Lancers

Financial Results for the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2022

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Highlights

1Q results for FY ending March 2022

- Progressing to realize our 3-year goals and management policy for this term
- Company-wide GMV, sales, and gross profit all grew, GMV was YoY +21%, and operating income excluding investments ended with 63 million JPY
 - GMV 2,495 million JPY (+21% YoY)
 - Operating income: \triangle 41 million JPY (operating income excluding investments +63million JPY) (Previous \triangle 16million JPY)

Status by segment for FY ending
March 2022

- GMV of Marketplace business is favourable with +36% YoY in 1Q
 - GMV of new clients in marketplace business +29%, and GMV of existing clients also grew by 37%
 - In the managed service business, personnel relocation is in progress for the withdrawal of some (contracted) businesses
 - In the tech agent business, we will strengthen the organizational structure and change measures for recovery

Focused investment status in Marketplace business

- Steady progress in both product investments and marketing investments
 - Product investments are steadily adjusted by external utilization (utilization of freelancers)
- Marketing investments are proceeding as planned, centred on WEB advertising, and initiatives including alliances are expanding



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Company profile

Our Mission

Empowerment of Individuals

Our Vision

We will create a world where anyone can live their own workstyle, with the power of technology Company name

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Business contents

Platform business

Founder and CEO

Yosuke Akiyoshi

Establishment

April, 2008

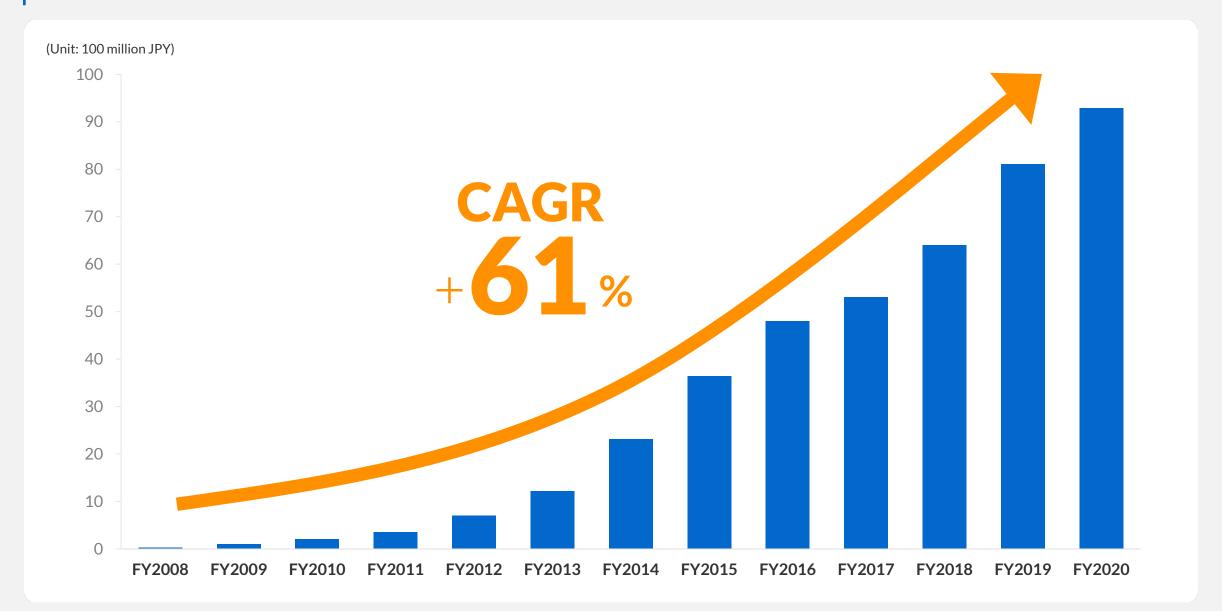
Staff

Approx. 200 employees

*) Employees include full-time employees (excluding those who are seconded to outside the Group, but including those seconded to the company within the Group) and temporary workers(part-time workers).



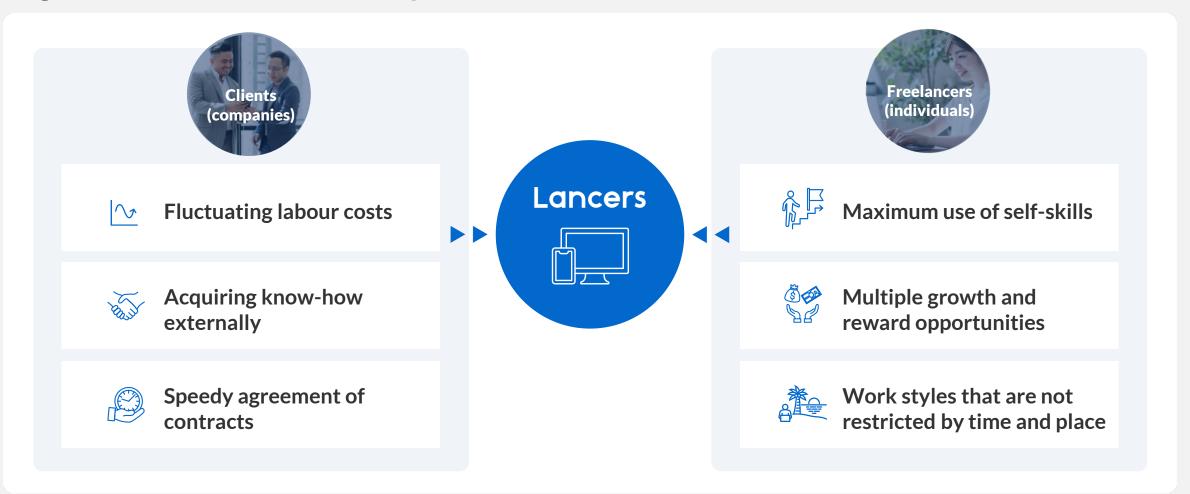
Changes in Lancers' Gross Merchandise Value





Service Overview

We operate an ordering platform that matches individuals and companies, which is completed online, and provide excellent human resources to companies and new work styles to individuals regardless of time and where they live.





Business Models / Features

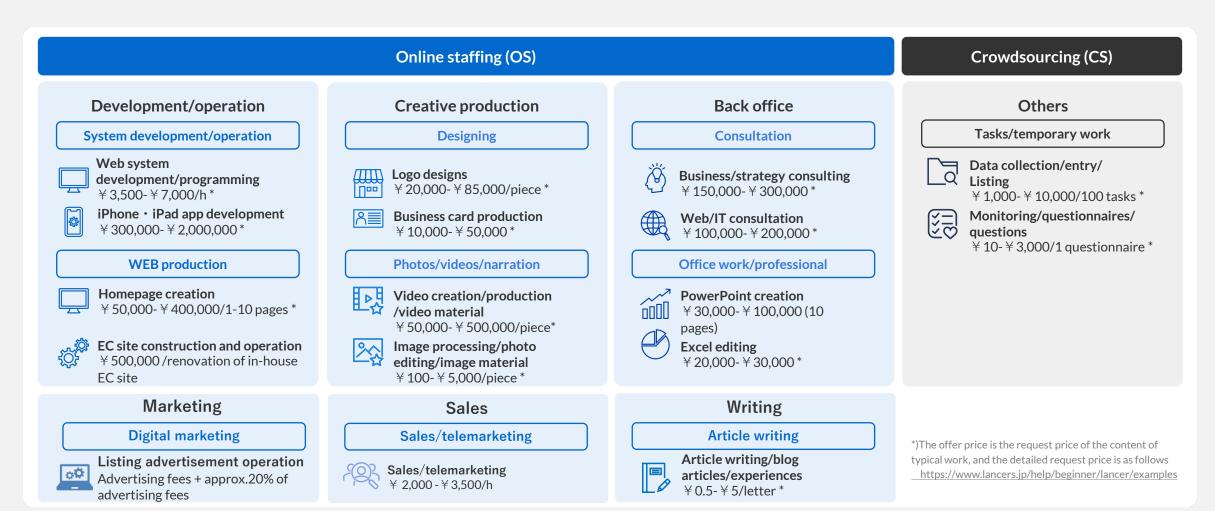
Online staffing* (OS) that provides a job offer to specific individual is our main feature, which contributes 90% of Gross Merchandise Value. It puts us on a unique position in Japan.

*)Online staffing (OS) is an abbreviation for online staffing platform. Online Staffing (OS) Crowdsourcing (CS) Request for work Job recruitment A job offer to a specific Job recruitment after selecting a (offer) freelancer (offer) (order) request destination (order) Selling of Choose **Business models** Inspection Start deliverables among The deliverables the project 0000 0000 Freelancers (unspecified number) Freelander (specific) Clients or our company Clients **Examples of jobs** Development, designs, office work Tasks, data entry Unit price Approx. x 4 High unit price Low unit price **GMV** ratio* 90% 10% *) Percentage of our group's GMV.



Service Contents

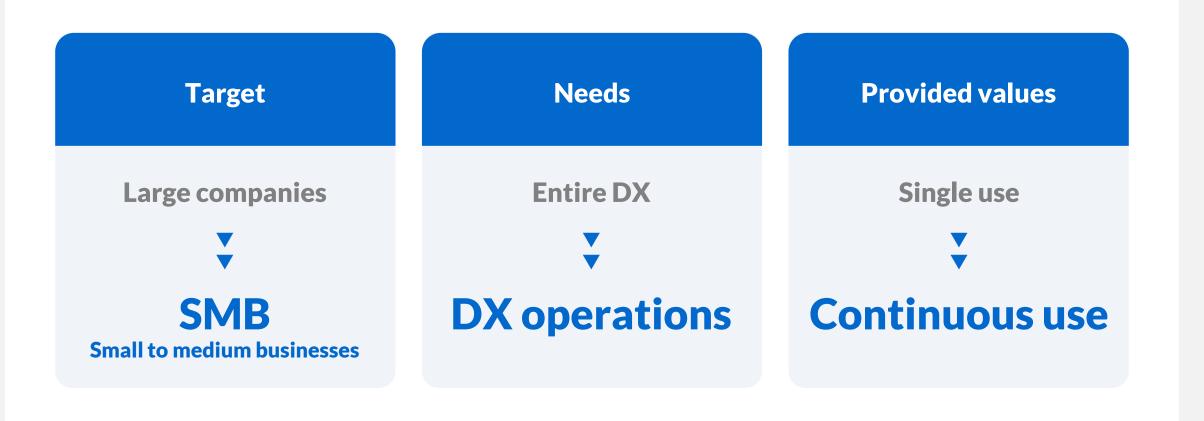
A number of jobs that contribute to DX promotion and productivity improvement, mainly in development and operations.





Service Target and Value Provided

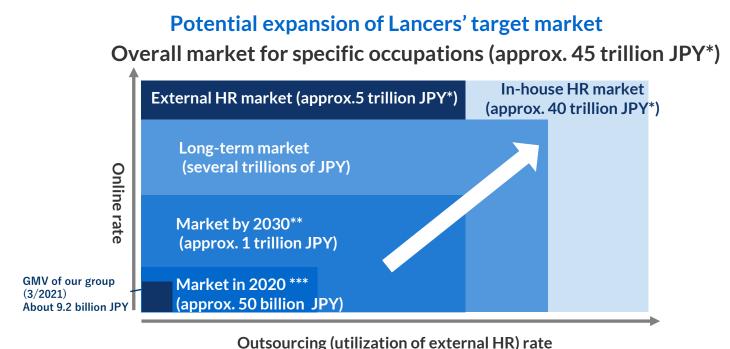
Market changes have expanded SMB DX operational needs and we updated strategic priorities.





Market Potential for Lancers

With the spread of online work and utilization of external human resources, the target market for specific occupations is expanding and the market potential of approx. 1 trillion JPY is expected around 2030.







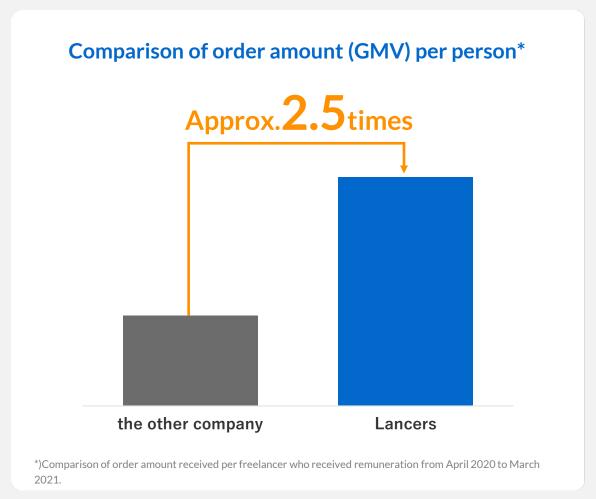
^{*)} We calculated the external HR utilization rate and the target HR market and estimated the market size based on materials such as 2015 National Census, 2016 Economic Census, Specified Service Industry Dynamic Statistics Survey August 2020, Reiwa 1st Annual Wage Structure Basic Statistics Survey, Yano Research Institute "2020-2021 BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) Market" Actual conditions and prospects", Industry Trends SEARCH.COM, Career Change Service doda" Average Annual Income Ranking by Job Type 2019".

