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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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MITSUBISHI UFJ FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

7-1, Marunouchi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8330, Japan

(Address of principal executive office)

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THIS REPORT ON FORM 6-K SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM F-3 (NO. 333-209455) OF MITSUBISHI UFJ FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND TO BE A PART THEREOF FROM THE DATE ON WHICH THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED TO THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION TO THE EXTENT NOT SUPERSEDED BY DOCUMENTS OR REPORTS SUBSEQUENTLY FILED WITH OR FURNISHED TO THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 9, 2018

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Zenta Morokawa Name: Zenta Morokawa Title: Managing Director

Head of Documentation & Corporate Secretary Department

Corporate Administration Division

English Translation of Excerpts from Securities Registration Statement Filed in Japan

This document is an English translation of the risk factor disclosure included in the Securities Registration Statement filed by Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG or we) with the Kanto Local Financial Bureau, the Ministry of Finance of Japan, on April 9, 2018 (the Securities Registration Statement).

The Securities Registration Statement has been prepared and filed in Japan in accordance with applicable Japanese disclosure requirements. In addition, the Securities Registration Statement contains updates to prior disclosures filed by MUFG in Japan and discusses selected recent developments in the context of those prior disclosures. Accordingly, the following risk factor disclosure may not contain all of the information that is important to you. For a more complete discussion of the background to information provided below, please see our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017 and other reports filed with or submitted to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission by MUFG.

Risks Relating to Our Business

We have described below the major matters that we believe may have a material impact on your investment decision with respect to risks to our business, as well as other risks. In addition, to proactively disclose information to investors, we have described matters that do not necessarily correspond to such risk factors, but that we believe are material to you in making an investment decision. We will, with the understanding that these risks may occur, endeavor to avoid the occurrence of such risks and to address such risks if they occur.

The following risk factor disclosure contains forward-looking statements, which unless specifically described otherwise, reflect our understanding as of the date of filing of the Securities Registration Statement.

On April 1, 2018, our major subsidiary, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., was renamed MUFG Bank, Ltd.

1. Risks relating to our recently completed and planned acquisitions, investments and capital alliances

As a strategic measure implemented in an effort to become the world s most trusted financial group, we acquire businesses, make investments and enter into capital alliances. We may continue to pursue opportunities to acquire businesses, make investments and enter into capital alliances. However, our controlling interests, investments and capital alliances may be changed or dissolved or we may not achieve the synergies or other results that we expected because of unanticipated changes in the industries our acquirees, investees or alliance partners belong to, changes in the laws and regulations or accounting standards that relate to our acquirees, investees or alliance partners, stagnation of the economy and changes to the strategies or financial condition of our acquirees, investees or alliance partners. Such circumstances may adversely affect our business strategies, financial condition and results of operations.

2. Risks relating to our strategic alliance with Morgan Stanley

(1) Risks relating to our strategic alliance

As a result of our voluntary conversion on June 30, 2011 of the convertible preferred stock previously issued to us by Morgan Stanley (the Conversion), we hold shares of common stock (representing 22.4% of the voting rights immediately following the Conversion and 23.3% as of March 31, 2017) in Morgan Stanley and continue to hold certain non-convertible (non-voting) preferred stock previously issued to us by Morgan Stanley. In addition, we have entered into a strategic alliance with Morgan Stanley to, among other things, jointly manage a securities business joint

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venture in Japan and to cooperate with each other in the corporate finance business in the United States.

Even though we entered into the strategic alliance anticipating future benefits from collaboration with Morgan Stanley, and we intend to further strengthen the alliance, if the social, economic and financial environment proves contrary to the assumptions on which our strategic decisions were based, or if our collaboration of personnel, products and services or the formation and implementation of the joint venture s management, controls or business strategies are not realized as planned, we may not be able to achieve the synergy and other results that we expected from the strategic alliance.

If our strategic alliance with Morgan Stanley is terminated, it may adversely affect our business strategies, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, even though we have made a large investment in Morgan Stanley and hold substantial voting rights in Morgan Stanley, we are a non-controlling shareholder, and we cannot control Morgan Stanley s business, nor can we make decisions with respect to Morgan Stanley. If Morgan Stanley makes independent decisions that are not consistent with our interests, we may not be able to achieve the goals initially expected from our strategic alliance with Morgan Stanley. In addition, even though we are not a controlling shareholder, because of our large investment in Morgan Stanley, if Morgan Stanley s financial condition or results of operations deteriorate, we may incur substantial investment losses and it may damage our reputation.

(2) Effects of equity method of accounting

Following the Conversion on June 30, 2011, our voting rights in Morgan Stanley increased to approximately 22.4%, and we appointed a second representative to Morgan Stanley s board of directors in July 2011. Morgan Stanley subsequently became our affiliated company accounted for under the equity method.

