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Media release

AMP Capital Investors announces key international appointment of MD Japan

AMP Capital Investors today announced the appointment of Toshiaki Yamashita as Managing Director and Representative Director, Japan.

Based in Tokyo, Mr Yamashita's role will focus on managing key client relationships, institutional sales, Toshin Funds and business development. His appointment comes after an extensive internal and external search.

AMP Capital Investors Managing Director Stephen Dunne said the appointment illustrates AMP Capital's commitment to fulfilling its offshore growth ambitions and further builds its regional investment management team.

"This newly formed role is integral in growing AMP Capital's presence in Japan as well as helping our clients to capitalise on high value-add investment opportunities within the region," Mr Dunne said.

Toshiaki Yamashita joined AMP Capital in July 2009 as Acting Managing Director Japan. He joined as part of AMP Capital's acquisition of Gemini Advisors Securities Investments, a boutique Japanese investment distribution business. At Gemini, Mr Yamashita was Director, Head of Retail Business Japan responsible for exclusively promoting AMP Capital Investors to the Japanese market.

The acquisition of Gemini provided AMP Capital with broader access to key distribution channels in Japan including financial institutions, private pension schemes and retail investors.

Mr Yamashita has more than 20 years' experience in the investment management industry having worked with a diverse range of international and domestic companies, including Henderson Global Investors (Japan), Morgan Stanley Asset Management and Mitsui Trust & Banking Co.

Mr Yamashita holds a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Michigan, a Bachelor of Law from Kyoto University, and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He is also a Chartered Member of the Securities Analysts Association of Japan (CMA). Mr Yamashita will report to the Managing Director, International Business.

The main products distributed by AMP Capital to retail investors in Japan are Australian bond funds and listed property funds, with more than A\$5 billion raised from Japanese retail investors.

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