Announcement of KDDI Corporation's Capital Participation in Coincheck Group N.V. and Business Alliance between Coincheck, Inc. and KDDI Corporation

TOKYO, May 12, 2026 - Monex Group, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") announces that, today, Coincheck Group N.V. (Head Office: Amsterdam, Kingdom of the Netherlands; Executive Chairman: Oki Matsumoto; hereinafter referred to as "CCG"), a consolidated subsidiary of the Company, has decided to accept a capital investment from KDDI Corporation (Head Office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Hiromichi Matsuda; hereinafter referred to as "KDDI") (hereinafter referred to as the "Capital Participation"), and entered into a share subscription agreement with KDDI.

In addition, Coincheck, Inc. (Head Office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director: Satoshi Hasuo; hereinafter referred to as "Coincheck"), a subsidiary of CCG, has entered into a business alliance agreement with KDDI as of today. Furthermore, Coincheck, together with KDDI and au Financial Holdings Corporation (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director: Takashi Ishizuki; hereinafter referred to as "au Financial Holdings"), has established au Coincheck Digital Assets, Inc. to promote a non-custodial wallet business (hereinafter, the business alliance between Coincheck and KDDI shall be referred to as the "Alliance" and the series of transactions including the Capital Participation and the Alliance shall be collectively referred to as the "Transactions").

Our group positions the cryptocurrency business as a core growth business following its online brokerage and asset management business, and has steadily advanced the expansion and enhancement of its business domains, as well as its growth strategies. Our group will continue to further strengthen collaboration both within and across its business segments, while aiming to enhance the long-term and sustainable corporate value of our entire group.

1. Reasons for the Capital Participation and Business Alliance

Our group positions the cryptocurrency business as a core growth business following its online brokerage and asset management business, and since the acquisition of Coincheck in April 2018, our group has been expanding its business foundation both domestically and internationally. The Company established CCG as the wholly-owning parent company of Coincheck and listed CCG on the NASDAQ market in the U.S. in December 2024 to advance the global expansion of its cryptocurrency business. Following the NASDAQ listing, CCG has continued to expand and enhance its cryptocurrency business by acquiring and making Next Finance Tech Co., Ltd., a global provider of staking services, and Aplo SAS (France), a cryptocurrency prime broker, into wholly-owned subsidiaries. Furthermore, this year, the Company carried out a reorganization to bring 3iQ Digital Holdings Inc., a global pioneer in the crypto asset management sector, and all of its subsidiaries under CCG. The Company is steadily advancing strategic collaboration among its subsidiaries, creating and maximizing synergies, and consolidating human resources for its crypto asset business.

Through the Capital Participation from KDDI, a company holding a customer base of over 30 million, CCG's financial flexibility will be strengthened. Furthermore, by implementing the Alliance through Coincheck, CCG and Coincheck will advance joint initiatives with KDDI aimed at expanding the digital asset market in Japan.

2. Overview of the Capital Participation

CCG and KDDI have entered into a share subscription agreement, under which KDDI will subscribe for newly issued ordinary shares of CCG through a third-party allotment at $2.28 per share, for a total of $65,063,256.48. Upon completion of the Transaction, KDDI will hold 14.9% of CCG's outstanding ordinary shares. It is noted that even after completion of the Transaction, CCG will continue to be a consolidated subsidiary of the Company and is not expected to become an equity-method affiliate of KDDI.

(1) Overview of CCG's Third-Party Allotment

①	Number of Shares Issued by CCG	28,536,516 ordinary shares
②	Total Amount of Issuance	$65,063,256.48
③	Number of CCG Shares Outstanding after Third-Party Allotment	191,520,241 shares
④	Payment Date	June 2026 (planned) (*)
⑤	Number of CCG shares held by KDDI following the issuance of new shares	28,536,516 shares (voting rights ratio: 14.9%)
⑥	Number of CCG shares held by the Company following the issuance of new shares	136,247,594 shares (voting rights ratio: 71.1%)

(*) The payment is subject to the acquisition of necessary approvals and permits.

(2) Overview of CCG

① Name	Coincheck Group N.V.
② Address	Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 162, 1012SJ Amsterdam, Netherlands
③ Title and Name of Representative	Executive Chairman Oki Matsumoto
④ Business Description	Holding company for a group engaged in the cryptocurrency and digital asset sector
⑤ Capital	273 million yen
⑥ Date of Incorporation	February 18, 2022
⑦ Number of shares issued (excluding treasury stock)	162,983,725 shares (as of the end of March 2026)
⑧ Fiscal Year-End	March 31
⑨ Major Shareholders and Shareholding Ratios	Monex Group, Inc. 83.6% (as of the end of March 2026)
⑩ Financial Position and Operating Results for the Most Recent Fiscal Year (Unit: million yen, unless otherwise noted)	
Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year ending March 2026
Net Assets	21,745
Total Assets	117,122
Net Assets per Share (yen)	133
Operating loss	1,421
Net operating revenue	-
Net loss before taxes	875

	Net loss attributable to the company's shareholders	1,833
	Net income per share (yen)	–
	Dividend per share (yen)	–

(3) Overview of KDDI

① Name	KDDI CORPORATION	
② Address	2-3-2 Nishishinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo	
③ Title and Name of Representative	Hiromichi Matsuda, President and CEO	
④ Business Description	Telecommunications business	
⑤ Capital	141,852 million yen (as of March 31, 2025)	
⑥ Date of Incorporation	June 1, 1984	
⑦ Major Shareholders and Shareholding Ratios (as of the end of September 2025)	The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	16.35%
	KYOCERA Corporation	14.75%
	Toyota Motor Corporation	9.54%
	Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	6.93%
⑧ Relationship with the Company	Capital Relationship	There are no items to report.
	Personnel Relationships	There are no items to report.
	Business Relationship	There are no items to report.
	Status as a Related Party	The company, its related parties and its affiliated companies do not constitute related parties of the Company.

