Consolidated Financial Results for FY2018 (Apr. 2018 – Mar. 2019)

May 15th, 2019



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SPARX VISION Statement



Mission

To make the world "Wealthier, Healthier and Happier"

Vision

To Be the Most Trusted and Respected Investment Company in the World



"SPARX Group Co., Ltd." has become a listed company on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange by changing the stock market listing.

We are delighted to be able to make this announcement, and we would like to express our sincere gratitude.



Financial Results for the FY2018

An Attention to Consolidated Financial Results of SPARX Group Co., Ltd.

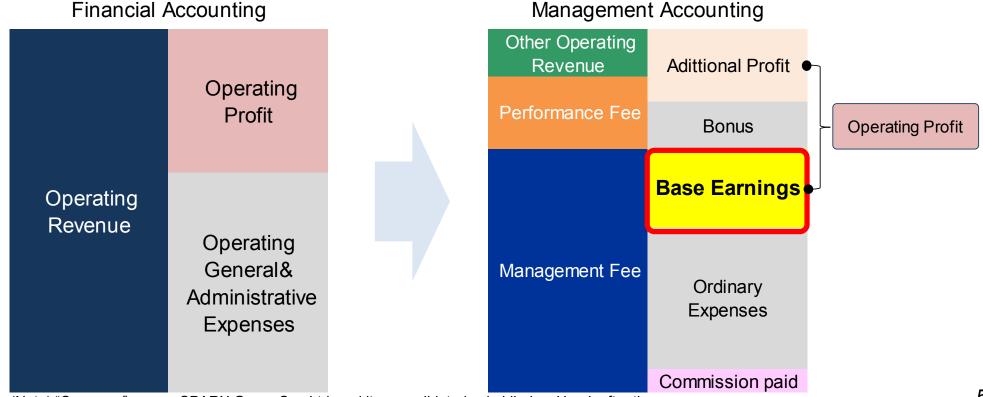


The Company identifies "Base Earnings" as the most important financial indicator. "Base Earnings" indicates the sustained and stable fundamental profitability of the Company.

Base Earnings = (Management Fee - Commission Paid) - Ordinary Expenses

=Management Fee (After the Deduction of Commission Paid) – Ordinary Expenses

The operating profit for financial accounting purposes includes one-off/ additional performance fees that can be affected by trends of the equity market and progress of real assets investment business. For this reason we recommend you to pay attention to "Base Earnings" to understand the earning strength.



Overview (1) Performance



The Base Earnings, which indicate the sustained and stable fundamental profitability of the Company, arose by 15.5%.

Operating profit decreased by 40.6% due to a significant decline of the performance fee.

(Unit:MM JPY)	FY2017 Full Year	FY2018 Full Year	YoY change		
Operating revenue	13,227	11,239	▲15.0 %		
Operating profit	6,569	3,901	▲40.6%		
Net income	4,681	3,246	▲30.7 %		
Base earnings	3,169	3,660	+15.5%		

(Note) Please refer slide 5, 7, 31 and 37 for details of base earnings.

Overview (2) Performance



		FY2017	FY:	2018
		Full Year	Full Year	YoY change
Average AUM	(100MM JPY)	10,937	11,572	+5.8%
Management fee rate (After the deduction of commission paid)	(%)	0.68%	0.73%	+0.05
Management fee (After the deduction of commission paid)	(MM JPY)	7,408	8,449	+14.1%
▲ Ordinary expenses	(MM JPY)	4,238	4,789	+13.0%
Base earnings	(MM JPY)	3,169	3,660	+15.5%
Performance fee	(MM JPY)	4,476	922	▲79.4%
Percentage of AUM eligible to earn peformance fee	(%)	25.4%	30.2%	4.9
Other operating revenue	(MM JPY)	182	115	▲37.0%
▲ Bonus(including ESOP Expense)	(MM JPY)	1,257	795	▲ 36.7%
Operating profit	(MM JPY)	6,569	3,901	▲40.6%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	(MM JPY)	4,681	3,246	▲ 30.7%
ROE	(%)	26.6%	16.2%	▲10.4

(Note1) Management Fee includes fees from power plants related to Japanese Renewable Energy Investment Strategy. Hereinafter the same.

(Note2) Performance Fee includes one-off administrative fees the Company received from funds for real estate sales and purchases related to Japanese Real Estate Investment Strategy and one-off acquisition fees for setting up of power plant schemes related to Japanese Renewable Energy Investment Strategy. Hereinafter the same.

Overview (3) AUM



Despite the decline in the Japanese equity market, Japan's AUM remained JPY 1.1 trillion due to continued cash inflow.

(Unit:100MM JPY)		AUM	Average AUM (Nine months)				
	As of March, 2018	As of March, 2019	Change (%)	FY2017	FY2018	YoY change (%)	
Japan	10,957	11,487	+4.8%	9,773	11,189	+14.5%	
Korea	195	141	▲27.8 %	1,065	173	▲83.7%	
Asia	99	227	+129.1%	98	210	+113.5%	
Total	11,252	11,856	+5.4%	10,937	11,572	+5.8%	

	As of March, 2018	As of March, 2019	YoY change
TOPIX	1,716	1,591	▲7.3 %
NIKKEI stock average (JPY)	21,454	21,205	▲1.2 %
KOSPI	2,445	2,140	▲12.5 %

Please refer to "SPARX Group Announces Assets Under Management for March 2019" for further information.
 https://ssl4.eir-parts.net/doc/8739/tdnet/1690239/00.pdf



Progress of the Businesses and Future Plans

Recent Business Progress



Japanese Equity Cash inflow into the funds exceed the outflow throughout 2018. In particular, the AUM of publicly offered investment trusts increased significantly.

