

# Outside Director Nominees

Akihiko ASAMI



With more than 30 years experience in the finance industry, working for large global banks including Barclays, Deutsche Bank, and Goldman Sachs. Akihiko ASAMI is an expert in corporate finance, M&A transactions, technology, and global business.

In 2018, he joined Innovation Platform for The University of Tokyo as current Partner and Senior Advisor. Most recently, ASAMI became the COO of HAPS Mobile, and has since retired; he continues to provide advisory services to Softbank.

He received an MBA from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1996 and Bachelor of Economics from Waseda University in 1985.

**MAIN SKILLS**

-  Corporate Finance
-  M&A
-  Global Business
-  Technology

- Currently, he works as **Partner and Senior Advisor at UTokyo Innovation Platform Co.** (VC of The University of Tokyo) and as **Senior Advisor at Softbank Corp** to give advice on Softbank’s Vision Fund.
- In 2018, he worked as a COO of **HAPS Mobile**, which is a joint venture between Softbank and AeroVironment. In 2011 he moved to investment banking division at Barclays Securities and involved in services for almost all industries as a head of IBD and a vice chairman.
- In 2018, he joined **UTokyo Innovation Platform Co.** as Partner and Senior Advisor. He is focused on investment of Japanese VC’s, covering mainly Ai, Robotics, and Aerospace. He has been involved in more than 20 Venture companies.
- In 2011, he joined as the Managing Director, Investment Banking Division (IBD) at **Barclays** where he was involved in services for almost all industries as the Co-Country Head of IBD and a Vice-Chairman.
- In 2009 he joined the IBD of **Deutsche Bank** where he was engaged in numerous large-scale M&A in TMT and Healthcare industries.
- Joined the IBD of **Goldman Sachs** where he advised numerous large-scale M&A and investment projects in communications, media and technology industries as a Managing Director for 15 years.
- Joined **Fuji Bank, Ltd.** in 1985.
- MBA at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1996.

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Torsten GESSNER



With close to 40 years experience in the elevator industry, working for two of the recognized pure play Fujitec peers – ThyssenKrupp and Otis. Torsten GESSNER is an expert in management, corporate finance, transactions, operations, and global business.

Prior to becoming an independent consultant, GESSNER was the Chair and CEO of ThyssenKrupp’s North America business, the largest and most important foreign market.

He completed Manufacturing & Purchasing International Master’s Program at Otis University in 1990 and the Information Technology Electronics Engineer Program from Telefunken/German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in 1984.

## MAIN SKILLS



Governance



Operations



Corporate Finance



Direct Industry

- Since 2015, he works as an **independent Senior Advisor** giving strategic advice to clients across different sectors, including Industrial-, Automotive- and Technology-Companies located globally. Offers clients due diligences, development of global investment strategies, support reconfiguring global organizational and leadership structures, market analysis, market penetration strategies, etc.
- In 2011, promoted to **ThyssenKrupp North America, Inc.**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). ThyssenKrupp North America, Inc., had \$12B in revenue and 24,000 employees. He oversaw top-line increase by 20% and bottom-line nearly tripled by spearheading greater coordination and collaboration among ThyssenKrupp’s operating companies, creating supporting functions, and restructuring existing ones for improved alignment.
- In 2006, moved from OTIS to **ThyssenKrupp Elevator** as executive board member and Chief Operating Officer of ThyssenKrupp Elevator CENE GmbH in charge of manufacturing, R&D and supply chain management. Resulted in 25% top-line growth, 20% bottom-line savings.
- Until 2005, he was the UK & Central Europe (UCEA), Area Director, Supply Chain Management & Logistics at **Otis** – Established the UCEA Operations headquarters in Vienna. Oversaw R&D, supply chain and logistics management organizations and manufacturing operations in the UK, Czech Republic, Germany, etc.
- Joined **OTIS** in 1985.

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Clark GRANINGER 



Clark GRANINGER is an experienced professional with over 30 years of experience in the financial world, serving in leadership positions, including CEO of Aplus (Shinsei Subsidiary) and Managing Executive Officer Aozora Bank.

Given his role in reviewing corporate credit transactions during his 20-year career in investment banking/finance, GRANINGER came across numerous scandals and weak governance scenarios.

He completed his MBA at University of Chicago Booth School of Business in 1997 and his MA at Middlebury College in 1990.

**MAIN SKILLS**

-  Governance
-  Technology
-  Corporate Finance
-  Operations

- He is currently a Managing Director and Member of the Board of Directors at **WealthPark Capital, Inc.**, a fin-tech subsidiary of WealthPark, Inc., and Co-Founder and Representative Director of Reboot K.K. (reboot-japan.com) which is an ecommerce platform.
- After Aozora, he served at **WealthPark, Inc.** as a Managing Director and Chief Wealth Management Officer. He was a lead angel investor to the platform from 2016, and a board member through the company's successful B round of venture capital funding in 2019.
- In 2011, he moved to **Aozora Bank** as a Managing Executive Officer, where he was Head of Retail Banking.
- In 2007, he became the representative director CEO of **Aplus Co., Ltd.** Where he oversaw the restructuring of a USD 15B balance sheet to restructure the company and drove transactions necessary to reduce footprint and cut cost base.
- In 2000, he moved to **Shinsei Bank** where he spent over 10 years and served as a Senior Managing Executive Officer and Executive Vice President overseeing Shinsei's institutional banking business. He was responsible for approving structured finance transactions and, he was also a member of the management committee and credit committee and reviewed and voted on all major investments and loans.
- Started his career as an investment banker at **Lehman Brothers** in 1997.

