

# Item Election of 12 Directors due to the expiration of the term of office of all Directors

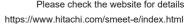
Due to the expiration of the term of office of all of the Directors at the close of the Meeting, it is proposed that 12 Directors be elected. The Company has nominated the following 12 Director candidates (including nine Independent Directors\*) to share their global and diverse viewpoints with the Company's management as well as to realize the continued growth of the business and reinforce the Company's management supervision functions.

\* The "Independent Directors" in this notice are the Directors who fulfill the qualification requirements for outside directors stated in the Companies Act of Japan and also meet the independence criteria defined by the Company and the criteria provided by the Japanese stock exchanges where the Company is listed, unless otherwise stated.

NEW	: Newly selected nominee
RE	: Re-selected nominee
OD	: Outside Director nominee according to provisions of Companies Act of Japan
ID	: Independent Director according to the provisions of the Japanese stock exchanges where the Company is listed

The	nominees	: Independent Director accor	ding to the provisions of the Japanese	stock exchanges where the	ne Company is listed
No		Name	Current Position and Responsibilities at the Company	Attendance in	Fiscal 2024
1		Katsumi Ihara  RE OD ID  Date of Birth: Sep. 24, 1950 (74 years of age) Term of office as Independent Director: Seven Years	Independent Director Chair of the Board of Directors Nominating Committee (Chair) Audit Committee Compensation Committee	Board of Directors meetings Nominating Committee Audit Committee Compensation Committee	9 out of 9 days (100%) 9 out of 9 days (100%) 13 out of 13 days (100%) 8 out of 8 days (100%)
2		Ravi Venkatesan  RE OD ID  Date of Birth: Jan. 12, 1963 (62 years of age) Term of office as Independent Director: Four years 11 months	Independent Director	Board of Directors meetings	9 out of 9 days (100%)
3		Eriko Sakurai  NEW OD ID  Date of Birth: Nov. 16, 1960 (64 years of age)	-	-	
4		Ikuro Sugawara  RE OD ID  Date of Birth: Mar. 6, 1957 (68 years of age) Term of office as Independent Director: Three years	Independent Director Audit Committee	Board of Directors meetings Audit Committee	9 out of 9 days (100%) 13 out of 13 days (100%)
5		Isabelle Deschamps  RE OD ID  Date of Birth: Jun. 11, 1970 (54 years of age) Term of office as Independent Director: One year	Independent Director	Board of Directors meetings	7 out of 7 days (100%)
6	9	Takashi Nishijima  NEW OD ID  Date of Birth: Aug. 12, 1957 (67 years of age)	-	-	

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No		Name	Current Position and Responsibilities at the Company	Attendance in Fi	scal 2024
7	90	Joe Harlan  RE OD ID  Date of Birth: May. 5, 1959 (66 years of age) Term of office as Independent Director: Seven years	Independent Director  Compensation Committee	Board of Directors meetings Compensation Committee	9 out of 9 days (100%) 8 out of 8 days (100%)
8		Takatoshi Yamamoto  RE OD ID  Date of Birth: Oct. 20, 1952 (72 years of age) Term of office as Independent Director: Nine years	Independent Director  Compensation Committee (Chair)	Board of Directors meetings Compensation Committee	9 out of 9 days (100%) 8 out of 8 days (100%)
9		Helmuth Ludwig  RE OD ID  Date of Birth: Sep. 19, 1962 (62 years of age)  Term of office as Independent Director: Four years 11 months	Independent Director ■ Audit Committee	Board of Directors meetings Audit Committee	9 out of 9 days (100%) 13 out of 13 days (100%)
10	9	Toshiaki Tokunaga  NEW  Date of Birth: Mar. 15, 1967 (58 years of age)	Representative Executive Officer, President & CEO	-	
11	1	Mitsuaki Nishiyama  RE  Date of Birth: Sep. 25, 1956 (68 years of age)	Director ■ Audit Committee	Board of Directors meetings Audit Committee	9 out of 9 days (100%) 13 out of 13 days (100%)
12		Toshiaki Higashihara  RE  Date of Birth: Feb. 16, 1955 (70 years of age)	Director, Executive Chairman, Representative Executive Officer Nominating Committee	Board of Directors meetings Nominating Committee	8 out of 9 days (89%) 9 out of 9 days (100%)