OneAsia

Two publicly offered investment trusts were established in the third quarter as a result of the sharing of investment intelligence across each location. Its AUM has been steadily accumulated.

Real Asset Mirai Renewable Energy Fund (approx. JPY 30 billion) has been operating since November 2018. In April 2019, the fund invested in its first project.

Mirai Creation Total AUM of Mirai Creation Fund I and II reached JPY 111.3 billion (at the end of March 2019) due to the steady expansion of Mirai Creation Fund II's AUM.

4 Main Investments for Growth Realization:

Hybrid of High Profitability and Stability

High Profitability: a large scale of profit (performance fees) can be

generated depending on fund performance.

JPY 851.2 billion

Japanese Equity

OneAsia

JPY 36.8 billion

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JPY 186.1 billion

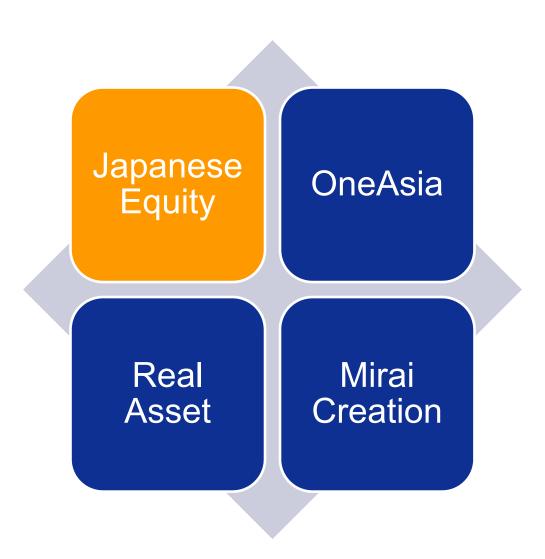
Real Asset

Creation

JPY 111.3 billion

Stability: a stable revenue will be expected due to long term contracts without redemptions.

1 Japanese Equity Investment Strategy
(AUM as at the end of March 2019 : JPY 851.2 billion)



Japanese Equity Investment Strategy: AUM by Strategies



- AUM of domestic investment trusts, which have a relatively high management fee rate, increased due to the steady cash inflow.
- AUM of Japanese Equity Market Neutral Investment Strategy, which started operation in this fiscal year, steadily rose and has performed well despite challenging market conditions.

(Unit: 100million JPY)	AUM								
(Still, 100Hillion of 1)	Mar. 2018	Mar. 2019	Change	Change (%)					
Japanese Equity Long-Short Strategy	367	462	+94	25.8%					
Japanese Equity Focus All Cap Strategy	4,231	5,063	+832	19.7%					
Japanese Equity Mid & Small Cap Strategy	2,724	2,033	▲ 691	▲ 25.4%					
Japanese Equity Clean Tech. Strategy	1,021	0	▲ 1,021	▲ 100.0%					
Value Creation/Engagement Strategy	135	112	▲ 22	▲ 16.8%					
Japanese Equity Market Neutral Strategy	-	427	+427	-					
Japanese Equity Sustainable Strategy	178	414	+236	132.5%					
Others	5	0	▲ 5	▲ 100.0%					
Total	8,664	8,512	▲ 151	▲ 1.7%					

Second Shareholder Proposal to TEIKOKU SEN-I(Note)

Through the Fund Under Management

TEIKOKU SEN-I operates an excellent business, however its inefficient capital allocation is notably diminishing its corporate value.

Proposal1 Election of an Outside Director

Appoint Katsuya Natori as an outside director

Improve the corporate governance



Proposal2

Increase the year-end dividend

Increase year-end dividend for the 93rd fiscal period (FY12/18) from JPY 35 per share to JPY 95 per share

Improve inefficient capital allocations and implement dividends at the necessary level to control increases in cash equivalents



At the General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 28, 2019, the two shareholder proposals were rejected, but TEIKOKU SEN-I increased the dividend from the previous year, although the dividend amount did not exceed the proposed dividend amount.

TEIKOKU SEN-I is moving toward an understanding that the proposals are reasonable.

Received Lipper Fund Awards From Refinity 2019 Winner Japan, Best Group Over Past Three Years, Equity.



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Received The First Prize of "R&I Fund Award 2019"





Investment Trusts Aggregate/ Japanese Equity Fund Aggregate category: The Second Prize SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd.



Investment Trusts 10-Year/ Japanese Equity Fund category: The Second Prize Investment Trusts /Japanese Equity Fund category: The Second Prize SPARX New Global Blue Chip Japanese Equity Fund ("Gensentoshi")

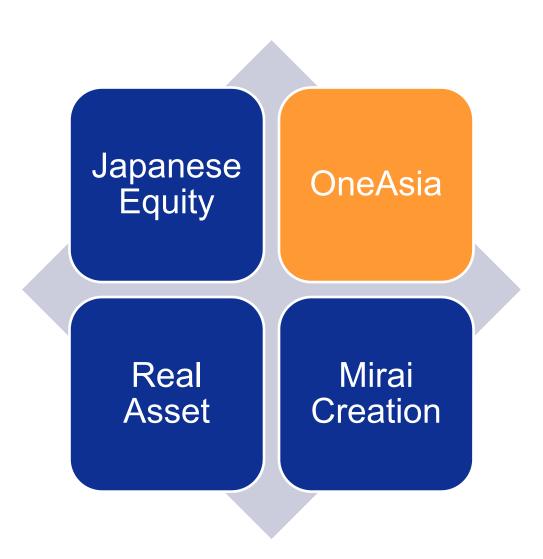
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2OneAsia Investment Strategy



(AUM at the end of March 2019: JPY 36.8 billion)



OneAsia Investment Strategy



Investment intelligence sharing is delivering results.

