

External Advisors

SMBC Group Global Advisors

SMBC Group appoints experts in politics, economics, and global business as SMBC Group Global Advisors who serve as an advisory body to the Group Management Committee, and regularly holds SMBC Group Global Advisory Meetings. We receive recommendations and counsel from SMBC Group Global Advisors based on global corporate management perspectives, along with exchanges of information on changes in global trends, regional political and economic situations, financial business trends, and other topics. In FY2025, under the theme “Business Implications for SMBC Group’s Next Medium-Term Management Plan,” we discussed SMBC Group’s medium- to long-term business opportunities and the future direction of our growth strategy, considering recent changes in the global environment.



Andrew N. Liveris

2017–2018
Executive Chairman, DowDuPont Inc.
2004–2017
Chairman and CEO,
The Dow Chemical Company



Cesar V. Purisima

2010–2016
Secretary of Finance of the
Republic of the Philippines
2004–2005
Secretary of Trade and Industry of
the Republic of the Philippines



Joseph Yam

2017–Present
Member of the Executive Council,
Hong Kong SAR
1993–2009
Chief Executive of the Hong Kong
Monetary Authority



Paul Polman

2018–2024
Vice-Chair of the UN Global Compact
2009–2019
Chief Executive Officer, Unilever



Randal Quarles

2017–2021
Vice Chair of the U.S. Federal Reserve
2006–2013
Partner, Carlyle Group

SMBC Group Technology Advisors

The SMBC Group Technology Advisory Committee meets regularly to raise the level of IT-related initiatives.

We appoint CTO-level representatives from information system-related companies as SMBC Group Technology Advisors, and receive counsel and advice regarding IT-related outlooks and directions for SMBC Group. In FY2025, under the theme “Next-Generation AI,” discussions addressed the current state of technology and future outlooks based on recent social trends.



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