Lancers

Financial Results for the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2022

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Highlights

2Q results for FY ending March 2022

- Release of a series of new services from 3Q to realize the 3-year goals and management policy for this term
- Considering the fact that our performance is skewed towards the second half of the year, progress against the forecast was positive, with GMV of 47%, net sales of 51% and gross profit of 48%
 - GMV: 5,053 million JPY (+18% YoY) (47% Progress against forecast)
- Operating income: -111 million JPY (operating income excluding investments +128 million JPY) (-14 million JPY in previous year)

Status by segment for FY ending
March 2022

- GMV in the marketplace business increased by 28% YoY in the 2Q cumulative period, and the company focused on the development of new services and functions in 2Q
 - Strong growth in the marketplace business with +23% of GMV from new clients and +29% of GMV from existing clients
 - Managed service business continues to be favorably impacted by market recovery. Preparing for the launch of a new plan
- In the tech agent business, the GMV in 2Q(only) was up 14% YoY, and the business is accelerating towards renewed growth from 3Q

Focused investment status in Marketplace business

- Investments to create the basis for growth in the marketplace business of +40% YoY are on track
 - Product investment is focused on the development of new services and functions, using both internal and external engineers
 - Marketing investment in the second half of the year, in conjunction with new services, to increase awareness of DX operations



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Company profile

Our Mission

Empowerment of Individuals

Our Vision

10x your business with Lancers
Be your own boss with Lancers

Company name

LANCERS, INC.

Business contents

Platform business

Founder and CEO

Yosuke Akiyoshi

Establishment

April, 2008

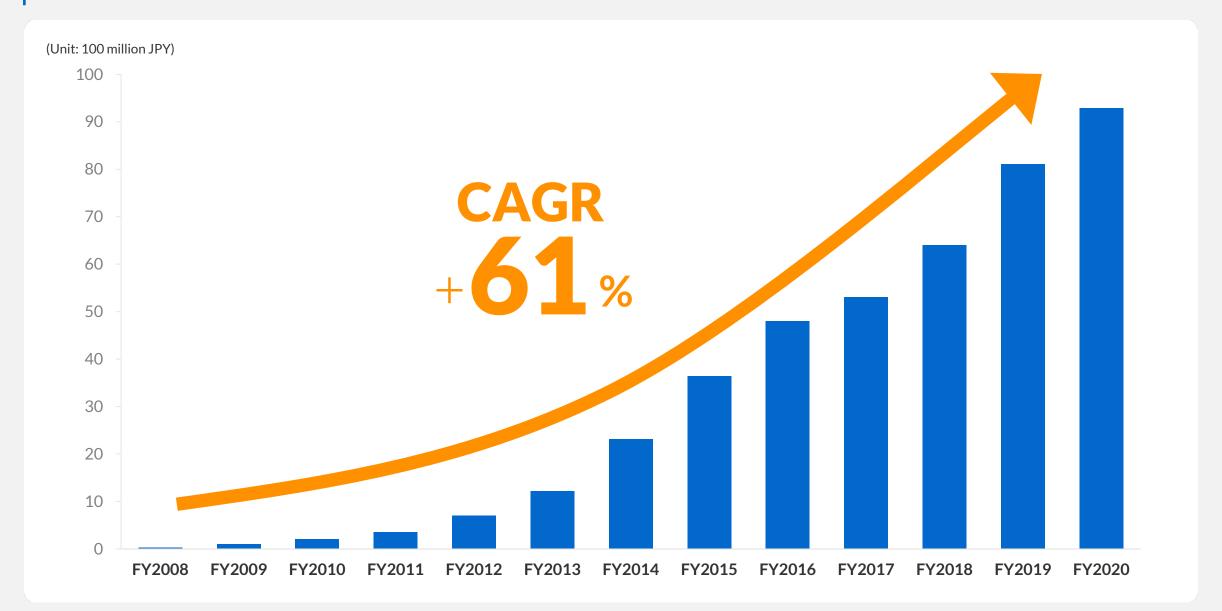
Staff

Approx. 200 employees

*) Employees include full-time employees (excluding those who are seconded to outside the Group, but including those seconded to the company within the Group) and temporary workers(part-time workers).



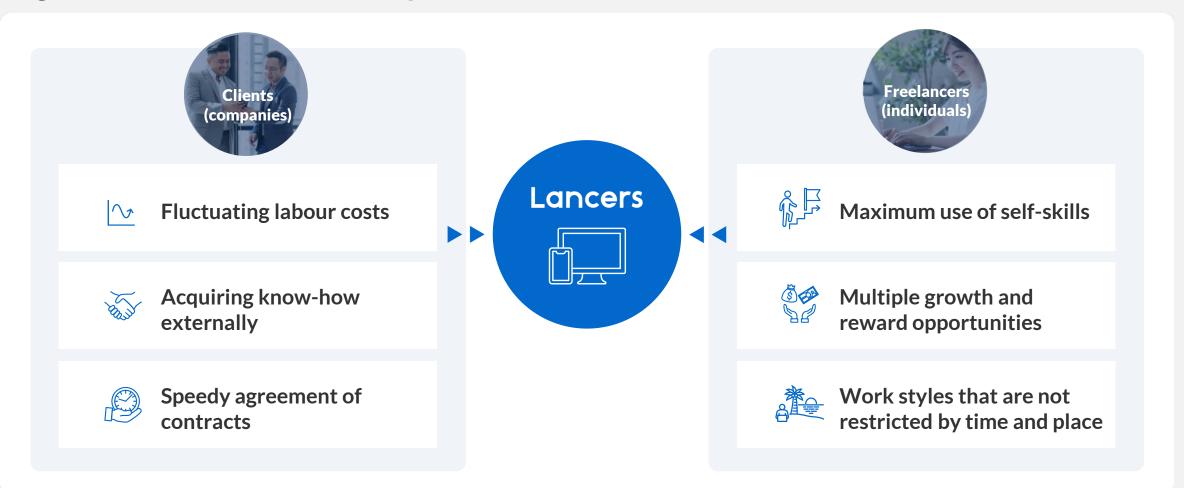
Changes in Lancers' Gross Merchandise Value





Service Overview

We operate an ordering platform that matches individuals and companies, which is completed online, and provide excellent human resources to companies and new work styles to individuals regardless of time and where they live.





