FY2021 2nd Quarter Earnings Presentation (Apr. 2021 – Sep. 2021)

SPAR

October 29th, 2021





Mission

To make the world wealthier, healthier, and happier

Vision

To be the most trusted and respected investment company in the world.



FY2021 Q2 Performance

About This Earnings Presentation



This earnings presentation provides management accounting details not included in the consolidated statement. Note that, as shown in the following diagram, SPARX categorizes (1) management fees, (2) performance fees, and (3) other operating revenue, while (1) ordinary expenses, (2) commissions paid, and (3) bonuses are included in operating and general expenses.

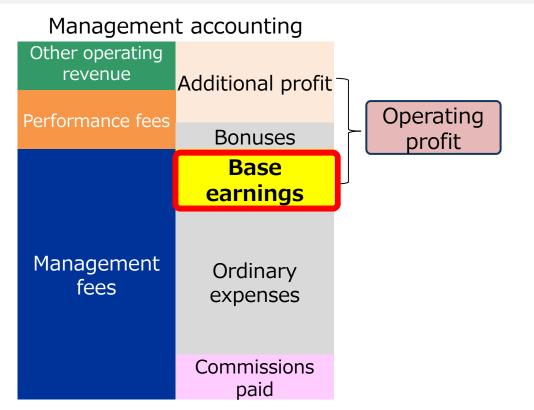
SPARX Group has set **base earnings** as its overriding administrative index. Base earnings demonstrate whether a business has the earning capacity needed for a sustainable, stable foundation. We use the following formula to calculate base earnings:

Base earnings = (Management fees - Commissions paid) - Ordinary expenses

= Management fees (after deducting commissions) - Ordinary expenses

In financial accounting, operating profit includes one-time or additional performance fees, but these fees fluctuate considerably, according to trends in the stock market or business progress in real asset investments. Therefore, base earnings indicate genuine earning capacity.

Operating profit Operating revenue Operating and general expenses



Consolidated Earnings Summary (1) Performance



•Consolidated below figures increased significantly mainly due to an increase in AUM compared to the same period of the previous year.

(Unit:Millions of yen)	FY2020	FY2021	YoY change		
(Officialitions of yell)	Apr.2020-Sep.2020	Apr.2021-Sep.2021			
Operating revenue	6,031	6,783	+12.5%		
Operating profit	2,331	3,081	+32.2%		
Net income	1,405	2,241	+59.5%		
Base earnings	2,057	3,060	+48.7%		

Consolidated Earnings Summary (2) Performance



		FY20	020	FY2	021
		Apr.2020-Sep.2020	Full Year	Apr.2021-Sep.2021	YoY change
Average AUM	(Billions of yen)	1,247.0	1,343.8	1,556.6	+24.8%
Management fee rate (After deducting commissions)	(%)	0.71%	0.69%	0.69%	-0.02
Management fees (After deducting commissions)	(Millions of yen)	4,419	9,293	5,345	+21.0%
- Ordinary expenses	(Millions of yen)	2,361	4,848	2,285	-3.2%
Base earnings	(Millions of yen)	2,057	4,444	3,060	+48.7%
Performance fees	(Millions of yen)	748	3,166	512	-31.6%
Percentage of AUM eligible to earn peformance fee	s (%)	34.1%	32.5%	32.4%	-1.7
Other operating revenue	(Millions of yen)	90	206	118	+31.6%
- Bonuses (including ESOP Expense)	(Millions of yen)	565	1,406	605	+7.2%
Operating profit	(Millions of yen)	2,331	6,349	3,081	+32.2%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	(Millions of yen)	1,405	3,468	2,241	+59.5%
Return on equity (ROE)	(%)	14.1%	16.1%	19.5%	+5.4

(Note 1) Management fees include administrative fees for the power stations related to our Japanese Renewable Energy Investment Strategy. This note applies throughout this presentation. (Note 2) Performance fees include one-time fees received as compensation for real estate purchases/sales related to our Japanese real estate investment strategy, as well as one-time fees (acquisition fees) received as compensation for formulating power station plans related to our Japanese Renewable Energy Investment Strategy. This note applies throughout this presentation.

Consolidated Earnings Summary (3) AUM



AUM increased by 5.4% from last fiscal year-end due to the new subscriptions and market influence.

(Unit:Billions of yen)		AUM		Average AUM (6 months)						
	As of March, 2021	As of September, 2021	Change (%)	FY2020Q2	FY2021Q2	YoY change (%)				
Japanese Equity	1,030.2	1,130.7	+9.8%	843.3	1,054.6	+25.1%				
OneAsia	134.3	117.1	-12.8%	67.8	131.5	+93.8%				
Real Assets	255.3	253.8	-0.6%	215.8	253.7	+17.6%				
Private Equity(Mirai Creation, etc.)	115.7	117.4	+1.5%	120.0	116.7	-2.8%				
Total	1,535.7	1,619.1	+5.4%	1,247.0	1,556.6	+24.8%				
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		As of September, 2020	As of March, 2021	As of September, 2021	YoY change
TOPIX		1,625	1,954	2,030	+24.9%
NIKKEI 225	(JPY)	23,185	29,178	29,452	+27.0%
KOSPI		2,327	3,061	3,068	+31.8%

^{*}See our "Notice of Month-End Assets Under Management" for details on SPARX's AUM as of September 30, 2021.



Business Progress Report and Future Plans

Latest Business Progress Report



Japanese Equity

AUM for the long-short investment strategy is gradually increasing. Performance fees for this strategy positively contributed in this quarter as well.

OneAsia

Our new publicly offered investment trusts will began distributed by Daiwa Securities in October 2021.

Real Assets

We will aggressively work on projects other than solar power as well. We will also continue to actively consider investing in high-quality power plants that have already been operated.

Private Equity

We have established Mirai Creation Fund III in October 2021. It is targeted to have a size of 100 billion yen and marketing activities are currently underway.

