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Financial Results Briefing Material for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year Ending February 2025

October 2024

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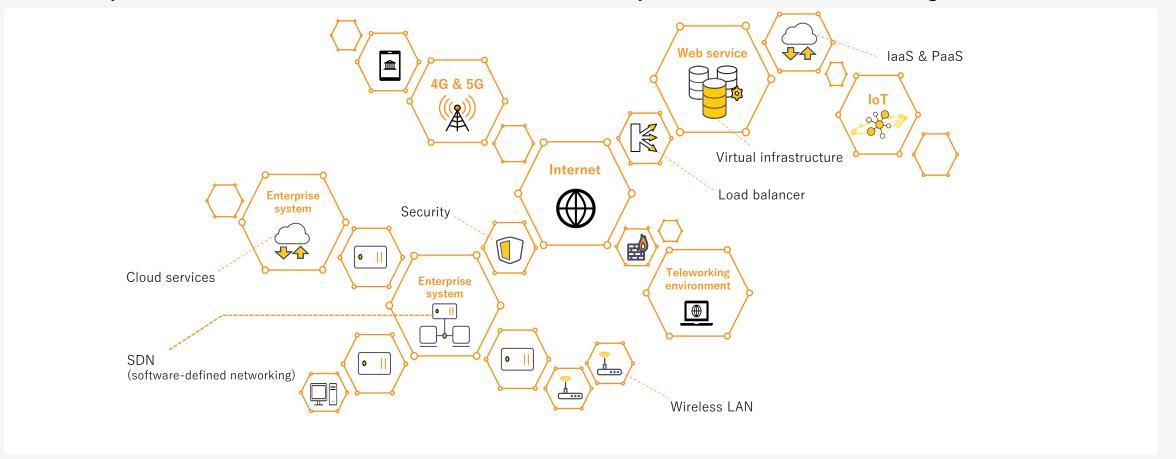
Business Overview

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, 1031 Minato-ku, Tokyo (including full-time and contract employees) *As of August 2024

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.



^{*}Cloud services (laaS/PaaS): mainly refer to cloud computing services.

^{*}SDN: a technology for creating a virtual network environment using software, allowing flexible setting of network configuration free from physical restrictions.

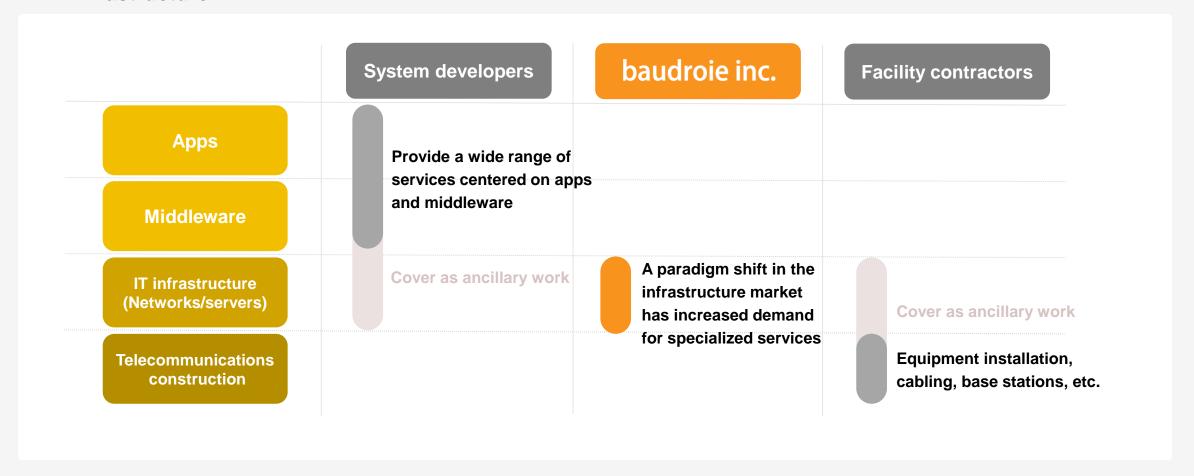
^{*}Virtual infrastructure: a mechanism for operating multiple hosts and operating systems on a single physical device.

^{*}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.

^{*}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.