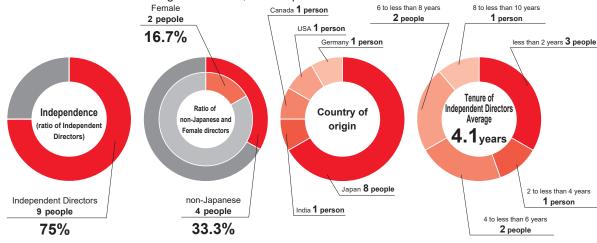
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The experiences and insights, and skills of each director candidate are as follows.

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					Core Skills			Pro	ofessional S		
No	Name	Major Experie	nces and Insights	Corporate management	Global business	Risk management	Finance and accounting	Legal affairs	Digital	Government, international and educational organizations	Sustainability
1	Katsumi Ihara	electronics and financial and CFO at Sony group	us leadership positions in the businesses as well as CSO o, and has rich management for management of diverse	0	0	0	0				
2	Ravi Venkatesan	global corporate manager and ServiceNow, digital b	h experience and insight in ment at Infosys, Microsoft India pusiness and emerging market national organizations such as a for People and Planet.	0	0	0			0	0	
3	Eriko Sakurai	of global corporate ma management, having so divisions and regions at	erience and insight in the area inagement and sustainability erved as head of business Dow Corning and as chair of tee as an independent director	0	0	0					0
4	Ikuro Sugawara	leadership positions in g the Ministry of Economy,	experience and insight from overnment agencies such as Trade and Industry, as well as endent director for global	0	0	0				0	
5	Isabelle Deschamps	areas of corporate law	experience and insight in the corporate governance and nt, having worked at Nestle, her global companies.	0	0	0		0			0
6	Takashi Nishijima	integration of IT/OT <sup>*1</sup> ar President of Yokogaw	ousiness globally through the not the promotion of DX <sup>-2</sup> as a Electric, and has rich global corporate management ment.	0	0	0			0		0
7	Joe Harlan	served as CFO of Lighting	perience and insight, having g Business at General Electric, d marketing roles at 3M and	0	0	0	0				
8	Takatoshi Yamamoto	area of corporate ana	experience and insight in the plysis and global corporate Stanley Securities and Nomura	0	0	0	0				
9	Helmuth Ludwig	of global corporate m	arience and insight in the area anagement and the digital emens, as well as teaching institutions.	0	0	0			0	0	
10	Toshiaki Tokunaga		global corporate management ement experience and insight, igital business at Hitachi.	0	0	0			0		0
11	Mitsuaki Nishiyama	areas of global corporate accounting, having worker	experience and insight in the management and finance & ed as CFO at Hitachi and as of Hitachi Metals (currently	0	0	0	0				
12	Toshiaki Higashihara	as well as sustainability insight, having served as rich experience in key pos and economic and industr	, ,	0	0	0			0	0	0
	OT: Operational Tec	hnology *2DX: Digital Transform Corporate management	nation  Corporate management exper	ience and know	wledne						
	Core Skills	Global business	Business experience outside J		-	ence at a com	nany expanding	ı husiness ala	hally		
		Risk management	Knowledge of the risk assessn					, 240111633 YIU	~ uny		
		Finance and accounting	Leadership experience such a					pecialized kno	wledge in the	se fields	
Defin-		Legal affairs	Expertise and practical experie								
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		Government, international and educational organizations	Leadership experience in go understanding of and response	vernment, go	vernmental a	gencies, interr	national organi	zations, or e	conomic asso		facilitate an
		Sustainability	Expertise and practical experie	ence of sustain	ability through	corporate mar	nagement				
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## **Board of Directors Composition**

In the case that the matters of the Meeting are resolved, the composition of the Board of Directors are as follows.



