



**FY2022** 

## **Financial Results**

**February 27, 2023** 

**Segue Group Co., Ltd.** 

Stock Code: 3968

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## **FY2022 Highlights**

## **Highlights: Performance**



## Record highs for all figures including net sales and each profit!

**Net sales** 

**13.622** billion yen

**UP 13.2%** 

**Gross profit** 

3.559 billion yen

**UP 15.1%** 

**Operating income** 

0.906 billion yen

**UP 41.9%** 

**Ordinary income** 

1.050 billion yen

**UP 53.1%** 



Net sales: Sales of security and DX infrastructure products increased as more companies embraced digital transformation.

Sales increased despite the negative impact of the adoption of the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition, etc.

If the standard had not been applied, sales would be 14.286 billion yen (UP 18.7%).

- Gross profit & Operating income: Gross profit increased and operating income increased substantially, driven by sales growth from in-house developed products.
- Ordinary income: Increased significantly reflecting the foreign exchange gains from the valuation of foreign currency-denominated assets
- Order backlog: 6.4 billion yen (End-2021) → 7.0 billion yen (End-2022)

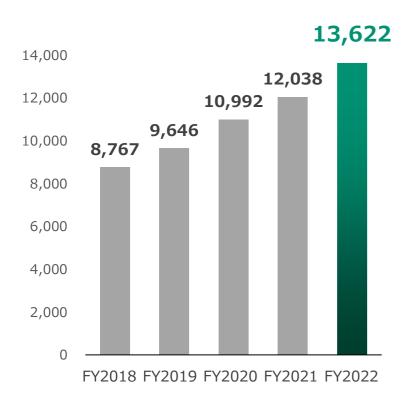


## **Highlights: Performance Trends**

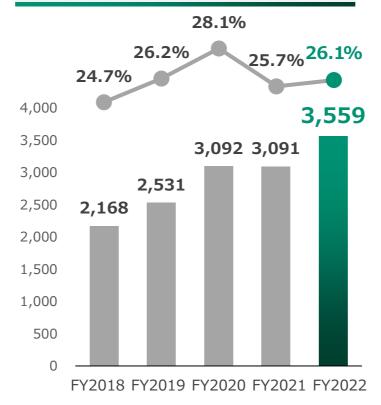


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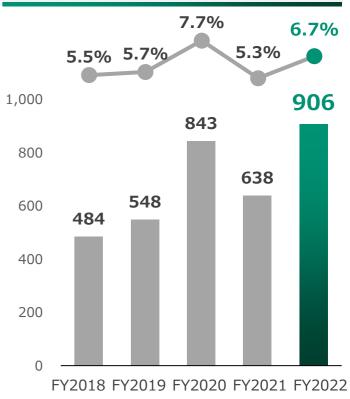




## Gross profit (million yen) Gross margin (%)



## Operating income (million yen) Operating margin (%)



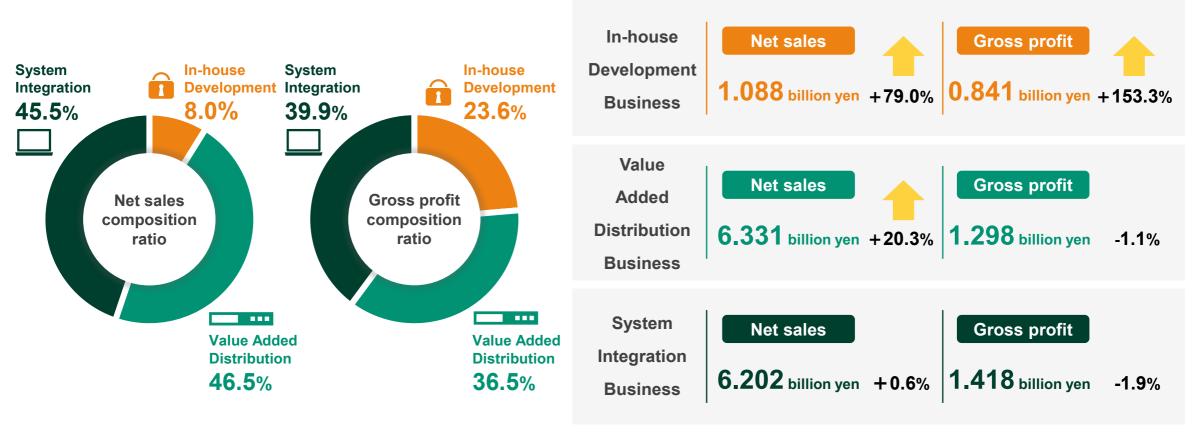
## **Highlights: Number of Each Business**



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In-house Development business: sales of security solutions to local governments and medical institutions grew significantly. Value Added Distribution business: sales increased due to strong sales, but gross profit decreased slightly reflecting the impact of exchange rates (making up by non-operating foreign exchange revenue due to currency hedging).

System Integration business: sales were flat due to the adoption of the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition, but significantly increased under the previous standard.

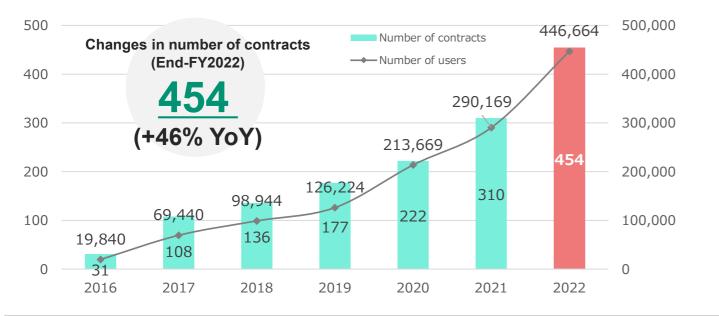


<sup>\*</sup> Since the "Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition" has been applied from the beginning of the first quarter of the current fiscal year, the application of these standards and related treatment had a negative impact of 0.663 billion yen on net sales mainly for the System Integration business.

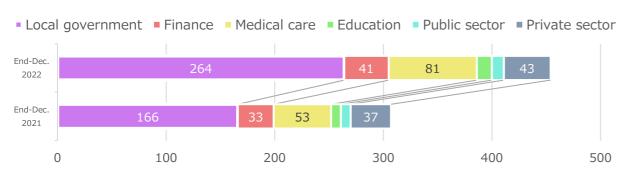
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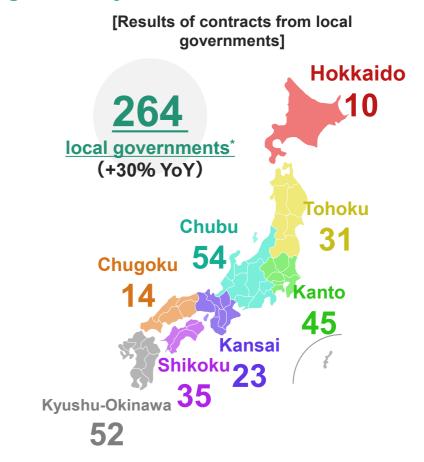


## Seized demands from local governments and the medical field, the number of contracts increased significantly.



#### [Number of contracts by industry]





<sup>\*</sup>Figures for "Local government" are totals for contracts from governments of prefectures and municipalities.

<sup>\*</sup>In the medical sector, 81 hospitals nationwide have introduced the system.