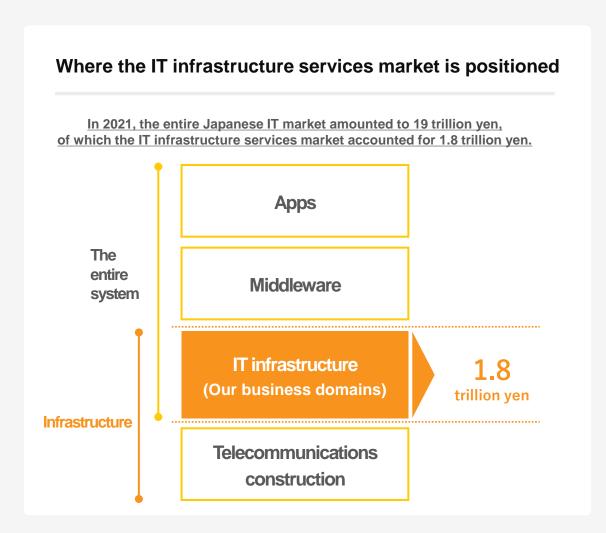
^{*}Apps (applications): refer to such programs as mission-critical systems (for enterprise resource planning), programs operated by users such as web and smartphone applications, groupware (like Microsoft Office 365), and AI and machine learning. These programs are developed using programming languages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

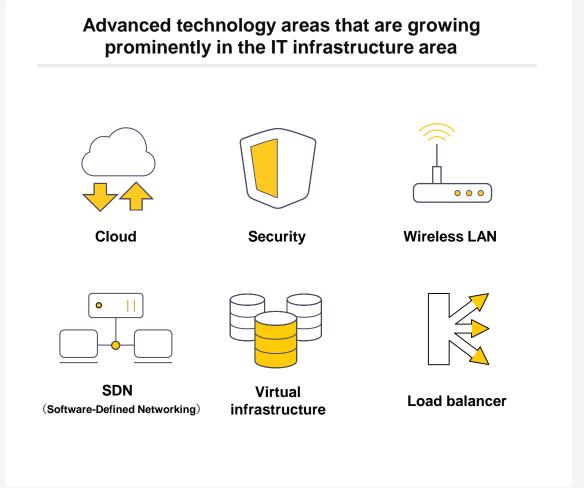
^{*}Middleware: refers to software that runs between applications and the operating system and includes Oracle Database, WebLogic, and Apache HTTP Server.

 $^{{}^*\}text{Telecommunications construction: LAN wiring, construction of base station facilities, equipment installation, etc.}\\$

Business Domains

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





^{*}Source: Press release by IDC Japan, "Announcement of Domestic IT Market Forecasts Reflecting the Impact of COVID-19 and Russo-Ukrainian War at End of March 2022" (May 18, 2022)

^{*}Source: Press release by IDC Japan, "Announcement of Domestic IT Infrastructure Services Market Forecasts" (June 13, 2022)

Highlights of Consolidated Financial Results

Executive Summary

Revenue (Q1-Q2 [cumulative])

Operating profit (Q1-Q2 [cumulative])

5.29 billion yen (up 51.6% YoY) 1.05 billion yen (up 56.2% YoY)

 \checkmark Operating profit in the Q2 was a little over 100 million yen higher than the full-year forecast of 2.3 billion yen.

Although earnings tend to increase in the second half of each year, operating profit is on pace to exceed that of the previous year.

√ actias Inc. is included in the consolidated financial results from Q2.

Aim to continue high growth over the medium to long term by providing technical training to actias Inc. personnel and developing specialized talent.

Summary of Consolidated Financial Results

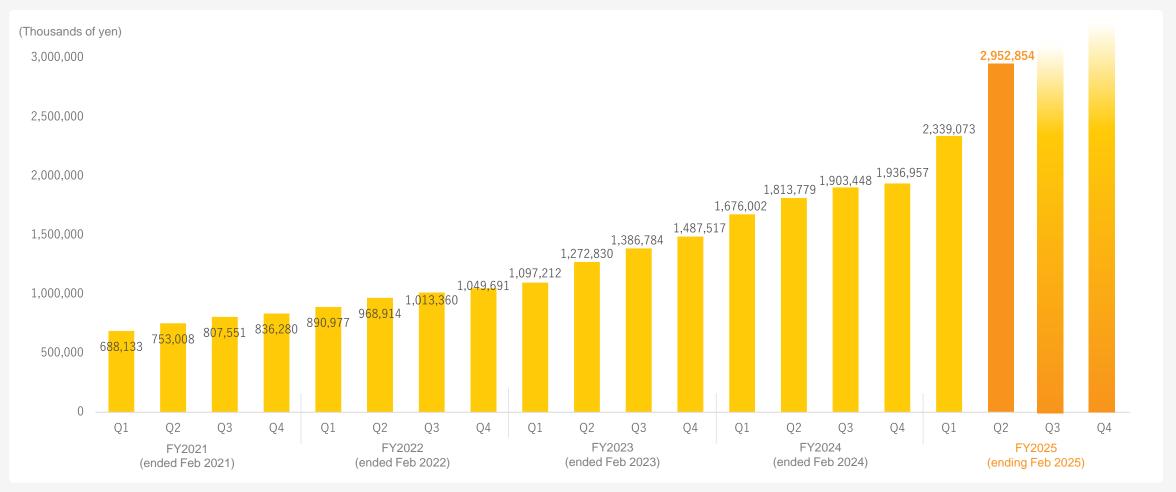
- √ actias Inc. is included in the consolidated financial results from Q2.
- ✓ Despite the impact of consolidated subsidiaries, both revenue and operating profit grew at a high rate.

