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## **PONTOON ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF TSUTOMU WATANABE TO COUNTRY LEAD, JAPAN**

**JACKSONVILLE, FL (February 1, 2016)** - Pontoon, the global leader in workforce solutions, is pleased to announce the appointment of Tsutomu (Tom) Watanabe to the position of Country Lead, Japan.

As the senior leader in the Japanese market, Watanabe will be responsible for driving top line growth for Pontoon, as well as managing the existing business relationships within Japan. Watanabe brings deep knowledge and deployment experience in Talent Management Solutions in the Asia Pacific market to Pontoon's growing business in the region.

"We are thrilled to welcome Tom Watanabe to the Pontoon family", said Rishi Kapoor, Managing Director Pontoon, APAC. "Tom is an exceptional asset to our talent management business. He brings great experience and innovative thinking to Pontoon and his leadership in Japan will be a significant benefit within our rapidly growing RPO and MSP business."

Pontoon has seen double-digit growth in Japan over the last 3 years and expects this trend to continue through the rapid expansion of the RPO and MSP market.

Tom Watanabe has more than 20 years of experience in International Sales and Operations across the Asia Pacific and Middle Eastern regions. As a pioneer of the Talent Management space in Japan, Tom continues to improve RPO solutions with technological, behavioral and leadership solutions in the market. Most recently, Watanabe served at IBM's Kenexa, as Lead of the Japan business.

### About Pontoon

Pontoon is a global HR outsourcing company specializing in improving an organization's workforce; including contingent, permanent and statement of work. We manage the contingent supply chain on behalf of our Clients and recruit and onboard permanent hires. The tactics employed by Pontoon result in significant cost savings and revenue improvement, increased worker quality, unparalleled visibility and greater compliance. A division of Adecco with operations in nearly 100 countries and around 1,500 colleagues worldwide, the Jacksonville, Florida-based organization delivers solutions to more than

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