

Synchro Food Corporation

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Company Name:	Synchro Food Co., Ltd.
Representative:	Shinichi Fujishiro
Founded:	April 2003
Locations:	Head Office: EBIS SOUTH1, 1-7-8, Ebisu Minami, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo Osaka Branch Office: 8F, MAINICHI SHINBUN BUILDING, 3-4-5, Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka Nagoya Branch Office: 3F, CHIKUBU BUILDING, 3-12-12, Meieki, Nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi, Aichi
Capital:	510,517 thousand yen
Number of Employees:	107(Consolidated basis/permanent employees/as of Sep 30, 2019)
Business:	Management of a media platform for food and drink businesses
Subsidiaries:	Wit Co., Ltd. (M&A service business specializing in food and drink businesses) Synchro Career Co., Ltd. (Staffing business including temp-to-perm specializing in food and drink businesses and food service businesses)

Revenue grew and operating fell, but only within the target

			<u>Year on Year</u>
Consolidated Financial Highlights (First Half)	Revenue	: 984 million yen	+19.1%
	Operating Profit	: 245 million yen	(17.3)%
	Operating Profit Ratio	: 24.9 %	(11.0)pt

Main Topics (First Half)

- ✓ Synchro Career Co., Ltd. established through an incorporation-type company split (April)
- ✓ The number of stores listed on “Kyujin@inshokuten.com” exceeded 30,000 (April)
- ✓ The number of registered users of “Inshokuten.com” exceeded 160,000 (July)

FY2019 Q2 Summary (vs. Target Figures)

Sales advanced somewhat sluggishly due to a temporary decline in productivity; the earlier hiring of people progressed according to plan; and increased costs resulted in a drop in profit

	FY19 Q1-Q2 Total Actual (Consolidated)	FY18 Q1-Q2 Total Actual (Consolidated)	Year on Year	FY19 Full-year Target Figure (Consolidated)	(Million yen) Progress Rate
Revenue	984	826	+19.1%	2,250	43.7%
Gross Profit	841	723	+16.3%	-	-
SG & A	596	427	+39.7%	-	-
Operating Profit	245	296	(17.3)%	690	35.5%
Operating Profit Ratio	24.9%	35.9%	(11.0)pt	30.7%	-
Recurring Profit	244	296	(17.5)%	690	35.5%
Net Income Attributable to Owners of Parent	135	186	(27.1)%	439	30.9%

1 Sales advanced somewhat sluggishly due to a temporary decline in productivity resulting from a rapid expansion of personnel, and delays in M&A projects

2 Profit fell due to increases in personnel costs and hiring costs resulting from earlier hiring of people in line with plan

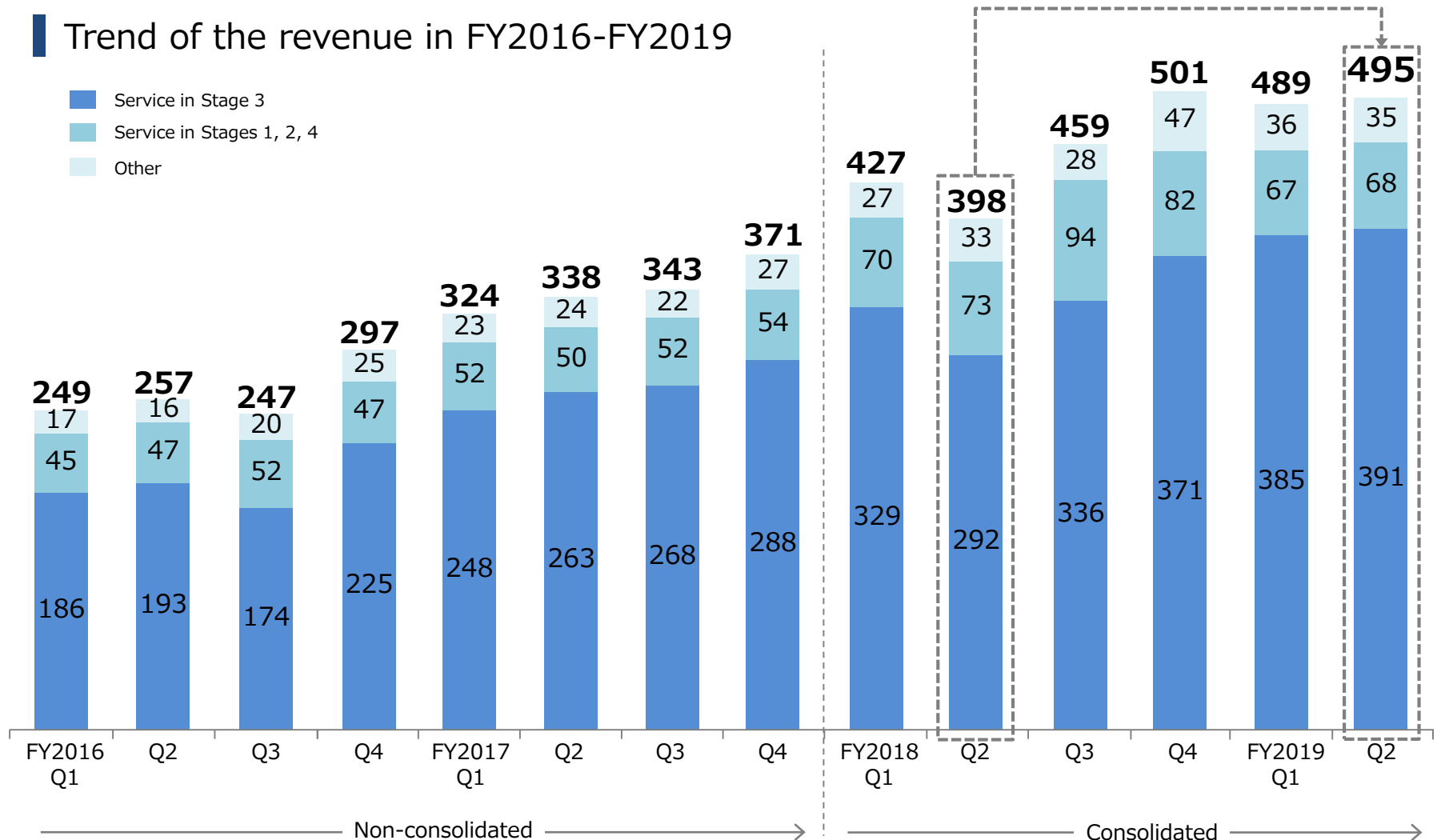
3 In consultation with auditing firm, loss on valuation of investment securities conservatively recorded (10 million yen)

Q2 revenue grew (up 24.1% year on year)

(Million yen)

Trend of the revenue in FY2016-FY2019

- Service in Stage 3
- Service in Stages 1, 2, 4
- Other



Revenue from each service is recorded based on the following classification.