*Adjustment from Japanese GAAP to IFRS figures.

(Thousands of yen)	Q1 - Q2 FY2024 Results (Cumulative) *	Q1 - Q2 FY2025 Results (Cumulative)	YoY (First half-year)	FY2025 full-year Forecast (Update)	YoY (Full year)
Revenue	3,489,781	5,291,928	+51.6%	11,400,000	+55.5%
Operating profit	670,984	1,048,062	+56.2%	2,300,000	+45.0%
Profit before tax	665,994	1,057,048	+58.7%	2,302,000	+46.2%
Profit	491,032	762,219	+55.2%	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.



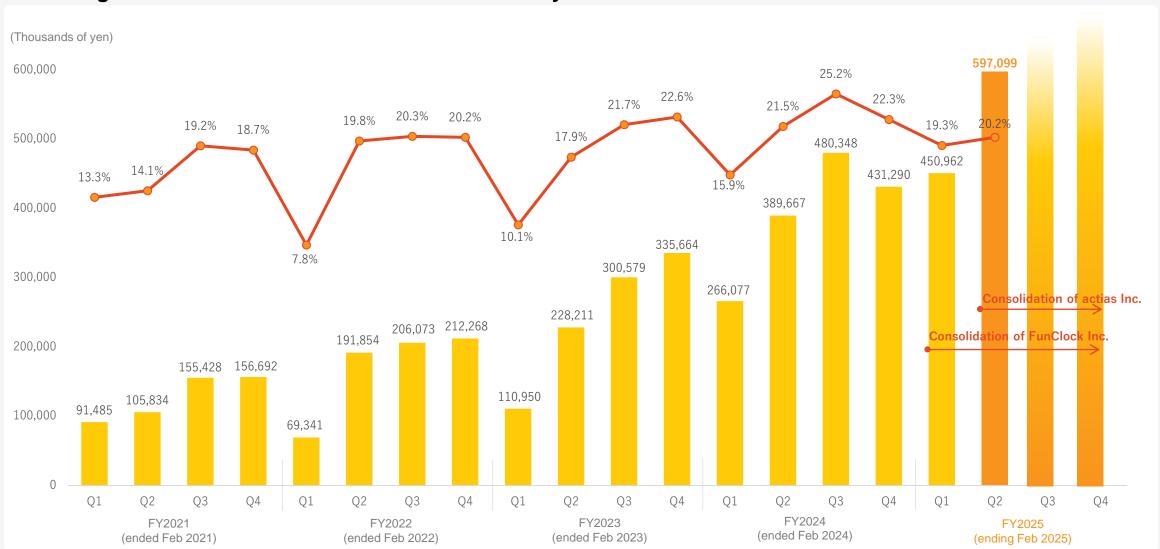
Trends in Quarterly Consolidated Gross Profit

✓ Gross profit margin declined in QonQ due to the consolidation of actias Inc. But the margin is expected to improve in the second half of the fiscal year due to PMI.



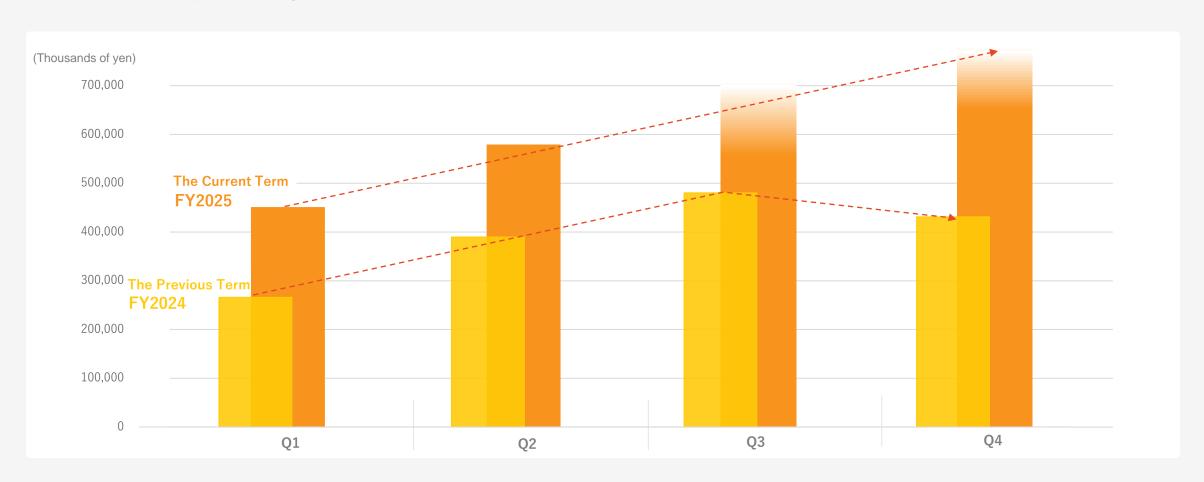
Trends in Quarterly Consolidated Operating Profit

