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# Japan Foods clinches 6<sup>th</sup> "Most Transparent Company Award" at the SIAS' Investors' Choice Awards

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**SINGAPORE, 18 September 2024** – Leading Japanese restaurant chain, **Japan Foods Holding Ltd.** ("**Japan Foods**" and together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**"), has been conferred Winner of the "Most Transparent Company Award (Consumer Discretionary Category)" at the 25<sup>th</sup> SIAS Investors' Choice Awards 2024.

Being recognised for transparency for the sixth time underscores Japan Foods' proactive investor engagement efforts and timely disclosures of corporate actions. The Group previously secured transparency awards in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022 and 2023.

Organised by the Securities Investors Association Singapore ("SIAS"), the SIAS Investors' Choice Awards recognises companies that excel in corporate governance, transparency and investor relations. SIAS, together with NUS School of Business, Centre for Governance and Sustainability (CGS), assesses all the SGX listed companies based on their Transparency and Disclosure. This is part of the STARS framework developed for the Corporate Governance scorecard. In addition, LSEG Stock Reports+ scores are added to tabulate the total score. Handshakes also provides insights and data on the shortlisted companies as part of due diligence checking.

Mr Takahashi Kenichi, Executive Chairman and CEO of Japan Foods, said: "We are heartened, honoured and very encouraged to receive this award once again as it affirms our ongoing efforts to build long-term success and trust through open and honest communication with our stakeholders.

"The Board and management of Japan Foods would like to take this opportunity to congratulate SIAS on its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to commend its initiatives to advocate for stronger corporate governance and transparency."

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#### **About Japan Foods**

Established in Singapore in 1997 and listed on the Catalist Board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited in February 2009, Japan Foods is one of the leading Japanese restaurant chains in Singapore. As at 30 June 2024, the Group operated 83 restaurants in Singapore under various self-developed brands and franchised brands such as "Ajisen Ramen", "Osaka Ohsho", "Menya Musashi", and "Konjiki Hototogisu" which earned one Michelin Star in Tokyo. The Group is also active in the Halal market with Halal-concept brands restaurants under its "Shokudo" brand umbrella.

Japan Foods has won multiple awards for its efforts in corporate governance. The Company was named the "Most Transparent Company (Catalist)" at the 17th SIAS Investors' Choice Awards in 2016 and also awarded the "Transparency Award – SMEs" at the 18th SIAS Investors' Choice Awards in 2017. In 2018, the Group received the "Best Managed Board Award (Gold)" at the Singapore Corporate Awards 2018 and Runner Up in the "Most Transparent Company Award – Hotel/Restaurant" category at the 2018 SIAS Investor Choice Awards. In 2019, it was once again recognised at the Singapore Corporate Awards for "Best Annual Report (Silver)". At the SIAS Investors Choice Awards 2022, Japan Foods was a Runner Up for the "Most Transparent Company Award – Consumer Discretionary" category. In 2023, it was once again crowned the winner of the "Most Transparent Company Award – Consumer Discretionary" category at the SIAS Investors' Choice Awards 2023.

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