# baudroie inc.

Financial Results Briefing Material for the Fiscal Year Ending February 2025

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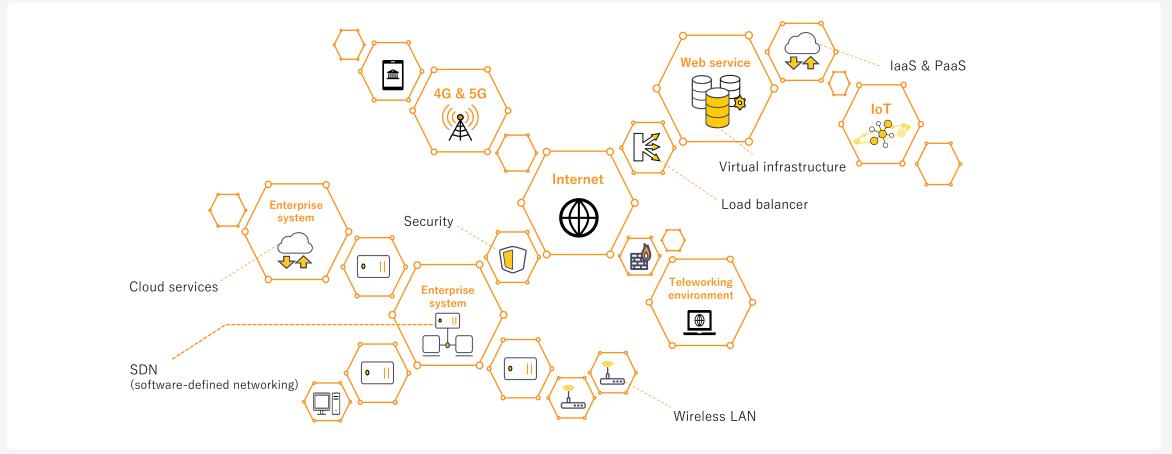
# **Business Overview**

## **Company Overview**

Company name baudroie inc. Line of business IT infrastructure business SoftBank Corp. **Major clients Directors President and Chief Executive Officer NTT Communications Corporation** Shigehiro Tominaga Nippon Telegraph and Telephone East Corporation **Representative Director KDDI CORPORATION** Kazuya Fujii Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc. **Director** Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. Yoshiaki Hodoshima SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD. **Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member)** Toshio Okamoto ZOSTEC Inc. **Subsidiaries** Kiyoko Yagami ALJOY Inc. Anna Seo FunClock Inc. actias Inc. **Established** April 2007 **Head office** Azabudai Hills Mori JP Tower 17F, 1-3-1 Azabudai, Fiscal year-end February Minato-ku, Tokyo No. of employees **Second office** BPR Place Kamiyacho 5F, 1-11-9 Azabudai, 1087 Minato-ku, Tokyo (including full-time and contract employees) \*As of February 2025

### What Are IT Infrastructure Services?

IT infrastructure services refer to designing and constructing complex IT infrastructure, including servers that operate systems, networks that connect devices to systems, and security solutions that protect secure communications and information, as well as conducting their operation and maintenance so that a variety of applications and systems can be utilized. These components constitute the IT infrastructure, which has become part of the infrastructure for living.



<sup>\*</sup>Cloud services (laaS/PaaS): mainly refer to cloud computing services.

<sup>\*</sup>SDN: a technology for creating a virtual network environment using software, allowing flexible setting of network configuration free from physical restrictions.

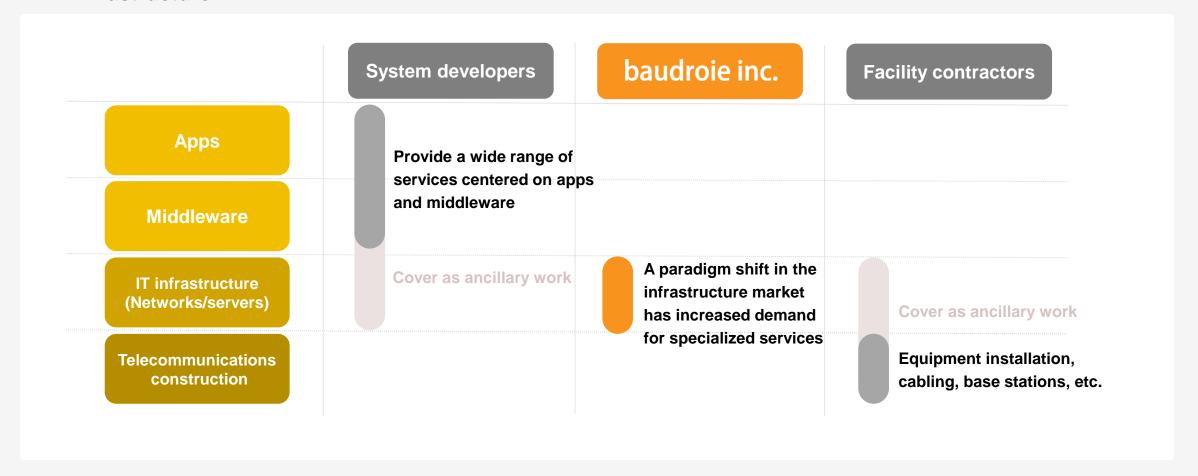
<sup>\*</sup>Virtual infrastructure: a mechanism for operating multiple hosts and operating systems on a single physical device.

<sup>\*</sup>Load balancer: a mechanism for appropriately distributing communication from terminals for each resource (such as CPUs and memories) when a group of servers is used.

<sup>\*</sup>Security solutions: refers to firewall, IPS (intrusion prevention system) / IDS (intrusion detection system), sandbox, web filtering, etc.

### What Differentiates Us from System Developers and Facilities Contractors

Due to diversifying social needs, IT systems command advanced knowledge and technologies in broader and deeper areas. As the era evolves in this way, attention is being paid to IT system companies with distinctive features, not covering the entire system. Given this trend, we differentiate ourselves as a company specializing in IT infrastructure.



<sup>\*</sup>Apps (applications): refer to such programs as mission-critical systems (for enterprise resource planning), programs operated by users such as web and smartphone applications, groupware (like Microsoft Office 365), and AI and machine learning. These programs are developed using programming languages like Java, C, and Python.