# Matters Considered by the Nominating Committee in Nominating a Director Candidate



Given the need for diversity of the Board views and efficiency of the Board, the number of directors shall be **no more than 20**. The Nominating Committee shall consider the optimal size of the Board following the policy described above in deciding the matters relating to a proposal concerning election and removal of directors to be submitted to the General Meeting of Shareholders.

# Composition of the Board

In nominating a director candidate, the Nominating Committee shall consider:

- diversity in the experience and expertise, etc. possessed by the director candidates, the composition ratio
  between independent directors and other directors (directors concurrently serving as executive officers and
  non-executive directors from within the Hitachi Group), and other such matters in order to ensure the
  effectiveness of the management supervision and decision-making functions of the Board;
- 2. that to maintain the continuity of the Board, new candidates do not constitute all or almost all of the nominees; and
- the period of time since the candidate's assumption of office as the Company's director and the candidate's age to keep bringing fresh ideas and viewpoints regularly to the Board.

In principle, a person will not be nominated as a director candidate after his or her 75th birthday. However, in special circumstances, a person over 75 years old may be nominated as a director candidate if the Nominating Committee approves. Also, in principle, the Nominating Committee will not nominate a person as an independent director candidate if a person has reached 10 years of total tenure. However, in special circumstances, a person with the total tenure of 10 years or more may be nominated as an independent director candidate, but even in this case, a person with the total tenure of 12 years or more can no longer be nominated as an independent director candidate.

# **Qualification for Directors**

In nominating a director candidate, the Nominating Committee shall consider that:

- 1. such nominee has the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and insight; and
- such independent director nominee has distinguished records of leadership or experience at policy making levels in business, law, administration, accounting or education, etc., in addition to satisfying the criteria for independency as provided for in this Guideline.

# Criteria for Independency of Directors

The Nominating Committee considers an independent director to be independent unless:

- 1. his or her immediate family member\* is, or has been within the last three years, a director or an executive officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries:
- 2. he or she is currently an executive director, an executive officer or an employee of a company that has made payments to, or received payments from, the Company for property or services in an amount which, in any of the last three fiscal years, exceeds 2% of any of the companies' consolidated gross revenues;
- he or she has received during any of the last three fiscal years more than 10 million yen in direct compensation for his or her service as a specialist in law, accounting or tax, or as a consultant from the Company, other than director compensations; or
- 4. he or she serves as an executive officer or director of a not-for-profit organization, and the Company's discretionary charitable contributions to the organization in any of the last three fiscal years are more than 10 million yen and 2% of that organization's annual gross revenues.
- \* An "immediate family member" includes a person's spouse, parents, children, siblings, grand-parents, grand-children, mothers and fathers-in-law, sons and daughters-in-law, spouses of siblings, grand-parents-in-law, grand-children-in-law, and brothers and sisters-in-law.

Attendance in Fiscal 2024

Board of Directors meetings 9 out of 9 days (100%)

Nominating Committee 9 out of 9 days (100%)

Audit Committee 13 out of 13 days (100%)

Compensation Committee 8 out of 8 days (100%)

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Position and Responsibilities at the Company	Term of office as Independent Director	Share Ownership
Independent Director Chair of the Board of Directors Chair of the Nominating Committee Member of the Audit Committee Member of the Compensation	Seven years	7,500

### **Brief Biography**

5/1981	Joined Sony Corporation
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Committee

6/2005 Executive Deputy President, Representative Corporate Executive Officer, Member of the Board, Sony Corporation

4/2009 Executive Deputy President, Corporate Executive, Sony Corporation

6/2009 Executive Vice President, Representative Director, Sony Financial Holdings Inc.

6/2010 President, Representative Director, Sony Financial Holdings Inc.

6/2011 President, Representative Director, Sony Life Insurance Co., Ltd.

4/2015 Chairman, Director, Sony Life Insurance Co., Ltd. (retired in June 2017)

6/2016 Chairman, Director, Sony Financial Holdings Inc. (retired in June 2017)

6/2018 Director, Hitachi, Ltd. (currently in office)

### Reason for nomination as Independent Director and expected roles

Mr. Ihara has rich experience and insight in the area of global corporate management gained through the involvement in the management of major companies conducting diverse businesses globally. He was nominated to be as an independent director because he is expected to leverage this experience and insight to reinforce the supervisory and decision making functional aspects of the Company's Board of Directors by providing opinions and proposals regarding the general management of the Company and supervising the Executive Officers and other's execution of their duties from an independent perspective.