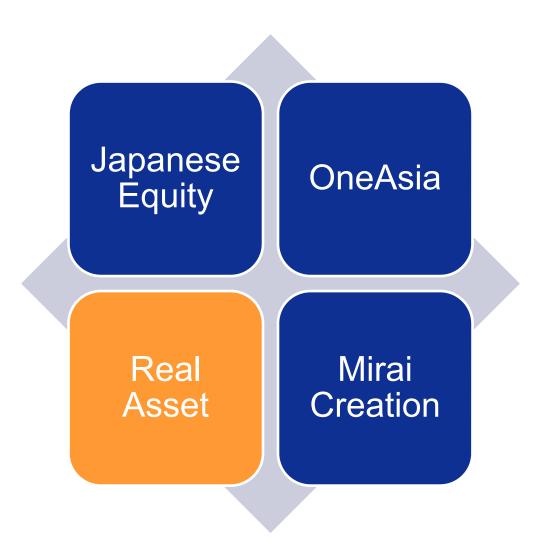
Fund managers in Tokyo and those in South Korea and Hong Kong have been enhancing investments in Asian region by sharing their investment intelligence. The managers started projects to develop products by sharing their ideas across each location and to lead the successful launching.

Publicly offered investment trust with investments into dedicated companies in South Korea, started being handled by Tokai Tokyo Securities Co., Ltd., subsequent to the publicly offered investment trust distributed by Mito Securities Co., Ltd., which focuses on Asian equity market including Japan. Cash inflow from Japanese investors are recorded gradually.

The Company aims at a full-fledged expansion of the OneAsia strategy's AUM, encouraged by using these new investment trusts.

③ Real Asset Investment Strategy (AUM at the end of March 2019: JPY 186.1 billion)





Investment in Renewable Energy Generating Facilities (1)



AUM

At the end of March 2019 JPY 152.9 billion

■ Invested in 24 projects (approx. 380MW) Including 20 projects already selling electricity (approx. 250MW)

- Solar Power Station
- Wind Power Station
- Biomass Power Station

Investment in Renewable Energy Generating Facilities (2)



Operation of "Mirai Renewable Energy Fund" began from November 1st, 2018.

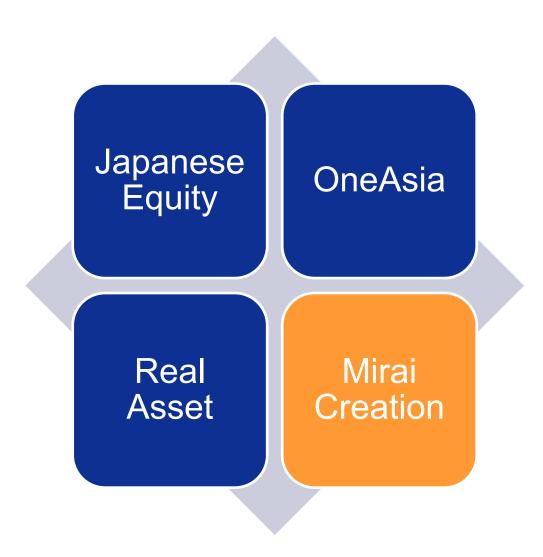
Toyota Motor Corporation participates as an investor.

Basic Principle	"Driving renewable energy growth and use throughout Japan"
Fund Name	Mirai Renewable Energy Investment Limited Partnership
Investment	Domestic new renewable energy power facilities
Targets	(power sources: solar, wind, biomass, geothermal, and hydraulic)
Investors	GP:SPARX Group Co., Ltd. LP:Toyota Motor Corporation, CHUBU Electric Power Co.,Inc., Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

AUM had expanded to a scale of JPY 30billion at the end of March 2019. In April 2019, the fund invested in its first project.

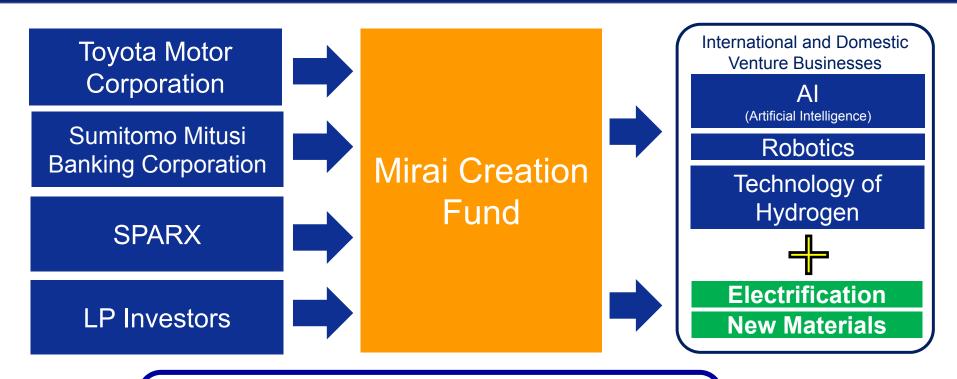






Mirai Creation Investment Strategy: Started Operation of Mirai Creation Fund II.

