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	Kenny Lam	CEO, Two Sigma Asia Pacific	<p>As CEO of Two Sigma Asia-Pacific, Kenny oversees Two Sigma in Asia with offices in Shanghai, Tokyo, and Hong Kong. Since joining Two Sigma in 2019, Kenny has focused on expanding Two Sigma's presence in key regions and markets such as China and Japan. Prior to joining Two Sigma, Kenny was Group President of Noah Holdings Limited, China's largest independent wealth manager, where he advised on over USD 85 billion in allocation of assets for the nation's high net worth individuals and leading institutions. Before Noah, Kenny was Global Senior Partner of McKinsey & Company and a co-leader of its Asia Financial Institutional Practice serving leading financial institutions in 13 markets in Asia. At McKinsey, he advised governments and regulators on the transformation of financial hubs, including the creation of the Private Wealth Management Association and the strategic positioning of Hong Kong as a wealth and asset management center.</p> <p>Kenny is Chairman of the Executive Board of the Wharton School in Asia, serves on the Business Leaders Council for the Government of Canada (through the Asia-Pacific Foundation) and is a Co-Chair of the Asia Pacific Leadership Council of the Nature Conservancy. He is also an independent board member of Smartone Telecommunications in Hong Kong, a board member of the Bank of East Asia (China), and an advisor to Our Hong Kong Foundation.</p> <p>Kenny graduated with a finance degree, magna cum laude, from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from Oxford University.</p>
	Evy Wee	Managing Director, Head of Regional Financial Planning & Advisory Solutions, Consumer Banking Group, DBS Bank	<p>Role at DBS and Experiences</p> <p>Evy currently heads up Regional Financial Planning & Advisory Solutions which includes oversight of the bank's retail brokerage platforms. Most recently, she led Singapore's open banking and data sharing program – SGFinDex platform which is the 1st of its kind collaboration between the public and private sectors to promote financial planning awareness amongst Singaporeans. In addition, she spearheaded the development of new investment products and advisory services for DBS' digital platform.</p>
	Yoshimasa Satoh, CFA	Head of Business Operations, IG Securities Limited	<p>Yoshimasa Satoh, CFA, is Head of Business Operations at IG Securities Limited in Japan. He is supporting Head of Japan at IG Group / Representative Director and CEO at IG Securities with the development and implementation of initiatives to improve business performances. He deputizes for the CEO, Head of Japan as and when needed. He sat on the board of CFA Society Japan from October 2018 to October 2022 and played a role as Secretary Officer during his tenure. He has been in charge of global multi-asset portfolio management, trading, and research and development of technology and data science solutions throughout his career. Previously, he served as a portfolio manager of Quantitative Investment Strategies at Goldman Sachs Asset Management. He also worked for Bloomberg and Nasdaq, respectively, and assumed an Asia Pacific client coverage role. He started his career at Nomura Research Institute, where he led Nomura Securities' equity trading and portfolio management technology teams. He earned the CFA Institute Certificate in ESG Investing and holds bachelor's and master's degrees of engineering from the University of Tsukuba.</p>



Osamu Hasegawa, CFA

Head of MIS Data Management Dept., Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd.

Osamu Hasegawa is the Head of MIS Data Management Department at Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd. , where he is responsible for driving data utilization across the company. He joined Daiwa Securities in 2000 and has since introduced data marketing strategies for both online and face-to-face customers. He holds an MA degree in Master of Agriculture and Life Science from the Graduate School of the University of Tokyo.



Gen Miyazawa

Senior General Manager, Generative AI Group, Executive Corporate Officer, LY Corporation

In 2004, Gen Miyazawa founded and became CEO of Cirius Technologies, Inc. After the company was acquired by Yahoo Japan Corporation, joined Yahoo Japan in August 2010. In April 2014, he was appointed Corporate Officer and President of Search Services Company. In April 2018, he was appointed Managing Corporate Officer, President of Media Company. He was then appointed Director, and served as Senior Managing Corporate Officer and the President of Corporate Group from October 2020. With the reorganization of Yahoo Japan Corporation to LY Corporation in October 2023, he was appointed to his present position of Senior General Manager, Generative AI Group, Executive Corporate Officer.

