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## **Announcement Regarding Acquisition of Shares in graphis inc.**


JAFCO Co., Ltd. has announced that JAFCO SV4 Investment Limited Partnership, a JAFCO-managed fund (hereafter referred to as “JAFCO”), reached a stock acquisition agreement with shareholders of graphis inc. (head office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; hereafter “the Company”) through the support of Nihon M&A Center Inc.

Established in 2001, the Company has been introducing t-shirts designed in collaboration with artists under international brand “Design Tshirts Store graniph”. As a pioneer in t-shirt specialist stores, it operates 93 stores in Japan (as of March 2016), offering collaborative t-shirts by artists from around the world at reasonable prices.

JAFCO will acquire the Company’s shares to support the launch of newborn graphis. Bearing in mind the business concept of “popularizing the works of art by using t-shirts as canvas”, JAFCO plans to capitalize on the Company’s business base and the “Design Tshirts Store graniph” brand which have been built up since establishment to accelerate its overseas development and expand/ strengthen its platforms that connect artists with customers.

The management team under the new structure will be led by new CEO Hideto Nakayama (former CEO of DIESEL JAPAN CO., LTD.). Former owners will remain as advisors to the Company and provide cooperation on smooth succession of business activities.

### About graphis inc.

Company name	graphis inc.
Brand name	Design Tshirts Store graniph  <a href="http://www.graniph.com">www.graniph.com</a>
Head office	5F Sumitomo Fudosan Aoyama-dori Building 1-7-7, Shibuya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
Business line	Design, manufacture and sale of apparel products

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