⑨ Operating Results and Financial Position for the last three years (International Financial Reporting Standards) (Consolidated) (Unit: million yen, unless otherwise noted)

Fiscal Year End	Fiscal Year Ending March 2023	Fiscal Year Ending March 2024	Fiscal Year Ending March 2025
Equity attributable to Owners of Parent	5,063,867	5,188,048	5,032,495
Total Assets	11,855,594	14,054,762	16,714,708
Equity attributable to Owners of Parent per Share (yen)	1,173.76	1,245.78	1,264.94
Sales	5,630,024	5,699,724	5,835,525
Operating Profit	1,046,991	912,031	1,087,468
Profit before Taxes	1,049,120	943,172	1,073,418
Profit attributable to Owners of Parent	651,391	600,281	655,416
Basic Earnings per Share (yen)	149.15	141.75	161.86

3. Overview of the Alliance

The Alliance aims to expand access to digital assets, including cryptocurrencies, for users within the au ecosystem. By combining the strengths of KDDI, which operates telecommunications and smartphone payment services, with those of Coincheck, which offers Japan's largest customer base and a wide range of services, Coincheck aims to create opportunities for more users to access digital assets in their daily lives through various services within the au ecosystem, including integration with services such as au Jibun Bank and Ponta Points.

Furthermore, in the cryptocurrency market, demand for non-custodial wallets−which allow users to manage their own assets−is growing, driven by progress in the regulatory framework for stablecoins and the expansion of prediction markets. In light of such environment, Coincheck, together with KDDI and au Financial Holdings, has established a new company, "au Coincheck Digital Assets Co., Ltd." (hereinafter referred to as the "New Company"). The New Company will combine KDDI's consumer touchpoints with Coincheck's expertise in cryptocurrency to promote a non-custodial wallets business that is easy for anyone to use.

(1) Overview of the New Company

①	Name	au Coincheck Digital Assets Co., Ltd.
②	Address	2-21-1 Takanawa, Minato-ku, Tokyo
③	Title and Name of Representative	President and CEO Michihiko Kasai
④	Date of Incorporation	June 2, 2025
⑤	Capital	100 million yen
⑥	Business Description	Planning, development and operation of non-custodial wallets and digital financial services
⑦	Major Shareholders and Shareholding Ratios	KDDI (50.1%), Coincheck (40.0%), au Financial Holdings (9.9%)

4. Schedule

①	Date of CCG Board of Directors Resolution	May 11, 2026 (*1)
	Date of Coincheck Board of Directors Resolution	May 12, 2026
②	Date of Contract Execution	May 12, 2026
	Effective Date of the Alliance	May 12, 2026
③	Closing Date of the Capital Participation	June 2026 (planned) (*2)

(*1) Although the CCG Board of Directors passed a resolution on May 11, the final decision was made by the company's Chairman on May 12 who has been delegated by the CCG Board of Directors the power to make the final decision.

(*2) The payment is subject to conditions such as obtaining the necessary approvals and licenses.

5. Outlook

The impact of the Transaction on the Company's consolidated financial results for the fiscal year ending March 2027 will be minimal.

(*1) For details, please refer to the disclosure materials and press releases from CCG and Coincheck.

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About Coincheck Group N.V.

CCG's subsidiary, Coincheck, operates one of the largest multi-cryptocurrency marketplaces and crypto asset exchanges in Japan and is regulated by the Financial Services Agency of Japan (the "JFSA"). Coincheck is a leader in the Japanese crypto exchange industry, providing Marketplace and Exchange platforms on which diverse cryptocurrencies, including Bitcoin and Ethereum, are held and exchanged, and offering other retail-focused crypto services. Coincheck is also increasing Japanese users' access to innovative digital products and solutions beyond cryptocurrencies, such as non-fungible tokens ("NFTs"), and seek to enable Japanese users to access the benefits of emerging new technologies. CCG is well-positioned to benefit from increasing adoption of cryptocurrencies and other new technologies within the world's fourth largest economy.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the business combination with Thunder Bridge Capital Partners IV, Inc., future financial and operating results, our plans, objectives, expectations and intentions with respect to future operations, products and services; and other statements identified by words such as "will likely result," "are expected to," "will continue," "is anticipated," "estimated," "believe," "intend," "plan," "projection," "outlook" or similar words or phrases, or the negatives of those words or phrases. Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, goals, assumptions or future events or performance are not statements of historical facts and may be "forward-looking statements." Forward-looking statements are based on expectations, estimates and projections at the time the statements are made and involve a number of risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those presently anticipated including (i) a delay or failure to realize the expected benefits from the business combination, (ii) risks related to disruption of management's time from ongoing business operations due to the business combination, (iii) changes in the cryptocurrency and digital asset markets in which Coincheck competes, including with respect to its competitive landscape, technology evolution or regulatory changes, (iv) changes in domestic and global general economic conditions, (v) risk that Coincheck may not be able to execute its growth strategies, including identifying and executing acquisitions, (vi) risk that Coincheck may not be able to develop and maintain effective internal controls and (vii) and other risks and uncertainties discussed in CCG's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. CCG undertakes no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments, or otherwise, except as required by law.

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