Four Pillars of Growth: Combining High Profitability and Stability





Fund performance generates significant income (performance fees)



Ongoing long-term contracts generate stable income

JPY1,130.7 billion

Japanese Equity

OneAsia

JPY117.1 billion

JPY253.8 billion

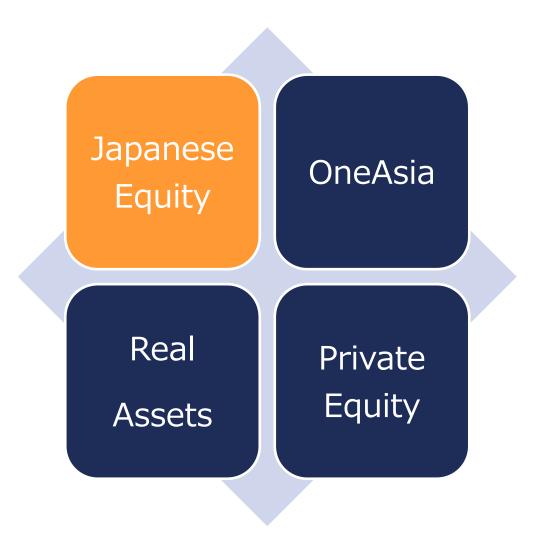
Real Assets

Private Equity

JPY117.4 billion

(1) Japanese Equity Investment Strategy (AUM of JPY 1,130.7 billion as of September 30, 2021)





Japanese Equity Investment Strategy: Status of AUM

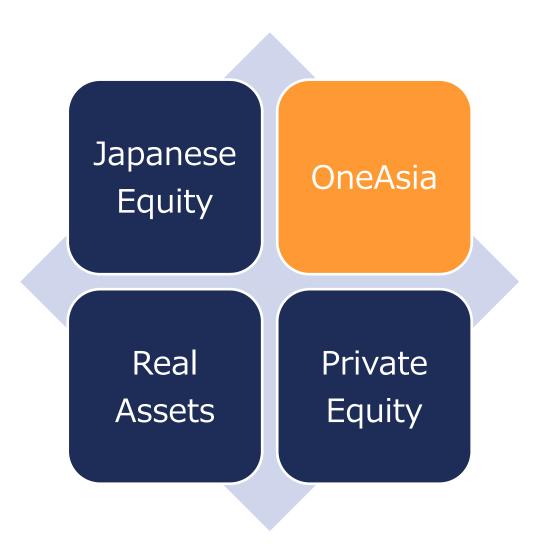


- •AUM for Japanese equity long-short investment strategy increased significantly from the end of the previous fiscal year due to subscriptions for the newly established funds.
- AUM of Japanese equity sustainable investment strategy mainly consisted of ESG investment increased from the end of the previous fiscal year due to its favorable performance and cash inflows.

(Units : Billions of yen)	AUM								
(Offics: Dimorts of year)	Mar. 2021	Sep. 2021	Change	Change (%)					
Japanese Equity Long-Short Strategy	78.4	98.6	+20.1	+25.7%					
Japanese Equity Focus All Cap Strategy	611.2	668.7	+57.4	+9.4%					
Japanese Equity Mid & Small Cap Strategy	193.0	204.5	+11.4	+6.0%					
Japanese Equity Market Neutral Strategy	38.1	32.3	-5.7	-15.1%					
Japanese Equity Sustainable Strategy	106.9	124.2	+17.3	+16.2%					
Other	2.5	2.2	-0.2	-11.6%					
Total	1,030.2	1,130.7	+100.4	+9.8%					

(2) OneAsia Equity Investment Strategy (AUM of JPY 117.1 billion as of September 30, 2021)





OneAsia Equity Investment Strategy Status of AUM

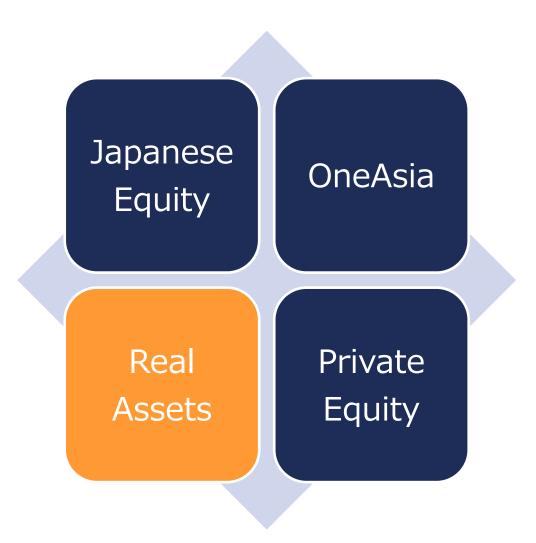


AUM decreased from the previous fiscal year-end due to the impact of unfavorable market trend and the capital outflows in both South Korea and Pan-Asia regions.

(Units : Billions of yen)	AUM							
(Offics: Difficitis of yell)	Mar. 2021	Sep. 2021	Change	Change (%)				
South Korea	120.8	104.0	-16.8	-13.9%				
Pan-Asia	13.5	13.1	-0.3	-2.6%				
Total	134.3	117.1	-17.1	-12.8%				

(3)Real Asset Investment Strategy (AUM of JPY253.8 billion as of September 30, 2021)





Renewable Energy Power Station Investment



Assets under management

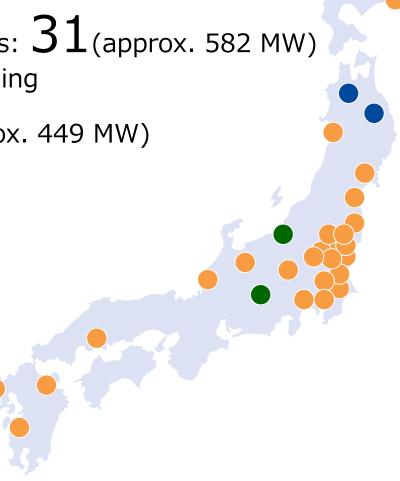
As of September 30, 2021

JPY 241.1 billion

Number of Investments: 31(approx. 582 MW)

