

Polaris Capital Group Co., Ltd.

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Acquisition of Samukawa Food Planning Co., Ltd.

Today Polaris Private Equity Fund II (“Polaris Fund II”), managed by Polaris Capital Group Co., Ltd. (“Polaris”), successfully completed the acquisition of the entire share of Samukawa Food Planning Co., Ltd (“SFP”) from Takashi Samukawa and Ryosaku Samukawa via San Francisco Holdings Co., Ltd, which is 100% owned by Polaris Fund II.

Since its inception in 1984, SFP has built “Toriyoshi” brand restaurant chain which serves Japanese-style fried chicken wings and grilled chicken on a skewer (or yakitori). It recently adopted the mission statement “to become a group of specialist restaurants which can enrich Japanese quality of life further” and added “Isomaru Suisan” seafood restaurants to its business portfolio for further growth. “Toriyoshi” has a loyal customer base for its quality chicken food served through 35 restaurants and “Isomaru Suisan” is rapidly growing, while enjoying the reputation of serving fresh seafood at affordable prices through 21 restaurants. Most of SFP’s restaurants are located in the Tokyo Metropolitan area.

Polaris decided to acquire the entire shares of SFP to implement growth strategies with the management and take the company to the next stage. Ryosaku Samukawa will remain as CEO after the acquisition while Polaris will send several executive officers to support SFP in its business and financial activities. The management and Polaris will work together to strengthen and expand SFP’s business franchise and increase the value of SFP.

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Samukawa Food Planning Co., Ltd

Company Name: Samukawa Food Planning Co., Ltd
Representative: Ryosaku Samukawa, President and CEO
Address: 2-24-7 Tamagawa, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan
Business: Food service company that runs several specialist restaurant brands including "Toriyoshi" and "Isomaru Suisan".
Webpage: <http://www.samukawa.co.jp/>

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Inception: September 2004
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Funds: Polaris Private Equity Fund I, L.P. (JPY 29.6 billion)
Polaris Private Equity Fund II, L.P. (JPY 31.9 billion)
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