June 2023: Completed Artificial Intelligence Programme from the University of Oxford



Sano Yoshiki

Partner of Financial/Security domain, AI Solution Business Division, PKSHA Technology Inc. and Representative Director, AlgoNaut, Inc.

Joined PKSHA Technology in 2020 and leading the Algorithm Business Division as a partner, after working with internet-based ventures, A.T. Kearney, and Accenture Interactive (now Accenture Song). Yoshiki Sano leads the introduction of AI solutions and the formulation of DX strategies for various industries, including insurance and banking, taking into account future changes in industry structure. He specializes in providing support that integrates strategy, operations, technology, and design, and serves as the representative director of AlgoNaut, a joint venture with Tokio Marine Holdings.



Gary Kazantsev

Head of Quant Technology Strategy in the Office of the CTO at Bloomberg

Gary is the Head of Quant Technology Strategy in the Office of the CTO at Bloomberg. Prior to taking on this role, he created and headed the company's Machine Learning Engineering group, leading projects at the intersection of computational linguistics, machine learning and finance, such as sentiment analysis of financial news, market impact indicators, statistical text classification, social media analytics, question answering, and predictive modeling of financial markets.

Prior to joining Bloomberg in 2007, Gary had earned degrees with distinction in physics, mathematics, and computer science from Boston University.

He is engaged in advisory roles with FinTech and Machine Learning startups and has worked at a variety of technology and academic organizations over the last 20 years. In addition to speaking regularly at industry and academic events around the globe, he is a member of the KDD Data Science + Journalism workshop program committee and the advisory board for the AI & Data Science in Trading conference series. He is also an adjunct professor at Columbia University, and a co-organizer of the annual Machine Learning in Finance conference at Columbia University.



Hiroyuki Shiratori

Director, Financial Services Department, PwC Consulting LLC.

Hiroyuki Shiratori works as a director in charge of asset management in the financial services department of PwC Consulting LLC.

He has approximately 20 years of experience as a consultant and has consistently supported the advancement of asset management operations, from strategy through execution of the following measures.

- PMI
- Transfer of operational functions, organization, and personnel to improve operational structure between group companies
- Improve governance
- BPR using various digital tools

At the request of a client, he was seconded to the investment planning department of a major domestic insurance company for one year.



Jason Ye, CFA

Director, Factors and Thematics Indices at S&P Dow Jones Indices

Jason Ye is Director, Factors and Thematics Indices at S&P Dow Jones Indices. In his role, Jason works closely with the Sales, Marketing and Global Research & Design departments to bring new ideas to market. Prior to his current role, Jason was a Senior Associate at Dimensional Fund Advisors' Research Group, where he worked with global investors on research and design of factor-based equity strategies. Jason started his investment career with Microsoft's Capital Markets team, which managed the firm's internal equity strategies. Jason earned a Bachelor of Economics from the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, a Master of Computational Finance from the University of Washington, an MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management, and he is a CFA charterholder.



Lucas Lepak

VP, Principal Product Manager, AI & ML, FactSet

Mr. Lucas Lepak is a Principal Product Manager of AI & ML at FactSet. He collaborates with stakeholders across the organization to integrate AI services into a wide range of products while also supporting sales initiatives and connecting with clients. Prior roles include client services and specialty sales for fixed income and multi-asset analytics solutions. He earned a degree in Economics from The University of Arizona.



Yasuko Hio, CMA. PhD

Executive Officer, General Manager of Investment Technology Department, Mizuho-DL Financial Technology Co., Ltd.

Ms. Yasuko Hio, CMA. PhD. is the head of the Investment Technology Development Department at the Solution Development Group of Mizuho Dai-Ichi Financial Technology (Mizuho DLFT). She is responsible for quantitative research and advisory for asset management. She holds a Doctor's degree in Earth and Planetary Science from Kyoto University. She joined Mizuho DLFT in 2006 and assumed the position of General Manager of Investment Technology Development in 2022, and current position from 2024.



