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**SPARX New Global Blue Chip Japanese Equity Fund ("Gensentoshi")
Announcement of AUM Reaching JPY 300 Billion**

TOKYO—June 18, 2026—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; Prime:8739) announces that the domestically offered public investment trust (Japan-domiciled Mutual Fund), "SPARX New Global Blue Chip Japanese Equity Fund" ("Gensentoshi"; hereinafter referred to as the "Fund"), managed by its subsidiary SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd. (President & CEO: Shuhei Abe), has reached JPY 300 billion in assets under management ("AUM") as of May 29, 2026.

Since its inception in March 2008, the Fund has consistently pursued a long-term, concentrated investment strategy focused on Japanese companies with sustainable growth in corporate value. This milestone of JPY 300 billion in AUM reflects the continued confidence of investors in the Fund's long-term investment approach and track record. As of the end of May 2026, there are only a limited number of domestically managed active equity funds investing in Japanese equities with AUM exceeding JPY 300 billion. The Fund is recognized as one of the leading active equity funds in Japan and continues to enjoy strong interest from a wide range of investors. Amid growing demand for medium- to long-term active investment in Japanese equities, the Fund aims to continue delivering investment results that meets the expectations of investors.

AUM Growth and Milestones

- March 2008 – Fund inception
- May 2018 – Reached JPY 100 billion
- February 2024 – Reached JPY 200 billion
- May 2026 – Reached JPY300 billion

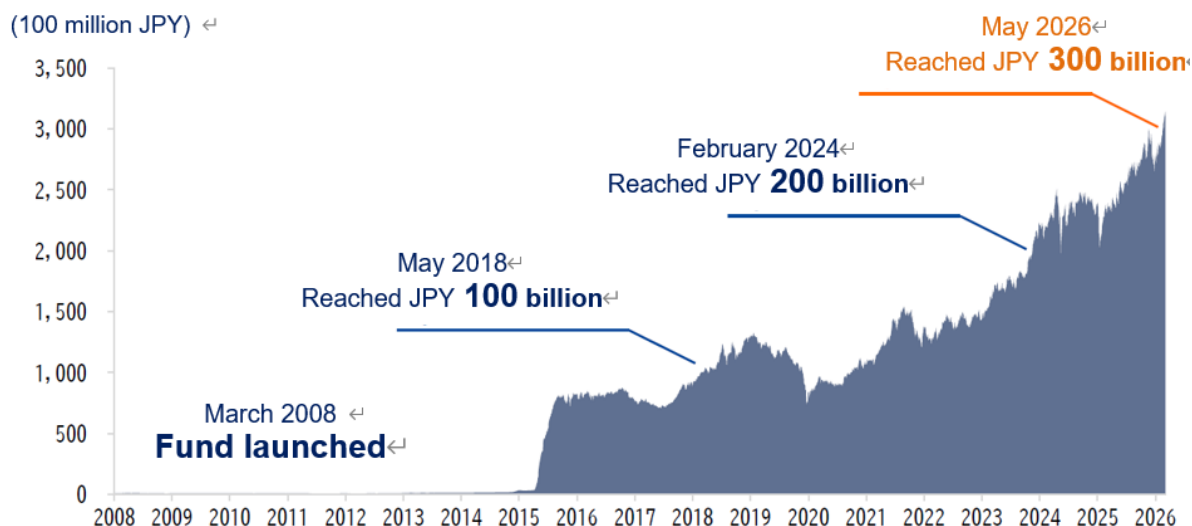
**Note: Figures represent actual AUM as of each respective date.*

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AUM of the Fund[←]

(From inception March 28, 2008 - May 29, 2026)



Investment Policy of the Fund

The Fund follows a disciplined investment strategy, “Invest in a Great Business with Exceptional Management at an Attractive Price” based on rigorous fundamental company research and selective stock picking. Adopting a long-term perspective on value creation and remaining largely unaffected by short-term market fluctuations, the Fund maintains a concentrated portfolio of approximately 20 high-conviction holdings.