Four years 11 months



Attendance in Fiscal 2024

Board of Directors meetings 9 out of 9 days (100%)

# Ravi Venkatesan (Date of Birth: Jan. 12, 1963)

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### **Brief Biography**

7/1999 Chairman of the Board of Directors, Cummins India Ltd. (India) (retired in March 2004)

1/2004 Chairman, Microsoft India Pvt. Ltd. (India) (retired in September 2011)

4/2011 Independent Director, Infosys Ltd. (India) (retired in May 2018, served as Co-Chairman from April 2017 to August 2017)

4/2013 Venture Partner, Unitus Ventures LLC. (India) (currently in office)

8/2015 Chairman (Non-Executive), Bank of Baroda (India) (retired in August 2018)

9/2018 Special Representative for Young People & Innovation, UNICEF (retired in September 2023)

7/2020 Director, Hitachi, Ltd. (currently in office)

10/2022 Board Chair, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet, LLC (USA) (currently in office)

### **Other Principal Positions Held**

Board Chair, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet, LLC (USA)

Trustee, The Rockefeller Foundation (USA)

Position and Responsibilities at the Company

Independent Director

Venture Partner, Unitus Ventures LLC. (India)

### Reason for nomination as Independent Director and expected roles

Mr. Venkatesan has rich experience and insight in the area of global corporate management, digital business and emerging markets. He was nominated to be as an independent director because he is expected to leverage this experience and insight to reinforce the supervisory and decision making functional aspects of the Company's Board of Directors by providing opinions and proposals regarding the general management of the Company from a global viewpoint and supervising the Executive Officers and others' execution of their duties from an independent perspective.



### Other Principal Positions Held

Outside Director, Kao Corporation Outside Director, Astellas Pharma Inc.

### Reason for nomination as Independent Director and expected roles

Ms. Sakurai has rich experience and insight in the area of global corporate management and sustainability, gained through the involvement in management of major companies conducting diverse businesses globally, etc. She was nominated to be as an independent director because she is expected to leverage this experience and insight to reinforce the supervisory and decision making functional aspects of the Company's Board of Directors by providing opinions and proposals regarding the general management of the Company and supervising the Executive Officers and other's execution of their duties from an independent



**Audit Committee** 

13 out of 13 days (100%)

Outside Director, FUJIFILM Holdings Corporation

### Reason for nomination as Independent Director and expected roles

Mr. Sugawara has rich experience and insight in the area of public administration, etc. gained through leading positions at government agencies. He was nominated to be as an independent director because he is expected to leverage this experience and insight to reinforce the supervisory and decision making functional aspects of the Company's Board of Directors by providing opinions and proposals regarding the general management of the Company and supervising the Executive Officers and others' execution of their duties from an independent perspective.

No <b>5</b>	Isabelle Deschamps (Da	ate of Birth: Jun. 11, 1970)	RE OD ID
	Position and Responsibilities at the Company	Term of office as Independent Director	Share Ownership
	Independent Director	One year	0
	1/2017 Executive Vice President, General	,	Digital and Privacy, Unilever PLC (UK)

Attendance in Fiscal 2024 **Board of Directors meetings** 7 out of 7 days (100%)

6/2024 Director, Hitachi, Ltd. (currently in office)

### Other Principal Positions Held

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9/2018

10/2021

Member of Executive Committee, Chief Legal, Governance & Corporate Affairs Officer, Rio Tinto plc (UK)

Member of Executive Committee, Group General Counsel, AkzoNobel N.V. (Netherlands)

### Reason for nomination as Independent Director and expected roles

Ms. Deschamps has rich experience and insight in the area of corporate legal matters and corporate governance, having served as the chief legal officer of major global companies, etc. She was nominated to be as an independent director because she is expected to leverage this experience and insight to reinforce the supervisory and decision making functional aspects of the Company's Board of Directors by providing opinions and proposals regarding the general management of the Company from a global viewpoint and supervising the Executive Officers and others' execution of their duties from an independent perspective.

