Outside Board Members

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Outside Director Audit & Supervisory Committee Member

Katsusuke Higuchi

♦Career summary

Dec. 2005 Joined ChuoAoyama Audit Corporation
Jul. 2006 Joined PricewaterhouseCoopers Aarata
(currently PricewaterhouseCoopers Japan LLC)

Jul. 2009 Registered as Certified Public Accountant
Jul. 2010 Joined PricewaterhouseCoopers Co., Ltd.
(currently PwC Consulting LLC)

Jan. 2014 Representative of Higuchi Katsusuke CPA Firm (present position)

June 2014 Registered as a tax accountant

June 2016 Representative Director of Suji-wa Mikata Co., Ltd. (present position)

June 2024 Outside Director of the Company
(Audit & Supervisory Committee Member)
(present position)



◆Reason for nomination

The Company has determined that Mr. Katsusuke Higuchi is familiar with corporate accounting as a certified public accountant, that he has ample insight related to the governance of corporate management, and that he can leverage his accounting knowledge, which has been fostered through his service as a certified public accountant, and accordingly it proposes that he be nominated as an outside director.

Furthermore, as he satisfy the requirements for independent officers as provided for by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, we have determined that no conflict of interest exists with general shareholders and have designated him as an independent officer.

Outside Director Audit & Supervisory Committee Member

Yuji Takada

♦Career summary

Oct. 2003 Registered as an attorney-at-law Joined MOMO-O, MATSUO & NAMBA Dec. 2004 Joined Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu

Aug. 2013 Joined Shimada Hamba & Osajima Jan. 2015 Partner at Shimada Hamba & Osajima (present position)

Dec. 2018 Outside Director (Audit & Supervisory
Committee Member) of FreakOut Holdings,
Inc. (present position)

June 2023 Outside Corporate Auditor of the Company (present position)

June 2024 Outside Director of the Company (Audit & Supervisory Committee Member) (present position)



◆Reason for nomination

The Company has determined that Mr. Yuji Takada is familiar with corporate legal affairs as an attorneyat-law, that he has ample insight related to the governance of corporate management, and that he can leverage his legal knowledge, which has been fostered through his service as an attorney-at-law, and accordingly it proposes that he be nominated as an outside director.

Furthermore, as he satisfy the requirements for independent officers as provided for by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, we have determined that no conflict of interest exists with general shareholders and have designated him as an independent officer.

Outside Director Audit & Supervisory Committee Member

Mime Egami

♦Career summary

Apr. 1981 Joined The Mitsubishi Bank, Limited (currently MUFG Bank, Ltd.)

Nov. 1984 Joined Citibank, N.A., Tokyo Branch, Capital Markets Division

Apr. 1992 Joined CIBC Wood Gundy (currently CIBC Securities Inc.) Tokyo Branch, General Manager of Capital Markets Dept.

Nov. 1998 Joined ABN AMRO Bank, Tokyo Branch, General Manager of Health Care Dept., Corporate Finance Div.

Nov. 2005 Visiting Professor, School of Medicine, Tohoku University

Aug. 2006 Visiting Professor, Institute of Advanced Biomedical Engineering and Science, Tokyo Women's Medical University

Oct. 2015 Auditor, New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization

Oct. 2015 Adjunct Professor, Pharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Chemistry, University of Utah (present position)

Mar. 2017 Established Organization of Cell Sheet Tissue
Engineering Regenerative Medicine Initiative,
Executive for Operations (present position)

June 2023 Outside Director of OBIC Co., Ltd.

June 2024 Outside Director of the Company (Audit & Supervisory Committee Member) (present position)



◆Reason for nomination

The Company has determined that Ms. Mime Egami is well versed in international finance and advanced medical related technology, that she has ample insight related to the governance of corporate management that she gained through her experience of being an auditor, and that she will be able to utilize the knowledge, and accordingly it proposes that she be nominated as an outside director.

Furthermore, as she satisfy the requirements for independent officers as provided for by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, we have determined that no conflict of interest exists with general shareholders and have designated her as an independent officer.

Outside Director

James B. Rosenwald III

◆Career summary

1981 Oliver R. Grace & Family, Senior Investment Advisor/Portfolio Manager

1984 Rosenwald Capital Management, Inc., Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (current)

1996 Beach Front Properties LLC, Co-Founder,
Managing Partner (current)

1999 Dalton Investments LLC, Co-Founder, Chief Investment Officer (current)

2012 New York University, Adjunct Professor, Leonard N. Stern School of Business (current)

2019 Rising Sun Management Ltd., Chief Investment Officer (current)

2025 Director of the Company (present position)



◆Reason for nomination

The Company has determined that, Mr. James B. Rosenwald III, with his many years of experience from the perspectives of investment, management, and capital market governance, he can contribute to further strengthening the supervisory function of the Company's management from a standpoint different from that of the three Independent Outside Directors (Audit & Supervisory Committee Members) who currently serve on the Board of Directors, and accordingly it proposes that he be nominated as an outside director.