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# 01 Company outline





# Company outline

Company name Plus Alpha Consulting Co., Ltd. (Tokyo Stock Exchange Growth: 4071)

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Headquarters location 25F Shiodome Sumitomo Building, 1-9-2 Higashi Shimbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo

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Fukuoka Branch 4F Grand Cabin Tenjin-minami, 3-3-33 Yakuin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka

Consolidated subsidiary Grow Up Co., Ltd.

Established December 25, 2006

Capital 131,742 thousand yen (as of December 31, 2022)

Business content
Providing cloud services for data analysis platforms

Number of employees 263 consolidated (as of December 31, 2022)

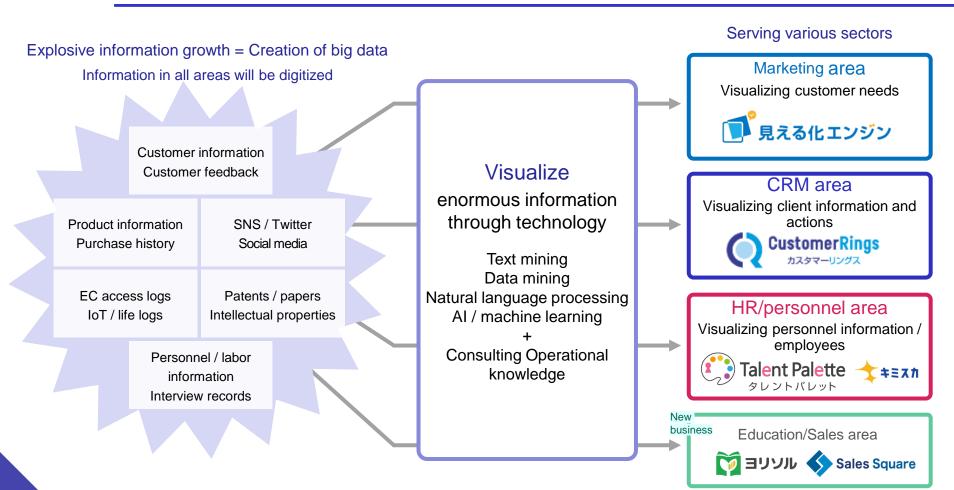
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## **Business** concept

## Platform to visualize big data





## Main services

## Developing profitable SaaS businesses in multiple areas

## Marketing solutions



Text mining analysis for the use of customer feedback data from call logs, Twitter, etc.

Monthly subscription according to the amount of analyzed data

## **CRM** solutions



Customer analysis using purchase histories, web access logs, etc., and automation of marketing initiatives

Monthly subscription according to the number of customers/e-mails delivered

### HR solutions



Analysis of employee information for HR measures such as personnel development and optimal placement

Monthly subscription according to the number of employees

## Subscription products

## Technology and expertise behind the services

Language processing technologies

Visualized mining technologies

Mass data analysis expertise

Industrial / operational knowledge

Utilization support consulting



# Business strengths

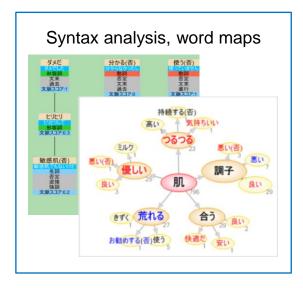


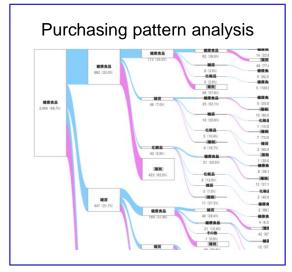
Advanced technologies to visualize big data for practical use

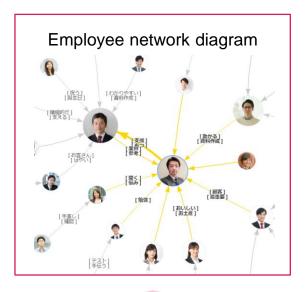












Analyze Japanese text to create maps for subjects / predicates and positive /negative sentiment to see customer feedback at a glance

Analyze product purchasing data, etc., to visualize purchasing patterns and ascertain how customers become loyal customers

Through collaborative data between employees such as Thanks Points, ascertain volume and quality of communication between employees and departments

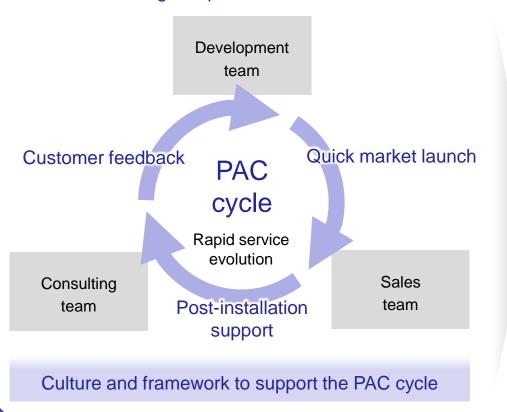


## Business strengths



Organizational capabilities to realize rapid service evolution

We realize rapid implementation of general-purpose functions by ascertaining needs through consulting services for leading companies



## PAC cycle realizes:

## Differentiation

by rapid functional evolution

## ARPU improvement

by creating high added value

# Cancellation prevention / LTV improvement through a concerted effort by the entire team

## Partner relationships

on equal footing with clients

## Early market launch

of new functions and businesses

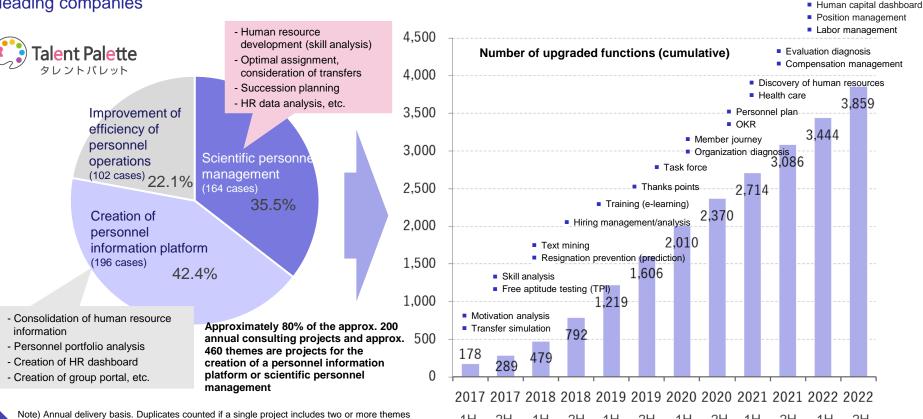


## **Business strengths**

High-speed development of consulting results as a general-purpose function

Realizing increased added value of services by leveraging enterprise consulting capabilities

Over 3,800 functions installed as standard over approximately six years through consulting for a variety of leading companies



### プラスアルファ コンサルティング

# Business strengths

Capabilities to develop multiple businesses and create new businesses based on the SaaS business foundations



New

plans

business

Rapid launch of new businesses such as Talent Palette by utilizing approximately 16 years of accumulated expertise in the SaaS business

Accumulated SaaS expertise through existing services

Highly profitable business



Stable growth business



By developing multiple highly profitable and highgrowth businesses simultaneously, we have achieved both a higher growth rate and a higher profit margin.

Customer success

Text mining/ Language processing technologies

Back-office frameworks

Marketing methods

Educational support service

Technology to visualize big data

Sales service

support

Talent Palette

High-growth business

Talent Palette タレントパレット

Realize quick launch of businesses and achieve early profitability

Sharing of mass data system foundations

Establishment of rapid evolution cycle organizations



# Approach to new business creation



New sector of "visualizing" big data

Currently planning educational support services, sales force automation (SFA) services,

and other new businesses

Data use: High

Medical ICT²
(100.4 billion yen)

Data amount: flat

Digital marketing<sup>3</sup> (380.0 billion yen)

Data amount: growing

- Area where technologies and expertise in "visualizing" big data can be utilized
- Industries where increasing amounts of data are underutilized

Data use: Low (Intuition and experience)

Legal tech<sup>4</sup>
(22.8 billion yen)

Educational
support
services

**Target Area** 

Actively launching as new businesses



Sales service support<sup>5</sup> (17.4 billion yen)

\*Market size as of 2018



# Initiatives to improve the human capital of PAC

Consulting

team

# Communication measures

- Thanks Points system \* Standard function of Talent Palette
   Cultivation of culture for sending each other messages of thanks
- A committee active outside main operations across divisions
  - 20 teams are currently active
- Employee travel
  Original travel planned by employees

# Penetration of strategy

- Strategy meetings (held once every six months)
  - A total of five days by business, all employees can participate
- Overall meeting (held monthly)
   Sharing of company measures and department measures
- "Penguin Contest" for new businesses
   21 people participated last fiscal year

