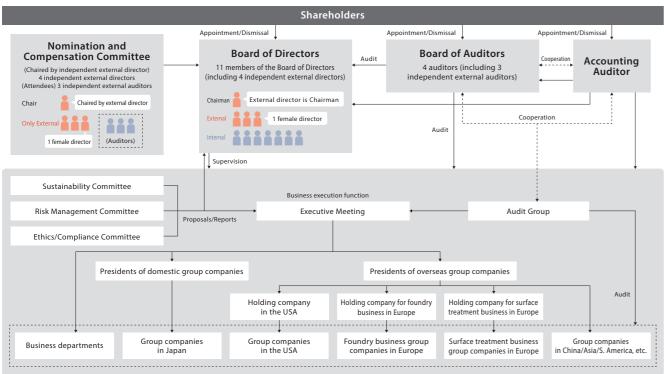
# **Corporate Governance**

#### Basic approach

The company's basic management policy is to enhance corporate value from a long-term perspective and to ensure appropriate and efficient business execution. We have established a corporate governance system that enhances the transparency of decision-making and appropriately incorporates monitoring and supervisory functions.

#### **Corporate Governance System**



#### Changes in governance structure

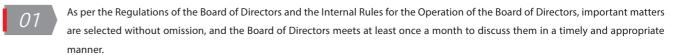
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of directors	8 Internal:8	9 Internal : 8 External : 1	10 Internal : 8 External : 2	11 Internal : 8 External : 3	11 Internal : 8 External : 3	10 Internal : 7 External : 3	11 Internal : 7 External : 4	11 Internal : 7 External : 4	11 Internal : 7 External : 4	11 Internal : 7 External : 4	10 Internal : 7 External : 3	11 Internal : 7 External : 4
Ratio of external directors	0%	11%	20%	27%	27%	30%	36%	36%	36%	36%	30%	36%
2001	● Fs	tablishment of M	lanagement Advi	sory Committee	as voluntary syst		2018	■ Establish	nment of Comp	liance Committe		
	Establishment of risk management system				2019	<ul> <li>Establishment of Compliance Committee</li> <li>Increase in the number of external directors: 3 ⇒ 4</li> </ul>						
	• In	Establishment of CSR Committee     Introduction of external directors: 1						Establishment of Sustainability Committee     (formerly known as CSR Committee)				
2014	• Es	Establishment of Nomination and Compensation Committee     Establishment of Management Advisory Council (former name: Management Advisory Committee)						Clarification of the distinction between the Board of Directors (decision-making function) Executive Meeting (business execution function)				the
								Establishment of Risk Management Committee				
2015								<ul> <li>Addition of corporate auditor as a contact point for the internal reporting system (Sinto Speak-Up System)</li> </ul>				
2016	• In	● Increase in the number of external directors: 2 ⇒ 3					<ul> <li>Establishment of Ethics/Compliance Committee</li> </ul>					
		External director appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors     Nomination and Compensation Committee reorganized with only external directors as members						(formerly known as the Compliance Committee)				
2017								<ul> <li>Introduction of restricted stock compensation</li> </ul>				

#### **Board of Directors**

Our Board of Directors consists of 11 directors and an external director as the Chairman. The directors are decided by resolution of the Board of Directors after the board receives reports from the Nomination and Compensation Committee, which selects the candidates. In consideration of diversity in our Board of Directors, a female external director has been appointed since FY2021. The Board of Directors met 16 times in FY2024 to make crucial decisions for our group and provide oversight for the operating conditions of the directors and executives. Company decisions are made on the basis of discussions among board members on issues such as mergers of sister companies, new business development and partnerships, and investment in human resource development and initiatives for human capital.

#### Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors

### Sintokogio's Board of Directors operates effectively as follows:



Prior to the deliberations of the Board of Directors, directors participate in internal meetings that clarify issues, challenges, risks, and countermeasures to enhance the effectiveness of the discussions.

To facilitate smooth and active discussion and sufficient deliberation at Board of Directors meetings, meeting materials are distributed in advance, and the contents are explained in advance, especially to external directors.

The company receives regular reports on the management status, and it monitors appropriate risk management and business execution.

To ensure appropriate deliberation on important matters, the agenda items for the Board of Directors meetings are reviewed from time to time in response to changes in the business environment.

