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Baker & McKenzie supports Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group's FinTech Accelerator program

Tokyo, Japan, May 25, 2016 – Baker & McKenzie is providing support for Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group's (MUFG) Fintech Accelerator program, the first program of its kind to be delivered by a Japanese bank.

The MUFG Fintech Accelerator is Japan's first bank sponsored accelerator program to foster startup companies specializing in FinTech. MUFG collected applications from a number of startups with innovative business ideas in the areas of payments, P2P lending, asset management, digital banking, risk management, information security, digital marketing and other Fintech solutions. Following a comprehensive selection process, five applicants were chosen to participate in the four-month accelerator program, which was launched on March 18, 2016.

Gavin Raftery, Head of Baker & McKenzie's FinTech Group in Tokyo, commented: "Baker & McKenzie is proud to support and partner with MUFG on this exciting initiative. We look forward to collaborating with and supporting the participants throughout the program. With our strong on-the-ground financial services and sector capabilities, we are uniquely positioned to help both local and international FinTech companies navigate the legal and regulatory landscape."

Baker & McKenzie sector specialists Masato Honma (financial services regulatory) and Daisuke Tatsuno (technology, communications & data privacy) will join Gavin to mentor and share knowledge with participants in the program.

For more information about the program, please visit the [MUFG FinTech Accelerator's website](#).

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Gavin Raftery has extensive experience practicing finance law in Australia, the UK and Japan. He currently serves as Baker & McKenzie's Global Head of Acquisition Finance and is a member of the Firm's Global Banking & Finance Steering Committee, Asia Pacific Regional Banking & Finance Steering Committee and the Tokyo office's Management Committee. He also heads the Firm's FinTech group in Tokyo. Mr. Raftery has been listed as a leading lawyer for Banking and Finance in Japan by Chambers, IFLR and Legal 500.

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