

# DAIWA QUANTUM CAPITAL

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Press Release

Daiwa Quantum Capital Limited

Daiwa Securities SMBC Principal Investments Co. Ltd.

Quantum Leaps Corporation

*Attention: This document is an excerpt translation of the original press release announced on October 30, 2009 by the companies described above in Japanese.*

## Set-up of the private equity fund targeting growth companies in Asia by Daiwa Securities Group and Quantum Leaps

We hereby announce that Daiwa Quantum Capital Limited (President: Tadashi Mizushima, hereinafter referred to as “DQC”), established jointly by Daiwa Securities SMBC Principal Investments Co. Ltd. (Chairman: Toshihiko Onishi, hereinafter referred to as “Daiwa SMBC PI”) and Quantum Leaps Corporation (Founder: Nobuyuki Idei, hereinafter referred to as “Quantum Leaps”), has successfully completed the first offering of the interests in “Daiwa Quantum Capital Partners I, L.P.”(hereinafter referred to as the “Fund”), and launched the Fund.

The goal of the Fund is to support the growth and long-term increase in the corporate value of both the targeted Asian companies and the Japanese corporations which provide their resources and knowledge capital to such targeted companies. The Fund aims to invest mainly in efficient energy and environment-related businesses in addition to consumer-related businesses, with focus on the growth potential of such businesses and the companies related thereto.

As well as the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), United Microelectronics Corporation group, a noted ICs semiconductor foundry in Taiwan, and other domestic and foreign investors, Daiwa SMBC PI has made a commitment as an anchor investor, and joined the Fund as LP investors. The initial amount of the Fund at the end of the first offering is USD 80 million, however, the final goal in size of the

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Fund is planned to be USD300 million.

Daiwa SMBC PI\* and Quantum Leaps will provide continuous support to DQC in order to maximize the performance of the Fund.

\* With regard to the changes in Daiwa SMBC PI's capital and organization due to the dissolution of the joint venture contract between Daiwa Securities Group Inc. and Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc., please see the press release announced by Daiwa Securities Group Inc. on September 10, 2009 as described in the following URL:

<http://www.daiwasmbc.co.jp/english/news/pdf/Press%20release.pdf>

### **“Fund Overview”**

Fund Name	Daiwa Quantum Capital Partners I, L.P.
Investment Targets	Companies in Asia including Japan with high growth potential
Target Region	Asia region excluding Japan (approximately 75%) Japan (approximately 25%)
Investment Sector	Efficient energy and environment-related businesses and consumer-related businesses, etc.
Core Investment Objective	Earning long-term return from investments in emerging companies which develop or are to develop their businesses in Asia and from investments in the businesses itself, by making full use of resources and knowledge capital from Japan.
Fund Type	Exempted limited partnership incorporated under the laws of Cayman Islands
General Partner	Daiwa Quantum Capital Limited
Fund Size	First closing: USD 80 million Final closing: USD300 million (planned)
Date of Launch	October 30, 2009
Term	Seven (7) years including the investment period of the first four (4) years, extendable up to nine (9) years.

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