

**The eighteenth Edition of Roundtable Japan*****Japan as a Global Financial Platform*****Tokyo, 17-18 November 2022**

Over its eighteen years of existence as an annual event, the Roundtable Japan has established its role and value as one of the most relevant platforms for thinking the future of Japan in a fast changing global context.

This 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Roundtable will be among the major in-person events of global dimension in Tokyo to assess, share insights and provide some recommendations on the new opportunities for Japan to assert its role as a global financial platform and to discuss new priorities, new investment strategies for the mass of capital in waiting to be more optimally managed.

True to its mission, the Roundtable 2022 will also address the key issues shaping the economic trajectory of the country and the evolution of its society. The new role and positioning that Japan is claiming for itself in a challenging and volatile geopolitical environment is given its due place on the agenda of discussions as the stakes have rarely been higher in terms of the benefits that the country could derive from this new positioning but also of the security and economic risks that need to be anticipated and managed.

Created in 2005, Roundtable Japan is an annual *rendezvous* to review the key challenges shaping the mid-term future of Japan and to generate ideas and proposals that will have an impact on public policies and corporate orientations. The Roundtable brings together innovative thought-leaders, political and business personalities from Japan and abroad to contribute to the on-going discussion on the future of Japan in the global context.

**A unique format** of well-structured brainstorming sessions is designed to generate actionable outcomes.

**A top-level attendance**, limited to 150 by-invitation-only participants to ensure the necessary variety of viewpoints while keeping a manageable size for optimum interaction. Participants include top business leaders from Japanese corporations as well as from global corporations involved in Japan, policy makers and public personalities, thought leaders and opinion makers.

**A prestigious media Partner**, the Nikkei, has been Roundtable Japan's media partner from the beginning, extensively reporting both in its Japanese & English papers while respecting Chatham House rule to protect the openness of the interaction which is the hallmark of the Roundtable Japan.

**The value proposition**

- A timely event: This 18<sup>th</sup> edition is scheduled at a moment when the continuity of the tenure of Prime Minister Kishida is assured for the next three years, providing a window of opportunity to undertake a number of changes in the economic, societal, political and geopolitical domains with the potential of shaping the trajectory of Japan for many years to come.
- A unique platform to impact the on-going discussion about the future of Japan
- A club like atmosphere to meet and interact with the people who count
- "Straight talk" discussions (English/Japanese simultaneous translation for unhindered interaction)
- A time-efficient update on Japan's key economic business and political challenges and prospects
- An opportunity to develop and nurture business relationships

**Some of the issues on the agenda of Roundtable Japan 2022**

- Tokyo as Asia's financial hub: Seizing the moment
- Japan as an Investment Hub: who is looking at what kind of opportunities

- A Road Map for Japan as an investment platform
- From the bad inflation to the “good” inflation that would close the deflation chapter
- New priorities, new investment strategies for the mass of capital waiting to be managed more optimally
- Accelerating the digitalization process
- Claiming a new geopolitical role on the global scene
- How can PM Kishida leverage some elements of Shinzo Abe legacy and use his three years window of opportunity?

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