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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March 2016

Commission File Number 001-33098

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

5-5, Otemachi 1-chome

Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8176

Japan

(Address of principal executive office)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 3, 2016

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Junichi Shinbo Name: Junichi Shinbo

Title: Managing Executive Officer / Group

CFO

March 3, 2016

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

Organizational Reform:

Establishment of a Management Structure Based on Customer Segments

On April 1, 2016 Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (Mizuho) will introduce an in-house company structure based on customer segments. The aim of this structure is to utilize Mizuho s strengths and competitive advantage, as a holding company which integrates the banking, trust banking and securities functions, to promptly provide highest-quality financial services that closely match customer needs.

More specifically, the group s existing ten units will be reorganized into five in-house companies and two units to establish a management structure based on customer segments.

1. Introduction of In-house Company Structure

Mizuho will establish the following five in-house companies to thoroughly strengthen the customer-first, market-oriented approach: the Retail & Business Banking Company, the Corporate & Institutional Company, the Global Corporate Company, the Global Markets Company, and the Asset Management Company.

Furthermore, Mizuho will streamline head office operations and implement prompt decision making processes, in order to further enhance the group s front-line business and sales capabilities. At the same time, Mizuho will work to increase the group s earnings capacity and reform the risk-return structure, in accordance with the group s risk appetite framework.

2. Establishment of Research & Consulting Unit

Mizuho will consolidate the group s research and consulting functions into the new Research & Consulting Unit, to create a team of experts dedicated to addressing the various challenges that Mizuho s customers may face.

The unit will develop its global perspective and collaborate with the five in-house companies, using both macro and micro approaches, together with practical financial knowledge, to provide comprehensive solutions to address customers—various actual and potential challenges.