### **Highlights: Business Topics**



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#### Value Added Distribution Business

- Achieved an increase in product sales amid ongoing delayed delivery due to a shortage of semiconductors.
  - ✓ Sales increased by nearly 20% YoY (approx. 0.7 billion yen)
  - ✓ Juniper +24%、Ruckus + 4%、Rapid7 +267%
- Received awards from security product manufacturers.
  - ✓ Received Japan Distributor of the Year 2021 for 6 consecutive years from Juniper
  - ✓ Received 2022 Darktrace Partner of the Year (Japan) for 2 consecutive years from Darktrace
  - ✓ Received Strategic Win of the Year 2022 from Ivanti
- Support service sales (recurring revenue) steadily increased.
  - ✓ Sales increased by 26% YoY (approx. 0.4 billion yen)

## **Highlights: Business Topics**



#### **Value Added Distribution Business**

Continuous handling of new security products



✓ April 2022: Rapid7 "Threat Command" detecting indications of cyber-attacks



✓ June 2022: "Barracuda Cloud-to-Cloud Backup", a SaaS backup service for Microsoft365



✓ August 2022: "Forescout", providing security solutions based on IP device visualization



✓ September 2022: "Cobalt Strike", a secret and highly emulated cyber-attack



✓ September 2022: "Vade for M365", a mail security subscription-based solution dedicated to Microsoft365

### **Highlights: Business Topics**



#### **System Integration Business**

Sales increased despite the negative impact from the adoption of the "Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition" and related initiatives.

#### Investment in human resources

Aiming to double the number of engineers hired, which is essential as the foundation of the business, the project was launched under the direct control of the President.

Strengthened recruitment organizations to accelerate recruitment and training.

Number of Employees: 473 at the end of December 2021 → 527 at the end of December 2022 (up 54, including 43 engineers)

Establishment of an organization with advanced security engineers

In November 2022, Segue Security was established to specialize in cyber security.

#### **Overseas expansion**

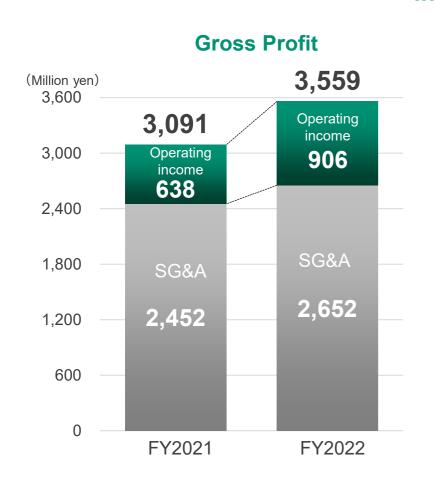
Acquired Thailand ISS Resolution in December 2022 and made it a subsidiary, as the first overseas expansion.

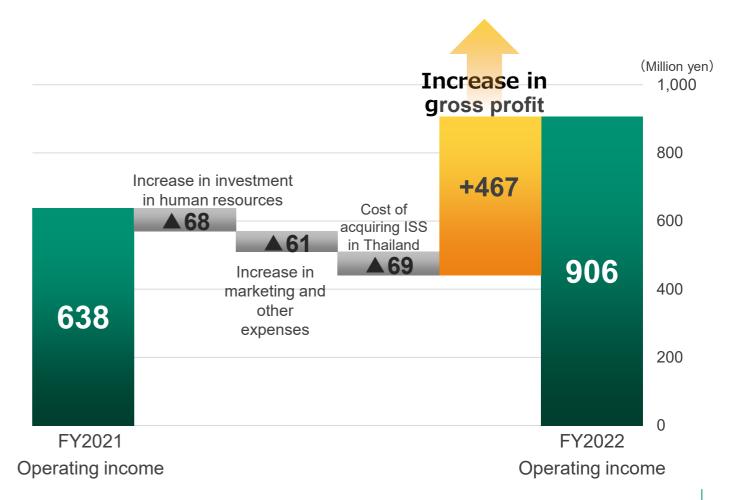
## Highlights: Breakdown of Changes in Operating Income



Gross profit increased due to growth in sales of in-house developed products.

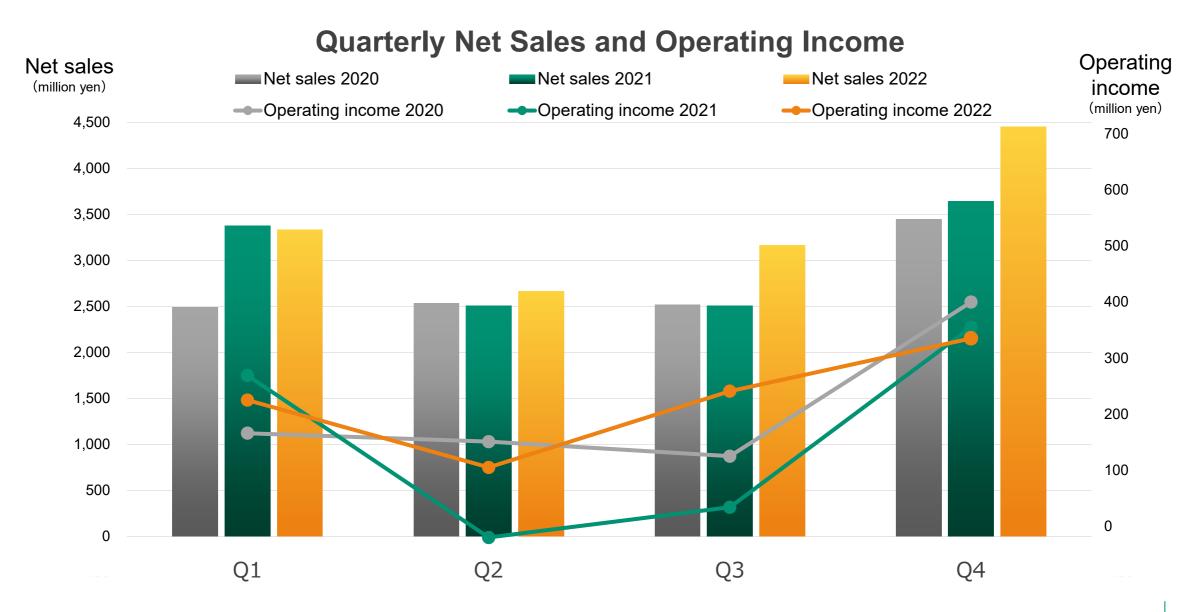
Operating income increased by more than 40% as the acquisition of ISS in Thailand and other investment costs were absorbed.





## **Highlights: Quarterly Performance Trends**





## **Highlights: Consolidated Statements of Income**



### All figures exceed revised forecasts!

Higher profits in the In-house Development business exceeded the impact of exchange rates on the Value Added Distribution business. Operating income margin improved.

Unit: million yen

	FY2021	FY2022	YoY	
	Full-year	Full-year	Change	Change ratio
Net sales	12,038	13,622	1,584	+13.2%
Gross profit	3,091	3,559	467	+15.1%
(Profit margin)	25.7%	26.1%	+ 0.4pt	
SG&A expenses	2,452	2,652	199	+8.2%
Operating income	638	906	267	+41.9%
(Profit margin)	5.3%	6.7%	+ 1.4pt	
Ordinary income	686	1,050	364	+53.1%
(Profit margin)	5.7%	7.7%	+2.0pt	
Net income	454	743	288	+63.5%

Full-year Initial plan	Full-year plan (Revised on Aug. 9, 2022)	Achievement rate of revised forecast
13,300	13,300	102.4%
760	760	119.2%
5.7%	5.7%	
760	804	130.6%
5.7%	6.1%	
520	656	113.2%

<sup>\*</sup>Foreign exchange gain (197 million yen) recorded in non-operating income

<sup>\*</sup>Gain on sales of securities (188 million yen) recorded as extraordinary income