Business Models / Features

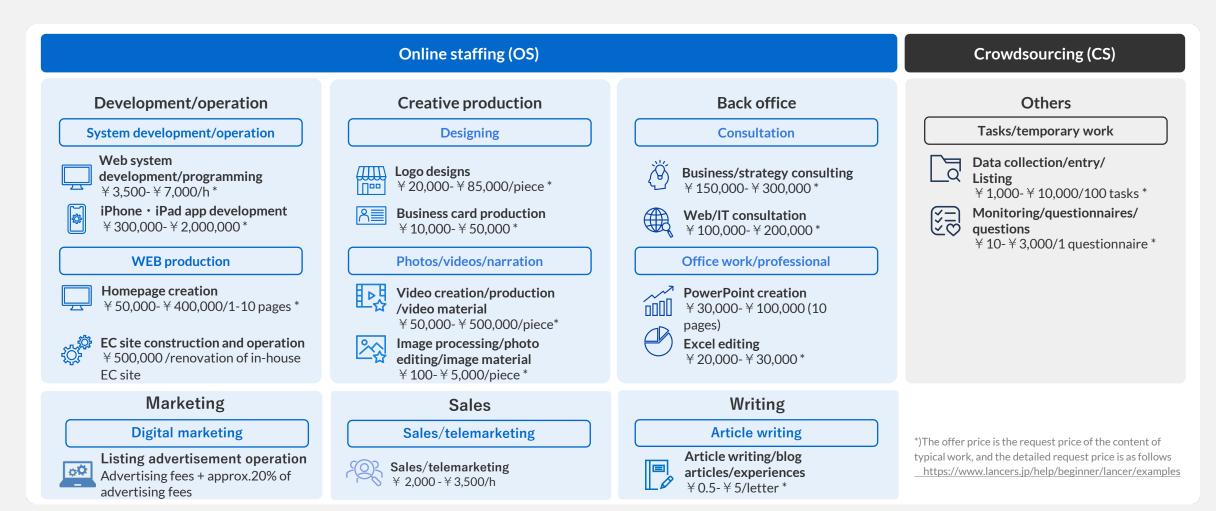
Online staffing* (OS) that provides a job offer to specific individual is our main feature, which contributes 90% of Gross Merchandise Value. It puts us on a unique position in Japan.

*)Online staffing (OS) is an abbreviation for online staffing platform. Online Staffing (OS) Crowdsourcing (CS) Request for work Job recruitment A job offer to a specific Job recruitment after selecting a (offer) freelancer (offer) (order) request destination (order) Selling of Choose **Business models** Inspection Start deliverables among The deliverables the project 0000 0000 Freelancers (unspecified number) Freelander (specific) Clients or our company Clients **Examples of jobs** Development, designs, office work Tasks, data entry Unit price Approx. x 4 High unit price Low unit price **GMV** ratio* 90% 10% *) Percentage of our group's GMV.



Service Contents

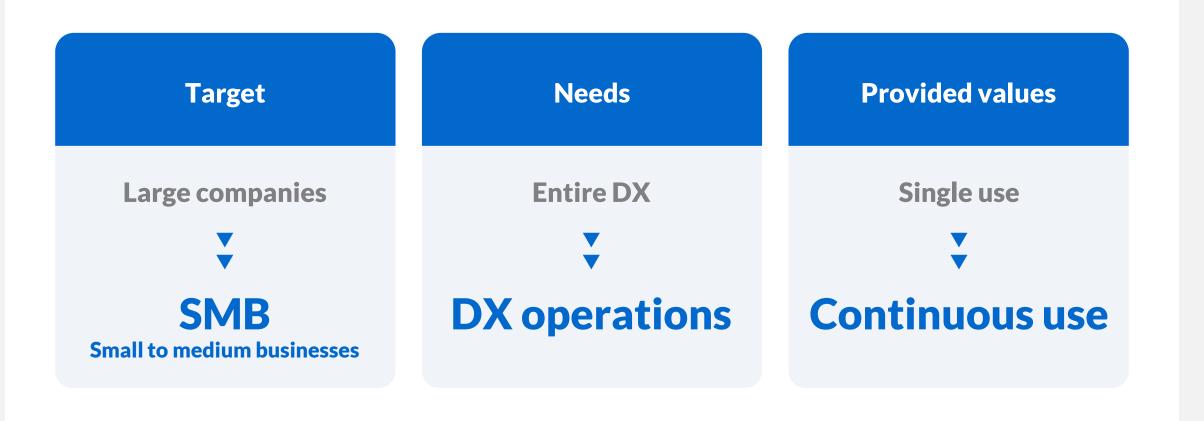
A number of jobs that contribute to DX promotion and productivity improvement, mainly in development and operations.





Service Target and Value Provided

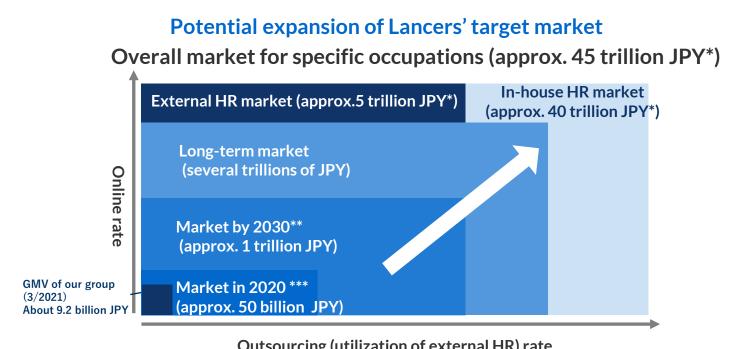
Market changes have expanded SMB DX operational needs and we updated strategic priorities.





Market Potential for Lancers

With the spread of online work and utilization of external human resources, the target market for specific occupations is expanding and the market potential of approx. 1 trillion JPY is expected around 2030.



Outsourcing (utilization of external HR) rate





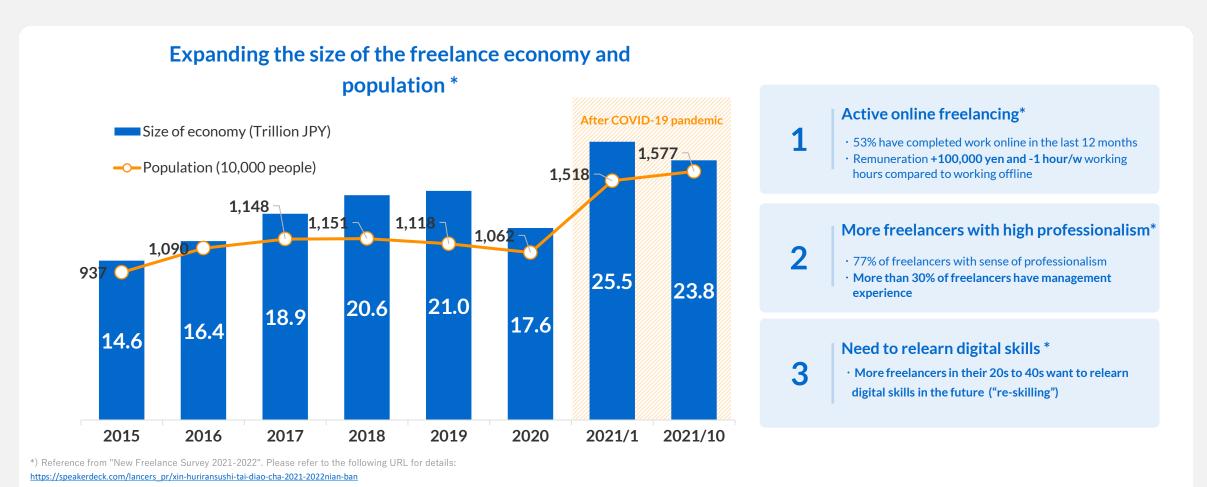
^{*)} We calculated the external HR utilization rate and the target HR market and estimated the market size based on materials such as 2015 National Census, 2016 Economic Census, Specified Service Industry Dynamic Statistics Survey August 2020, Reiwa 1st Annual Wage Structure Basic Statistics Survey, Yano Research Institute "2020-2021 BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) Market" Actual conditions and prospects", Industry Trends SEARCH.COM, Career Change Service doda" Average Annual Income Ranking by Job Type 2019".

