

## GCA FAS Corporation obtains TOKYO PRO Market J-Adviser qualifications and enters business succession market

**Tokyo, Japan, 1 December 2016** - GCA Corporation (TSE:2174) announces that its subsidiary, GCA FAS Corporation (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan, Representative: Hiroyasu Kato, "GCA FAS") has been qualified as a "J-Adviser" for the TOKYO PRO Market today.

The TOKYO PRO Market is an exchange for selected professional investors where companies can float shares under less stringent listing requirements (no numerical requirements on minimum shareholders, profit or market capitalization) and simpler disclosure (no quarterly reports or J-SOX reporting), but also maintain a certain level of internal control system to establish credibility.

"J-Advisers" are certified bodies who are entrusted by the Tokyo Stock Exchange ("TSE") to evaluate the eligibility of the listing applicant on behalf of TSE, and also lead a series of administrative procedures from application to listing as well as providing advice on post-listing disclosures.

By qualifying as a J-Adviser, GCA and GCA FAS will increase the opportunity to connect with large companies who aims for an equity carve-out or small-to-medium sized companies who look to grow or succeed their business through IPO, and provide alternative solutions on capital strategy. Through this endeavor, the Company will make a full-scale entry into the growth/business succession market. We will aim to support clients on improving their management operations through the TOKYO PRO Market, and to establish maximum corporate value for them through a smooth transition of their businesses.

## **About GCA**

GCA is a premier global investment bank serving a wide client base through a range of advisory services including mergers and acquisitions, debt, capital markets, private funds, restructuring, post-merger integration, asset management and due diligence. GCA aims to be the trusted global advisor for honest, unbiased, incisive corporate finance advice. We believe in building long-term relationships based on trust and always act in our clients' best interest. GCA, which is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE: 2174), delivers deep expertise in all major industries and has particular authority in Technology & Telecom, Media, Digital Media & Communications, Consumer & Retail, Industrials and Industrial Technology, Healthcare, Financial Institutions and Business services.

## About the TOKYO PRO Market

TOKYO PRO Market was established on July 1, 2012 through the merger between TSE and TOKYO AIM, the first international exchange for venture companies established in Japan between TSE and London Stock Exchange for professional investors. Its model, the London AIM (Alternative Investment Market) was established in 1995 by the London Stock Exchange, and is the largest global exchange for venture companies with over 3,000 companies listed today.

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