Number of stations selling

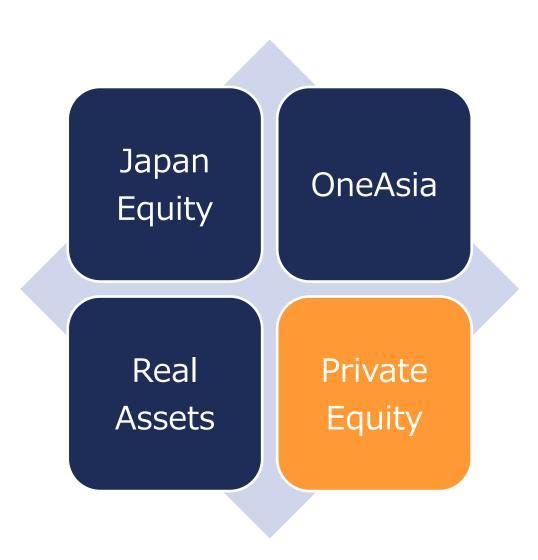
electricity: 26 (approx. 449 MW)



- Solar power generation
- Wind power generation
- **Biomass power generation**

(4)Private Equity Investment Strategy (AUM of JPY117.4 billion as of September 30, 2021)





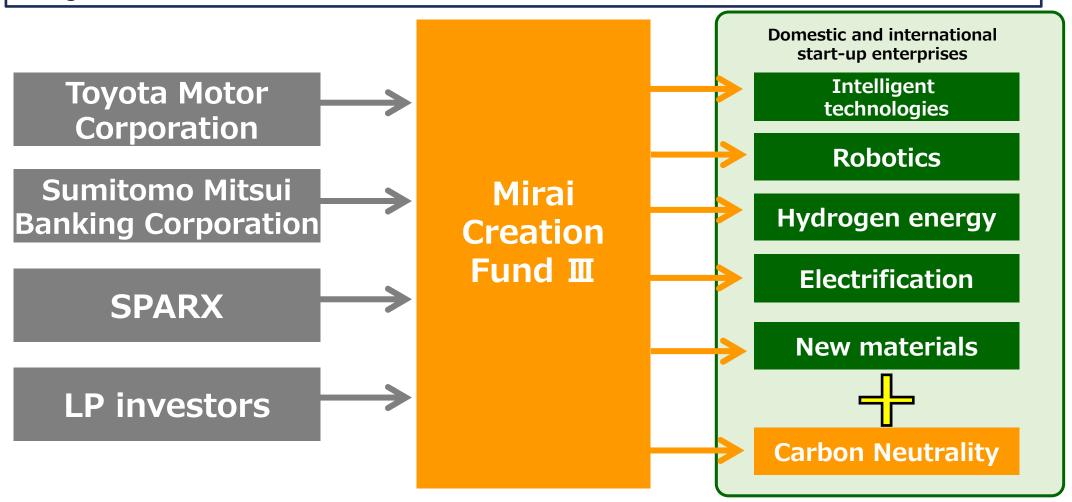
(Note) Regarding Mirai Creation Fund I, as five years have passed since its establishment, the balance for compensation calculation target has changed from the commitment amount to the balance of investment securities held since November 2020, so AUM of the Fund is decreasing.

Private Equity Investment Strategy (1)



Established "Mirai Creation Fund III"

Toyota Motor Corporation and SMBC are to participate again as initial investors just like the previous fund II. This fund III has added the new investment area, and the investment activities are scheduled to begin from October 2021.



Private Equity Investment Strategy (2)



Mirai Creation Fund Portfolio status

Examples of past IPOs and exits

- Soracom, Inc. (acquired by a major corporation in August 2017)
- PKSHA Technology, Inc. (listed in September 2017)
- Autonomous Control Systems Laboratory (listed in December 2018)
- Sansan, Inc. (listed in June 2019)
- **■** Giftee, Inc. (listed in September 2019)
- Freee, K.K. (listed in December 2019)

- Medley, Inc.(listed in December 2019)
- Ficha Inc.(listed in June 2020)
- Neural Pocket Inc.(listed in August 2020)
- WealthNavi Inc.(listed in December 2020)
- Joby Aviation, Inc.(listed in August 2021) etc.



Going forward, we will continue to see more portfolio companies newly listed or acquired by major corporations



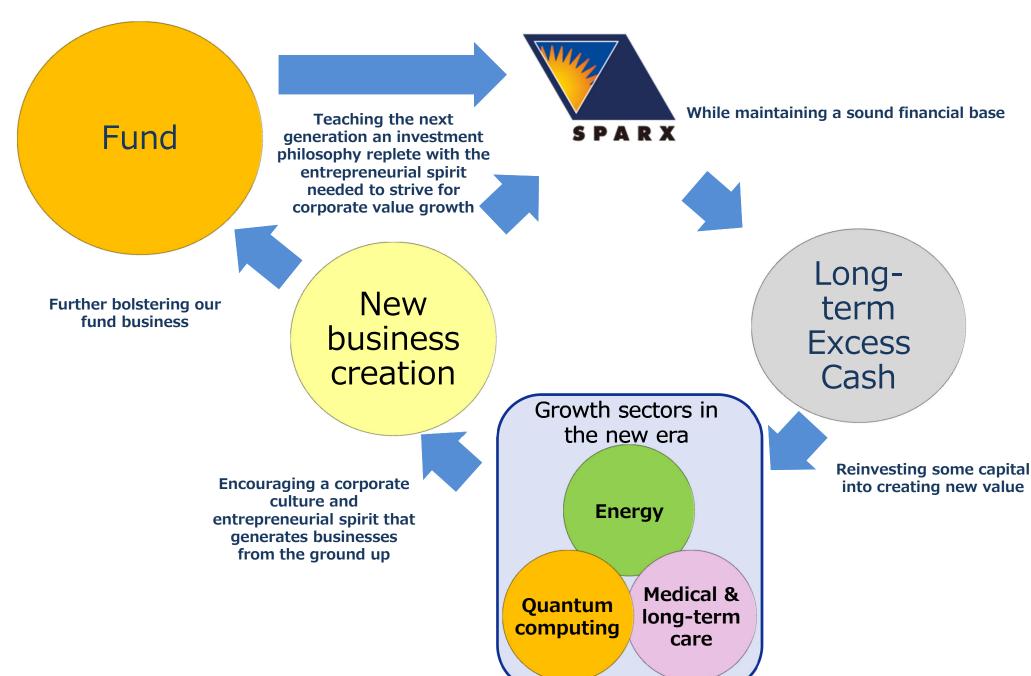
In the future, a mechanism that allows a performance fee to be recorded if the investment principal can be distributed to LP investors in excess of a certain percentage.