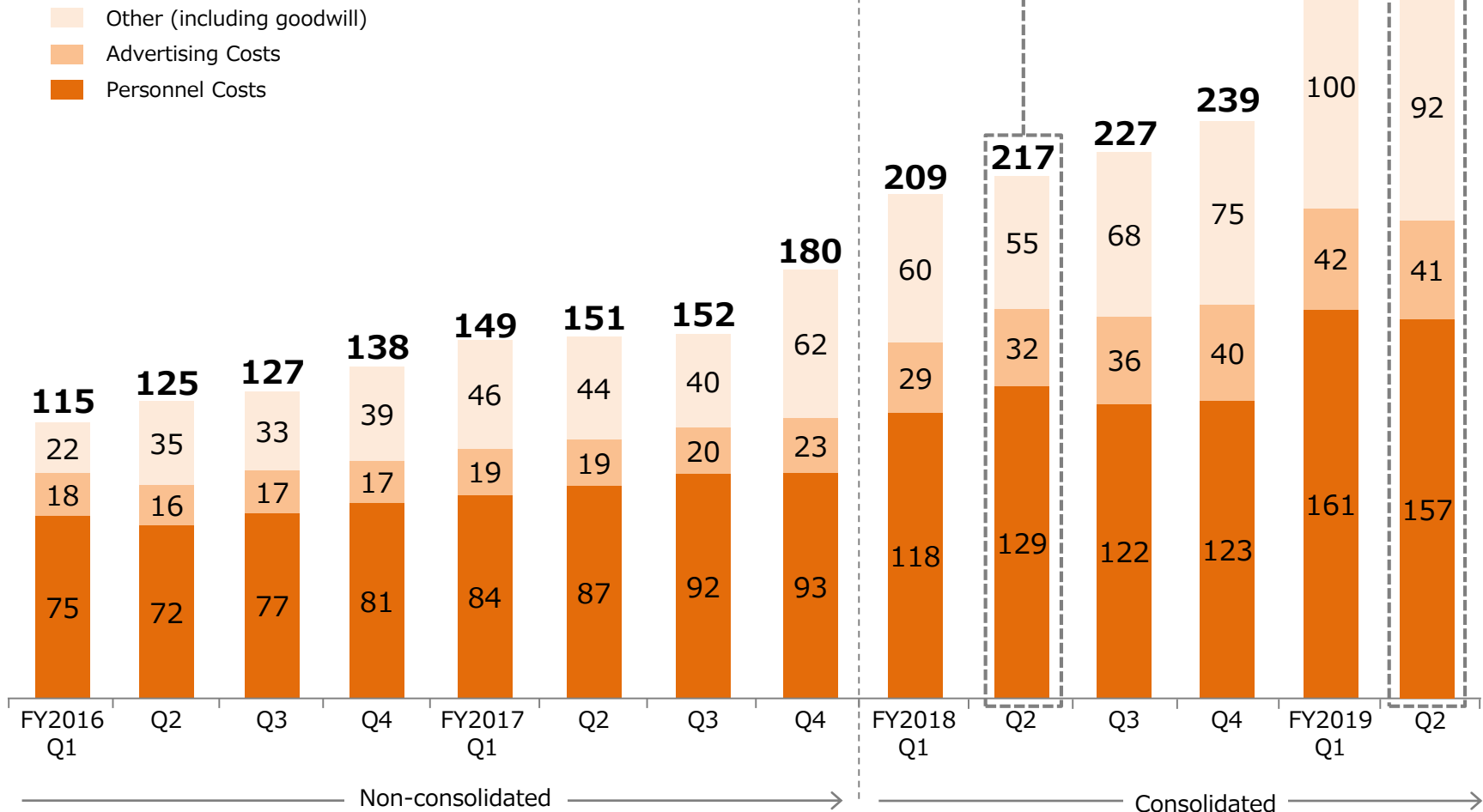
Revenue classification		Users	Related Business Operators
Service in Stage 3	Synchro Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment ads Restaurant staff time cards Food Job Japan(started charging in September 2018) PlaceOrders (started charging in January 2019) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Searching for suppliers
	Synchro Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing (restaurants) * 	
Service in Stages 1, 2, 4	Synchro Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bukken premium (including location service) Kitchen goods(EC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Store design Real estate properties A fully-furnished asset transfer
	Wit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M&As 	
Other	Synchro Food		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restaurants research Advertisement insertion and newsletters Interior job seeking
	Synchro Career		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing (food service) *

* Revenue is recorded at Synchro Career Co., Ltd. starting in FY2019.

Q2 SG&A increased in line with earlier hiring than initially planned
(up 34.1% year on year)

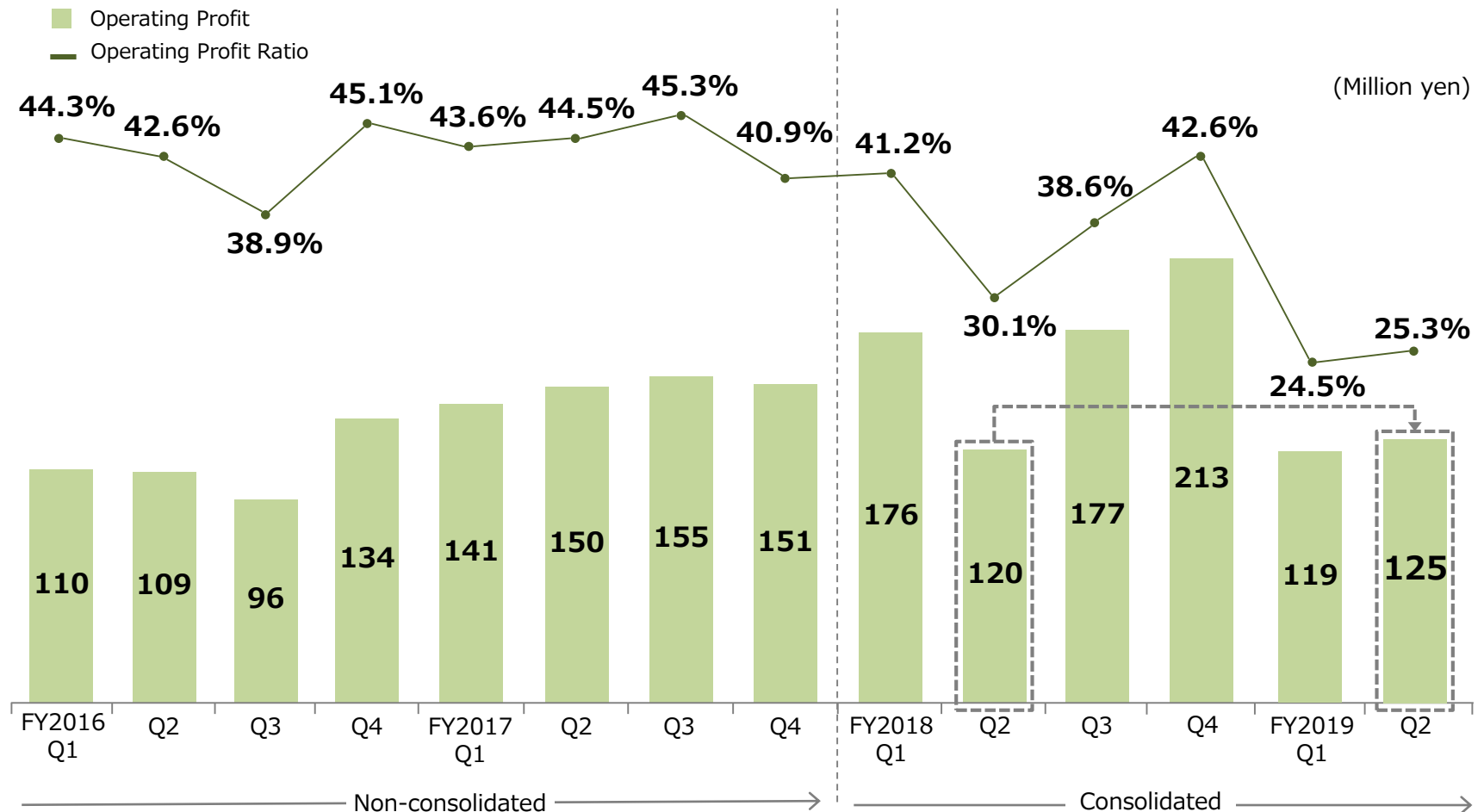
(Million yen)

Trend of SG&A in FY2016-FY2019



Q2 operating profit at a low level due to increased personnel cost
(up 4.3% year on year)

Trend of the operating profit in FY2016-FY2019



Net assets increased by 74 million yen owing to increased retained earnings, etc.