✓ Despite the PMI costs incurred by making actias Inc. a subsidiary, the company continued to grow at a high rate of 56.2% YoY in first half of the fiscal year.



Consolidated Operating Profit Quarterly Image

- ✓ Operating income was higher in the Q3 than in the Q4 only in the previous fiscal year, but is expected to be higher in the Q4 than in the Q3 this fiscal year as in past years.
- ✓ Retaining a sufficient growth rate and make upfront investments in the second half of the year if the full-year forecast is likely to be significantly exceeded.

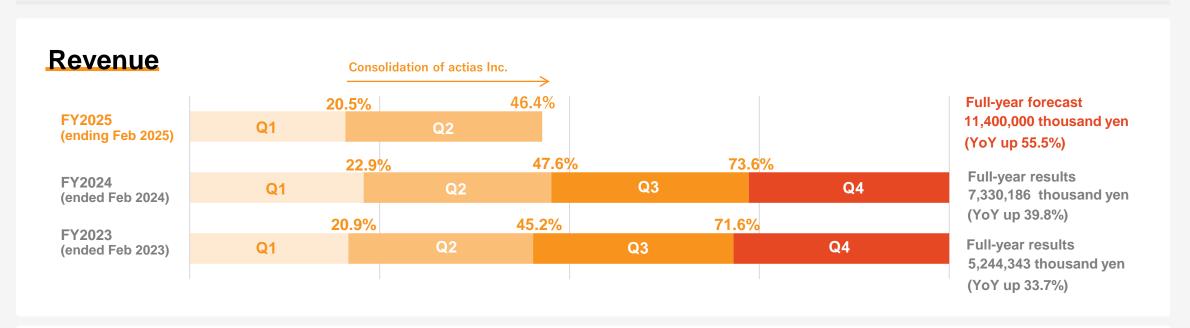


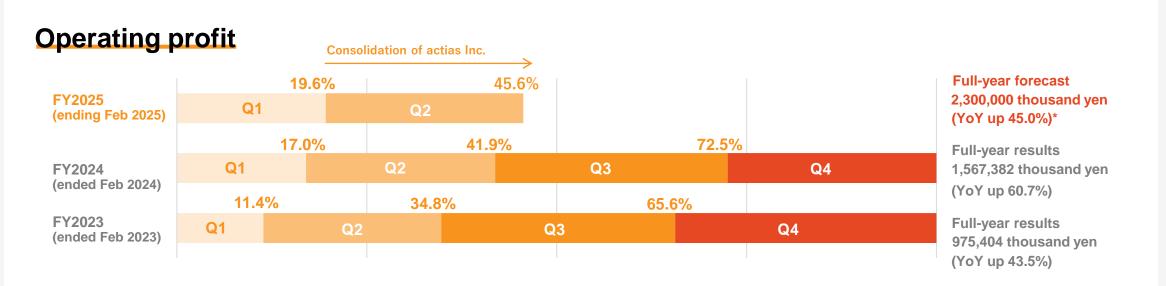
Status of Progress Toward the Full-Year Consolidated Earnings Forecast

- √ The updated full-year forecast includes the forecast for actias Inc. Although actias Inc. was only consolidated
 in the Q2 in the first half of the year, both sales and operating income are progressing well.
- √ We aim to exceed revised full-year forecasts.