^{**)}The online rate of specific occupations (weighted average online rate of 31%) is estimated from the "Freelance Survey 2020" conducted by our group in February 2020 and the "Freelance Survey 2021" conducted in February 2021, calculating the market size from the above data. We estimate that the figures will reach around 2030 from the growth rate of other companies in the same industry (average 30-40%).

^{***)} It is estimated from GMV disclosed by other companies in the same industry.

Freelance Market Trends (New Freelance Survey 2021-2022)

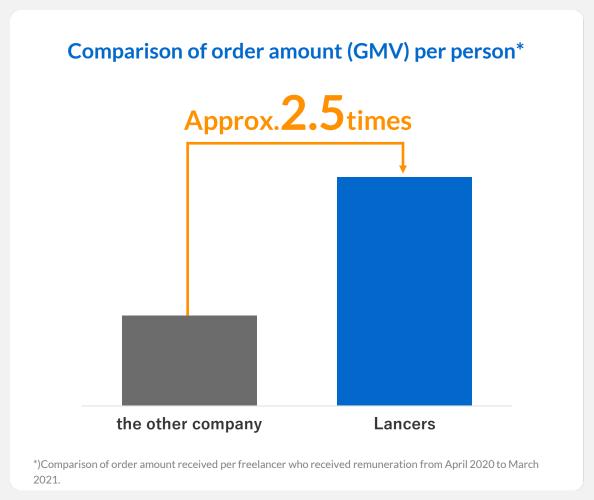
Compared to 2015, the population of freelancers continues to grow by +68%. The size of its economy also expanded by +63%.

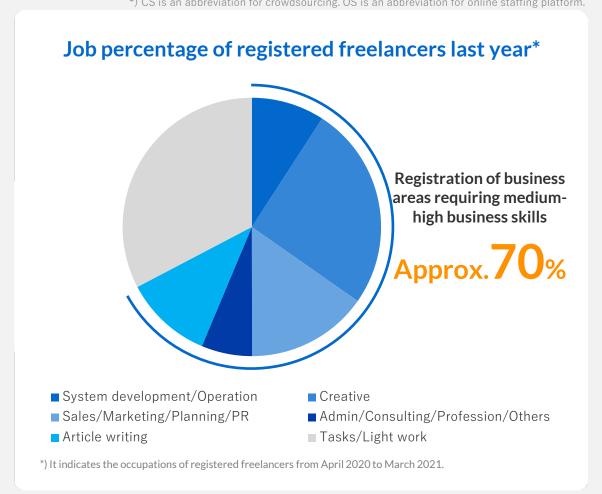




Competitive Advantages: Order Amount Per Freelancer (GMV)

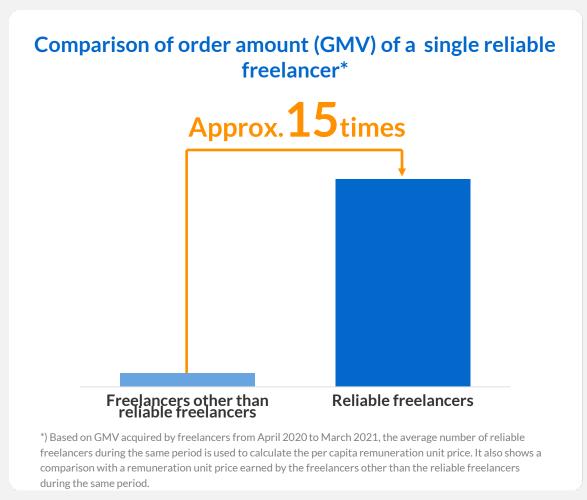
The amount of orders received per person (GMV) is about 2.5 times higher than that of the other company in the industry, mainly in the CS* field. Since the OS* domain is the mainstay of the company, about 70% of registered lancers are in business domains that require medium to high skills.

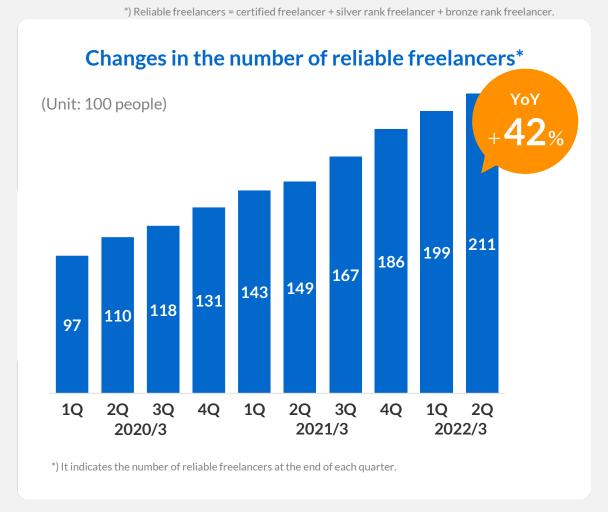




Competitive Advantages: Core Reliable Freelancers

Our group is supported by reliable freelancers*, and the order amount (GMV) per person is about 15 times larger than that of a regular freelancer. The number of reliable freelancers continues to grow, and they have been a source of competitiveness.





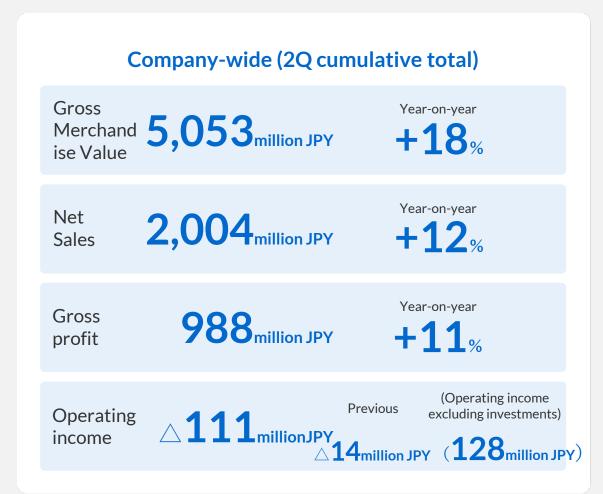


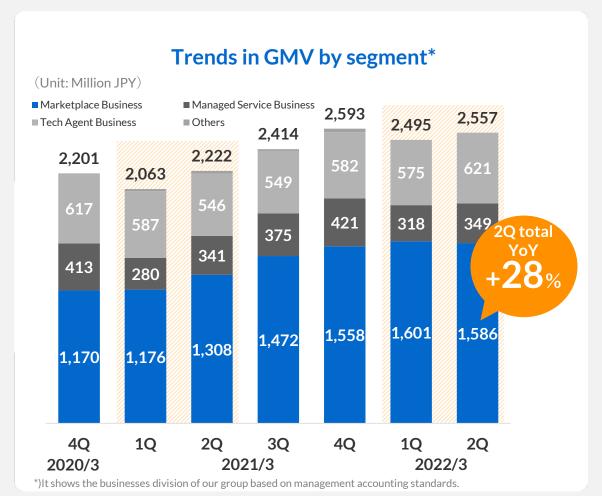
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Performance Summary

There was growth in GMV, net sales and gross profit company-wide, with GMV up 18% YoY. Operating income, excluding approximately 240 million JPY in focused investments, was 128 million JPY.







