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Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

SMBC appoints new Co-Head for Structured Finance business in Asia Pacific

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) has appointed **Mr Tomofumi Watanabe as Managing Director and Co-General Manager of the Structured Finance Department, Asia Pacific Division (SFDA)**.

Mr Watanabe was previously based in Tokyo where he served as the General Manager of Global Structured Finance Department Tokyo. He has more than 10 years' experience overseeing various structured finance transactions, including telecommunications, theme parks, transportation, shipping, energy, power and other infrastructure. Mr Watanabe has also overseen among others the opening of SMBC office in Silicon Valley, California, as well as several investments in technology firms and was part of the original Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) focused financing team in Japan which set the foundation for the bank's commitment to sustainable energy and infrastructure banking.

As Co-General Manager of SFDA, Mr Watanabe oversees, from Singapore, the bank's regional portfolio focused on sustainable energy, infrastructure and natural resources. With his experience, he will work together with Co-General Manager of SFDA, Mr Luca Tonello, to strengthen the structured finance franchise of SMBC in APAC, with a focus on innovation and ESG in particular.

Mr Watanabe commenced his role on 1 April 2022 and succeeds Mr. Ken Tomisaki. Mr Watanabe reports to the Managing Executive Officers and Co-Heads of the Asia Pacific Division Mr. Yuichi Nishimura and Mr Rajeev Kannan.

Among other credentials, SMBC has recently been named the Best Global Bank of the Year in 2021, for the third consecutive year and seven times in total, by Project Finance International (PFI).

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