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Citi Appoints Ryota Sakagami as Equity Strategist for Japan

Tokyo -- Citi announced today that it has appointed Ryota Sakagami as Equity Strategist for Japan. He will also assume management responsibilities as the Deputy Head of Research and lead Citi's ESG research effort in Japan.

Sakagami joins Citi from JPMorgan Securities Inc. where he most recently served as the Head of Japan Equity Strategy and Co-Head of Japan ESG & Sustainability of its Markets Research Division since June 2021. Prior to that, he was the Chief Japan Equity Strategist since August 2016. Prior to joining JPMorgan, he was the Chief Japan Equity Strategist at SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. since 2011. Sakagami began his career at Nomura Research Institute as an Economist upon graduation from the University of Tokyo with M.A. in Economics in 2002.

Sakagami was the No.1 ranked Equity Strategist in Institutional Investor's All-Japan Research Team for four consecutive years from 2015 to 2016, 2019 to 2021, as well as No.1 ranked strategist in Nikkei Veritas' Analyst Ranking from 2014 to 2016, and No.2 from 2017 to 2021.

Today's appointment is part of Citi's continued efforts to further strengthen its research capability to provide comprehensive market analysis in Japan. Citi's research franchise is one of the world's largest with more than 400 professionals covering a broad range of companies, sectors, asset classes, and economies in Japan and across the globe.

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