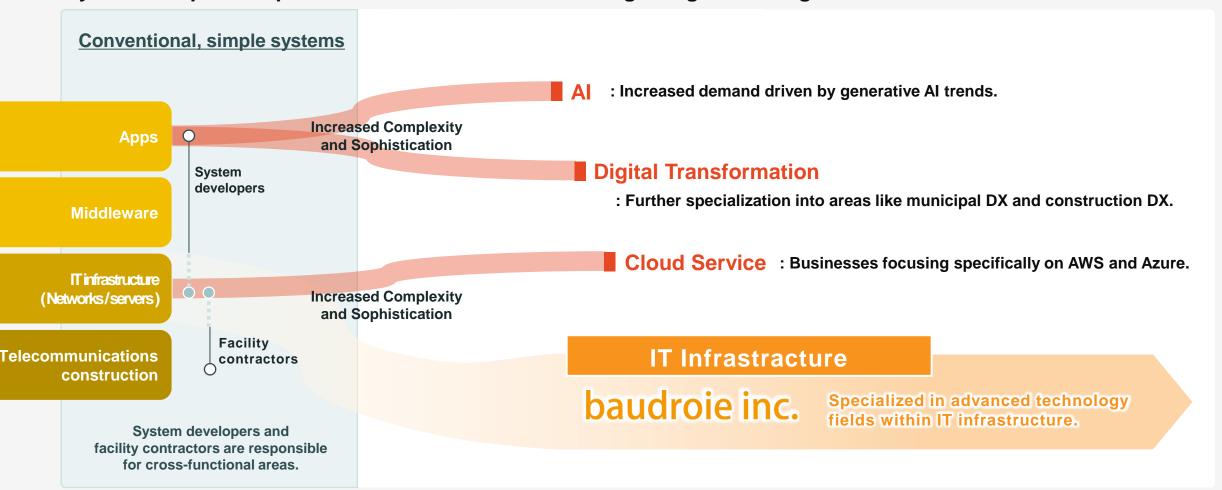
<sup>\*</sup>Middleware: refers to software that runs between applications and the operating system and includes Oracle Database, WebLogic, and Apache HTTP Server.

<sup>\*</sup>Telecommunications construction: LAN wiring, construction of base station facilities, equipment installation, etc.

# **Specialized Systems Companies**

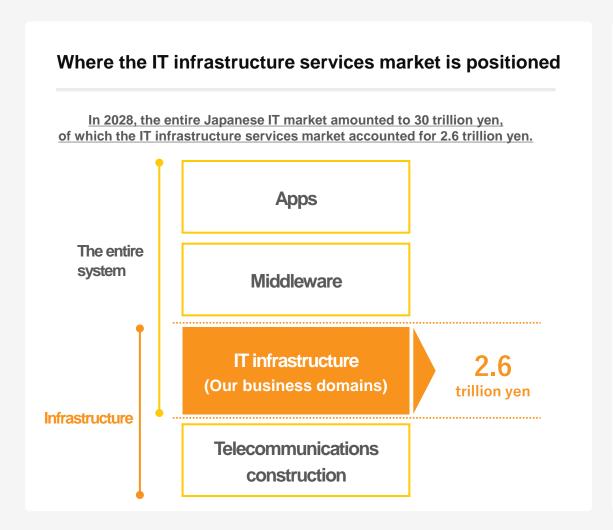
Due to the diversification of societal demands for IT, technologies in various IT fields have become more complex and advanced.

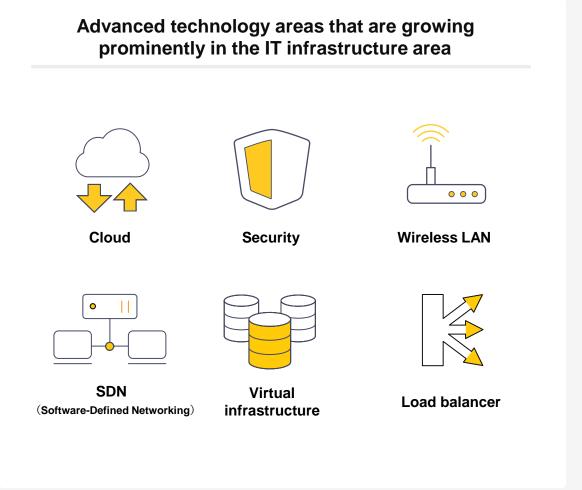
System companies specialized in each field have been gaining increasing attention.



### **Business Domains**

We are a professional operator specializing in IT infrastructure services, especially in advanced technology areas.





<sup>\*</sup>Source: Press release by IDC Japan, "Latest Forecast for the Domestic IT Market by Industry and Employee Size for 2025" (January 15, 2025)

<sup>\*</sup>Source: Press release by IDC Japan, "Announcement of the Domestic IT Infrastructure Services Market Forecast" (October 15, 2024)

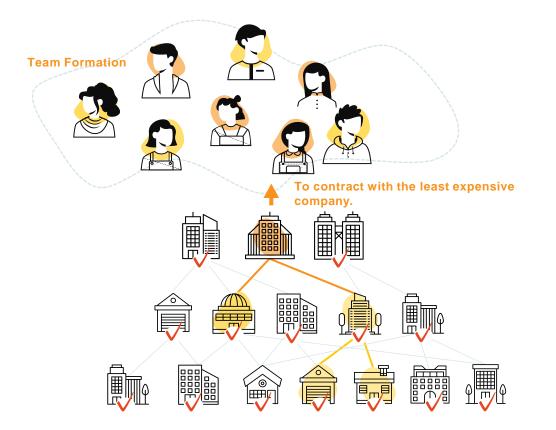
### **Our Competitive Advantage**

### A typical case of team formation in general system companies.

### A system based on conventional technology

Since many companies have engineers, it is easier to gather people.

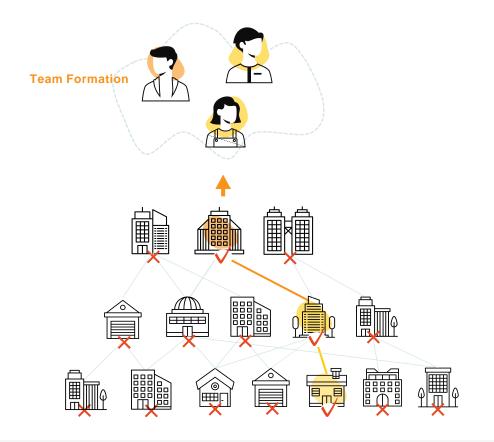
→ The project will involve hiring the most affordable company, resulting in a team composed of multiple firms.



### A system incorporating advanced technology

Since there are few engineers with advanced technical skills, the difficulty of gathering people and forming a team increases.

→The rarer the skills, the more time and cost it takes to form a team.



# **Our Competitive Advantage**

### Efficient team formation is possible through specialization and the development of young talent.

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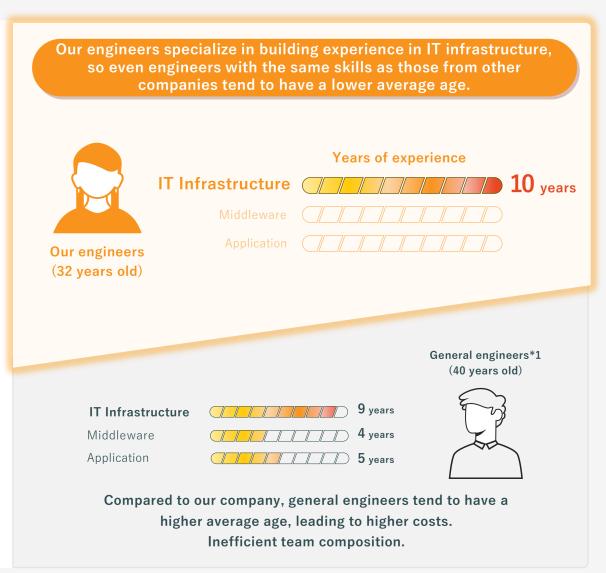
We can form a team using only our company.

So we can create teams with consideration of the compatibility of the members.



Our engineers build their experience solely in IT infrastructure, from training through project assignments, which enables them to learn various technologies related to IT infrastructure.