Member of Executive Committee, Chief Legal, Governance & Corporate Affairs Officer, Rio Tinto plc (UK) (currently in



### Other Principal Positions Held

Outside Director, Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

### Reason for nomination as Director and expected roles

Mr. Nishijima has rich experience and insight in the area of global corporate management and IT/OT gained through the involvement in the management of major companies conducting diverse businesses globally. He was nominated to be as an independent director because he is expected to leverage this experience and insight to reinforce the supervisory and decision making functional aspects of the Company's Board of Directors by providing opinions and proposals regarding the general management of the Company and supervising the Executive Officers and other's execution of their duties from an independent perspective.

Attendance in Fiscal 2024

**Board of Directors meetings** 9 out of 9 days (100%) **Compensation Committee** 

8 out of 8 days (100%)

Joe Harlan (Date of Birth: May. 5, 1959)

Position and Responsibilities at the Company	Term of office as Independent Director	Share Ownership
Independent Director Member of the Compensation Committee	Seven years	9,000

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### **Brief Biography**

9/1999	Vice	Pres	sider	nt and	Chief	Fina	ncial	0	fficer,	Lighti	ηę	g Bı	ısi	nes	s,	Gener	al El	ectric C	Compar	ıy (l	JSA	ı)
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9/2001	Vice President,	Corporate Fina	ncial Planning a	and Analysis,	3M Company (	(USA)
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11/2002 President and Chief Executive Officer, Sumitomo 3M Ltd.

10/2004 Executive Vice President, Electro and Communications Business, 3M Company (USA)

10/2009 Executive Vice President, Consumer and Office Business, 3M Company (USA)

Executive Vice President, Performance Materials, The Dow Chemical Company (USA)

9/2012 Executive Vice President, Chemicals, Energy and Performance Materials, The Dow Chemical Company (USA)

10/2014 Chief Commercial Officer and Vice Chairman, Market Business, The Dow Chemical Company (USA)

10/2015 Vice Chairman and Chief Commercial Officer, The Dow Chemical Company (USA) (retired in August 2017)

6/2018 Director, Hitachi, Ltd. (currently in office)

### Reason for nomination as Independent Director and expected roles

Mr. Harlan has rich experience and insight in the area of global corporate management gained through his involvement in management at major companies conducting diverse businesses globally. He was nominated to be an independent director because he is expected to leverage this experience and insight to reinforce the supervisory and decision making functional aspects of the Company's Board of Directors by providing opinions and proposals regarding the general management of the Company from a global viewpoint and supervising the Executive Officers and others' execution of their duties from an independent perspective.

Attendance in Fiscal 2024

**Board of Directors meetings** 9 out of 9 days (100%)

Compensation Committee 8 out of 8 days (100%)

Takatoshi Yamamoto	RE OD ID	
Position and Responsibilities at the Company	Share Ownership	
Independent Director Chair of the Compensation Committee	Nine years	77,400

### **Brief Biography**

4/1975 Joined	Nomura	Research	Institute,	Ltd.
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4/1989 Joined Morgan Stanley Japan Limited

12/1995 Managing Director, Morgan Stanley Japan Limited

6/1999 Managing Director and Vice Chairman, Tokyo Branch, Morgan Stanley Japan Limited

7/2005 Managing Director and Vice Chairman, UBS Securities Japan Co., Ltd.

Managing Director, CASIO COMPUTER CO., LTD. 6/2009

6/2011 Advisor, CASIO COMPUTER CO., LTD. (retired in June 2012)

6/2016 Director, Hitachi, Ltd. (currently in office)

### **Other Principal Positions Held**

Outside Director, Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

### Reason for nomination as Independent Director and expected roles

Mr. Yamamoto has broad range of insight in business and management gained through his experience in the area of corporate analysis and global corporate management. He was nominated to be an independent director because he is expected to leverage this experience and insight to reinforce the supervisory and decision making functional aspects of the Company's Board of Directors by providing opinions and proposals regarding the general management of the Company and supervising the Executive Officers and others' execution of their duties from an independent perspective.