Toyota Motor Corporation and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, following the first series fund, again participate as initial investors in Mirai Creation Fund II, which started its operation from October 2018.



- AUM JPY 72.6 billion as of Mar 2019
- 14 Projects
 Executed amount JPY 4.6 billion

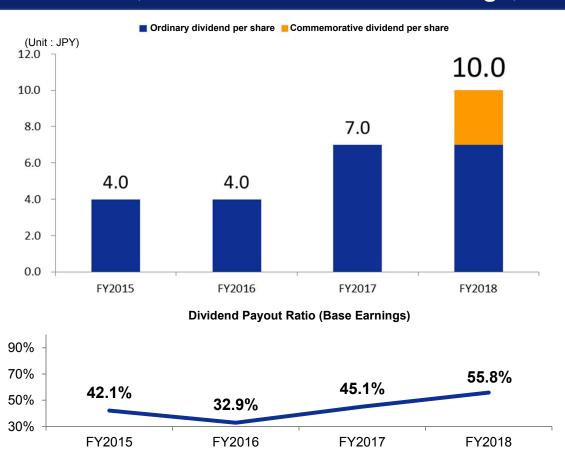


Other

Shareholders Return



30th anniversary commemorative dividend per share scheduled to be 3.00 yen in addition to ordinary dividend of 7.00 yen per share by considering the continuously robust financial condition, increase in the Base Earnings, and so on. (Note 1)

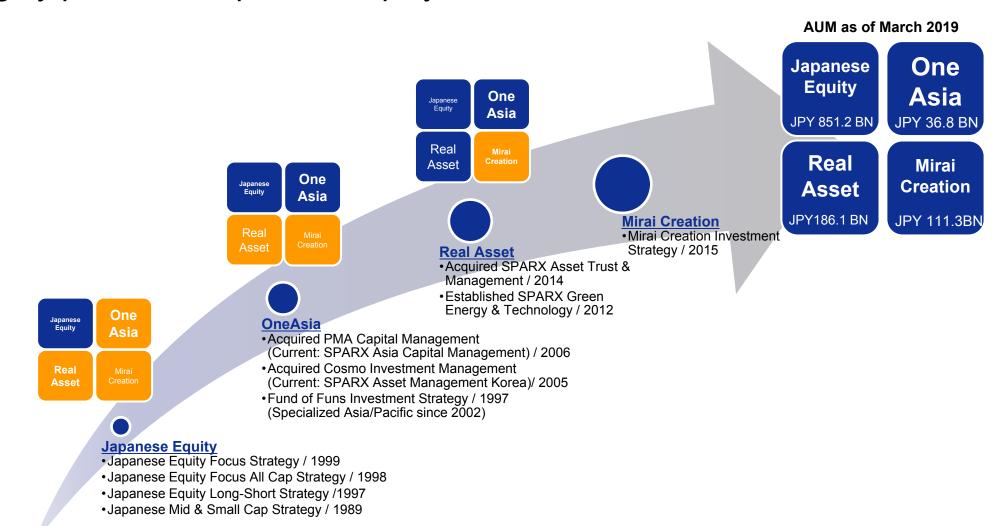


- (Note 1) Dividend will be officially decided and implemented upon the resolution of the 30th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 5th 2019.
- (Note 2) Dividend Payout Ratio (Base Earnings)= Total amount of dividends ÷ Base Earnings

<Reference> Hybrid Business Model

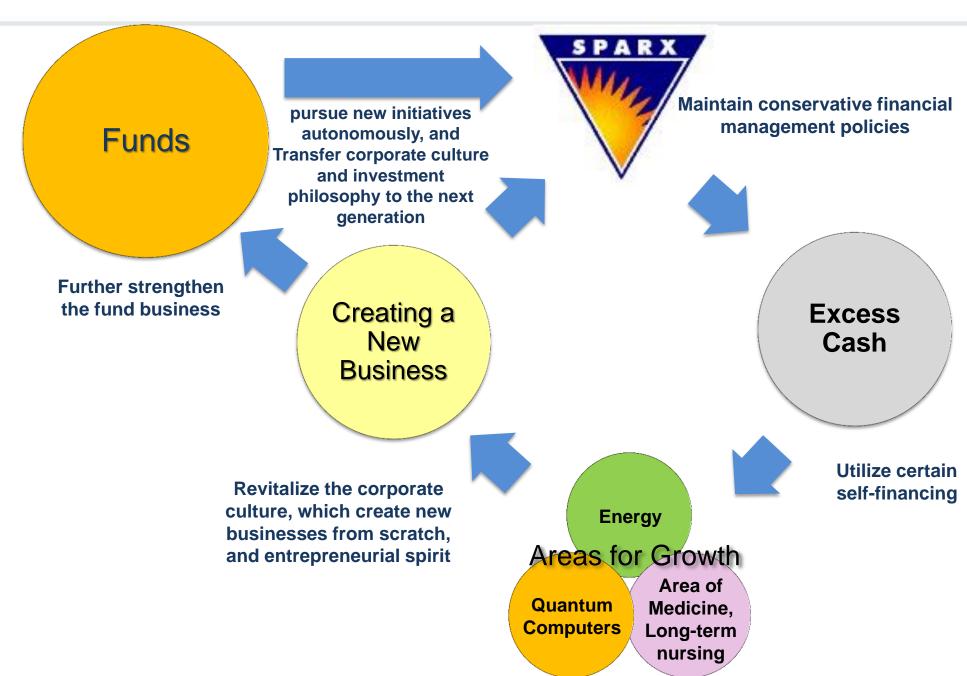


Hybrid model composed of strategies: Highly profitable Japanese Equity and stable Real Asset / Mirai Creation



Next SPARX Model





Inherits investment philosophy of SPARX through Internal Study Sessions, "Buffett Club"

What's Buffett Club

Through sessions, SPARX employees share values of making clients wealthier, healthier and happier as "the Most Trusted and Respected Investment Company in the World" by analyzing and discussing investment philosophies including a prominent investor, Warren Buffett.



