# Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG)

# Our View on the ISS Report Regarding Proposal No. 3 at Our 19th Annual General Meeting of Shareholder

**Tokyo, June 11, 2024** --- MUFG today announced that it has confirmed that Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "ISS") has issued a report recommending a vote for the Proposal No.3,"Partial amendment to the Articles of Incorporation (Director competencies for the effective management of climate-related business risks and opportunities)", scheduled for discussion at the 19th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on June 27, 2024.

Accordingly, we would like to present our company's view on ISS's recommendation for the proposal as follows. We kindly ask our shareholders to review the Notice of Convocation of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders and our company's view below, and we hope for your understanding and support for the proposal.

## 1. ISS's vote recommendation

ISS recommends a vote for the Proposal No. 3 for the following reasons.

Item	Reason for ISS's recommendation to vote for the proposal	
Proposal 3.	A vote FOR this shareholder proposal is warranted because:	
Partial amendment to the Articles of	Disclosing information on how climate-related risks and opportunities	
Incorporation (Director competencies for the	are factored in the selection of outside directors and the board	
effective management of climate-related	evaluation would be of value to MUFG shareholders given the climate	
business risks and opportunities)	risk and other environmental impacts of the company's current strategy.	

## 2. Our View

## (1) Composition of the Board of Directors

Our company's approach to the composition of the Board of Directors is disclosed in the Corporate Governance Report [Supplementary Principle 4.11.1]. In order to lead the resolution of social issues such as climate change, we have committed to placing individuals with knowledge, expertise, and experience in "sustainability," including climate change.

## <Approach to the Composition of the Board of Directors>

[Supplementary Principle 4.11.1]

View on the balance of knowledge, experience and skills, and diversity and size, of the board of directors as a whole

The Board of Directors of MUFG decides key management policies and is responsible for management oversight. In order for the Board of Directors to appropriately fulfill its role, it is necessary to have an appropriately balanced composition as a whole with diverse knowledge and expertise related to finance, financial accounting, risk management, compliance and so forth as well as diversity, in addition to deep knowledge of MUFG Group's business. Specifically, it is as follows.

• Independent outside directors shall have a wealth of knowledge and experience in the fields of corporate management, finance, financial accounting and law and the qualities required for oversight of the execution of duties by management from an independent and objective standpoint.

•Executive directors shall have extensive knowledge of MUFG Group's business and the ability to appropriately perform management of MUFG Group.

•In addition, the Board of Directors as a whole has directors who have the experience in "global" fields in view of the MUFG's business development and "IT and digital" and "sustainability" to lead the resolution of social issues such as the digital shift and climate change. (Source) Corporate Governance Report https://www.mufg.jp/dam/profile/governance/report/pdf/report\_en.pdf

## (2) Director competencies

Out of the 16 director candidates, 11 individuals (including 6 external director candidates) possess competency in "sustainability," including climate change. Furthermore, we are committed to improving the competency of the Board of Directors through regular study sessions and timely information updates.

## <u>Knowledge, Expertise, and Experience of Outside Directors and Candidates</u>



### Keiko Honda

Satoko Kuwabara

After working at McKinsey & Company, Inc. Japan, Ms. Honda served as Chief Executive Officer of Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency of World Bank Group.

She has built expertise in the areas of finance and economy through her career, and abundant experience in the area of sustainability through teaching ESG investment at graduate schools, among other activities

Ms. Kuwabara has extensive experience as an attorney and professional insight on general legal affairs.

She also has abundant experience in the area of sustainability, having served many positions including a member of the Advisory Committee for Natural Resources

and Energy of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.



#### Kaoru Kato

- Having served in various important positions, including President and Chief Executive Officer, Member of the Board of Directors, and Corporate Advisor of NTT DOCOMO, INC., Mr. Kato has advanced knowledge and wisdom as a corporate manager and has actively promoted sustainability management.
- He also has abundant experience mainly in the areas of communication and digital domain.

## Hirofumi Nomoto

Mari Elka Pangestu

- Having served in various important positions, including President & Representative Director of TOKYU CORPORATION, Mr. Nomoto has advanced knowledge and wisdom as a corporate manager, and actively promotes sustainability management.
  - He also has abundant experience mainly in the areas of real estate, life services, Π and digital technology.

Having served in various important positions, including Minister of Trade and Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy of the

Republic of Indonesia, and Managing Director of the World Bank (mainly in charge of Development Economics Vice Presidency), Ms. Pangestu has expertise in the areas of finance, economy, and public policy.

She also has abundant experience in the area of sustainability by having addressed global social issues at international and

government institutions leveraging her extensive work experience.

Candidate for new Outside Director



#### Candidate for new Outside Director Hiroshi Shimizu

- Having served in various important positions, including Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer (Supervises Investment Management Unit, Responsible for Finance & Investment Planning Dept.) of Nippon Life Insurance Company, and currently as its President, Mr. Shimizu has advanced knowledge and wisdom as a corporate manager, and actively promotes sustainability management.
- He also has expertise in finance and abundant experience mainly in the areas of IT and digital technology.