As a result of Morgan Stanley becoming our affiliated company accounted for under the equity method, Morgan Stanley s results of operations or changes in our ownership interest in Morgan Stanley will have a larger impact on our results of operations as the amount of Morgan Stanley s income or loss in proportion to our shareholding ratio is recognized as income or loss from investments in affiliates in our statements of income, and changes in our ownership interest in Morgan Stanley resulting from changes in our shareholder ratio in Morgan Stanley caused by increases or decreases in Morgan Stanley s outstanding shares will be recognized as gains or losses in our statements of income.

3. Risks relating to our equity portfolio

We hold large amounts of marketable equity securities, including those held for strategic investment purposes. If stock prices decline due to factors, such as the acceleration of the trend toward further reduction of risk assets on a global basis, changes in governmental monetary and economic policies, and other general economic trends, as well as deterioration of operating results of our investees, our portfolio of equity securities will incur impairment losses or valuation losses, which will adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations and may also decrease our capital ratios.

4. Risks relating to our lending business

(1) Status of our problem loans and credit costs

Our problem loans and credit costs may increase in the future due to deterioration of domestic and foreign economies, fluctuations in oil and other commodity prices, declines in real estate and stock prices, changes in the financial condition of our borrowers or in the global economic environment and other factors, which, as a result, may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations and may result in a decrease in our capital ratios.

(2) Status of our allowance for credit losses

Our allowance for credit losses is based on assumptions and estimates of the condition of borrowers, the value of the collateral provided and the economy as a whole. Our actual loan losses may be different from the assumptions and estimates made at the time of the provision for credit losses, causing our actual loan losses to be significantly larger than our allowance. This may result in situations where our allowance is insufficient. In addition, because of a deterioration of the economy in general, we may be required to change the assumptions and estimates that we initially made. We may also need to increase our provision for credit losses due to a decrease in the value of collateral or other unforeseen reasons.

(3) Status of troubled borrowers

We have borrowers that are experiencing financial difficulties. Some of these borrowers are rehabilitating their businesses through legal proceedings or voluntary restructurings (*e.g.*, Turnaround ADR (alternative dispute resolution)) that include debt forgiveness.

This has adversely affected our problem loan issue. If the borrowers are not successful in their rehabilitation because of the deterioration in the economy, heightened competition in the borrowers industry or the termination of or decrease in support provided by other creditors, they may become distressed again. If the financial distress that these borrowers face or other problems continue or expand or we are required to forgive our debt, our credit costs will increase and this may adversely affect our problem loan issue.

(4) Our response to borrowers

Even if a borrower defaults, based on the efficiency and effectiveness of collecting on loans and other factors, we may not exercise all of our legal rights as a creditor against the borrower.

In addition, if we determine that it is reasonable, we may forgive debt or provide additional loans or equity capital to support borrowers. If such support is provided, our outstanding loans would increase significantly, our credit costs may increase and the stock price of the additional equity purchased may decline.

(5) Difficulty in exercising our rights with respect to collateral

Because of the illiquidity and decreases in prices in the real estate market and the decreases in prices of securities, we may not be able to monetize the real estate and securities that we hold as collateral or enforce our rights on these assets as a practical matter.

- (6) Concentration of loan and other credit exposures to particular industries and counterparties When we make loans and other extensions of credit, we seek to diversify our portfolio to avoid any concentration of exposure to a particular industry or counterparty. However, our credit exposures to the energy and real estate industries are relatively high in comparison to other industries. While we continue to monitor and respond to changes in circumstances and other developments relating to particular industries and individual counterparties, their credit quality may deteriorate to an extent greater than expected due to changes in economic conditions in Japan and other countries and fluctuations in oil and other commodity prices and real estate prices. As a result, our credit costs may increase, adversely affecting our financial condition and results of operations.
- (7) Other factors that can affect our problem loan issues

If interest rates rise in the future, the resulting decrease in the price of the bonds we hold, including Japanese government bonds, change in our credit spread or increase in problem loans to borrowers that cannot bear the increase in interest payments may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Significant fluctuations in foreign exchange rates could result in increases in costs, decreases in sales, valuation losses on foreign exchange derivatives (such as currency options) and other adverse financial consequences affecting our borrowers results of operations, as well as borrowers losing financial resources to settle such derivative transactions. In such cases, our problem loans could increase, which increase could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

If our problem loans increase, mainly from borrowers facing increases in costs, including purchasing and transporting costs due to increases in raw material prices like oil and steel, who cannot add these additional costs to their final sales price, or from borrowers whose results of operations are negatively impacted by declining oil and other commodity prices, this may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

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Declining asset quality and other financial problems may continue to exist at some domestic and foreign financial institutions, including banks, non-bank lending and credit institutions, securities companies and insurance companies, and these problems may worsen or these problems may arise again as new issues. If the financial difficulties of these financial institutions continue, worsen or arise, this may lead to liquidity and solvency problems for them and may adversely affect us for the following reasons:

we have credit extended to some financial institutions;

we are shareholders of some financial institutions;

we may be requested to participate in providing support to distressed financial institutions;

financial institutions that face problems may terminate or reduce financial support to borrowers. As a result, it may cause these borrowers to become distressed or our problem loans to these borrowers to increase;

if the government elects to provide regulatory, tax, funding or other benefits to financial institutions that the government controls to strengthen their capital, increase their profitability or for other purposes, it may adversely affect our competitiveness against them;

our deposit insurance premiums may rise if deposit insurance funds prove to be inadequate;

bankruptcies or government control of financial institutions may generally undermine the confidence of depositors in, or adversely affect the overall environment for, financial institutions; and

negative or adverse media coverage of the banking industry, regardless of its accuracy and applicability to us, may harm our reputation and market confidence.

