

# Japan Catalyst, Inc.

## Appointment of Takahiro Kusakari as Director and Co-President

TOKYO, June 26, 2023 – Japan Catalyst, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "JCI") hereby announces the appointment of Takahiro Kusakari as its Director and Co-President as of June 22, 2023.

### ■ Takahiro Kusakari - Director and Co-President

Takahiro started his career as a stage actor after he graduated from Toyo University with his B.A. in Science and Engineering. He joined SBI Real Marketing in 2007 and moved to Sawakami Asset Management in 2008, where he gained extensive experience in various roles as client service, head of back office, equity analyst, and fund manager. In 2013, he was inaugurated as Chief Investment Officer, Head of Investment Research, and in 2015, Director and Chief Investment Officer. He joined JCI as a Portfolio Manager in March 2023. He currently serves as an outside director of ASAHI INTECC.

### ■ Directors/Auditors (As of June 22, 2023)

Chairman	Okii Matsumoto	Chairman and Representative Executive Officer, Executive Chairman, Monex Group, Inc. (*)
Representative Director & President	Taro Hirano	
Director & Co-President	Takahiro Kusakari	
Director	Masaki Ueda	
Director	Naoyuki Kainuma	Expert Director, Monex Group, Inc. (*)
Director	Katsuki Mandai	Executive Officer, Monex Group, Inc. Representative Director & President, Monex Asset Management, Inc.
Statutory Auditor	Hisashi Tanaami	

(\*) Effective June 24, 2023

### ■ About Japan Catalyst, Inc.

JCI was established as part of Monex Group with the goal of transforming the Japanese capital market and corporate sector. To build a bridge between Japanese listed companies and individuals, who are their ultimate shareholders, and conduct investments that benefit both parties, JCI implements an engagement investment strategy towards Japanese companies through the Monex Activist Mother Fund, for which JCI provides investment advice. JCI is committed to driving desirable changes for all stakeholders through holistic engagement and constructive dialogue.

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