# Helmuth Ludwig (Date of Birth: Sep. 19, 1962)





Attendance in Fiscal 2024

**Board of Directors meetings** 9 out of 9 days (100%) **Audit Committee** 13 out of 13 days (100%)

Position and Responsibilities at the Company	Term of office as Independent Director	Share Ownership
Independent Director Member of the Audit Committee	Four years 11 months	28,200

### **Brief Biography**

6/2001	Dracidant	Software and	System	House Division,	Sigmone AC	(Cermany)
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8/2002 President, Systems Engineering Division, Automation and Drives Group, Siemens AG (Germany)

8/2007 President, Siemens PLM Software, Inc. (USA)

10/2010 Global Head of Communications, Industry Automation, Siemens Corp. (USA)

10/2011 President and CEO, Industry Sector, North America, Siemens Industry, Inc. (USA)

10/2014 Executive Vice President and Chief Digital Officer, Digital Factory Division, Product Lifecycle Management, Siemens Corp.

10/2016 Chief Information Officer, Siemens AG (Germany) (retired in December 2019)

1/2020 Professor of Practice in Strategy and Entrepreneurship, Cox School of Business, Southern Methodist University (USA)

(currently in office)

7/2020 Director, Hitachi, Ltd. (currently in office)

### Other Principal Positions Held

Professor of Practice in Strategy and Entrepreneurship, Cox School of Business, Southern Methodist University (USA) Senior Advisor, Bridgepoint, LLC (USA)

### Reason for nomination as Independent Director and expected roles

Mr. Ludwig has rich experience and insight in the area of global corporate management and digital business. He was nominated to be an independent director because he is expected to leverage this experience and insight to reinforce the supervisory and decision making functional aspects of the Company's Board of Directors by providing opinions and proposals regarding the general management of the Company from a global viewpoint and supervising the Executive Officers and others' execution from an independent perspective.



# Toshiaki Tokunaga (Date of Birth: Mar. 15, 1967)



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Position and Responsibilities at the Company	Share Ownership
Representative Executive Officer President & CEO	319,500

### **Brief Biography**

4/1990 Joined Hitachi, Ltd.

4/2014 General Manager, Smart Information Systems Division, Services Division Group, Information & Telecommunication

Systems Company, Information & Telecommunication Systems Group

4/2017 President, Hitachi Appliances, Inc. (retired in March 2019)

4/2018 General Manager, Smart Life & Ecofriendly Systems Division, Hitachi, Ltd.

4/2019 Vice President and Executive Officer, Hitachi, Ltd.

4/2020 Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, Hitachi, Ltd.

4/2021 Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, Hitachi, Ltd.

4/2025 Representative Executive Officer, President & CEO, Hitachi, Ltd. (currently in office)

### Reason for nomination as Director and expected roles

Mr. Tokunaga has rich experience and a proven performance record, having been engaged in business management mainly in the digital business both at the Company and at Group companies. He has been engaged in the management of the Company as President & CEO since April 2025. Mr. Tokunaga was nominated to be a director because he is expected to promote information sharing and draw on his rich experience and performance record to reinforce the decision-making function of the Board of Directors as a member of the Board.

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# Mitsuaki Nishiyama (Date of Birth: Sep. 25, 1956)

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Attendance in Fiscal 2024

Board of Directors meetings 9 out of 9 days (100%)

Audit Committee 13 out of 13 days (100%)

Position and Responsibilities at the Company	Share Ownership
Director Member of the Audit Committee	134,000

### **Brief Biography**

4/1979 Joined Hitachi, Ltd.	
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4/2008 General Manager, Finance Department I

4/2011 Executive Officer, Hitachi Cable, Ltd.

6/2012 Executive Officer, Board Director, Hitachi Cable, Ltd.

4/2013 Vice President and Executive Officer, Board Director, Hitachi Cable, Ltd.
 7/2013 Vice President and Managing Officer, Hitachi Metals, Ltd. (currently Proterial, Ltd.)