#### **Board of Auditors**

The Board of Auditors consists of four auditors. Three out of the four are external auditors, who ensure the appropriateness of decisions made by the Board of Directors with their objective perspectives. The Board of Auditors also works with financial auditors as required to ensure the accuracy of the financial audit, and with internal control departments to improve audit quality and effectiveness. In FY2024, the Board of Auditors met 16 times.

#### Nomination and Compensation Committee

We have established a Nomination and Compensation Committee as a private body to select candidates for directors/auditors and discuss the compensation system. This committee consists of four external directors and three external auditors and is operated only by independent external directors. The Nomination and Compensation Committee met three times in FY2024. The committee reported to the Board of Directors after discussing the evaluations of internal directors who are also executive officers, nominating candidates for director with a high degree of independence and objectivity.

#### **Executive Meeting**

Sintokogio has 26 executive officers, with seven concurrently serving as directors. The Executive Meeting is a body that deliberates on matters related to business execution. Its members include the top management of in-house companies, business divisions, and sales, production, development, and administrative divisions, along with the responsible parties representing each relevant committee. It makes resolutions, shares reports, and holds discussions on the status of business execution every month. The meeting was held 22 times in FY2024.

# Skills and diversity of our directors

To ensure appropriate decision-making and management supervision, the Board of Directors ensures diversity as per management plans and strategies, and appoints directors with a wealth of experience, high level of insight, and high degree of expertise. Internal directors are appointed with expertise in sales, development/engineering/production, and administration, to ensure balance in knowledge, experience, and ability. The four independent external directors have experience as representative directors of listed companies and have a track record in corporate management. They provide advice and recommendations based on their diverse backgrounds in sales, technology, manufacturing, information, and sustainability. Skill matrix

			Expertise/experience required for directors								
	Name	Assoc.	Corporate Management	Industry Knowledge	Global Business	Environment/ Sustainability	Sales/ Marketing	R&D/ Technology/ Production	Organizational Management, HR/Planning/ Finance	DX/ IT Security	Governance/ Risk Mgt.
	Yoshiki Ueda	External Independent	*	☆ (Trading)	☆		☆		☆		*
	Atsushi Nagai		*	☆	*				☆		*
	Toshikazu Morishita			☆			☆				☆
	Kenichi Nakamichi			☆	☆				☆		☆
D	Hiromitsu Uchiyama			☆				☆	☆		☆
Directors	Mikio Nakane			☆		☆		☆		☆	☆
S	Hidemi Yamauchi			☆	☆						☆
	Hiroyuki Takeda			☆	☆		☆				☆
	Yasuhito Yamauchi	External Independent	*	(Automotive)	☆			☆			*
	Yukako Uchinaga	External Independent	*	☆ (IT)	☆			☆	☆	☆	*
	Hiroshi Kurihara	External Independent	*	(Precision tools)	☆		☆		☆		*
	Tsuyoshi Goto			☆				*			☆
Auditors	Takami Onodera	External Independent		☆ (Banks)	☆				☆		*
itors	Ken Ito	External Independent		☆ (Systems)	☆					☆	*
	Ichiro Kanomata	External Independent		☆ (Electronics)					☆		*

Notes: • This table does not show all expertise/experience. ★ refers to a high level of expertise and experience that is particularly important for decision-making for the Board of Directors, and ☆ refers to other relevant expertise and experience.

For the external directors with experience in the management of listed companies, for their wealth of knowledge and experience, they are marked with  $\bigstar$  for Corporate Management.

• Experience is based on both past and current positions.

• Composition: 14 male directors, 1 female director (6.7% female)

Corporate Management	Three or more years of executive experience at a listed company in an effort to increase corporation value					
Industry Knowledge	Three or more years of executive officer or supervisory experience in the relevant industry, with a high degree of insight					
Global Business	Three or more years of experience in overseas assignments or business operations with overseas companies, with a high degree of insight					
Environment/Sustainability	Three or more years of experience in environmental business or environmental response work, with a high degree of insight					
Sales/Marketing	Three or more years of experience in sales in a trading company or sales department, with a high degree of insight					
R&D/Technology/Production	Three or more years of experience in R&D, engineering technology, or production, with a high degree of insight					
Organizational Management, HR/Planning/Finance	Three or more years of experience in departments such as business divisions, human resources, planning, and accounting and finance, with a high degree of insight					
DX/IT Security	Three or more years of experience in an IoT company or IoT-related department, with a high degree of insight					
Governance/Risk Mgt.	Able to make appropriate responses and judgments based on a high level of insight into the relevant industry and expertise					

