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Announcement on Launch of “MONEX EDISON Investment Limited Partnership” Venture Capital Fund **— Investment in Seed to Early Stage Start-up Companies Across a Wide Range of Industry Sectors—**

TOKYO, October 27, 2017 - Monex Group, Inc. (the “Monex Group”) and Monex Ventures, Inc. (hereinafter, “Monex Ventures”) (*1) hereby announce that they have formed Monex Edison Investment Limited Partnership (hereinafter, the “Fund”), which invests in seed to early stage start-up companies in Japan, and that the Fund has already decided on two investments.

The Fund will mainly invest in seed to early stage companies across a wide range of industry sectors. The investment size will typically range from several to 20 million yen. The Fund has invited experts from various industries as advisors who have all supported the Fund’s initiatives.

Monex Group through Monex Ventures has been investing in start-ups with technologies that could change people’s life style, to develop products and services for the start-ups as well as for our group by assisting them in FinTech development. It has been more than three years since Monex Ventures started strengthening the group’s corporate venture capital effort. Reflecting on its past investments and looking at the future, we imagine that accelerating technological development will continue to bring further change not only to people’s environments but also to the business environment, such as by lowering of borders between industries.

Monex Group and Monex Ventures will proactively find and support start-up companies by leveraging the expertise and network they have cultivated, while seeking assistance and advice from advisors. We would like to contribute to the development of the overall growth of start-up businesses in Japan.

Monex Group and Monex Ventures intend to further develop its venture capital business. The Fund will invest in start-ups and entrepreneurs across a wide range of industry sectors who have great technologies and/or business ideas, and contribute to the designing of Japan’s future.

Comments from advisors to the Fund

Tomoyuki Sugiyama, President of Digital Hollywood University

Investing in or supporting start-ups has grown in Japan. However, support for the very early stage start-ups is not enough. I believe that the Fund's initiative will greatly encourage start-ups and entrepreneurs.

Song Wen-Zhou, Business consultant, founder of Softbrain Co., Ltd.

I founded my company almost at the same time as Oki Matsumoto, Monex Group, did. Though we experienced numerous hardship during the start-up period, I can also say that it was the happiest times of my life.

In this age of rapid technological innovation and increasing global competition, entrepreneurs have many opportunities. At the same time, there is risk that they will get left behind if they stop making progress even for a moment.

The future of our society is in the hands of entrepreneurs who take these risks and start their own businesses. If they succeed, that is great, and if even they do not, they still will be left with great relationships as well as experience through their struggle. Whichever way things go, entrepreneurs will bring a prosperous life and create a bright future for society.

I am looking forward to meeting such people through Monex Edison.

Hitoshi Tanaka, President, CEO and Representative Director, JINS, Inc.

I am grateful for the being able to understand how wonderful the world of business is through my experience of starting a business. Doing business naturally involves risks, but it fosters growth that more than makes up for such risks. I am honored to take part in this significant initiative of supporting entrepreneurs.

Yutaka Matsuo, Project Associate Director at the University of Tokyo; Area of Specialization: Artificial Intelligence

With the rapid advancement in deep-learning / Artificial Intelligence technologies in recent years, it is very important to have more technology-based start-ups. It is great that we will be able to provide more support to such entrepreneurs through the Fund.

Oki Matsumoto, Managing Director, Chairman and CEO of Monex Group, Inc.

Monex Group will not only invest in entrepreneurs, across a wide range of industry sectors, through the Fund but will also provide the Group's expertise and know-how of managing and growing a start-up business and advice from the Fund's advisors to support the growth of entrepreneurs who will lead the future of Japan.

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Outline of Monex Edison Investment Limited Partnership

Established	September 2017
Managing Partner	Monex Ventures, Inc.
Basis for establishment, etc.	Establishment of investment partnership based on the Limited Partnership Act for Investment
Investment target	Mainly target unlisted seed or early stage companies incorporated in Japan or companies whose principal market is in Japan with significant growth potential

(*1) Outline of Monex Ventures

Established	November 2005
Capital	100 million yen
Representative	Yuko Seimei
Business description	Discover and cultivate new businesses that will contribute to the Monex Group's businesses
Investment track record	UZABASE, Inc. (listed on the Mothers of the Tokyo Stock Exchange on October 21, 2016) Money Forward, Inc. (listed on the Mothers of the Tokyo Stock Exchange on September 29, 2017) ^(*2)

(*2) Please see Monex Ventures' website for its investment portfolio at <http://www.monexventures.com/>.

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