(Note) We expect Mirai Creation Fund I to begin earning performance fees from 2022 on.

Reference to particular securities and their issues are for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to be, and should not be interpreted as, recommendations to purchase or sell securities.

Aiming to Create Business in Growth Sectors in the New Era







Other

Return to Shareholders – Stock Buyback



Conducive to our goal of expanding shareholder returns, we are issuing a stock buyback, which should allow us to improve capital efficiency and execute a capital strategy that flexibly meets the demands of our business environment.

(1)Type of shares acquired	Shares of common stock of SPARX Group Co., Ltd.
(2)Total number of shares acquired	962,000 shares
(3)Total price of shares acquired	249,994,500 yen
(4)Period of stock acquisition	From August 2, 2021 through August 26, 2021

About Future Goals



SPARX will double the AUM of the four pillars of growth to 3 trillion yen over the five years through 2026.

Japan Equity

- Strengthen our initiatives for highly profitable alternative products such as long-short strategies and engagement strategies, which are re-expanding with a target of approximately 100 billion of assets under management.
- The sustainable investment strategy, which has doubled its AUM this year, continues to receive strong interests from overseas institutional investors. We maintain our high-quality stable performance for this strategy rather than just blindly chasing bigger numbers for AUM and would like to double AUM even more.

OneAsia

•SPARX will make our Asian investment business to be the same size or even bigger than our Japanese equity business by building a multi-layered and high quality investment system over times.

Real Assets

·While shifting the focus of development to power plants that are expected to continue to have high investment returns such as solar power, biomass and geothermal power, we also intend to aggressively develop investment strategies such as green hydrogen and corporate PPA for after the feed-in tariff system ends.

Private Equity

- ·Aim to launch a new fund with investment target that includes companies contributing to "carbon neutral"
- •In near future, performance fee will be recorded as a part of the gain on sale due to the IPO of the company invested by the Mirai Creation Fund, so we will continue to focus on sales activities to maximize its performance fee.
- · Steadily invest in portfolio companies for the Space Frontier Fund and the Japan Monozukuri Mirai Fund.

In addition to the above goals for four pillars

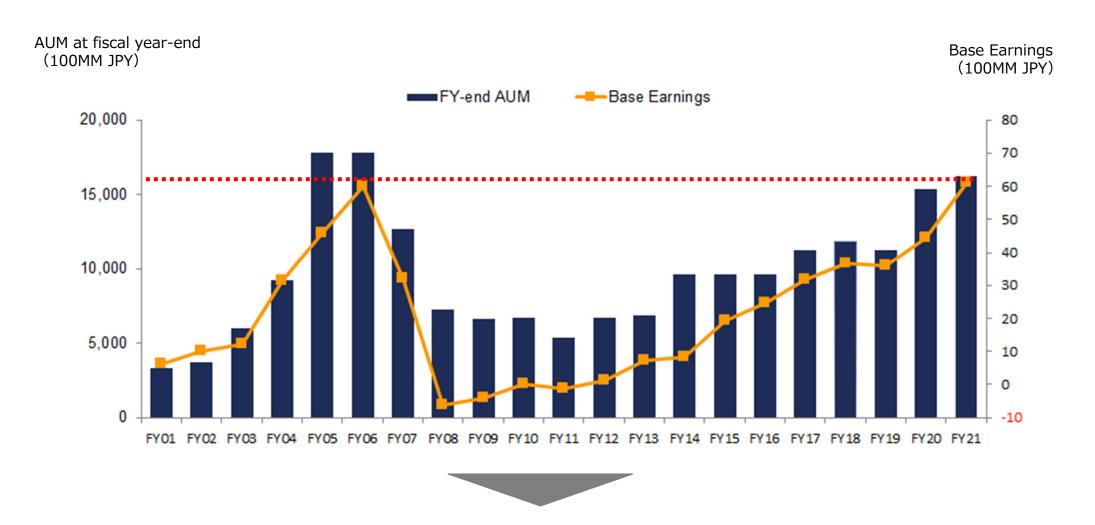


New Area

 Under a conservative financial management policy with a certain level of seeding and within Group resources, we will further promote our unique investments in fields of the new era's growth areas that utilize AI technologies such as energy, medical and nursing care, and finance which are linked to new tools like quantum computing. This unique investments will contribute to the improvement of our group ROE.

< Reference > Changes in AUM and Base Earnings since its Listing

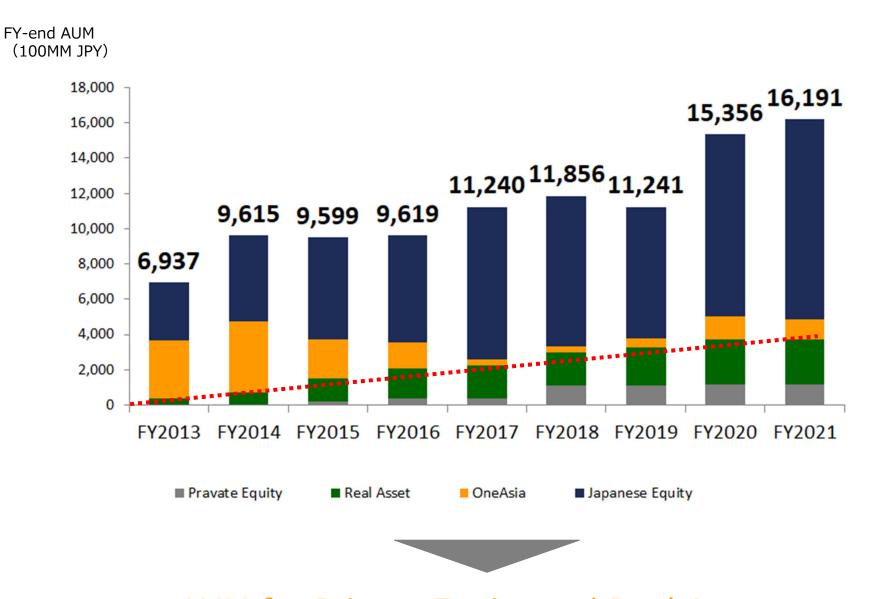




Base Earnings have been recovered to the same level as the record-high back in March 2007

<Reference> Trends in AUM for the Four Pillars





AUM for Private Equity and Real Asset has been steadily increasing every year

<Reference> Our Initiatives for ESG



In relation to ESG	Our Group's Activities
E : Environment	 Investing, developing and managing operation of renewable energy power plants Investing in ESG related stocks Investing in the area of carbon neutral Announcement of endorsement of TCFD recommendations, etc.
S : Social	■ Support for disaster recovery ■ Donations to the areas/countries which were affected by COVID-19 ■ Investing in the healthcare area ■ Implementing working style reformations ■ Keeping employees healthy ■ Social return through activities such as Energy Summit, etc.
G: Governance	 ■ Transition to institute an Audit and Supervisory Committee ■ Thorough Compliance ■ Strengthen BCP policies ■ Customer-oriented business operations, etc.

