



Investment Banking & Consulting

Takenaka Partners is pleased to announce the opening of its New York Office.

Press Release

New York, New York – April 29, 2008 – Takenaka Partners, a specialty investment bank and consulting group, specializing in cross-border transactions, announced the opening of an office in New York at 410 Park Avenue, Suite 1530, New York, NY 10022. Takenaka Partners has named Mr. Hideaki Iwatani, Executive Vice President and Chief Representative, and Mr. Naoki Achiwa, Representative, to oversee this new office.

Mr. Hideaki Iwatani joins Takenaka Partners after serving as Chairman and CEO of Matsushita Electric Corporation of America since 2000, where he oversaw Panasonic's consumer, B-to-B and industrial sales, marketing, production and R&D operations for the company and its affiliates in over 150 business locations throughout the US, Mexico, Canada, and Puerto Rico. After serving as Chairman and CEO of Matsushita Electric, Mr. Iwatani served as the Director of the Global Strategy Research Institute. In 2001, he received the New York International Center's prestigious Distinguished Contributions to Excellence Award for his contribution and dedication toward international affairs. In 2004, he received an international humanitarian award. Mr. Iwatani has spent nearly 30 years on assignments in the US, and is currently a Permanent Associate for Matsushita Electric Co., Ltd.

Mr. Naoki Achiwa brings in-depth international business experience to Takenaka Partners. He gained much of his experience with 34 years at Mitsui & Company, a leading Japanese trading company, where he served in various managerial functions, such as corporate communications, sales and marketing, and corporate planning. He was responsible for the Dupont-Mitsui alliance project from 1993 to 1995, and was appointed as the first Executive Director of Mitsui & Company's APEC Business Advisory Council. Mr. Achiwa most recently had joined Sunstar Ltd. as the head of its New York office. Mr. Achiwa has extensive experience providing consulting services to American companies entering the Japanese market, as well as Japanese companies entering the US market.

"We're excited to add a new office in New York. We have needed a US east coast office for quite some time to support our clients, transactions, and to capitalize on new opportunities", said Yukuo Takenaka, President and Chief Executive Officer, Takenaka Partners. "With many more US companies entering the Asian market, and Asian companies entering the US market, our new representatives in New York will be instrumental in expanding our business."

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