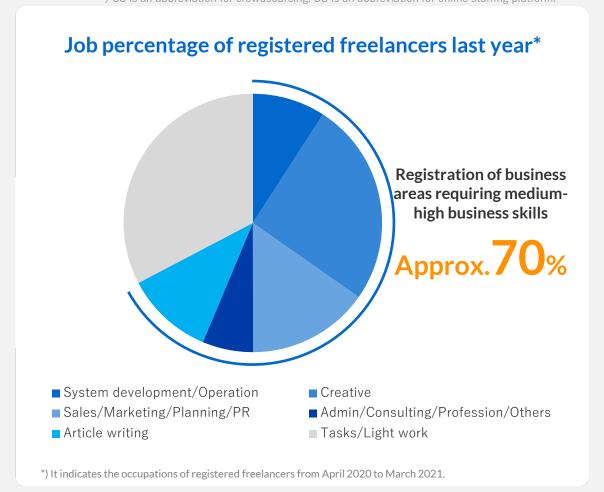
^{**)}The online rate of specific occupations (weighted average online rate of 31%) is estimated from the "Freelance Survey 2020" conducted by our group in February 2020 and the "Freelance Survey 2021" conducted in February 2021, calculating the market size from the above data. We estimate that the figures will reach around 2030 from the growth rate of other companies in the same industry (average 30-40%).

^{***)} It is estimated from GMV disclosed by other companies in the same industry.

Competitive Advantages: Order Amount Per Freelancer (GMV)

The amount of orders received per person (GMV) is about 2.5 times higher than that of the other company in the industry, mainly in the CS* field. Since the OS* domain is the mainstay of the company, about 70% of registered lancers are in business domains that require medium to high skills.

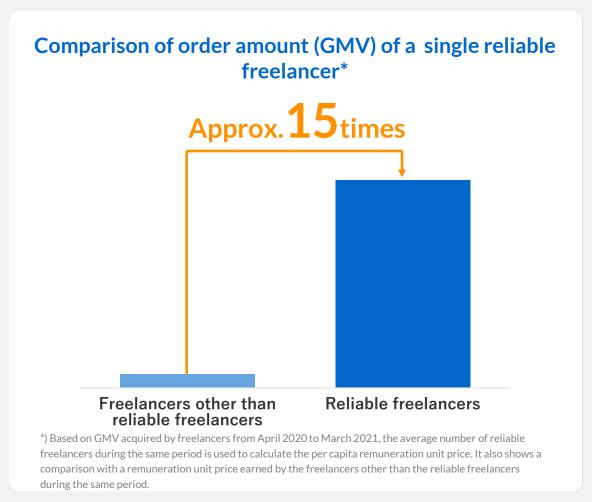


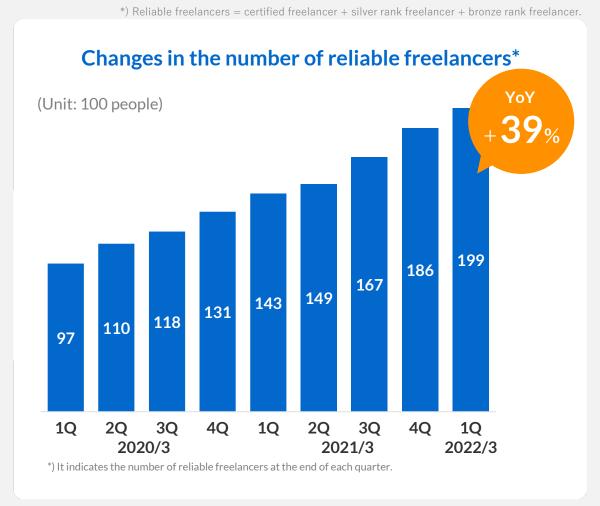




Competitive Advantages: Core Reliable Freelancers

Our group is supported by reliable freelancers*, and the order amount (GMV) per person is about 15 times larger than that of a regular freelancer. The number of reliable freelancers continues to grow, and they have been a source of competitiveness.







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Goals and Management Policy for 3 Years (Ending March 2024)

In this term, we will concentrate on investing in Marketplace business and strengthen the foundation for realizing our goals for the next 3 years.

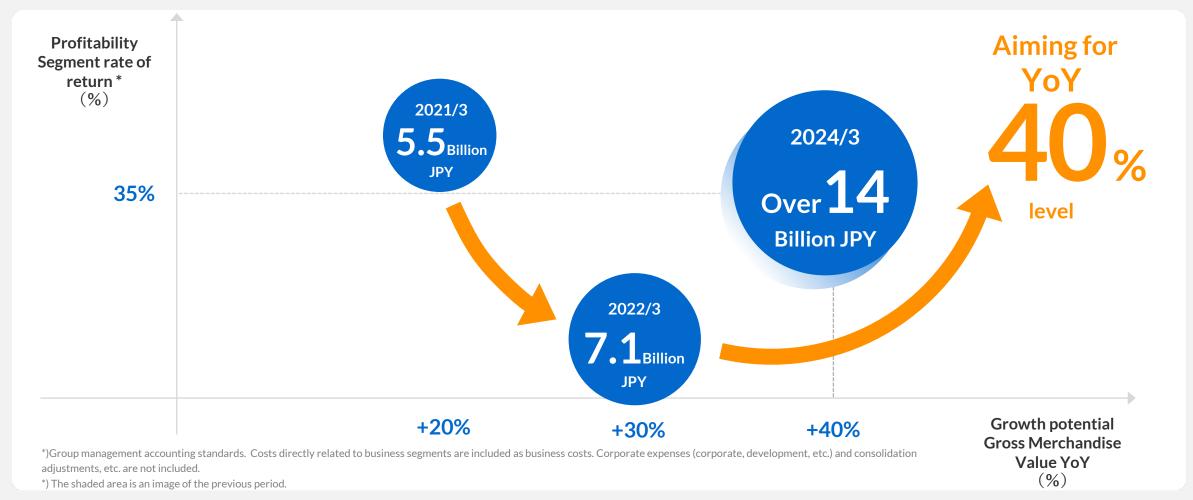
Concentrate investment in marketplace business.
Aiming for a 40% growth rate in GMV in 3 years.

Total company-wide GMV CAGR +30% in 3 years to over 20 billion JPY. Gross profit to expand to 4 billion JPY scale.

Establishing a platform for high growth and high profitability. Return to profitability within three years and enter the profit expansion phase while continuing to invest.

Prediction of Marketplace Business Growth Target (GMV)

While the profit margin of the marketplace business is expected to decline in the current fiscal year due to concentrated investment, we will aim for a YoY growth rate of 40% and a profit margin of 35% in 3 years.





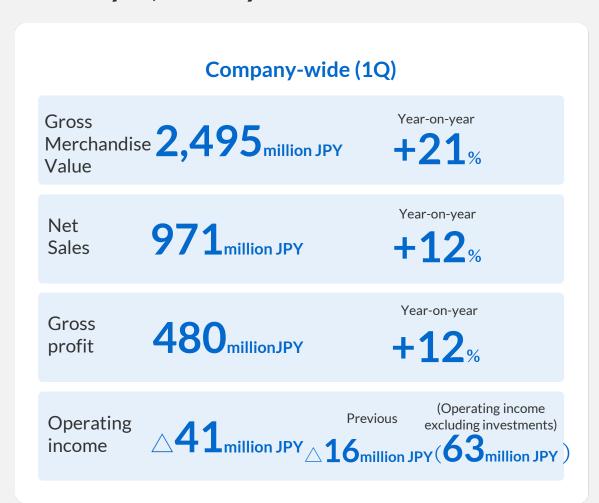
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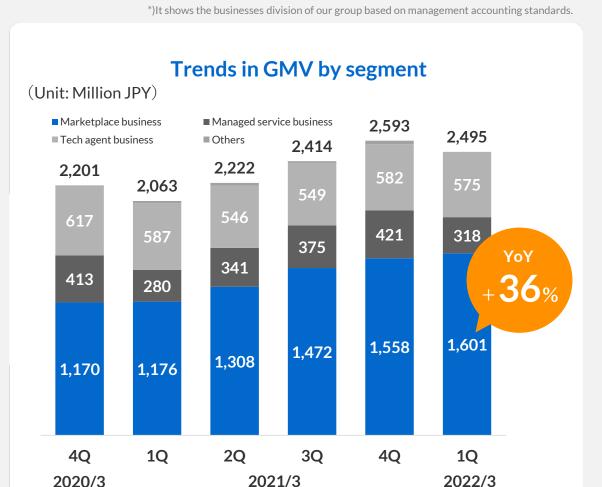


Performance Summary

Company-wide, GMV, sales, and gross profit all grew, with GMV up 21% YoY.

Operating income, excluding approximately 100 million yen in concentrated investments, was 63 million yen, a steady increase

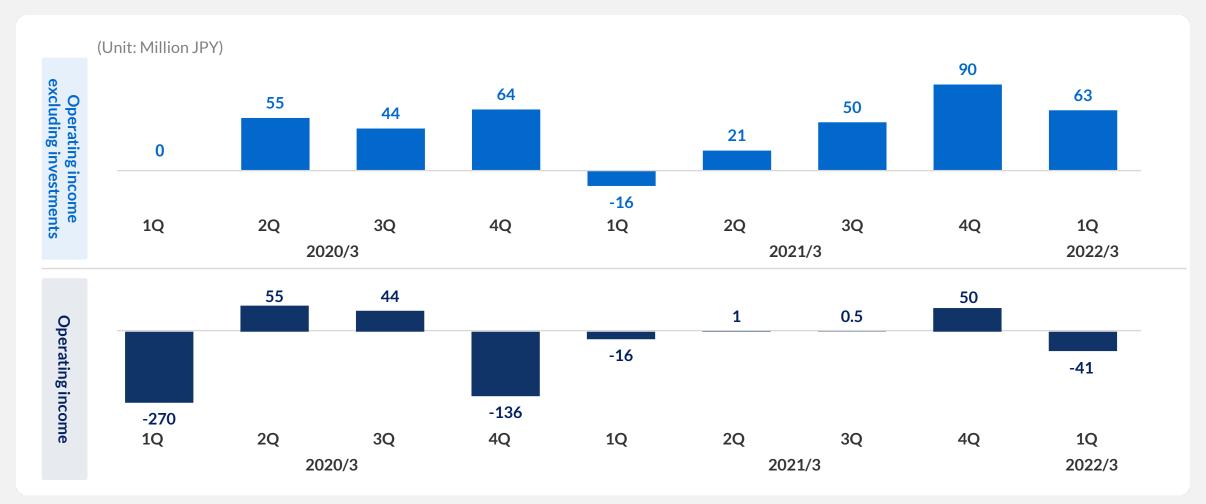






Quarterly Trends in Operating Income and Operating Profit Excluding Investments (Consolidated)

In the current fiscal year, we will start investing intensively in Marketplace business. We will become profitable if we exclude the investments.





Financial Results in 1Q of FY2021 (Consolidated)

Intensive investments in Marketplace business generally progressed as planned. Considering seasonality, all items progressed as planned.

	FY2021 1Q	FY2020 1Q (Previous)		FY2021 (Forecast)	
(Unit: Million JPY)	Actual	Actual	% change	Forecast	% Achievement
Gross Merchandise Value*	2,495	2,063	+21.0%	10,691	23.3%
Net sales	971	867	+12.0%	3,902	24.9%
Gross profit	480	428	+12.2%	2,078	23.1%
Selling,general and administrative expenses(SG&A)	521	444	+17.4%	2,448	21.3%
Operating income /loss	△41	△16	△25	△370	-
Ordinary income /loss	△40	△11	△28	△363	-
Net income /loss	△106	1	△108	△452	-

^{*)} It is based on in-house management materials and is not an audited number.



Status of Balance Sheet (Consolidated))

Cash-on-hand* is at a high level, the equity ratio is 54%, and the financial base is solid. We have secured an overdraft facility* of 700 million JPY and will consider increasing our borrowing capacity from August.

	FY2021 1Q	FY2020 (Previous)	
(Unit: Million JPY)	Actual	Actual	change
Current assets	2,603	2,845	△242
Cash and deposits*	1,926	2,037	△111
Non-current assets	622	587	+34
Goodwill	414	427	△12
Total assets	3,226	3,433	△207
Current liabilities	1,487	1,592	△105
Customer deposits	790	800	△9
Non-current liabilities	2	4	△2
Net assets	1,736	1,837	△100
Total liabilities/net assets	3,226	3,433	△207

^{*) 1,136} million JPY of Net Cash as of the end of June 2021= cash and deposits 1,926 million JPY - debt 0 million JPY - customer deposits 790 million JPY. The total amount of uncommitted overdrafts is 710 million JPY as of the end of June 2021.



Summary by Segment*

Marketplace business performed well, up 36% year-on-year. Steady progress in all segments while improving the content of measures for the 3-year Plan

*) It indicates the business divisions of our group based on management accounting standards.

Status by segment (1Q)

Concentrated investments

Marketplace business

Gross Merchandise Value

1,601 million JPY

Year-on-year

+36%

- Strengthen measures to re-expand new clients
- Focus on short-term continuation rate of existing clients

Withdrawal of some businesses (contract)

Managed service business

Gross Merchandise Value

318_{million JPY}

Year-on-year

+14%

- On a growth trend due to the recovery of market conditions
- Planning launches of new plans, etc.

