

NEWS RELEASE

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Hiring of Head of Renewables and Sustainability

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Keiichi Suzuki at Advantage Partners (“AP”) as a Partner & Head of Renewables and Sustainability on July 1. Keiichi will lead a newly established **Renewables and Sustainability** strategy platform at AP that will pursue investment opportunities in sustainability, renewable energy, carbon reduction and related areas.

For several years now, we have been considering investments in renewable energy and related areas both within Japan and in the region. The market for green and carbon reduction investment in Asia, including in Japan, is expanding rapidly given the importance of initiatives such as the UN SDGs and other net zero targets by governments and the private sector.

We believe a unique opportunity exists to leverage AP’s experience and long history in the region to create a Japan-linked platform that pursues investment opportunities with superior returns satisfying investors’ expectation while also promoting further advancement of sustainability, including reduced carbon emissions.

We believe other AP-served funds will benefit from the establishment of this strategy. The **Renewables and Sustainability** team will have an extensive origination effort that we expect will create new investment and co-investment opportunities for existing funds. Expertise from this team on ESG will also be leveraged across the AP platform to increase the quality of these efforts in other portfolios.

Keiichi Suzuki

Keiichi joins Advantage Partners from Mitsubishi Corporation, where he amassed 29 years of experience in alternative investments, including renewable energy, private equity, and infrastructure.

Prior to joining Advantage Partners, Keiichi served as General Manager of the Merchant Banking Department of Mitsubishi Corporation’s Asset Finance Division. In this role, Mr. Suzuki was responsible for managing approximately USD 1 billion of net asset value for Mitsubishi Corporation, including multiple private equity funds.

Keiichi has extensive experience managing and investing in renewable energy and other generation assets across the globe. From 2015 to 2020, Keiichi served as CEO of Diamond Generating Europe Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Corporation and a strategic IPP platform headquartered in London, which develops, constructs, finances, and operates renewable and other generation assets in Europe and Middle East. Prior to this, Keiichi was involved in a number of



renewable energy development projects in Japan and across EMEA in various roles at Mitsubishi Corporation.

Keiichi is a graduate of the University of Tokyo and has a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Engineering, and holds a Master of Business Administration Degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management. He is also a First Class Architect licensed by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.

We welcome Keiichi to the Advantage Partners' team and look forward to providing further updates in the coming weeks on new initiatives within this platform.

-Advantage Partners (H.K.) Limited