4/2014 Vice President and Executive Officer, Hitachi Metals, Ltd. (retired in March 2015)
 4/2015 Vice President and Executive Officer, Hitachi, Ltd.

4/2016 Representative Executive Officer, Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, Hitachi, Ltd.

4/2020 Representative Executive Officer, Chairperson and CEO, Hitachi Metals, Ltd.

6/2020 Representative Executive Officer, Chairperson, President and CEO, Hitachi Metals, Ltd.

Representative Executive Officer, Chairperson, President and CEO, and Director, Hitachi Metals, Ltd.

1/2023 Representative Director, Executive Chairman, Proterial, Ltd. (retired in March 2023)

4/2023 Associate, Hitachi, Ltd.

6/2023 Director, Hitachi, Ltd. (currently in office)

### Reason for nomination as Director and expected roles

Mr. Nishiyama has rich experience and a proven performance record, having been engaged in operations in areas such as accounting and financial affairs and in management at both the Company and Group companies, etc. Mr. Nishiyama was nominated to be a director because he is expected to reinforce the supervisory functions of the Company's Board of Directors by supervising the Executive Officers and others' execution of their duties based on his rich experience and proven performance record.

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# Toshiaki Higashihara (Date of Birth: Feb. 16, 1955)

Share Ownership

Position and Responsibilities at the Company

Executive Chairman, Representative
Executive Officer and Director
Member of the Nominating Committee

1,065,100

# Brief Biography

4/1977 Joined Hitachi, Ltd.

4/2007 Vice President and Executive Officer

4/2008 President, Hitachi Power Europe GmbH

4/2010 Representative Executive Officer, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd.

6/2010 President and Representative Director, Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd.

4/2011 Vice President and Executive Officer, Hitachi, Ltd.

4/2013 Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, Hitachi, Ltd.
 4/2014 Representative Executive Officer and President & COO, Hitachi, Ltd.

6/2014 Representative Executive Officer, President & COO and Director, Hitachi, Ltd.

4/2016 Representative Executive Officer, President & CEO and Director, Hitachi, Ltd.

5/2021 Representative Executive Officer, Executive Chairman, President & CEO and Director, Hitachi, Ltd.

6/2021 Representative Executive Officer, Executive Chairman & CEO and Director, Hitachi, Ltd.
4/2022 Executive Chairman, Representative Executive Officer and Director, Hitachi, Ltd. (currently in office)

# Reason for nomination as Director and expected roles

Mr. Higashihara has rich experience and a proven performance record, having been engaged in business management in a broad range of fields, including the social infrastructure business and the power systems business, both at the Company and at Group companies, as well as in the promotion of the Group's global business development. He has been engaged in the management of the Company as President since April 2014, as Executive Chairman and President since May 2021 and as Executive Chairman since June 2021. He has been serving as Executive Chairman and Director since April 2022. Mr. Higashihara was nominated to be a director because he is expected to continue to promote information sharing and draw on his rich experience and performance record to reinforce the decision-making function of the Board of Directors as a member of the Board.



Attendance in Fiscal 2024

Board of Directors meetings 8 out of 9 days (89%)

Nominating Committee 9 out of 9 days (100%)

