

The following is an English version of the official Japanese announcement, which has been given to the JASDAQ and the media in Tokyo, Japan.



Nov. 7, 2017

Company: SPARX Group Co., Ltd.  
(JASDAQ Standard Code: 8739)

**A SPARX Fund Received “AsiaHedge Awards 2017”**

For the First Time, Long-Short Fund Got the Award, in Japan Category

Tokyo (Nov. 7, 2017) – We are pleased to announce that the SPARX Japan Long Short Fund (“the Fund”), managed by SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SPARX Group Co., Ltd., (“SPARX”) has been recognized for outstanding investment performance at the AsiaHedge Awards 2017 in the Japan Category for the 1 year period ending August 2017. The award comes, for the first time, at a memorable time for SPARX as 2017 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fund. The AsiaHedge editorial team further adds:

“SPARX Japan Long-Short Fund’s win this year at the AsiaHedge Awards is impressive given the robust competition from other Japan-equity focused managers. The fund managed by portfolio manager Kazunori Inomata is one of the more-established Japan-equity focused hedge funds in the region.”

SPARX was founded by Shuhei Abe in 1989, a disciple of George Soros, to be one of the most innovative investment managers in Japan. This spirit led the company to launch the Fund as one of the first domestic Japan long short equity fund. Encouraged further by this award, SPARX remains dedicated to improve our investment capabilities, product offerings and client service activities, as more and more investors come to recognize SPARX as a leading Japanese and Asian Equity investment manager.

AsiaHedge

AsiaHedge  
Awards 2017

Winner

SPARX Japan Long-Short Fund

AsiaHedge Awards 2017

「1 Year Japan」

You can see details in AsiaHedge Awards website

(<https://hfm.global/asiahedge/news/ug-value-partners-graticule-anatole-lead-asiahedge-awards-2017-winners/>)

**The following is an English version of the official Japanese announcement, which has been given to the JASDAQ and the media in Tokyo, Japan.**

<For your reference>

The AsiaHedge Awards, now in their 16<sup>th</sup> year, aim to recognize the best risk-adjusted performers in the Asia-Pacific hedge fund industry, with awards being based on a combination of Sharpe ratios and absolute returns.

- Contact Information  
Finance & Management Control  
SPARX Group Co., Ltd.  
Telephone: +81-3-6711-9100  
Fax: +81-3-6711-9101

**About SPARX Group:**

Established in 1989, SPARX Group is an independent investment company, headquartered in Tokyo with offices in Hong Kong and Seoul. SPARX is an alternative investment advisors in Asia with approximately \$9.6 billion (\$/JPY rate: \$1=JPY112.73) in total assets under management at the end of September 2017. The group manages both traditional and alternative investments strategies with a focus on Asia. SPARX, through its subsidiaries, is a registered investment advisor with the Prime Minister of Japan, Securities and Futures Commission (Hong Kong), Financial Supervisory Service (Korea) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (US). The firm is also a member of the Alternative Investment Management Association (Hong Kong Chapter) and is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange JASDAQ Market, Code: 8739.

###