



Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

## SMBC appoints new Head of ESG Solutions in Asia Pacific

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) announced today the appointment of **Priya Bellino** as **Head of ESG Solutions in Asia Pacific**, effective 18 July 2022.

Based in Singapore, Priya will be responsible for leading SMBC's sustainable finance initiatives in Asia Pacific. Working with a dedicated team of ESG specialists, she will drive SMBC's continued ESG ambitions and growth across the region. She will report to David Koh, Managing Director and Deputy Head of Corporate Banking, Asia Pacific at SMBC.

Priya brings with her a wealth of experience in the finance industry. She was most recently a leading member of EY's sustainable finance business consulting practice, where she advised major international and regional banks, asset managers and insurers on sustainable finance matters. These included climate stress testing approaches, implementations under the environmental risk management guidelines of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, and ASEAN decarbonization strategies, amongst others.

Prior to EY, Priya spent 17 years of her career with Goldman Sachs in London and Singapore and helmed various senior roles including Head of the Asia Pacific Risk Engineering department, where she managed portfolio analytics, capital exposure monitoring and risk metrics reporting.

She has a personal passion for sustainability and had previously set up her own sustainability consulting firm, where she engaged in sustainability projects across industries and regions, including supporting Imperial College London with capacity building initiatives for the Singapore Green Finance Centre, which SMBC is a founding partner.

Commenting on the appointment, David Koh said, "Our ESG mission and targets are clearer than ever, and we are delighted to have Priya onboard to help lead our sustainability efforts across Asia Pacific. Priya's strong expertise and keen understanding of the sustainable finance space in the region adds to SMBC's strength in this domain. Together with the bank's growing efforts and investment into sustainability, we will continuously deliver best-in-class ESG innovations and solutions for our customers as they embark on their climate transition journey."

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