Tech agent business

Gross Merchandise Value

575_{million JPY}

Year-on-year

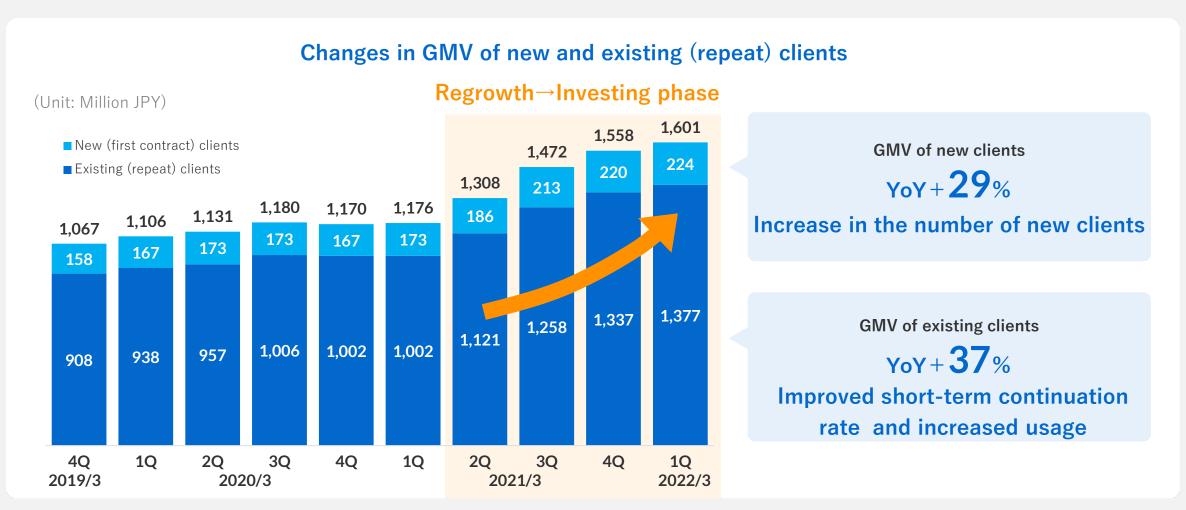
△**2**%

- Acquiring new contract clients continues to be difficult
- The number of projects, which is the leading KPI for the number of contracts concluded, is on a recovery trend



Structural Changes in the Marketplace Business

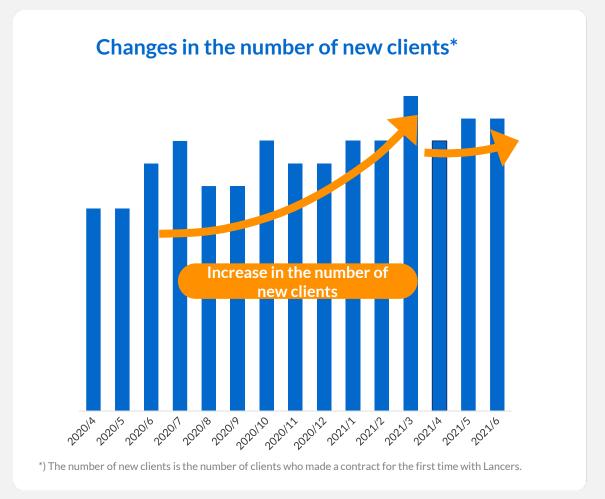
GMV of new and existing clients is steadily increasing.

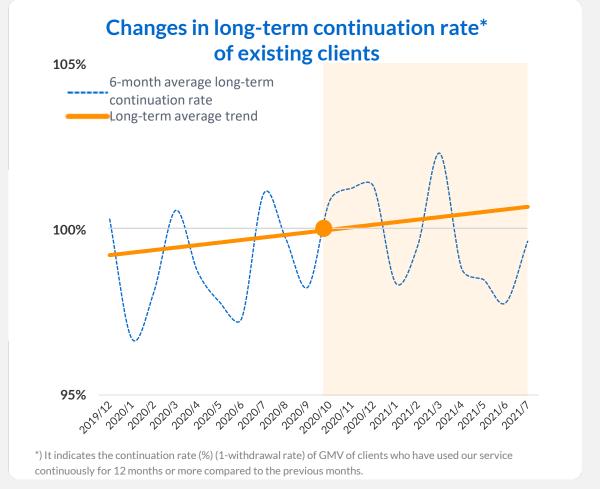


Marketplace Business

While the number of new clients is increasing, it is slower than initially expected and measures are being strengthened. The long-term continuation rate of existing clients has been around 100%, and we will focus on the short-term continuation rate* in this term.

*) The short-term continuation rate indicates the 6-month residual rate.





Investment Progress of Marketplace Business

As for intensive investments in 1Q, both product and marketing investments are progressing well. Aiming to achieve the forecasted segment profit of 200 million JPY for this fiscal year and approximately 800 million JPY in segment profit in 3 years.

Status of each investment

Status of product investment*

- Delay in hiring, but adjustments including external HR utilization (utilization of freelancers) is going well
- Aiming to accelerate development and front-load service release

Status of marketing investment*

- Targeted marketing centered on web advertising proceeds as planned
- Strengthen marketing linked to alliance and products

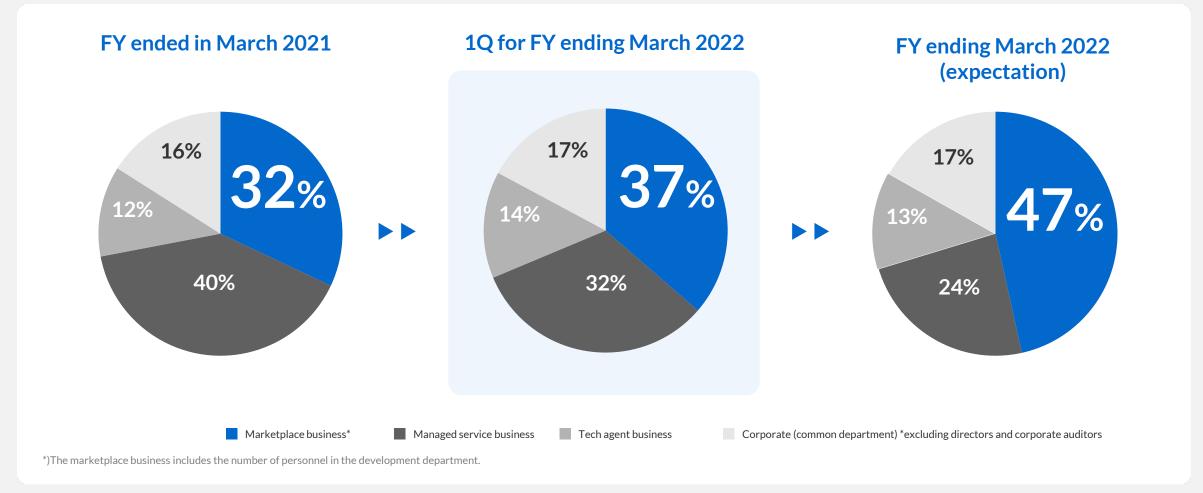
Investment progress of marketplace business (10 results/annual plan) Recruitment and personnel Labour distribution centred on costs engineers 190 million JPY Strengthening and variabilization of Outsourcing costs engineers and marketing 170 million JPY personnel Accelerating new Advertising costs client acquisition 80 million JPY Temporary costs such as **Others** hiring 90 million JPY



^{*)} Product investment includes labour costs, outsourcing costs, etc., and marketing investment includes outsourcing costs and advertising costs.

Personnel Composition (Consolidated)

In the Marketplace business, new hiring and internal transfers were strengthened, especially for engineers. Reallocate personnel resources to growth businesses as planned.





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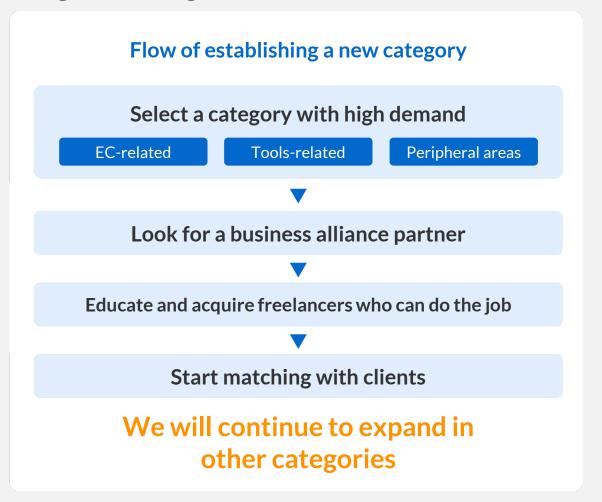


Efforts to Acquire New Clients 1/3

We will ramp up efforts with Shopify and rapidly increase the number of contracts related to EC such as Shopify.

We will also continue to increase GMV by establishing new categories with demand.

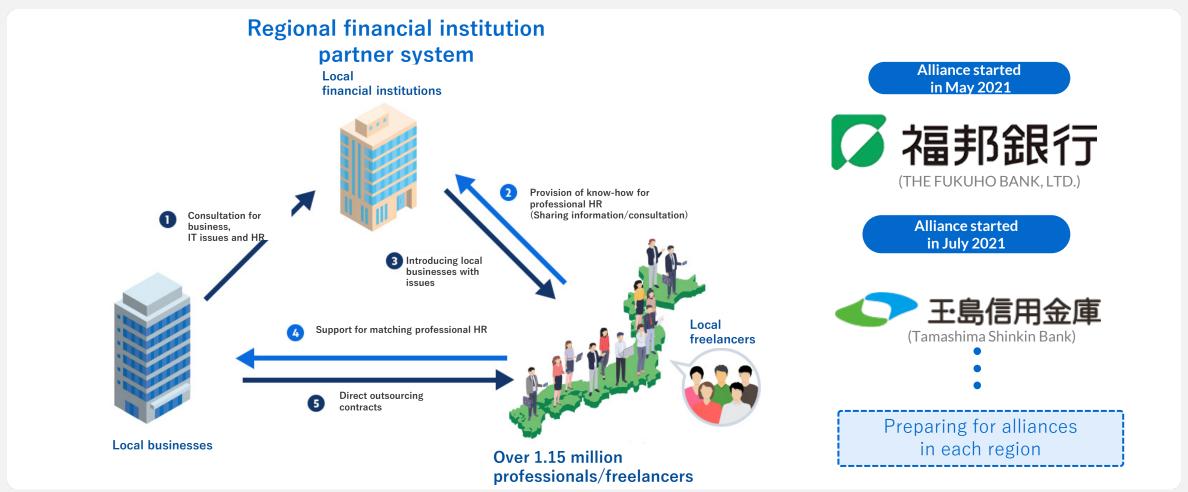






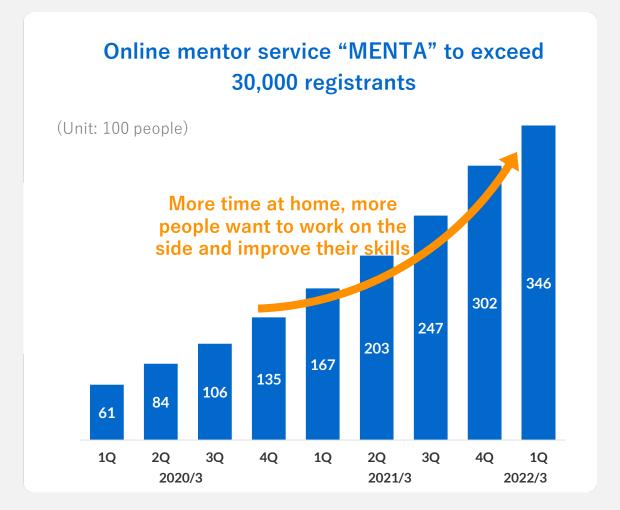
Efforts to Acquire New Clients 2/3

Collaborating with regional financial institutions to help local SMEs solve issues concerning human resource shortages when promoting DX. In the future, we will expand this initiative nationwide and concentrate on attracting clients for future GMV expansion.



Individuals who have acquired skills through MENTA get jobs on Lancers. We have established a mechanism to keep increasing the number of skilled individuals.

A system that keeps increasing the number of skilled individuals Acquiring job opportunities by improving their skills MENTA Lancers **Mentoring** Performance Matching "people who want to Matching "people who want to teach" with "people who want order" with "people who want to receive orders" to learn" **Opportunities for earning** remuneration as a mentor **Continuous learning** Mentors for the future





Strategies for Medium-to Long-Term Realization and Future Development



Increasing profits by restructuring peripheral businesses

- · Increasing profits by regrowth of tech agent business
- Stabilizing profits by restructuring the managed service business

Business expansion by building an ecosystem for individuals

- · Provide new compensation opportunities that are not limited to existing work areas
- Expand the value of services provided to lancers and individuals, such as education

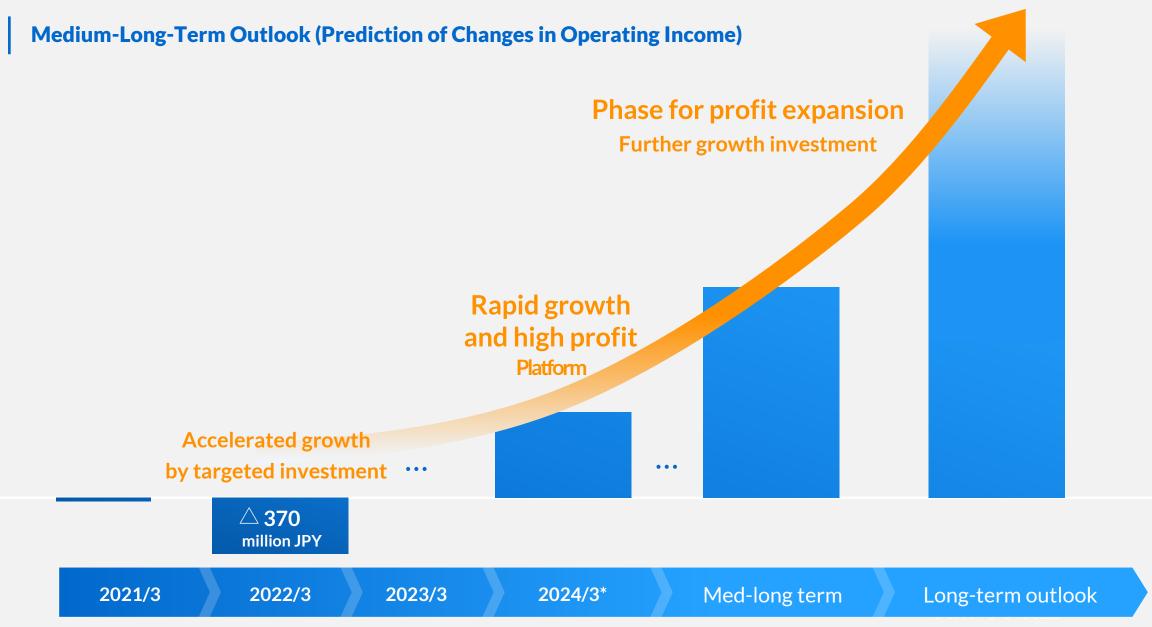
Expand client LTV through platform evolution

- Diversifying product matching mechanisms
- · Promoting continuous usage by strengthening customer success

Attracting new clients by expanding categories

- · Subdividing existing categories based on market needs
- · Launch and expansion of new categories with high market needs





^{*)} While continuing to invest, we plan to return to profitability and increase profits within three years. However, if temporary expenses are incurred for medium- to long-term growth and operating income does not increase beyond the previous fiscal year, investments will be made after dialogue with the market.