Quarterly Trends in Operating Income and Operating Profit Excluding Investments (Consolidated)

In the current fiscal year, we will start investing intensively in Marketplace business. We will become profitable if we exclude the investments.





Financial Results in 2Q cumulative total of FY2021 (Consolidated)

Focused investment in the marketplace business made good progress and strengthened the development of new services and functions. All items are as anticipated, considering the fact that our performance is skewed towards the second half of the year.

	FY2021 2Q cumulative total	FY2020 (Previous 2Q cumulative total)		FY2021 (Forecast)	
(Unit: Million JPY)	Actual	Actual	% change	Forecast	% Achievement
Gross Merchandise Value*	5,053	4,285	+17.9%	10,691	47.3%
Net sales	2,004	1,798	+11.5%	3,902	51.4%
Gross profit	988	893	+10.6%	2,078	47.5%
Selling,general and administrative expenses(SG&A)	1,099	908	+21.1%	2,448	44.9%
Operating income /loss	△111	△14	-	△370	-
Ordinary income /loss	△108	△8	-	△363	-
Net income /loss t is based on in-house management materials and is not an a	△175	△4	-	△452	-

^{*)}It is based on in-house management materials and is not an audited number.



Balance Sheet for the 2Q of FY2021 (Consolidated)

A high level of cash reserves* and a solid financial position with an equity ratio of 53%. In September, a new commitment line agreement of 500 million JPY was signed to increase the bank borrowing facility* to 1.21 billion JPY.

	FY2021 2Q	FY2020 (Previous)		
(Unit: Million JPY)	Actual	Actual	change	
Current assets	2,519	2,845	△325	
Cash and deposits*	1,827	2,037	△210	
Non-current assets	654	587	+66	
Goodwill	402	427	△24	
Total assets	3,174	3,433	△259	
Current liabilities	1,497	1,592	△94	
Customer deposits	799	800	△0	
Non-current liabilities	2	4	△2	
Net assets	1,674	1,837	△162	
Total liabilities/net assets	3,174	3,433	△259	

^{*)} Cash reserves of 1,027 million JPY at the end of September 2021 = cash and deposits of 1,827 million JPY - interest-bearing debt of 0 - deposits received of 799 million JPY. Total uncommitted bank overdraft facilities of 710 million JPY at the end of September 2021.



Summary by Segment*

The marketplace business grew by +28% YoY. Strengthening the foundations for growth with the launch of new services. Tech agent business has been performing well, while managed services business has been making good progress towards structural transformation.

**It indicates the business divisions of our group based on management accounting standards.

Status by segment (2Q cumulative total)

Concentrated investments

Marketplace business

Gross Merchandise Value

3,187 million JPY

Year-on-year

+28%

- Solid growth despite impact of resumption of economic activity
- Focus on development of new services and functions, and strengthen marketing and customer success in the second half of the year

Withdrawal of some businesses (contract)

Managed service business

Gross Merchandise Value

668 million JPY

Year-on-year

+7%

- Continued positive impact and steady growth due to recovery in market conditions
- Preparing for the launch of a new plan

Tech agent business

Gross Merchandise Value

1,197 million JPY

Year-on-year

+6%

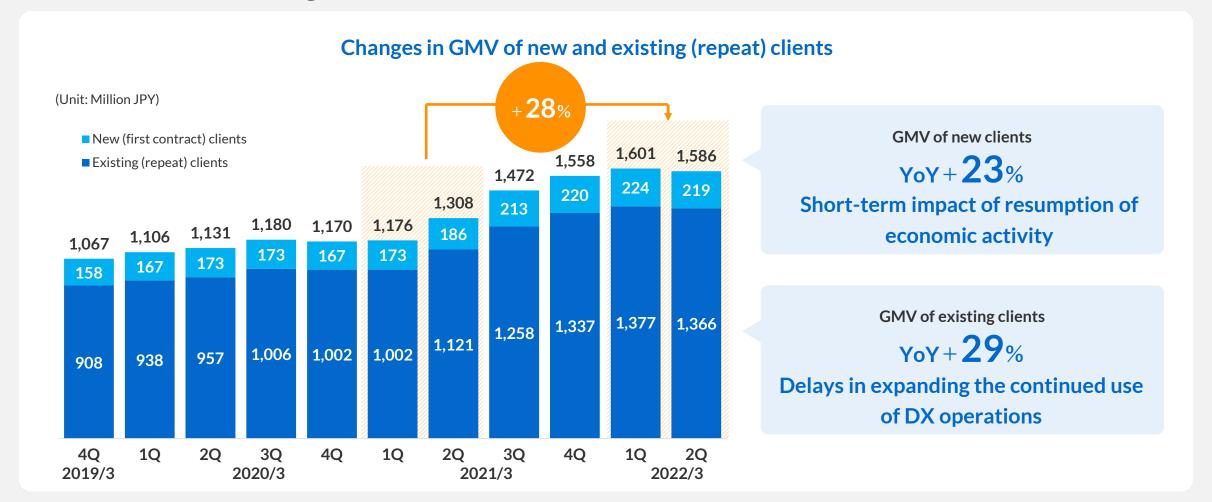
- Currently performing well with +14% YoY for 2Q alone
- Number of contracts returned to pre-COVID level, accelerating growth again



Structural Changes in the Marketplace Business

GMV of new and existing clients remained steady.

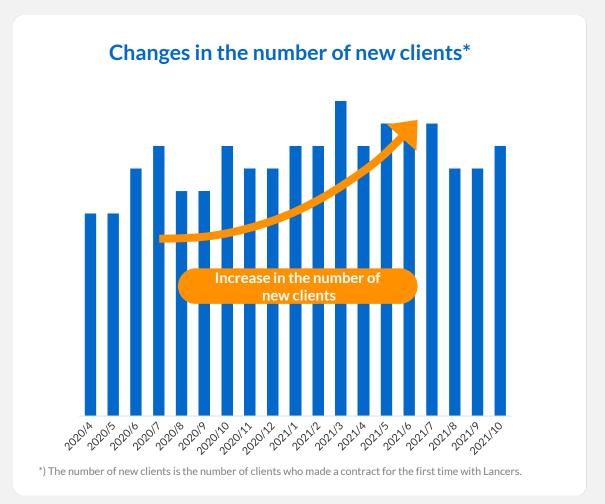
In the second half of the year, we aim to expand GMV by strengthening marketing and customer success, along with the release of new services.

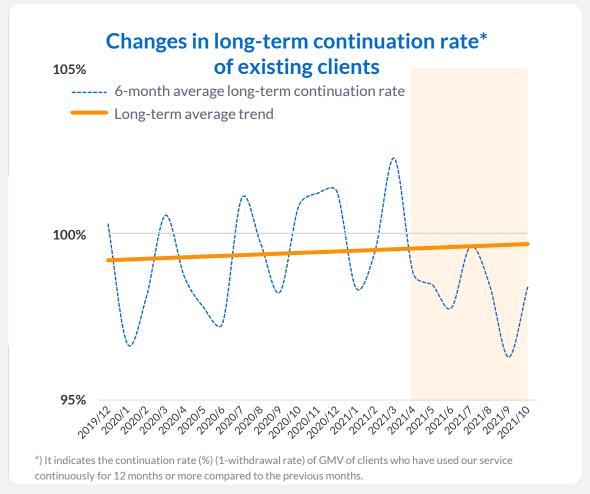




Marketplace Business

Steady growth in number of new clients and existing client long-term continuation rate in 2Q







Investment Progress of Marketplace Business

In 2Q, we continued to invest mainly in the development area, including the development of new services and the recruitment of engineers. We will engage in more initiatives to promote the use of the new services and encourage continuous use of our services.