**→**The number of people forming the team becomes relatively small.



# Highlights of Consolidated Financial Results

### **Executive Summary**

### **FY2025 Full-year Results**

Revenue Operating profit

11.65 billion yen

(up <mark>55.2</mark>% YoY)

2.46 billion yen

(up 58.9% YoY)

- √ While keeping both our profit forecast and the market consensus in mind, we proceeded with upfront investments, especially by strengthening recruitment.
- √ FunClock Inc. and actias Inc. were acquired
  as subsidiaries.

When actias Inc. was consolidated, the full-year forecast was revised upwards, but the actual results exceeded the revised forecast.

Operational transfers to each subsidiary are proceeding smoothly, while we continue to closely track performance indicators.

### FY2026 Full-year Forecast

Revenue Operating profit

15.5 billion yen

3.25 billion yen

(up 33.1% YoY)

(up 32.1% YoY)

- ✓ Changed listing to the Prime Market (3/10)

  Preparations toward sustained high growth from FY2026 onward are well underway, and continued strong performance is targeted following the change of listing.
- ✓ Initiation of dividends
  Refer to pages 18–20 for details on our approach to dividends.

# **Summary of Consolidated Financial Results**

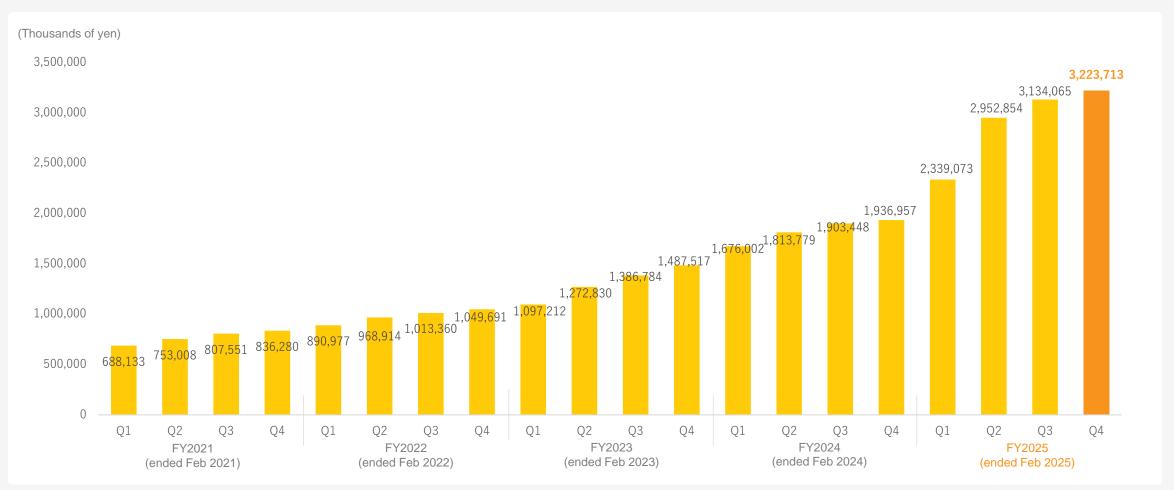
✓ In FY2025, FunClock Inc. was consolidated from Q1, and actias Inc. was consolidated from Q2.

\*Adjustment from Japanese GAAP to IFRS figures.

(Thousands of yen)	FY2024 Full-year Results *	FY2025 Full-year Results	YoY (First half-year)	FY2025 Full-year Forecast (Revised)	YoY (Full year)
Revenue	7,330,186	11,649,705	+58.9%	11,400,000	+55.5%
Operating profit	1,585,945	2,460,813	+55.2%	2,300,000	+45.0%
Profit before tax	1,574,727	2,461,226	+56.3%	2,302,000	+46.2%
Profit	1,161,035	1,799,365	+55.0%	1,644,000	+41.6%

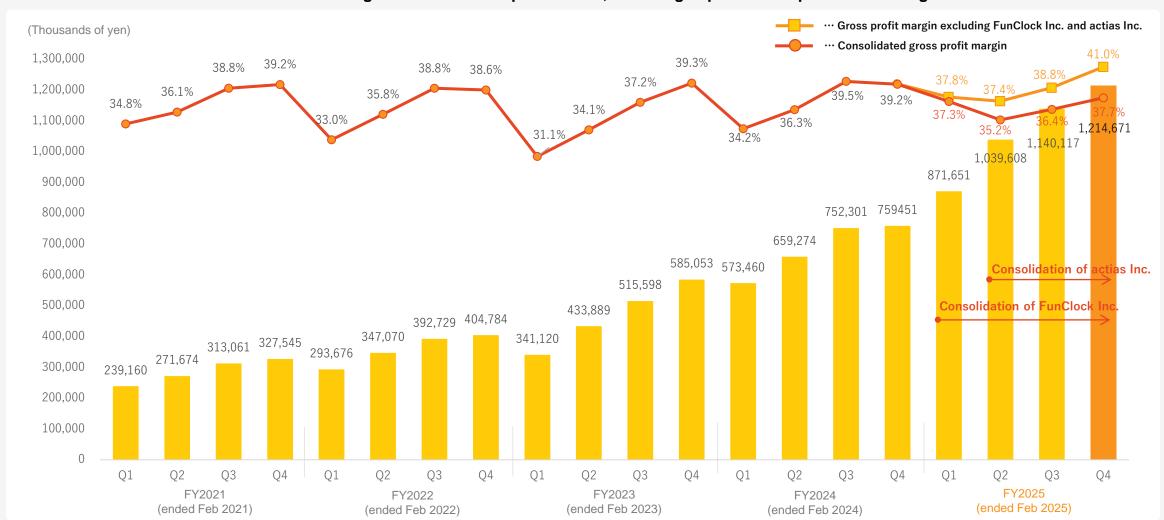
### **Trends in Quarterly Consolidated Revenue**

- √ As before, an increasingly larger proportion of sales is projected in the remaining quarters of FY2025 for the following reasons.
  - The number of acceptance inspections will further rise in Q2 through the end of the fiscal year.
  - With engineers (new graduate employees in the second or more year of employment) becoming capable of conducting actual work, reassignment of specialized talents (new graduate employees in the third or more year of employment) and highly specialized talents will be conducted in Q2 through the end of the fiscal year.