Empowerment of Individuals

Lancers empowers individuals by maximizing the possibilities of the internet to help provide ease, freedom, personality and smiles people.

We contribute to make a better society through providing values and growth opportunities, and by revolutionizing the work-style and lifestyle of individuals.













APPENDIX



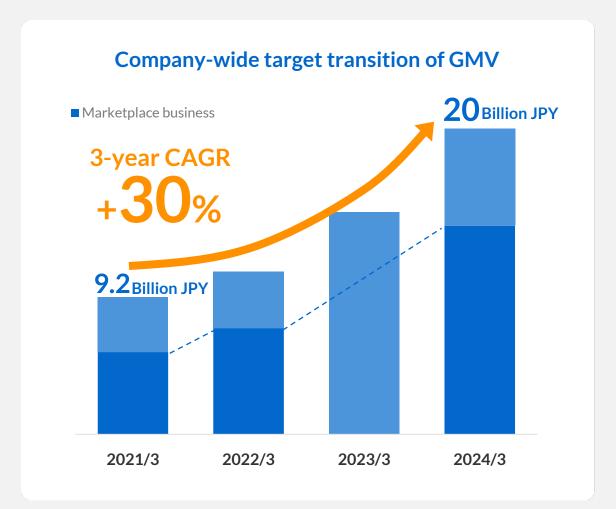
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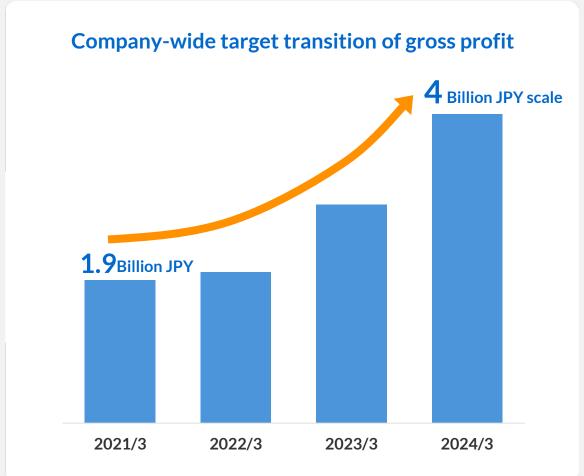
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3-year goals

Aiming for GMV of CAGR +30% for 3 years, more than 20 billion JPY in 2024/3, and gross profit of 4 billion JPY.







Policy for Each Business for FY Ending March 2022

This is the year to invest intensively in the marketplace business and create a foundation for growth of over 30% in GMV. In line with our policy of prioritizing profitability and growth, we plan to withdraw from the outsourced managed services business this fiscal year.

Marketplace business

Concentrated investment

500M JPY investment Growth by 30% YoY

Managed service business

Withdraw from contract*

Expansion of flat-rate services

Tech agent business

Re-growth

Recovery to pre-COVID growth trend

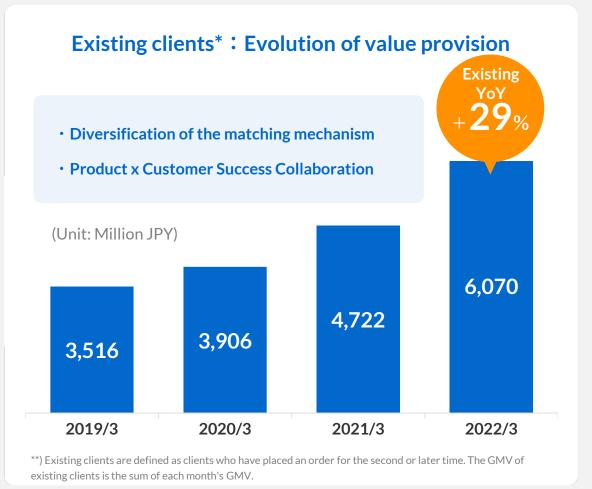
*)The fiscal year ending March 2022 is a transition period toward withdrawal, and sales from the contract business will also be recorded.



Marketplace Business Policy

Expand categories and diversify matching in order to increase GMV for new and existing clients.







Full-year Earnings Forecast for FY Ending March 2022

Investment in the fiscal year ending March 2022 to accelerate growth over the medium-long term, and increase in revenue year-on-year.

(Unit: Million JPY)	FY2020 (Previous)	FY2021 (Forecast for this fiscal year)	YoY
Gross Merchandise Value*	9,294	10,691	+15.0%
Net sales	3,868	3,902	+0.9%
Gross profit	1,925	2,078	+7.9%
Selling,general and administrative expenses(SG&A)	1,889	2,448	+ 29.6%
Operating income /loss	36	△370	_
Ordinary income /loss	48	△363	_
 Net income /loss	37	△452	_

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Full-year Earnings Forecast by FY Ending March 2022 by Segment*

Marketplace business continues to grow by more than +30%. The other two businesses are aiming for a change in business policy and renewed growth.

*) It shows the business division of our group based on management accounting standards.

FY2021(FY Ending March 2022) (Forecast for this fiscal year)

			*					
(Unit: Million JPY)	Gross Merchandise Value (YoY)	Net Sales (YoY)	Gross profit (YoY)	Take rate (YoY)	Operating/ Segment profit	Operating margin		
Marketplace business	7,143 +29.5%	1,328 + 29.9%	1,328 +29.9%	18.6% +0.1pt	221	16.6%		
Managed service business	1,020 △28.1%	927 △28.2%	395 △23.4%	38.7% +2.4pt	28	3.0%		
Tech agent business	2,528 +11.5%	1,655 +13.3%	363 +8.2%	14.4% △0.4pt	67	4.0%		
Others*	0	△8	△8	-	△686	-		
Company-wide total	10,691 +15.0%	3,902 +0.9%	2,078 +7.9%	19.4% △1.3pt	△370	-		

^{*)} It includes other Gross Merchandise Value amount, sales, gross profit, company-wide expenses (corporate/development, etc), consolidated adjustments, etc in our management accounting standards. Expenses directly linked to business segments are not included because they are considered as business expenses.



Financial Results by Segment* in 1Q of FY 2021

Growth in Marketplace business expanded as planned, leading the entire company. Despite the negative impact of COVID-19, company-wide GMV, sales, and gross profit progressed steadily as expected.

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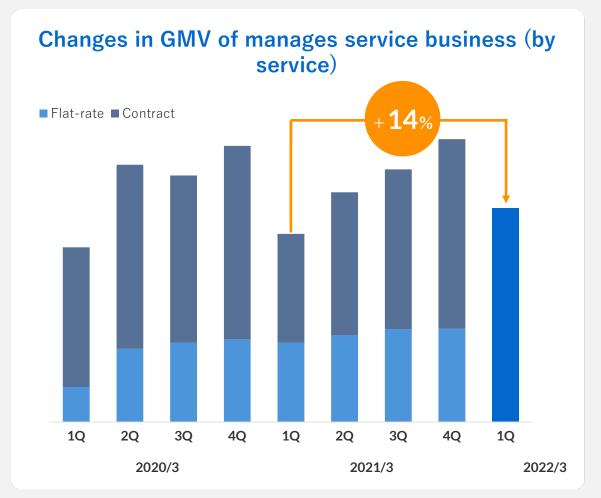
	FY2021 (Forecast)							
(Unit: Million JPY)	Gross Merchandise Value (YoY)	Net sales (YoY)	Gross profit (YoY)	Sales/ segment profit	Operating margin	Gross Merchandise Value progress rate	Net sales progress rate	Gross profit progress rate
Marketplace business	1,601 +36.1%	309 +40.0%	297 +34.9%	98	31.9%	22.4%	23.3%	22.4%
Managed service business	318 +13.5%	289 +13.5%	102 △3.9%	△0.3	-	31.2%	31.2%	25.8%
Tech agent business	575 △2.0%	375 +0.8%	83 △6.7%	16	4.4%	22.8%	22.7%	22.9%
Others*	0	△1	△1	△156	-	-	-	-
Total *\It includes other Gross Merchandise Value	2,495 +21.0%	971 +12.0%	480 +12.2%	△41	-	23.3%	24.9%	23.1%

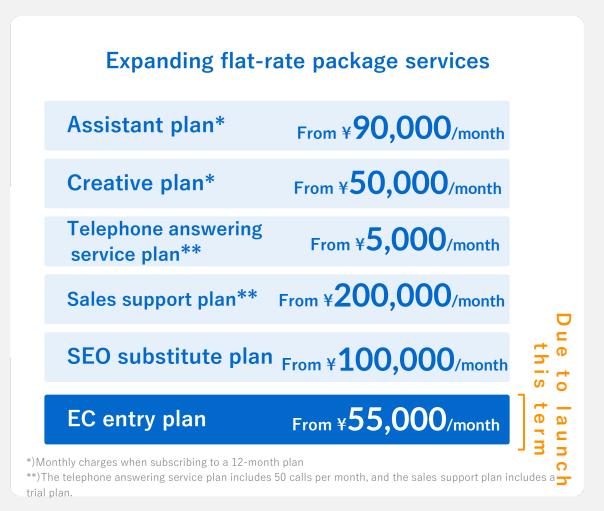
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Managed Service Business

The market is on a growth trend due to the recovery of business conditions. We are preparing to launch new plans, etc.

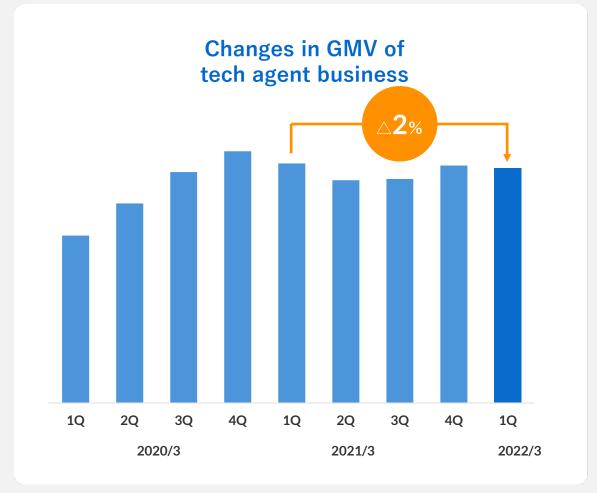


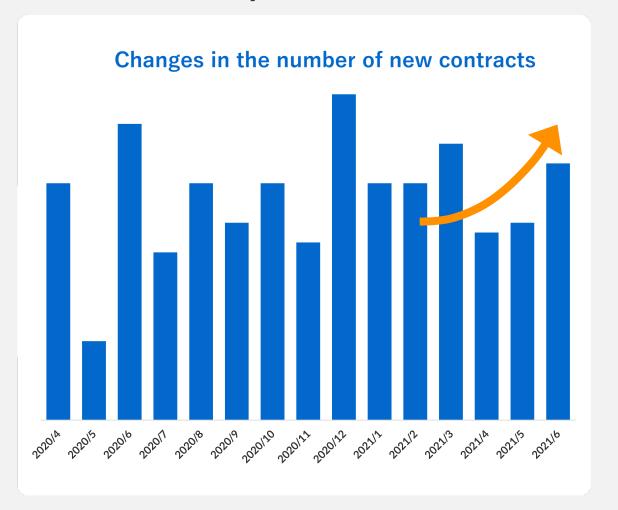




Tech Agent Business

As the number of new contracts has been sluggish, we continued to struggle, down by 2% from the previous year. However, the number of projects from clients, which is a leading KPI for the increase in the number of contracts, is on the rise and is on a recovery trend.







