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## **HSBC APPOINTS NEW HEAD OF GLOBAL BANKING IN JAPAN**

Hidenori Ando has been appointed Head of Global Banking, The Hongkong Shanghai and Banking Corporation, in Japan, effective 5 September, 2018. He will succeed Andrew D Smith who has been in the role since November 2016 and will complete his secondment in Japan later this year.

Hidenori is returning to the HSBC Group after having successfully worked in a number of roles between 2001 and 2009. He has more than three decades corporate and transactional banking experience after starting his career at the Industrial Bank of Japan in 1987 and working at Bank of America Merrill Lynch between 2009 and 2016. Most recently, he was Japan Country Manager at Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company.

During his previous time at HSBC, from 2001 he served as Head of Sales, Payments and Cash Management in Tokyo, before moving to Osaka in 2005 for two years as Deputy Branch Manager. After this, he returned to Tokyo as a Senior Vice President supporting the corporate banking needs of major Japanese general trading and industrial companies until the end of 2009.

Locally, Hidenori will report to Japan Country Manager, Olivier Pacton, and to Che Ning Liu, Co-Head of Global Banking, ASP, regionally.

Commenting on the appointment, Olivier Pacton said, "The combination of Hidenori's extensive corporate banking and relationship management experience together with his proven leadership capabilities, make him excellently placed to deepen relationships with our clients and further expand our Global Banking franchise in Japan."

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### **Note to editors:**

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