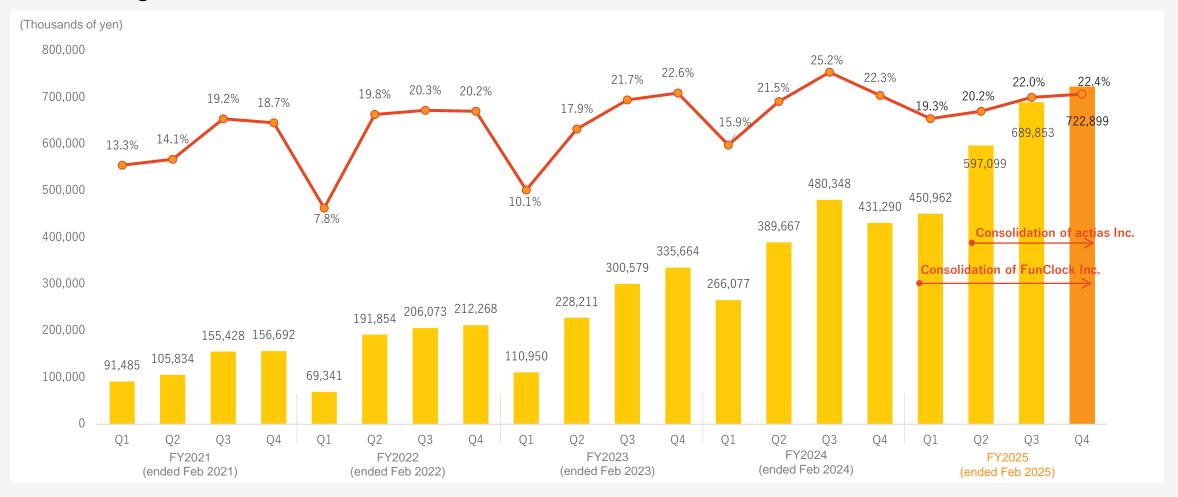
### **Trends in Quarterly Consolidated Gross Profit**

- ✓ Excluding the two companies acquired this fiscal year (FunClock Inc. and actias Inc.), the gross profit margin increased compared to the previous fiscal year.
  - → Although there were factors that could have put downward pressure on the gross profit margin—such as project transfers to subsidiaries and increased recruitment efforts—the margin has shown an upward trend, reflecting improved competitive advantage.

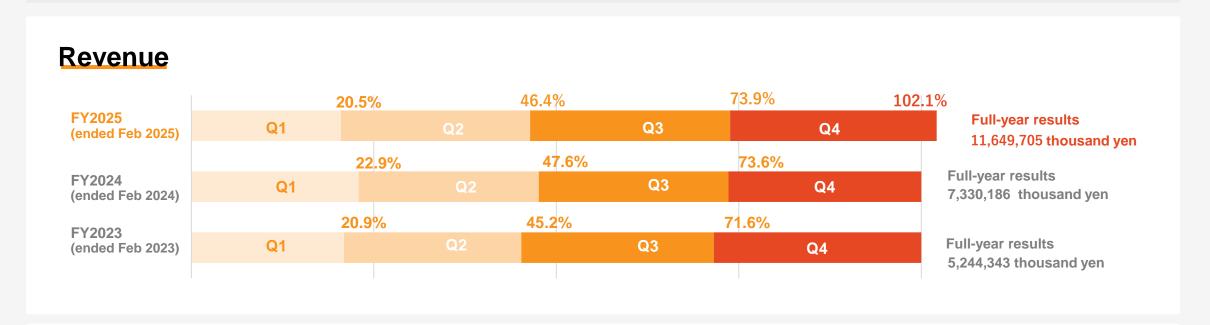


### **Trends in Quarterly Consolidated Operating Profit**

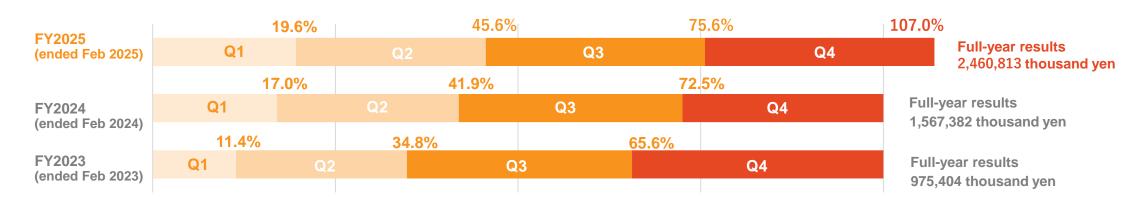
- √ As a result of strengthening recruitment to maintain a high growth rate in the coming fiscal years, the net increase in the number of employees exceeded the initial plan by 49 people.
- ✓ Because the offering was moved up to the current fiscal year, a portion of the listing expenses that were originally planned for the next fiscal year was recorded this year. However, we have continued to grow while absorbing those costs.



# Status of Progress Against the Full-Year Consolidated Earnings Forecast







### **FY2026 Full-year Earnings Forecast**

- √ The objective is to maintain high growth with a growth rate above 30% moving forward.
- ✓ We had previously stated that we would consider dividends upon transitioning to the Prime Market; accordingly, we are starting dividend payments from FY2026.

(Thousands of yen)	FY2025 Full-year Results	FY2026 Full-year Forecast	YoY
Revenue	11,649,705	15,500,000	+33.1%
Operating profit	2,460,813	3,250,000	+32.1%
Profit before tax	2,461,226	3,234,890	+31.4%
Profit	1,799,365	2,345,295	+30.3%

### **Dividend Forecast Purpose** The purpose is not shareholder returns, but rather to encourage investment from investors who focus solely on dividend-paying companies, thereby broadening our investor base. By transitioning from no dividends to dividend payments, there is a possibility of reduced volatility, and we are optimistic about the potential impact of this effect. **Dividend Payout Ratio** 10% **Annual Dividend** 15.16 yen

# **Approach to Dividends**

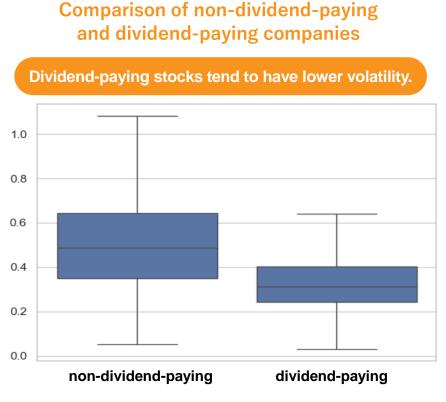
✓ According to the following materials, it appears that transitioning from no dividend paying to dividend paying may lead to a decrease in volatility.

ne Effect of Dividends on Volatility Number	r of companies	90-day volatility median	Dividend payout ratio mediar
Group 1 total (The highest dividend payout ratio)	303	21.24	101.2%
Group 2 total	303	22.84	56.8%
Group 3 total	303	23.80	46.1%
Group 4 total	303	24.63	39.5%
Group 5 total	303	24.78	34.4%
Group 6 total	303	27.25	30.6%
Group 7 total	304	25.11	27.2%
Group 8 total	304	26.49	22.8%
Group 9 total	304	26.75	18.1%
Group 10 total (The lowest dividend payout ratio)	304	29.33	10.6%
The total number of companies with a positive dividend payout ratio	3034	The difference in value is the largest when transitioning from no dividends to dividend	32.2%
Non-dividend paying companies	721	payments. 45.66	0.0%
The total number of companies with a negative dividend payout ratio	181	26.40	-25.4%

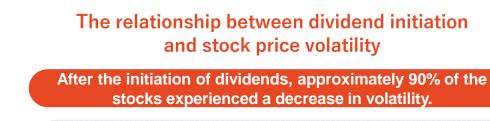
<sup>\*</sup> Reference: Data from Nezu Asia Capital Limited's report as of December 2024.