	Japanese GAAP			IFRS					
(Thousands of yen)	Q1 - Q2 FY2024 Results (Cumulative)	FY2024 Full-year Results	Progress rate	Q1 - Q2 FY2025 Results (Cumulative)	FY2025 Full-year Forecast (Before update)	Progress rate toward before update forecast	FY2025 full-year Forecast (Update)	Progress rate toward update forecast	
Revenue	3,489,781	7,330,186	47.6%	5,291,928	9,900,000	53.5%	11,400,000	46.4%	
Operating profit	655,744	1,567,382	41.8%	1,048,062	2,130,000	49.2%	2,300,000	45.6%	
Profit before tax	684,644	1,622,010	42.2%	1,057,048	2,135,000	49.5%	2,302,000	45.9%	
Profit	456,955	1,171,690	39.0%	762,219	1,540,000	49.5%	1,644,000	46.4%	

Status of Progress Against the Full-Year Consolidated Earnings Forecast

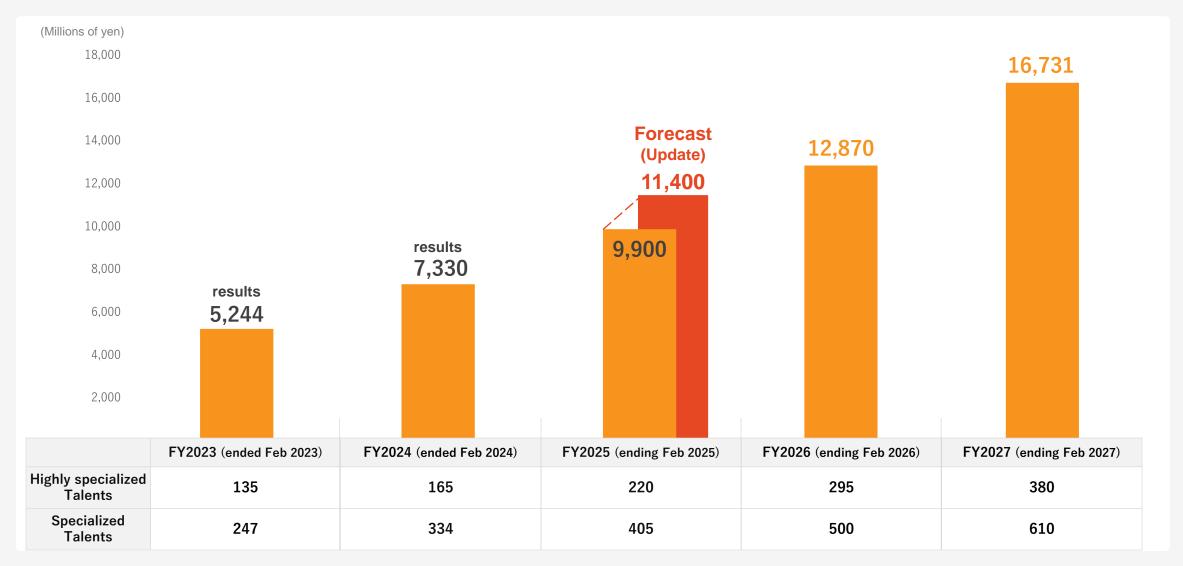




Medium-Term Management Plan

Medium-Term Business Plan: Revenue

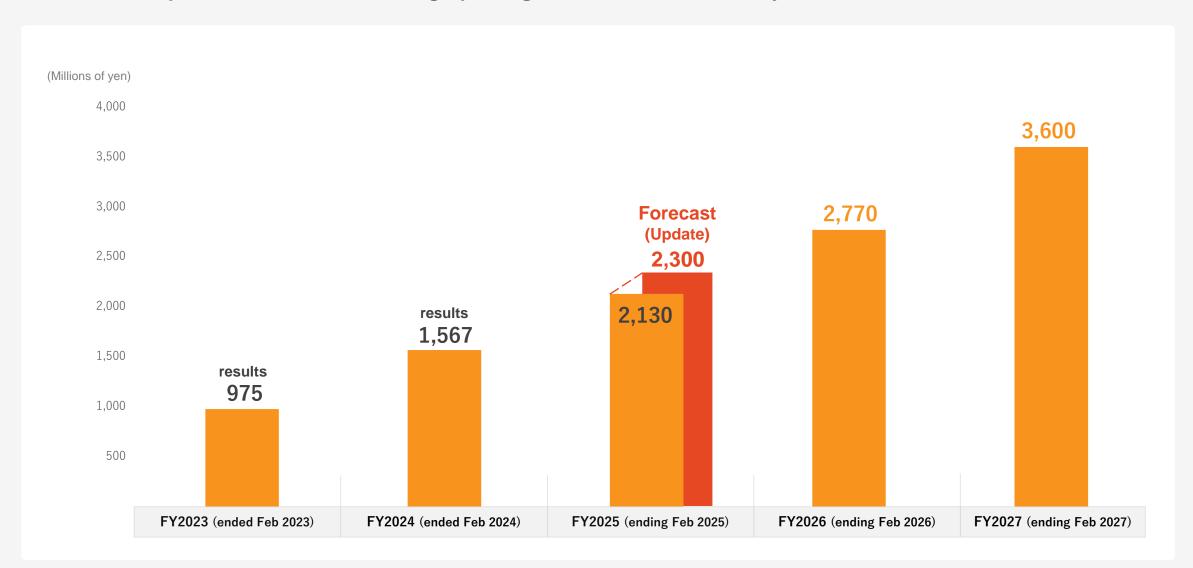
√ We are already exceeding our medium-term management plan, which was updated in April 2024.