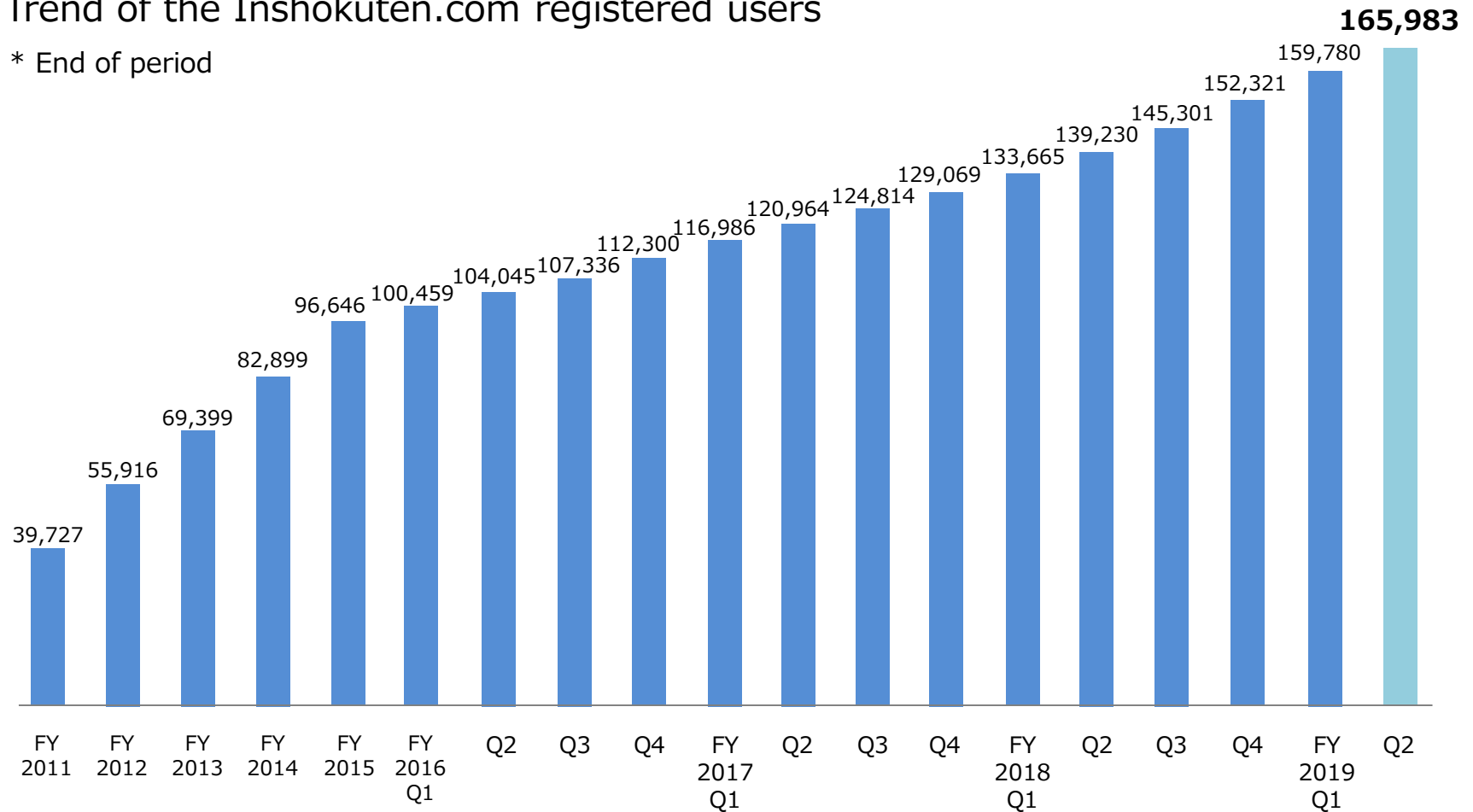
(Million yen)	Sep. 30, 2019	Q on Q	Jun. 30, 2019
Current Assets Total	2,598	+3.8%	2,503
Cash and Bank	2,476	+3.3%	2,397
Fixed Assets Total	378	(0.6)%	380
Assets Total	2,976	+3.2%	2,883
Current Liabilities Total	396	+4.9%	377
Fixed Liabilities Total	20	+0.1%	20
Net Assets Total	2,560	+3.0%	2,485

The number of registered users is increasing steadily
(up 19.2% year on year)

(User accounts)

Trend of the Inshokuten.com registered users

* End of period

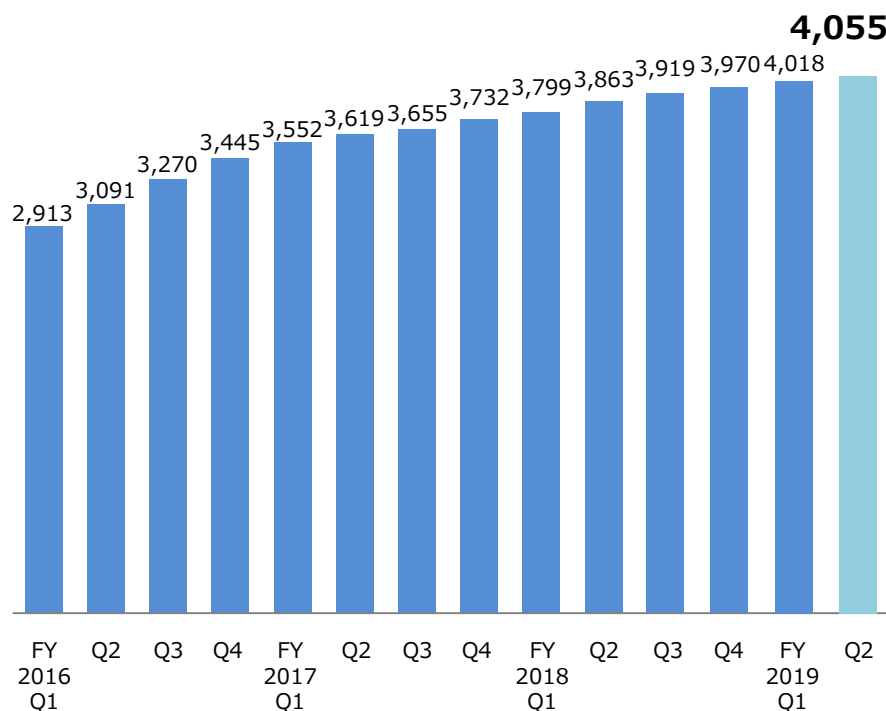


The number of operators and job seekers increased steadily
(Operators: up 5.0% year on year; Job seekers: up 23.8% year on year)

Trend of the operators

* End of period

(User operators)

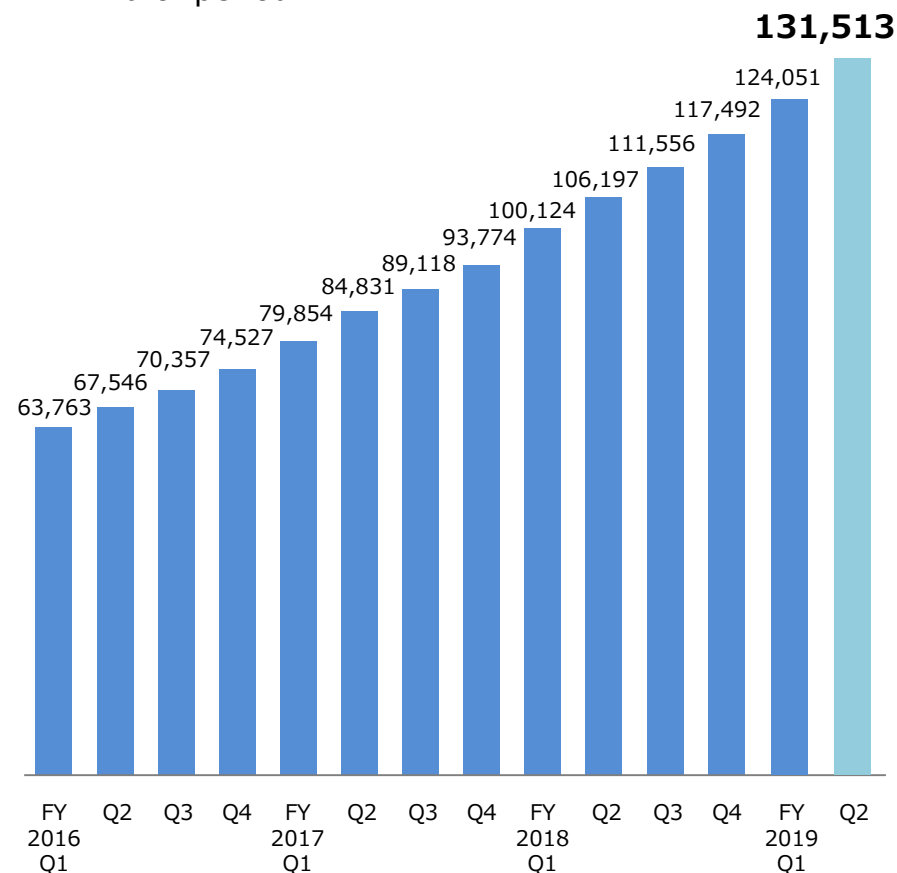


* Total of real estate companies, design companies and foodstuff purchasing companies registered as of the end of month

Trend of the job seekers

* End of period

(User accounts)



* Number of users registered with Kyujin@inshokuten as job seekers (excluding temporary member registration and withdrawal)

Steady personnel hiring; structural reform and new service development slightly delayed

FY2019 Objectives*

“Complete hiring”

- Hire people earlier than initially planned and secure staff quickly to develop structures that enable achievement of 3.0 billion yen in revenue and 1.1 billion yen in operating profit in FY2020.

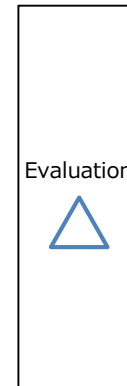
Current Progress



- Net increase of 22 people in the entire Group as at September 30, 2019 (Full-year plan: over 30 people)
 - ✓ Effective use of various methods, including referrals, media, agents and SNS
 - ✓ Already four new employees since October; hiring to continue

“Reform structures”

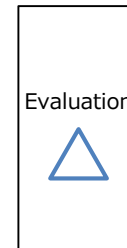
- Review existing service systems and sales operation structures to survive further organizational and structural expansion.



- Reorganized recruitment ads' sales organization by company scale, but changes to sales representatives for existing customers not yet completed.
 - ✓ Handing over responsibilities carefully, with majority expected to be completed during Q3
- Changing to business policy with greater emphasis on staffing than temp-to-perm business (Synchro Career)
 - ✓ Considering work load and profit margin, etc. of backyard operations as outsourcing business

“Increase services”

- Accelerate development of new services to increase LTV (Life Time Value) of the users and expand cross-selling.