Satoru Ikeda, CFA

Senior Fund Manager, Leader of Quantitative Investment Management & Development Team
Deputy Head of Investment Technology Fund Management Department, Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd.

Satoru Ikeda joined Nikko AM as a portfolio manager in 2018 in the Alternative Investment Fund Management Department and became department deputy head of the Investment Technology Fund Management Department in February 2020. He also holds the role of team leader of the Quantitative Investment Management & Development Team. He is currently in his second stint at Nikko AM, having previously served briefly as a quantitative analyst in 2014. After working at the Institute for Solid State Physics, University of Tokyo, he began his career in finance as an analyst at Mizuho-DL Financial Technology in 2004 and subsequently served as a portfolio manager at Monex-Saison-Vanguard Investment Partners. He co-authored a paper titled "Investment Style, Liquidity and Active Management" for the Securities Analyst Journal in 2009. He is a graduate of Tohoku University's Graduate School of Science, a chartered member of the Securities Analysts Association of Japan, and a CFA® charterholder.



Kiyoshi Izumi

Professor, Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo

Born in 1970. Professor Izumi graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in basic sciences and completed his doctorate in 1998 at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo. From 1993 to 2010, he worked at the Electronics Research Institute (currently the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST)). Since 2010, he has been an Associate Professor at the Department of Systems Innovation, Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo, and a Professor since 2015. He is interested in multi-agent simulation, especially social simulation. Member of IEEE, Japanese Society for Artificial Intelligence, Information Processing Society of Japan, and Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers.



Yusuke Tomishima, CFA

Data Scientist, Manager, Financial Planning
Department at Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.
Guest Professor at Tama University Graduate
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Yusuke Tomishima is a seasoned professional with a background in quantitative analysis, data science, and academia. Currently holding the position of Manager at Tokyo Marine Holdings, he also serves as an Guest Professor at Tama University Graduate School of Business, specializing in Finance & Governance. Born in 1982 in Fukuoka, Japan, Tomishima graduated from Kyoto University with a degree in Science and completed his postgraduate studies in Elemental Particle Physics at the University of Tokyo. Holding a Master's degree in Science from The University of Tokyo and an MBA in Finance from Hitotsubashi University Graduate School he is also a Chartered Financial Analyst certified by the CFA Institute.

During his time as a research fellow at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), Tomishima contributed to the world's largest particle physics experiment project. Post-graduation, he ventured into the financial sector, working as a quant at Mizuho bank, overseeing credit derivatives, and managing the investment portfolios of Japanese government bonds and stocks. Following this, he gained international experience by working at a hedge fund in New York before joining the investment department of an insurance company in 2016.

Since 2023, Tomishima has been contributing his expertise as an Guest Professor at Tama University Graduate School. Additionally, he has authored several books, including "Introduction to Finance Theory for Those Who Want to Understand Investment and Finance" (CCC Media House), "Understanding Calculus at a Glance" (PHP), "Self-Study Method for Mathematics" (Kodansha), and "Beautiful Mathematics Hidden in Everyday Life" (Asahi Shimbun Publishing).



Keisuke Uemura, CFA

Senior Portfolio Manager, Nomura Asset
Management

Mr. Uemura joined Nomura Asset Management in 2008. He started his career with quantitative analyst and then worked at other Nomura group's company and overseas branch. He is currently in charge of portfolio management on global quantitative active strategies including emerging markets, utilizing AI and alternative data. He holds MSc in Asset and Wealth Management from Nanyang Technological University and also MA from Economics at Hitotsubashi University. He is a CFA charterholder.



Lee Davidson, CFA

Chief Data and Analytics Officer, Morningstar, Inc.

Lee Davidson is chief data and analytics officer for Morningstar, Inc. He leads the global data and analytics group responsible for Morningstar's data and analytics software products and services. He is responsible for the product strategy, methodologies, and implementations for the Morningstar data and analytics software suite. Additionally, he sets the broader company's AI vision and roadmap, aligning with the firm's strategic business goals. Before assuming his current role in 2023, Davidson was global director for Morningstar Research Services, a subsidiary of Morningstar, Inc. where he oversaw a global research business across 16 countries. In 2014, he founded Morningstar's Quantitative Research department and scaled it into a world-class research function. During this time, he championed Morningstar's adoption of cloud computing and contributed to the design for Morningstar's central data platform. Prior to that, he held analyst roles in Morningstar's research team. He joined Morningstar in 2010 as a product consultant. Davidson holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Chicago and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation.