## **Highlights: Consolidated Balance Sheets**



# Steady growth in advances received from recurring revenue-type services, which will generate future sales.

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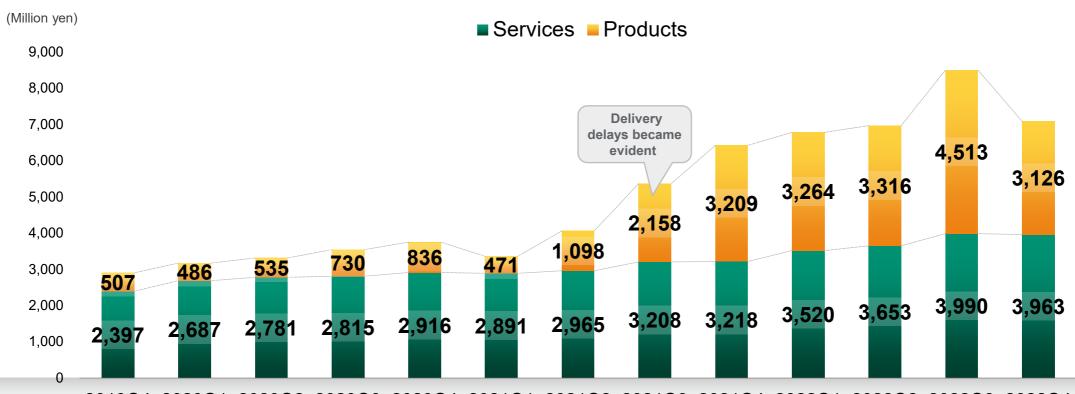
	FY2021 Year-end	FY2022 Year-end	Change
<b>Current assets</b>	7,236	9,975	2,739
Cash and deposits	1,351	2,989	1,637
Notes and accounts receivable, and Electronically Recorded Monetary Claims	2,078	2,360	282
Inventory assets	2,376	3,103	727
Other	1,429	1,521	91
Non-current assets	1,388	1,276	▲112
Property, plant and equipment	209	248	38
Intangible assets	166	258	92
Investments and other assets	1,013	770	▲243
Total assets	8,625	11,252	2,626

	FY2021 Year-end	FY2022 Year-end	Change
Current liabilities	5,101	6,367	1,265
Accounts payable- trade	1,605	1,885	279
Short-term debt	501	287	▲213
Advances received	2,472	3,137	665
Other	520	1,055	534
Non-current liabilities	324	1,200	875
Total liabilities	5,426	7,567	2,141
Total net assets	3,199	3,685	485
Total liabilities and net assets	8,625	11,252	2,626

## **Highlights: Backlog of Orders**



Although the impact of delivery delays due to a shortage of semiconductors remains, we have secured and delivered more equipment in FY2022 Q4. Services sales increased steadily.



2019Q4 2020Q1 2020Q2 2020Q3 2020Q4 2021Q1 2021Q2 2021Q3 2021Q4 2022Q1 2022Q2 2022Q3 2022Q4





## **Medium-Term Targets and Progress**

## **Medium-term Numerical Targets**



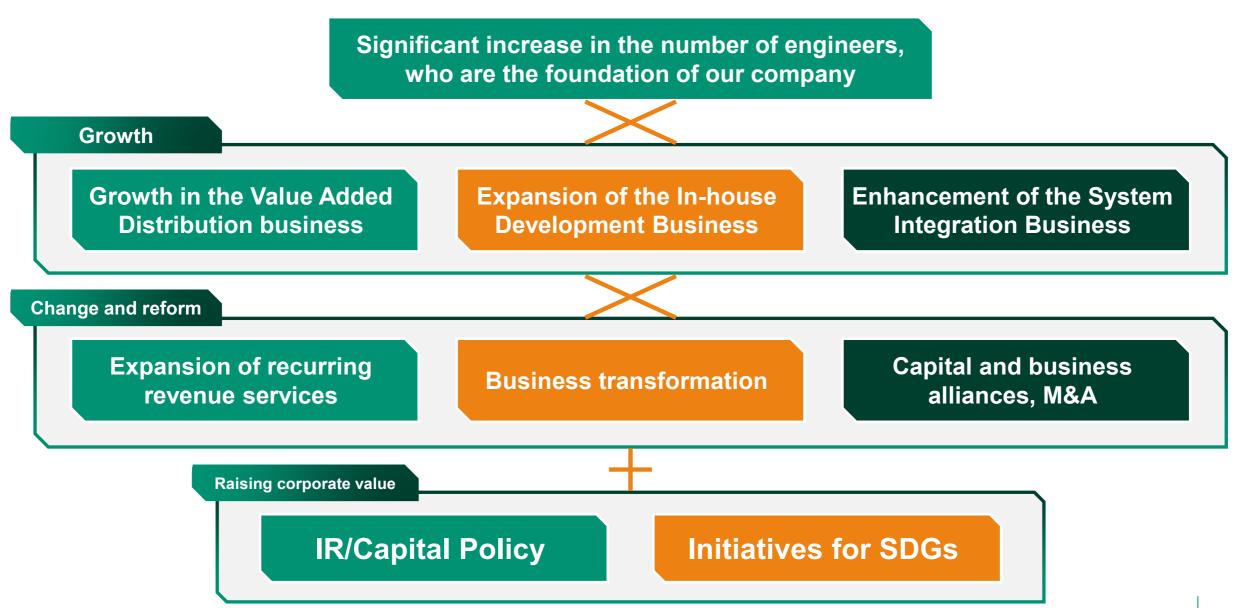
# Selected the Prime Market on December 29, 2021, Set the medium-term targets for FY12/24.

	Net sales	Operating income	Net income
FY2021 (Results)	12.0 billion yen	0.63 billion yen	0.45 billion yen
FY2022 (Results)	13.6 billion yen	0.90 billion yen	0.74 billion yen
FY2023 (Plan)	15.7 billion yen	0.10 billion yen	0.67 billion yen
FY12/24 Targets	17.0 billion yen	1.2 billion yen	0.80 billion yen

<sup>\*</sup>The "Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition" has been applied since FY2022.

## **Initiatives to Achieve Medium-Term Targets**



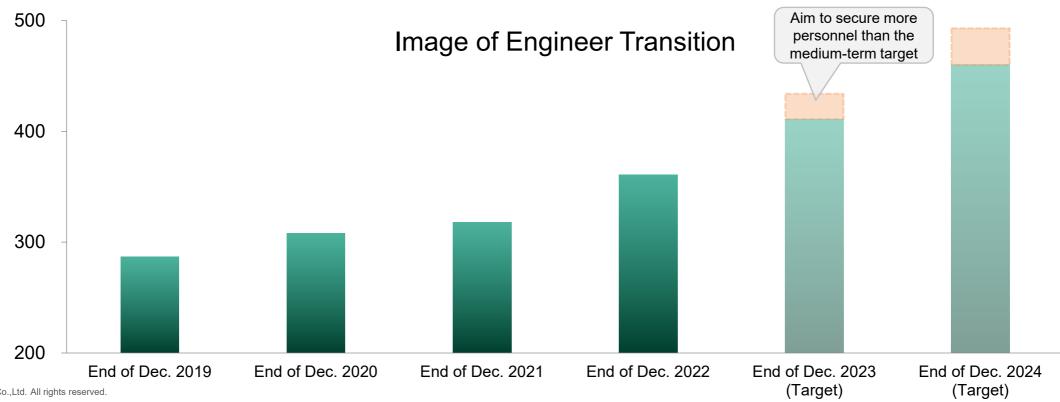


#### **Progress of Medium-Term Initiatives: Recruitment of Engineers**



#### Substantial increase in the number of engineers as the foundation

- ✓ Launched a project under the direct control of the president. We will strengthen recruitment organizations and improve the environment, aiming to double the number of engineers hired and greatly increase the number of engineers set in the mediumterm target.
- ✓ 25 new graduates are going to join in 2023, including 19 technical employees.

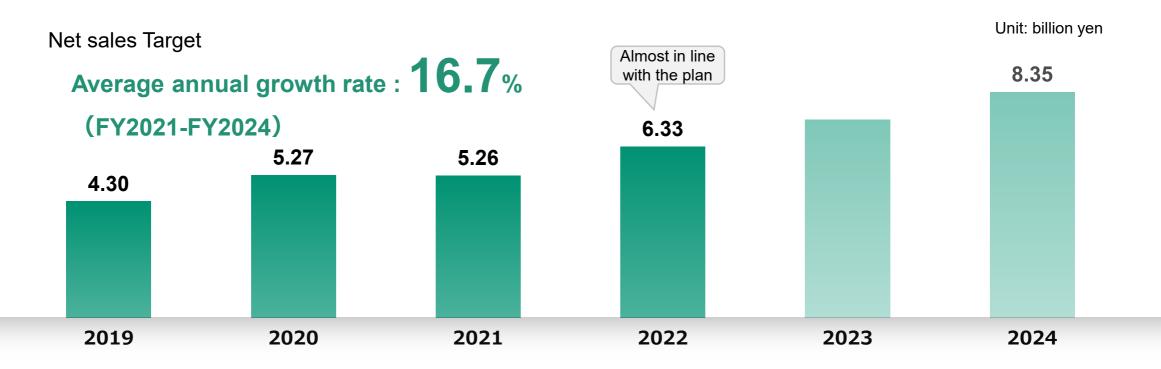


#### **Progress of Medium-Term Initiatives: Value Added Distribution Business**



#### **Growth in the Value Added Distribution Business**

- Sales of security and DX infrastructure products grew (nearly 20% YoY).
- Started handling 5 new security products.
- Support service sales (recurring revenue) steadily increased (up 26% YoY).