# Human resource development

- Business instruction system for new employees
  - Rotation system for understanding of other teams
    - Training system implemented by occupation across departments
      - Support system for book purchases and selfimprovement
        - Implementation of online education

          \*Utilization of Talent Palette
        - "Training for Learning Culture" for new employees

## PAC cycle

Development

team

Rapid service evolution

# Workplace environment

### Sales team

- Flexible work styles with flex time system
- Refresh holiday system enabling long holidays to be taken
- Measures for promoting employee communication (active support of activities outside operations such as sports activities)
- Improvement of refresh spaces (provision of light meals, etc.)
- ★ Employee awareness survey score (Company vision: 4.4/5.0), company atmosphere: 4.11/5.0, benefits: 4.2/5.0)
- ★ Annual turnover rate: 7.3%



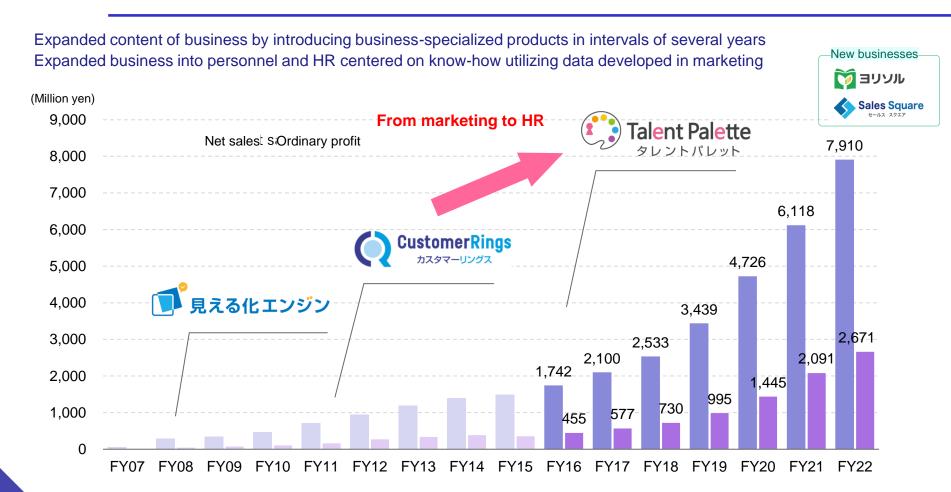


# Overview of Talent Palette Business





## Course of Growth





# Background of Rapid Growth of Talent Palette

- It has become necessary to take initiatives such as how to maximize utilization of HR by current employees and whether reskilling can be achieved amid the increasingly serious labor shortage caused by the low birthrate and aging population and the diversification of work styles.
- COVID-19 has led to an outflow of talented human resources and a lowing of understanding of employees due to remote work, and it is no longer possible to ensure adequate precision with existing personnel systems.
- The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry has also begun nationwide efforts such as advocating that companies perceive human resources as "capital" that is the source of corporate growth, leading to to enhancement of mediumto long-term corporate value through "human capital management" that fully draws out their value.
- ⇒ Based on this trend, the HRTech cloud market is expected to grow by +32.2% year on year in FY2022. (Research by Deloitte Tohmatsu MIC Research Institute Co., Ltd.)

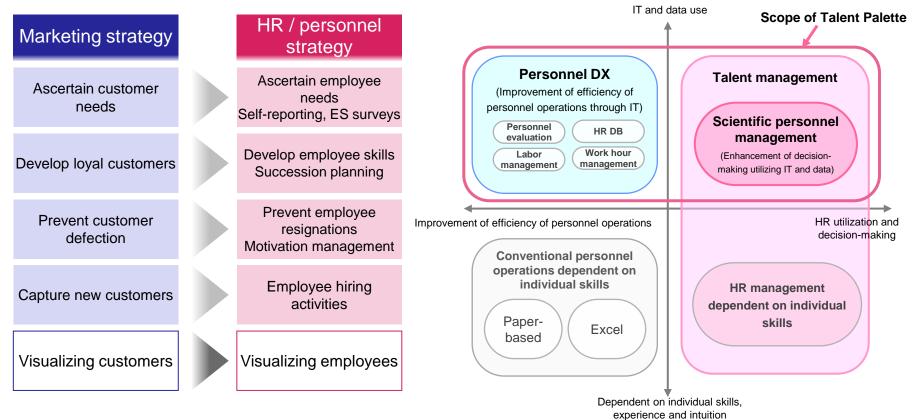


# **Characteristics of Talent Palette**



Entering the HR sector leveraging our expertise in "scientific personnel management"

By applying our marketing method to the HR sector, we not only increase efficiency in HR operations but also support the <u>decision-making</u> process.



## Characteristics of Talent Palette



All-in-one service from personnel DX to scientific personnel management

For enterprises, we differentiate with scientific personnel functions through the utilization of data, and for small and medium businesses, we integrate tools required for personnel management and realize the improvement of efficiency of personnel DX through IT

Visualizing

employees

Support for personnel

decision-making

Scientific personnel management

Enhancement of decisionmaking utilizing IT and data

### Safety confirmation

Swift and smooth implementation of safety confirmation in the event of a disaster

#### Stress checks

Support for stress checks that are mandated to be conducted once per year

## posting

Internal job

Labor management Various procedures when joining and leaving the company, My Number management and yearend adjustment

#### Hiring management

employees and candidates, improvement of matching precision

### Training management

Recommendation of optimal training according to skill status

Similarity analysis of current

### Target management

MBO, OKR, evaluator diagnosis, organization mission analysis

### Pulse surveys

**Health management** Central management of data on employee health status, lifestyle habit checks and health diagnosis

### Transfer simulation

Optimal assignment and organizational reform based on analysis of condition of organization after transfer

Position management

HR requirement management,

analysis of matching conditions,

succession

### Skill management

Skill improvement analysis, personnel portfolio management

#### Prevention and analysis of rejection of informal offers

### Personnel FAQ

Creation of knowledge on systems and procedures in the Personnel and General Affairs Division

## Personnel DX

Improvement of personnel operations using IT

### Thanks points

Increasing engagement through employees expressing gratitude to each other

### Surveys

Visualization of employees' opinions through free question setting and text mining

### **Organization diagnosis**

TPI

Aptitude testing

Recommendation of improvement measures by identifying organizational characteristics and issues based on surveys

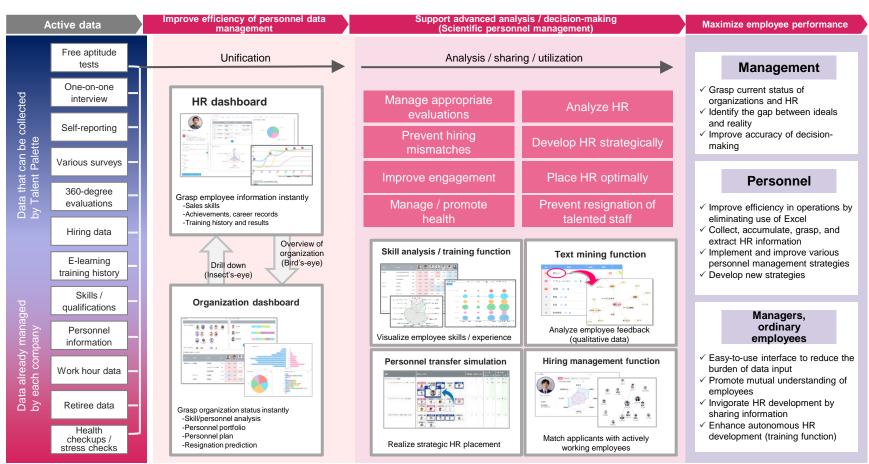


## **Evolution of Talent Palette**

# プラスアルファ コンサルティング

## Integrated personnel information platform

Evolved into a one stop service for various personnel measures by rapidly functionalizing the needs of leading companies





# Talent Management System Chosen by Leading Companies





Scientific personnel management

Human capital management

**Personnel DX** 

Shift to Jobbased employment

Autonomous career building

Use of holding companies

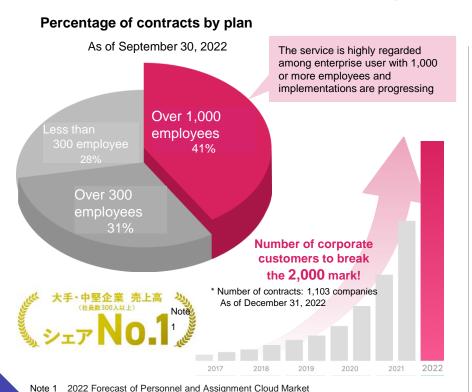
# Strengths of Talent Palette



Enterprise penetration and high evaluation

The percentage of implementation in large enterprises with 1,000 of more employees (on a contract basis) is approximately 40% or more