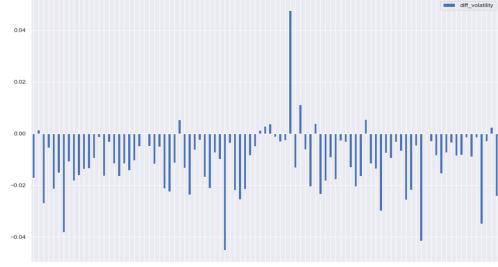
### **Approach to Dividends**

- √ There is a tendency for stock price volatility to decrease when a company transitions from being non-dividend-paying to dividend-paying.
- ✓ Accordingly, we are initiating dividend payments not primarily as a means of shareholder returns, but as a management initiative with an awareness of the capital markets.



<sup>\*</sup> Daily volatility (annualized) was calculated for the 250 trading days following the forecast dividend announcement date, and aggregated separately for non-dividend and dividend-paying stocks. The analysis covers the period from 2009 to 2024. In the chart, the black line in the center represents the average, while the other lines indicate the maximum, minimum, and quartile values.



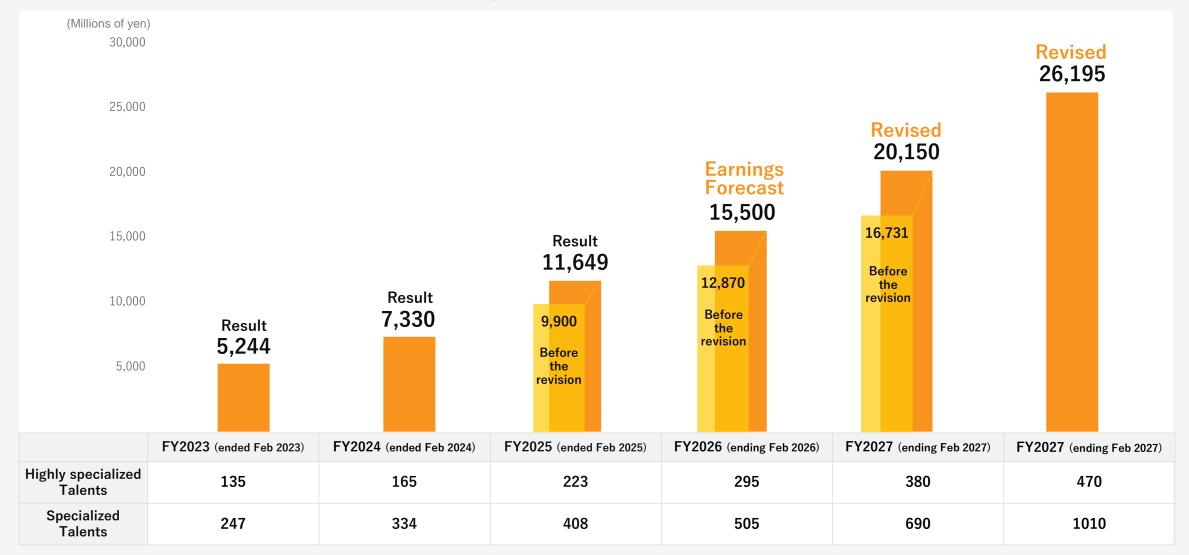


<sup>\*</sup> Among the non-dividend-paying stocks as of 2015, those that issued dividends five or more times by 2024 were selected. For each, the daily volatility (annualized) was calculated for the 250 trading days before and after the first dividend announcement, and the difference was computed. The results were sorted by stock code.

# **Medium-Term Management Plan**

### Medium-Term Business Plan: Revenue

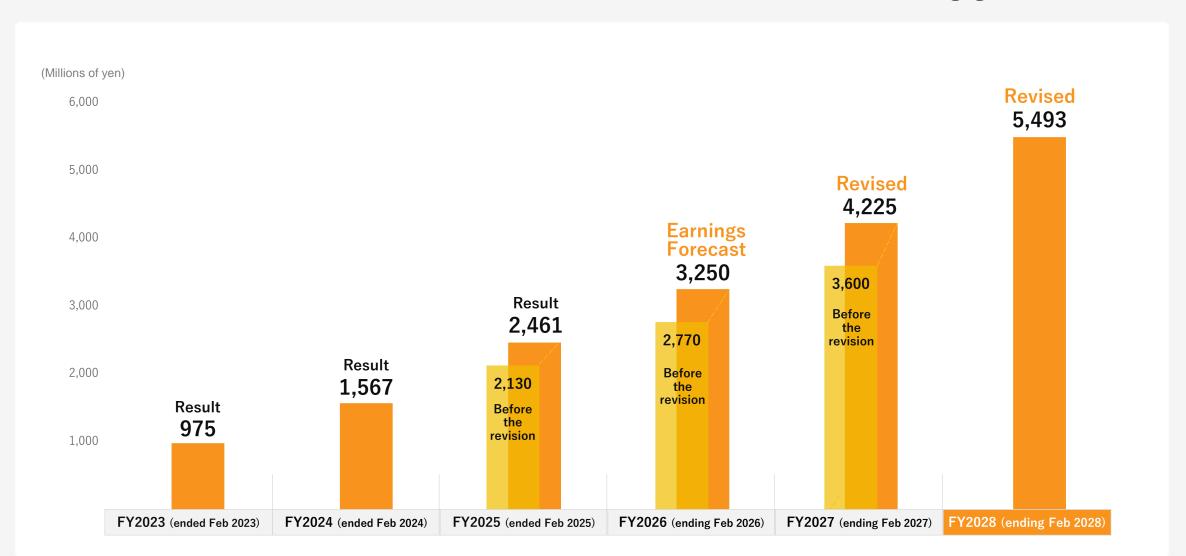
√ This plan has been exceeding the targets established in the previous fiscal year and has been revised to extend through FY2028.



<sup>\*</sup> Subsidiary personnel are expected to be included in the specialized talents from FY2026 by sharing our skills with those who wish to do. Therefore, it already reflects the approximate number of people.

### **Medium-Term Business Plan: Operating Profit**

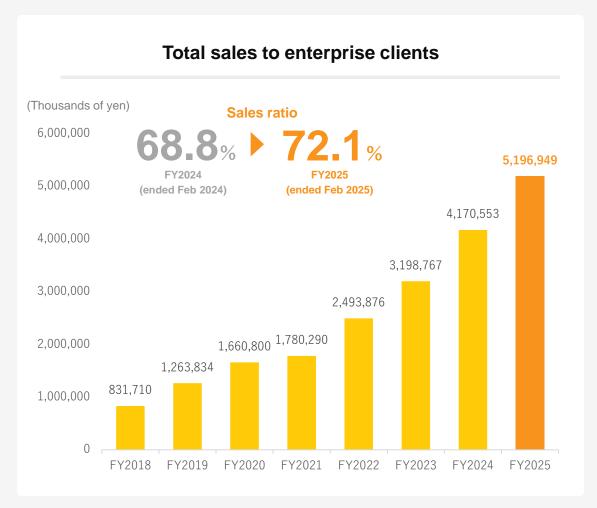
✓ Even after the transition to the Prime Market, we aim to maintain strong growth.

