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## SMBC Appoints Neil Parekh as Vice Chairman in Asia Pacific

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) today announced the appointment of **Neil Parekh as Vice Chairman in Asia Pacific**, effective immediately.

Based in Singapore, Neil will work closely with SMBC's senior leadership in the region, including the Heads of Asia Pacific Division and India Division, providing strategic guidance to support the bank's long-term growth and deepen its influence across the region.

Neil brings over 30 years of global experience in the financial services sector with senior roles at Tikehau Capital, National Australia Bank, Société Générale, Bank of America and DBS, across Singapore, New York, and London.

Beyond the financial sector, Neil also plays an active role in public policy and community leadership. He currently serves as Deputy Chairman of the Global Financial & Technology Network (GFTN), as a member of the governing council of the Singapore Business Federation (SBF) and the Chairman of the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI), and. He was also a former Nominated Member of Parliament in Singapore.

"We are pleased to welcome Neil to SMBC," said Katsufumi Uchida, Head of Asia Pacific Division. "His appointment reflects our commitment to strengthening client engagement, deepening relationships with policymakers and regulators, and enhancing our governance initiatives in Asia Pacific. With his extensive background and network, SMBC will be able to advance our regional strategic priorities and influence across the region."

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## **About SMBC**

Headquartered in Tokyo, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) is a leading global financial institution and a core member of Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMBC Group). Built upon our rich Japanese heritage since 1876, we put our customers first and provide seamless access to, from and within the Asia Pacific region.

SMBC is one of the largest Japanese banks by assets, with over ¥243,825 billion in total assets and strong credit ratings across our global integrated network spanning 39 countries and territories, 15 of which are here in the region. Our regional reach extends from corporate and institutional companies to individual customers supported by our Multi-Franchise Strategy in Indonesia, India, Vietnam and the Philippines. We work closely as one SMBC Group to offer personal, corporate and investment banking services to meet the needs of our customers.

With sustainability embedded within our strategy and operations, we are committed to creating a society in which today's generation can enjoy economic prosperity and well-being and pass it on to future generations.

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