Detailed functions and advanced consulting for enterprises are highly regarded



Received the Leader award in a record nine sections as a talent management system in the ITreview enterprise review site Note 2





### **Evaluation points**

- Analysis functions specializing in diverse HR measures
- Systems for collecting a variety of data such as employee questionnaires
- Setting of detailed authority to refer to various HR data
- Flexible data linking functions with core systems
- Speedy development and frequent updates of required functions
- Advanced consulting and strong support system

bite 2 ITreview Grid Award 2023 Winter Talent Management Division, Personnel Evaluation and OKR Division, Recruiting Management (ATS) Division, Motivation Management Division, e-learning & LM Division, Health Management Division, Organization Survey Division, HCM Division, Labor Management Division



# 03 Growth strategy



# Further development of Talent Palette Business



Expand services to sectors surrounding HR

By utilizing HR data accumulated in Talent Palette, we have improved the accuracy of services surrounding personnel. We aim to expand business not only in the company but also by utilizing partnerships and capital alliances with partner companies

# Staffing / hiring

Matching of HR similar to employees working actively at a company

# Training / development

Recommend appropriate training for employee evaluations, skills, and aptitudes

# Benefit programs / events

Propose measures including benefit programs to solve organizational issues

## **Health care**

Offer health-promoting measures tailored to employee health checkups and working patterns



Expand business into a new subscription model that combines and optimizes various personnel information

# Labor management

Improvement of efficiency of various application operations



Personnel information platform

(Evaluations, skills, aptitude, motivation, career, etc.)

**Expand service to surrounding fields** 



Cancellation prevention, ARPU improvement
Capture customers in new markets

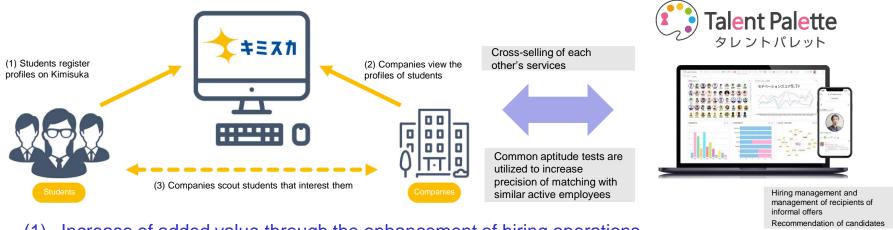


# Further development of Talent Palette Business



Staffing / Hiring

Entry into hiring business through new graduate area by making Grow Up a subsidiary



- (1) Increase of added value through the enhancement of hiring operations Linking of hiring management and analysis functions of Talent Palette with Kimisuka. Recommendation of candidates that match job specs
- (2) Promotion of cross selling of each other's services
  Expansion of sales through cross selling of each other's services utilizing each other's customer base
- (3) Sharing of knowhow on functional development and the hiring business

  Functional development and sharing of knowhow for accelerating expansion in the hiring area through a high level of coordination of each other's services

# Operation of New Businesses

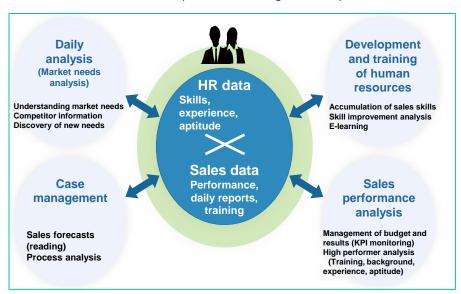
## Start of trial introduction in two new businesses





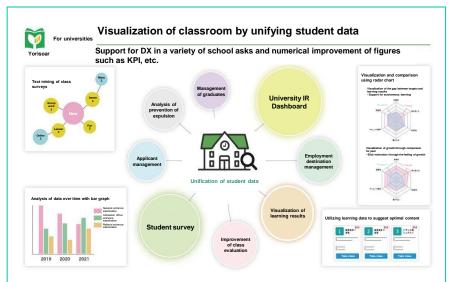
Sales Square Sales Square

Integrated sales strategy solution for simultaneously realizing maximization of sales results and improvement of organization performance





School management system supporting visualization of classrooms and university IR



## Start of full implementation (including trial implementation)

IT Sales Division (tens of people): HR development, daily analysis (factors leading to closing deals, behavior analysis)

Manufacturing marketing department (tens of people): Operational reform, case management, task management

Manufacturing sales department (several hundred people) Daily analysis, case management, skill visualization

Incorporated educational institution (several thousand people): LMS, learning portfolio, teaching staff portfolio

National university (several thousand people): Learning portfolio, university IR General incorporated foundation (several thousand people): LMS, learning analytics, graduate management



# 04 Latest topics





# Latest topics

- (1) Support functions of Japanese job based employment
- (2) Support for creation of human capital information dashboard
- (3) Training management and reskilling functions
- (4) Publication of example of implementation in global enterprise
- (5) Publication of new book: "Implementation and Evolution of Scientific Personnel Management"
- (6) Publication of example of implementation of new "Yorisoar" business



# Topics (1):



# Support functions of Japanese job-based employment

There has been an increase in the number of companies making the transition to a job-based employment system as a personnel measure for supporting management strategy Provision of enterprise functions and consulting supporting the Japanese job-based system

### Changes in the external environment

- Globalization
- Work style reform
- Remote work due to COVID-19
- Digitalization (DX)
- Diversification of values

## Management Strategy

Strategic linking of management and personnel

**Personnel Strategy** 

### Changes in the role of the Personnel Division

- Business partner of management
- Securing and developing the necessary human resources for sustainable growth
- Monitoring of human capital KPIs
- Revision of employment system

# **Basic functions of job-based employment**

Definition of human resource requirements and optimal assignment of necessary positions (jobs)

## Applying functions of Japanese job-based employment

Support for the acquisition of positions through autonomous growth of employees

### **Position** management

Definition of necessary positions for realization of management strategy

### **Human resource** requirement definitions

Definition of experience and skills required for jobs (duties)

### **Assignment** simulation

Selection and assignment of potential human resources matching positions

### Recommendation through internal job posting

**Encouraging motivation to** voluntarily embrace challenge

### Matching of human resource requirements

Understanding the gap between one's own desired career and skills

### **Autonomous career** building

Recommendation of training content for filling the skill gap



# Topics (2):



# Support for creation of human capital information dashboard

Support such as formulation of human capital indicators and creation of a dashboard for companies aiming

for human capital management



#### 1. Basic information on human resources

- Diversity
- Total number of employees
- Age, gender, years of service, composition ratio
- Employment type, occupation, position
- Productivity, personnel expenses, personnel planning, etc.

### 2. Engagement and organizational soundness

- Organizational culture
- Employees' opinions, employee satisfaction
- Engagement indicators
- Communication score
- Wellbeing indicators, etc.

## 3. Hiring capability, turnover, optimal assignment

- Hiring and turnover rate
- Employees' opinions, employee satisfaction
- List of people requesting transfers and reasons
- Activity after joining and reason for joining
- Turnover exit point, reason, etc.

## 4. Succession planning and voluntary challenges

- Definition and improvement of personnel requirements in key positions
- Supply of potential personnel and talent pool
- Level of improvement and rate of preparation of successors
- Next-generation personnel development plan
- Challenge indicators
- Rate of internal offering and acceptance of positions, etc.

#### 5. Skills and capabilities

- Definition of skills required for the organization
- Skill map, personnel available, level of skill
- Personnel portfolio
- Learning conditions, development conditions
- Percentage of training received in each organization, etc,

#### 6. Health management

- Health care score
- (Mental, lifestyle habits, smoking...)
- Percentage of medical examinations taken, number of people with findings
- Number of people on leaves of absence, number of interviews
- Labor conditions and overtime
   State of stress by organization, etc.



# Topics (3):



# Training management and reskilling functions

Execution of personnel measures through visualization of skills, recommendations linked to skills, autonomous career building



[Management and personnel] Analysis of employees' skill information and utilization in personnel strategy

One-on-one interview

Optimal assignment and selection

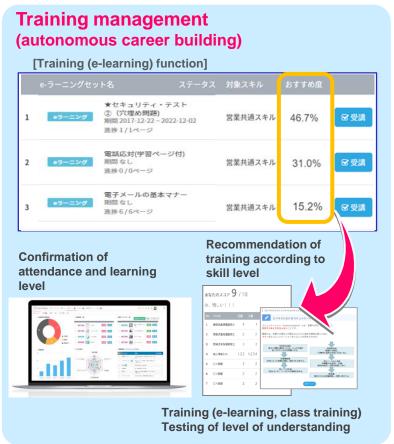
Next-generation personnel development

Building personnel portfolio





Attendance history + skill update



# Topics (4):



# Publication of example of implementation in global enterprise

Talent Palette supports the OKR system of all Kao Group companies including those located overseas



- Started operation of the OKR system as a companywide measure including global, as an core initiative of the Midterm Plan
- Systemization of connections between employees transcending organizational framework through announcement and publication of individual goals and opinions to the entire company
- Resolution of organizational issues that tend to become siloed, while supporting development of each person's growth and aspirations linked to a career plan

### **Background to Implementation**

In order to realize "maximizing the power and potential of employees" linked to the K25 business strategy, Kao needs to centralize and appropriately collect human resource data of all employees including global, and it is necessary to disclose and utilize information not only in the human resources department, but also in management, and operation of OKR was part of this.