Status of each investment

Status of product investment*

- Recruitment generally in line with our plans and progressing well
- Strengthening of the development system for launching new services and adding functions

Status of marketing investment*

- Strengthen marketing to increase awareness of new services and DX operations
- Strengthening customer success to drive conversion to a continuity model

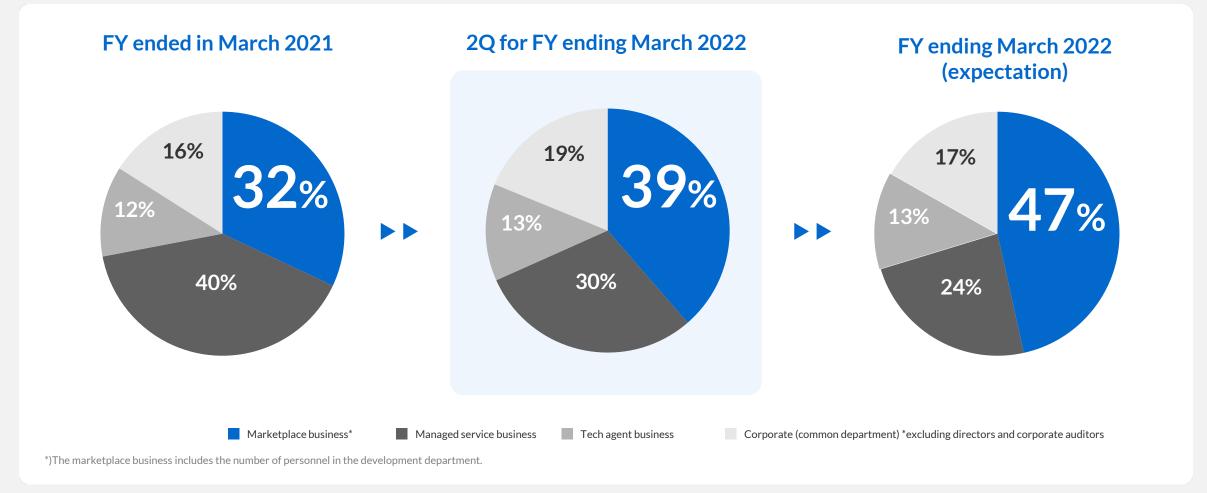
Investment progress of marketplace business (2Q cumulative results / annual plan) Recruitment and personnel Labour distribution centred on costs engineers 190 million JPY Strengthening and Outsourcing variabilization of costs engineers and marketing 170 million JPY personnel Accelerating new client Advertising costs acquisition 80 million JPY Temporary costs such as Others hiring 90 million JPY



^{*)} Product investment includes labour costs, outsourcing costs, etc., and marketing investment includes outsourcing costs and advertising costs.

Personnel Composition (Consolidated)

Continuing to focus on recruiting new engineers for the marketplace business. Proactive use of internal transfers to strengthen reallocation to growth businesses.





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Release and Renewal of New Services

We aim to increase GMV by increasing the number of professional personnel, the matching rate through the commercialization (Selling) of skills originating from "lancers(freelancers)" and promoting the conversion to a continuity model by improving diversifying (Team) the matching systems.

Increase in Reliable freelancers

Continuously increase the supply of professional personnel



Launch of a new service "Lancers Digital Academy"

Expansion of New GMV

Improve matching rate by category segmentation and commercialization of skills



Renewal of

Lancers "Package Scheme"

Expansion of Existing GMV

Improve retention rates with services that promote diversification of matchmaking



Addition of new services

"Lancers Teams" etc.



Increase in Reliable freelancers: Developing professional human resources

Launch of "Lancers Digital Academy" in early 2022, a job-linked education service that provides cutting-edge digital skills training and personalized project introductions under the supervision of top industry players

Service Overview Digital skills education with A dedicated concierge to **Certification of skills** materials supervised by top help you find a job (digital badges) industry players A new service Job-linked education service 'Lancers Digital Academy' "Online video education, skill certification and concierge support" Ex: Shopify From 200,000JPY, Duration from 2 months

Features of the service

1

Selection of teaching materials for the latest digital skills

• Data analysis and selection of digital skills in global demand

2

Practical teaching materials supervised by top industry players

• Practical teaching materials supervised, produced and embodied by the top players in the industry

3

Web-based learning with a focus on learning efficiency

• A learning experience with an easy-to-learn UX and efficiency (videos x assignments x group work)

4

High reliability with certification of skills

• Skills accreditation scheme to promote self-branding(digital badges)

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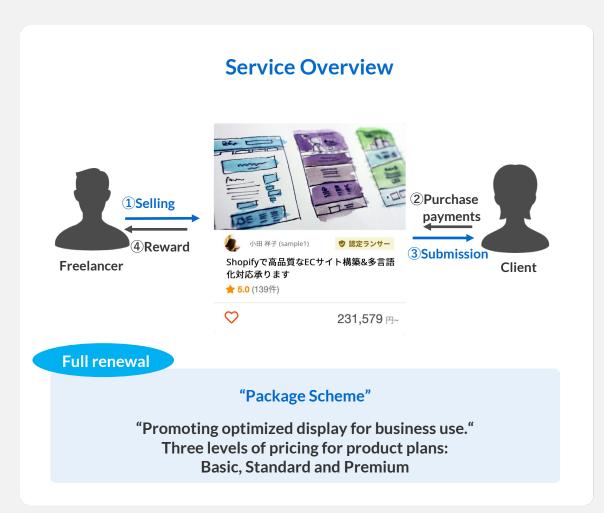
Support for personalized job placement

• Support by a dedicated concierge for a certain period to help you find a job or a case after certification



Expansion of New GMV: Commercialization of Skills

Fully renewed "package scheme" that allows individuals to commercialize their business skills. Japan's largest business-specific skill-sharing service with over 350 business categories



Features of the service

1

More than 350 business categories, the largest in Japan

- Business category segmentation to improve matching accuracy
- Design of products with image, video and audio configurability

2

Minimum price of 10,000 JPY

- Facilitating the display of business use prices for professionals
- Three pricing plans are available for one package