Performance Trends by Segment*

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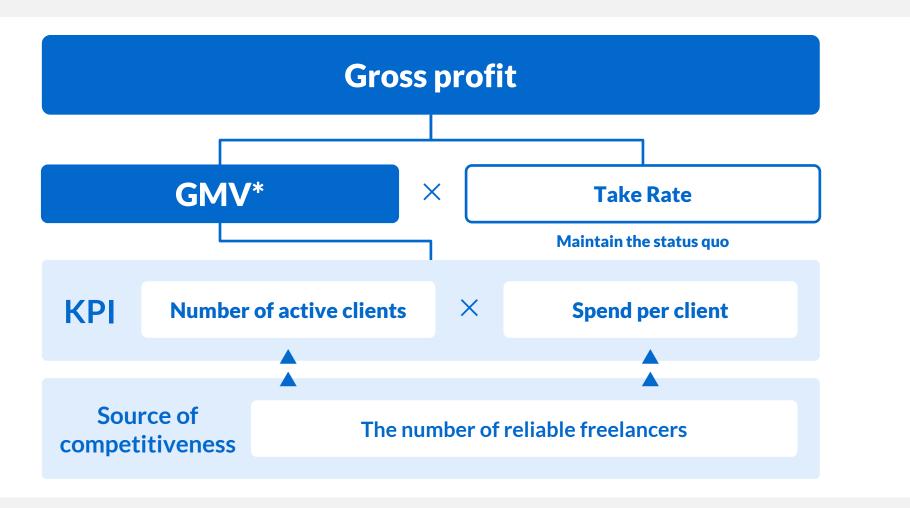
			FY20	18			FY20)19			FY2	020		FY202
	(Unit: Million JPY)	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q
Gross	Marketplace business	960	1,000	1,070	1,067	1,106	1,131	1,180	1,170	1,176	1,308	1,472	1,558	1,601
Merchandise Value	Managed service business	290	271	264	308	260	389	370	413	280	341	375	421	318
value	Tech agent business	213	293	327	384	410	489	566	617	587	546	549	582	575
	Others*	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	18	25	16	31	0
Net sales	Marketplace business	201	199	212	216	213	222	224	223	220	242	269	289	309
	Managed service business	241	251	246	285	240	361	336	375	254	310	341	382	289
	Tech agent business	94	122	147	186	203	273	318	378	372	351	359	378	375
	Others*	38	15	9	51	10	21	16	54	19	26	18	31	-1
Gross profit	Marketplace business	201	199	212	216	213	222	224	223	220	242	269	288	297
	Managed service business	74	87	78	104	89	142	140	155	106	129	129	150	102
	Tech agent business	52	60	53	59	63	76	85	89	89	78	82	86	83
	Others*	28	15	8	34	10	14	13	29	12	14	8	17	-1
Profit by segment	Marketplace business	58	58	72	63	-186	107	102	-34	104	111	143	154	98
	Managed service business	8	41	32	47	23	60	51	13	-10	13	3	19	-0
	Tech agent business	-24	-21	-16	-22	-4	7	16	18	21	13	13	24	16
	Others*	-92	-130	-152	-125	-102	-120	-126	-134	-131	-136	-159	-147	-156

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Sources of KPI and Competitiveness

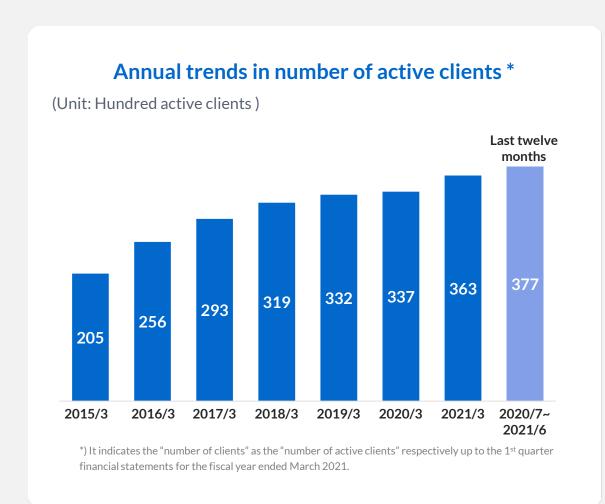
Emphasizing expansion of Gross Merchandise Value and Gross profit representing our added value.

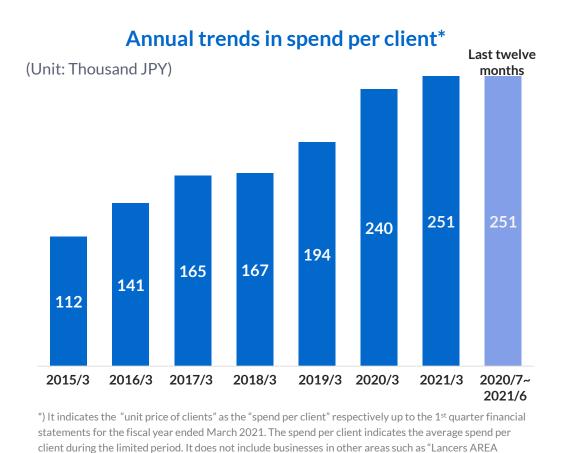




Changes in the Number of Client Companies and Usage Amount (Annual)

The number of client companies grew and unit prices remained steady through DX support for SMB.



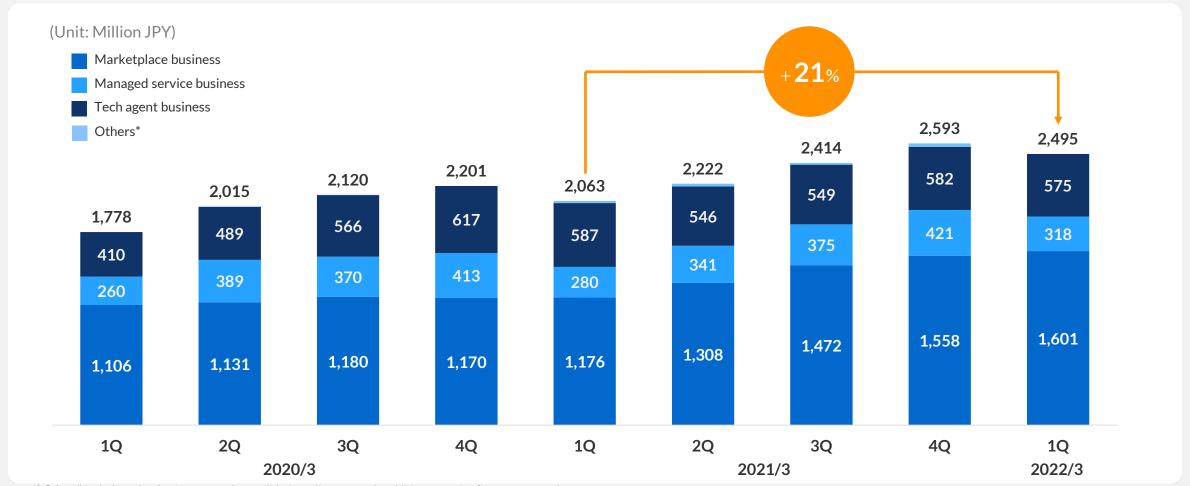


PARTNER", "Sharefull" and "MENTA".



Trend in Merchandise Value (Consolidated)

The marketplace business is particularly strong, increasing by 21% year-on-year.

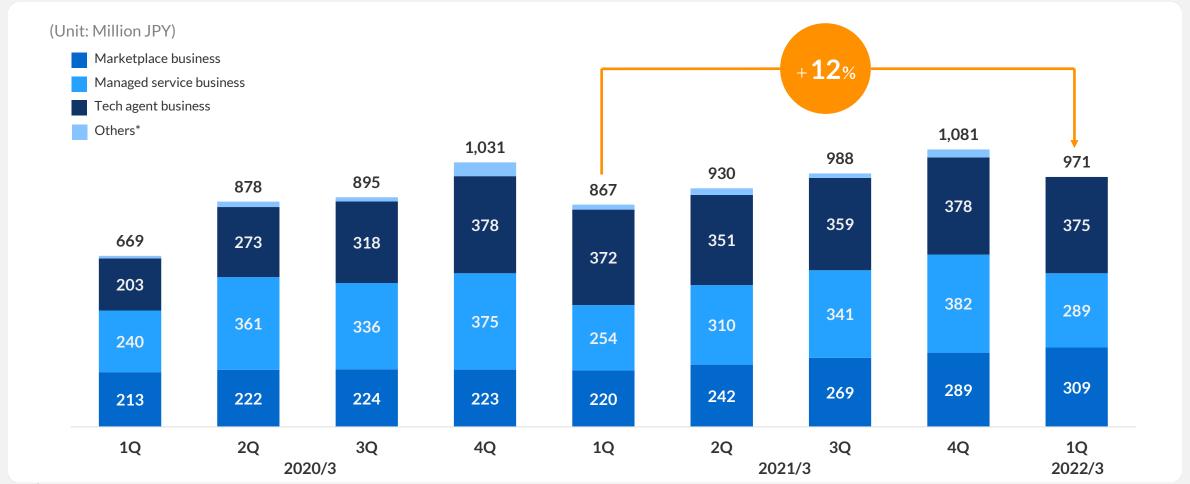


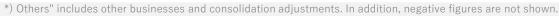
*) Others" includes other businesses and consolidation adjustments. In addition, negative figures are not shown.



Trend in Net sales (Consolidated)

Sales increased by 12% year-on-year.

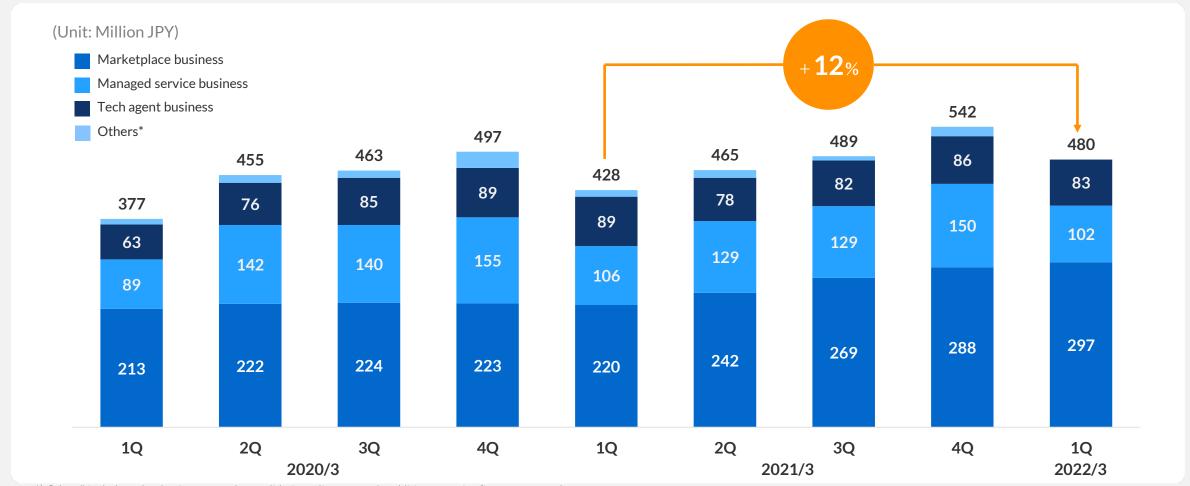


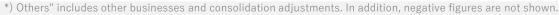




Trend in Gross profit (Consolidated)

Gross profit increased by 12% year-on-year due to changes in service structure.

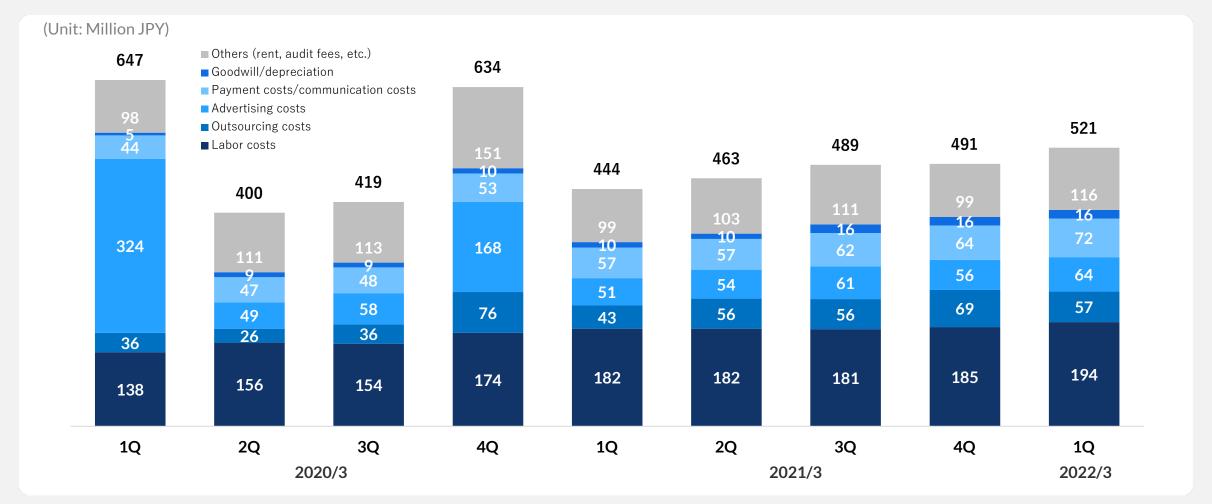






Trend in SG & A Expenses (Consolidated)