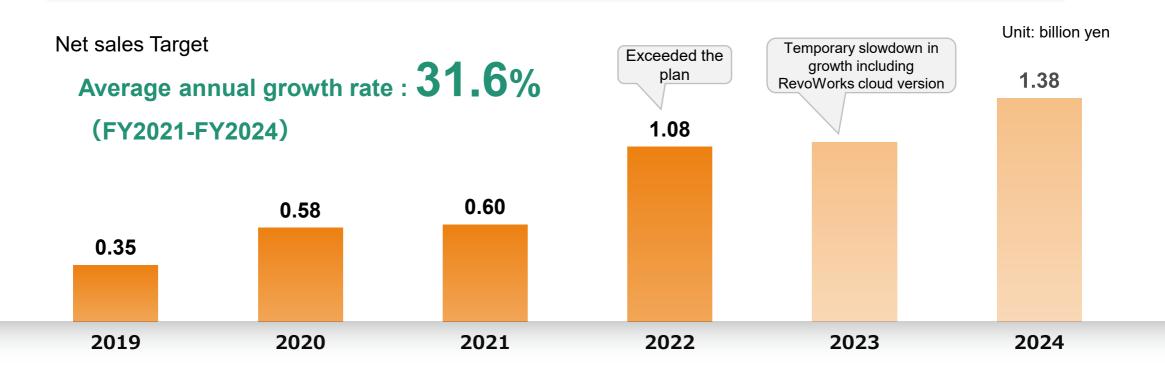


#### **Progress of Medium-Term Initiatives: In-house Development Business**



#### **Expansion of the In-house Development Business**

- Acquired local government resilience projects.
- Private demand development of medical institutions, financial institutions, manufacturing companies, etc.
- Development of new series and cloud versions (Aiming to expand recurring revenue services).



#### Growth of In-house Development Business × Expand of recurring revenue services



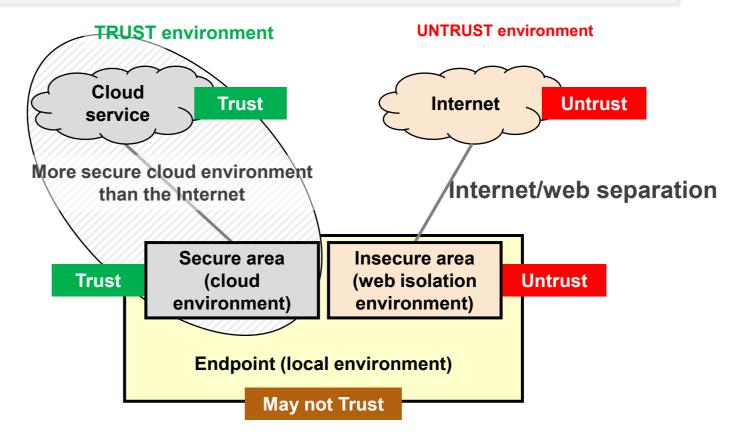
#### **Development of RevoWorks Cloud Version**

Developed a cloud version of RevoWorks with the aim of providing a more secure cloud usage environment.

Scheduled to launch the service around summer 2023, strengthen efforts to capture privatesector demand.

#### <Strengths>

- ✓ Protection of user data (information leakage prevention)
- ✓ Integration of secure cloud usage environment and web separation environment
- ✓ Pursuit of user convenience and cost performance

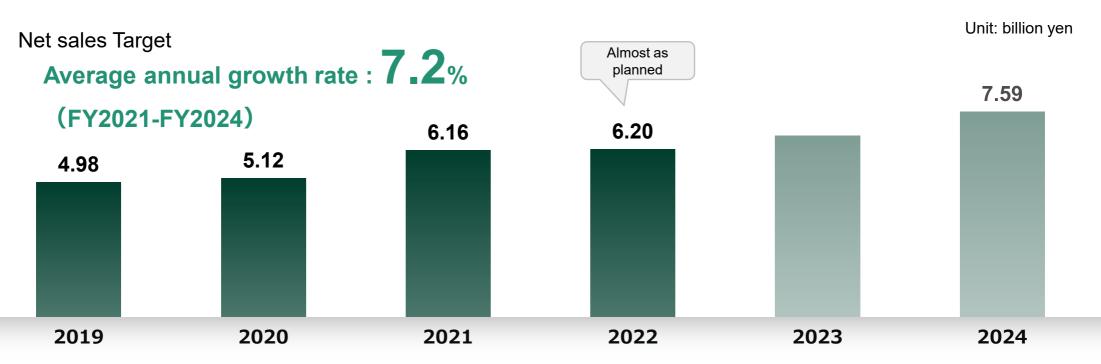


#### **Progress of Medium-Term Initiatives: System Integration Business**



### **Strengthening of System Integration**

- Optimize business structure through organizational restructuring.
- Acquire larger projects.
- Provide information-system support services as DX operation support and expand of service menu.

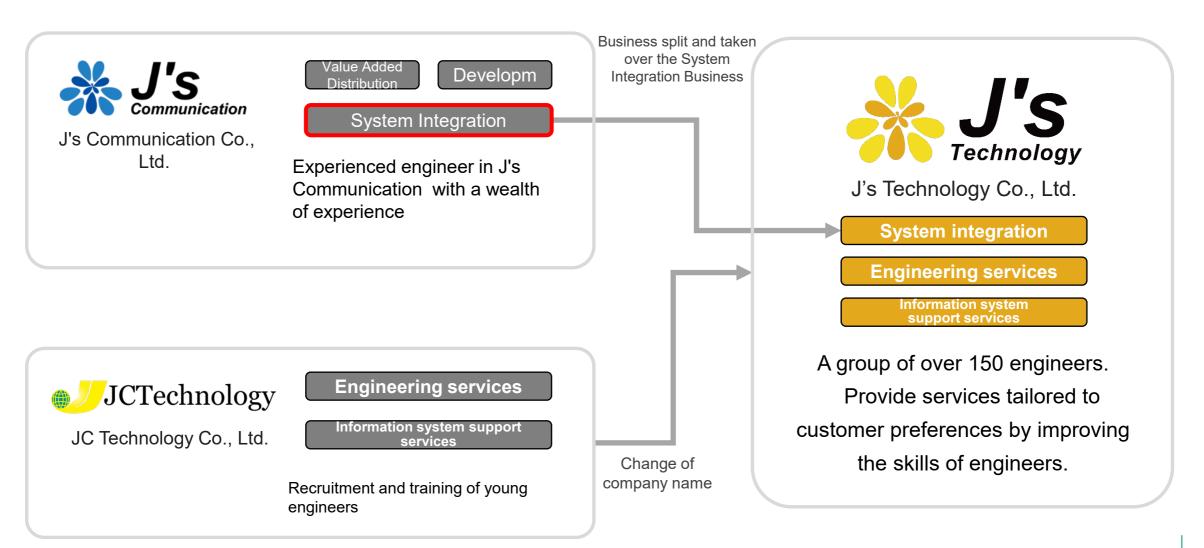


<sup>\*</sup>In FY2022, the adoption of the "Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition" and other measures had an impact on net sales of 0.663 billion yen, including incidental initiatives.

