and Deputy President-Executive Officer	Mr. Masaaki Kono	Deputy President (Western Japan (Kinki, Chugoku, and Shikoku regions))
(Representative Director)		
Deputy President and Deputy President-Executive Officer	Mr. Toshitsugu Okabe	Deputy President (Personal Banking Unit and Retail Banking Unit) and Head of Internal Audit Group
(Representative Director)		
Deputy President and Deputy President-Executive Officer	Mr. Yasuhiko Imaizumi	Deputy President (Corporate Banking Unit (Large Corporations), Corporate Banking Unit and Financial Institutions & Public Sector Business Unit)
(Representative Director)		
Deputy President and Deputy President-Executive Officer	Mr. Nobuhide Hayashi	Deputy President(International Banking Unit)
(Representative Director)		
Deputy President and Deputy President-Executive Officer	Mr. Hirohisa Kashiwazaki	Head of Branch Banking Group
(Representative Director)		
Managing Director and Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Yasumasa Nishi	Head of Markets Unit
Corporate Auditor (full-time)	Mr. Osamu Harada	
Corporate Auditor (full-time)	Mr. Yuta Chiba	
Corporate Auditor	Mr. Isao Imai	
Corporate Auditor	Mr. Toshiaki Hasegawa	
Deputy President-Executive Officer	Mr. Hideyuki Takahashi	Head of Financial Control & Accounting Group

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Deputy President-Executive Officer	Mr. Daisaku Abe	Head of IT & Systems Group and Head of Operations Group
Deputy President-Executive Officer	Mr. Yasunori Tsujita	Head of Human Resources Group
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Shinya Wako	Head of the Americas
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Junichi Kato	Joint Head of Markets Unit
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Harusato Nihei	Corporate Banking
		Branch Banking Group
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Atsushi Narikawa	Head of Europe, Middle East and Africa

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Title	Name	Areas of Responsibilities
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Shiro Tomiyasu	Head of Credit Group
		Corporate Banking
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Kosuke Nakamura	Branch Banking Group
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Hiroshi Suehiro	Head of Asia & Oceania excl. East Asia
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Tadashi Kanki	Head of Strategic Planning Group
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Masayuki Yonetani	Head of Corporate Banking Unit
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Nobuyuki Fujii	Head of Corporate Banking Unit (Large Corporations)
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Masayuki Hoshi	Head of Financial Institutions & Public Sector Business Unit and Head of Transaction Banking Unit
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Tetsuhiko Saito	Head of Personal Banking Unit
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Takeshi Watanabe	Joint Head of Credit Group
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Masakane Koike	Head of Risk Management Group and Head of Compliance Group
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Akira Sugano	Head of International Banking Unit and Head of Asset Management Unit
		Corporate Banking
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Shusaku Tsuchihara	Branch Banking Group
		Corporate Banking
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Akihiro Hashimoto	Branch Banking Group
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Kiyoshi Miyake	Head of East Asia
		Corporate Banking
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Tomoshige Jingu	Branch Banking Group
		Corporate Banking
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Satoshi Miyazaki	Branch Banking Group
		Corporate Banking
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Keiichiro Ogushi	Branch Banking Group
		Corporate Banking
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Seiichi Kondo	Branch Banking Group

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Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Tatsufumi Sakai	Head of Investment Banking Unit and in charge of Business Collaboration Division (Securities & Trust Services)
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Tetsuo Iimori	Head of Retail Banking Unit
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Daisuke Yamada	Corporate Banking Branch Banking Group
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Takeru Watanabe	Corporate Banking Branch Banking Group
Managing Executive Officer	Mr. Haruki Nakamura	Joint Head of IT & Systems Group and General Manager of IT & Systems Planning Division

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Title	Name	Areas of Responsibilities
Executive Officer	Mr. Hokuto Nakano	General Manager of Forex Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Tsutomu Nomura	General Manager of Credit Coordination Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Yukihiisa Matsumoto	Corporate Banking Branch Banking Group
Executive Officer	Mr. Kazunori Hashimoto	General Manager of Tokyo Main Office and Tokyo Main Office Division No.1
Executive Officer	Mr. Kentaro Akashi	General Manager of Hong Kong Corporate Banking Division No.1 and No.2
Executive Officer	Mr. Amane Oshima	General Manager of International Treasury Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Andrew Dewing	General Manager of Americas Corporate Banking Division No.2 and General Manager for International Banking Unit, Mizuho Bank (USA)
Executive Officer	Mr. Ryoichi Amino	General Manager for International Banking Unit, President of Mizuho Corporate Bank (China), Ltd.
Executive Officer	Mr. Kazuhiro Kawai	General Manager of Corporate Credit Division No.1
Executive Officer	Mr. Mitsuo Ootani	General Manager of Compliance Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Hideaki Kuraishi	General Manager of Europe Structured Finance Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Takashi Saito	General Manager of Derivative Products Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Katsuyuki Mizuma	General Manager of Asia & Oceania Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Ryusuke Aya	General Manager of Risk Management Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Masahiro Miwa	General Manager of Corporate Banking Division No. 9
Executive Officer	Mr. Yuusei Matsubara	General Manager of Financial Institutions & Public Sector Business Coordination Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Junichi Shinbo	General Manager of Portfolio Management Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Makoto Saito	General Manager of Branch Banking Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Toyonori Takashima	General Manager of Main Office Municipal Division No.1
Executive Officer	Mr. Yasuhisa Fujiki	General Manager of International Coordination Division

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Executive Officer

Mr. Hikaru Shimomura

General Manager of Corporate Banking Division
No. 2

Executive Officer

Mr. Takahisa Shirota

General Manager of Kyobashi Branch Division
No.2

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Title	Name	Areas of Responsibilities
Executive Officer	Mr. Akihiro Nakanishi	General Manager of Corporate Banking Division No. 8
Executive Officer	Mr. Kazuya Kobayashi	General Manager of Corporate Banking Division No. 13
Executive Officer	Mr. Souichi Hosoi	General Manager of Financial Planning Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Noritaka Takahashi	General Manager of Bangkok Branch
Executive Officer	Mr. Kouji Arita	General Manager of Operations Planning Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Takeshi Aono	General Manager of ALM Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Hiroshi Toyoda	General Manager of Corporate Banking Division No. 6
Executive Officer	Mr. Makoto Kimura	General Manager of Ginza Branch Division No.2
Executive Officer	Mr. Akira Nakamura	General Manager of Corporate Banking Coordination Division (Large Corporations)
Executive Officer	Mr. Kouji Yonei	General Manager of IT & Systems Promotion Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Atsushi Sugao	General Manager of Corporate Banking Coordination Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Teiji Teramoto	General Manager of Investment Banking Coordination Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Yasuhiko Morikawa	General Manager of Financial Institutions Banking Division No.1
Executive Officer	Mr. Kenji Tsujitsugu	General Manager of Fukuoka Corporate Banking Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Tsuyoshi Katayama	General Manager of Administration Division
Executive Officer	Mr. Naonobu Sumida	General Manager of Securities Division

1. The information underlined has already been announced on February 8, 2013.
2. The composition of directors, corporate auditors and executive officers indicated above is based on the assumption that the Merger will take effect, that a resolution of the general shareholders meeting and a resolution of the board of directors of Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (after the Merger takes effect, Mizuho Bank, Ltd.) will have been made, and that filings will have been made to, and the permissions will have been obtained from, the relevant authorities in Japan and any foreign countries.
3. Messrs. Isao Imai and Toshiaki Hasegawa are outside corporate auditors as provided for in Article 2, Item 16 of the Company Law of Japan.