Dr. Xuchun Li

Deputy Director & Head (AI Development Office), Monetary Authority of Singapore

Dr Li is heading the AI Development Office from the FinTech & Innovation Group in MAS. The mandate of the AI Development Office focuses on promoting the usage of Artificial Intelligence in the Singapore financial sector. It will develop and implement the AI strategy for Singapore financial industry, facilitate industry-wide AI projects within and beyond the financial sector as well as embark on initiatives to develop a sustainable ecosystem that supports the experimentation and deployment of AI-based technologies in the financial sector. Dr Li's major expertise covers areas such as machine learning, big data analysis, cloud computing, text mining etc. He also has strong commercial software development experience. Before joining MAS, he was a scientist at VISA and UBS. He holds a PhD in machine learning.



Jean Schmitt

President & Managing Partner, Jolt Capital

Jean is the President and Managing Partner at Jolt Capital. He has driven Jolt's vision and led its development since 2012. The impetus behind the founding of Jolt was Jean's realization that there is a significant pool of technology companies which passed their technology risks stage, hardware or software, and are starting to scale worldwide. Prior to founding Jolt Capital, Jean was Managing Partner at Sofinnova Partners, running the IT practice with a focus on telecom and wireless markets. Preceding his career as an investor, Jean was the CEO and founder of 4 companies with successful exits, including SLP InfoWare, which he sold to Gemplus (now Gemalto, XPAR:GTO) in 2000 for \$60m and then became VP Telecom Solutions & Applications for the larger group. Jean graduated from Telecom ParisTech and has a post-graduate degree in Artificial Intelligence. He is a regular lecturer at Telecom ParisTech and Mines ParisTech, a mentor at HEC CDL, and a speaker at multiple international conferences on Private Equity, AI and Technology. Jean is also the Chairman of the Baroque Orchestra La Chapelle Harmonique (led by the internationally acclaimed conductor Valentin Tournet), an independant board member of Tech Premium (a French-led Caisse des Dépôts SICAV promoting technology IPOs), a former Chairman of the International Venture Club, and a former Chairman of the e-learning trade union CHANED. Jean is currently a board member of BioSerenity (FR), NIL Technology (DK) and Virta (FI) representing Jolt Capital. Previously, Jean was a board member of Esmertec/Myriad (SIX:MYRN), Authentec (NASDAQ:AUTH) before its acquisition by Apple in 2012 for \$356m, Heptagon before its acquisition by AMS (SIX:AMS) in 2016 for close to \$1b, FOGALE Sensation before its sale to a consumer electronics giant, Skill & You before its sale to Andera Partners and Verimatrix (EURONEXT:VMX) sold to One Equity Partner, where he stays as an independent board member.



Brenda Hou, CFA, CGMA, GAIC Head, Global Partnerships & Client Solutions, Growth Markets, CFA Institute

As the Head, Global Partnerships & Client Solutions, Growth Markets, Brenda leads the team responsible for delivering global revenue targets for a portfolio of learning products targeted at investment management professionals. Brenda is a member of the senior management team in APAC, collaborating with cross-functional teams regionally and globally.

Brenda brings over 25 years of experience in business development to the role, with deep experience in change management and organizational transformation. Prior to joining CFA Institute, she spent over eight years to lead the global and APAC strategy development and planning in Electrocomponents, the world's largest distributors of electronics and maintenance products. Her investment professional career started since 2000 when she led the investment team to conduct merger and acquisition deals in the region, followed by leading an IPO project in HK.

