

## IPO Methods in Japan

Period	Fixed Price	Auction	Book Building
March 1989	abolished		
April 1989		introduced This data set is under construction	
September 1997			introduced
Present		allowed, but no cases	<b>This data set is now released</b>

1. Since September 1997 when the book-building method was introduced in addition to the auction method, IPO firms could have chosen either of the two methods. Until today, however, no firm has chosen the auction method since October 7, 1997 that is the last date it was chosen. There were 29 auctioned IPOs in September 1997 when the book-building method was introduced, but there was only one auctioned IPO in the next month and nothing thereafter.

2. For more information on the auction and the book-building methods in Japan, see the following two papers:

Pettway, Richard H. and Takashi Kaneko (1996), "The Effects of Removing Price Limits and Introducing Auctions upon Short-Term IPO Returns: The Case of Japanese IPOs," *Pacific-Basin Finance Journal*, 4(2-3), 241-258.

Kaneko, Takashi and Richard H. Pettway (2003), "Auction versus Book Building of Japanese IPOs," *Pacific-Basin Finance Journal*, 11(4), 439-462.