- Not ready to release new services, but preparing to release them during the current fiscal year
 - ✓ Focusing on service development in food order-related area
 - ✓ Planning and development also ongoing in other areas

* Source: FY2018 Financial Results Briefing Materials (announced May 15, 2019)

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Progress slightly delayed but aiming to achieve full-year targets through steady implementation of initiatives in the second half

- ✓ Improve productivity following expansion of personnel scale to contribute to sales and profit
- ✓ Complete transfer of customers in recruitment ad area
- ✓ Ensure the closings of delayed M&A
- ✓ Establish and expand operations in the Staffing business

(Million yen)	FY2018 Actual (Consolidated)	FY2019 Full-year Forecast (Consolidated)
Revenue	1,787	2,250
Operating Profit	687	690
Recurring Profit	687	690
Net Income	438	439

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Redefine Mission and Vision Become an innovative platform in the World of Food

Mission

Connecting the World of Food and Creating the Future of Food

- In "Connecting the World of Food," we have made a certain contribution to the creation of a new framework since our establishment. Taking this move a step further and with the mindset of "Creating Future for the World of Food," we are determined to promote businesses.

Vision

Becoming an Innovative "Food Platform"

- Constantly incorporating new technologies and ideas, we aim to become an indispensable platform for the food and drink industry and in the world of food by continuing to provide innovative services and functions that improve the productivity of the industry as a whole.

Our 3 Core Values to achieve Mission and Vision

Integrity and Fairness

Value Creation

Grit

President and CEO and Chief of Operating for the Business Department

Shinichi Fujishiro

Mar.1997 Bachelor of Science and Technology
Tokyo University of Science, Tokyo, Japan
Mar.1999 Master of Interdisciplinary Graduate School of
Science and Engineering
Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan
Jun.1999 Joined Andersen Consulting
(currently Accenture Japan Ltd)
Apr.2003 Established Synchro food Co., Ltd.(current office)

Director & Chief of Operating for the Administrative Department

Masaki Morita

May.1999 Joined Andersen Consulting(currently Accenture Japan Ltd)
Apr.2003 Outside Director of Synchro Food Co., Ltd.
Apr.2015 Director of Synchro Food Co., Ltd.(current office)

Director & Chief of the Development Department

Shun Ohkubo

Apr.2005 Joined Mizkan Holdings Co., Ltd.
Apr.2008 Joined Synchro Food Co., Ltd.
Apr.2015 Chief of the Development Department of Synchro Food Co., Ltd.
Jun.2018 Director of Synchro Food Co., Ltd.(current office)

Audit & Supervisory Board Member

Noboru Nishioka

Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member

Yasutomo Inoue

Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member

Toshihide Nakayama

Director

Tsuguhiro Nakagawa

Apr.1984 Joined Recruit Co., Ltd.
(currently Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.)
Oct.1998 President of Tokai Car Sensor Co., Ltd.
(currently Recruit Tokai Car Sensor Co., Ltd.)
Jun.1999 President of Kyushu Car Sensor Co., Ltd.
(currently Recruit Nishinihon Car Sensor Co., Ltd.)
Apr.2003 President of HR Marketing Kansai Co., Ltd.
(currently Recruit Jobs Co., Ltd.)
Apr.2006 Operating Officer of Recruit Co., Ltd.
(currently Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.)
Managing Executive Officer of Recruit Staffing Co., Ltd.
Oct.2012 Operating Officer of Recruit Marketing Partners Co., Ltd.
Jun.2013 Director of JCM Co., Ltd.
Oct.2014 President of Recruit Car Sensor Co., Ltd.
Apr.2016 Advisor of Recruit Marketing Partners Co., Ltd.
Jun.2017 Director of Synchro Food Co., Ltd.(current office)
Director of Premium Group Co., Ltd.(current office)

Outside director

Ryota Matsuzaki

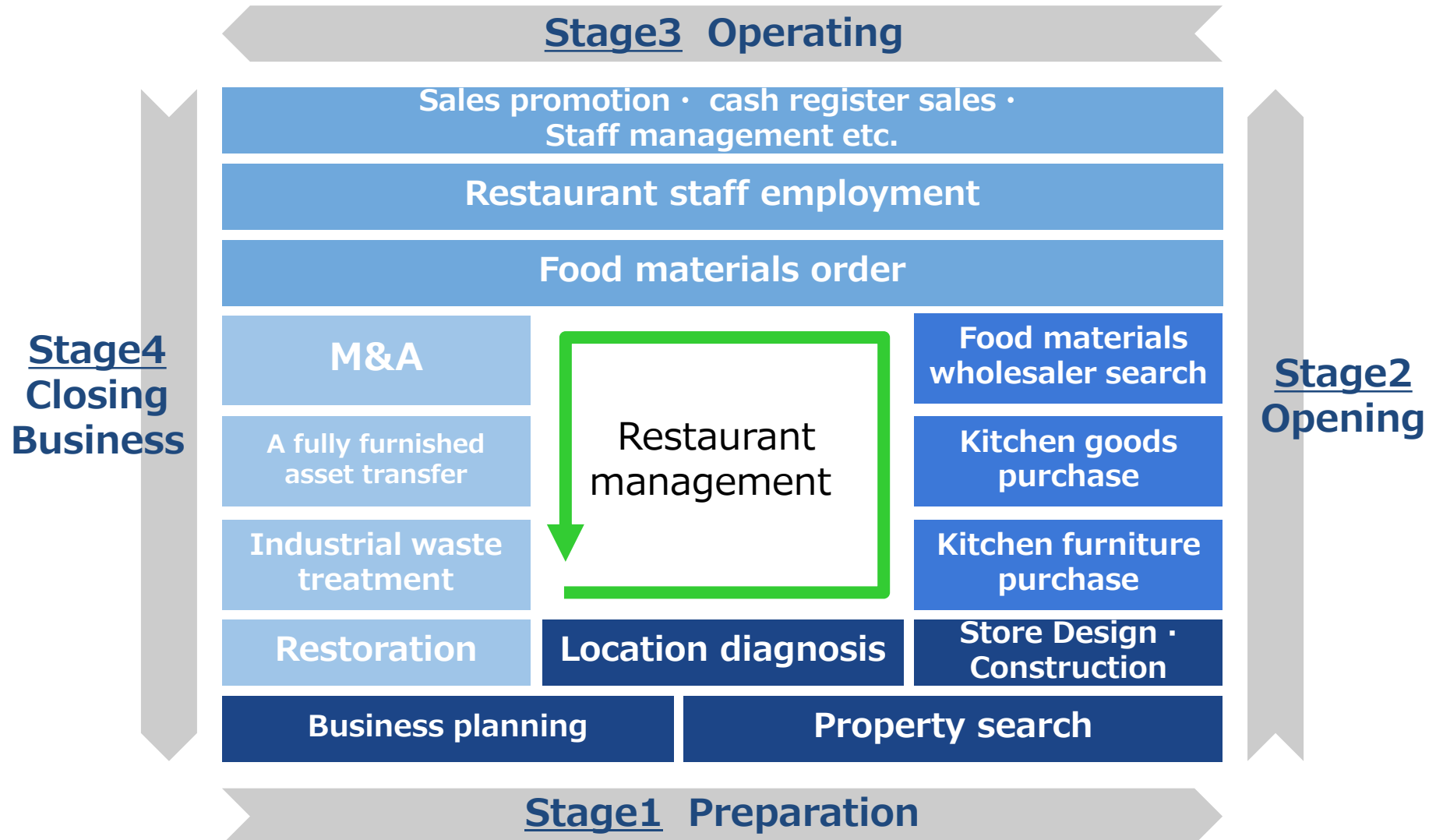
Apr.1991 Joined The Industrial Bank of Japan, Ltd
(currently Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.)
Feb.2000 Joined Rakuten, Inc.
Feb.2011 Established Thirdgear.Ltd.(current office)
Nov.2011 Member of the Board, Cloud Works Ltd.
Feb.2013 Established Kibidango, Inc. (current office)
Jan.2016 Director of Synchro Food Co., Ltd.(current office)

Since our establishment, we have developed multiple media services.