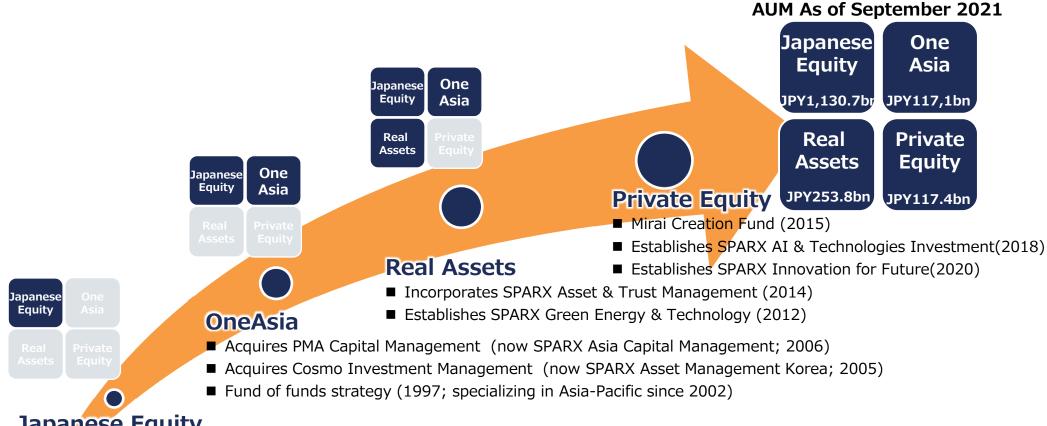
Signatory of:



[Reference] Hybrid Business Model



A hybrid model that combines our traditional strategy of investing in highly profitable listed stocks with the stable strategy of financing real assets/Private Equity



Japanese Equity

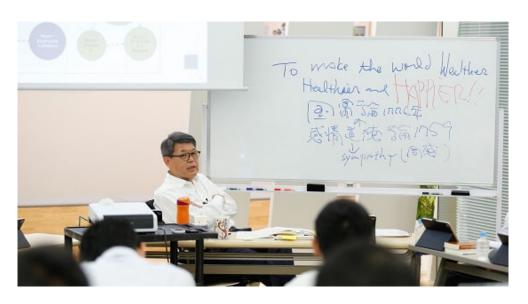
- Japanese Equity Focus strategy (1999)
- Japanese Equity Focus All Cap strategy (1998)
- Japanese Equity Long-Short All Cap strategy (1997)
- Japanese Mid & Small Cap strategy (1989)



What is the Buffett Club?

Through studying and discussing the investment philosophies of noted investor Warren Buffett and other capitalists, SPARX employees learn the value of wanting to make clients wealthier, healthier, and happier as a part of "the most trusted and respected investment company in the world."

We have regularly held these study groups since our founding as a way to convey SPARX's investment philosophy to the next generation.



Information



We have produced a new video that highlights the company's history—including the reason for its name—as well as its investment philosophy, corporate mission, performance, and its present and future endeavors, in just five minutes.

■ SPARX Group Showcase Video/English Narration https://www.sparx.jp/tv/fan/2881.html

We distribute videos and send information via Facebook so that you can better understand the activities of SPARX. The official SPARX YouTube was fully renewed in December last year, and we are working to convey the new appeal of our company. Thank you for visiting us.

■ SPARX TV https://www.sparx.jp/tv/

Official Facebook https://www.facebook.com/SPARXGroup/

■ Official YouTube https://www.youtube.com/user/8739SPARX

Company Profile



Company	SPARX Group Co., Ltd.
Representative	President & CEO Shuhei Abe
Address	1-2-70 Konan, Minato, Tokyo, Japan
Founded	July 1, 1989
Capitalization	JPY8,587 million (as of September 30, 2021)
Employees	169 (as of September 30, 2021)
Exchange	Tokyo Stock Exchange First Section
Ticker	8739



President and Group CEO Shuhei Abe

- 1954: Born in Sapporo.
- 1978: Graduated from Sophia University, Faculty of Economics.
- 1980: Received an MBA from Babson College. After returning to Japan, hired by Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. Worked as a corporate research analyst evaluating individual companies listed on Japanese stock markets.
- 1982: Seconded to New York's Nomura Securities International, Inc., and worked in sales of Japanese stocks to US institutional investors.
- 1985: Founded Abe Capital Research in New York. Provided portfolio management and advice on Japanese stocks to European and American investors through the Quantum Fund and other funds, while managing the assets of individual property owners in Europe and the US.
- 1989: After returning to Japan, established SPARX Asset Management (now SPARX Group Co., Ltd.) and appointed as president & representative director (current post).
- 2005: Completed the AMP at Harvard Business School.
- 2011: Appointed to the Subcommittee to Study Costs and Other Issues of the Japanese government's Energy and Environment Council.
- 2012: Appointed to the Japanese government's Supply-Demand Verification Subcommittee.
- 2012: Appointed to the Risk Advisory Committee for the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC).