Comment from the Fund Manager

Masakazu TAKEDA

Fund Manager, Investment & Research Division



Reaching JPY 300 billion in AUM represents an important milestone for the Fund. We sincerely thank our investors and distribution partners for their continued support. Since inception, we have remained committed to a long-term investment approach centered on intrinsic value.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to further enhancing our research capabilities and investment expertise, while striving to deliver investment performance that meets the expectations of our investors.

Fund Overview

Key Information	Details
Fund Name	SPARX New Global Blue Chip Japanese Equity Fund
Brand Name	“Gensen”
Inception Date	March 28, 2008
Classification	Open-ended investment trust / Domestic / Equities
AUM	JPY 314 billion (as of May 29, 2026)
Investment Manager	SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd

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■ Important Information Regarding Investment Trusts

The following information is provided pursuant to Article 37 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act. Please note that the fees and risks applicable to individual investment trusts may differ from those described herein. The fee structure and applicable rates vary depending on the distributor and the specific investment trust. Accordingly, the maximum rates applicable among the investment trusts managed by SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd. are presented herein. If you intend to invest in a specific investment trust, a prospectus (delivery prospectus) for such investment trust will be provided in advance or at the time of subscription. Please review such materials carefully. Any investment decision should be made at your own discretion and responsibility.

■ Risks Associated with Investment Trusts

Investment trusts invest in securities subject to price fluctuations, including domestic and international equities, bonds, and real estate investment trust (REIT) securities. Investments in foreign currency-denominated assets are also subject to exchange rate risk. Accordingly, the net asset value (NAV) fluctuates, and principal is not guaranteed. Investors may incur losses below their initial investment due to market price fluctuations, exchange rate movements, or other factors. Specialized funds concentrate investments in a limited number of securities and may experience significant fluctuations in NAV regardless of overall market conditions. Funds employing long/short strategies engage in short-selling transactions, and increases in the prices of securities sold short may cause a decline in NAV. Such funds may incur losses even in rising markets. In cases where both long and short positions generate losses, the total loss may exceed that of conventional funds. The risks described above are not exhaustive. The nature and characteristics of risks vary depending on each investment trust’s investment policy, asset classes, markets, and jurisdictions.

Fees and Expenses Related to Investment Trusts

The maximum fees (rates) for publicly offered investment trusts managed by the Company are as follows:

● Fees Directly Borne by Investors

Subscription Fee	Up to 3.3% (tax inclusive)
Redemption Fee	None
Trust Property Reserve	0.3% of the NAV on the redemption application date

● Fees Indirectly Borne During the Holding Period

Management fee (trust fee)	Up to an annual rate of 1.804% (1.64% excluding tax) of the net assets, accrued daily and reflected in NAV.
	【Breakdown (excluding tax)】 Investment manager: 0.90%, Distributor: 0.70%, Trustee: 0.04%

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	<p>The management fee (trust fee) is accrued on a daily basis throughout the fund's calculation period and is reflected in the fund's net asset value (NAV). Such fee is paid out of the trust assets on the date marking the end of the first six months of each calculation period, as well as at each fiscal period-end or upon the termination of the trust.</p> <p>The management fee (trust fee) is calculated as follows: Management fee (trust fee) = NAV during the investment period × applicable trust fee rate</p>
Audit and printing costs	<p>Expenses including audit and printing costs are charged at an annual rate not exceeding 0.11% (0.10% excluding tax), accrued daily and reflected in NAV. Such fee is paid out of the trust assets on the date marking the end of the first six months of each calculation period, as well as at each fiscal period-end or upon the termination of the trust.</p> <p>*Audit Fees: Compensation and expenses paid to the fund's auditor *Printing Costs: Costs related to preparation, printing, and submission of securities registration statements, prospectuses, and reports</p>

Other Expenses and Fees	<p>Brokerage commissions on securities transactions and other trust administration expenses are borne by the trust property as incurred. As these costs vary depending on market conditions and other factors, their rates and maximum amounts cannot be specified in advance.</p> <p>*Brokerage commissions on securities transactions: Fees paid to brokers or other intermediaries in connection with the purchase and sale of securities. *Other trust administrative expenses: Expenses related to the administration of the investment trust, including taxes imposed on trust assets, various expenses necessary for trust administration, and interest on advances made by the trustee.</p>
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