Sessions have been carried on periodically since SPARX established and investment philosophy of SPARX has been inherited to next generations.



Corporate Profile



Company Name	SPARX Group Co., Ltd.
President	President & CEO Shuhei Abe
Location	1-2-70 Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN
Establishment	July 1, 1989
Capital	8,585 million Yen (as of Mar. 2019)
Number of Employees	158 (as of Mar. 2019)
Listed Market	Tokyo Stock Exchange First Section
Ticker	8739



President & CEO Shuhei Abe

- 1954 Born in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan
- 1978 Graduated Sophia University faculty of economics
- 1980 Acquired an MBA from Babson College
 Joined Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.
 Engaged in researching individual firms of Japanese equity
 as an analyst
- 1982 Seconded to Nomura Securities International, Inc. (NY) and engaged in sale of Japanese equity for US institutional investors
- 1985 Established Abe Capital Research (NY)
 Engaged in asset management and advisory business of Japanese equity in US dollars such quantum fund asset management of US individual asset holders
- 1989 After came back to Japan, established SPARX investment advisor (SPARX Group., Ltd.) and in charge of President and CEO (present)
- 2005 Acquired an AMP from Harvard Business School
- 2011 Assumed one of the Cost Estimation and Review Committee members of the Energy and Environment Council established by the Japanese Government
- 2012 Assumed one of the Demand and Supply Review Committee members established by the Japanese Government
- 2012 Assumed one of the Risk Advisory Committee members established by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation



Appendix

<Reference > Revenue Structure and Important Management Indicator



Business that receiving fees at fixed rate of AUM

Revenue Structure

Management Fees = AUM × rate of management fees

Performance Fees = AUM × percentage of AUM eligible to earn performance fees

× rate of performance fees

■ Important Management Indicator

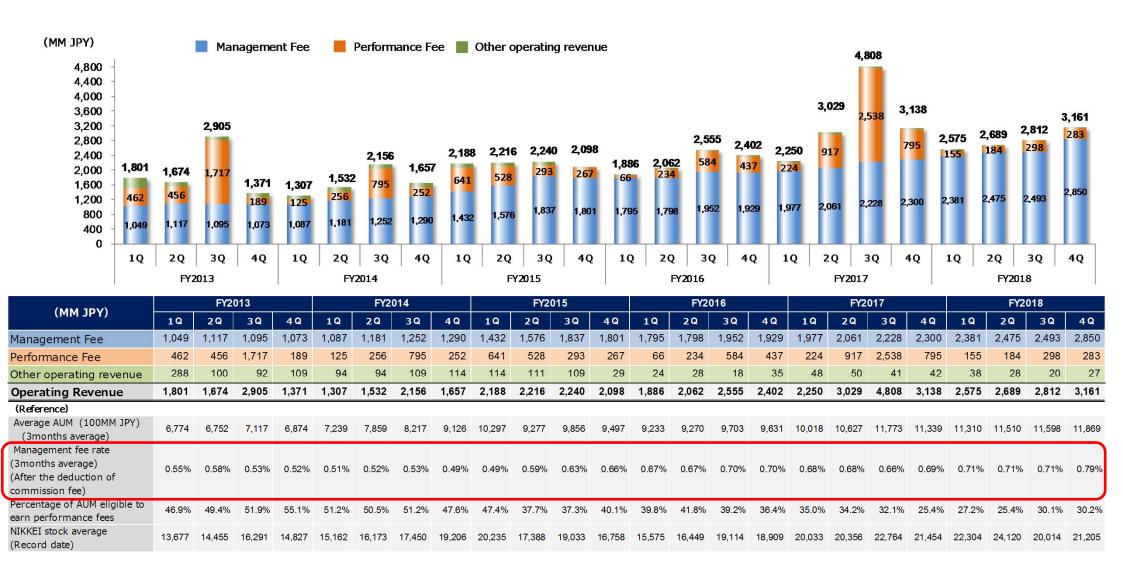
- Asset under management (AUM)
- Rate of management fee
- Percentage of AUM eligible to earn performance fees
- Base Earnings
 - = management fees (after deduction of commission paid) **\(\Lambda \)** ordinary expenses

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

Quarterly Trends of Operating Revenue



Management fee has been steadily maintained due to the consistent high management fee rate