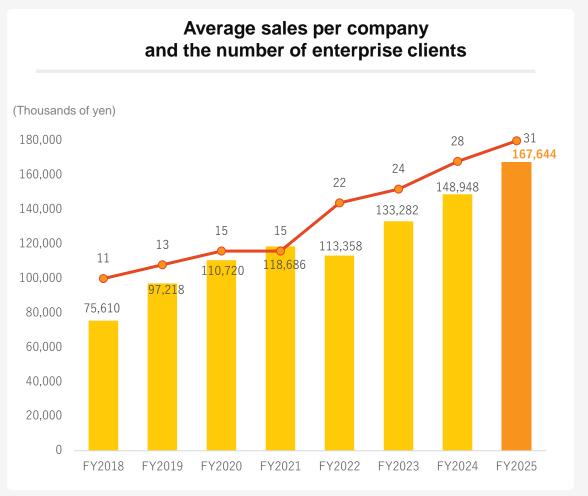


# Highlights of Non-Consolidated Financial Results

# **Sales to Enterprise Clients**

- ✓ Both combined sales and average sales grew strongly, as selective order receptions to prioritize projects for more promising enterprise clients were smoothly conducted.
- √ Focus on increasing average sales per company and total sales percentage.

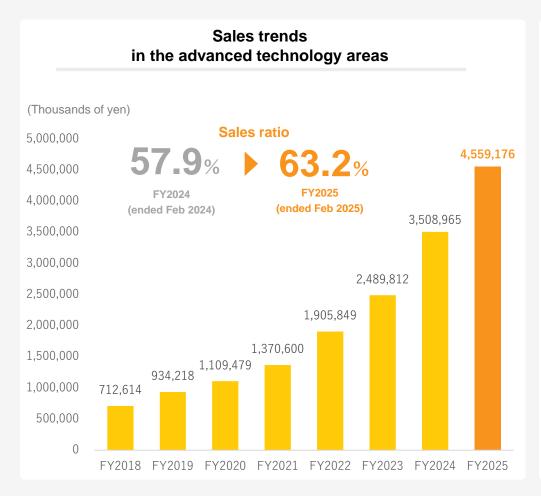




<sup>\*</sup>Enterprise clients are defined as companies selected for either the Nikkei 225, Nikkei 400, or Nikkei 500, or companies with sales of 50 billion yen or more.

# **Sales in Advanced Technology Areas**

### √ Sales ratio of advanced technology field is increasing due to selective orders.



<sup>\*</sup>Advanced technology areas: technology areas where we are deemed to have high specialty and that are related to any of the wireless, load balancer, SDN, cloud, security, or server virtualization technologies.

Advanced technology areas expected to have high growth potential							
Forecaste	ed market size	CAGR of the market	Our sales ratio *6				
Wireless (global market)	US\$130.6 billion	<b>15</b> %	18% (1p)				
Load balancer (global market)	us\$ <b>8.9</b> billion	13%	22% Ip				
Network virtualization (domestic market)	Approx. <b>¥50</b> billion (2026) *3	<b>3</b> %	10% Jp				
Cloud (domestic market)	¥ <b>4.3</b> trillion (2026)**4	<b>21</b> %	26% Ip				
Security (Domestic market: software, appliances)	¥ <b>531.7</b> billion	<b>4</b> %	18% <sup>2p</sup>				

<sup>\*1</sup> Source: "Global Wireless Connectivity Market" by BCC Research (provided by Global Information, Inc. as agent)

<sup>\*2</sup> Source: "Load Balancer Market: Global Industry Trends, Share, Size, Growth, Opportunity and Forecast" by IMARC Services Private Limited (provided by Global Information, Inc. as agent)

<sup>\*3</sup> Source: Press release by IDC Japan, "Announcement of Domestic Network Virtualization/Automation Market and NFV Market Forecasts" (May 11, 2022)

<sup>\*4</sup> Source: Press release by IDC Japan, "Announcement of Domestic Public Cloud Service Market Forecast" (September 15, 2022)

<sup>\*5</sup> Source: Press release by IDC Japan, "Announcement of Latest Domestic Information Security Market Forecasts" (May 26, 2022)

<sup>\*6</sup> The changes in "our sales ratio" (indicated by arrows) show comparison with FY2024 results and include overlapping sales in two or more areas.

# **Development of Specialized and Highly Specialized Talent**

- ✓ Develop highly specialized talents based on our education and training systems dedicated to IT infrastructure.
- √ The increase in the number of highly specialized talents are becoming larger as a result of intensified recruitment prior to the listing.

	Specialized talents	
FY2021 (ended Feb 2021)	122	97
FY2022 (ended Feb 2022)	174	109
FY2023 (ended Feb 2023)	247	135
FY2024 (ended Feb 2024)	334	165
FY2025 (ended Feb 2025)	408	223

### Past M&A Results and Future M&As Utilizing Treasury Shares

Company Name	ZOSTEC Inc.	ALJOY Inc.	FunClock Inc.	actias Inc.
Business Description	Network and Server Integration	Network and Server Integration	Testing and Validation	Network and Server Integration
Revenue Operating Profit	224 million yen -8 million yen (At the time of acquisition)	389 million yen 6 million yen (At the time of acquisition)	1 billion yen 50 million yen (FY2023 ended in June)	1.7 billion yen -30 million yen (FY2024 ended in January)
Acquisition Date	April 2022	March 2023	March 2024	June 2024



	At the time of acquisition	FY2024 results (full-year)	FY2025 results (full-year)
Net sales	<b>613,703</b> thousand yen	1,339,199 thousand yen	1,693,779 thousand yen
Operating profit	-2,136 thousand yen	135,273 thousand yen	236,001 thousand yen

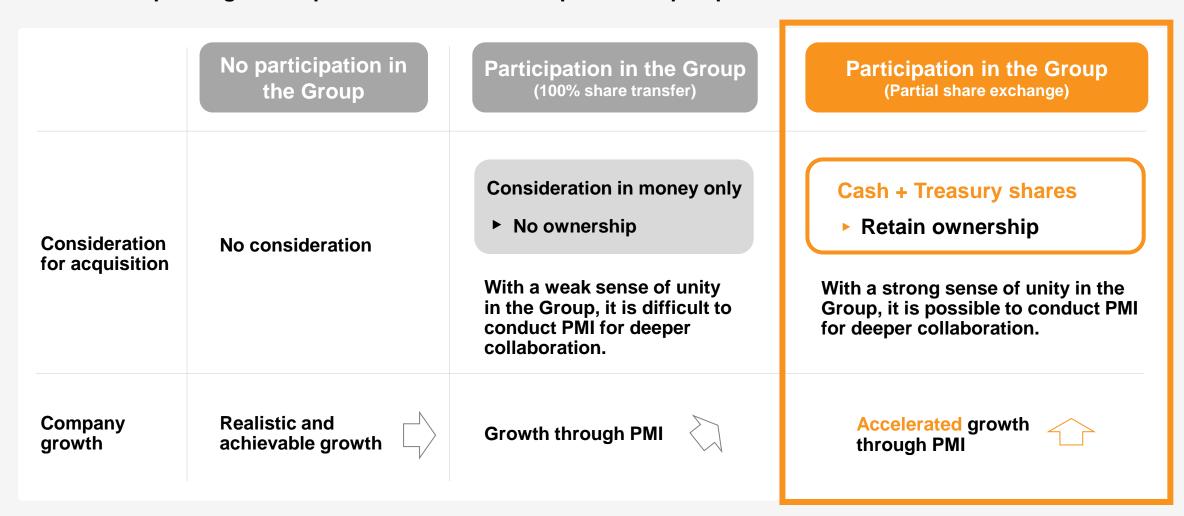


Post-merger integration (PMI) is sufficiently conducted even now, but we will achieve more effective PMI by using the following method.

