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J-STAR Co., Ltd.

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J-STAR shortlisted for the nominee for
Mergermarket's Japan M&A Awards 2018

J-STAR is pleased to announce that we have been shortlisted for the **“Private Equity Deal of the Year Mid Cap (Private Equity firm) in conjunction with AVCJ”** in the Mergermarket's Japan M&A Awards 2018.

You may find general information on Mergermarket's Japan M&A Awards 2018 on the following link: <https://events.mergermarket.com/japan-awards/shortlist>

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Founded in 2006 as an independent firm, J-STAR is involved in private equity investments and investment support, targeting at corporate value enhancement via acquiring management rights. JSTAR has the following three standards for investment: (1) a superior management team and staff, (2) ample potential for increasing added value through the contributions of fund managers and (3) a uniqueness/superiority of market status and business models. Following these standards, it focuses on companies with a corporate value ranging from 3 billion yen to 10 billion yen. Since its founding, JSTAR invested and/or provided business supports in more than 46 transactions in various industries such as consumer durables, services, healthcare, media, and manufacturing.