However, at the time, human resources information was only managed on mission-critical systems, and a major issue was that only the human resources department was able to confirm information due to complexity of rights settings and operability, resulting in consideration of a talent management system.

### **Deciding factor in using Talent Palette**

In addition to resolving issues during implementation, there are multiple imperatives such as "being able to support our unique OKR management," "multilingual implementation for global utilization" and "detailed setting of rights."

While considering multiple talent management systems, Talent Palette encompasses all of these, and viewing further corporate growth, it was found that it is necessary to promote and realize a personnel strategy by not only storing data, but also analyzing and utilizing personnel data, and that the philosophy and approach to data utilization matches Kao's policy. This led to the introduction of Talent Palette enabling support of aspects ranging from day-to-day operation to future personnel strategy.



# Topics (5): Publication of new book: "Implementation and Evolution of Scientific Personnel Management"

Launch of second book effective for promotion and popularization of scientific personnel management, and branding in January



## **2023 launch!**

[Chapter 6]

# Implementation and Evolution of Scientific Personnel Management

Katsuya Mimuro, Kenji Suzumura, Takashi Nakai

- [Chapter 1] Work styles that have changed with COVID-19
- [Chapter 2] Changes in the corporate value axis of human capital [Chapter 3] What is scientific personnel management strategy?
  - Utilization of personnel not misguided by buzzwords in the HR industry
- [Chapter 4] The most advanced scientific personnel management initiatives
- [Chapter 5] Implementation of scientific personnel management by personnel measure
  - The way to success for scientific personnel management Role of personnel management in the era of human
  - ] capital management
    Hideo Owan, Professor, Faculty of Political Science and Economics, Waseda
    University

### It is recommended for people like these

- Want to learn about the most recent personnel issues such as disclosure of human capital, jobbased employment and reskilling
- Want to learn about theory and practice linking management strategy and personnel strategy

# Published and on sale with good reviews

## Published in 2019 Impact of Scientific Personnel Management

Katsuya Mimuro, Kenji Suzumura, Takashi Nakai

### It is recommended for people like these

- Want to learn about scientific personnel management utilizing marketing approaches and IT
- Want to fully increase performance of employees with "visualization of personnel"





## Topics (6):

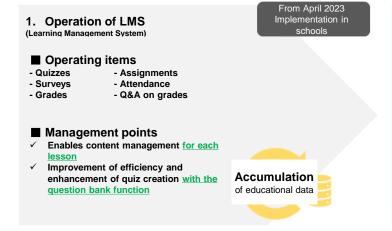


## Publication of example of implementation of new "Yorisoar" business

Examples of implementation of "Yorisoar" for the purpose of accumulation and analysis of educational data on classes and students







2. Building teaching staff portfolio

From April 2023 Implemented for teaching staff in sequence

- Assessment items, content
- Quiz results  $\rightarrow$  Level of understanding
- Submission of assignments
- Attendance rate
- Results of class evaluation questionnaire, etc.
  - Create a guidance and improvement cycle by providing feedback of results to teaching staff





O5 Financial results for the three months ended December 31, 2022



# Highlights

Consolidated basis

### Overview

- Talent Palette continues to perform well. The number of customers continued to grow, and performance exceeded targets
- The number of customers for Visualization Engine and Customer Rings are also increasing, and continued to make progress as planned.
- Grow Up was included in the scope of consolidation from the three months ended December 31, 2022, and is reflected in consolidated results (recorded in the Talent Palette Business).

### ■ Financial results for three months ended December 31, 2022

- Consolidated financial results for the three months ended December 31, 2022 showed a **36.0**% increase in net sales and an **11.2**% increase in operating profit from the same period of the previous fiscal year, with an operating profit margin of **30.9**%
- Non-consolidated financial results for the three months ended December 31, 2022 showed a **25.5**% increase in net sales and an **18.2**% increase in operating profit from the same period of the previous fiscal year, with an operating profit margin of **35.6**%
- On a non-consolidated basis, due to the increase in the number of customers, the revenue churn rate kept low and the stable rise of revenue per user of Talent Palette resulted in a favorable MRR of **700** million yen (up **30.9**% year on year)
- With Grow Up included in the scope of consolidation, it contributed to sales, income and amortization of goodwill, etc., temporarily lowering the consolidated operating profit margin and increase in profit growth rate.

## ■ Earnings forecasts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023

- We forecast net sales of 10,600 million yen (up 34.0% year on year) and operating profit of 3.400 million yen (operating profit margin of 32.1%)
- In addition to the expansion of Talent Palette's revenue, increases in the number of customers for Visualization Engine and Customer Rings are also expected to contribute to increase revenue and earnings

# Financial results highlights



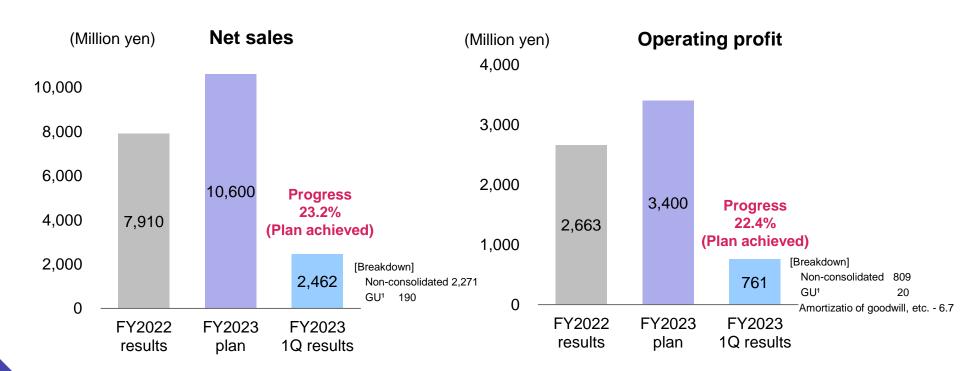
- Grow Up joined the scope of consolidation from the three months ended December 2022, and net sales increased by 36.0%, and operating profit increased by 11.2% with amortization of goodwill also having an impact
- Net sales and profit were both above target

| Net sales          | 2,462      |             | YoY change | 36.0 | % up |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------|------|
| Operating profit   | <b>761</b> | million yen | YoY change | 11.2 | % up |
| Ordinary<br>profit | <b>763</b> | million yen | YoY change | 11.2 | % up |
| Profit             | 506        | million yen | YoY change | 12.8 | % up |

# Financial results progress for the three months ended December 31, 2022 (1Q)



• The rate of progress in 1Q was 23.2% of the full-year plan for net sales and 22.4% for operating profit, with both sales and operating profit exceeding the planned levels.





Note1: Grow Up

## Financial results summary



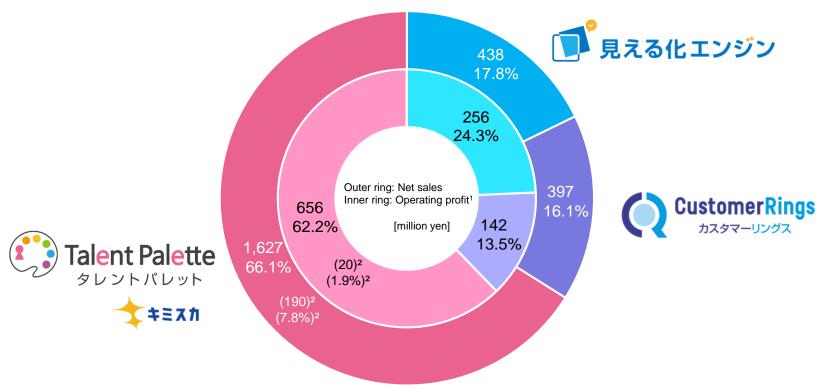
- 1Q results were steady with sales up 36.0% year on year
- Operating profit increased by 11.2% year on year due to the impact of leveling the timing of implementation of marketing expenses over the entire year compared to the previous year, and the burden of amortization of goodwill, etc.

