

Partner, Tokyo

*Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*

Corporate



T: 81.3.3568.2640  
kenji.taneda@skadden.com

## Education

J.D., Columbia University (Kent Scholar), 2004

D.E.S.S., Institut d'Études Politiques and Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2004

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1998

## Bar Admissions

New York

Registered *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*

## Languages

Japanese

English

Kenji Taneda is the head of Skadden's corporate and U.S. law practices in Japan. He regularly advises clients on complex cross-border matters, with a particular focus on capital markets and mergers and acquisitions transactions involving Japanese entities.

Mr. Taneda has significant experience advising on a wide variety of corporate matters in Japan and abroad, including equity and debt offerings by Japanese corporations, financial institutions and sovereign entities, as well both public and private cross-border M&A transactions.

He repeatedly has been recognized in *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Asia-Pacific* and *Best Lawyers* as a leading lawyer for capital markets in Japan. He also is Highly Regarded for Japan M&A and capital markets by *IFLR1000 2020*.

Mr. Taneda's representations in capital markets matters (including his prior experience) included advising:

- **Open House Co., Ltd.** in its ¥40.5 billion global equity offering;
- **freee K.K.** in its ¥35 billion initial public offering on the Tokyo Stock Exchange;
- **Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.** in its ¥359.5 billion global common stock offering, which was named Equity Deal of the Year for 2019 at the 2020 ALB Japan Law Awards;
- **Mercari Inc.** in its ¥130.7 billion global IPO, which was named one of *Asian-MENA Counsel* magazine's Deals of the Year for 2018;
- **ARTERIA Networks Corporation** in its ¥21.9 billion global IPO;
- the underwriters in the ¥48.4 billion global IPO of **WORLD Co., Ltd.**;
- the underwriters in the ¥37.1 billion global equity offering of **OUTSOURCING Inc.**;
- **Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company** in its US\$2 billion and US\$1 billion overseas hybrid debt offerings;
- **Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Company, Limited** in its US\$910 million overseas hybrid debt offering;
- **Toyota Industries Corporation** in its US\$1 billion and US\$600 million senior notes offerings;
- **Invesco Office J-REIT, Inc.** in its ¥22.7 billion global equity offering;
- **Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited** on its US\$500 million senior notes offering;
- the underwriters on the ¥41.6 billion global IPO of **LIXIL VIVA CORPORATION**;
- the underwriters on multiple overseas hybrid debt offerings by **Nippon Life Insurance Company**;
- the underwriters on hybrid debt offerings by **Sumitomo Life Insurance Company** in 2013 and 2017;
- the ¥44.0 billion, ¥56.8 billion, ¥36.3 billion and ¥34.3 billion global equity offerings by **Daiwa House REIT Investment Corporation**;
- **LaSalle LOGIPORT REIT** on its ¥105 billion global IPO;
- **LaSalle LOGIPORT REIT** on its ¥46.3 billion global equity offering;

# Kenji Taneda

Continued

- 
- **Mixi, Inc.** on its ¥32.1 billion overseas offering of common stock;
  - the underwriters on a ¥113 billion overseas offering of common stock by **Olympus Corporation**;
  - **SoftBank Group Corp.** on a US\$2.485 billion and a €625 million high-yield bond offering; and as major shareholder in Alibaba Group's US\$168 billion IPO;
  - **Hulic Reit, Inc.** on its ¥70.2 billion global IPO and ¥18.4 billion follow-on global equity offering;
  - selling shareholder in a ¥155 billion global IPO of **Seibu Holdings, Inc.**;
  - selling shareholder in a ¥81.6 billion global IPO of **Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.**;
  - the underwriters, as sole U.S. counsel, on the last 15 SEC-registered bond offerings of **Japan Bank for International Cooperation** (guaranteed by the Japanese government) since 2013;
  - the underwriters on the US\$500 million SEC-registered bond offerings of **Japan International Cooperation Agency** (guaranteed by the Japanese government) in 2016 and 2017;
  - **Invincible Investment Corporation** on six global equity offerings in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019;
  - **Mori Hills REIT Corporation** on two global equity offerings in 2014 and 2016;
  - **NIPPON REIT Investment Corporation** on its ¥24.8 billion global equity offering;
  - **Japan Rental Housing Investments Inc.** on its ¥40.6 billion global equity offering;
  - **Japan Airlines** on its US\$8.5 billion global IPO;
  - **Nippon Prologis REIT, Inc.** on its US\$1.08 billion IPO;

- the underwriters on a US\$2.25 billion global IPO of **Otsuka Holdings Co., Ltd.**; and
- **INPEX Corporation** on a US\$6 billion global equity offering.

Mr. Taneda's representative M&A (including his prior experience) matters included advising:

- **FUJIFILM Holdings Corporation** on its acquisition of Cellular Dynamics International, Inc. by a U.S. public tender offer;
- **GungHo Online Entertainment Co., Ltd.** on its acquisition of a majority stake in Supercell;
- **M3, Inc.** in U.S. law aspects of its acquisition of Mediscience Plannings, Inc.;
- **SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.**, as financial advisor to Panasonic Information Systems Co., Ltd., in its acquisition of outstanding minority investments by Panasonic Corporation;
- **Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group** on its acquisition of the outstanding minority interests of UnionBanCal Corporation through a "going private" U.S. public tender offer;
- **Suzuki Metal Industry Co., Ltd.** on its acquisition of Haldex AB;
- **Nippon Steel Corporation** on various joint venture matters in the U.S. and Brazil;
- **Panasonic Corporation** on its acquisition of the outstanding minority interests in its subsidiaries SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. and Panasonic Electric Works Co., Ltd.; and
- **Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group** on certain aspects of its Japanese securities business joint ventures with Morgan Stanley.

Mr. Taneda was a partner at the Tokyo office of a large international law firm prior to joining Skadden.