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Preliminary Monthly Report for May 2024

Money Partners Group released the following data for consolidated performance in May 2024 today. Operating revenues and foreign exchange margin deposits are preliminary figures that may change when financial statements are released.

Period	FYE March 2024											
	2023									2024		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Operating revenues (Million yen)	503	502	431	395	460	449	519	440	525	480	419	497
Foreign exchange trading volume (Currency in millions)	72,285	85,026	102,447	105,809	95,174	78,390	80,247	89,832	99,180	98,970	84,544	83,817
Customer accounts (Accounts)	360,441	361,481	362,428	363,570	364,294	364,914	365,857	366,704	367,482	368,432	369,293	370,506
Foreign exchange margin deposits (Million yen)	52,386	52,333	49,506	48,976	48,796	49,372	48,928	48,519	46,681	46,442	45,991	45,178
General customers	50,017	50,108	47,361	46,860	46,668	47,166	47,240	46,875	45,007	44,821	44,433	43,962
Financial companies (B-to-B)	2,368	2,224	2,144	2,116	2,127	2,206	1,687	1,643	1,673	1,621	1,557	1,215
Manepa Card accounts (Accounts)	154,562	154,386	154,304	154,276	154,275	154,273						

Period	FYE March 2025											
	2024									2025		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Operating revenues (Million yen)	556	454										
Foreign exchange trading volume (Currency in millions)	90,594	105,687										
Customer accounts (Accounts)	371,199	372,637										
Foreign exchange margin deposits (Million yen)	43,640	42,885										
General customers	42,611	41,887										
Financial companies (B-to-B)	1,029	998										

- (Notes) 1. Foreign exchange trading volume is the sum of customer transactions in each currency, using base currency units. Trading volume has not been converted into yen.
2. The number of customer accounts and foreign exchange margin deposits are end-of-month figures.
3. Money Partners started contract-for-difference (CFD-metals) trading in August 2011. Margin deposits, trading volume (currency units converted to USD) and trading revenues in CFD-metals are included in foreign exchange margin deposits, foreign exchange trading volume, and operating revenues, respectively.
4. Foreign exchange margin deposits are presented separately for transactions from general customers and from financial institutions that are B-to-B customers.
5. From March 2022, crypto asset contract-for-difference (CFD) trading (margin deposits and trading volume (trading value converted to USD) in CFD transactions) are included in foreign exchange margin deposits and foreign exchange trading volume, respectively.
6. The Manepa Card business (funds transfer business) terminated services on September 29, 2023.

<Overview of May>

In May, the U.S. dollar (USD) began forex market trading in the upper 157-yen range. After temporarily reaching a monthly high just below the 158-yen range on the same day, the Bank of Japan warned of forex intervention and dollar-selling ensued, causing the USD to temporarily fall to the lower 153-yen range. While the USD strengthened to the lower 156-yen range the next day on May 2, continued warnings of forex intervention caused dollar-selling to proceed, and the USD weakened to the lower 153-yen range. On May 3, U.S. employment statistics for April underperformed market expectations. This and other factors caused the USD to temporarily weaken to a monthly low in the upper 151-yen range. The market subsequently trended toward dollar-buying and the USD temporarily strengthened to the upper 156-yen range on May 14. However, U.S. long-term interest rates fell in light of the weak U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) for April, announced on May 15. Market participants observed shrinkage in the interest rate differential between Japan and the U.S. and the number of weekly U.S. initial jobless claims announced on May 16 exceeded market expectations, causing the USD to temporarily weaken to the mid 153-yen range. From May 17 onward, strong economic indicators and other factors caused the USD to rebound slightly and trend in a narrow range between the lower 155-yen to upper 157-yen range, ending the month in the lower 157-yen range.

The currencies for Europe and Oceania, which are the main currencies traded other than the USD, all traded in large price range (difference between the high and low) at the beginning of the month along with the USD, and subsequently trended at a weak yen level toward the end of the month.

The daily average price range for the USD/JPY increased to 1.203 yen (compared to 1.089 yen in April) but decreased from April for other currency pairs, resulting in an overall decrease from April.

Amid these conditions, the Money Partners Group began a campaign on October 2, 2023 on the Partners FX nano platform (hereafter "nano"), offering a zero spread (0.0 yen, same bid and ask price) on orders up to our specified volume for the five currency pairs of USD/JPY, EUR/JPY, AUD/JPY, GBP/JPY, and Mexican peso (MXN)/JPY. As part of this, we are continuing the campaign substantially expanding the order volume from 10,000 to 50,000 currency units for each transaction in the USD/JPY offering a zero spread (0.0 yen, same bid and ask price) and, from April 22, expanded trading hours to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. on the next day (trading hours for the other four currency pairs remains at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. on the next day). We also expanded the timespan during which we offer spreads of 0.001 yen and 0.002 yen on the USD/JPY currency pair for transactions with a trading volume of more than 50,000 and up to 200,000 currency units, by one hour each, and expanded the timespan during which we offer a spread of 0.001 yen on transactions in the MXN/JPY with a trading volume of more than 30,000 up to 200,000 currency units to 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on the next day.

On Partners FX (hereafter, "PFX"), we expanded the timespan during which we offer a spread of 0.002 yen on the USD/JPY currency pair to a 20-hour timespan (from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. on the next day) and were conducting a spread campaign offering the narrowest spreads in the industry in a total of 18 currency pairs, including our main currency pairs, during Golden Manepa Time (from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on the next day). However, we standardized the campaign spreads on our main 10 currency pairs, including the USD/JPY, from April 15 onward. We are continuing services providing the narrowest spreads in the industry on currency pairs other than the standardized 10 main currency pairs mentioned above, on both the PFX and nano platforms.

In addition to the above campaigns, we launched a campaign offering a digital gift according to trading volume, once a week, and are conducting various campaigns, including a campaign to encourage transactions that

enables customers to exchange the campaign points they have received according to new contract volume for special privileges to thank them for regular transactions. From May 27 onward, we also began a new campaign substantially increasing swap points for a maximum of one month on new long position contracts for five currency pairs, including the AUD/JPY, during the campaign period.

We are offering a spread of 0.2 pips on Gold/USD and on Silver/USD in CFD-Metals trading, during the same hours as Golden Manepa Time for our FX trading platforms (from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on the next day).

The above factors resulted in an 17% increase in foreign exchange trading volume from April to 105.6 billion currency units. Operating revenues were 454 million yen, an 18% decrease from April. This decrease came from a decline in system-related sales, in addition to a decline in profitability due to the decline in trading volume. Foreign exchange margin deposits fell for both general customers and financial companies, decreasing by 755 million yen from April to 42,885 million yen overall.

The Board of Directors proposed a resolution setting the year-end dividend forecast at 5.00 yen per share for fiscal year ending March 31, 2024 at the Board of Directors meeting held on March 15, 2024. If this year-end dividend is approved at the General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled in June of this year, we expect the annual dividend to be 11.00 yen per share. We decided to raise the target for dividend payout ratio from the previous 30% to 50% of net profit attributable to owners of parent at the Board of Directors meeting held on March 15, 2023. The resolution proposing this interim dividend is based on the dividend payout ratio target after it was increased.

Money Partners Group submitted an application selecting the TSE Standard Market on September 15, 2023 and switched from the Prime Market to the Standard Market on October 20. Despite the selection request, the numerical targets set in the plan to meet criteria for maintaining listing on the Prime Market were deferred. We will continue to implement various measures aimed at achieving the plan, revise our targets and measures as appropriate, and strive to further enhance corporate value to grow Money Partners Group into a company that meets the new listing standards for the Prime Market.

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