5. Risks relating to our financial markets operations

We undertake extensive financial market operations involving a variety of financial instruments, including derivatives, and hold large volumes of such financial instruments. As a result, our financial condition and results of operations are subject to the risks relating to these operations and holdings. The primary risks are fluctuations in interest rates in and outside of Japan, foreign currency exchange rates and securities prices. For example, an increase in interest rates in and outside of Japan may adversely affect the value of our fixed income securities portfolio. Specifically, interest rates may increase in the event that Japanese government bonds decline in value due to such factors as a heightened market expectation for tapering or cessation of the quantitative and qualitative monetary easing with yield curve control program in response to further progress in the anti-deflation measures in Japan and a decline in confidence in Japan s fiscal health and sovereign creditworthiness, or in the event that interest rates on U.S. Treasury securities rise due to such factors as acceleration in the pace of interest rate increases in the United States. If interest rates in and outside of Japan rise for these or other reasons, we may incur significant losses on sales of, and valuation losses on, our government bond portfolio. In addition, an appreciation of the Japanese yen will cause the value of our foreign currency-denominated investments on our financial statements to decline and may cause us to recognize losses on sales or valuation losses. We manage market risk, which is the risk of incurring losses due to various market changes including interest rates in and outside of Japan, foreign currency exchange rates and securities prices, by separating market risk into general market risk and specific risk. General market risk is the risk of incurring losses due to changes in overall markets, while specific risk is the risk of incurring losses due to changes in the prices of individual financial instruments, including stocks and bonds, which fluctuate separately from changes in the overall direction of the market. To measure these risks, we use a method that statistically estimates how much the market value of our portfolio may decline over a fixed period of time in the future based on past market changes, and we consider the sum of our general market risk and specific risk calculated by this method as our market risk exposure. However, because of its inherent nature, our market risk exposure calculated in this manner cannot always reflect the actual risk that we face, and we may realize actual losses that are greater than our estimated market risk exposure.

In addition, if the quantitative and qualitative monetary easing with yield curve control program is maintained in Japan for an extended period, or if the negative interest rate is lowered from the current level, market interest rates may decline further, and the yield on the Japanese government bonds and other financial instruments that we hold may also decline.

Furthermore, we may voluntarily modify, or may be required by changes in accounting rules or otherwise to modify, the valuation method and other accounting treatment we apply to the financial instruments we hold in connection with our markets operations. In such case, our results of operations may be adversely affected.

6. Risks relating to foreign exchange rate

Our business operations are impacted by fluctuations in the foreign currency exchange rate. If foreign exchange rates fluctuate against the Japanese yen, the Japanese yen translation amounts of assets and liabilities of MUFG Americas Holdings Corporation (including its bank subsidiary, MUFG Union Bank, N.A.) and Bank of Ayudhya Public Company Limited (Krungsri), major subsidiaries of MUFG Bank, which are denominated in foreign currencies, will also fluctuate. In addition, some of our assets and liabilities are denominated in foreign currencies. To the extent that our foreign currency-denominated assets and liabilities are not matched in the same currency or appropriately hedged, fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates against the Japanese yen may adversely affect our financial condition, including capital ratios, and results of operations.

7. Risks relating to a deterioration of our funding operations following a downgrade of our credit ratings A downgrade of our credit ratings by one or more of the credit rating agencies may adversely affect our financial market operations and other aspects of our business. In the event of a downgrade of our credit ratings, we may have to accept less favorable terms in our financial market transactions with counterparties or may be unable to enter into some transactions. A downgrade may also adversely affect our capital raising and funding activities. If the events described above occur, this will adversely affect the profitability of our financial market and other operations and

8. Risks relating to failures to achieve certain business plans or operating targets

adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We have been implementing various business strategies on a global basis in order to strengthen our profitability. However, these strategies may not succeed or produce the results we initially anticipated, or we may have to change these strategies because of various factors, including:

the volume of loans made to highly rated borrowers does not increase as anticipated;

our income from interest spreads on the existing loans does not improve as anticipated;

our loan interest spread further narrows as a result of the quantitative and qualitative monetary easing with yield curve control program being maintained in Japan for an extended period or the negative interest rate being lowered from the current level;

the increase in fee income that we are aiming to achieve is not achieved as anticipated;

our strategy to expand overseas operations is not achieved as anticipated;

our strategy to improve financial and operational efficiencies does not proceed as anticipated;

customers and business opportunities are lost, costs and expenses significantly exceeding our expectations are incurred, or our strategies to increase efficiency or system integration plans are not achieved as expected, because of delays in the ongoing or planned intra-group integration or reorganization of our operations; and