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KKR Names Head of KKR Capital Markets Japan

TOKYO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Leading global investment firm KKR today announced the appointment of Go Yamashita as Head of KKR Capital Markets ("KCM") Japan.

In his role, Mr. Yamashita oversees a team of professionals who support KKR, the Firm's portfolio companies and other clients by providing tailored capital markets advice and manage relationships and business development with institutional investors in Japan.

Worldwide, the KCM team develops and implements traditional and nontraditional capital solutions for investments and companies seeking financing. In Japan, KCM arranged financing for key transactions including KKR's acquisitions of Panasonic Healthcare, Pioneer DJ, Calsonic Kansei and Hitachi Koki, as well as Panasonic Healthcare's acquisition of Ascensia Diabetes Care.

"Japan is an integral part of our Asia strategy as Japanese companies have the tremendous potential to expand and compete internationally. Providing strong Japanese companies with the capital market resources to fulfil their growth potential is an integral part of the equation," said Hiro Hirano, Member & CEO of KKR Japan. "Go's extensive experience and relationships with Japanese institutional investors helps strengthen our capital markets solutions for Japanese companies and our institutional partners. We are pleased to welcome him to the KKR Japan team."

Mr. Yamashita joins KKR with nearly 20 years of professional experience, including more than a decade in the financial services and investment banking sector. He is a graduate of Keio University and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.

"KKR is at the forefront of Japan's private equity industry and has established a track record of helping Japanese companies carve out non-core businesses and expand both organically and through accretive mergers and acquisitions," said Mr. Yamashita. "KKR Capital Markets plays a key role in the success of KKR's portfolio companies, and I am very excited to be a part of the team."

KKR has been investing in Japan through its pan-regional private equity funds since 2010. Japan has been and continues to be a key focus for KKR in the region, and the Firm has invested or committed approximately US\$2 billion in the market. KKR has completed five acquisitions in the market: Intelligence, Panasonic Healthcare, Pioneer DJ, Hitachi Koki, and Calsonic Kansei as of March 31, 2017. KKR has also announced its investment in Hitachi Kokusai Electric.

About KKR

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