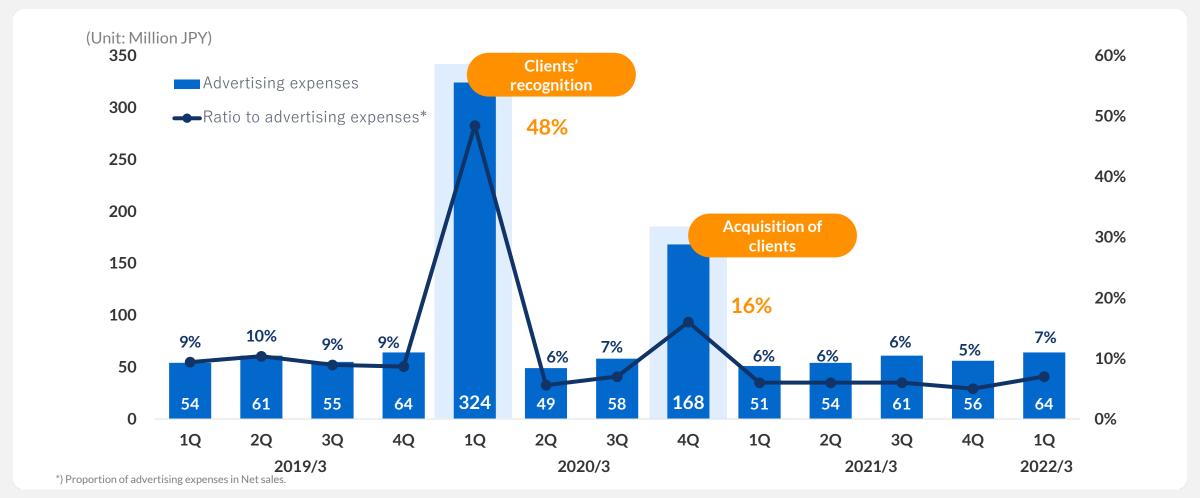
Increase in the current fiscal year due to concentrated investments in the marketplace business





Reference: Trends in Advertising Expenses (Consolidated)

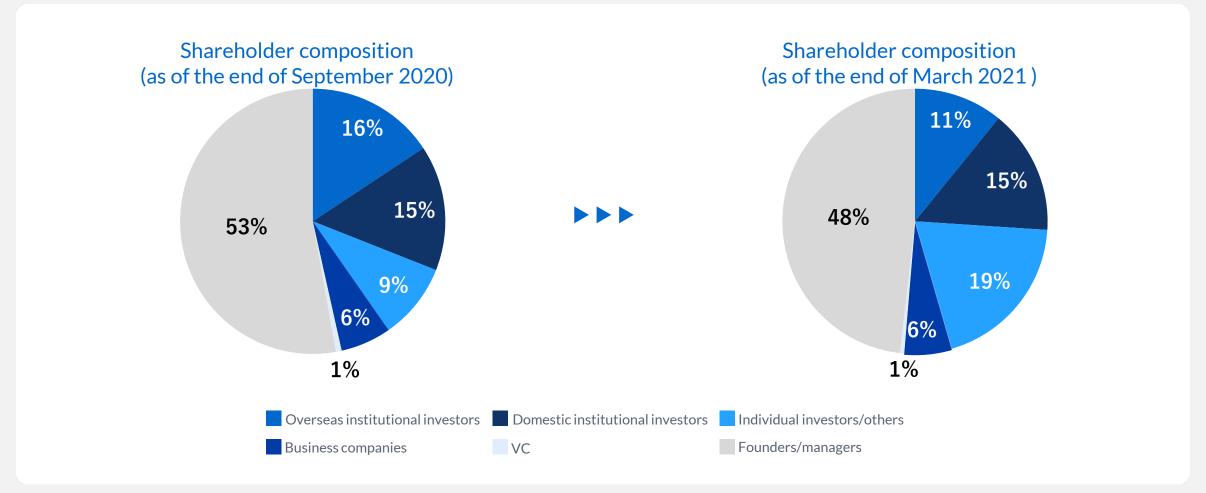
The percentage of advertising expenses to sales remains at a certain level with some investments.





Shareholder Composition

Off-auction sales were implemented in November 2020, and the ratio of founders and management was reduced, while the number of individual shareholders and current ratio improved.





Important Risk and Response Policies for Business Execution 1/2

We will appropriately identify major risks* that we recognize may have a significant impact on the realization of our goals and the execution of our business plans, and take measures to address them.

*) Please refer to "Business Risks" in the securities registration statement for other risks.

Significant risks for our business	Possibility/ duration	Impact on business execution	Examples of risky situations	Main response policies
Changes in the competitive environment	Medium/ Short-term	Drop in sharesDecrease in	 Possible intensification of competitions with companies that offer similar services and failure to sufficiently differentiate with them. Potential for innovative changes in the structure of the business domain itself. 	 Building services that pursue appropriate usability Ensuring safety when using our website Enhanced customer support functions Business development based on a code of conduct that puts the success of freelancers first
Labour-related laws and regulations and trends in the working population	Low/ Long-term	 Impact on business operations 	 Due to domestic labour laws and regulations, population trends, etc., the growth of the freelance population may slow down and side businesses may not increase. The market environment may also change. 	Aiming to reduce risks by collecting information on labour-related laws and regulations
Security for information	Low/ Occasionally	Outflow of customersDamage on brand image	 Due to unauthorized access from outside or defects in the internal management systems, social credibility of our group may be damaged if personal or confidential information is leaked and a claim for damages is made to us. 	 Establishing information security policies and strictly managing personal and confidential information Establishing security-related rules and manuals and providing in-house training for directors and employees Obtaining and renewing the privacy mark system certification from the Japan Institute for Promotion of Digital Economy and Society (JIPDEC)



Important Risk and Response Policies for Business Execution 2/2

We will appropriately identify major risks* that we recognize may have a significant impact on the realization of our goals and the execution of our business plans, and take measures to address them.

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Significant risks for our business	Possibility/ duration	Impact on business execution	Examples of risky situations	Main response policies
System failure	Low/ Occasionally	Outflow of customersDamage on brand image	 Possible server outages and loss of stored data due to unexpected events such as natural disasters and accidents, rapid increase in the number of users and traffic, software malfunctions, unauthorized access via networks, and computer virus infections. 	 Saving data in the cloud. Ensuring a security system to prevent unauthorized external access.
Acquisition and development of human resources	Medium/ Med-term	 Loss of competitiveness Impact on business operations 	Our business and our business performance may be affected if the human resources required cannot be sufficiently secured and trained, or if the out flow of human resources accelerates.	 Acquiring excellent highly motivated human resources who fully understand our mission and vision. Implementing measures to secure excellent human resources and appropriately developing and allocate them, as well as introducing a personnel system with a mission to continuously expand our business.
Uncertainty of new businesses	Low/ Long-term	 Impact on discontinuous growth 	 An unexpected situation may occur and new businesses may not proceed as planned and the investment funds may not be recovered. 	 Carefully analysing the market and business plans Strengthening the monitoring system, including apparent information, to minimize the impact on our business and performance.



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Our Serviced We Offer from Our Business Segments

Disclosed by business segments* due to the impact of the pandemic that differs for each business. Reported market changes and strategic updates by each segment.

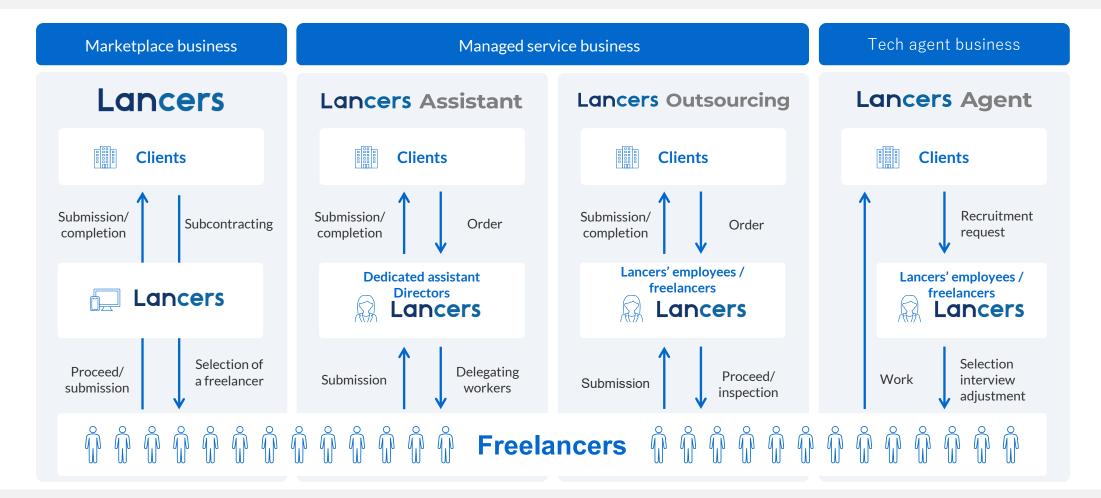
*) It shows the business division of our group based on management accounting standards.

Our group's business segments										
	Major services	Major clients	Major categories	Business models	Take rate*					
Marketplace business	Lancers	SMB	Development/operation Creative production Back office	Directly used by	Approx.18%-19%					
Managed service business	Lancers Assistant Lancers Outsourcing	SMB Large companies	Creative production Back office	Contract management for projects by our staff	Approx. 32%-38%					
Tech agent business	Lancers Agent	SMB Large companies	Development/operation Creative production	IT human resource support provided by our staff	Approx. 14%-15%					
)Take rate level for the previous year.										



Each Service Models

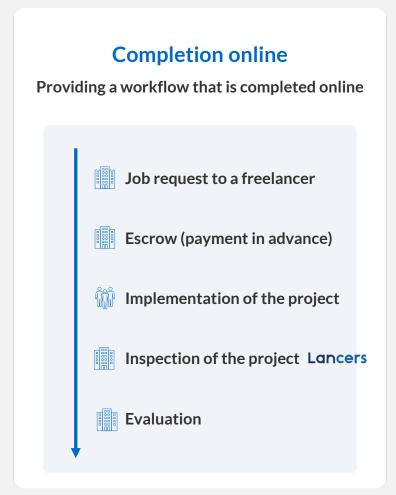
Lancers has a common platform and offer multiple services depending on the needs of our clients.

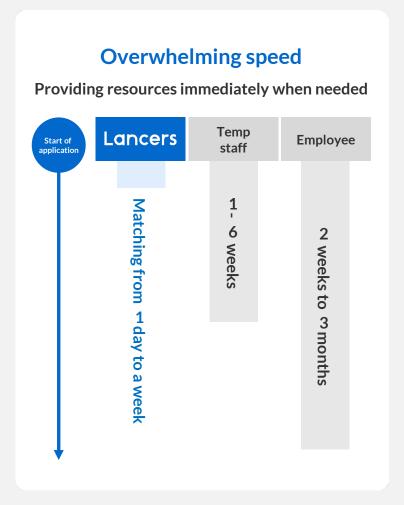


Differences from Other Human Resource Services

Highly convenient in terms of human resource expertise, completion online, and Overwhelming speed.



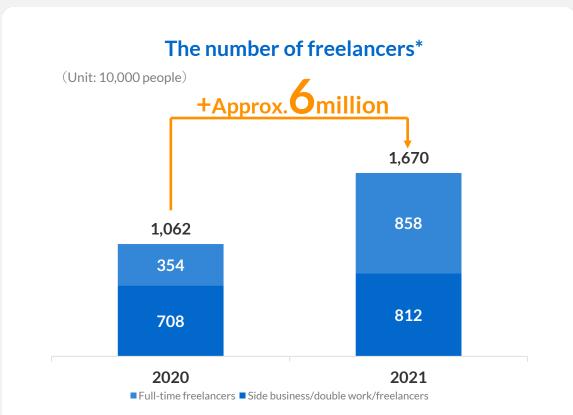




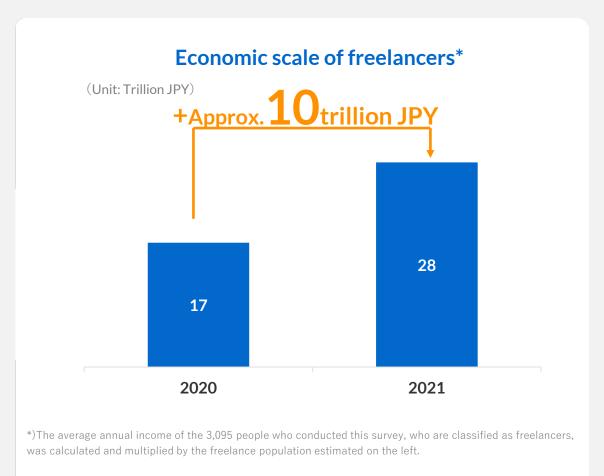


Market Changes

The number of freelancers has increased significantly, and the economic scale has rapidly revitalized to +10 trillion JPY compared to last year.



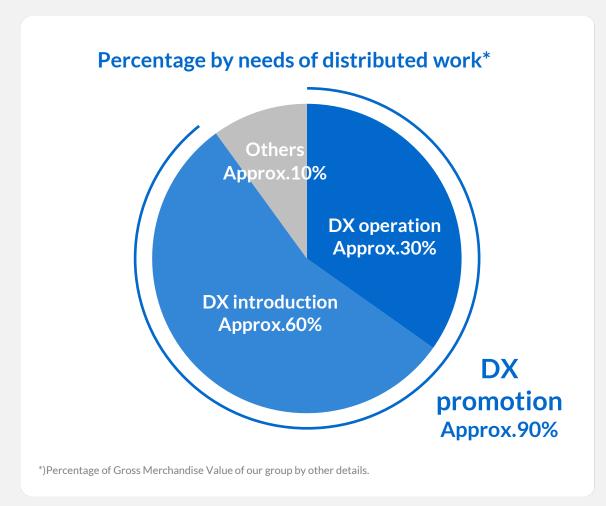
^{*)} Reference from "Freelance Fact-finding Survey 2021 Edition". After conducting a preliminary survey of 60,000 men and women aged 20 and over nationwide who received remuneration in the past 12 months, our group commissioned Macromill, Inc. to see if they were freelancers. This survey was conducted for 3,095 people from January to February 2021 and the responses were summarized. The population estimated by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications "Communication Use" estimates the freelance population using the internet usage rate by attribute of "Trend Survey".