^{*} 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

√ Continue to pursue M&A to achieve high profit growth in FY2028 and beyond.

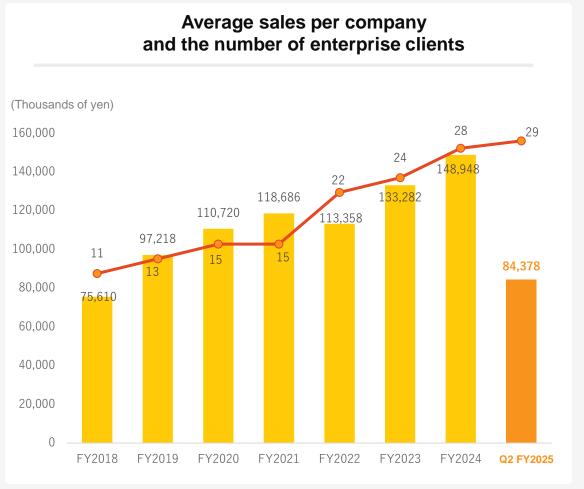


Highlights of Non-Consolidated Financial Results

Sales to Enterprise Clients

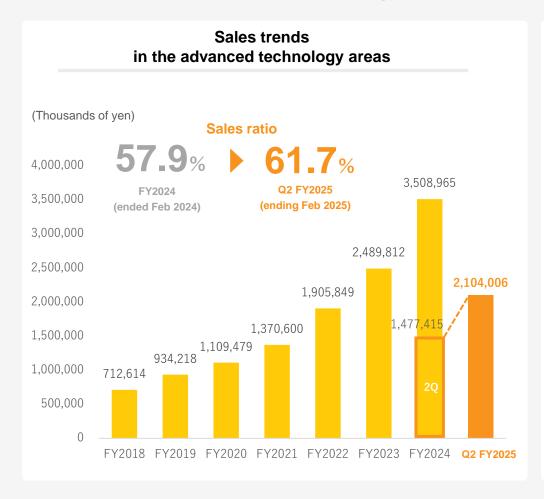
- ✓ Both combined sales and average sales grew strongly, as selective order receptions to prioritize projects for more promising enterprise clients were smoothly conducted.
- √ Focus on increasing average sales per company and total sales percentage.





Sales in Advanced Technology Areas

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



^{*}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.

ex	Advanced technology a pected to have high growth		
Forecaste	CAGR of the market	Our sales ratio *6	
Wireless (global market)	US\$130.6 billion	15 %	17% Op
Load balancer (global market)	us\$ 8.9 billion	13%	22% Jp
Network virtualization (domestic market)	Approx. ¥50 billion (2026) *3	3%	10% Jp
Cloud (domestic market)	¥ 4.3 trillion (2026)**4	21 %	26% Jp
Security (Domestic market: software, appliances)	¥ 531.7 billion	4 %	18% ^{2p}

^{*1} Source: "Global Wireless Connectivity Market" by BCC Research (provided by Global Information, Inc. as agent)

^{*2} 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)

^{*3} Source: Press release by IDC Japan, "Announcement of Domestic Network Virtualization/Automation Market and NFV Market Forecasts" (May 11, 2022)

^{*4} Source: Press release by IDC Japan, "Announcement of Domestic Public Cloud Service Market Forecast" (September 15, 2022)

^{*5} Source: Press release by IDC Japan, "Announcement of Latest Domestic Information Security Market Forecasts" (May 26, 2022)

^{*6} The changes in "our sales ratio" (indicated by arrows) show comparison with FY2024 results and include overlapping sales in two or more areas.