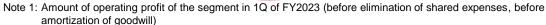
| Million yen                                  | FY2023 (OctDec.) |            | FY2022 (OctSep.) |             |          |
|--|------------------|------------|------------------|-------------|----------|
|  | 1Q               | 1Q, FY2022 |                  | FY2023 plan |          |
|  | Results          | Results    | YoY              | Plan        | Progress |
| Net sales                                    | 2,462            | 1,810      | 36.0%            | 10,600      | 23.2%    |
| Cost of sales                                | 652              | 496        | 31.5%            |             |          |
| Gross profit                                 | 1,810            | 1314       | 37.7%            |             |          |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 1048             | 629        | 66.5%            |             |          |
| Operating profit                             | 761              | 685        | 11.2%            | 3,400       | 22.4%    |
| Ordinary profit margin                       | 30.9%            | 37.8%      | -                | 32.1%       | -        |
| Ordinary profit                              | 763              | 686        | 11.2%            | 3,350       | 22.8%    |
| Profit                                       | 506              | 448        | 12.8%            | 2,600       | 19.5%    |

## Financial results (by segment) for the three months ended December 31, 2022 (1Q)



- The Talent Palette business including Kimisuka accounted for 66.1% of companywide sales and 62.2% of profit, driving growth
- The high profit margin Talent Palette contributed to the improvement of companywide profitability





Note 2: The figures in parentheses are for Kimisuka (inclusive)



## Financial Highlights (Talent Palette)



 The Talent Palette Business continued to perform well, showing a 37.7% increase in net sales and a 16.7% increase in operating profit

|                                  | FY2022 1Q                | FY2023 1Q                | YoY change             |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Net sales <sup>1</sup>           | <b>1,043</b> million yen | <b>1,436</b> million yen | <b>37.7</b> % up       |
| Operating profit <sup>2</sup>    | 545 million yen          | 636 million yen          | <b>16.7</b> % up       |
| Ordinary profit margin           | <b>52.3</b> %            | 44.3 %                   | <b>8.0</b> points dowr |
| MRR <sup>3</sup>                 | 291 million yen          | 423 million yen          | <b>45.4</b> % up       |
| Number of customers <sup>4</sup> | <b>765</b> cases         | <b>1,103</b> cases       | <b>338</b> cases up    |
| Revenue churn rate <sup>5</sup>  | 0.38 %                   | 0.37 %                   | 0.01 points dowr       |
| ARPU <sup>6</sup>                | 376 thousand yen         | 387 thousand yen         | <b>3.0</b> % up        |

Note 1: Results for 1Q of FY2022 and 1Q of FY2023 (cumulative)

This ratio is calculated as the reduced subscription fee due to cancellations divided by the sum of the monthly fee revenue of the former month.

Note 6: Average Revenue Per User. Calculated by dividing the average MRR for 1Q of FY2022 and 1Q FY2023 by the average number of paid billing enterprise users of each month for the same period.



Note 2: Amount of operating profit of the segment in 1Q of FY2022 and 1Q of FY2023 (before elimination of shared expenses)

Note 3: Monthly Recurring Revenue. Total of the monthly fee of contracted subscription users in December 2021 and in December 2022

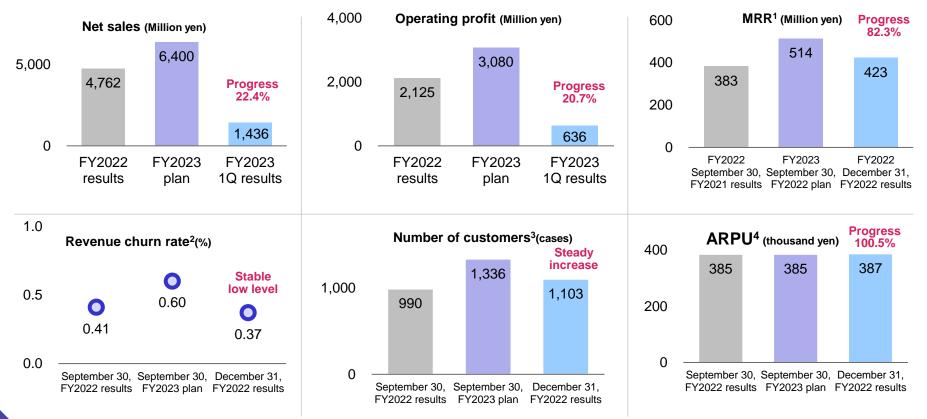
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Note 5: Ratio of reductions as a result of cancellations to total monthly billed amounts as of December 2021 and December 2022 (average for the past 12 months).

## Performance (Talent Palette)



- In Talent Palette, all major KPIs exceeded initial plans
- In particular, an increase in the number of customers contributed to increases in net sales and MRR.



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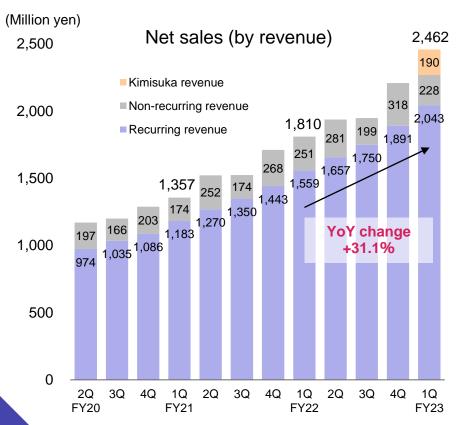
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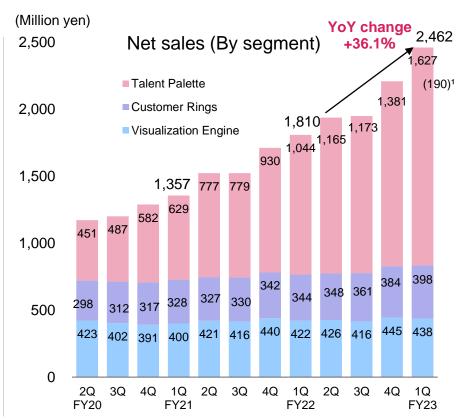
Note 4: Average Revenue Per User. Calculated by dividing MRR by the number of customers at the end of the month.

## Net sales trends (Companywide)



- Recurring revenue steadily increased and expanded to 2,043 million yen (+31.1% year on year) in 1Q
- Net sales of all businesses exceeded those of the previous fiscal year, and with the inclusion of Kimisuka, expanded to 2,462 million yen in 1Q (up 36.1% year on year)



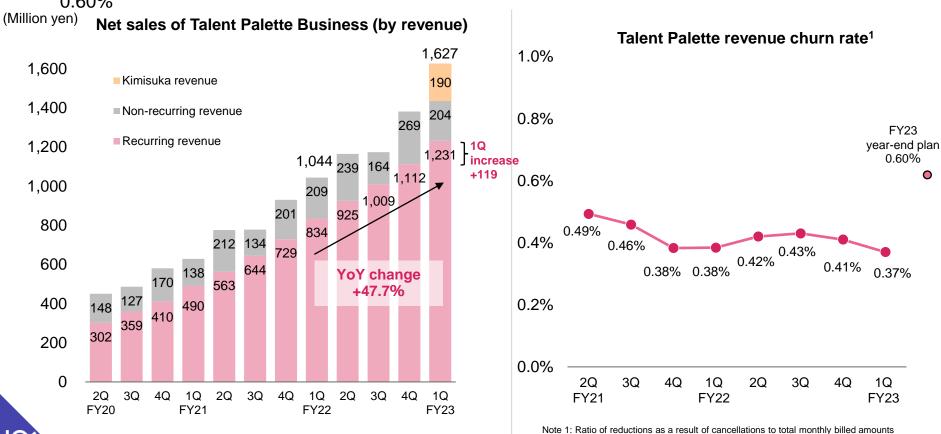


## Net sales trends (Talent Palette Business)



Consolidated basis

- Recurring revenue steadily increased and expanded to 1,231 million yen (+47.7% year on year) in 1Q
- The churn rate was stable at the low level of 0.37%, which was lower than the FY2023 year-end plan of 0.60%