Supplementary Materials

<Reference> Revenue Structure and Important Management Indicators



Business that receives fees at a fixed rate of AUM

Revenue Structure

- Management Fees = AUM × management fee rate
- Performance Fees = AUM × percentage of AUM eligible to earn performance fees × performance fee rate

Important Management Indicators

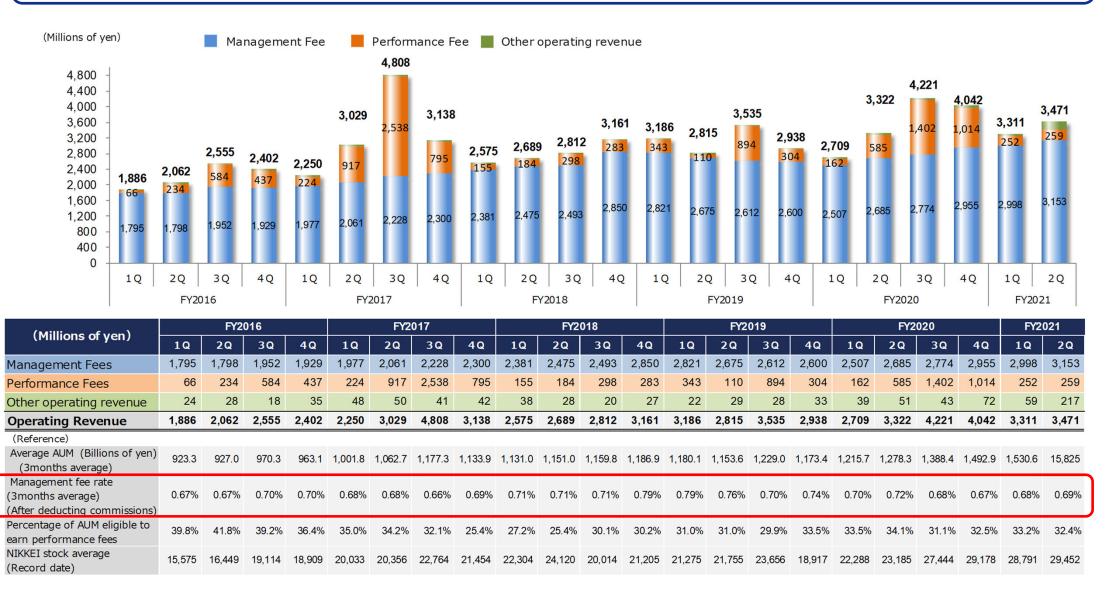
- Asset under management (AUM)
- Management fee rate
- Percentage of AUM eligible to earn performance fees
- Base Earnings = management fees (after deducting commissions) ordinary expenses

^{*} The formulas above simply explain revenue structure, not the exact calculations actually used.

Quarterly Trends in Operating Revenue



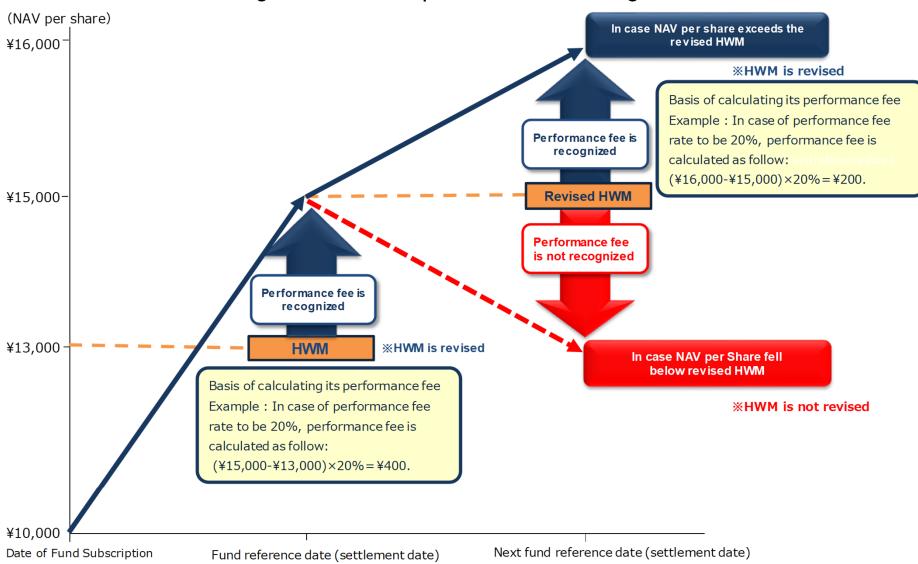
Management fee rate remains at the high level while management fee balance also remained strong



Structure of Performance Fees (Related to Equity Investment Fund)



Performance Fees are recognized for NAV per share exceeding HWM as of record date for fund



(Note 1) The structure described above is only informational purpose on performance fee structure. It is not intended to explain exactly how the performance fee is calculated based on fund's NAV.

(Note 2) Above uses performance fee rate of 20% for informational purpose only. In addition, "HWM" an abbreviation of High-Water Mark. (Note 3) In case performance fee recognized on record date for fund, "HWM" is revised.

Breakdown of Operating and General Administrative Expenses



- Personnel expenses increased due to an increase in provision for bonuses as a result of an increase in operating profits.
- Depreciation on fixed assets and other expenses related to office has decreased.

(Units: Millions of yen)	FY2	020	FY2021			
(Offics. Millions of yell)	Apr.2020-Sep.2020	Full Year	Apr.2021-Sep.2021	YoY change		
Commissions paid	773	1,690	810	+4.8%		
Personnel exp.	1,557	3,403	1,648	+5.8%		
Travel exp.	11	32	25	+121.5%		
Property rent	145	291	131	-9.5%		
Entrusted business expenses	554	1,119	485	-12.4%		
Depreciation on fixed assets	144	282	106	-26.6%		
Advertising exp.	24	116	42	+70.5%		
Research exp.	158	320	163	+3.3%		
Other expenses	329	690	288	-12.4%		
Total: Operating and general administrative expenses	3,700	7,946	3,701	+0.0%		
Ordinary expenses	2,361	4,848	2,285	-3.2%		

⁽Note1) The figures above, excluding "YoY change" are truncated. "YoY change" is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent.

