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Announcement Regarding Acquisition of Shares in PAPABUBBLE JAPAN INC.

JAFCO Co., Ltd. has announced that JAFCO-managed funds (JAFCO SV5 Investment Limited Partnership and JAFCO SV5-STAR Investment Limited Partnership; hereafter collectively referred to as “JAFCO”) acquired shares in PAPABUBBLE JAPAN INC. (head office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; hereafter “the Company”) through transfer from the shareholders and formed a capital alliance under the support of Nihon M&A Center Inc.

The Company operates *Papabubble* art-candy-stores founded in Barcelona. Since opening its first store in Japan in 2005, it has opened 10 additional stores, including in Daimaru Tokyo, Lucua Osaka, and Ginza Six department stores (as of the end of September 2017).

The candies have the unique texture that melts in your mouth and the delicate scent of sweetness. The ingredients and the boiling temperature are adjusted to each season to make jewel-like candies with beautiful shiny surface. In the store, you can see artisans making candies. Liquid candy is poured from a giant pot on to a table, kneaded and pulled into a form of stick, and cut beautifully into small pieces. Watching such entertaining performance makes you feel like you are in a small theater.

JAFCO has acquired all shares in the Company to increase awareness of the *Papabubble* brand and have more people try the candies, and to support the growth of a reborn company.



About PAPABUBBLE JAPAN

Company name	PAPABUBBLE JAPAN INC.
Website	http://www.papabubble.jp/
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/PAPABUBBLE-JP-273165492715530/
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/papabubblejapan/
Head office	17-2 Kamiyama-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
Business line	Operation of <i>Papabubble</i> art-candy-stores