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Hiroshi Sarumida Ranked by *Chambers Global* for Preeminence in Both Japan and the United States

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Top national law firm Akerman is pleased to announce that the 2024 edition of *Chambers Global* ranked its Japan Transactional Team Co-Leader <u>Hiroshi Sarumida</u> in the Corporate/M&A Japan and USA categories. *Chambers* noted Sarumida has "extensive experience advising Japanese clients and is best known for his work on cross-border acquisitions and investments," while referees laud his understanding of "not only cross-border legal issues, but also business and cultural aspects in navigating Japanese companies to successful deal-making."

For nearly 30 years, Sarumida has represented a substantial number of Japanese and multinational corporations in cross-border M&A, joint ventures, corporate restructuring transactions, and corporate finance transactions, as well as transnational litigation, plus crisis management. He has also advised Japanese companies in various regulatory and dispute matters in the areas of antitrust, international trade/national security, product liability, intellectual property, and employment issues.

Previously recognized in *Chambers* "Global Top Lawyers" for his expertise in corporate M&A between the U.S. and Japan, Sarumida is dualeducated in his native Japan and in the U.S. With his

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knowledge and sensitivity to legal, business, and cultural differences across their borders, Sarumida has a distinctive ability to find innovative solutions and achieve results efficiently in cross-border and multi-jurisdictional transactions.

Alongside Sarumida, Japan Transactional Team Co-Leader Michael Doherty and Japan Litigation Team Leader Richard Brosnick lead a national team that offers clients experience in cross-border M&A, investment, and joint venture transactions; real estate fund formation, property acquisitions, leasing, asset management, and dispositions; import and export controls compliance; and commercial litigation and antitrust matters.

The Japan Sector Team includes longtime Akerman lawyers who have a deep understanding of the business and decision-making processes of Japanese companies and who can assist these companies and their international subsidiaries with a broad range of transactional, litigation, regulatory, commercial, and operational matters.

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