She received her CFA Charter in 2002 and Certification of ESG Investing in 2022. She is also an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (ACMA), Graduate of Australian Institute of Director (GAICD) and has a Bachelor degree of Business Administration (Finance) from The Chinese University of Hong Kong



Charlotte Wood

Head of Innovation, Fintech and AI Strategy at
Schroders

Charlotte is the Head of Innovation, Fintech and AI Strategy at Schroders, where she is globally responsible for the company's Generative AI strategy, as well as startup engagement and innovation.

She is focused on bringing AI technology into Schroders in a safe way, to deliver value for the company and its clients. Her team also builds central AI capabilities such as Genie, an internal AI assistant, which was launched across the global business early last year. The Innovation and Fintech team drive Schroders' strategic approach to innovation, including assessing industry trends and working with the company's leadership to connect and work with early stage companies.

Charlotte sits on the advisory panel for the Investment Association's fintech programme, Engine, as well as other advisory boards for fintechs and social enterprise.



Michinori Kanokogi, CFA

Head of Solutions Research, Nissay Asset
Management

Michinori (Mitch) Kanokogi is the Head of Digital & Solutions Research at Nissay Asset Management, where he spearheads the digital transformation (DX) of the investment management business and launched an award-winning digital investment platform for institutional investors. Prior to this role, he led the establishment of AQR Capital Management's Japan business as the head of investment management and held positions in multi-manager investment at Russell Investments, equity portfolio management at UBS, and management consulting at PwC and Deloitte. He translated several finance/AI books, including "Advances in Financial Machine Learning," "Expected Returns," and "Beyond Diversification." Mitch holds a B.Eng. from the University of Tokyo, an M.Eng from Kyoto University, an MBA from INSEAD, and is a CFA Charterholder.



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Mr. Higashide joined au Asset Management Corporation as chief investment officer in 2021. Prior to au Asset Management Corporation, he worked for mega bank and major Japanese asset management companies, where he was responsible for proprietary trading, book-run and fund manager respectively. He also holds other positions; lecturer at Hitotsubashi University and endowed course by Japan Investment Advisers association, director at Alternative Data Science Research Association, researcher at Chuo University faculty of Science and Engineering, etc. With the aim of "We provide best performance to our customers", we try and design our products and services from the client's viewpoint without being constrained by accepted asset management's business practices. Also, we believe that industry-academia collaboration is essential for managing funds with global-level. He aims to create a society where industry-academia collaboration truly functions, by making use of his experiences in both practical and academic fields. He received an excellent academic paper award from The Japan Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics in 2022, also received an excellent academic paper award from The Japanese Society for Artificial Intelligence Special Interest Group on Financial Informatics (SIG-FIN) in 2017.



Shohei Iwaya

Fund Manager, Investment Division , Asset Management One Co., Ltd.

Graduated from Tokyo University's Faculty of Economics in 1998. After that, joined Nippon Kogyo Bank and handled financial accounting operations.

Moved to UBS Global Asset Management in 2004, and then joined DIAM Asset Management Co., Ltd. (now known as Asset Management One Co., Ltd.) since 2008. Since then, he has been in the investment in post-IPO growth companies.

Additionally, was responsible for research and analysis, as well as studying operational methods utilizing digitalization of investment front operations and alternative data.

Honored to be received several awards:.

-Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards 2023 Japan for the Best Fund in Japanese Small-Cap Equity (10-year category)

-R&I Fund Awards 2022 for Excellent Fund in Domestic Small-Cap Equity (10-year category) etc.,

Also, serve as a committee member for the Japan Securities Dealers Association's "Working Group on the Pricing Process of Public Offerings" and as a chairperson for "Working Group on Issues related to Visualizing Intangible Asset Value of Research and Development Startups" in the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry's etc.



Masashi Tsujinaka

Representative Director, CEO, Nowcast Inc.

Masashi is the CEO of Nowcast, which is the Japanese Alternative Data provider. He and Nowcast are leading the Japanese alternative data industry working with a variety of data driven organizations. Masashi started his career at Bank of Japan as an economist. He worked on enhancement of business surveys called Tankan and monitoring the financial market in the Policy Planning Bureau in Bank of Japan. After he joined Nowcast, he has been leading the product development, sales, marketing and partnerships.