

MONEX GROUP

Announcement of Director Candidates

TOKYO, April 30, 2015 - Monex Group, Inc. (the “Company”) hereby announces that it will propose to its annual general meeting of shareholders to be held June 20, 2015, the appointment of the nominees determined by the Nominating Committee today as the members of its board of directors.

The Company also announces that Mr. Jun Makihara, an independent and outside director, was designated as the Lead Independent Director by consensus of the Company’s 6 independent and outside directors, comprising a majority of its 11-member board.

Names of Director Candidates

Notes:

- 1) Among 11 candidates, all are nominated for re-appointment and 6 of them satisfy qualifications as independent and outside directors.
- 2) Please refer to “Supplementary Information” below for background on and reasons for nominating each candidate.

Oki Matsumoto

- Managing Director, Chairman of the Board, and Member of the Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee
- Representative Executive Officer, President and Chief Executive Officer
Representative Director, President and CEO, Monex, Inc.

Shoji Kuwashima

- Managing Director and Vice Chairman
- Executive Officer and Chief Quality Officer

Takashi Oyagi

- Managing Director
- Executive Officer and Chief Strategic Officer

Salomon Sredni

- Managing Director
- Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer
President and Chief Executive Officer, TradeStation Group, Inc.

Masakazu Sasaki

- Director and a Member of the Audit Committee
- Certified Public Accountant

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Jun Makihara <Independent and Outside Director >

- Lead Independent Director, Chair of the Compensation Committee and a Member of the Nominating Committee
- Chairman, Neoteny Co., Ltd.

Kaoru Hayashi <Independent and Outside Director >

- Director and a Member of the Nominating Committee
- Representative Director, President and Group CEO, Digital Garage, Inc.
Chairman of the Board, Kakaku.com, Inc.

Nobuyuki Idei <Independent and Outside Director >

- Director, Chair of the Nominating Committee and a Member of the Compensation Committee
- Founder and CEO, Quantum Leaps Corporation

Koji Kotaka <Independent and Outside Director >

- Director and Chair of the Audit Committee
- Attorney at Law

Fujiyo Ishiguro <Independent and Outside Director >

- Director and a Member of the Nominating Committee
- President & CEO, Netyear Group Corporation

Billy Wade Wilder <Independent and Outside Director >

- Director and a Member of the Audit Committee
- Former Representative Director and President, Nikko Asset Management, Co., Ltd.

Note: The designation <Independent and Outside Director> is used to denote candidates for independent and outside directors.

[Supplementary Information]

1. Committee Members

(To be designated on June 20, 2015, if all candidates are reappointed as directors)

(1) Nominating Committee Members

Nobuyuki Idei (Chair)	(Independent and Outside Director)
Fujiyo Ishiguro	(Independent and Outside Director)
Kaoru Hayashi	(Independent and Outside Director)
Jun Makihara	(Independent and Outside Director)
Oki Matsumoto	

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(2) Audit Committee Members

Koji Kotaka (Chair)	(Independent and Outside Director)
Billy Wade Wilder	(Independent and Outside Director)
Masakazu Sasaki	

(3) Compensation Committee Members

Jun Makihara (Chair)	(Independent and Outside Director)
Nobuyuki Idei	(Independent and Outside Director)
Oki Matsumoto	

2. Reasons for Nominating Each Director Candidate for Reappointment

Oki Matsumoto

- Managing Director, Chairman of the Board, and Member of the Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee
- Representative Executive Officer, President and Chief Executive Officer
Representative Director, President and CEO, Monex, Inc.

Since Mr. Matsumoto founded the former Monex, Inc. in 1999, he has been dedicated to creating and establishing a new financial business model in Japan, i.e., an online brokerage business for retail investors, and has demonstrated strong leadership in expanding the business of Monex Group, Inc. With his in-depth understanding of the financial services industry, Mr. Matsumoto has actively supported substantive and productive discussion of the Board. As CEO of the Company, he deploys his exceptional leadership and management skills to pursue continuous growth in the group's business.

Shoji Kuwashima

- Managing Director and Vice Chairman
- Executive Officer and Chief Quality Officer

Mr. Kuwashima has long experience in the Japanese brokerage business and also in-depth knowledge in information technology. He proactively participates in Board discussions with a well-balanced perspective based on his vast experience in management. Mr. Kuwashima also serves as an Executive Officer of the Company and takes a role in achieving the key goal of the Company's mid- to-long term business plan, "Global Vision," which is to replace existing IT systems with systems developed in-house.

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Takashi Oyagi

- Managing Director
- Executive Officer and Chief Strategic Officer

Mr. Oyagi is a founding member of Monex, Inc., which was established in April 1999. With his long experience in financial services in Japan and the U.S., Mr. Oyagi has both fulfilled his responsibilities as a director and assumed the role of planning and executing strategies to create new enterprise value to the Company as its Executive Director. Mr. Oyagi actively participates in Board discussions, providing his views reflecting the latest trends in the financial industry.

Salomon Sredni

- Managing Director
- Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer
President and Chief Executive Officer, TradeStation Group, Inc.

Mr. Sredni joined TradeStation Group, Inc. in 1996 as its Chief Financial Officer, became President and Chief Operating Officer in 1999, and its Chief Executive Officer in 2007. Since then, Mr. Sredni has been leading the businesses of online brokerage and software technology development. Mr. Sredni contributes to improving the Company's corporate governance system, drawing on his long experience as a CEO of a listed company in the U.S. Mr. Sredni simultaneously serves as Executive Officer of the Company and as President and Chief Executive Officer of TradeStation Group, Inc., and his challenges are to achieve the goals of revenue growth and fixed-type cost reductions as set out in the Company's mid- to-long term business plan called "Global Vision." Mr. Sredni is also a certified public accountant in the U.S.