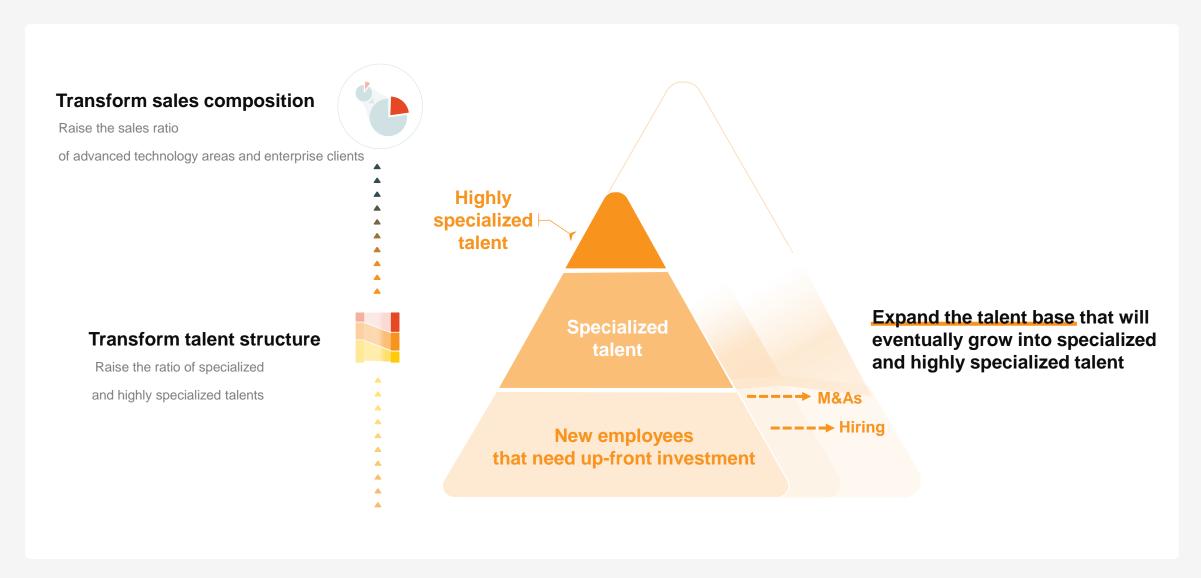
Development of Specialized and Highly Specialized Talent

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

	Specialized talent	Highly specialized talent
FY2021 (ended Feb 2021)	122	97
FY2022 (ended Feb 2022)	174	109
FY2023 (ended Feb 2023)	247	135
FY2024 (ended Feb 2024)	334	165
Q2 FY2025 (ending Feb 2025)	399	213

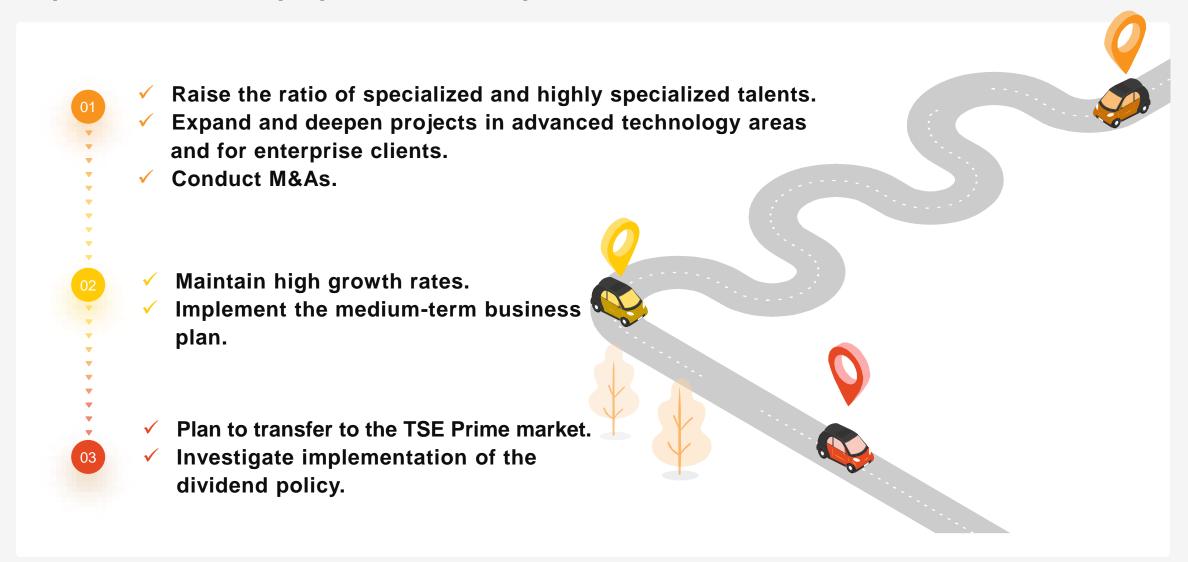
Illustrative Drawing of our Strategy

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.



Appendix

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

Trends in net sales and operating profit of subsidiaries (Total of ZOSTEC Inc. and ALJOY Inc.)