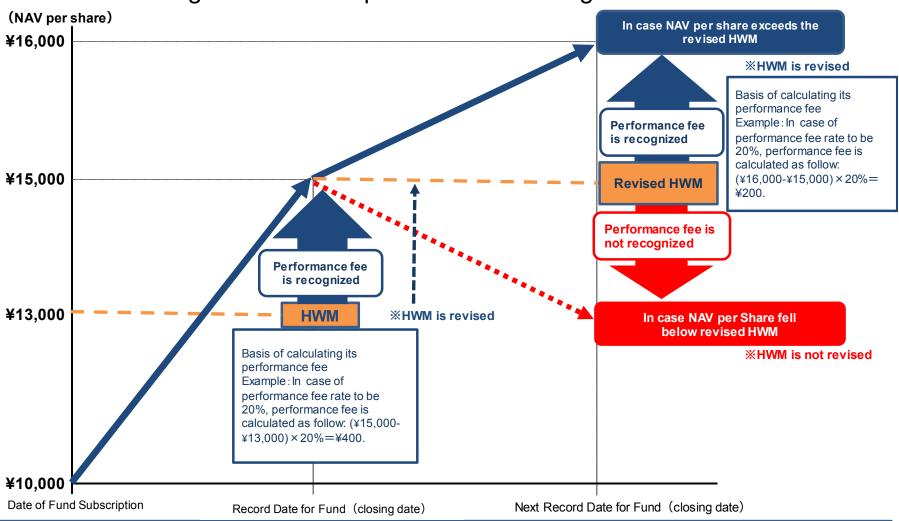


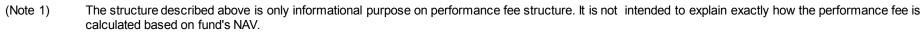
Structure of Performance Fee

(Related to Equity Investment Fund)



Performance Fee is recognized for NAV per share exceeding HWM as of record date for fund



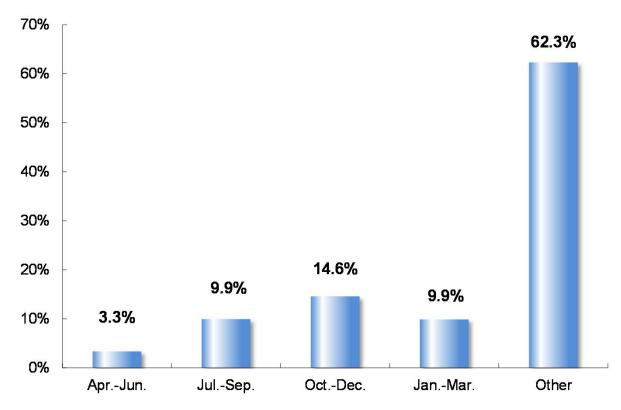


(Note 2) Above uses performance fee rate of 20% (excludint tax) for informational purpose only. In addition, "HWM" an abbreviation of High-Water Mark.

(Note 3) In case performance fee recognized on record date for fund, "HWM" is revised.

(SAM) Funds with Performance Fees Distribution of Record Date for Calculation

Continuously endeavor to distribute record date (settlement date) of performance fee for funds



(Note1) All funds managed by SAM (investment trusts and discretionary investment accounts; hereinafter the same applies) as of Mar 31, 2019 are classified by the performance fee value date and payment month in the graph above. Among these, performance fee is recorded only if it has met the requirements specified in the contract in each calculation value date. Please note that it is not intended to demonstrate how definite performance fee to occur in the future.

(Note2) In calculating these percentages, the following adjustments are made: for funds with multiple payment periods through a year, the equally divided values of the funds are allocated to the amount in the month of each value date and for funds with no regular payment periods are classified as "others".

(Note3) The table above excludes AUM which arises acquisition fees of fundraising the Company received from such power stations relating to Japan Renewable Energy Investment Strategy.

(Note4) The above % figures are rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent. In addition, the figures are estimated based on in-house calculation.

(Note5) SAM is the abbreviation for SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd. Hereinafter called the same.

Breakdown for Operating Expenses and General & Admin Expenses



Commission paid increased

due to a rise in management fee related to the investment trusts.

(Units: MM JPY)	FY2017	FY2	018
(UIIILS: MM JPY)	Full Year	Full Year	YoY change
Commissions paid	1,162	1,753	+50.9%
Personnel exp.	2,902	2,646	▲8.8%
Travel exp.	236	321	+35.9%
Property rent	321	323	+0.6%
Entrusted business expenses	864	1,070	+23.8%
Depreciation on fixed assets	150	178	+18.8%
Advertising exp.	148	111	▲24.8%
Research exp.	223	290	+29.9%
Other expenses	647	641	▲0.9%
Total: Operating and general administrative expenses	6,658	7,338	+10.2%
Ordinary expense	4,238	4,789	+13.0%

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

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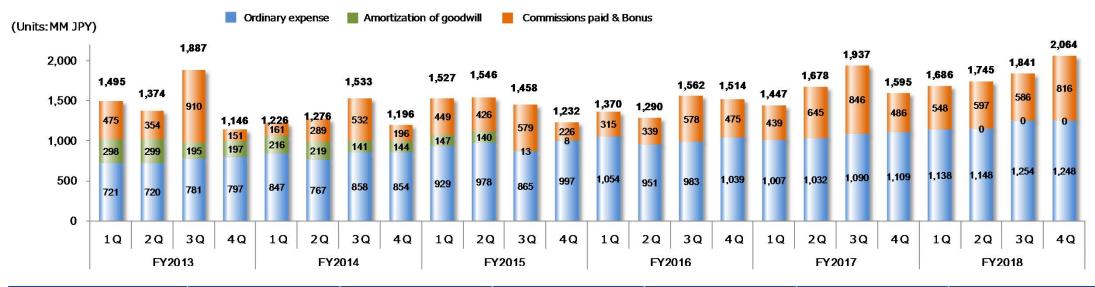
⁽Note2) The "Personnel expenses" data includes payments for legal welfare, bonus and temporary staff, etc. other than salary.

