

August 24, 2026
Aspirant Group Inc.

Announcement Regarding the Sale of Shares of

John Masters Holdings Co., Ltd.

Aspirant Group Inc. ("AG") is pleased to announce that on August 24, 2026, funds managed or served by AG, have reached an agreement with MCC Management Co., Ltd. ("MCC Management") regarding the sale of the entirety of its shareholding in John Masters Holdings Co., Ltd. (including its subsidiaries, together "John Masters Organics").

MCC Management is a 100% subsidiary of MatsukiyoCocokara & Co. (Headquarters: Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, TSE Prime 3088), one of Japan's largest drugstore groups. MatsukiyoCocokara & Co. Group has a network of over 3,600 stores across all 47 prefectures in Japan, and with the group vision of "Making health and beauty more delightful and accessible," they operate a wide range of businesses centered on beauty and health, with drugstore and dispensing pharmacy operations as their core businesses.

John Masters Organics was founded in New York in 1994 and is currently a premium cosmetics brand that widely offers hair care, skin care, and body care products centered on organic and natural ingredients. Since our investment in John Masters Organics, we have been working to strengthen the foundation of both the brand and business, including enhancing product development capabilities, transitioning to a domestic production system, and improving customer experience in physical and online stores. Currently, they are entering the next phase of growth, aiming to become a "one-of-a-kind premium cosmetics brand" while cherishing the essence of the brand that they have cultivated thus far.

This transaction was agreed upon following MatsukiyoCocokara & Co.'s high evaluation for John Masters Organics' superior quality and distinctive brand ethos as a pioneer in organic cosmetics, as well as the strong brand equity it has cultivated through the continued support of a broad and loyal customer base. We believe that by leveraging the management resources and business platform of the MatsukiyoCocokara & Co. Group, John Masters Organics will be well positioned to pursue the further growth the development of the brand it has long cultivated.