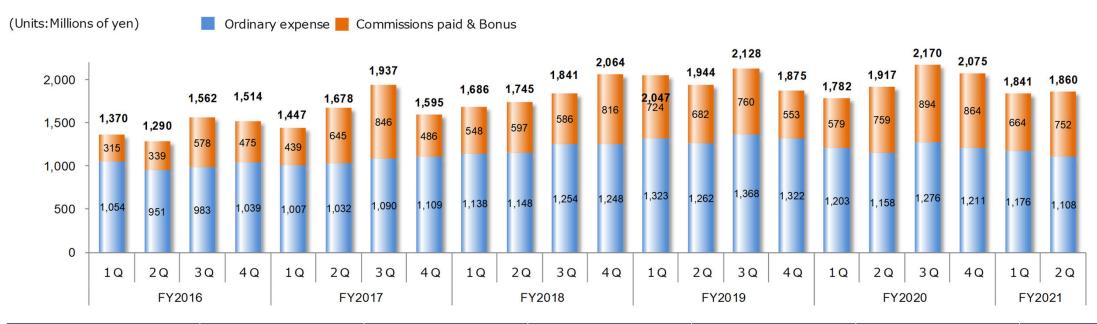
⁽Note2) The "Personnel expenses" data includes payments for legal welfare, bonus and temporary staff, etc. other than salary.

⁽Note3) The "Ordinary expenses" is calculated by deducting (1) Commissions paid, (2) Bonuses (including allowance for bonuses, legal welfare expenses related to bonuses, and ESOP expense) and (3) Severances package for key members, from total operating and general administrative expenses; hereinafter the same applies ig 5 this document.

Quarterly Operating and General Administrative Expenses



Although the recent ordinary expenses have decreased, mainly due to decrease of office related expenses because of COVID-19, Cost-control taken continuously and cautiously, considering the increase of ordinary expenses, in the midst of business expansion

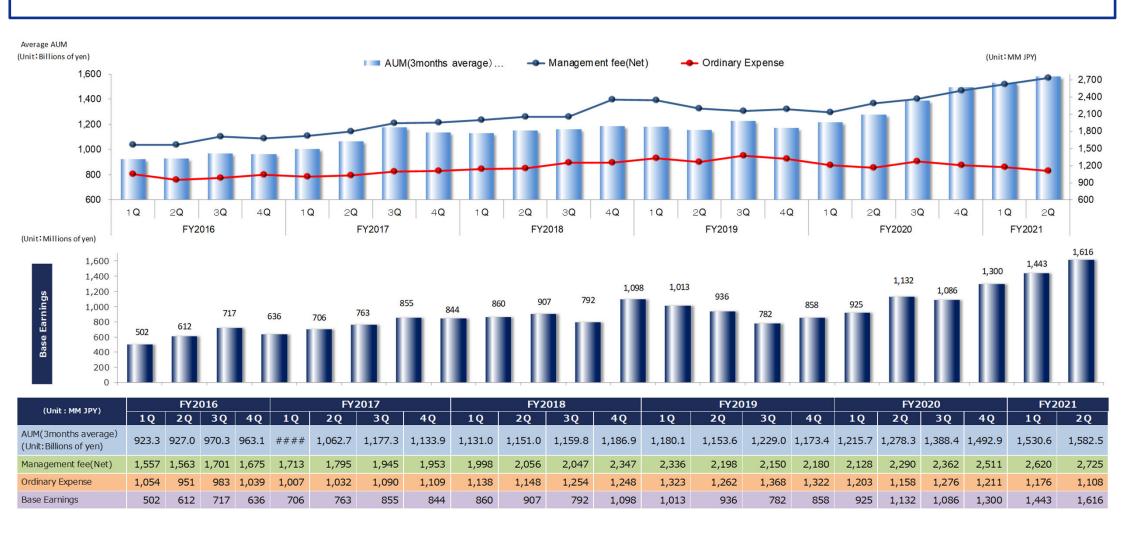


(Units : Millions of yen)			FY2017				FY2018			FY2019				FY2020				FY2021				
(offics : Millions of yell)	1 Q	2 Q	зQ	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	зQ	4 Q	1 Q	2Q
Ordinary expenses	1,054	951	983	1,039	1,007	1,032	1,090	1,109	1,138	1,148	1,254	1,248	1,323	1,262	1,368	1,322	1,203	1,158	1,276	1,211	1,176	1,108
Commissions paid & Bonuses	315	339	578	475	439	645	846	486	548	597	586	816	724	682	760	553	579	759	894	864	664	752
Operating and general administrative expenses	1,370	1,290	1,562	1,514	1,447	1,678	1,937	1,595	1,686	1,745	1,841	2,064	2,047	1,944	2,128	1,875	1,782	1,917	2,170	2,075	1,841	1,860

Quarterly Base Earnings



Base earnings remained solid due to increased management fee and decreased our expenses.



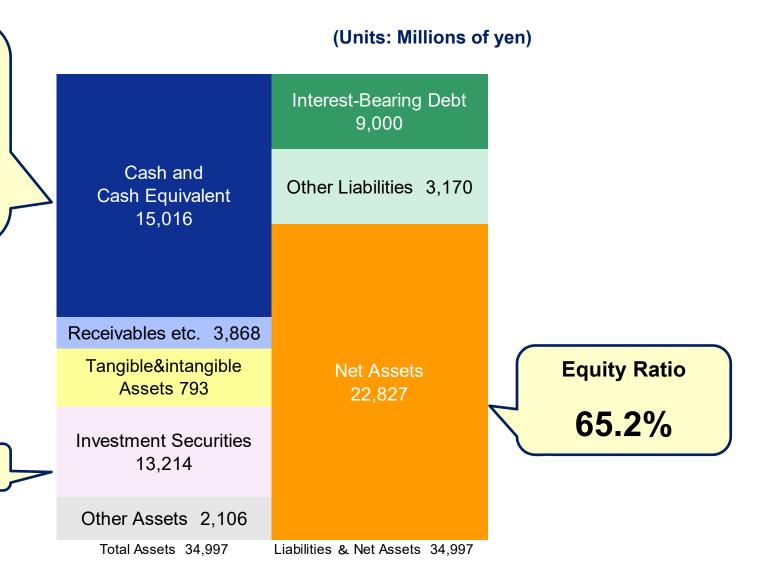
(Note) As preliminary figures, the \(\text{Management fee (Net)} \) is calculated by multiplying the management fee rate (after the deduction of commission paid) and the average AUM for the period.

