



Monthly Newsletter: April Edition

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Updates from Tokyo – Global Financial Hub

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- **Daiwa Securities G, JPI, and Mitsui to form alternatives management alliance** – Daiwa Securities Group, Japan Post Insurance, and Mitsui & Co. have announced a strategic partnership in alternative asset management. They will jointly invest in Mitsui & Co. Alternative Investments, which will be renamed "Daiwa Kanpo Alternative Investments," with Daiwa holding a 51% stake and the Mitsui-Japan Post Insurance JV holding 49%. Daiwa will provide investment infrastructure and develop both public and private products, marking its full entry into alternative assets. The three firms aim to strengthen operations, expand earnings, and respond to growing investor demand through resource sharing and personnel exchange.
- **Warburg Pincus opens Japan office, expands business by acquiring former “Pumpkin Carriage”** – Warburg Pincus, a major U.S. private equity firm, plans to open a Tokyo office by the end of the year to expand its real estate and PE investments in Japan. The firm recently acquired 1,195 share houses in the Tokyo area from Lone Star, previously operated under the “Kabocha no Basha” brand and now rebranded as “TOKYO <β>,” with a current occupancy rate of around 90%. Warburg aims to grow this youth- and foreigner-focused housing business while continuing to invest in Japan's active real estate market, supported by a weak yen and low interest rates. The firm also seeks opportunities in late-stage startup investments and is building a strong local pipeline under the leadership of Takashi Murata, who joined after 25 years at Goldman Sachs.
- **Emerging markets with market capitalization of less than JPY 10 billion to be abolished by TSE** – The Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) plans to tighten listing requirements for the Growth Market by delisting companies with a market cap below JPY 10 billion five years after listing, starting in 2030. The move aims to address the issue of “small-cap listings” that fail to grow post-IPO. Currently, about 70% of Growth Market firms fall below this threshold, and nearly half of companies listed between 2004 and 2024 have seen their market value drop since listing. The TSE is also phasing out grace periods for non-compliant firms, potentially leading to more delistings and a more disciplined, attractive stock market.

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