### External directors/external auditors

To promote fair and transparent administration, we have four external directors and three external auditors. There is no special interest between the company and its external directors/external auditors. They are independent directors with no conflict of interest with general shareholders, and their appointment is reported to the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

		Name	Reason for Selection	Attendance at Board of Directors	Attendance at Board of Auditors
		Yoshiki Ueda	With a wealth of experience as a corporate executive and insight in management, including experience in trading company management, he was selected to fulfill the position of external director to supervise our management appropriately and strengthen the supervisory function of the Board of Directors.	16/16 times	
	External Directors	Yasuhito Yamauchi	With a wealth of experience in manufacturing and broad perspective in corporate management as a corporate executive of an automotive company, he was selected to fulfill the position of external director.	16/16 times	_
		Yukako Uchinaga	With a wealth of experience in corporate management and broad perspective and deep insight in IT and diversity, she was selected to fulfill the position of external director.	16/16 times	_
		Hiroshi Kurihara	With a wealth of experience in the management and operation of an international organization, he was selected to fulfill the position of external director.	11/11 times	_
		Takami Onodera	With deep insight in financial operations and a wealth of experience at financial institutions, he was selected to audit the business execution of directors from an objective perspective.	16/16 times	16/16 times
_	External Auditors	Ken Ito	With a wealth of experience and deep insight in information systems, he was selected to audit the business execution of the directors from an objective perspective.	11/11 times	10/11 times
		Ichiro Kanomata	In addition to deep insight in finance and accounting from his experience at an electronics manufacturer, with a wealth of experience as an auditor, he was selected to audit the business execution of the directors from an objective perspective.	11/11 times	11/11 times

#### Internal control

To ensure appropriate business execution throughout the Sinto Group, we have established a basic policy for our internal control system. The Ethics/Compliance Committee (with the president as the chair and internal directors as the members) was independently formed to focus solely on compliance and governance, and it is currently moving forward with its initiatives. Furthermore, based on the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act's internal control reporting system, our audit section conducts audits at regular intervals to confirm that internal control is being developed and administered properly. Subsequently, we receive an assessment from our auditing firm and submit an internal control report to the Financial Services Agency every fiscal year.

### Compensation for executives

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We have four external directors and three external auditors in our Nomination and Compensation Committee to improve transparency regarding directors' compensation; this enables a fair and objective perspective for evaluating each director and the system and criteria for compensation.

#### Compensation system

Compensation is made up of basic compensation based on position, restricted stock, director bonuses, and mid/long-term incentives. We introduced restricted stock for the sustained improvement of corporate value and to promote corporate management from the shareholders' perspective. In FY2024, a resolution was passed to offer restricted stock to the 23 full-time directors and executive officers. Director bonuses and mid/long-term incentives are dependent on our business outcomes that indicate our earnings such as operating income and improved ROE, considering conventional paid amount and other factors. Under this system, the rate of change increases with each rise in rank.

#### Determination process

The Nomination and Compensation Committee selects candidates for directors and auditors. It evaluates and discusses the compensation system of directors as well as compensation, bonuses, and so forth for each director. The final decision is made during the Board of Directors meeting. The director bonus is determined based on the amount decided at the Board of Directors and shareholders' meetings, the standard amount as per the position, and evaluation by the committee.

# Total amount of remuneration by officer category, total amount of remuneration by remuneration type, and number of eligible officers (FY2024)

		Amount of ren			
Classification	Number of eligible	Basic	Performance-link	Total remuneration	
	officers	Remuneration	Bonuses	Share-based remuneration	(thousand JPY)
Directors	11	115,599	55,000	33,659	204,258
Auditors	6	45,675	_	_	45,675
Total	17	161,274	55,000	33,659	249,933

<sup>\*</sup>The above figures include remuneration for the fiscal year of two auditors who resigned as of the 127th shareholders' meeting on June 21, 2024.

# Message from the Chairman of the Board of Directors



With sound governance, we will support the further evolution of Sintokogio.