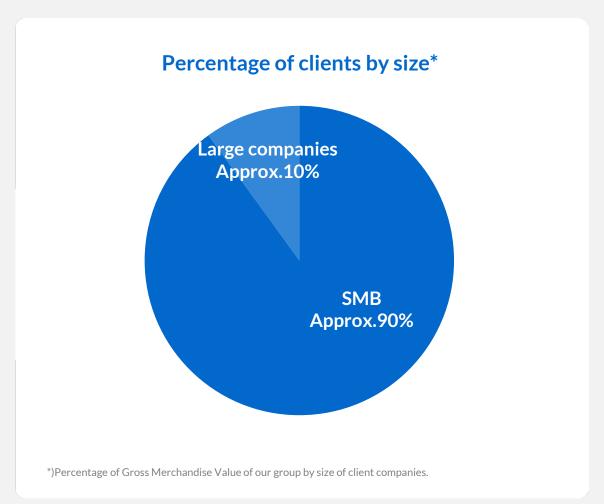




Needs Target

Approximately 90% of work distributed by Lancers is related to DX promotion, and most of the clients are SMBs.

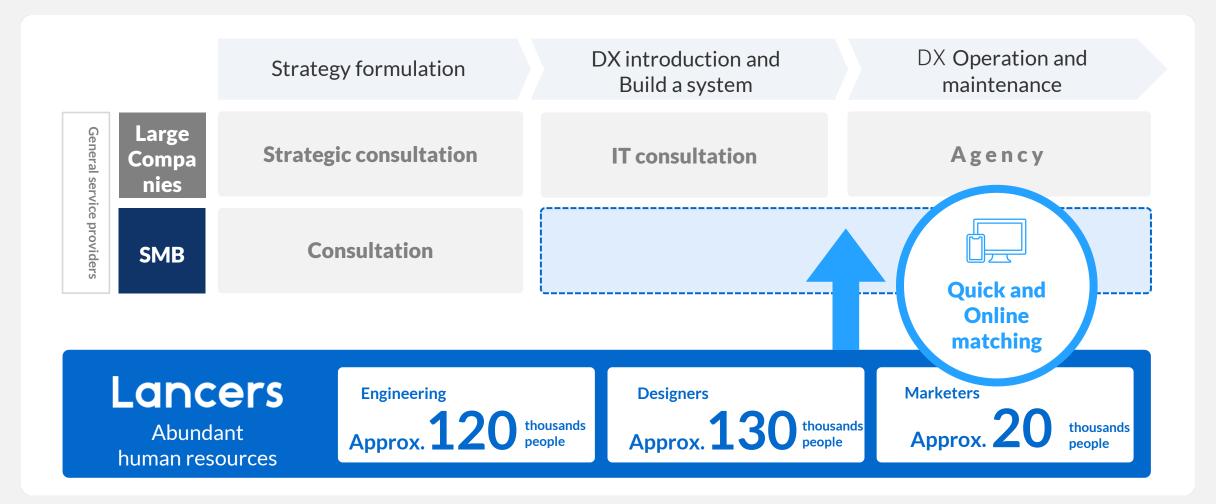






Lancers' Strengths on SMB × DX Operation

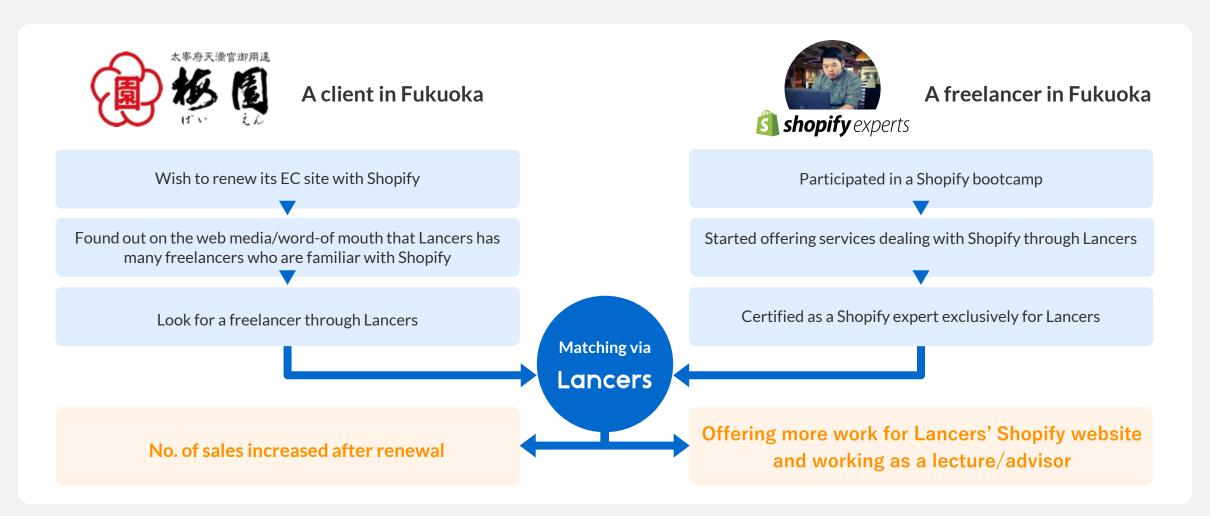
Speedy matching with reliable DX personnel online is available. DX operation support for SMB is also available, which can be completed online. SMB x DX operation is a huge market.





Matching Cases for DX Human Resources and Clients

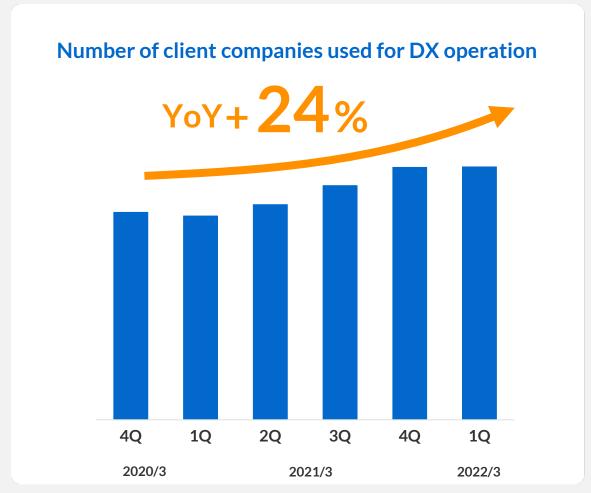
Improved matching systems between clients and freelancers by expanding categories with high market needs.

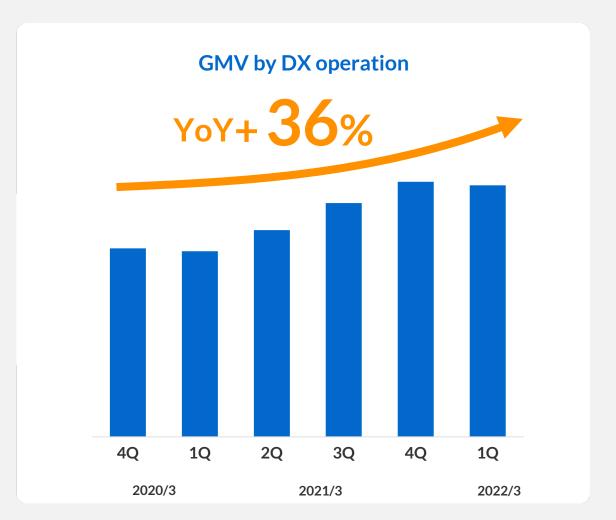




Changes in Lancers

Over the past year, both the number of companies using Lancers for DX operation and Gross Merchandise Value have increased.





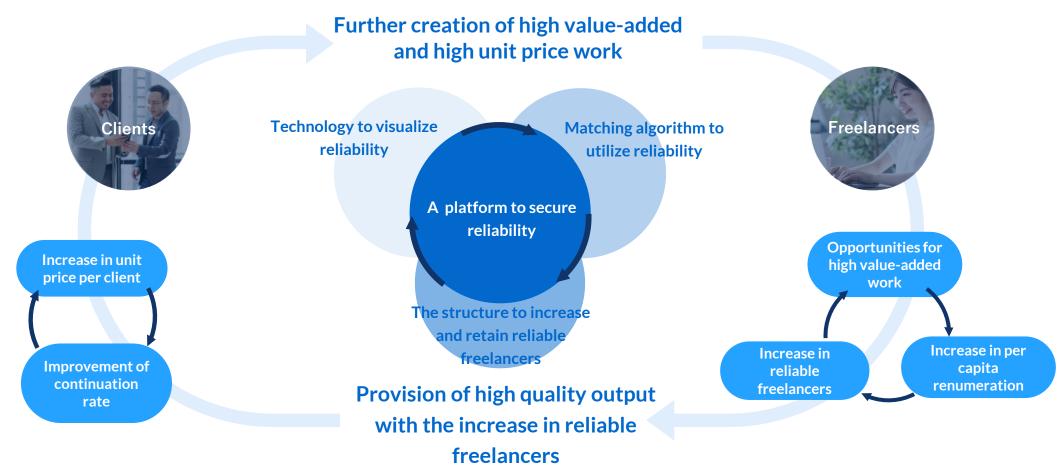


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Lancers' Strengths

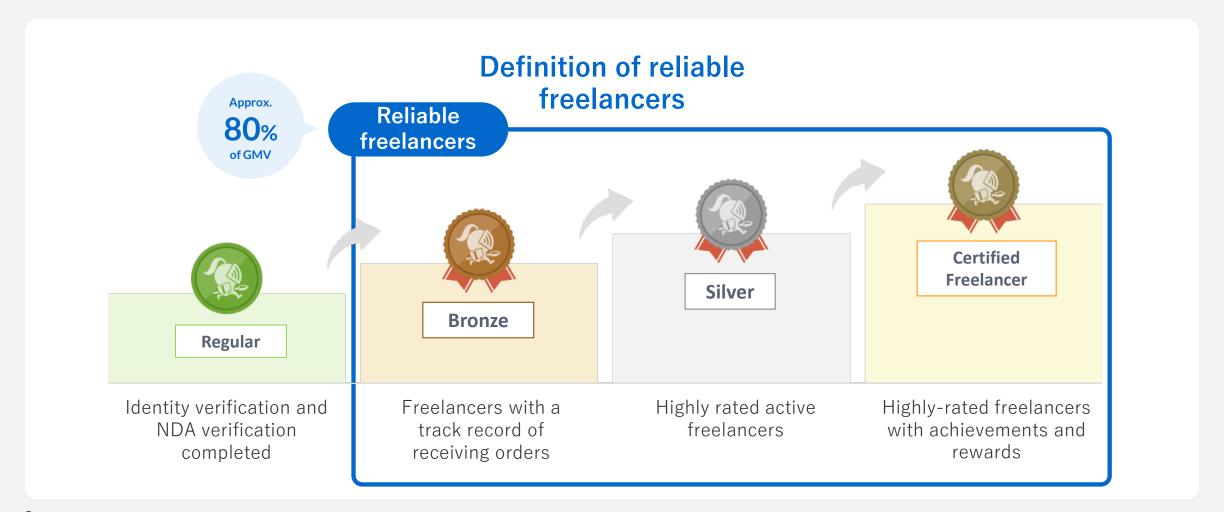
A "reliable platform" for distribution of high value-added work





Reference: Definition of Reliable Freelancers

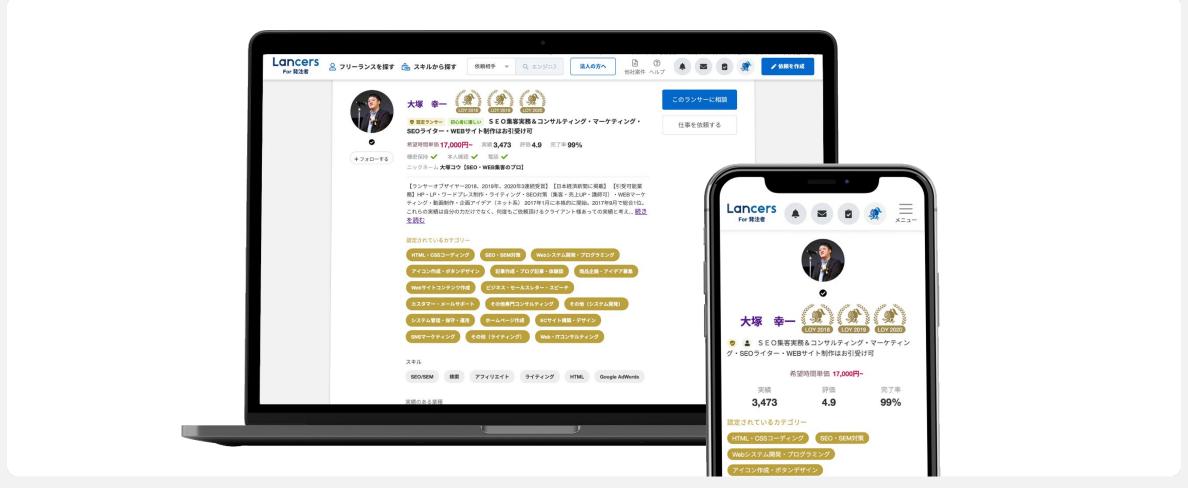
Rank evaluation is conducted and certified every month. Increasing reliable freelancers to establish a higher quality and more valuable platform.





