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SPARX Awarded the Best Group in Group Award (Equity) of "Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards Japan 2017" for the Fourth Consecutive Year

Splendid achievement of winning an award in Equity category

4 years in a row, achieving a new world record

Tokyo (March 21, 2017) – SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (the Group Company) is pleased to announce today that SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd. (SPARX AM), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group Company, won "the Best Group in Group Award (Equity)" of "Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards Japan 2017" for the fourth consecutive year, setting new world record (*) in Equity category.

(*) Including SPARX AM, only two asset management companies have set a new world record



Lipper Fund Awards Japan 2017
Group Award(Equity)
Best Group

It is a great honor to have won this award as it is not only for our specific fund or investment strategy but has proven our comprehensive excellence as a Japanese investment company after we had been dedicated to our investment philosophy since incorporation of the company.

All members at the SPARX Group remain dedicated to improve our investment capabilities, as more and more people recognize "SPARX" as a representative of Japanese and Asian Equity asset management firm.

Please refer to Appendix for the methodology for this award.

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Lipper Fund Awards

"Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards Japan 2017" is part of the "Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards" program held all over the world and determines the Fund/Group Awards winners from domestic and offshore funds registered for sale in Japan, based on Consistent Return (Effective Return) value according to the "Lipper Leaders Rating System (Thomson Reuters Lipper Leaders)".

Lipper Fund Awards Methodology

1. Fund Classification Awards

- Funds registered for sale in Japan as of the end of the calendar of 2016 with at least 36 months of performance history and the mature date of funds are later than 1st April. 2017.
- Lipper Global classifications with at least ten distinct portfolios based on the primary share class definition, excluding residual classifications, institutional and other non retail funds.
- The highest Lipper Leader for Consistent Return (Effective Return) value within each eligible classification determines the fund classification winner over three, five, or ten years according to the Lipper Leaders.

2. Asset Class Group Awards / Overall Group Award

- Determines the asset class group award winner within each asset class (equity, bond, and mixed-asset) and the overall group award winner.
- Fund groups with at least five equity, five bond, or three mixed-asset portfolios in the respective asset classes are eligible for a group award.
- Fund groups with at least five equity, five bond, and three mixed-asset funds are eligible for an overall group award.
- The lowest average decile rank of the three year's Consistent Return measure of the eligible funds per asset class (equity, bond, and mixed-asset) and group will determine the asset class group award winner over the three-year period.
- An overall group award will be given to the group with the lowest weighted average decile ranking of its respective asset class results based on the methodology described above.

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