### Notes:

- 1. Attendance at Board of Directors meetings and committee meetings is based on the number of days when meetings were held during each member's term of office.
- 2. Messrs. Katsumi Ihara, Ravi Venkatesan, Ikuro Sugawara, Takashi Nishijima, Joe Harlan, Takatoshi Yamamoto, and Helmuth Ludwig and Mses. Eriko Sakurai and Isabelle Deschamps are nominees who fulfill the qualification requirements to be outside director nominees as provided for in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 7 of the Enforcement Regulations of the Companies Act. The Company has reported all of them as independent directors to the Japanese stock exchanges where the Company is listed.
- 3. The Company maintains a limited liability agreement (hereinafter the "Agreement") with Messrs. Katsumi Ihara, Ravi Venkatesan, Ikuro Sugawara, Joe Harlan, Takatoshi Yamamoto, Helmuth Ludwig and Mitsuaki Nishiyama and Ms. Isabelle Deschamps. The general intent of the Agreement is to limit the liability of Directors provided for in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to the aggregate amount of each item stipulated under Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. The Agreement will be renewed should the aforementioned individuals be re-elected at the Meeting. In the event Ms. Eriko Sakurai and Mr. Takashi Nishiiima are elected as a director, the Company will newly enter into the same agreement with them.
- 4. The Company currently has a Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance Agreement, which is stipulated in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, nominating each of its director candidates other than Ms. Eriko Sakurai and Mr. Takashi Nishijima as an insured person with an insurance company. The content of the Insurance Agreement is stated in "Directors and Executive Officers Contents of Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance Agreement" in the Business Report. Upon the election of the directors, each director other than Ms. Eriko Sakurai and Mr. Takashi Nishijima will continue to be insured under the insurance agreement Ms. Eriko Sakurai and Mr. Takashi Nishijima will newly become an insured person under the insurance agreement. The Company plans to renew the agreement with the same terms and conditions during the tenure of each director.
- 5. At Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. ("SMFG"), where Ms. Eriko Sakurai is currently serving as an Outside Director and is scheduled to resign on June 27, 2025, SMFG and its subsidiary, SMBC Nikko Securities Inc., received an administrative action under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act from the Financial Services Agency in October 2022 in relation to a violation of Article 159, paragraph (3) (illegal stabilizing transactions) of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act by former officers and employees of SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. SMBC Nikko Securities was convicted by the Tokyo District Court in February 2023 in connection with the same incident, the conviction became final. Furthermore, in October 2022, SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. received an administrative action from the Financial Services Agency under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law in connection with the transfer of undisclosed information between officers and employees of SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, a subsidiary of SMFG. In addition, SMFG and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation received an order from the Financial Services Agency to submit reports under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and the Banking Act with respect to this incident. Ms. Eriko Sakurai, as an Outside Director, has always expressed the importance of compliance with laws and regulations, ensuring appropriateness of operations, and risk management at meetings of the SMFG board of directors and various committees, and has made recommendations for the thorough implementation of these measures. After the incident came to light, she has been involved in deliberations at meetings of the SMFG board of directors and various committees to formulate and implement effective measures to prevent recurrence, further strengthen SMFG's legal compliance and internal control systems, and foster sound corporate culture.
- 6. In the event this agenda item is approved, the members and the chair of the committees are expected to be as follows:

  Nominating Committee : Katsumi Ihara (chair), Eriko Sakurai, Ikuro Sugawara, Toshiaki Higashihara

  Audit Committee : Mitsuaki Nishiyama (chair), Katsumi Ihara, Ikuro Sugawara, Takashi Nishijima, Helmuth Ludwig

  Compensation Committee : Takatoshi Yamamoto (chair), Katsumi Ihara, Takashi Nishijima, Joe Harlan, Toshiaki Tokunaga
- 7. The Company has no transactions with Unitus Ventures LLC., where Mr. Ravi Venkatesan is currently serving as Venture Partner, with Rio Tinto plc, where Ms. Isabelle Deschamps is currently serving as Member of Executive Committee, Chief Legal, Governance & Corporate Affairs Officer, with Southern Methodist University, where Mr. Helmuth Ludwig is currently serving as Professor of Practice, and with Bridgepoint, LLC, where Mr. Helmuth Ludwig is currently serving as Senior Advisor.
- 8. The Company has no transactions whose volume is more than 1% of the Company's consolidated revenues or each company's respective consolidated revenues with Dow Chemical Japan Limited, where Ms. Eriko Sakurai had served as President, Representative Director (retired in June 2022), with Dow Toray Co., where Ms. Eriko Sakurai had served as Chairman and CEO, Representative Director (retired in July 2020), with AkzoNobel N.V., where Ms. Isabelle Deschamps had served as Member of Executive Committee, Group General Counsel (retired in September 2021), and with Yokogawa Electric Corporation, where Mr. Takashi Nishijima had served as Chairman and Representative Director (retired in March 2021).
- The Company has no contractual relationship with Ms. Isabelle Deschamps in relation to legal and other professional services, etc.