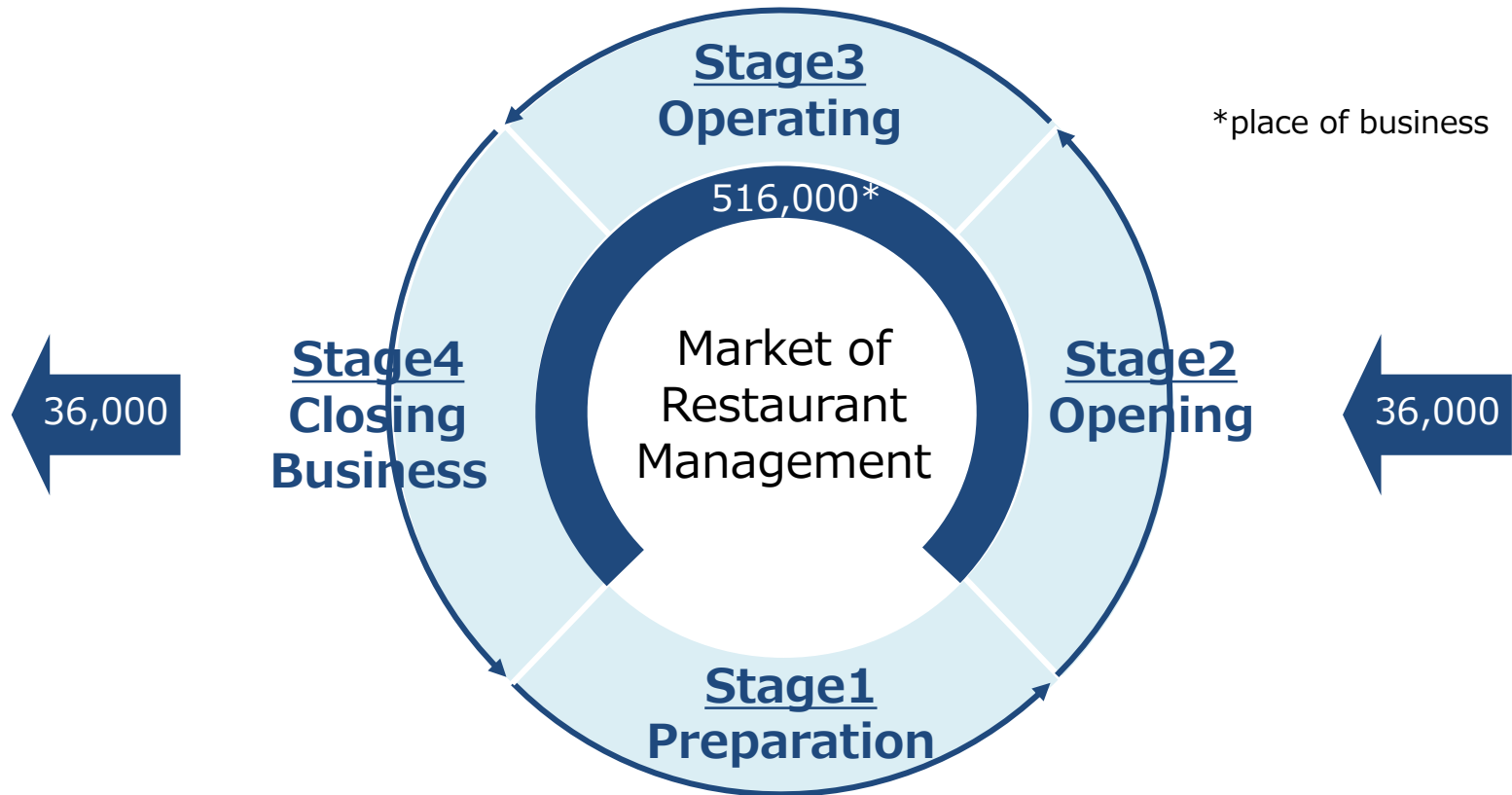
Apr	2003	Established Synchro Food Co., Ltd.
Sept	2003	Started running a restaurant operations support site "Inshokuten.com".
Mar	2005	Created a recruiting site for interior decoration companies "Tenpodesign.com".
Nov	2005	Developed a recruitment information site for interior industry "Kyujin@interiordesing".
Oct	2006	Launched a recruitment information site for food and drink industry "Kyujin@inshokuten.com".
Sept	2007	Launched a commercial real estate purchase price assessment site "Inukijyouhou.com".
May	2011	Launched a recruitment information site specialized in KANSAI area "Kyujin@inshokuten.com".
Sept	2013	Added an ingredients supplier locator section to Inshokuten.com site "Shokuzaishiiresakisagashi".
May	2015	Launched WEB magazine "Foodist Media".
Oct	2015	Launched a property information site specialized in KANSAI area "Inshokuten.com tenpobukensagashi".
Mar	2016	Released food material order system "PlaceOrders".
Dec	2016	Launched a restaurant M&A support service "Inshoku M&A". Launched a recruitment information site specialized in TOKAI area "Kyujin@inshokuten.com".
May	2017	Launched a questionnaire survey system "Restaurants Research".
Jun	2017	Launched a property information site specialized in TOKAI area "Inshokuten.com tenpobukensagashi".
Sept	2017	Launched a recruitment information site specialized in KYUSHU area "Kyujin@inshokuten.com".
Dec	2017	Launched a recruitment information site specialized in HOKKAIDO and TOHOKU area "Kyujin@inshokuten.com".
Apr	2018	Launched a recruitment information site for foreigners specialized food and drink industry "Food Job Japan".
Jun	2018	Launch of facial recognition attendance management "Restaurant Staff Time Cards" smartphone app.
Sept	2018	Launched a property information site specialized in KYUSHU area "Inshokuten.com tenpobukensagashi".
Jan	2019	Released renewal version of food material order system "PlaceOrders" and started charging

Stage of restaurant management

There are 4 Stages of restaurant management.



There are 516,000 restaurants(retailers/chains) in Japan.
36,000 restaurants change location each year.



*Source: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications "economic research"2014.

INSHOKUTEN.COM

INSHOKUTEN.COM provides a one-stop service used for restaurant preparation, opening and operation. Some examples include providing information on store properties, kitchen fixtures, food suppliers, and the recruitment of management, etc.



KYUJIN@INSHOKUTEN.COM

KYUJIN@INSHOKUTEN.COM provides specialized job offering services to accommodate the recruitment needs of restaurants. It focuses mainly in the Kanto and Kansai areas, with full time employees specialized in food and drink, as well as a part-time job recruiting information site.



INSHOKUTEN.COM SHOKUZAISHIHIRESAKISAGASHI

INSHOKUTEN.COM offers food suppliers who are looking to sell food and drink, with food buyers who are in the market to purchase commercial food ingredients and alcohol.



PlaceOrders

PlaceOrders is a web-ordering service dedicated to restaurants and provided by INSHOKUTEN.COM



TENPODESIGN.COM

TENPODESIGN.COM is a service providing information on interior service providers that design and construct stores, to users who are planning to open or refurbish stores.



Foodist Media

Foodist Media distributes media distributing important food and drink trends and information to various people involved in the food industry.



Restaurant M&A Service by Inshokuten.com

Restaurant M&A Service by Inshokuten.com offers a platform for restaurant M&As and business transfers.



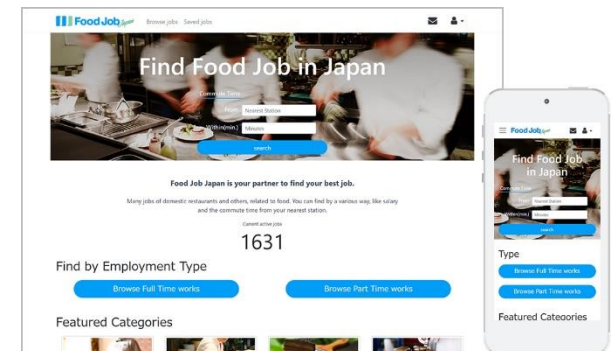
Restaurants Research

Restaurants Research conducts various questionnaire surveys to the users on restaurant management and discloses their results and related reports. Users can view the disclosed information to utilize as a tip for their store management.