## Strengthen the System Integration Business



#### **Promoting solutions centered on technical services**



### Progress of Medium-Term Initiatives: Providing More Sophisticated Security Services 🕥 🗲 🗲





Company name	Segue Security Co., Ltd.			
Established	November 11, 202	22		
Office	Headquarter	Sumitomo Fudosan Kayabacho Building, 1-16-3 Shinkawa, Chuo-ku, Tokyo		
Representative	Representative Director and Chairman Representative Director and President	Yasuyuki Aisu Koji Morii		
Capital	40 million yen			
Business overview	Provision of managed security service Provision of security survey, diagnosis, and consulting services Provision of equipment, software, and services to prevent information leaks Provision of security education and training services			

- Established a joint venture with Mr. Koji Morii, representative of Leon Technology, Inc., that hires white-hat hackers, to enhance security solutions and accelerate training of security engineers.
- First, we will engage in personnel recruitment (mid-career and new graduate recruitment) and training. In addition, we plan to conduct seminars to increase name recognition and lead to the acquisition of projects.

## **Segue Security Co., Ltd.**



### Specializing in cyber security

Provides a one-stop cyber security measures needed at the time.







Interview

(1) Grasp the present situation

Visualization of issues through risk assessment





**Diagnosis** 

(2) Confirm policies and level of countermeasures

Identification of countermeasures for issues through vulnerability diagnosis

Penetration Testing: Implementation of countermeasures for assumed damage through network penetration testing





(3) Implement countermeasures

Measures using existing assets

Introduction of new security software, etc.





(4) Prevent accident through monitoring

SoC/MSS monitoring and defending cyber attacks

Prompt investigation and recovery support in the event of an incident



Risk assessment



Security
Diagnostics
Penetration



Consulting Audit



SOC MSS



Forensic



Education Human Resource Development



Lectures Seminors

## Progress of Medium-Term Initiatives: Regional Expansion through Acquisitions of Overseas Subsidiaries





Company name	ISS Resolution Limited			
Established	January 19, 19	January 19, 1990		
Office	33/4 Rama 9 Road, Kweang Huaykwang, Khet HuayKwang, Bangkok, 10310 Thailand			
Representative	Managing Director	Kenichiro Tanaka		
Capital	110,000,000 T	110,000,000 Thai baht		
No. of employees	22			
Business overview	Sales of security and IT infrastructure products Maintenance and support services Digital platform			

- ✓ A company operating globally in Thailand (DELL, Bank of Ayudhya, and Chulalongkorn Hospital are major continuing customers)
- ✓ In addition to strengthening the company's existing business, work on building new businesses such as security training



- ✓ Promote business development in ASEAN markets with the aim of establishing a position as a globally expanding company
- ✓ It is expected that opportunities to secure IT human resources, which are expected to be insufficient domestically, will be expanded to other countries.

## Medium-Term Initiatives: Capital Policies/Shareholder Returns



- ✓ In FY2022, the dividend increased by 2 yen to 18 yen per share.
- ✓ To change the dividend policy from FY2023 onward (as announced on February 13, 2023) In order to clarify and enhance its stance on returning profits to shareholders, we have begun paying interim dividends based on dividend payout ratio of around 50%. Annual dividend for FY2023 are expected to be 15 yen for interim, and 15 yen for year end, for a total of 30 yen.

	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022 (Plan)	FY2023 (Forecast)
Dividend per share	5 yen (Commencement of dividends)	10 yen (Including 5 yen commemorative dividends)	16 yen (10 yen planned at the beginning of the term)	16 yen	18 yen (16 yen planned at the beginning of the term)	30 yen (Interim: 15 yen)
Dividend payout ratio	15.1%	27.9%	29.2%	40.0%	27.4%	50.0%

#### Going forward, we aim to increase dividends by enhancing corporate value and increasing profits.

<sup>\*</sup>The revised dividend policy will be applied for the foreseeable future, with a target end year of FY2026.

## **Other Initiatives: Branding**



#### Mr. Takashi Naito used as brand ambassador

- The Group chose Mr. Takashi Naito as its brand ambassador since his image as an actor who has long played the role of a detective protecting people's everyday lives matches the Group's desire to promote the safe use of IT.
- To increase company awareness and realize the company's image, leading not only to higher sales but also to better recruitment and greater stakeholder confidence.







# FY2023 Forecasts

## **FY2023 Full-year Business Forecasts**



Promote sales of infrastructure products and related services while continuing to invest in achieving medium-term targets.

Formulate plans to exceed the second-year targets of the medium-term plan for FY2022-2024.

Unit: million yen

	FY2022	FY2023	YoY	
	F 1 2022	(Forecast)	Change	Change ratio
Net sales	13,622	15,700	2,077	15.2%
Operating income	906	1,000	93	10.3%
(Profit margin)	6.7%	6.4%	<b>▲</b> 0.3pt	
Ordinary income	1,050	1,000	<b>▲</b> 50	<b>▲</b> 4.8%
(profit margin)	7.7%	6.4%	<b>▲</b> 1.3pt	
Net income	743	679	<b>▲</b> 63	▲8.6%

<sup>\*</sup>Ordinary income (result) for 2022 includes the impact of the exchange rate of 197 million yen, but we do not anticipate the impact of the exchange rate in our full-year plan for 2023.

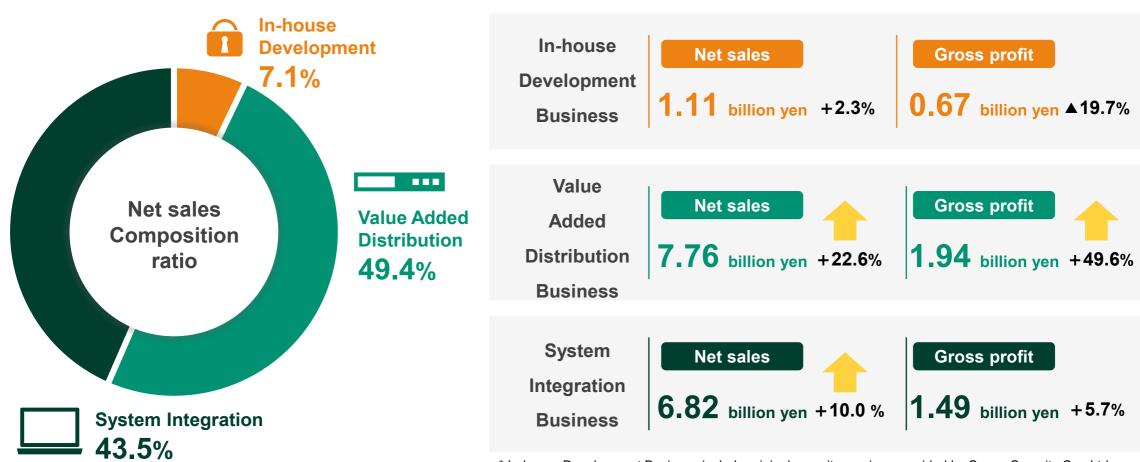
## **FY2023 Plans by Business**



In-house Development Business: upfront costs are expected including shifting to RevoWorks cloud version (subscription revenue). Forecast a temporary decline in gross profit margin.

Value Added Distribution Business: plan to increase sales, including security and DX infrastructure products and new products we handle. Some normalization of delivery times is also expected. In addition, the exchange rate is expected to stabilize from 2022, and the gross profit margin is expected to recover.

System Integration Business: we aim to increase sales and profits while expanding the scope of its service offerings and accelerating recruitment and training of engineers.