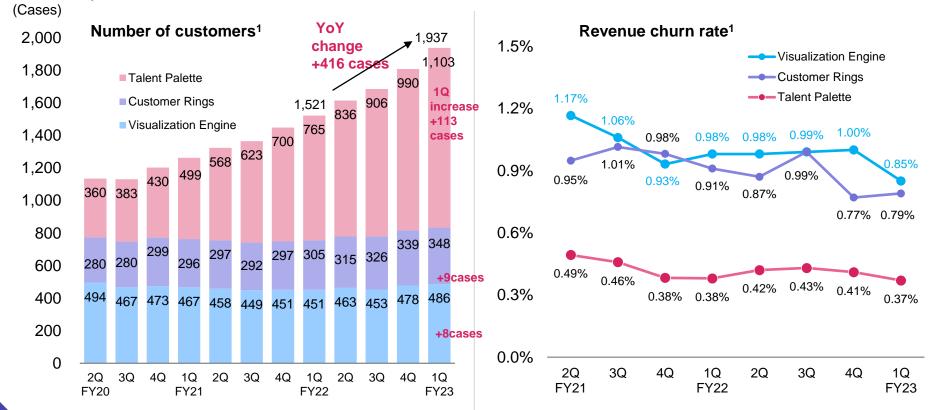


(average of the past 12 months at the end of each quarter), excluding Kimisuka

#### Trends in number of customers and revenue churn rate



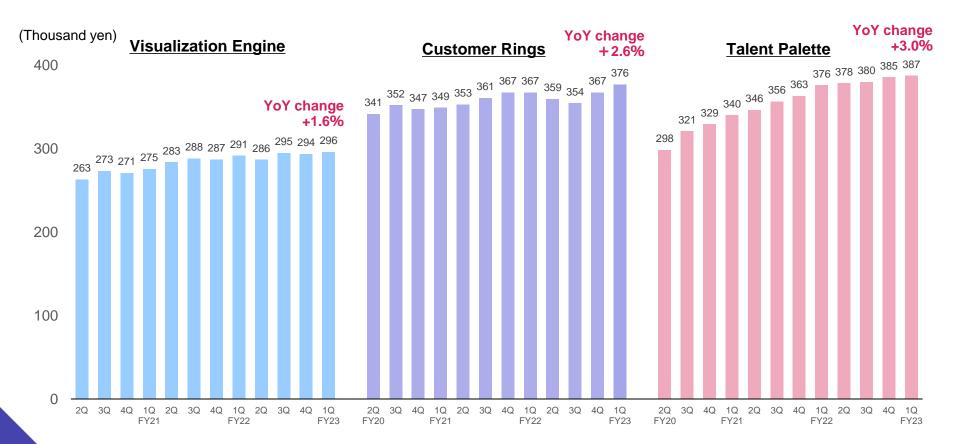
- The increase per quarter in the number of Talent Palette customers exceeded 100 for the first time
- The number of customers of Visualization Engine and Customer Rings continued to recover due to the acquisition of new customers

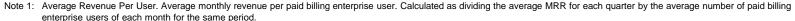


## Trends in average revenue per user (ARPU)



ARPU¹ was steady due to up-selling to existing customers in each business





## Major KPIs for 1Q of FY2023



#### MRR<sup>1</sup>

#### Companywide

### 700 million ven

■ Visualization Engine 144 million yen

■ Customer Rings 133 million yen

■ Talent Palette 423 million ven

#### MRR growth rate<sup>2</sup>

#### Companywide

30.9%

■ Visualization Engine 9.4%

■ Customer Rings 18.7%

■ Talent Palette 45.4%

#### Average monthly revenue churn rate<sup>3</sup>

#### Companywide

0.56%

■ Visualization Engine 0.85%

■ Customer Rings 0.79%

■ Talent Palette 0.37%

#### Number of users<sup>4</sup>

#### Companywide

1,937 companies

■ Visualization Engine 486 companies

■ Customer Rings 348 companies

■ Talent Palette 1,103 companies

#### Recurring ratio<sup>5</sup>

#### <u>Companywide</u>

89.9%

■ Visualization Engine 97.1%

■ Customer Rings 97.2%

■ Talent Palette 85.7%

#### ARPU<sup>6</sup>

#### Companywide

## 362 thousand yen

■ Visualization Engine 296 thousand yen

■ Customer Rings 376 thousand yen

■ Talent Palette 387 thousand yen

Note 1: Monthly Recurring Revenue. Total of the monthly fee of contracted subscription users in December 2022 (excluding temporary sales).

Note 2: MRR growth rate from December 2021 to December 2022

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Companywide result is calculated by dividing total amounts of the average MRRs of the three businesses for the same period by the average number of total enterprise users for the three businesses of each month for the same period.

## Major KPIs: Year on year change

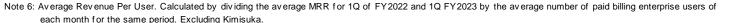


| <1Q non-consolidated>            | FY2022 1Q                | FY2023 1Q                | YoY change              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net sales <sup>1</sup>           | <b>1,810</b> million yen | <b>2,462</b> million yen | <b>36.0</b> % up        |
| Operating profit <sup>2</sup>    | 685 million yen          | 761 million yen          | 11.2 % up               |
| Ordinary profit margin           | 37.8 %                   | 30.9 %                   | <b>6.9</b> points down  |
| MRR <sup>3</sup>                 | 534 million yen          | 700 million yen          | <b>30.9</b> % up        |
| Number of customers <sup>4</sup> | 1,521 cases              | <b>1,937</b> cases       | <b>416</b> cases up     |
| Revenue churn rate <sup>5</sup>  | 0.68 %                   | 0.56 %                   | <b>0.12</b> points down |
| ARPU <sup>6</sup>                | 348 thousand yen         | 362 thousand yen         | <b>3.9</b> % up         |

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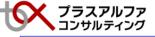


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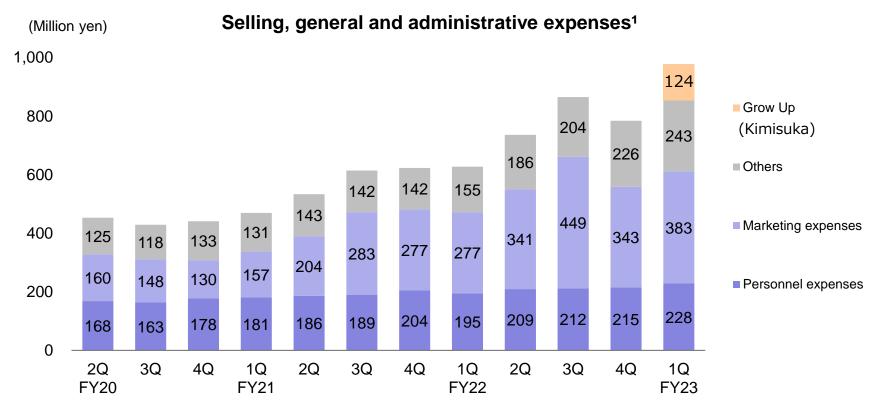
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## Trends in selling, general and administrative expenses



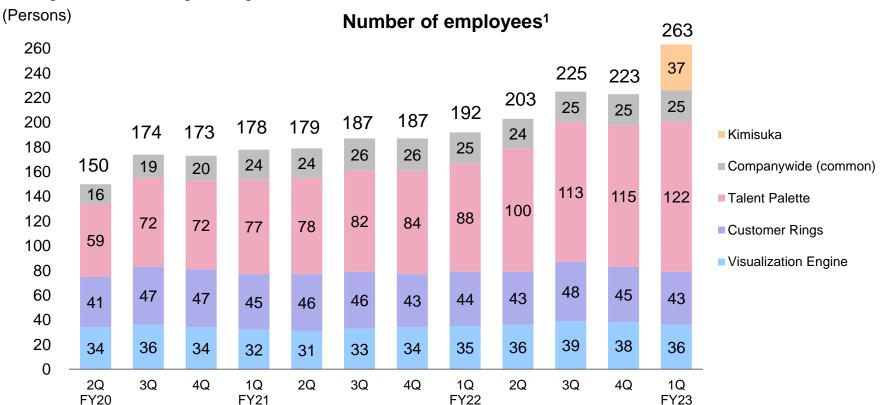
- Marketing expenses are generally as planned with the timing of implementation being leveled over the year compared to the previous year
- "Others" also increased as planned compared to the plan due to strengthening of inside sales and outbound sales



## Trends in the number of employees



- Increased the number of personnel, especially in consultant positions, due to the need to respond to the increasing number of Talent Palette customers
- Strengthened system through by continuously hiring sales personnel to acquire new business and engineers for strengthening functions



## Status of Balance Sheets



- Part of this is due to the impact of consolidation of GU, but net assets increased by 243 million yen from the previous quarter due to continually recording profits
- The slim financial structure was maintained, and the equity ratio was maintained at the high level of 79.0%

| (Million yen)               | Sep. 30, 2022 | Dec. 31, 2022 | Changes from<br>Sep. 30, 2022 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Current assets              | 6,598         | 5,983         | down 615                      |
| (Cash and deposits)         | 5,478         | 4,848         | down 629                      |
| (Accounts receivable-trade) | 941           | 967           | up 25                         |
| Non-current assets          | 1,345         | 2,499         | up 1,154                      |
| Total assets                | 7,944         | 8,483         | up 538                        |
| Current liabilities         | 1,480         | 1,632         | up152                         |
| Non-current liabilities     | -             | -             | -                             |
| Net assets                  | 6,464         | 6,707         | up 243                        |
| Equity ratio                | 81.2%         | 79.0%         |                               |