Going forward, we will use part of our treasury shares to acquire companies. By retaining their ownership not only at the management team of the parent company but also at the management team of the acquired companies, we will build an organizational structure that can generate further added value.

# **Our Stance for Implementing Future M&As**

As an acquisition scheme to deepen collaboration among the Group, we will pay part of the consideration for the acquisition of a subsidiary's shares by using our treasury shares. By doing so, we intend to let the president of the acquired company retain part of its ownership while giving incentives to commit himself or herself to expanding the corporate value of the Group from the perspective of the founder.



### **Effective Utilization of Shares**

### Maximize the benefits of direct financing to increase corporate value

√ Acquisition of treasury stock

October 2023~January 2024, acquired treasury shares

Number of treasury shares acquired

224,500

✓ Acquired FunClock Inc. as a subsidiary 900 shares out of 2,000 shares issued were acquired through a share exchange in FunClock Inc.

Number of treasury shares delivered

99,611

Acquired actias Inc. as a subsidiary

1,420 shares out of 1,900 shares issued were acquired through a share exchange in actias Inc.

Number of treasury shares delivered

227,312

√ Share-based compensation

Regularly grant share-based compensation to employees



✓ Call options from major shareholders Employees purchases call options



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allottees of the share

(As of August 31, 2024)

Unrealized profit per person(approximation)\*

8.6 million yen

(Calculated based on the closing price as of August 31, 2024)

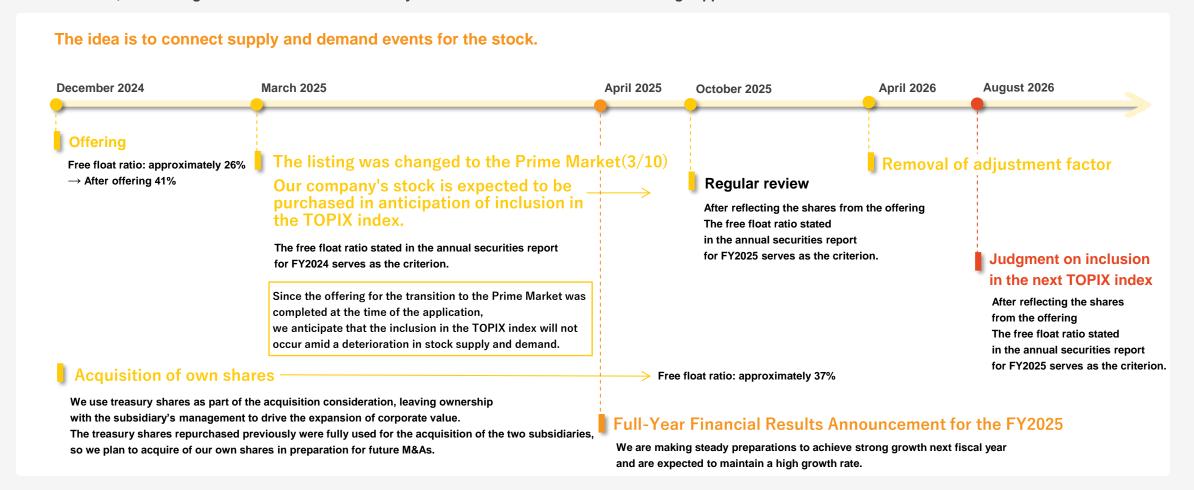
<sup>\*</sup> Includes unexercised stock options and call options; does not take into account sales after exercise.

<sup>\*</sup> Call options are traded relative to major shareholders. And are different from share-based compensation plans implemented by the Company itself.

<sup>\* 1.67%</sup> residual potential shares from share acquisition rights; 231,200 call options from major shareholders.

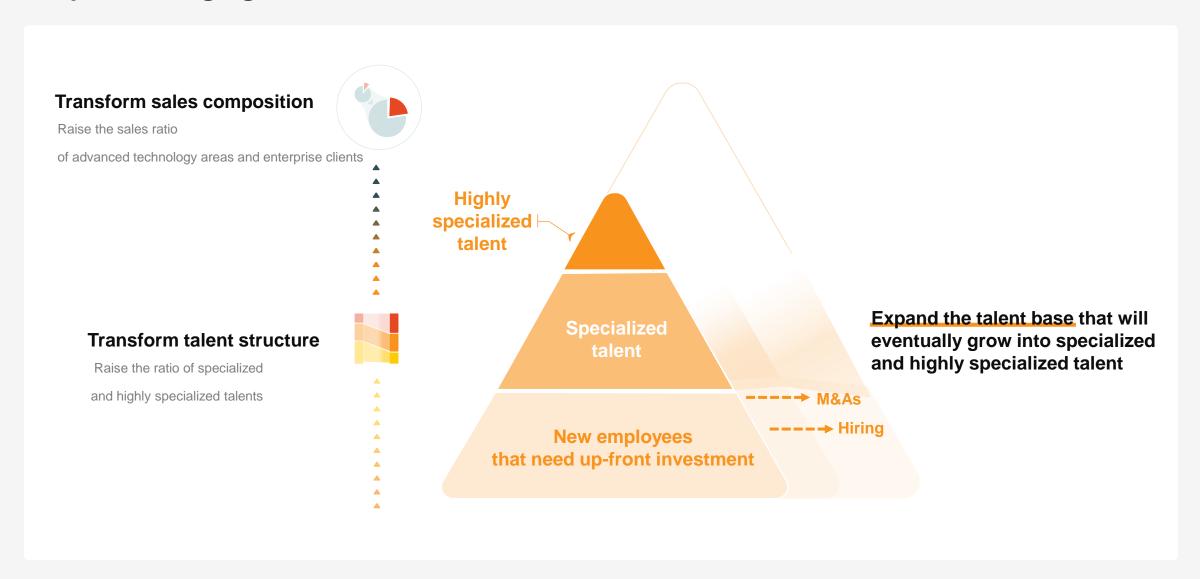
### Purpose and Timing of the Offering / Acquisition of Own Shares for the Next M&A

- The offering was conducted in December 2024 to comply with the circulating stock ratio requirement for transitioning to the Prime Market.
- ⇒ Current free float ratio: approximately 26% → After offering: approximately 37% (Excluding the 2.25% for the over-allotment option and the estimated 4% for acquisition of own shares)
- · As the number of IR meetings with overseas institutional investors has increased recently, we need to increase liquidity so that new investors can purchase our shares.
- This will also increase the likelihood of inclusion in the next TOPIX index (top 97% criterion based on the cumulative free float market capitalization weight).
- ⇒ Since the judgment will be based on the figures from the annual securities report for the FY2025, our company needed to take action within this fiscal year to meet the criteria. Therefore, the offering was carried out simultaneously with the resolution for the market change application.