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

Quarterly Trends of Operating Expenses and General & Admin Expenses



Cost-control taken continuously and cautiously, considering the increase of ordinary expense, in the midst of business expansion

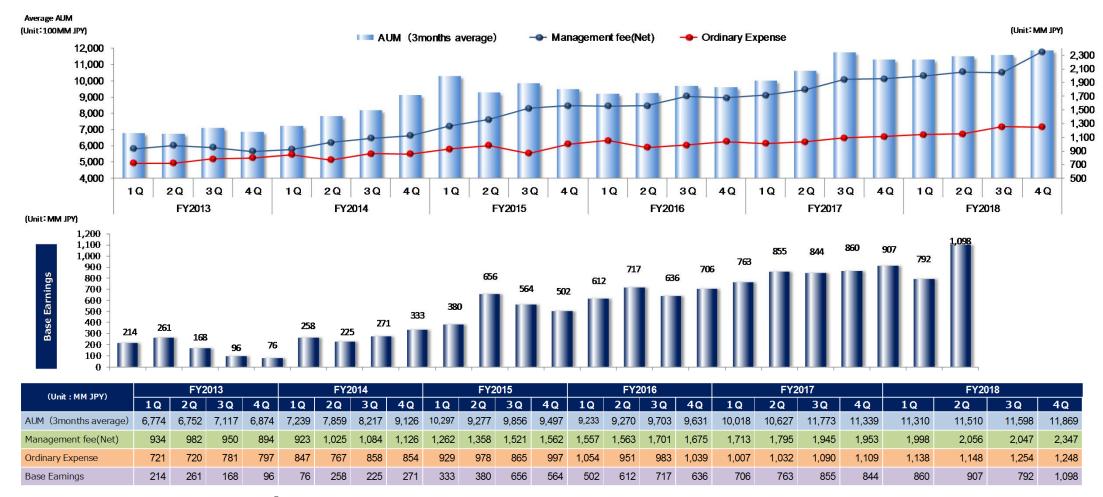


(Units : MM JPY)		FY2	013			FY2	014			FY2	015			FY2	016			FY2	017			FY2	018	
(Offics: MM JF1)	1Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q
Ordinary expense	721	720	781	797	847	767	858	854	929	978	865	997	1,054	951	983	1,039	1,007	1,032	1,090	1,109	1,138	1,148	1,254	1,248
Amortization of goodwill	298	299	195	197	216	219	141	144	147	140	13	8	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Commissions paid & Bonus	475	354	910	151	161	289	532	196	449	426	579	226	315	339	578	475	439	645	846	486	548	597	586	816
Operating and general administrative expenses	1,495	1,374	1,887	1,146	1,226	1,276	1,533	1,196	1,527	1,546	1,458	1,232	1,370	1,290	1,562	1,514	1,447	1,678	1,937	1,595	1,686	1,745	1,841	2,064

Quarterly Trends of Base Earnings



Base earnings has slightly decreased due to the ordinary expense increases in the last 3 months, although the management fee remained stable.



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

B/S Overview (1)



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

Goodwill* (JPY1,749Million) is included for developing a power station of SGET lwaizumi Wind Firm Godogaisha (Japan)

Mostly seed money to funds that the Company manages

(Unit: MM JPY) Interest-Bearing Debt 7,000 Cash and Other Liabilities 3,311 Cash Equivalent 17,152 Receivables etc. 2,733 Tangible&intangible Net Assets Assets 2,886 21.020 **Investment Securities** 6,363

Equity Ratio 65.5%

Including account payable for

the Goodwill*

JPY 1.389Million

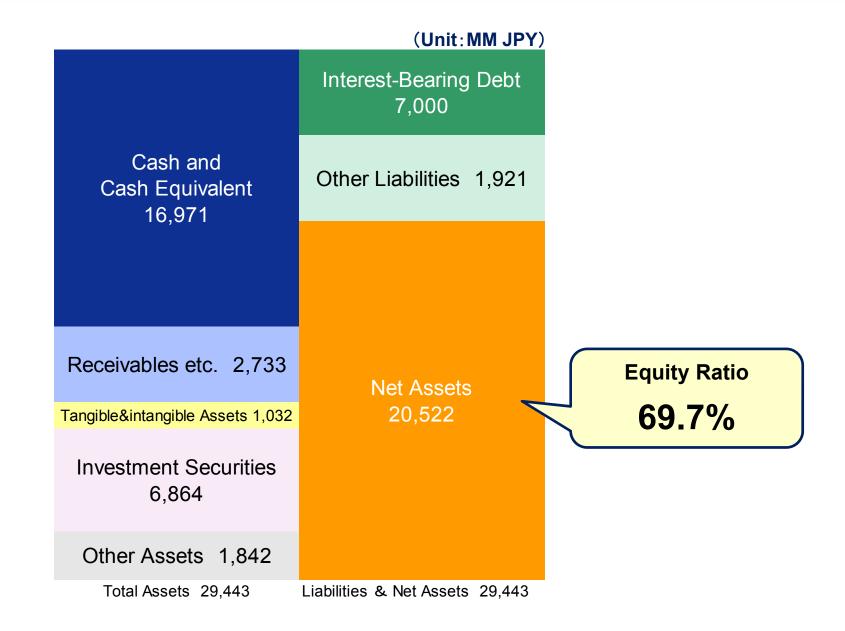
Total Assets 31,331

Other Assets 2,197

Liabilities & Net Assets 31,331

<Reference > Table below outlines the exclusion of Balance Sheet of SGET Iwaizumi Wind Firm Godogaisha (Japan)





B/S Overview (2)