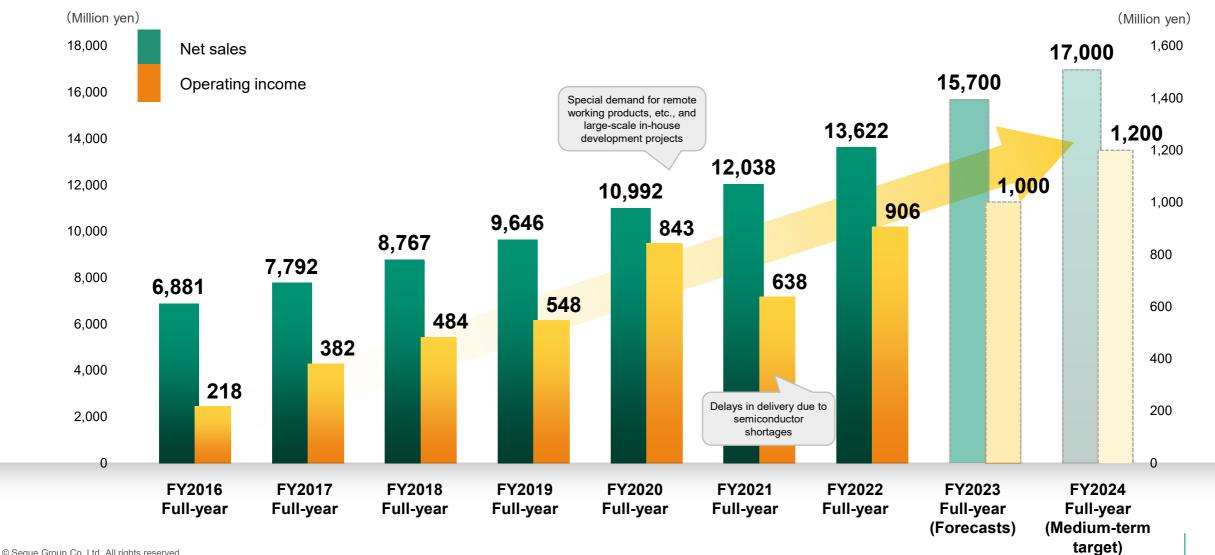
<sup>\*</sup> In-house Development Business include original security services provided by Segue Security Co., Ltd.

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#### **Performance Trends and Forecasts**



#### Continue to achieve double-digit average growth rate and aim to achieve medium-term targets.



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We will continue to grow together with our customers by leveraging IT to create value. We contribute to the realization of a prosperous society.





J's TelecomSystem Co., Ltd.



J's Communication Co., Ltd.



J's Technology Co., Ltd.





Segue Security Co., Ltd.



J's solution Co., Ltd.



**ISS Resolution Limited** 



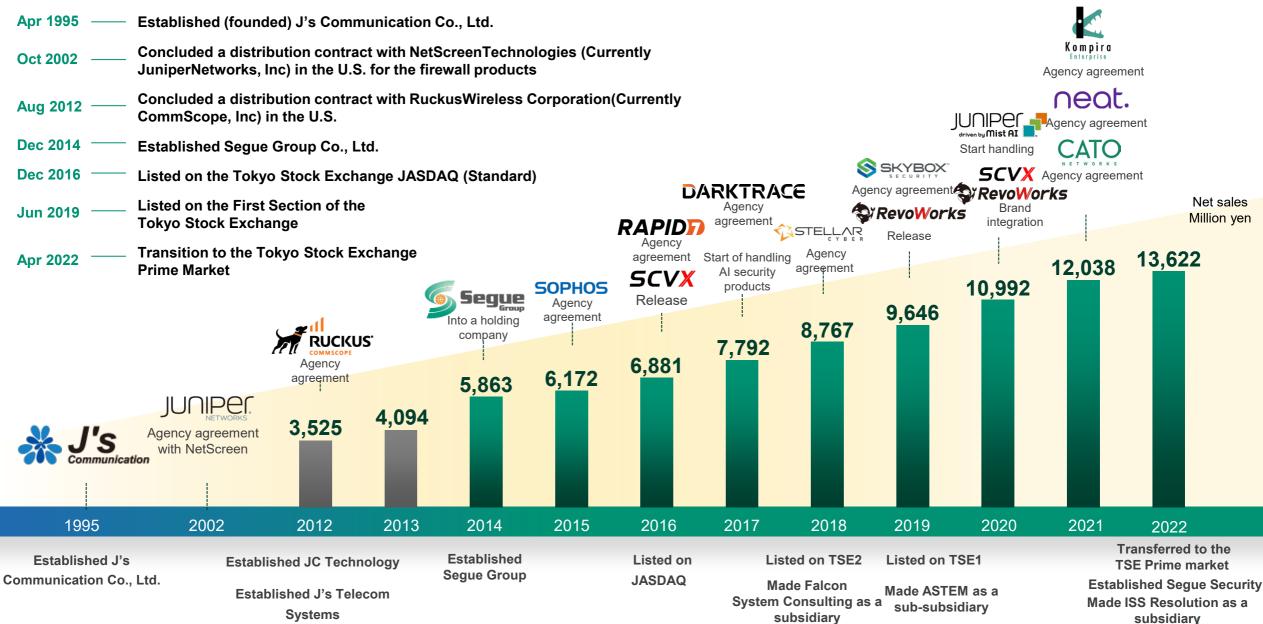




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## **History of Segue Group**





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# **Company Profile: Business Domain**



# Supporting customers' business foundations by providing total solutions for security and IT infrastructure

## **Security**

Target attack countermeasures

Information leakage countermeasures

Vulnerability countermeasures

**Telework security** 



#### IT infrastructure

**Network** 

**Virtualization** 

Cloud

Wireless

Carrier date center Service provider

Government agencies and local governments

Academic institutions

Medical institutions

Enterprise

Manufacturing industry

Financial institution etc..

# **Company Profile: Segue Group**



Number of Group Employees : 527 employees

(about 70% are Engineers)







J's Technology Co., Ltd.





Segue Security Co., Ltd.





#### **Solution products**

# Network Security Products

In-house development Security software IT infrastructure Products

Providing Solutions Combining Security and IT Infrastructure Products
System Integration

#### **Solution services**

Design and construction Services

Help desk Services

IT engineer SE services

Maintenance Services

Original security services

Others (Monitoring, dispatch, etc.)

# Company Profile: Business Structure



Providing a variety of added value in response to the needs of partners, system integrators,

and customers.	In-house Development	Value Added Distribution Overseas focus	System Integration
	<ul><li>Security software license sales</li><li>Original security services</li><li>Support services, Help desk</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Sales of security • IT infrastructure products, and software license</li> <li>Support services, help desk</li> <li>On-site maintenance services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Design, construction, and installation of IT infrastructure and security</li> <li>Information system support services</li> </ul>
	In-house products Support services	Products distribution  Support services	Sever, etc.(H/W,S/W)  In-house products distribution
Professional services Design and construction			Professional services
SE services Contracting and dispatching			
Managed services Operation of monitoring, management, etc.			

# **Our Business: In-house Development Business**



# About In-house Development business

Providing our original security products and services supporting the safety of our customers with our technologies

#### In-house developed software

■ "RevoWorks" series improve security and business efficiency to enhance the quality of work



Server-based Virtual Browser "RevoWorks SCVX"



Local Virtual Browser "RevoWorks Browser"



Local Virtual Desktop "RevoWorks Desktop"

■ "WisePoint" series use visually-friendly images and random number tables for passwords

**Wise Point** 

**Authentication & Telework Solution "WisePoint Authenticator"** 

Authentication & Single Sign-on Solution "WisePoint 8"

#### **Original security services**



Provide integrated, one-stop solutions essential to cybersecurity: From assessment services for security risks that exist in the organization to monitoring and analysis measures, security diagnostics, employee training, and investigations and responses to incidents.