Masakazu Sasaki

- Director and a Member of Audit Committee
- Certified Public Accountant

Mr. Sasaki is a certified public accountant in Japan who has experience in conducting external accounting audits of financial institutions. He has long overseen the management of the Company and its group companies by serving mainly as "Kansayaku," a member of the Audit & Supervisory Board defined under the Companies Act in Japan, and as a member of the Audit Committee. Since being elected as a director of the Company in June 2013, Mr. Sasaki has taken responsibility for auditing the Company's management system as a member of the Audit Committee. He also contributes to the Board by proactively providing his views based on his expertise as a CPA.

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Jun Makihara <Independent and Outside Director>

- Lead Independent Director, Chair of the Compensation Committee and a Member of the Nominating Committee
- Chairman, Neoteny Co., Ltd.

Mr. Makihara's years of experience in investment banking and in the incubation of Internet business start-ups provides him with strong expertise in and profound understanding of the financial services industry as well as Internet-related businesses. He has actively participated in Board discussions since he was elected a director of the Company in June 2006 and has contributed to the Board both growth-oriented and risk-averse perspectives.

Mr. Makihara was designated as the Lead Independent Director in April 2015 by consensus among the independent and outside directors. This will add a new role for Mr. Makihara to advance communication among directors and executive officers so as to enhance active and productive discussion of the Board.

Kaoru Hayashi <Independent and Outside Director>

- Director and a Member of the Nominating Committee
- Representative Director, President and Group CEO, Digital Garage, Inc.
Chairman of the Board, Kakaku.com, Inc.

Mr. Hayashi is a true visionary who was aware of the enormous growth potential of a new industry – Internet services for individuals in Japan – from its very early stage. Since June 2012, drawing on his long career in Internet-related businesses, Mr. Hayashi has been aggressively providing his insights to the Board based on his in-depth knowledge of the online markets and trends in information technology.

* Explanatory remarks on the independence of Mr. Hayashi:

Mr. Hayashi serves as the Chairman of Kakaku.com, Inc., and Mr. Oki Matsumoto, Chairman, Representative Executive Officer, President and CEO of the Company, serves as an outside director of Kakaku.com, Inc. This relationship results in a "Director Interlock" situation. However, the Company and its group companies do not have a major business relationship with Kakaku.com, Inc. Mr. Hayashi, when considered as a director of the Company, and Mr. Matsumoto, when considered as a director of Kakaku.com, Inc., both fulfill the qualifications of outside directors as defined under the Companies Act of Japan and neither of them executes business in the company they serve as an outside director. Therefore, the Nominating Committee judged that this "Director Interlock" situation is unlikely to cause a conflict of interest among Mr. Hayashi and general shareholders, and confirmed the independency of Mr. Hayashi as a director of the Company.

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Nobuyuki Idei <Independent and Outside Director >

- Director, Chair of the Nominating Committee and a Member of the Compensation Committee
- Founder and CEO, Quantum Leaps Corporation

Mr. Idei has extensive management experience in global companies and is aggressively engaged in nurturing next-generation businesses and leaders, drawing on his extensive connections around the world as well as his in-depth knowledge of online businesses. Since his appointment as a director of the Company in June 2013, Mr. Idei has contributed to the Board by actively expressing his perspective derived from broad knowledge and experience.

Koji Kotaka <Independent and Outside Director >

- Director and Chair of the Audit Committee
- Attorney-at-Law

Mr. Kotaka has significant legal expertise and is licensed as an attorney in both Japan and the U.S. He also has long experience in the M&A business as an investment banker and has an ample knowledge of financial services. Since he was appointed as a director of the Company in June 2013, he has demonstrated his ability to fulfill his responsibilities to shareholders by providing his perspective to the Board from both a legal and financial point of view. He also contributes to the enhancement of the Company's corporate governance system through his activities on the Audit Committee, where he verifies the effectiveness of the internal control system of the Company and its group companies.

Fujiyo Ishiguro <Independent and Outside Director>

- Director and a Member of the Nominating Committee
- President & CEO, Netyear Group Corporation

Ms. Ishiguro has profound knowledge of digital marketing and long experience in management as an active CEO of a listed company. Since June 2014, when she was elected as a director of the Company, Ms. Ishiguro has actively participated in Board discussions, including providing her views relating to changes in customer demand for various online services.

Billy Wade Wilder <Independent and Outside Director>

- Director and a Member of the Audit Committee
- Former Representative Director and President, Nikko Asset Management, Co., Ltd.

Mr. Wilder not only has extensive experience in the investment management business, but also has long experience in managing companies in Japan. Since he was elected as a director of the Company in June 2014, he has aggressively contributed to the Board with insights derived from his expertise in evaluating and observing enterprises, skills that he acquired from his experience as an institutional investor. Mr. Wilder's strengths also support him in overseeing the internal control system of the Company and its group companies as a member of the Audit Committee.

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3. Details of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

Please visit the Company's website for more information on the annual general meeting of shareholders.

Note: The information shown on the website as "plans" will become definite after completing further procedures required under the Companies Act.

Monex Group's website: HOME > For Investors > Shareholders Meeting

http://www.monexgroup.jp/en/investor/meeting_information/index

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