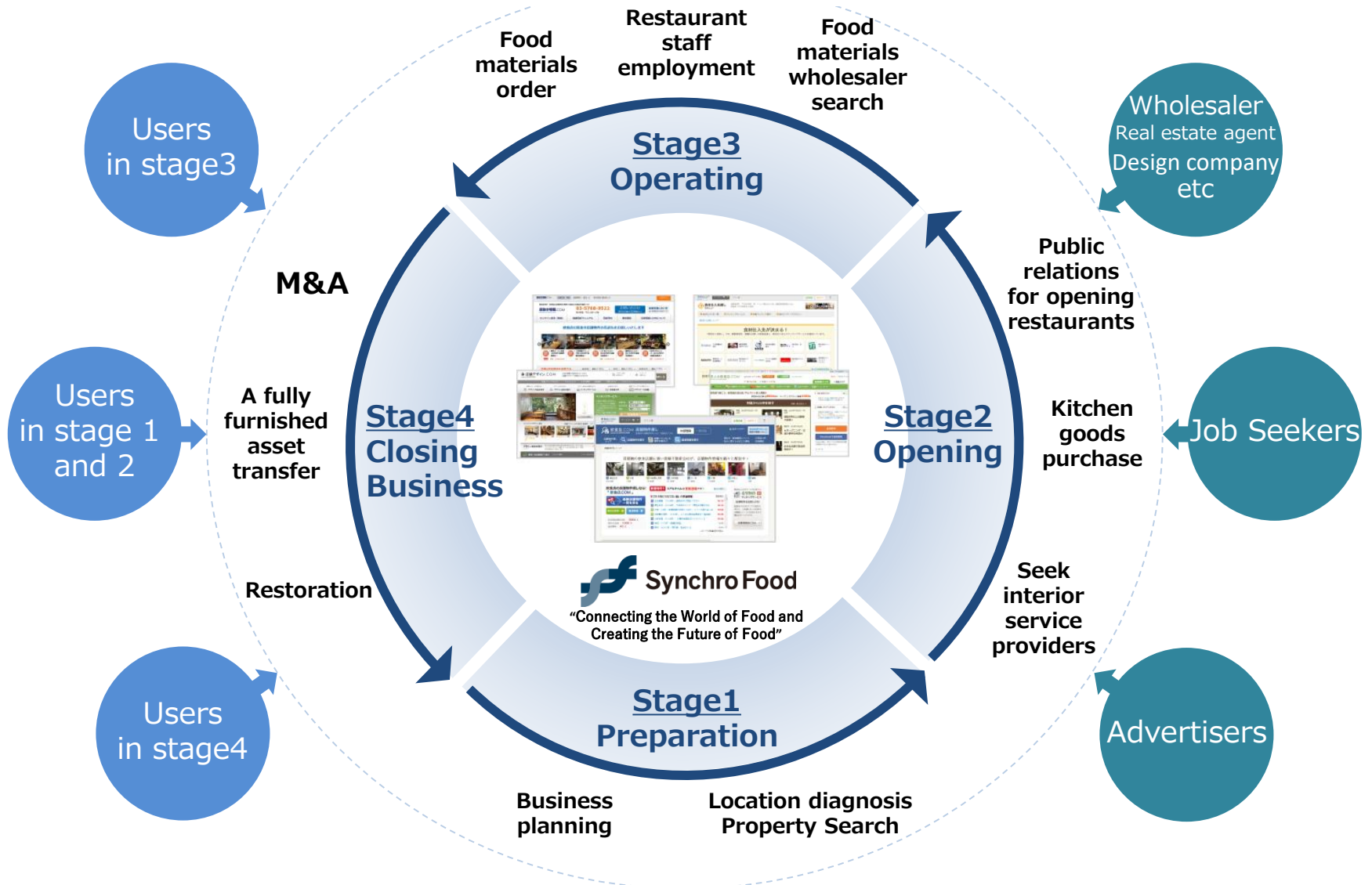


Food Job Japan

Food Job Japan is a website that posts job recruitments for restaurants for foreigners living in Japan. We provide a system that allows foreigners to find work smoothly.



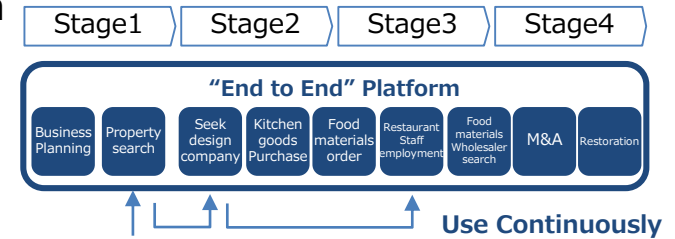
We provide “end-to-end” restaurant management services.
B2B Platform for restaurant management



Our advantages include Uniqueness · Profitability · Stability.

1 Uniqueness

- A proprietary and consistent platform for the management cycle of restaurants
- Migration effect due to total service



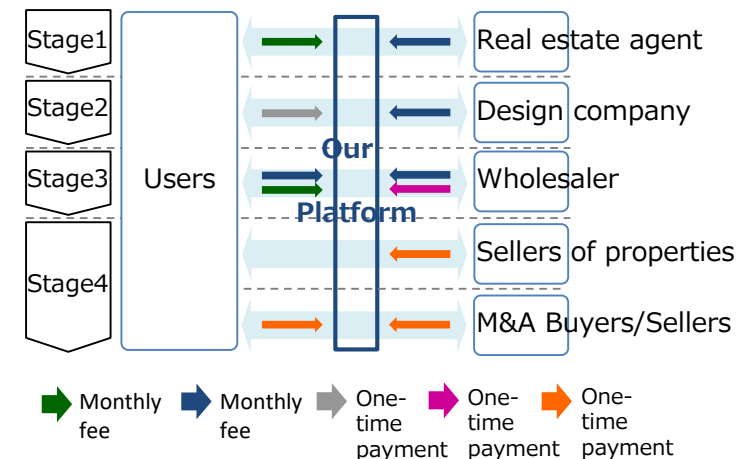
2 Profitability

- Users can be obtained from various channels, thus user acquisition cost is low
- Combined with our monthly billing model, we achieve a high profit margin