# <External Advisors>

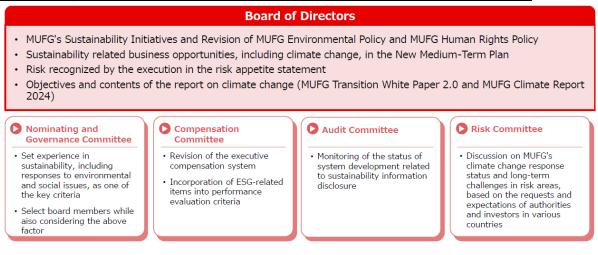
We hold regular meetings for executive officers to exchange opinions with external advisors and leverage on external expertise.

Rintaro Tamaki	President of the Japan Center for International Finance. Former financial	
	official with a background as Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD in	
	charge of environmental and financial sectors and possesses extensive	
	knowledge in international economics and finance.	
Junko Edahiro	Professor at Graduate School of Leadership and Innovation, Shizenkan	
	University. Served as a board member on high-level government panels and	
	other bodies with expertise in climate change as well as in a wide range of	
	social area such as biodiversity and regional revitalization.	
Kenji Fuma	CEO of Neural Inc. Possess knowledge and business insights based on	
	consulting experience in sustainability management and ESG investment	
	advisory.	

## (3) Supervision by the Board of Directors

We have designated "sustainability," including climate change, as an important discussion topic at the Board of Directors. In the BoD, deliberations on enforcement initiatives, including business opportunities and risks related to climate change, are discussed regularly. In the new medium-term management plan, which was formulated after multiple discussions at the BoD, "Driving Social & Environmental Progress" has been positioned as one of the three pillars. Achieving a carbon neutrality has been set as one of the most important issues to be prioritized in sustainability management.

## < Climate Agenda at the Board of Directors and Affiliated Committees (FY2023)>



(4) Evaluation Framework of the Board of Directors' Operations

Every year since 2013, we have retained external consultants to evaluate the Board of Directors. These consultants conduct questionnaire surveys and interviews with all of the Directors regarding the purpose, composition/expertise, agendas/discussions, and the promotion of reform of the Board, as well as self-assessment of each Director. The results of these questionnaire surveys and interviews are reported to and discussed by the Nominating and Governance Committee and the Board. In the fiscal year 2023, it was confirmed that monitoring, including important proposals such as sustainability, was functioning effectively, ensuring the effectiveness of the Board of Directors.

## < Evaluation Framework of the Board of Directors' Operations>



## <Results of the Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Board of Directors in Fiscal 2023>

Evaluation	M	ajor Board agendas
<ul> <li>Facilitated frank, active communication and mutual understanding among directors, fostering an atmosphere for further enhancing the effectiveness of the Board</li> <li>The quality of the Board of Directors' discussions improved, and monitoring functioned effectively in relation to important agenda items such as the formulation of the next MTBP and other issues</li> <li>Confirmed that the Board is currently sufficiently functioning effectively as a result of various efforts, such as the expansion of meetings for exchanging opinions with outside directors and devising ways to explain agendas</li> </ul>	Key strategies under the MTBP	<ul> <li>Formulation of the MTBP for FY2024</li> <li>Promotion of sustainability management</li> <li>MUFG Climate Report2024</li> <li>Progress in corporate culture reforms</li> <li>Digital transformation strategy</li> <li>Wealth management</li> <li>Asia businesses</li> <li>Asset management business (global AM/IS)</li> <li>Strengthening partnership with Morgan Stanley</li> </ul>
	Financial	<ul> <li>Progress in FY2023 annual business plan</li> <li>Performance targets and capital policies</li> <li>Management conscious of capital costs and stock prices</li> </ul>
Issues to be adressed • Continuous improvement for further enhancement of the Board functions (operations, systems, improving efficiency, etc.)	Governance	<ul> <li>Reports from CRO, CCO and other C-Suite</li> <li>Recognition of current risk status and initiatives undertaken in each risk field</li> <li>Status of compliance-related initiatives, including the Code of Conduct</li> <li>Measures to reduce strategic equity holdings</li> <li>Evaluation of the Board of Directors' effectiveness</li> </ul>

For more details on MUFG's initiatives regarding climate change and our views on shareholder proposals, you can check the following website.

- •MUFG Climate Change Initiatives and Views on the Shareholder Proposals
  - Presentation Material
     <u>https://www.mufg.jp/dam/ir/presentation/2024/pdf/slides2405\_en.pdf</u>
  - Webcast
     <u>https://c-hotline.net/Viewer/Default/4502c3753701297730b981e8f91af5a410f5</u>

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## About MUFG

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG) is one of the world's leading financial groups. Headquartered in Tokyo and with over 360 years of history, MUFG has a global network with approximately 2,000 locations in more than 40 countries. The Group has about 120,000 employees and offers services including commercial banking, trust banking, securities, credit cards, consumer finance, asset management, and leasing. The Group aims to "be the world's most trusted financial group" through close collaboration among our operating companies and flexibly respond to all of the financial needs of our customers, serving society, and fostering shared and sustainable growth for a better world. MUFG's shares trade on the Tokyo, Nagoya, and New York stock exchanges. For more information, visit https://www.mufg.jp/english.