Yoshiki Ueda
Chairman of the Board of Directors

#### Comments on the mid-term plan

In FY2024, the mid-term plan "Co-Creation" began. During the previous mid-term plan, "Plus," the company implemented various plus strategies to always be chosen by customers, but the biggest project was the acquisition of Elastikos (France). With Elastikos's abrasives business focused especially on Europe and North/South America, bringing them into the Sinto portfolio was a strategic investment aimed at securing the No. 1 global share in the surface treatment industry. The transfer of shares for this transaction was officially completed in April 2024. With increasing geopolitical risks and the fragmentation of the global market, this was a strategic project in preparation for future growth, and a core element of the mid-term plan. It is now critical to swiftly realize unified management across companies to maximize the business synergy of this new partnership. The Board of Directors will continue to monitor the executive function of the company, and the external directors will utilize their knowledge and experience in many fields to actively make recommendations to increase the corporate value of the company.

Furthermore, to achieve the target EBITDA margin of 8%+, the company must eliminate waste, increase efficiency, and strengthen its foothold for the future. Therefore, the internal directors have been taking initiative to establish working projects, revise sales prices, reduce fixed costs, and review variable costs, enacting detailed considerations and activities to improve profits. With the Board of Directors monitoring the progress on these initiatives, we are continuing discussions for further improvements. With grassroots activities specifying waste reduction goals for each employee, the company is steadily moving forward on firm ground.

#### Review, selection, and concentration of business portfolio

While new businesses are crucial for increasing corporate value, a company's management resources are limited. Especially now with the rapidly changing business environment, the company must review and restructure its business portfolio for the future. Are we achieving profits that match the cost of capital? Is there growth expected in the future? The company must not be constrained by its past successes; instead, it should objectively consider each field to select and concentrate its businesses. The action plans being drafted should extend past the next few years, looking to 10 or 20 years in the future to the company it hopes to become, with a business portfolio to match. Then, the company must draft a business strategy and timeline running the PDCA cycle to achieve that goal. This is a critical matter

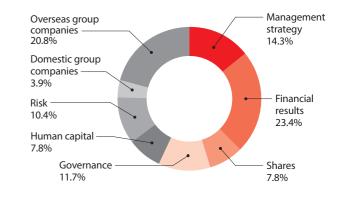
that affects all stakeholders. From the perspective of governance, the external directors will also cooperate and work with the Board of Directors to decide on the direction for the company. Seeing change as an opportunity, decisive judgment must be made to evolve for the next generation.

#### Expansion and revitalization of human capital

Sintokogio will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2034, 9 years from now. A company has the duty to continue business into the future. With the business domain of "giving form and life to process materials," Sinto has continuously evolved its business model in response to the changing times. To become even stronger in the future, it is critical for the company to expand and revitalize the human capital that supports its operations. The employees are not simply human resources; they are the company's most important assets. It is important for the company to continue training the next generation with a concrete succession plan, and to respect diverse work and lifestyles such as promotion of female management to expand its human capital. Humans will not take action unless they are moved to do so, and through twoway communication to revitalize the workplace, the company and employees can share the same vision and purpose for the future. This is where co-creation begins. The Nomination and Compensation Committee and Board of Directors will continue to monitor progress and raise efficacy through discussions.

Sintokogio has advanced technology developed over the years and valuable human resources. With sound governance, we will continue to push the company in the right direction.

#### Board of Directors agenda items (FY2024) [Meetings held: 16]



Executives

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Value Creation

# **Executives**

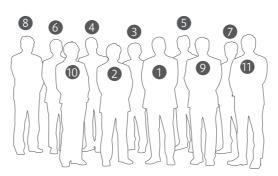
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# Directors

- 1 Chairman of the Board Yoshiki Ueda
- Director
  Managing Executive Officer Kenichi Nakamichi
- Director
  Managing Executive Officer Hidemi Yamauchi
- 10 External Director Yukako Uchinaga

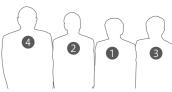
- 2 President
- Atsushi Nagai
- Director Managing Executive Officer Hiromitsu Uchiyama
- B Director Managing Executive Officer Hiroyuki Takeda
- 11 External Director Hiroshi Kurihara
- Director
  Managing Executive Officer Toshikazu Morishita
- Director
  Managing Executive Officer Mikio Nakane
- 9 External Director Yasuhito Yamauchi





### **Auditors**

- 1 Full-time Auditor Tsuyoshi Goto
- 2 External Auditor Takami Onodera
- 3 External Auditor Ken Ito
- 4 External Auditor Ichiro Kanomata





