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## **SMBC Appoints Richard Lowe as Chief Data & Analytics Officer for Asia Pacific**

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) today announced the appointment of **Richard Lowe** as **Chief Data & Analytics Officer (CDAO), Asia Pacific Division**, effective 5 May 2026. The establishment of this new role reflects SMBC's focus on data-driven decision making, artificial intelligence adoption and regulatory excellence across its Asia Pacific franchise.

Based in Singapore, Richard is responsible for developing and executing SMBC's regional data and analytics strategy across the region, with a particular emphasis on supporting strategic decision-making, responsible AI deployment, value creation through advanced analytics and enterprise-wide data governance. He will work closely with SMBC's Head Office and global stakeholders to advance Group-level data and analytics initiatives. He will also play a key role in strengthening regulatory compliance and strategic data integration across Asia Pacific markets.

Richard has over 20 years of experience in data, analytics and artificial intelligence within the financial services sector. Most recently, he served as Managing Director and Group Chief Data Officer at United Overseas Bank (UOB), where he built and led group-wide data and AI capabilities, working closely with senior management, boards and regulators across Asia. Earlier in his career, he held senior data leadership roles at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, supporting large-scale data, analytics and regulatory transformation initiatives. Richard has also been an active contributor to industry dialogue on responsible AI and data governance across the region.

"I am honored to be joining SMBC, which has built an exceptional platform across Asia Pacific. I look forward to working closely with colleagues across the region as we accelerate what is already a strong foundation in data and analytics and turn it into a genuine competitive edge across the region," said Richard.

"The creation of this role for Asia Pacific reflects the increasing importance of data and analytics in supporting our regional strategy. We are pleased to welcome Richard, whose depth of experience and strong regulatory grounding will be instrumental as we continue to strengthen our data foundations and advance responsible data and AI adoption across the region," commented **Takashi Yamaguchi, Head of Governance Planning Department, Asia Pacific**.

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Headquartered in Tokyo, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) is a leading global financial institution and a core member of Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMBC Group). Built upon our rich Japanese heritage since 1876, we put our customers first and provide seamless access to, from and within the Asia Pacific region.

SMBC is one of the largest Japanese banks by assets, with over ¥243,825 billion in total assets and strong credit ratings across our global integrated network spanning 39 countries and territories, 15 of which are here in the region. Our regional reach extends from corporate and institutional companies to individual customers supported by our Multi-Franchise Strategy in Indonesia, India, Vietnam and the Philippines. We work closely as one SMBC Group to offer personal, corporate and investment banking services to meet the needs of our customers.

With sustainability embedded within our strategy and operations, we are committed to creating a society in which today's generation can enjoy economic prosperity and well-being and pass it on to future generations.

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