# In-house Developed Products: RevoWorks





## Improve security and operational efficiency to enhance the quality of work!



**RevoWorks SCVX** 

Virtual browser with server container



**RevoWorks Browser** 

**Virtual Browser with local container** 



**RevoWorks Desktop** 

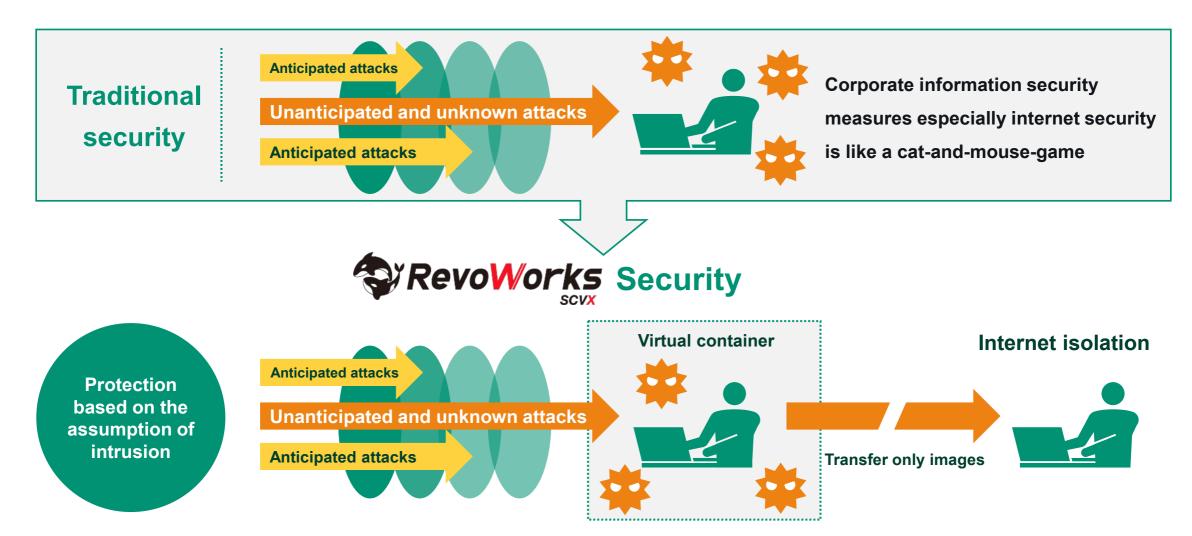
**Virtual Desktop with local container** 

Internet isolation / Content Sanitizer

Information leakage countermeasures, Work style reforms / Telework

## Structure of RevoWorks SCVX





- 1. Even if attacks occur, their impact is limited to virtual containers, and their PCs remain intact
- 2. By closing your PC browser, the virtual container disappears with malware

## Our Business: Value Added Distribution Business

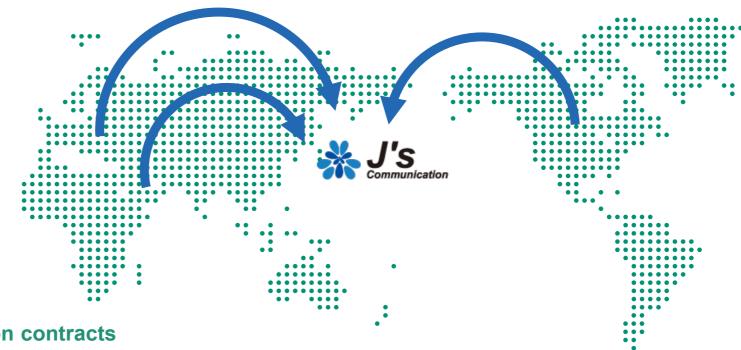


## **About Value Added Distribution Business**

Importing of products with cutting-edge technologies, global technologies, niche technologies, etc. from United States and other developed security countries, and providing technical value-added services such as design, construction, and support in response to customer requests

#### **Line-up of Security products**

- WAF
- Security vulnerability diagnosis and management
- IP address management
- Network management
- Firewall / VPN
- **Nest-generation Firewall**
- UTM
- Malware protective



**Major manufactures with distribution contracts** 





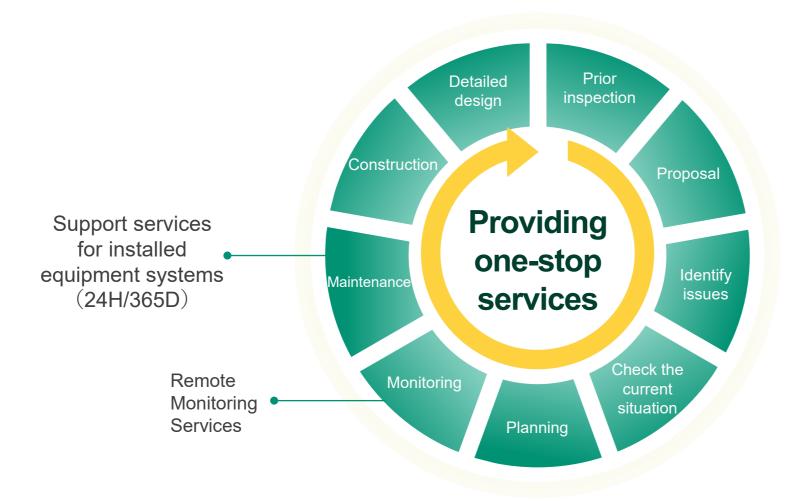




# **Our Business: System Integration**



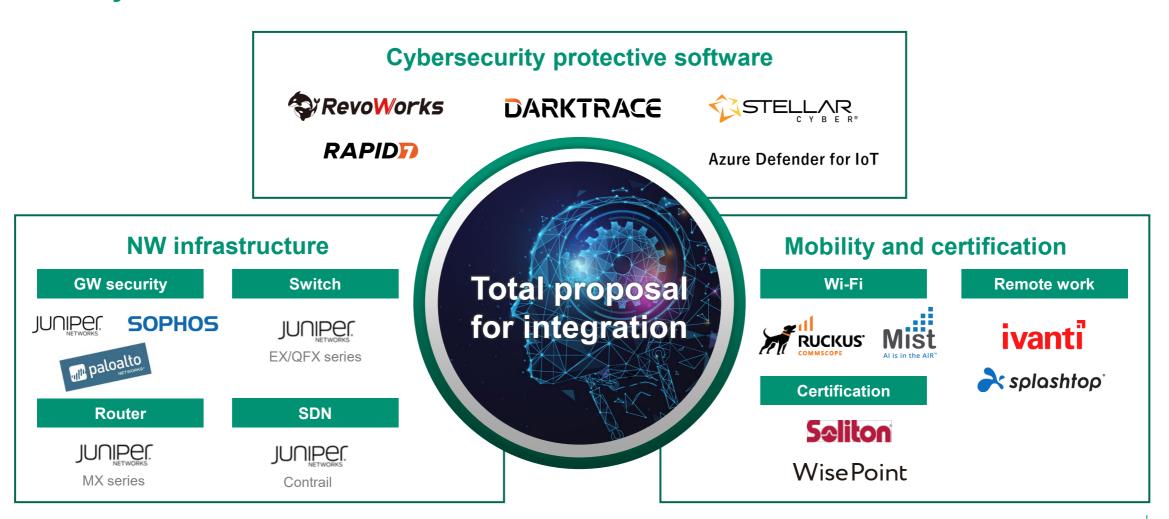
Sales of software and appliances for security and IT infrastructure, etc., combined with the provision of services such as system, after-sales services, and monitoring services



# **Focus on Security**

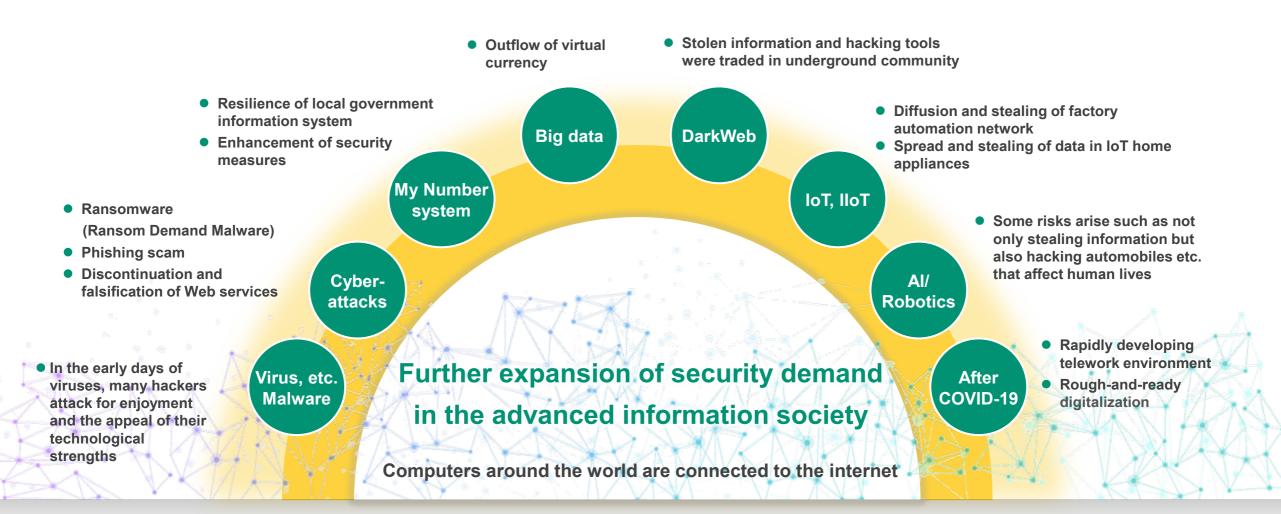


Providing safe and comfortable solutions by compensating for a shortage of security technicians with AI and automation software