As of September 2021 Consolidated Balance Sheet (1)



The industry the Company belongs to is significantly influenced by economic and market conditions. Thus, the balance is maintained conservatively. The amount is kept as three years' worth of ordinary expenses level which calculated by "Cash and Cash Equivalent" minus "Interested-Bearing Debt" plus highly liquidity "Investment Securities" with consideration of potential value decline.

Mostly seed money to funds that the Company manages



As of Sep. 2021 Consolidated Balance Sheet (2)



(Units: Millions of yen)	Mar. 2021	Sep. 2021	YoY change
Current assets	23,541	19,685	-3,855
Cash and cash equivalents	19,935	15,016	-4,919
Receivables	3,161	3,868	+707
Fixed assets	14,419	15,312	+892
Investment securities	11,922	13,214	+1,291
Total assets	37,961	34,997	-2,963
Short-term loans payable	2,000	2,000	-
Current portion of long-term loans payable	5,000	0	-5,000
Long-term loans payable	2,000	7,000	+5,000
Payables	4,011	909	-3,102
Provision for bonuses, ESOP	512	1,096	+583
Total liabilities	14,702	12,170	-2,531
Common stock	8,587	8,587	-
Add'l paid-in-capital	2,555	2,555	-
Retained earnings	13,116	12,958	-158
Treasury stock	-3,549	-3,685	-135
Total Shareholder's Equity	20,709	20,415	-293
Valuation difference on AFS securities	1,498	1,413	-84
Foreign currency translation adjustment	1,048	995	-52
Total net assets	23,258	22,827	-431

Decreased due to the investment in seed money, payment of dividends and bonuses, etc.

Increased mainly due to an increase in management fee receivable and an increase in receivable from the sale of a portion of our investment securities

Increased mainly due to the investment in seed money

Refinancing of loan

Decreased mainly due to payment of bonuses and taxes

Payment of dividend: ▲JPY 2,231MM

Profit attributable to owners of parent

FY2021 2Q:+JPY 2,241MM

Cumulative effect of adopting the new revenue recognition standard:

▲JPY168MM

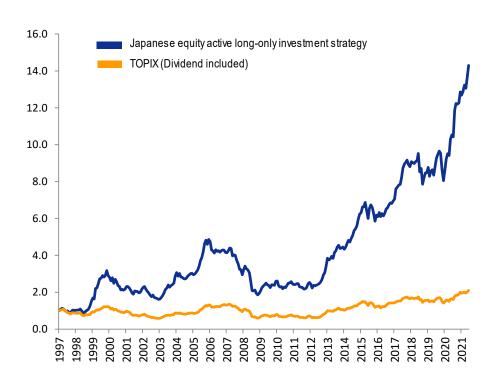
⁽Note1) Figures above are truncated.

⁽Note2) Investment securities include the seed money of the Company funds.

Primary Investment Strategies: Composite Returns Since Valuation Began 1



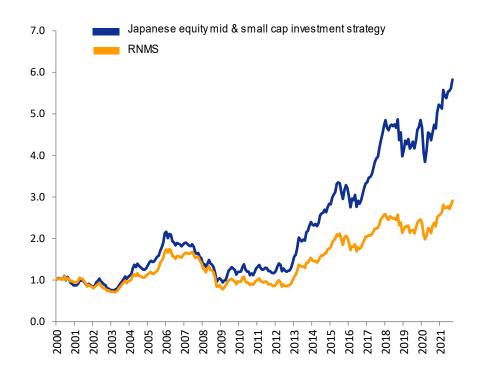
Japanese Equity Active Long-Only investment strategy



(Annualized Return) Japanese equity active longonly investment strategy Reference Index 3.09% Excess Return 8.42%

Reference Index	TOPIX (Dividend included)
Measurement Period	1997/5 ~2021/9
Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	20.12%

Japanese Equity Mid & Small Cap investment strategy



(Annualized Return)	
Japanese equity mid & small cap investment strategy	8.44%
Reference Index	5.03%
Excess Return	3.41%

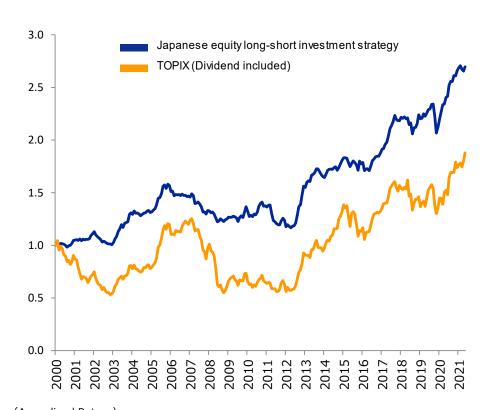
Reference Index	Russell/Nomura
	Mid-Small Cap
	Index
Measurement Period	2000/1
	~2021/9
Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	17.67%

Source: SPARX Group (as of September 30, 2021)

Primary Investment Strategies: Composite Returns Since Valuation Began 2



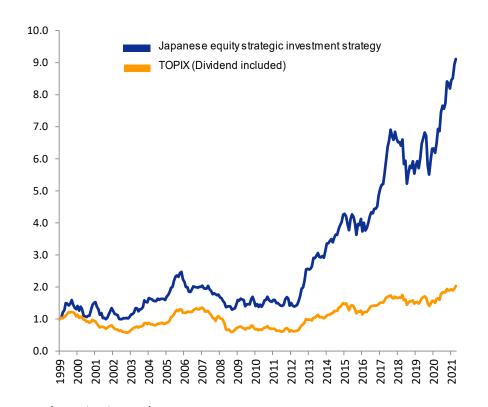
Japanese Equity Long-Short investment strategy



(Alliualized Return)	
Japanese equity long-short investment strategy	4.76%
Reference Index	3.00%
Excess Return	1.76%

Reference Index	TOPIX (Dividend included)
Measurement Period	2000/6 ~2021/9
Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	7.42%

Japanese Equity Strategic investment strategy



(Annualized Return)	
Japanese equity strategic investment strategy	10.44%
Reference Index	3.24%
Excess Return	7.20%

Reference Index	TOPIX (Dividend included)
Measurement Period	1999/7 ~2021/9
Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	19.83%

Source: SPARX Group (as of September 30, 2021)







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