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President and CEO of SK Telecom

James Ryu has been serving as President and CEO of SK Telecom since November 2021. As SK Telecom's President and CEO, Mr. Ryu is focusing on shaping SK Telecom into an global AI company. Under his strong leadership, SK Telecom sets forth 'AI Pyramid Strategy' to accelerate innovation in three key areas: AI Infrastructure, AI Transformation (AIX) and AI Service. Taking a leadership role as head of ICT Committee-SK SUPLEX council and Planning team under AI of SK group, CEO Mr. Ryu has been committed to consolidating SK group's AI capabilities, creating, and expanding the AI ecosystem.

Prior to his current role, Mr. Ryu served as President of SK Telecom's MNO Business from 2019. He led the successful launch of the world's first 5G mobile service and reshaped Korea's ICT ecosystem by successfully completing a large-scale share-swapping deal between SK Telecom and Kakao, the nation's leading platform company.

He held executive level positions within various SK affiliates, accumulating high proficiency in marketing, investment, and business development. Drawing upon extensive experience, he took an integral part in the acquisition of SK Hynix, SK Shieldus and Toshiba's Semiconductor business to expand the business portfolio of the SK group.

Mr. Ryu received his MBA from the University of Washington in Seattle(2007). He holds a master's degree(1994) and a bachelor's degree(1992) in Industrial Engineering from Seoul National University.