



## Press Release

### Tokyo Stock Exchange to Integrate “TOKYO AIM”

#### *TOKYO AIM to Become TOKYO PRO Market*

**Tokyo, 27th March 2012** — The Tokyo Stock Exchange Group, Inc. (“TSE”) today announced that it will acquire the remaining 49% in TOKYO AIM, Inc. (“TOKYO AIM”) currently held by the London Stock Exchange plc. Effective 28th March 2012 TOKYO AIM will become a 100% subsidiary of TSE. There will be no change to TOKYO AIM’s market operations as an immediate result of this announcement.

The TSE plans to integrate TOKYO AIM into the Tokyo Stock Exchange effective 1st July 2012 and re-brand the TOKYO AIM market as ‘TOKYO PRO Market’. The necessary changes to the rules and regulations are open for public comment and are available at March 28th.

Atsushi Saito, President & CEO of the TSE, said: “We are thankful for having had access to the London Stock Exchange’s great experience through jointly operating TOKYO AIM. Ever since the establishment of TOKYO AIM, we have been deeply committed to further growing the professional investor market in Tokyo and providing growing companies in Asia with alternative funding options. We look forward to continuing and expanding our offering of attractive funding and investment opportunities as a ‘multi-asset’ exchange with global reach.”

Launched in 2009, TOKYO AIM provides alternative funding options for growing companies in Japan and Asia, giving them access to a capital market specifically tailored for their needs and to a wider investor base, while creating new investment opportunities for Japanese and international professional investors. The creation of TOKYO AIM became possible following the revision of the Japanese Financial Instruments and Exchange Act passed in June 2008.

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**About TOKYO AIM, Inc.:**

TOKYO AIM, Inc. was jointly established in 2009 by the Tokyo Stock Exchange Group, Inc. (51%) and the London Stock Exchange plc (49%). TOKYO AIM, the equity market for professional investors which it operates, was established following the revision of the Japanese Financial Instruments and Exchange Act in 2008, employing a new structural framework with greater flexibility. The new bond market for professional investors, TOKYO PRO-BOND Market is established alongside the TOKYO AIM stock market, which allows for flexible and timely bond issuances. TOKYO AIM Inc. provides new avenues for capital raising for companies in Japan and Asia and responds to various needs of professional investors through its equity and bond markets.

For more information on TOKYO AIM, go to: <http://www.tokyo-aim.com>

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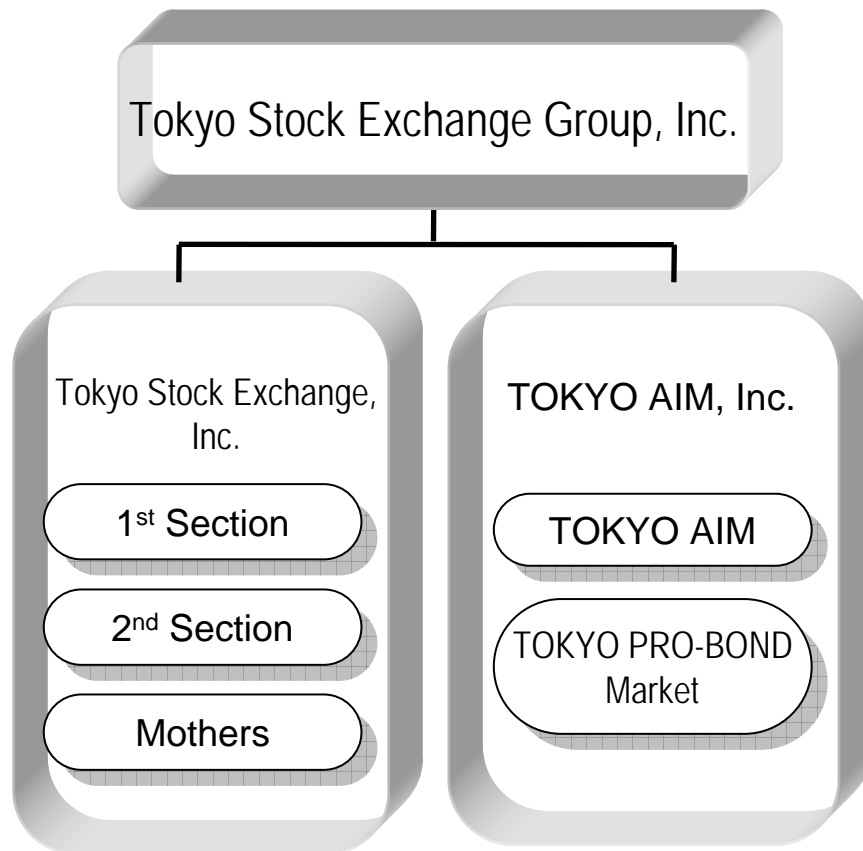
Tokyo Stock Exchange Group, Inc. is one of the leading global exchanges and is the holding company of Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc., the largest securities market in the Asia-Pacific region. The TSE market boasts over 2,200 listed companies, with a market capitalization of approximately US\$3.6 trillion (as of February 2012), as well as trading of JGB Futures, TOPIX Futures, and other derivatives products. TSE also provides a wide variety of other market services, such as clearing/settlement operations and market information dissemination.

For more information on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, go to: [www.tse.or.jp/english/index.html](http://www.tse.or.jp/english/index.html)

# Market Structure of TOKYO AIM, Inc.

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012

TOKYO AIM, Inc. will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Tokyo Stock Exchange Group, Inc.



July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. will merger with TOKYO AIM, Inc.