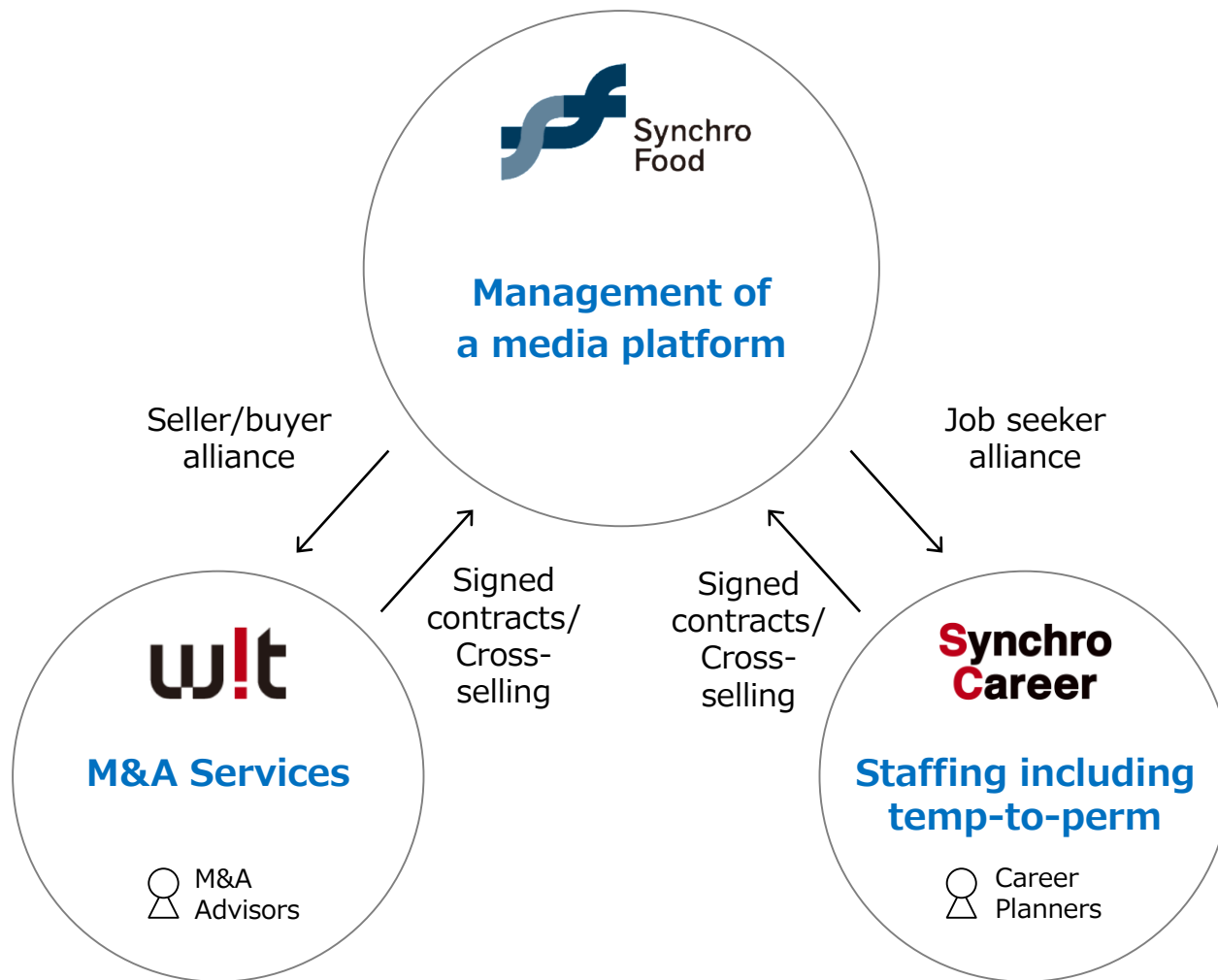


3 Stability

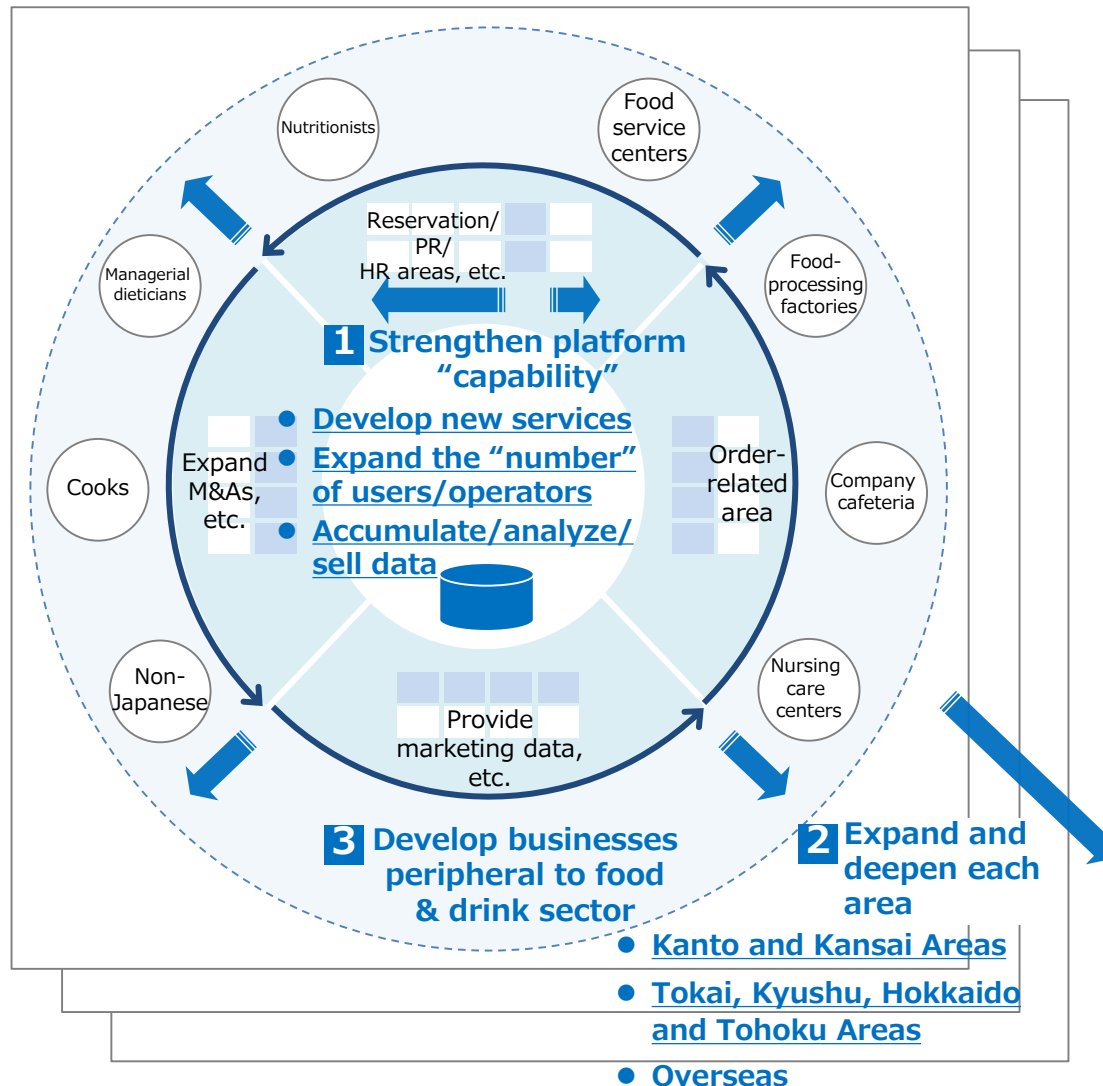
- Multi-point-monetization earns revenue from both users / business owners
- Multiple monetization channels are available even when the economy is stagnant (deliver a fully furnished asset, M&A)



Maximize group synergy through close collaboration among Synchro Food, Wit, and Synchro Career (newly established on April 1, 2019).



Promote the media platform business in 3 directions.
No change in the strategy in the medium-term management plan.



The highest level of cutting-edge technological advancements

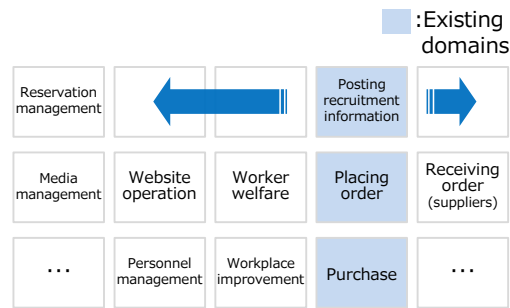
- Incorporate new technologies into our services
- Active investment in human resources and R&D

Promote M&As and alliances

- Continue sourcing

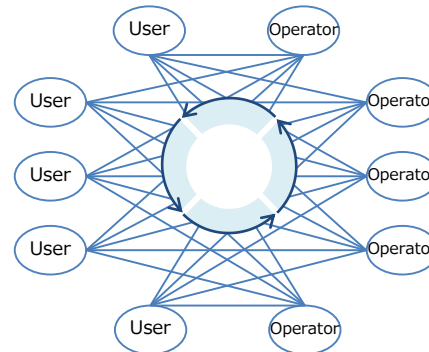
Further strengthen “capability” as a platform, aiming to hold a irreplaceable position to users and business operators

Develop new services



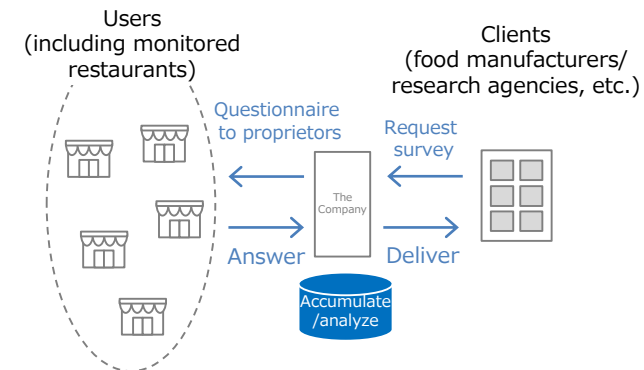
- Plan and develop new services across entire business functions
 - ✓ Priority issues for restaurant management (domains related to recruitment, training and attracting customers)
 - ✓ Domain of order management for raising operational efficiency, etc.
- Promote M&As and alliances as a measure to complement our services

Expand the “number” of users/operators



- Promote initiatives to increase both users and operators to maximize the networking effect
 - ✓ Strengthen sales systems targeted at operators
 - ✓ Inject advertising costs, enhance the contents of owned media, and continue initiatives to pull in new users

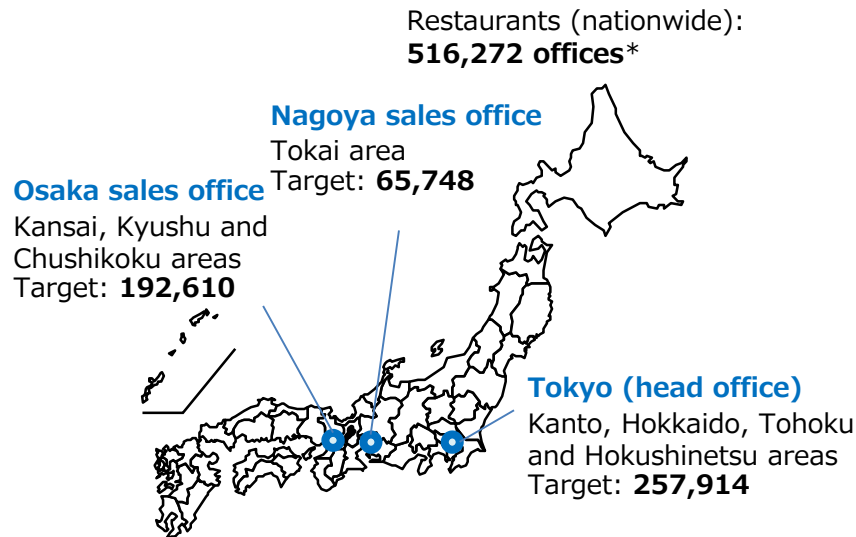
Accumulate/analyze/sell data



- Data analysis and provision to operators (restaurants research, etc.)
 - ✓ Market research
 - ✓ Test marketing
- Combining internally accumulated properties/recruitment data with statistics purchased from external sources, offer analysis results to users (search and comparison of candidate sites for new store opening, etc.)