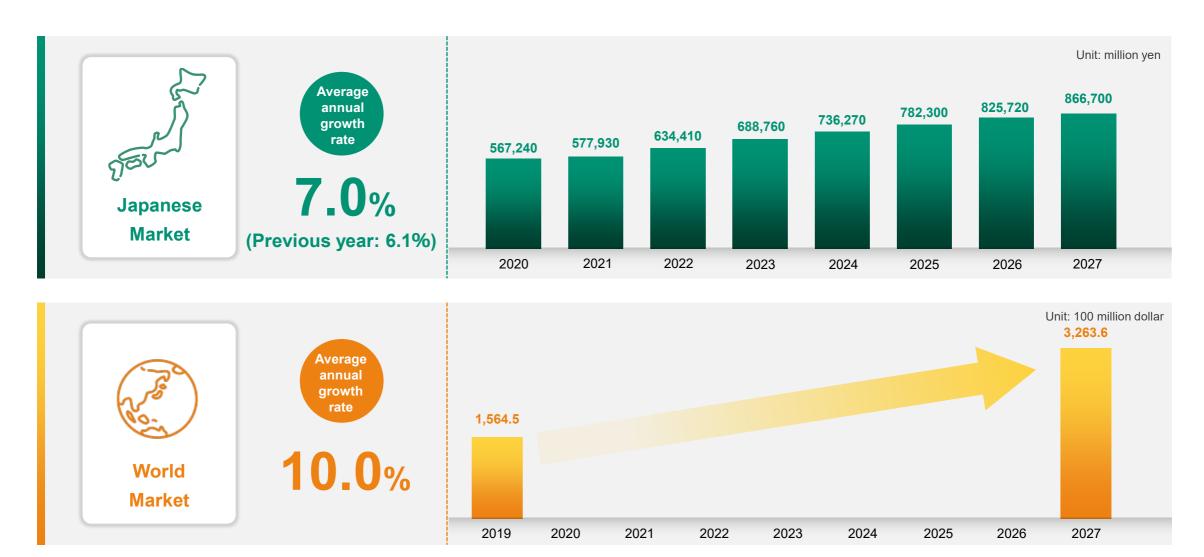
# **Business Environment: Security Market Environment**





## **Business Environment: Security (Products and Services) Market**





Source: Fuji Chimera Research Institute, "2022 Network Security Business Survey"
Grand View Research "Cyber Security Market Size & Share Report, 2020-2027"

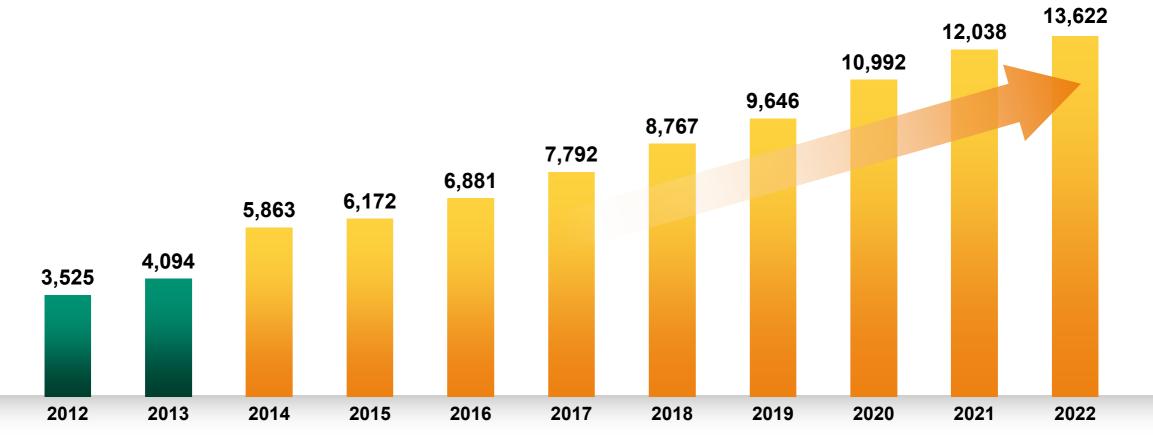
### **Our Sales Trends**



CAGR of Sales: 14.5 % (2012-2022)

Unit: million yen

## Continuing to exceed the growth of the security market!



<sup>\*</sup> Figures for 2012 and 2013 are based on results of J's Communication Co., Ltd.

## Reference: M&A Results



#### **Conduct M&As since 2010 to accelerate Group development**

- ✓ February 2010: Acquired Shibatsu Osaka Office mainly for strengthening technological capabilities.
- ✓ November 2012: Established JC Technology as a joint venture with a non-listed company engaged in system engineering and education and training
- ✓ February 2013: Established J's Telecom System in December 2012 and acquired the construction, operation, and maintenance business of voice and IP network systems from unlisted companies
- ✓ June 2013: Made MY Workstation a subsidiary with the aim of increasing the number of sales partners (merged with J's Communication in January 2015)
- ✓ April 2018: Acquired Falcon System Consulting as a subsidiary to strengthen development capabilities (merged with Jays Communication in January 2022)
- ✓ March 2019: Acquired Astem as a subsidiary to strengthen sales in the Kyushu and Chugoku regions (merged with J's Communication in January 2022)
- ✓ December 2022: First overseas expansion; Acquired ISS Resolution in Thailand to expand business in ASEAN

## **Reference: Investment Results**



#### Aiming to create various types of synergies, centered on IT companies

- ✓ Invested in February 2013: KnowledgeSuite Inc., developing cloud-based CRM/SFA businesses
- December 2017: Listed on the TSE Mothers market (currently the TSE Growth market)
- ✓ Invested in October 2017: an unlisted company planning, development, and selling cloud services
- Transferred to a major IT company at a price significantly higher than when acquired
- ✓ Invested in September 2018: TRIPLEIZE CO., LTD. which develops AI engines independently and promote DX innovation
- May 2022: Listed on TSE Growth market
- ✓ Invested in January 2019: lafool Inc., which provides mental data tech using AI
- ✓ Invested in December 2020: ZenmuTech, Inc., which has proprietary secret distributed cryptography technology and concealed computing technology
- ✓ Invested in February 2021: EAGLYS, which has data security and AI designing techniques centered on secret computing
- ✓ Invested in September 2021: Fixpoint, Inc., which provides system operation automation tools
- ✓ Invested in November 2021: manebi, which promotes on-line recruitment and training, and visualization of human resource development results

## Reference: ESG/SDGs



#### **Initiatives for SDGs**

- Training and producing IT & security personnel
- Provide engineer training to customers
- Develop human resources for achieving high-value-added results
  - ⇒ Promote group-wide initiatives such as strengthening recruitment organizations, improving the environment through organizational restructuring, and establishing a new organization of advanced security engineers
- Creating an environment in which employees can perform work that is more rewarding
  - ⇒ Plan to expand office floor space in line with recruitment progress and increase in personnel
- Continue investing in companies with new or original technologies such as Al









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