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Kaoru UMINO



Kaoru UMINO has more than 30 years of legal experience handling complex cross-border finance and M&A transactions in New York and Tokyo, UMINO has advised leading Japanese corporations and financial institutions on international investments and projects.

Her experience in a senior management position as head of the legal and compliance department at JPMorgan in Japan included the implementation of the corporate governance structure of the JPMorgan securities in Japan.

She completed her JD at Columbia University of Law and her BA at Bowdoin College.

## MAIN SKILLS



Governance



Law



Corporate Finance



Sustainability

- She has New York State Bar admission and is registered as Gaikokuho Jimu Bengoshi in Japan.
- In 2018, she moved to **DLA Piper** as a Partner (currently working). Kaoru's experience includes representing Japanese Government related financial institution and leading Japanese commercial banks as lenders in major export-import, investment and project financings in the United States, Latin America and Asia. She is currently also the Asia Lead for DLA Piper's Sustainability and ESG initiative and a working group member of the Future of Boards global project in partnership with the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership.
- She is the board member at two NPO; Lawyers for LGBT and Allies Network (LLAN) and Second Harvest Japan (Japan's first nationwide food bank).
- In 2008, she moved to **Jones Day** as a Partner.
- In 2006, she moved to **JPMorgan Securities Japan Co. Ltd.** as Managing Director and Associate General Counsel. She led building up the corporate governance structure of the JPMorgan securities company in Japan in response to regulatory requirements.
- In 1998, she joined **Paul Hastings** (Tokyo) as a Partner
- In 1987, she started her career as a lawyer at **Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP** (New York) and was admitted to the New York State Bar (Second Department).

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Ryan WILSON



Ryan WILSON has spent over 15 years at ThyssenKrupp Elevator (Canada), and currently serving as CEO of Jack Cewe Construction Ltd. Jack Cewe is the independent civil construction and aggregate supply companies in British Columbia, province of Canada.

His experience as CEO of the largest elevator company with close to 2,000 employees allows him to bring management and operational experience from a global elevator company, including supply chain management.

WILSON completed his MBA at the University of British Columbia, and a BA in Economics from the same University.

**MAIN SKILLS**

-  Governance
-  Operations
-  Corporate Finance
-  Direct Industry

- Since November 2018, he is CEO of **Jack Cewe Construction Ltd**, which is the independent civil construction and aggregate supply companies in British Columbia, province of Canada. As he expanded the operation, Ryan spent lot of effort to provide a safe work environment for employees by developing a comprehensive Health and safety Policy and Procedure Manual on their own. Utilizing civil engineering expertise, Ryan led his company into water and resource management project to preserve the health of river.
- Ryan has led **Thyssenkrupp Elevator (Canada) Limited (TKE Canada)** for more than 15 years, most recently serving as its President and CEO from 2015 to 2018. During his tenure as President and CEO, he helped lead TKE Canada from Number 3 to Number 1 market share position and was the top performing business unit globally with record growth in both revenue and EBIT. He improved the service retention / cancellation rates, customer satisfaction, profitability, and employee motivation of TKE Canada. In this role he reorganized the supply chain management, critical for operation and maintenance business of elevators and escalators as well as rebuilding the sales network to expand ThyssenKrupp’s installation. After he streamlined operations, he executed large investment of state-of-the-art engineering center for modernization engineering, repair and brought ThyssenKrupp Canada to an all-time high.

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Ako SHIMADA



Ako SHIMADA has over 20 years of Intellectual Property Management (including planning of IP strategies and optimization of IP asset portfolio), legal, M&A and governance experience at law firms and multi-national corporates. SHIMADA is currently serving as Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary at Ushio America, Inc.

She holds JD from Loyola University Chicago School of Law and a BS from Northwestern University and studied Journalism at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## MAIN SKILLS



Governance



Law



Intellectual Property



Global Business

- She is on the board of **Association of Corporate Counsel** since 2020 and Chair of the **US – Japan Council's** Southern California and Southwest Region.
- Since 2014, she has been with Ushio and currently serving as **Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Ushio America, Inc.** Through her various roles at Ushio, she gained substantial experience in intellectual property, M&A, distressed assets, employment law, and corporate compliance. She developed a deep expertise in identifying, evaluating, and mitigating risks as a business advisor to the board and senior management and has successfully closed several multi-million dollar M&A transactions for Ushio.
- Prior to joining Ushio, starting in 2008, she served as Assistant General Counsel at **Apria Healthcare**, a leading provider of home healthcare equipment and related services.
- Served as an attorney at **Rutan & Tucker, LLP**, until 2008 where she focused on complex commercial litigation, including IP.
- She is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US), a credential provided by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).

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