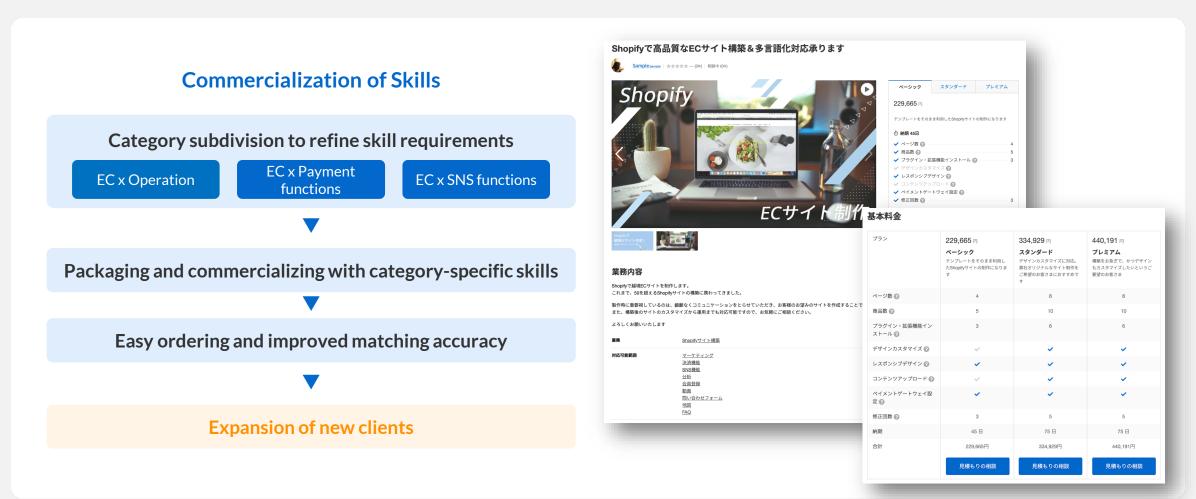
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Support for safe and secure transactions

• Search only for products for which the user's identity has been verified

Reference: Strengths of Commercialization of Skills

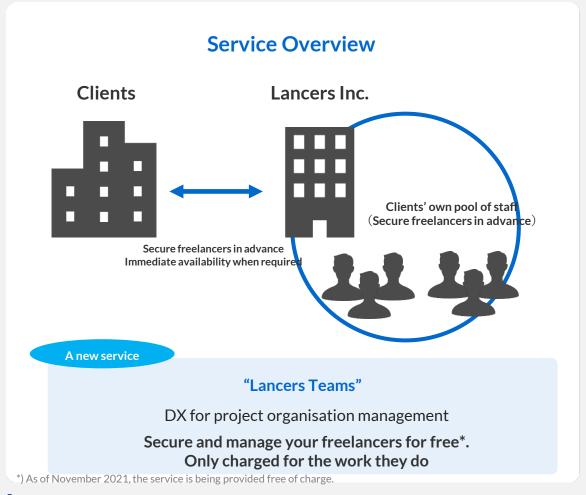
By packaging skills in detailed categories, the needs of both freelancers and clients are revealed and matching accuracy is improved. Maintaining the integrity of the platform by setting a minimum price





Expansion of Existing GMV: Promotion of Diversified Matching 1/2

Launch of "Lancers Teams"- a service to support the digital transformation for organizations, which enables flexible and speedy project management by securing and managing professionals who can work on an hourly basis through interviews in advance



Features of the service

1

Promotion of DX in the development organization

• Encourage clients to DX by having development resources other than their own (existing employees and new hires)

2

Secure the right HR for your organization

• Pre-interviews to ensure the right person for your organization

3

Available from only a few hours

Promote project management with only the cost of what you need to operate

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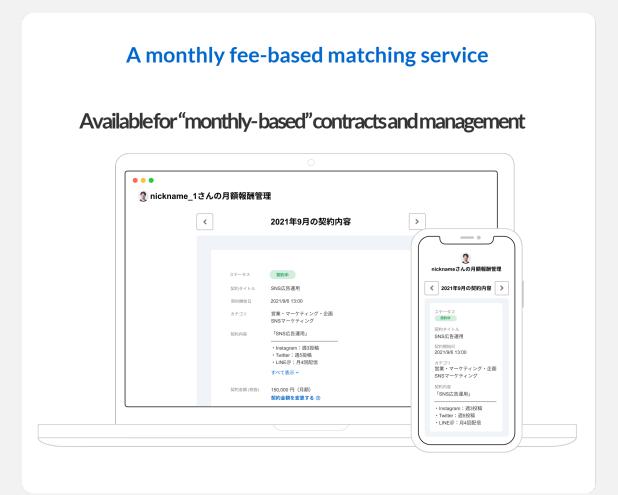
Create a speedy and flexible organization

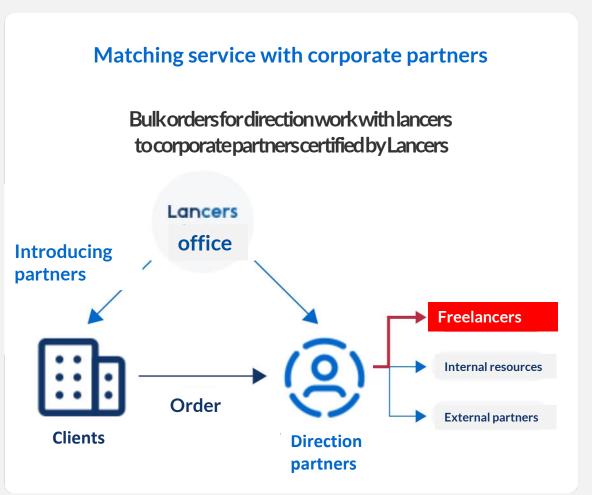
• Always available for urgent project management



Expansion of Existing GMV: Promotion of Diversified Matching 2/2

New matching services, such as a monthly fee system and bulk orders for direction work to corporate partners certified by Lancers, will eliminate the complexity of order management and promote continuous use of our services.





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Goals and Management Policy for 3 Years (Ending March 2024)

In this term, we will concentrate on investing in Marketplace business and strengthen the foundation for realizing our goals for the next 3 years.

Concentrate investment in marketplace business.

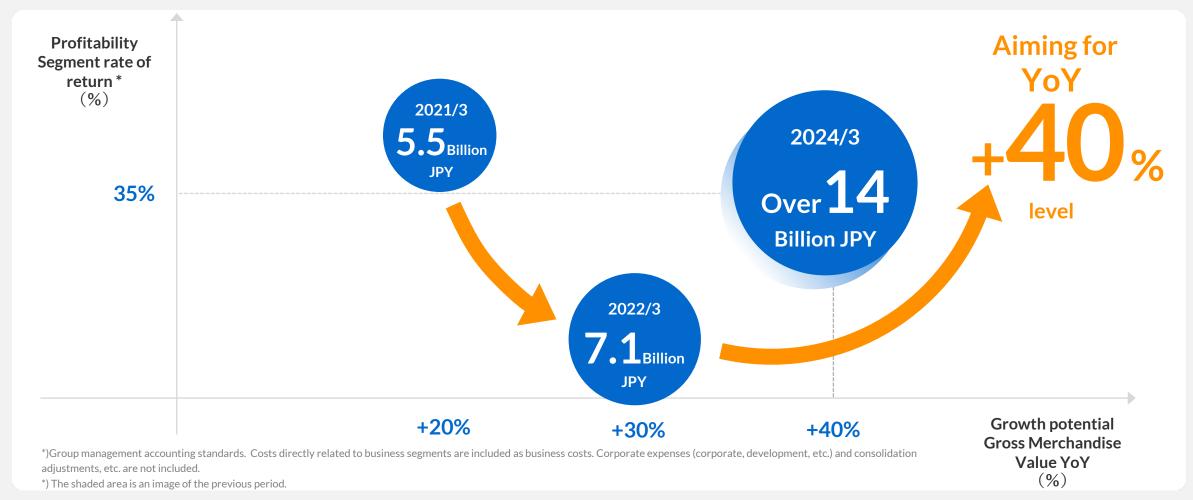
Aiming for a 40% growth rate in GMV in 3 years.