# Managing Executive Officers/Executive Officers

- Noriyuki Murai
- 5 Executive Officer
- 10 Executive Officer Asuka leda
- 15 Executive Officer Atsushi Suzuki

Yoji Ikedo

Ramesh Babu Krishnan

Executive Officer

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Yoshitoki Yabuta

Akihiro Yoshimoto

- 6 Executive Officer Takeshi Hirayama
- 1 Executive Officer Seiichiro Hoga
- 16 Executive Officer Junji Tanaka
- 1 Managing Executive Officer 2 Managing Executive Officer 3 Managing Executive Officer 4 Managing Executive Officer Kenichi Furuya Takashi Suzuki
  - 8 Executive Officer Hideaki Morita
  - B Executive Officer Michael Halsband Hirotaka Matsui



- Yoshinori Kawaguchi
- 1 Executive Officer Hiroshi Arima

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# Executives (Biography)

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#### Directors

Executives



1 Yoshiki Ueda

Chairman of the Board

Apr 1976 Joined Mitsubishi Corporation Apr 2008 Mitsubishi Corporation Director, Senior Vice President Jun 2010 Mitsubishi Corporation Technos President and CEO

Jun 2016 Sintokogio, Ltd.

Jun 2017 Sintokogio, Ltd. Chairman (present)



2 Atsushi Nagai

President

Apr 1984 Joined Sintokogio, Ltd.

Jun 1996 Director Jun 2000 Managing Director Jun 2002 Chief Executive Officer

Senior Managing Director Jun 2004 Vice President Jun 2006 President

Apr 2021 Chief Executive Officer

President (present)



Director Managing Executive Officer

Apr 1982 Joined Sintokogio, Ltd. Jul 2006 Executive Officer Foundry Business Division Deputy General Manager Apr 2012 Executive Officer

Foundry Business Division General Manager Jun 2016 Director in charge of Sales

Director Managing Executive Officer in charge of Sales Sales Division General Manager

Apr 2024 Director Managing Executive Officer Aide to the President Sales Supervision CASTEC COMPANY Sales Manage

Sales Division General Manager



4 Kenichi Nakamichi

Managing Executive Officer

Apr 1989 Joined Sintobrator, Ltd. Apr 2012 Blast Division General Manage Jul 2014 Executive Officer

Blast Division General Manager Jul 2015 Managing Executive Officer

Blast Division General Manager Jun 2020 Director International Operations General Manager

Apr 2022 Director Managing Executive Officer CASTEC COMPANY President

Apr 2024 Director Managing Executive Officer CASTEC COMPANY President Accounting & Finance Control (present)



Yasuhito Yamauchi

**External Director** 

Apr 1968 Joined Toyota Motor Corp.

Jun 1995 Toyota Motor Corp.

Jun 2001 Toyota Motor Corp. **Executive Managing Directo** Jun 2005 Aisin Seiki Co., Ltd.

(Current: Aisin Corp.) President Jun 2015 Sintokogio, Ltd. External Director (present)



10 Yukako Uchinaga

**External Director** 

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Jun 1971 Joined IBM Japan Ltd Apr 1995 IBM Japan Ltd

Apr 2004 IBM Japan Ltd Director Senior Managing Executive Officer in charge of Develop. and Manufacturing

Apr 2007 Specified Non-profit Corporation Japan Women's Innovative Network (J-Win) Chairperson

Apr 2008 Benesse Corp. Director and Vice Berlitz Corporation

Chairman/President/CEO Sep 2013 Globalization Research Institute, Inc.

President (present) Jun 2021 Sintokogio, Ltd.

External Director (present) Jun 2022 Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation External Director

(present) Apr 2024 Specified Non-profit Corporation

Japan Women's Innovative Network (J-Win) Founder and Honorary Chairperson



1 Hiroshi Kurihara

**External Director** 

Apr 1978 Joined Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd. (Current: FUJIFILM Business Innovation Corp.)

Oct 2004 Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd. Executive Officer Production Service Div. General Manager Jun 2009 Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.

Director Managing Executive Officer Domestic Sales Div. General Manager

Jun 2013 Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd. Director Senior Managing Executive Officer

Jun 2015 Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd. Representative Director President

Jun 2018 Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd. Special Advisor

Jun 2020 Japan Telework Association Chairman (present) Jan 2021 GiG Works Inc.