At the time of acquisition (full-year)

Net sales

613,703 thousand yen

1,339,199 thousand yen

806,259 thousand yen

Operating profit

-2,136 thousand yen

135,273 thousand yen

106,939 thousand yen

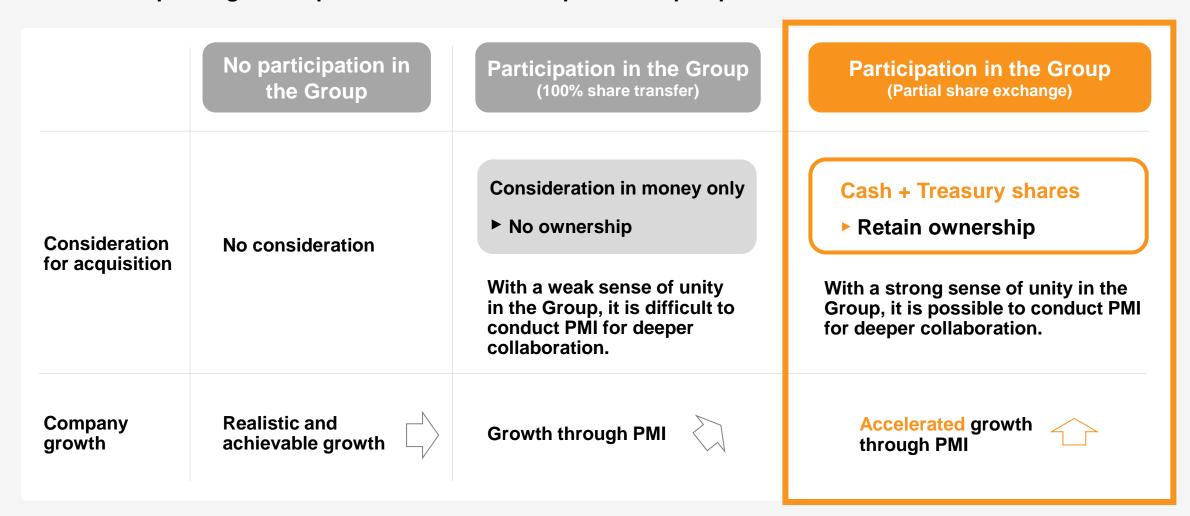


Post-merger integration (PMI) is sufficiently conducted even now, but we will achieve more effective PMI by using the following method.

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



Number of shares to be 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 shares to be delivered

227,312

√ Share-based compensation

Regularly grant share-based compensation to employees



✓ Call options from major shareholders Employees purchases call options



Number of eligible allottees of the share

327

(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)

^{*} Includes unexercised stock options and call options; does not take into account sales after exercise.

^{*} Call options are traded relative to major shareholders. And are different from share-based compensation plans implemented by the Company itself.

^{* 1.67%} residual potential shares from share acquisition rights; 231,200 call options from major shareholders.

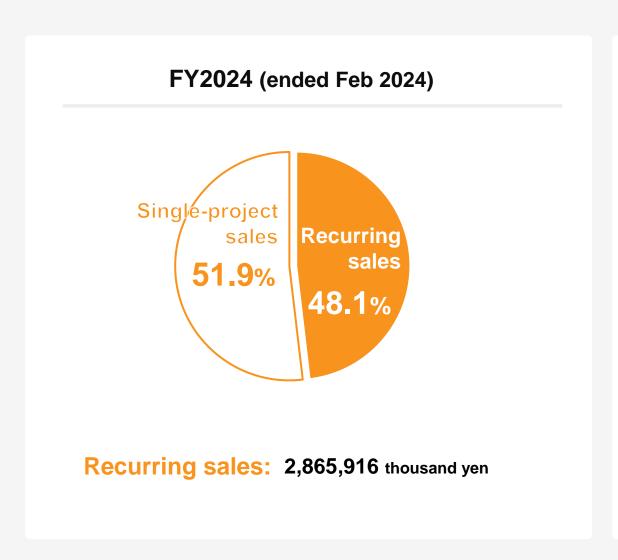
Trends in Financial Results

	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
(Thousands of yen)	10th period	11th period	12th period	13th period	14th period	15th period	16th period	17th period
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
Operating profit	131,471	230,012	274,696	409,339	509,439	679,536	975,404	1,567,382
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
Operating profit margin	8.1%	11.0%	12.1%	15.5%	16.5%	17.3%	18.6%	21.4%
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%
Operating profit growth rate (%)	-	75.0%	19.4%	49.0%	24.5%	33.4%	43.5%	60.7%

*Profit attributable to owners of parent

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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