1. Technology to visualize "reliability"

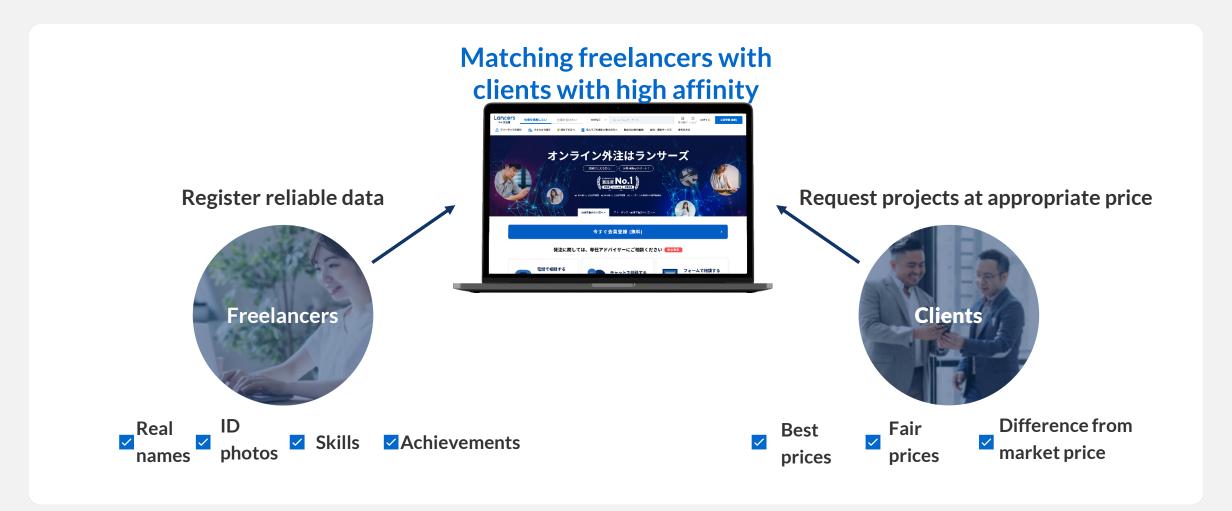
We have developed a mechanism that recommends a real-name system that is effective for strengthening reliability and displays it with priority





2. The matching algorithm to utilize "reliability"

It promotes matching with reliable freelancers and clients



3. A Mechanism to Increase and Establish "Reliable" Freelancers

Develop and secure highly skilled freelancers by establishing a cycle of skill acquisition and job acquisition.



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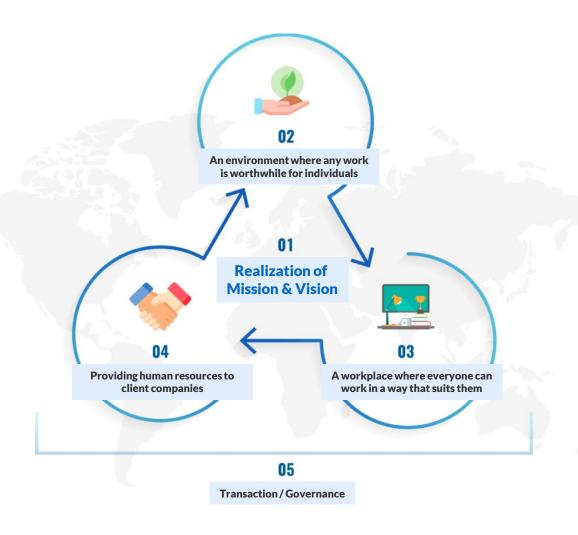


Sustainability

Building a sustainable society with an understanding of diversity by providing new work styles

While valuing the relationship between individuals and client partner companies, we will fulfill our responsibilities through business operations as an innovator for the next generation to contribute to the healthy and dramatic development of society and the creation of a sustainable society.

In addition, we consider that "realization of Mission Vision (creation of new work styles and new job satisfaction)" is in a field "job satisfaction" that can contribute to the SDGs, and are committed to deal with 5 important issues (materiality) which are involved in the SDGs.





Our mission "empowering individuals" and our vision "creating a society where everyone can work in a way that suits them with technology"



Lancers will maximize the potential of the Internet and achieve personal empowerment that will allow many people to continue to live more conveniently, more freely, and more personally with a smile.

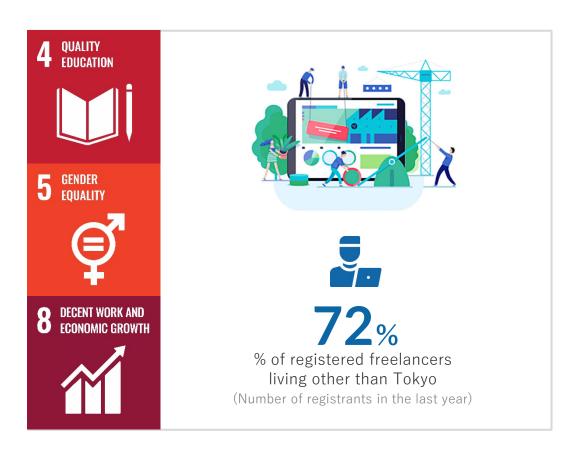
Our aim is to contribute to the creation of a better and more prosperous society by providing value and growth opportunities to many and transforming individual lives, working styles, and wellbeing.

We have a vision to realize our mission, and in order to realize our vision, we have established our group's guidelines (Lancers Way) to operate our business.

We believe that our mission since hour foundation is our Sustainability Statement, which simultaneously contributes to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Social environment initiatives that allow individuals to work with satisfaction



Our goal is to establish a society where people can live wherever they want, work and earn in their own way with the use of the Internet.

Approximately 70% of the individuals registered on our group's platform live in rural areas.

By using our services, we can provide a meaningful way of living to those who are restricted to work because of their residence, maternity leaves, caring for the elderly, retirement, etc.

According to the 2020 freelance fact-finding survey, satisfaction with freelancing was approximately 50%. Our group has created a social environment where individuals can work freely and with satisfaction through efforts to facilitate the creation of diversity.

To be able to work with more satisfaction and peace of mind, we also take serious action to solve issues that often occur for freelancers, including "connection with people (community)", "education and growth opportunities", and "welfare and management work for those who do not belong to a company for a primary work".



Creating a workplace where employees can work in their own way



As an innovator for the next generation, we are committed to introduce new work styles and skilled human resources within our group, and embody the new work styles with colleagues who share our mission, vision, and guidelines.

At Lancers, we respect a wide variety of work styles in order to eliminate barriers in the lifestyles and life stages of our employees, maximize their "Will" to work, and perform their best.

To achieve this, our group supports the recommendation of remote work and the promotion of side businesses through our systems and initiatives, and is working to create working spaces where our employees can work in their own way.

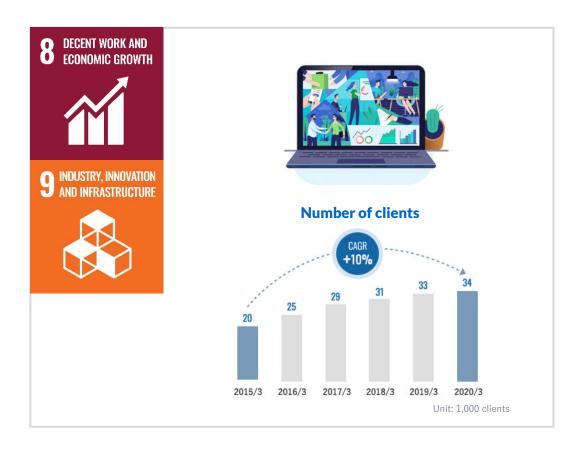
With the spread of the Internet, traditional values have changed and work styles have diversified, opening up great opportunities.

As an innovator for the next generation, we will transcend the boundaries of employment patterns, co-create with individuals, and embody them as the starting point for change.

In addition, we will not only disseminate it to our own company, but also disseminate it to others, and contribute to working styles for the next generation for individuals, clients, and partner companies, as well as contributing to co-creation with other companies and job satisfaction.



Solving the shortage of human resources, improving productivity and promoting DX



The shortage of labour force and IT personnel is serious. We believe that securing human resources and continuously and smoothly supporting the most suitable human resources to client companies is the first step toward solving this issue.

Our platform scores the achievements, technical skills and experience of each individual, and performs as an optimal matching tool to meet the needs of client companies.

Not only does it solve the shortage of human resources of client companies, but also contributes to the issues that involve improving productivity and promoting conversion to DX, which are mainly found in small and medium-sized enterprises. In addition, we will promote innovation by utilizing external human resources of client and partner companies, especially in the field of engineering, and contribute to economic growth and job satisfaction of these companies.

The number of clients who use our services annually is approximately 30,000. The average number of days to start work is about 7 days, which not only improves the matching accuracy with technology, but also builds a mechanism to smoothly secure human resources online.

We are committed to provide competent human resources by matching them with suitable projects.



Safe, secure, fair and equal transactions and strengthening of governance between individuals and companies



Our group has established a Quality Improvement Committee so that individuals (freelancers) and companies (client partners) cam carry out safe, secure, fair and equal transactions on the platform, as well as raising awareness of fair prices, promoting stable platform transactions, and building trust.

Furthermore, we believe that the "trust" towards our group from society is indispensable for operating on the online work platform. Therefore, we will permanently maintain a sound organization, comply with laws and regulations, engage in appropriate and efficient management activities, and strengthen governance.



Freelancers' celebration "Lancer of the Year" is held every year.







Interviews from the Winners

Winners who embody and execute "self x new self"



Fujihara Sho

Congratulations on winning the award. Tell us how you feel.

I feel motivated while I work, but I was overwhelmed when I received this award as I didn't have any face-to-face communications with my clients and felt less stimulated. I have a stuttering disorder and cannot speak well in public. Thanks to Lancers, I have started to play an active role as a writer. I would like take to take this opportunity to say thankyou to Lancers for giving me this award.

Please tell us what you were conscious of in your work and what you want to challenge for yourself and your 'new self".

I was self-conscious about talking, so I put extra effort in offering things I am good at. As a result, the things I worked on were evaluated and I felt a sense of self-affirmation that I had never felt before. Now that I am not afraid of challenges, I would like try 'talking'.

Please tell us about your thoughts on your future.

I can only think of myself as a 'writer'. I don't have many strengths, so I thins my goal is simple: I want to be able to make people happy through my writing. I feel very lucky to be born in this era when a company like Lancers can help me choose a way of life to pursue my goals as a writer and contribute to the society.



Endo Yuka

Writer

Congratulations on winning the award. Tell us how you feel.

I'm so happy. It's been less than a year since I started freelancing, but I'm glad I've done my best. I'm confident that my efforts were in the right direction and that I made a right choice to be a writer.

Please tell us why you started freelancing.

I used to work in an office, but I fell sick because of hard routine and relationships at work. Also, while I couldn't handle myself in the office environment, I started using Lancers as a first step to find a value of my life.

Please tell us what you were conscious of in your work and what you want to challenge for yourself and your 'new self".

I thought it was the right way to enter a good university and get a good job. However, I began to think that it might not be right for me. When I actually started writing as a freelancer, I came to realize that I love writing. In addition, starting freelancing was not as difficult as I expected, which pushed me to level up to a new stage of my life as a Web writer.

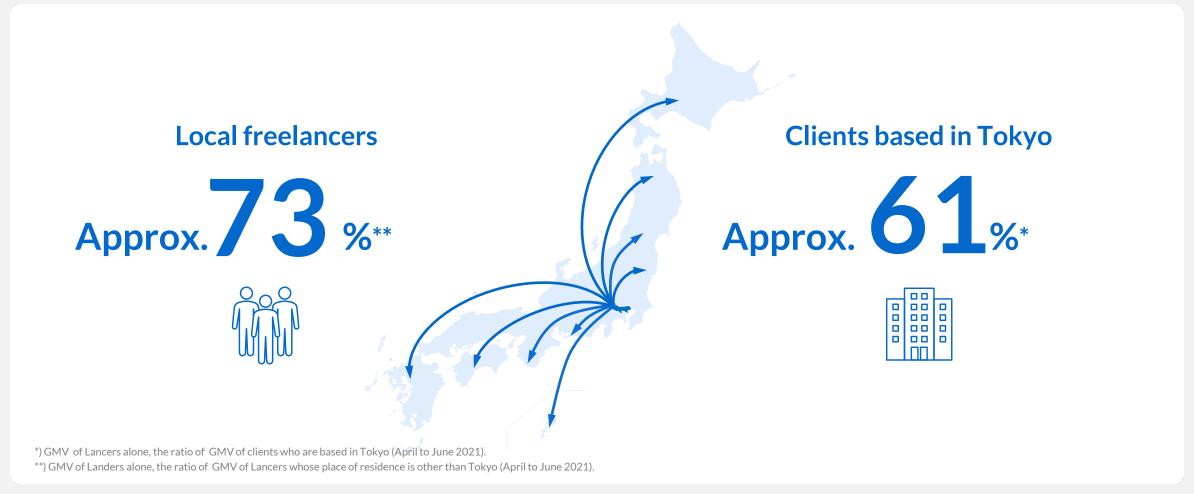
Please tell us about your thoughts on your future.

I think there are many people like who find it difficult to work in an office environment. I would like to show to them that there is an alternative way to be financially independent even if they quit their job.



Values Provide to a Sustainable Society

Freelancers in each domestic region receive orders for a project from a client based in Tokyo to disperse demand concentrated in Tokyo. By working online and accelerating side businesses, the use of local clients and the use of freelancers in Tokyo are increased.





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