

Company Name: GMO Internet Group, Inc.
 (TSE Prime Market, Code: 9449)

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Notice of Board of Director Candidate Appointments

The GMO Internet Group, Inc. Board of Directors agreed at a meeting convened today on the proposal regarding Board of Director candidates to be submitted at the Annual General Shareholders' Meeting to be held on March 19, 2026.

The terms of all of the members (except for 1 of the Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) expire at the end of the Annual General Shareholders' Meeting on March 19, 2026. The number of directors will be 9, out of which 3 are Independent External Directors, so the Independent External Directors will comprise a minimum of a third of its Board of Directors.

1. Director Candidates

Name	New title	Current title
Masatoshi Kumagai	As per the current title	Founder, Chairman and Group CEO
Masashi Yasuda	As per the current title	Director and Executive Vice President / Deputy to Group CEO / Group CFO
Hiroyuki Nishiyama	As per the current title	Director and Executive Vice President / Deputy to Group CEO / Group COO / Head of Security Business
Issei Ainoura	As per the current title	Director and Executive Vice President / Head of Group Payment Processing Division / President and Representative Director of GMO Payment Gateway, Inc.
Tadashi Ito	As per the current title	Director and Executive Vice President / Deputy to Group CEO / Head of Group Infrastructure Division / President and CEO of GMO Internet, Inc.
Hideyuki Matsui	No election	Director Audit and Supervisory Committee Member
Takashi Gunjikake	As per the current title	Director (independent director)

		Audit and Supervisory Committee Member
Kaname Masuda	As per the current title	Director (independent director) Audit and Supervisory Committee Member
Junko Kotakemori	New appointment	Director (independent director) Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

2. Newly Appointed Candidate for Director, Audit Committee Member

(1) Career Summary

Name	Career Summary
Junko Kotakemori Born January 16, 1968	April 1990 Joined Nikko Securities Co., Ltd. (presently, SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.) October 1995 Joined KPMG Century Audit Corporation (presently, KPMG AZSA LLC) April 1999 Registered as Certified Public Accountant October 2001 Seconded to KPMG Business Assurance Corporation (presently, KPMG Consulting Co., Ltd.) October 2008 Established Kotakemori Certified Public Accountant Office, Representative (presently) March 2019 Corporate Auditor, toBe Marketing Inc. September 2023 External Corporate Auditor, istyle Inc. (presently)

(2) Reasons for Appointment and Expected Role

Ms. Kotakemori has extensive knowledge of accounting, auditing, and corporate governance from her professional perspective as a Certified Public Accountant. She also has experience as an officer of listed companies and possesses significant insight into corporate management. We have determined that she is well-suited to appropriately fulfill her duties as External Director and Audit Committee Member.

3. Retiring Director

Name	Current title
Keigo Ogura	Director (independent director) Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

Mr. Ogura will retire upon expiration of his term at the end of the Annual General Shareholders Meeting to be held on March 19, 2026.