Outside Director (present) Apr 2021 HUMAN LIFE Co., Ltd. Outside Director (present) Mar 2023 Cyber Security Cloud, Inc. Outside Director (present) Jun 2023 ASTI CORPORATION Outside Director

Auditor (present) Jun 2024 Sintokogio, Ltd. External Auditor (present)



5 Hiromitsu Uchiyama

Managing Executive Officer

Apr 1983 Joined Toyota Motor Corp. Jan 2011 Toyota Motor Corp. Engineering Dept. Battery/FC Production General Manager

May 2020 Sintokogio, Ltd. Advisor Jul 2020 Managing Executive Officer **Development Division** 

General Manager Jun 2021 Director Managing Executive Officer

Development Division General Manager Apr 2024 Director

Managing Executive Officer **Business Promotion Division** General Manager Human Resources Control



6 Mikio Nakane

Managing Executive Officer

Apr 1985 Joined Sintokogio, Ltd. Jul 2015 Environment Division General Manager Jul 2016 Executive Officer Environment Division General Manager

Apr 2018 Managing Executive Officer ECOTEC COMPANY President Apr 2022 Director

Managing Executive Officer ECOTEC COMPANY President Apr 2024 Director

Managing Executive Officer Production Division General Manager **Environment Supervision** System Control (present)



7 Hidemi Yamauchi

Managing Executive Officer Apr 1980 Joined Sintobrator, Ltd. Apr 2012 Sales Division

Customer Support Group General Manager Jul 2014 Executive Officer Sales Division Customer Support Group

General Manager Apr 2018 Managing Executive Officer SURFACETEC COMPANY Vice President

Jun 2023 Director Managing Executive Officer SURFACETEC COMPANY President

Apr 2025 Director Managing Executive Officer Global Business Project Control



8 Hiroyuki Takeda

Managing Executive Officer

Sep 1992 Joined Sintobrator, Ltd. Mar 2016 China Qingdao Sinto Machinery Co., Ltd. President

Apr 2020 Executive Officer Mar 2021 China Qingdao Sinto Machinery Co., Ltd. President

Chief Representative for China Apr 2023 Executive Officer Sales Division General Manager

Jun 2023 Director Managing Executive Officer Sales Division General Manager

Apr 2024 Director Managing Executive Officer SURFACETEC COMPANY President Chief Representative for China (present)





1 Tsuyoshi Goto

Full-time Auditor

Apr 1980 Joined Sintokogio, Ltd. Jul 2015 Executive Officer

Production Center Manager Jun 2016 Director Production Center Manager

Apr 2019 Director in charge of Production Division Jun 2019 Auditor (present)



2 Takami Onodera

**External Auditor** 

Apr 1980 Joined The Mitsubishi Bank, Ltd. Jun 2006 The Mitsubishi Bank, Ltd. **Executive Officer** Financial Planning Department General Manager

May 2010 The Mitsubishi Bank, Ltd. Executive Committee Senior Executive Officer Jun 2013 Mitsubishi UFJ Securities Holdings Co.,Ltd.

Vice President Jun 2023 Sintokogio, Ltd.



Sken Ito

**External Auditor** 

Apr 1971 Joined Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd. (Current: FUJIFILM Business Innovation Corp.) Mar 1999 Fuii Xerox Co., Ltd. Corporate Officer, Head of Software Development Div.

Sep 2002 Fuji Xerox Information System Co., Ltd. Representative Director President Apr 2007 Fuji Xerox Palo Alto Research Center

Representative Director Chairman & CFO Apr 2012 Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

Visiting Professor of Industry-Academia-Gov Collaboration (present) Jun 2023 Aspen Institute Japan

Advisor (present) Jun 2024 Sintokogio, Ltd. External Auditor (present)



4 Ichiro Kanomata

**External Auditor** 

Apr 1977 Joined Hitachi, Ltd. Dec 2002 Hitachi, Ltd. Enterprise Server Div.
Information and Communications Dep.

Accounting Director Jan 2006 Hitachi Kokusai Electric Inc.

Head of Finance Div. Apr 2011 Hitachi Management Partner, Corp. Director Head of Finance Shared Services Div.

Apr 2014 Hitachi Medico, Ltd.

Full-time Auditor Apr 2016 Hitachi Industry & Control Solutions, Ltd. Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Member

Apr 2019 Systems and Services Business Unit of Hitachi, Ltd. Part-time Audit Committee Member Hitachi-Omron Terminal Solutions Corp.

Jun 2024 Sintokogio, Ltd. External Auditor (present)