

【News Release】

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Advantage Partners, LLP

Transfer of Shares in Komeda Co., LTD.

Advantage Partners, LLP (“AP”) announced today that funds served by AP (“AP Funds”) have reached an agreement to transfer all shares of Komeda Co., LTD. (“Komeda”) held by AP Funds to funds managed by MBK Partners.

Komeda is a renowned franchise chain of coffee shops, established in Nagoya, Japan in 1968. In recent years, Komeda has accelerated new store launches in the Kansai and Kanto regions aside from its original presence in the Tokai region, in an effort to expand business across Japan. As of December 31, 2013, Komeda operates 483 stores and is considered one of the top three companies in the cafe/coffee shop industry in Japan.

Komeda runs a unique full-service business offering “an opportunity to relax with your coffee”, which is distinct from business models of “self-serve” coffee chains. Komeda is popular among men and woman, in differing geographic regions and among varying age group.

AP Funds acquired 80% of Komeda’s shares in April 2008 from its founder owner. Since then, AP Funds have successfully grown the business by implementing various growth strategies and improving the corporate structure, positioning the company for nationwide growth.

MBK Partners is a private equity firm, which operates in the East Asia region including Japan.