

M&G Investments Appoints Manabu Fujita as Head of M&G Investments Japan, Strengthening Commitment to Japanese Market

TOKYO/ SINGAPORE, 16 June 2023 - M&G Investments (“M&G”), the global asset management arm of M&G plc with total client assets of £306.5 billion¹, announces the appointment of Manabu Fujita as the Head of M&G Investments Japan. This appointment, pending regulatory confirmation, marks a significant milestone in M&G’s Asia-focused strategy and its commitment to the Japanese market. With a rich history of investing in Japan that dates back to 1973, M&G currently manages over \$6 billion² in listed Japanese companies.

Mr. Fujita will assume responsibility for M&G’s expanding operations in Japan, overseeing the execution of the Group’s strategic direction, and spearheading the growth of the M&G distribution franchise across institutional, pension and retail businesses in Japan.

Joining from Schroders Investment Management (Japan), where he served as Head of Sales, Mr. Fujita brings extensive experience, having held several senior positions across the firm, during his 15-year tenure, including Head of Institutional Sales and Business Development. He also boasts prior experience with Invesco Asset Management and Nippon Life Group in Japan. Based in Tokyo, he will report to M&G’s Head of Asia Pacific, Loretta Ng.

“Japan is an extremely important market to us, where there is strong investor appetite across public and private investments markets. Manabu Fujita’s appointment represents our dedication to Japan and the region. We are excited about the future direction of our business in Japan, with a sharp focus on growing our investment capabilities and distribution footprint, as well as deepening client relationships,” states **Loretta Ng, Head of M&G Asia Pacific**, expressing M&G’s strong commitment to Japan and the broader region.

With extensive experience in Japan, Mr. Fujita is poised to play a pivotal role in propelling M&G’s growth in the country, an integral part of the broader strategy in Asia. M&G aims to expand its presence across key markets in Asia, complementing its well-established footprint in the United Kingdom and Europe.

Commenting on his appointment, **Manabu Fujita** says, “M&G is regarded as a global leader across a variety of asset classes, and I look forward to being part of an innovative and impressive team, and contribute to the continued success of the business. I am confident that M&G can provide meaningful investment solutions to our clients under very uncertain market environment.”

Ms. Ng additionally shared, “We are thrilled to welcome an individual with such extensive experience in Japan, especially at a time when we see Japan as a critical part of our Asia growth strategy and as we continue to witness increasingly compelling and exciting opportunities in the market. Manabu Fujita will be a valuable addition to our growing team.”

Manabu Fujita holds a Bachelor of Economics from the Tokyo University and commences with M&G Investments on 16 June 2023.

¹ As at 31 March 2023

² In US Dollar, as at 31 March 2023

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About Manabu Fujita, Head of M&G Investments Japan



Manabu Fujita is Head of M&G Investments Japan, since June 2023.

With over 24 years' experience in the Japanese financial services industry, Manabu is responsible for deepening and growing M&G's operations in Japan. He is also tasked with overseeing the execution of the group's strategic direction and spearheading the growth of the M&G distribution franchise across a broad client base in Japan.

Manabu was most recently at Schroders Investment Management (Japan), he was Head of Sales. During his 15-year tenure there, he has held other senior positions including Head of Institutional Sales and Business Development. He previously served as vice president in Invesco Asset Management and started his career at Nippon Life Insurance Company.

Manabu holds a Bachelor of Economics from the Tokyo University.

About M&G Investments

M&G Investments is part of M&G plc, a savings and investment business which was formed in 2017 through the merger of Prudential plc's UK and Europe savings and insurance operation and M&G, its wholly owned international investment manager. M&G plc listed as an independent company on the London Stock Exchange in October 2019 and has £344 billion of assets under management (as at 31 March 2023). M&G plc has customers in the UK, Europe, the Americas and Asia, including individual savers and investors, life insurance policy holders and pension scheme members.

For nearly nine decades M&G Investments has been helping its customers to prosper by putting investments to work, which in turn creates jobs, homes and vital infrastructure in the real economy. Its investment solutions span equities, fixed income, multi asset, cash, private debt, infrastructure and real estate.

M&G recognises the importance of responsible investing and is a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI) and is a member of the Climate Bonds Initiative Partners Programme.

M&G plc has committed to achieve net zero carbon emissions on its total book of assets under management and administration by 2050 and committed to reduce operational carbon emissions as a corporate entity to net zero by 2030.

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