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Barclays appoints Tetsuro Umeno to lead Consumer and Retail Sector Coverage in the Investment Bank

Tokyo, 20 May, 2015 - Barclays Securities Japan Limited today announced the appointment of Tetsuro Umeno, Head of Japan Consumer and Retail Coverage in the Investment Banking Division.

Mr. Umeno joins Barclays from Merrill Lynch Japan Securities, where he spent over 10 years in various roles, most recently as Managing Director, Head of Global Consumer and Retail Group, Japan.

Mr Umeno's vast and varied investment banking experience began in 1999 at Lehman Brothers, and later Shinsei Bank, where he worked in M&A for almost five years. He has advised clients on a number of important transactions in the Consumer and Retail sectors, as well as across M&A and financing.

Mr Umeno's career has seen a number of noteworthy M&A transactions to date, including Asahi Group Holding's establishment of non-alcoholic beverages - a joint venture with Indofood Group - as well as Asahi Group Holding's acquisition of Calpis from Ajinomoto, and the acquisition of J Brands by Fast Retailing. Additionally, he was involved in Skylark's IPO and the dollar bond offering by Japan Tobacco.

Earlier in his career, Mr Umeno spent four years at Tokyo Gas Co, followed by 18 months at Reuters Japan.

Takemi Ando, Head of Banking Japan, said, "Mr. Umeno will play an integral role in the progressive growth of Barclays' Asia Pacific investment banking franchise. He brings a great level of expertise in Consumer and Retail banking. I'm pleased to say we are currently in a very positive position with our hiring activities, attracting top global talent, which allows us to continue providing the very best service for the needs of our clients in their corporate and financial strategies."

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