Total company-wide GMV CAGR +30% in 3 years to over 20 billion JPY. Gross profit to expand to 4 billion JPY scale.

Establishing a platform for high growth and high profitability. Return to profitability within three years and enter the profit expansion phase while continuing to invest.

Prediction of Marketplace Business Growth Target (GMV)

While the profit margin of the marketplace business is expected to decline in the current fiscal year due to concentrated investment, we will aim for a YoY growth rate of 40% and a profit margin of 35% in 3 years.





Strategies for Medium-to Long-Term Realization and Future Development



Increasing profits by restructuring peripheral businesses

- · Increasing profits by regrowth of tech agent business
- Stabilizing profits by restructuring the managed service business

Business expansion by building an ecosystem for individuals

- · Provide new compensation opportunities that are not limited to existing work areas
- Expand the value of services provided to lancers and individuals, such as education

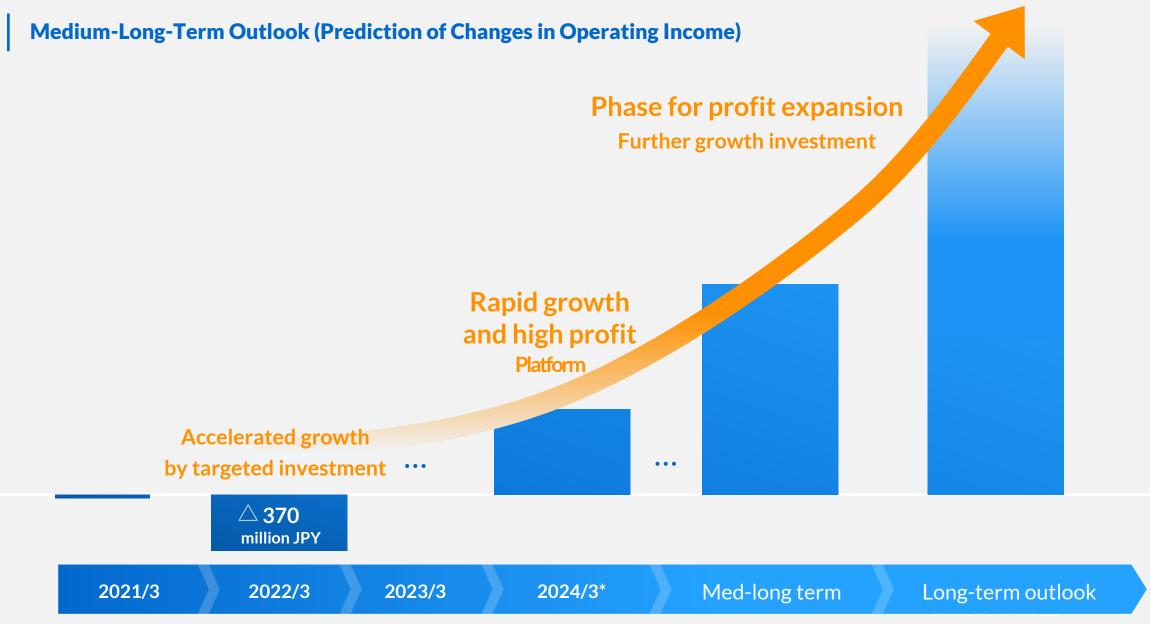
Expand client LTV through platform evolution

- · Diversifying product matching mechanisms
- · Promoting continuous usage by strengthening customer success

Attracting new clients by expanding categories

- · Subdividing existing categories based on market needs
- · Launch and expansion of new categories with high market needs





^{*)} While continuing to invest, we plan to return to profitability and increase profits within three years. However, if temporary expenses are incurred for medium- to long-term growth and operating income does not increase beyond the previous fiscal year, investments will be made after dialogue with the market.



A New Vision

A new vision is established to realize the mission of "empowering individuals" that goes beyond "work. Expanding the value provided to a society where everyone can be a "professional for someone else "in order to strengthen all businesses.

Our Mission

Empowerment of Individuals

Our Vision

10x your business with Lancers

Be your own boss with Lancers













Empowerment of Individuals

By maximizing the potential of technology, Lancers will achieve the empowerment of all individuals to continue to live more smoothly, more freely, more like themselves, and with a smile on their faces.

We aim to contribute to make a better society through providing values and growth opportunities, and by revolutionizing the work-style and lifestyle of individuals.













APPENDIX



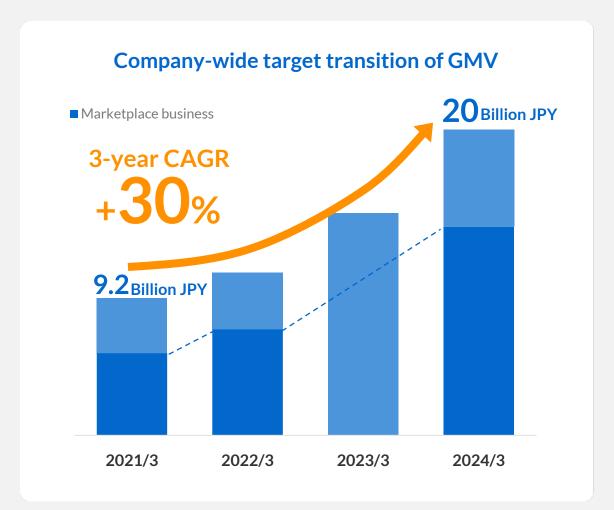
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3-year goals

Aiming for GMV of CAGR +30% for 3 years, more than 20 billion JPY in 2024/3, and gross profit of 4 billion JPY.







Policy for Each Business for FY Ending March 2022

This is the year to invest intensively in the marketplace business and create a foundation for growth of over 30% in GMV. In line with our policy of prioritizing profitability and growth, we plan to withdraw from the outsourced managed services business this fiscal year.

Marketplace business

Concentrated investment

500M JPY investment Growth by 30% YoY

Managed service business

Withdraw from contract*

Expansion of flat-rate services

Tech agent business

Re-growth

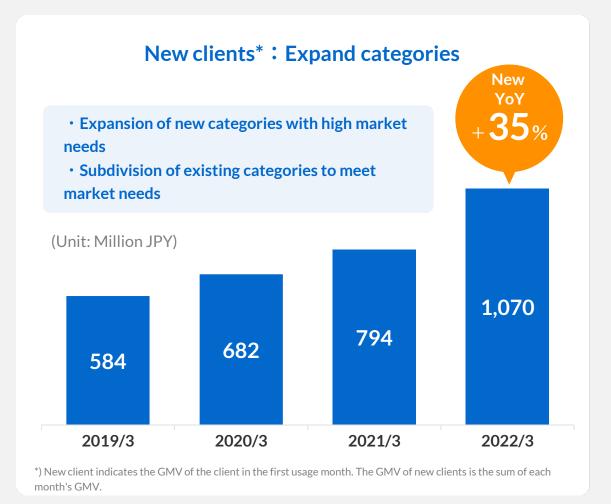
Recovery to pre-COVID growth trend

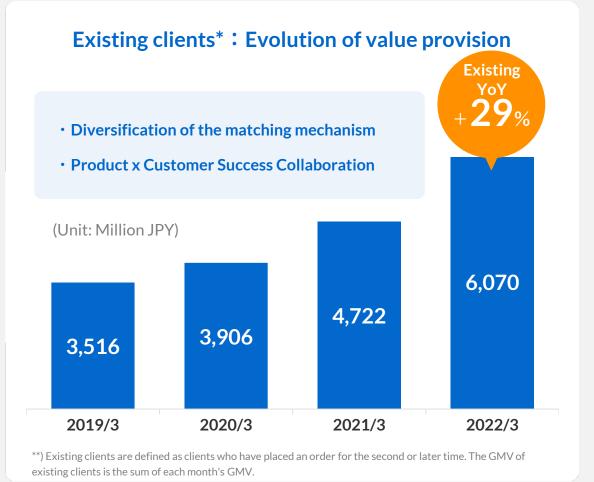
*)The fiscal year ending March 2022 is a transition period toward withdrawal, and sales from the contract business will also be recorded.