Further deepen the newly-developed areas, in addition to the existing areas
Overseas, initiate market research and develop services with an eye on
localization

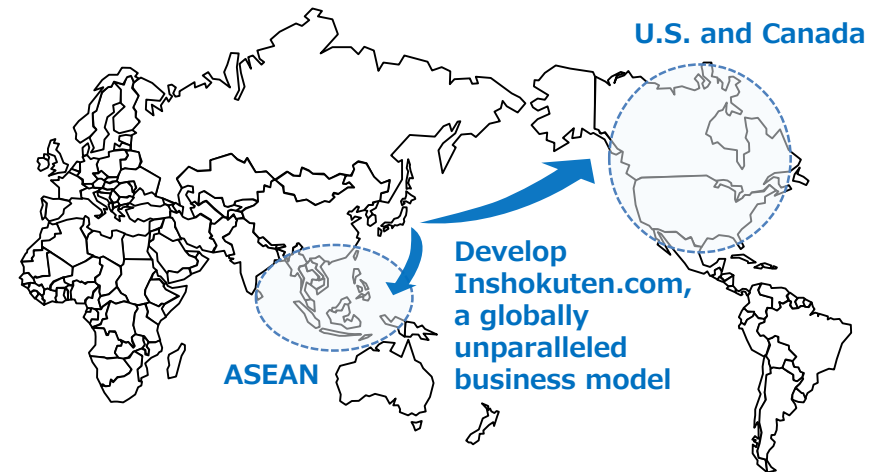
Japan



- Cover the whole country with 3 business bases (Tokyo head office, Osaka sales office and Nagoya sales office)
 - ✓ Enhancing sales efficiency, gradually strengthen sales structure both for users and operators, while raising the market share in each area
- Consider M&As and alliances with other companies as necessary, as a means of improving sales efficiency and coverage rate

*Source: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications "economic research"2014.
(excluding night restaurants and entertainment restaurants)

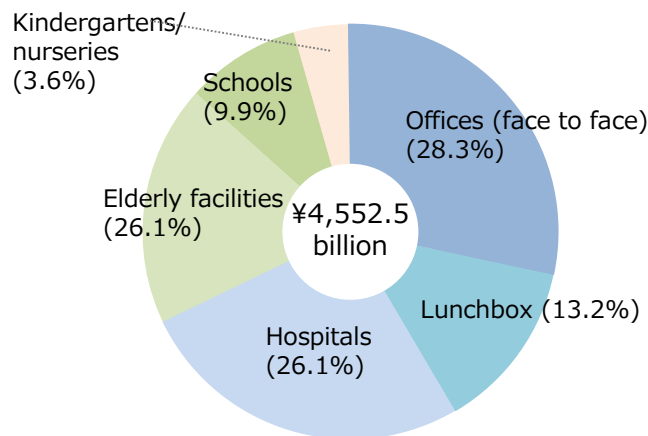
Overseas



- Careful market research and restaurants investigation service
- Partially localize and deliver the services of Inshokuten.com in Asia and North America
 - ✓ Collaboration with partner companies and local enterprises
 - ✓ Management support service to help Japanese users expand overseas and operate Japanese restaurants

Move into peripheral businesses of food & drink sector
Effectively promote businesses leveraging the Inshokuten.com platform

Scale of food service market in Japan*1

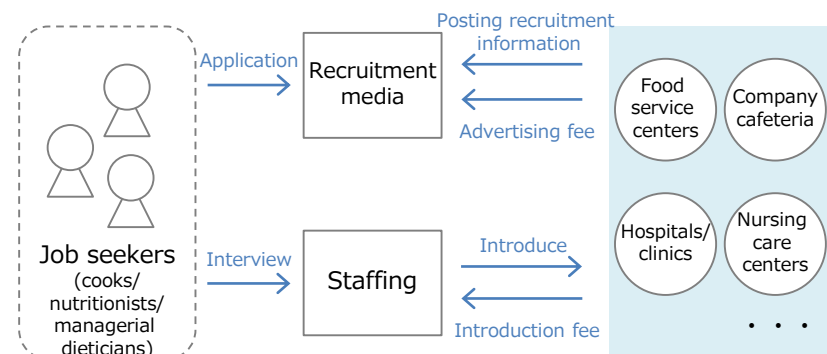


- Food service market in Japan is gradually expanding, grown to the scale of ¥4.5 trillion*1 in FY2015
 - Given the aging society, food service for elderly facilities and food delivery service are strong, while food services for offices (face to face) and schools show a slight increase
- Number of nutritionists and managerial dieticians required at offices is 1.2 million*2 (based on the number of licenses issued)

*1 Source: Yano Research Institute "Outlook and strategies for food service market 2016"

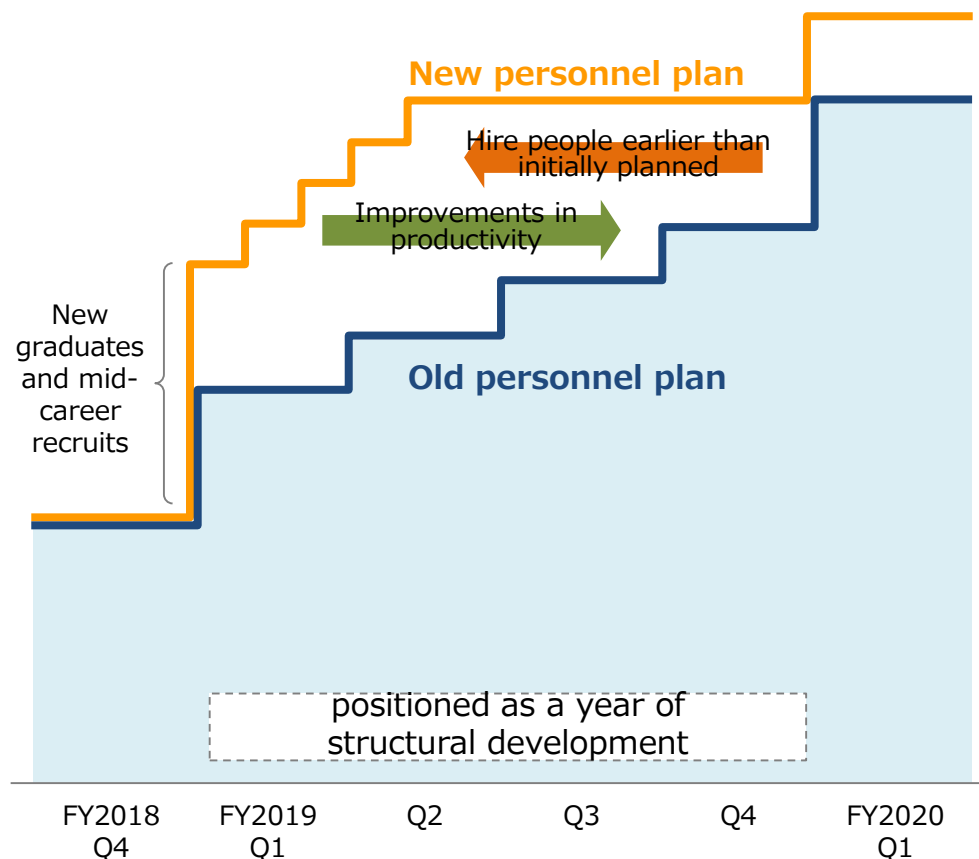
*2 Source: THE JAPANESE SOCIETY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS
"Social trends surrounding managerial dieticians and nutritionists"

Offer personnel service (by Synchro Career)



- Demand for human resources is strong at food service offices/facilities, where cooks, nutritionists and managerial dieticians are needed
 - Merge database of job seekers at Inshokuten.com and that of registered users in the media for nutritionists/managerial dieticians to enhance effective matching
 - Strengthen sales system for food service offices/facilities to increase the number of registered offices

Taking into consideration the lead time required for development of human resources and productivity improvement, we will hire people earlier than planned in the first half of FY2019.



- Although the large increase in staff will have impact on profit in Q1/Q2 of FY2019, it will make a significant contribution to revenue and profit in Q3/Q4 with improvements in development of human resources and productivity.
- We will start FY2020 with a structure equipped with enhanced ability to develop human resources and achieve the third-year goals of the medium-term management plan.

As the required service systems are different depending on the business size of the user, we will establish a different sales structure for each user segment.

Average order price by business size

1-2 stores	3-10 stores	11 stores or more
1.0	1.9	8.3

* Relative values when the average order price per company of the business size of 1-2 stores is set as 1

* Based on the average monthly results in the period between April 2018 and March 2019 (Kanto area)

- In case of the company of the business size of 3 stores or more, the difference in the price is approximately 2 to 8 times the price of the individual store (business size of 1-2 stores).
- As the size of the business increases, the required listings and option services becomes multilayered, resulting in higher average order prices.

- ✓ As the requests from and proposals to the users also differ significantly, we will establish a different sales structure for each segment.
- ✓ We will hire experienced mid-career sales persons proactively and ahead of the schedule, and reinforce the teams by segment.

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