(Units: MM JPY)	Mar. 2018	Mar. 2019	YoY change	
Current assets	21,484	20,921	▲ 562	Decreased mainly due to payment of dividends, bonuses and taxes
Cash and cash equivalents	18,649	17,152	▲ 1,497	
Receivables	2,403	2,733	+329	
Fixed assets	9,852	10,409	+556	
Goodwill	1,749	1,749	-	
Investment securities	5,868	6,363	+495	Long-term loans payable(new) JPY 2,00
Total assets	31,336	31,331	▲ 5	Interest rate: 0.77% Due: Dec. 2023
Long-term loans payable	5,000	7,000	+2,000	Due: Dec. 2023
Payables	4,447	2,907	▲ 1,540 °	Decreased mainly due to payment of ta
Total liabilities	9,945	10,310	+364	
Common stock	8,582	8,585	+2	
Add'l paid-in-capital	3,285	2,554	▲731	Payment of dividend: ▲JPY 1,430MM Profit attributable to owners of parent
Retained earnings	9,374	11,189	+1,815	FY2018: +JPY 3,246MM
Treasury stock	▲3,204	▲3,204	-	
Total Shareholder's Equity	18,038	19,125	+1,087	
Valuation difference on AFS securities	329	239	▲90	
Foreign currency translation adjustment	1,131	1,143	+12	
Non-controlling interests	1,875	499	▲1,375	Decreased due to fully acquired SAMK
Total net assets	21,391	21,020	▲370	

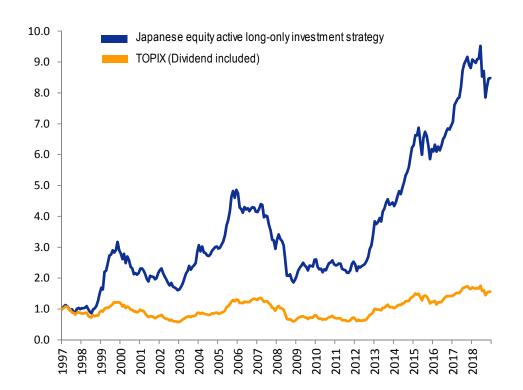
⁽Note1) Figures above are truncated.

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

Annualized Performance by Strategy Since Inception 1



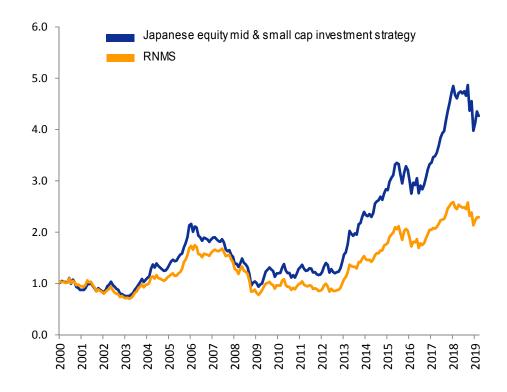
Japanese equity active long-only investment strategy



(Annualized Return)	
Japanese equity active long-only investment strategy	10.24%
Reference Index	2.04%
Excess Return	8.20%

Reference Index	TOPIX (Dividend included)
Measurement Period	1997/5 ~ 2019/3
Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	20.51%

Japanese equity mid & small cap investment strategy



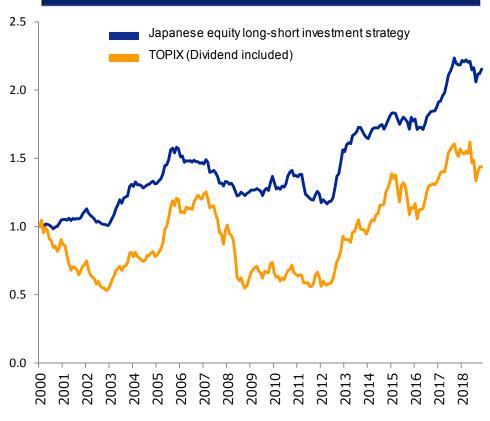
(Annualized Return)		
Japanese equity mid & small cap investment strategy	7.83%	
Reference Index	4.40%	
Excess Return	3.42%	

Reference Index	Russell/Nomura Mid- Small Cap Index
Measurement Period	2000/1 ~2019/3
Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	17.78%

Annualized Performance by Strategy Since Inception 2



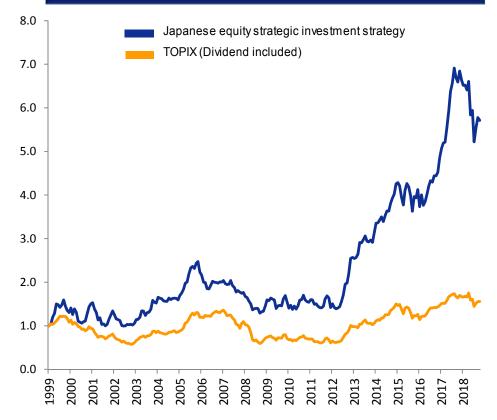
Japanese equity long-short investment strategy



(Annualized Return) Japanese equity long-short investment strategy Reference Index 1.95% Excess Return 2.21%

Reference Index	TOPIX (Dividend included)
Measurement Period	2000/6 ~2019/3
Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	7.28%

Japanese equity strategic investment strategy



(Annualized Return)		
Japanese equity strategic investment strategy	9.23%	
Reference Index	2.26%	
Excess Return	6.96%	

Reference Index	TOPIX (Dividend included)
Measurement Period	1999/7 ~2019/3
Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	20.16%





SPARX Dream for Tomorrow

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