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Marunouchi Capital Inc.

Appointment of New Advisor

Marunouchi Capital Inc. (“MCAP”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Kenji Tanaka (“Professor Tanaka”) of the Graduate School of Engineering at the University of Tokyo as an Advisor, effective July 1, 2026.

Professor Tanaka brings a rare combination of deep expertise in both investment execution and advanced technology. After beginning his career at McKinsey & Company, where he engaged in management consulting, he joined Japan Industrial Partners in 2003 and was involved in multiple corporate investment transactions, developing extensive experience in strategic planning and private equity investing. Subsequently, He transitioned into academia and has since been engaged in research and education at the University of Tokyo. He currently serves as Professor at the Graduate School of Engineering, where his work spans a broad range of frontier fields, including AI and data-driven social system design, logistics and energy systems, blockchain technologies, and decarbonization. His research is distinguished by its strong focus on bridging cutting-edge technologies with industrial applications.

MCAP has previously collaborated with Professor Tanaka through a joint research initiative at one of its portfolio companies, Graniph Inc., where an order optimization algorithm was developed to enhance production and procurement operations. Through this initiative, the Firm has witnessed firsthand how Professor Tanaka’s advanced technological expertise and practical implementation capabilities can meaningfully contribute to operational improvement and enterprise value creation.

In his new role as Advisor, Professor Tanaka will support MCAP in enhancing industrial and technological analysis during the investment evaluation process, as well as strengthening value creation initiatives at portfolio companies through the application of AI and digital transformation. Through this appointment, MCAP aims to further strengthen both its investment decision-making capabilities and post-investment operational support, reinforcing its commitment to delivering sustainable long-term returns to its investors.

■ Profile of Professor Kenji Tanaka

2000 – Joined McKinsey & Company

2003 – Joined Japan Industrial Partners

2006 – Research Associate, Department of Environmental and Ocean Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo

2008 – Assistant Professor, Department of Systems Innovation, Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo

2013 – Project Associate Professor, Digital Grid Endowed Chair, Institute for Presidential Project, the University of Tokyo

2017 – Project Associate Professor, Department of Technology Management for Innovation, Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo

2024 – Professor, Department of Technology Management for Innovation, Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo

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