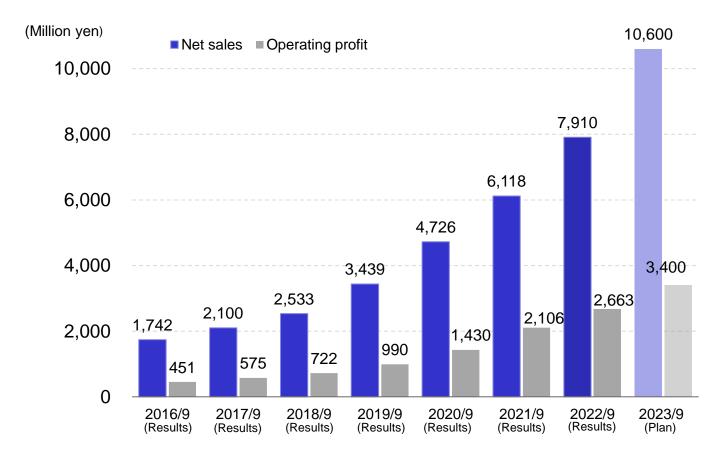
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## Earnings forecasts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023



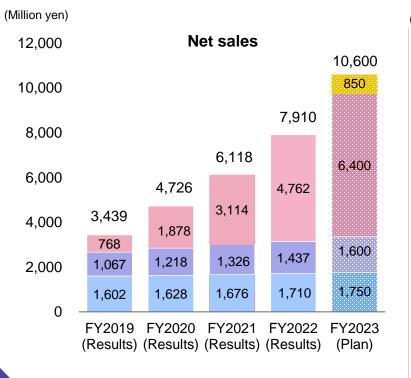
- Revenues and profits are expected to increase year on year, with sales growth mainly in the Talent Palette Business
- We are aiming for a 34.0% growth in net sales and an operating profit margin of 32.1%

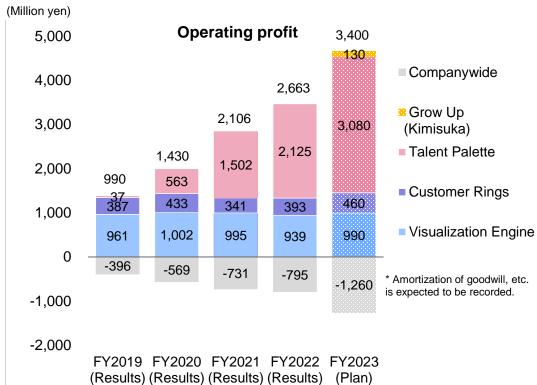


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## Earnings forecasts for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 (By segment)

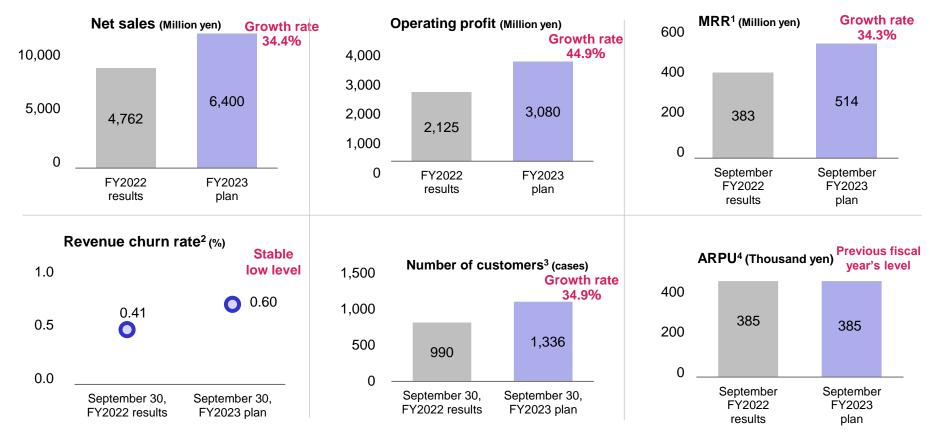
- Companywide growth in revenues and profits driven by sales and profit growth in Talent Palette
- In addition to revenue and profits being expected to increase for Visualization Engine and Customer Rings, the consolidation
  of Grow Up will also contribute to profit. Companywide costs will increase due to the amortization of goodwill.





## Earnings forecast assumptions (Talent Palette Business)





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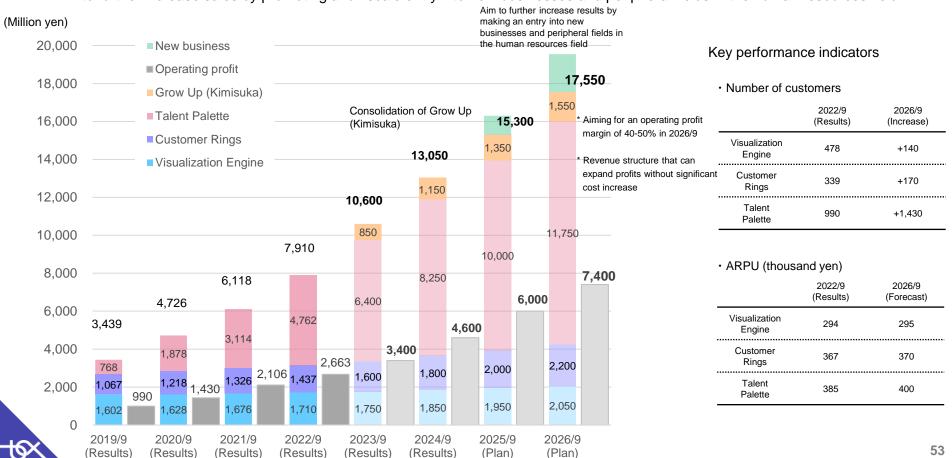
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## Medium-term growth image



- Sales of 17.5 billion yen or more, operating profit of 7.4 billion yen or more and operating profit margin of 40% or more expected in existing business in 2026/9
- Aim to further increase sales by promoting a full-scale entry into new businesses and peripheral fields in the human resources field





## Reference materials



## Service characteristics



|  | Visualization platform  | Marketing automation tool  | HR utilization platform   |
|--|---|--|---|
|  | <b>見える化エンジン</b>   | <b>CustomerRings</b> カスタマーリンヴス   | <b>Talent Palette</b> タレントパレット  |
| Service<br>overview  | Text mining analysis of massive amounts of customer feedback from surveys, call logs, social media, etc.  | Support for optimal communication with customers based on analysis results gained from integrated data for customer attributes and action histories  | Utilized for talent management by visualizing personnel information such as employee skills, aptitude, evaluations, and survey results and hiring related data                                    |
| Users and usage  | Introduced mainly into companies' contact centers and marketing divisions Used for improving clients' services and developing new products  | Introduced mainly into companies in EC (apparel, health foods, cosmetics, general goods, etc.) and retail industries Used for planning and implementing measures for online marketing                                    | Introduced mainly into personnel divisions Used for personnel planning and strategies to improve employee performance by utilizing human resources  |
| Major<br>characteristics   | No. 1 market share in the text mining tool area with functions of supporting a wide range of data sources, highly accurate natural language processing, an intuitive user interface, etc.     | Intuitive interface, various functions to analyze and visualize customer actions, and support for multiple channels such as e mail, social media, chat, and apps   | Personnel database on employee information, evaluations, and skills. Support for optimal placement, HR selection, resignation analysis/prediction, and improvement in matching efficiency         |
| Fee system   | Monthly fee: Monthly subscription plan according to data amount, etc.  Initial cost: For establishing system at service introduction, etc.  Fee for on demand services: Paid consulting, etc. | Monthly fee: Monthly subscription plan according to the number of members and distribution, etc.  Initial cost: For establishing system at service introduction, etc.  Fee for on demand services: Paid consulting, etc. | Monthly fee: Monthly subscription plan according to the number of employees Initial cost: For establishing system at service introduction, etc. Fee for on demand services: Paid consulting, etc. |
| Number of<br>users <sup>1</sup><br>Rate of recurring<br>revenue <sup>2</sup> | Number of users (486 companies) Rate of recurring revenue (97.1%)   | Number of users (348 companies) Rate of recurring revenue (97.2%)  | Number of users (1,103 companies) Rate of recurring revenue (85.7%)   |



## Characteristics of Visualization Engine



#### Service characteristics

- Instantly visualize big data (customer feedback and actions) in the digital age
- Tool with No. 1 installation share, used by over 1,500 companies
- Intuitive user interface and high usability
- Highly accurate natural language processing that can handle free-form remarks and comments



- Text mining analysis of massive amounts of customer feedback from social media such as Twitter, call logs, and even surveys
- Visualization of sentiments such as requests, dissatisfaction, and satisfaction
- One-stop support for customer feedback-oriented improvement activities on a companywide basis using the dashboard function

