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Kanako has over 20 years of leadership experience in the pharmaceutical industry. She has worked for various multinational pharmaceutical companies in Japan and in the U.S. as a leader of business and strategic functions. She came to UCB from GSK where she was President and Representative Director.

Having joined UCB in 2018, Kanako built a solo business model in 2020 by strengthening organizational capabilities, governance as well as cross-functional collaborations. Along with fostering the UCB culture, by promoting DE&I activities, she is driving UCB Japan's transformation to the next stage.

Key positions

2018-present	UCB Japan Co., Ltd. Representative Director and President
2013-2017	GlaxoSmithKline K.K. President and Representative Director Managing Director, Strategy, Marketing and Multi-Channel
2004-2013	Novartis Pharma K.K. Head of Business Units in Oncology, Ophthalmic and OTC
1997-2004	Bausch & Lomb Incorporated (USA): Director of Global Strategy Bausch Lomb Japan Company, Ltd.: Associate Director of Vision Care Marketing
1992-1997	Marion Merrell Dow K.K. / Hoechst Marion Roussel Ltd. Product Manager/ Assistant Manager of New Product Planning

Education

Kanako received a BS in pharmaceutical science from Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hokkaido University in 1985.

She holds a Japanese Pharmacist license and a Japanese Sanitary Inspector license.