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Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

## **SMBC strengthens leadership team in India with Sandeep Chopra as Head of Corporate Coverage**

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) has appointed **Sandeep Chopra as Head of Corporate Coverage in India**.

Based in Mumbai, Sandeep will be responsible for leading SMBC's India corporate banking client coverage teams to maximize growth of its portfolio.

Reporting to Rakesh Garg, Chief Business Officer of SMBC India, Sandeep brings with him close to 30 years of corporate and institutional banking experience, including roles at DBS Bank India and The Royal Bank of Scotland.

Commenting on this appointment, **Hiroyuki Mesaki, Country Head of SMBC India** said, "With deep knowledge in corporate and institutional banking, Sandeep joins us at a pivotal juncture as we continue our success in the Indian market. His proficiency in cultivating and managing relationships with India's leading companies will be invaluable in fostering strong partnerships and accelerating SMBC's growth vision for India. This move reinforces our commitment to the Indian market, which serves as a cornerstone of SMBC's Asia Pacific franchise and overall growth strategy."

**Rakesh Garg, Chief Business Officer, SMBC India**, adds "I am delighted to welcome Sandeep. With his in-depth experience and innate understanding of the Indian banking industry, he will play a pivotal role in shaping our strategies, enriching the team's capabilities, and elevating the overall experience for our clients and team members alike."

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### **About SMBC**

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 ¥238,700 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.