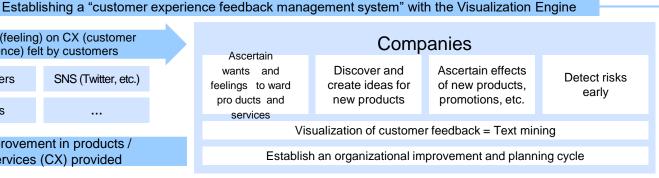
"customer experience feedback management system" to maximize a company's customer experience (CX) by understanding consumer voices

#### Customers

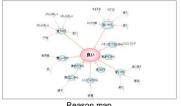
Changing environment

- Diversifying needs
- Digitalization
- New normal

#### Feedback (feeling) on CX (customer experience) felt by customers Call centers SNS (Twitter, etc.) Surveys ... Improvement in products / services (CX) provided



#### Visualized output of customer thoughts and wants (proprietary text mining technology)



(Ascertain elements linked to central word)



Extract needs (Understand feelings at a glance)



Word cloud (Ascertain frequency of word occurrence)



Characteristic map (Compare characteristics by age group)

## Companies that have introduced visualization engine (可見える化エンジン





Introduced by companies large and small as a tool enabling visualization of voices of customers

## No.1 share for 11 consecutive years

#### Manufacturing







#### **Good Product**

VOC (voices of customers) Receipt of large awards

#### Retail distribution business



#### Food/Service





#### Pharmaceutical



#### Infrastructure/IT



#### BtoB/BPO







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Note 1: Fuji Chimera Research Institute, Inc. "New Markets in the Software Business"

## Growth strategy for Visualization Engine Business 「 見える化エンジン





Strengthen infrastructure functions that facilitate customer experience feedback, expand the scope of applicable data, build intimate relationships with customers through high value-added consulting services, and raise LTV.

Strengthen companywide infrastructure functions; differentiated functions with All Companywide mining technologies customer experience feedback platform

Establish framework for "customer experience feedback," from expanding analysis data to improvement operations

Text mining analysis tool used by departments

Improve added value by strengthening consulting abilities; dig deep into clients

operations

Realize higher LTV via deep integration into client operations by companywide use

## Characteristics of Customer Rings





#### Service characteristics

- A CRM/MA tool that realizes optimal communication with customers by integrating and analyzing massive amounts of customer information and purchase histories
- An intuitive interface that does not hamper users' thinking
- Enables timely approaches to customers through optimal channels, ranging from e-mail, LINE, SMS, web customer support, app notifications, direct mails, etc

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- Supports the planning and execution of marketing initiatives via diverse analysis functions and a wealth of visualized output that allow users to gain a firsthand understanding of each customer's behaviors and preferences.
- Supports digital marketing strategies in any industry or business type, including EC, finance, and retail businesses.
- Consultants provide comprehensive support by aiding in strategy and analysis.

Automates the optimal communication with customers by directly understanding customers with big data An essential marketing automation system for the digital marketing age



Automation (allows users to focus on more creative work)



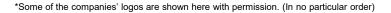
## Companies that have introduced Customer Rings





Supporting digital marketing / CRM enhancement of more than 700 growing companies in total

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## Growth strategy for Customer Rings Business



Expand differentiated "customer feeling" functions, create high added value for analysis consulting, and evolve into a marketing platform that can be linked with various marketing actions.

Differentiation via analysis functions from AI / mining technologies and "customer feeling" functions

Expand industries by expanding services through high value-added consulting

Create a platform that also enables various marketing actions



Shift from EC centric to expand the scope of industries and realize higher MRR and ARPU

#### Characteristics of Talent Palette





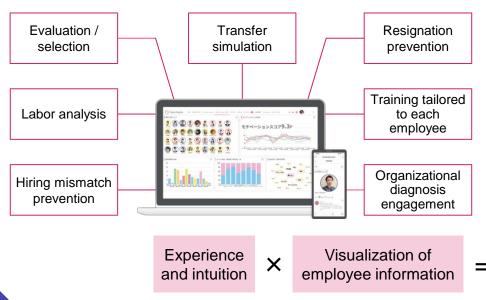


- Realizes data-based scientific personnel management strategy to enable users to succeed in an age of labor shortage
- Employee visualization functions that can be used for optimal employee placement or human resource selection
- Hiring functions including increasing efficiency of hiring operations, mismatch prevention, and performance forecasting
- Employee performance analysis and learning facilitation functions such as e-learning
- Resignation prevention functions such as resignation analysis and prediction and motivation measurement

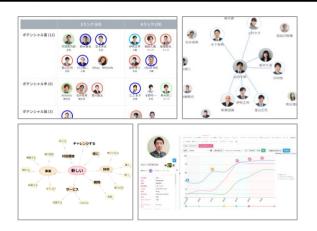


- A first in the industry, we took our approach to analyzing massive amounts of data in marketing, an area in which we excel, and applied it to the HR field.
- A human resource platform that realizes "scientific personnel management," including data-driven optimal placement, appropriate evaluations, discovering and hiring more talents, and resignation prevention.
- Analyzes employees' aspirations and requests to the company using text mining technology. Enables management to reflect previously untapped "employee voices."

Realizes proprietary scientific personnel management that incorporates marketing thinking



Intuitive visualization of human resources and organization status



Realize scientific personnel management strategy (Data-driven creative personnel strategy)

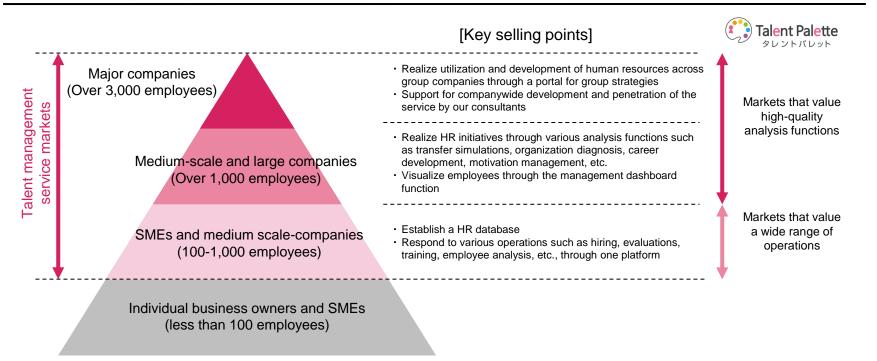
## Talent Palette's target market





The talent management service is targeted for companies with 100 or more employees. Since market characteristics differ depending on the number of employees, we adopt a method of approach focusing on selling points suitable for each market.

Target markets and selling points of the talent management service





## Unique position as an integrated human resource platform

Differentiate Talent Palette from competing services by supporting a wide range of operations with integrated and accumulated personnel data, and enriching analysis functions

#### Field of expertise

Our position

■ Status of competition seen from our services<sup>1</sup> Analysis

- Providing a service to analyze wide - ranging data from different perspectives

#### Analysis-oriented tools for HR information management

- Primarily for personnel information management
- Has standard analysis functions
- Mainly targets personnel divisions

#### [Status of competition]

- ✓ Limited competitors due to fewer newcomers that target small markets.
- ✓ Possible to compete with rivals by highlighting diverse functions.

#### Integrated HR utilization platform



- Comprehensively analyzes and utilizes work hour data, aptitude tests, employee feedback, motivation (dynamic data), hiring data, etc in addition to personnel information
- Superior UI, usable by management and department managers

Narrow

#### Tools specialized in optimization of certain operations

- Specialized in increasing efficiency in certain operations, such as making evaluations available on the web and placing personnel information into databases
- These tools are cheap and simple to install as they offer a single function

#### [Status of competition]

- ✓ Fierce price competition between many newcomers with low prices.
- ✓ Offer basic functions such as centralization of HR data and making evaluations available on the web.
- ✓ Some superficially overlapping concepts between Talent Palette and competitors due to additional functions such as simple analysis.

#### **Core integrated personnel systems**

- Handle many types of information, such as personnel information, work hours, salary, and evaluations
- Dedicated to administrative functions, used as core personnel systems at large companies

#### [Status of competition]

- ✓ Since many have already been introduced as core systems company or group-wide, replacement is difficult.
- √However, there are many cases of coexistence through data linkage, etc., because of advantages in price and functionality.



## Growth strategy for Talent Palette Business (\*\*) Talent Palette



Expand the methodology and functions of "scientific personnel management," advance expansion in services for sectors surrounding HR, and realize an HR information platform that promotes use of new human resources and workstyle reforms.

- (2) Promote human resource utilization and workstyle reforms through the entrenchment and penetration of scientific personnel management
- (1) Expand scientific personnel management analysis methods and functions from a marketing viewpoint

Scientific personnel management HR information platform (3) Establish an HR information platform and full-scale expansion into sectors surrounding HR

Staffing / hiring

Training / development Benefit programs / events

Health care

Acquire a dominant market share in the HR space by acquiring core personnel data







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