

Press release
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Copan Announces Leadership Change

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Copan Group has announced significant leadership changes at its Japanese subsidiary, Copan Japan. After five years of dedicated service, Mr. Shinji Matsuura has stepped down as CEO of the Company he co-founded with Stefania Triva in 2018. Effective October 31st, 2023, Mr. Nicola Arrighi has assumed the CEO role.

"My relationship with Copan Italia began in December 2006 when, as CEO of Shin Corporation, I started the FLOQSwabs® B2B business in Japan with the late Daniele Triva. It has been an honor to lead Copan Japan over the past five years, and I am grateful for the incredible journey we've had together. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, our team's resilience and commitment have allowed us to achieve significant milestones in expanding the LBM® business into the Japanese market. I am confident that Copan Japan is well-positioned for continued success," Shinji Matsuura remarked.

"We sincerely thank Shinji for his dedicated service and outstanding contributions to the growth of Copan Japan. Under Shinji's leadership, Copan Japan has experienced remarkable progress, overcoming obstacles in the face of unprecedented challenges. His strategic vision and unwavering commitment have played a pivotal role in shaping Copan Japan into the thriving entity it is today. We wish him continued success in his future endeavors," Stefania Triva, COPAN Group's CEO, states.

"As part of Copan Group's commitment to a seamless transition, we warmly and enthusiastically welcome Nicola as the new CEO of Copan Japan. Nicola has been an integral part of Copan Group for 15 years and brings a wealth of experience to his new role. His deep understanding of the company's values and strategic vision positions him well to continue the legacy of success at Copan Japan," concluded Triva.

Nicola Arrighi began his journey with Copan Group in 2009 as the Business Development Manager for selected EMEA countries. His journey then continued with increasing executive responsibilities in the APAC region, ultimately leading to his role as APAC Sales and Marketing Director. Nicola has been a valued board member of Copan Japan since its inception in 2018, contributing to the subsidiary's strategic direction. In parallel, he also serves as a board member of Copan India. Nicola holds a master's degree in Management from the University of Leicester.

"I am honored to take on the role of CEO at Copan Japan. Building on the strong foundation laid by Shinji, I look forward to leading our talented team and driving continued innovation, success, and excellence. Copan Japan has tremendous potential, and I am confident in our ability to achieve new heights," said Arrighi.

About Copan

Copan is dedicated to developing high-quality and cutting-edge sample collection products for infectious diseases, human genomics, environmental and forensic applications, along with automated workflow solutions. Our ideas drove 40 years of progress in preanalytics, resulting in meaningful products tailored to fit any need. Among them, FLOQ technology revolutionized sample collection, while WASPLab® advanced hardware and A.I. modules leveraged automation and digitalization to redefine full lab automation. Copan's Workflow-Integrated System Environment can accompany biological samples from the collection to impeccable diagnostics, unlocking your lab's real potential and improving treatment indication and patient care.

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