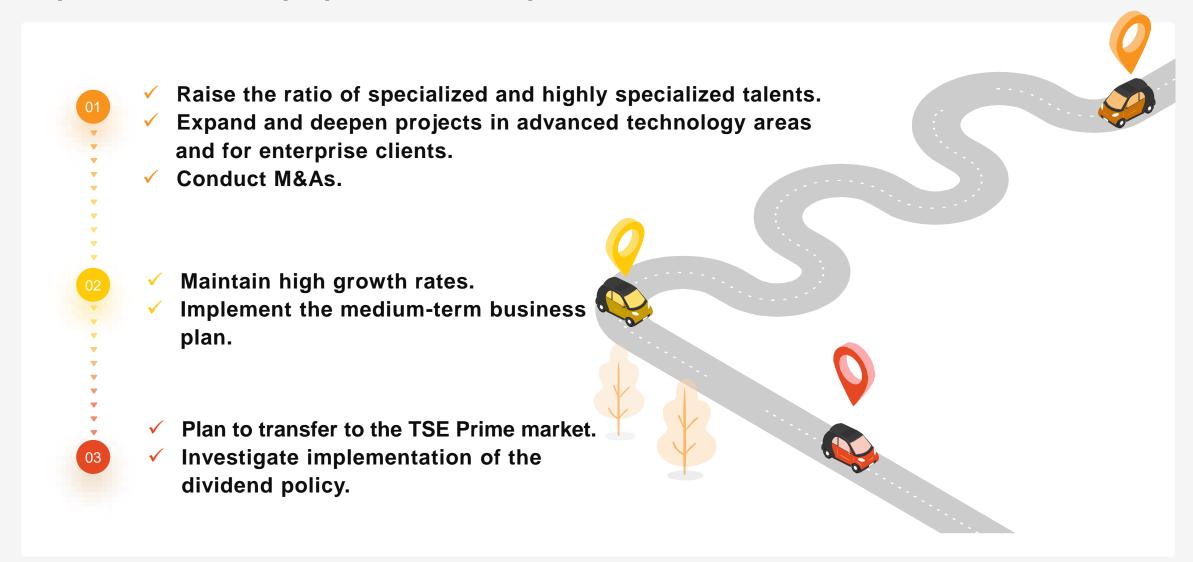
# **Illustrative Drawing of Our Strategy**

### Prepare for high growth to be achieved in FY2027 and onward.



### **Summary of Highlights**

### **Expand business in preparation for the planned transfer to the TSE Prime market.**



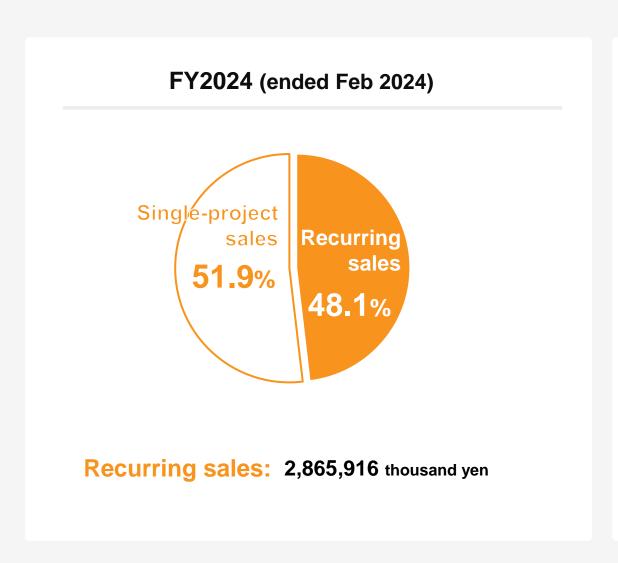
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# **Trends in Financial Results**

	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
	10th period	11th period	12th period	13th period	14th period	15th period	16th period	17th period	18th period  **Transitioned to IF
Net sales	1,626,968	2,087,013	2,261,561	2,648,008	3,084,973	3,922,944	5,244,343	7,330,186	11,649,705
Operating profit	131,471	230,012	274,696	409,339	509,439	679,536	975,404	1,567,382	2,460,813
Ordinary profit	116,255	217,992	237,982	395,841	542,494	688,011	1,033,662	1,558,439	_
Profit*	79,757	135,544	162,557	278,824	415,711	542,774	793,970	1,171,690	1,799,365
Operating profit margin	8.1%	11.0%	12.1%	15.5%	16.5%	17.3%	18.6%	21.4%	21.1%
Ordinary profit margin(%)	7.1%	10.4%	10.5%	14.9%	17.6%	17.5%	19.7%	21.3%	_
Net sales growth rate (%)	-	28.3%	8.4%	17.1%	16.5%	27.2%	33.7%	39.8%	58.9%
Operating profit growth rate (%)	-	75.0%	19.4%	49.0%	24.5%	33.4%	43.5%	60.7%	55.2%

# Recurring Sales through Continuous Services with Retained Clients

√ Continued stable earnings from recurring sales.





### **Definitions of Specialized and Highly Specialized Talents**

#### **Specialized talents**

Employees at sub-leader or higher levels in comprehensive capabilities, which are rated by class, or associate or higher levels in technical capabilities, which are rated by grade, in our personnel assessment and who are certified as CCNP or have passed the in-house certification exam Level 2 or above. (excluding highly specialized talents)

#### **Highly specialized talents**

Beginner

Employees in our personnel assessment at leader or higher levels in comprehensive capabilities, which are rated by class, or professional or higher levels in technical capabilities, which are rated by grade, and who fall under any of the following categories:

- · IT consultants, system architects
- · Advanced engineers in cloud, security, and other areas

**Professional** 

Expert

Master

- · Bridge system engineers and project managers engaged in project management
- · Technical specialists involved in advanced projects and upstream processes

# Class General manager Manager Leader Sub-leader Member

Associate

### Class

Comprehensive capabilities as a generalist, including such aspects as business improvement, client coordination, guidance, and development of talents.

(classified into 5 levels of member, sub-leader, leader, manager, and general manager) Leader: can understand the plan for the project in which he or she is engaged, execute it, produce results, and give accurate guidance to juniors.

### Grade

Technical capabilities as a player, including knowledge, experience and skills (classified into 5 levels of beginner, associate, professional, expert and master) Professional: has basic knowledge and experience in his or her job domain and can handle routine work by himself or herself.

### **Corporate Social Responsibility**





We believe that developing young people who are capable of creating new IT industry areas and down-to-earth young people with advanced IT skills should lead to the development of a sustainable society.

The Company not only conducts education and training for its employees but also provides training for general university students, who will play an active role in society, to acquire IT qualifications.

(More than 150 such university students acquire the qualification annually.)



We propose to our clients that they adopt virtualization of servers and storage devices, etc., and promote the use of such services. Enhancing the use efficiency of IT infrastructure equipment should lead to consolidation of servers and storage devices in terms of their unit numbers, and fewer such units will reduce the amount of heat generated from them and the power required for the equipment to cool them.

We will contribute to energy savings in IT infrastructure equipment with such virtualization technologies.



IT, which has brought convenience to people, is now beginning to play a more important role in protecting people, securing people's lives, and other aspects.

With new IT services being created on a daily basis and gradually becoming a reality all around the world, we want to make the most of the power of IT to create a better future.

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Moreover, such statements do not guarantee the future outcomes, and involve risks and uncertainties.

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