

PRESS RELEASE

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Yuichi Akai joins Rothschild & Co as Vice Chair in Tokyo, Japan

Rothschild & Co appoints Yuichi Akai to further strengthen its capabilities in Asia

Rothschild & Co is delighted to announce that Yuichi Akai has joined its Global Advisory business as Vice Chair of the Japan office.

Akai-san brings exceptional investment banking experience to Rothschild & Co, with almost 40 years' experience in the sector. Working closely with Keiichi Mitake, Chairman of Japan and Jerome Finck, Head of Japan, he will help grow the Japanese team and develop the business with a focus on accelerating Rothschild & Co's strategic ambitions in Asia.

Akai-san has strong leadership expertise and extensive management experience across M&A, Equity Capital Markets and Debt Capital Markets. He has direct experience of overseeing a global investment banking advisory business and will play a key role in driving Rothschild & Co's strategic initiatives in the region. In addition, Akai-san will advise clients drawing upon his deep experience in the industry and working closely with Global Advisory teams around the world.

Robert Leitão, Managing Partner, Rothschild & Co and Head of Global Advisory commented "*I am delighted that Akai-san will be joining Rothschild & Co in Tokyo. His investment banking expertise, deep knowledge of the Asian financial markets, and leadership experience in Asia is of great value to the firm and our clients. I look forward to working with Akai-san as we continue to expand our global business and deliver for our clients.*"

Jerome Finck, Head of Japan said: "*Our Chairman Keiichi Mitake and I are thrilled to welcome Akai-san to our firm as he will significantly strengthen our Japanese presence and help with the growing client demand we are seeing. There is significant opportunity to pursue in Japan and the broader Asian market, and I look forward to collaborating with Akai-san to deliver on our strategic ambitions.*"

Yuichi Akai joins Rothschild & Co from the Daiwa Group, where he was most recently Chairman, Chairman of the Board, and Member of the Investment Committee at Daiwa Energy and Infrastructure, and Daiwa PI Partners. Prior to this, Akai-san played an instrumental role in building Daiwa Securities into a leading Japanese investment bank. In this role, Akai-san led the global investment banking practice as Senior Executive Managing Director, Member of the Board and Head of the Global Investment Banking Division. Prior to this, Akai-san held the role of Chairman and Chairman of the Board, Deputy Head of Asia and Oceania Region at Daiwa Capital Markets in Singapore and spent time at Daiwa Securities SMBC. Akai-san started his career at Daiwa Securities in 1984.

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Global Advisory, a division of the Rothschild & Co group, designs and executes strategic M&A and financing solutions, providing impartial, expert advice to large and mid-sized corporations, private equity, families and entrepreneurs, and governments.

Through its unrivalled network of 1,400 industry and financing specialists in over 40 countries, Rothschild & Co's Global Advisory business combines the breadth of its advisory offering with a high volume of transactions to achieve a unique understanding and perspective into markets and participants worldwide.