

**Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG)**  
**MUFG Bank, Ltd.**

## **MUFG Bank and Liquidity Capital to Establish 2nd Joint Venture Debt Fund in Singapore**

**Tokyo/Singapore, January 17, 2022** --- MUFG's core banking subsidiary MUFG Bank announced today the signing of a Limited Partner Agreement (the Agreement) between general partner Mars Growth Capital Pte. Ltd.<sup>[1]</sup> (Mars Growth Capital) and limited partner MUFG Bank, with the purpose of establishing a new debt fund (Fund 2).

MUFG Bank and Liquidity Capital M.C. (Liquidity Capital), an Israeli fintech company, entered into a joint venture agreement in August 2020<sup>[2]</sup> and launched their first debt fund (Fund 1). Mars Growth Capital, a joint venture between MUFG Bank and Liquidity Capital, has been providing debt finance to mainly middle-stage startups through Fund 1 by utilizing a unique AI credit scoring model developed by Liquidity Capital. In September 2021, MUFG Bank increased its LP commitment to Fund 1 from USD 80 million to USD 200 million<sup>[3]</sup>, in light of potential opportunities for further business expansion. As of December 2021, Mars Growth Capital has signed loan agreements with 12 growing startup companies.

Fund 2 will provide debt financing to later-stage pre-unicorn and unicorn companies<sup>[4]</sup> which aim to go public in the near future. MUFG Bank's LP commitment to Fund 2 is USD 300 million, and MUFG aims to provide a wide range of financial services to these companies in the future.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the digital shift in society continues to accelerate and online services continue to gain popularity in the Asia-Pacific region. Tech companies have contributed greatly to this trend, with many becoming unicorns and an increasing number completing IPOs in recent years. By providing financial support to startups throughout their entire growth cycle through Fund 1 and Fund 2, MUFG Bank is enhancing its commitment to developing new industries and solving social issues.

### **Overview of Fund 2**

Name	Mars Growth Capital Pre-Unicorn Fund, LP
Expected date of establishment	January 2022
Capital commitment by LP	USD 300 million
General Partner (GP)	Mars Growth Capital Pte. Ltd.
Limited Partner (LP)	MUFG Bank, Ltd.
Target companies	Pre-unicorn and unicorn companies

<sup>[1]</sup> For details on Mars Growth Capital Pte. Ltd., please refer to the following link

<https://www.marsgrowth.com/>

- [<sup>2</sup>] For details on joint business with Liquidity Capital M.C. Ltd., please refer to the following link  
[https://www.mufg.jp/dam/pressrelease/2020/pdf/news-20200807-001\\_en.pdf](https://www.mufg.jp/dam/pressrelease/2020/pdf/news-20200807-001_en.pdf)
- [<sup>3</sup>] For details on Fund 1, please refer to the following link  
[https://www.mufg.jp/dam/pressrelease/2021/pdf/news-20210901-001\\_en.pdf](https://www.mufg.jp/dam/pressrelease/2021/pdf/news-20210901-001_en.pdf)
- [<sup>4</sup>] Unicorn companies are private startups valued above USD 1 billion. Pre-unicorn companies are companies that are expected to become unicorn companies within a year.

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