Marketplace Business Policy

Expand categories and diversify matching in order to increase GMV for new and existing clients.







Full-year Earnings Forecast for FY Ending March 2022

Investment in the fiscal year ending March 2022 to accelerate growth over the medium-long term, and increase in revenue year-on-year.

(Unit: Million JPY)	FY2020 (Previous)	FY2021 (Forecast for this fiscal year)	YoY
Gross Merchandise Value*	9,294	10,691	+15.0%
Net sales	3,868	3,902	+0.9%
Gross profit	1,925	2,078	+7.9%
Selling,general and administrative expenses(SG&A)	1,889	2,448	+ 29.6%
Operating income /loss	36	△370	_
Ordinary income /loss	48	△363	_
Net income /loss	37	△452	_

^{*)} It is based on in-house management materials and is not an audited number.



Full-year Earnings Forecast by FY Ending March 2022 by Segment*

Marketplace business continues to grow by more than +30%. The other two businesses are aiming for a change in business policy and renewed growth.

*) It shows the business division of our group based on management accounting standards.

FY2021(FY Ending March 2022) (Forecast for this fiscal year)

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(Unit: Million JPY)	Gross Merchandise Value (YoY)	Net Sales (YoY)	Gross profit (YoY)	Take rate (YoY)	Operating/ Segment profit	Operating margin			
Marketplace business	7,143 +29.5%	1,328 + 29.9%	1,328 +29.9%	18.6% +0.1pt	221	16.6%			
Managed service business	1,020 △28.1%	927 △28.2%	395 △23.4%	38.7% +2.4pt	28	3.0%			
Tech agent business	2,528 +11.5%	1,655 +13.3%	363 +8.2%	14.4% △0.4pt	67	4.0%			
Others*	0	△8	△8	-	△686	-			
Company-wide total	10,691 +15.0%	3,902 +0.9%	2,078 +7.9%	19.4% △1.3pt	△370	-			

^{*)} It includes other Gross Merchandise Value amount, sales, gross profit, company-wide expenses (corporate/development, etc), consolidated adjustments, etc in our management accounting standards. Expenses directly linked to business segments are not included because they are considered as business expenses.



Financial Results in 2Q of FY2021 (Consolidated)

SG&A expenses will increase this fiscal year due to concentrated investment in the marketplace business.

		FY2021 2Q (single quarter)	FY202 2Q (Previous s	20 ingle quarter)	FY2021 1Q (Previous single quarter)		
	(Unit: Million JPY)	Actual	Actual	% change	Forecast	% Achievement	
	Gross Merchandise Value*	2,557	2,222	+15.0%	2,495	2.5%	
	Net sales	1,033	930	+11.0%	971	6.4%	
	Gross profit	507	465	+9.1%	480	5.5%	
	Selling,general and administrative expenses(SG&A)	577	463	+24.6%	521	10.7%	
	Operating income /loss	△70	1	-	△41	-	
	Ordinary income /loss	△67	3	-	△40	-	
*)It is based on	Net income /loss	△69	△5	-	△106	-	



Financial Results by Segment* in 2Q of FY2021 (2Q cumulative total)

GMV, net sales, and gross profit for the entire company are in line with expectations and progressing steadily. Marketplace business leads the entire company, while the other two businesses are on a growth track due to business recovery.

*) It shows the business division of our group based on management accounting standards.

		(2Q	FY2021 (Forecast)					
(Unit: Million JPY)	Gross Merchandise Value (YoY)	Net sales (YoY)	Gross profit (YoY)	Sales/ segment profit	Operating margin	Gross Merchandise Value progress rate	Net sales progress rate	Gross profit progress rate
Marketplace business	3,187 +28.3%	620 +33.9%	592 +27.8%	152	24.6%	44.6%	46.7%	44.6%
Managed service business	668 +7.4%	607 +7.4%	226 △4.3%	30	5.0%	65.5%	65.5%	57.2%
Tech agent business	1,197 +5.5%	782 +8.2%	175 +4.8%	37	4.7%	47.4%	47.3%	48.3%
Others*	0	△5	△5	△331	-	-	-	-
Total	5,053 +17.9%	2,004 +11.5%	988 +10.6%	△111	-	47.3%	51.4%	47.5%

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Financial Results by Segment* in 2Q(single quarter) of FY2021

GMV, sales, and gross profit for the entire company are in line with expectations and progressing steadily. Marketplace business has growing steady, and other two businesses are on track for growth as business conditions recover.

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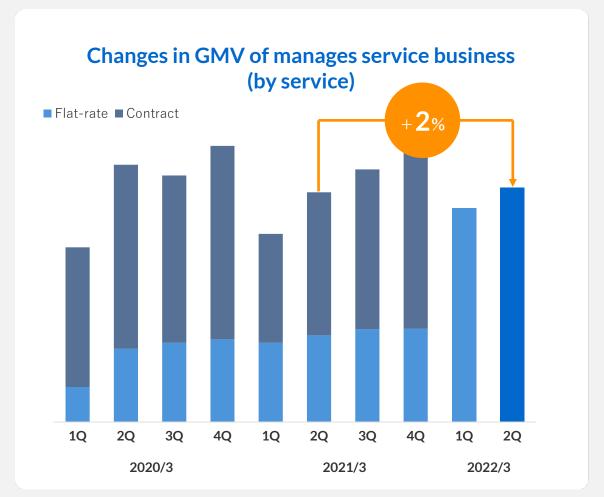
		2Q(si	ngle quarter) FY2	021		FY2021 1Q (Previous single quarter)			
(Unit: Million JPY)	Gross Merchandise Value (YoY)	Net sales (YoY)	Gross profit (YoY)	Sales/ segment profit	Operating margin	Gross Merchandise Value % change	Net sales % change	Gross profit % change	
Marketplace business	1,586 +21.2%	311 +28.2%	294 +21.3%	54	17.4%	△1.0%	+0.7%	△1.1%	
Managed service business	349 +2.3%	317 +2.3%	123 △4.6%	30	9.6%	+9.8%	+9.8%	+ 21.5%	
Tech agent business	621 +13.6%	407 +16.0%	92 +17.9%	20	5.0%	+7.9%	+8.7%	+11.0%	
Others*	0	△3	△3	△175	-	-	-	-	
Total	2,557 +15.0%	1,033 +11.0%	507 +9.1%	△70	-	+2.5%	+6.4%	+5.5%	

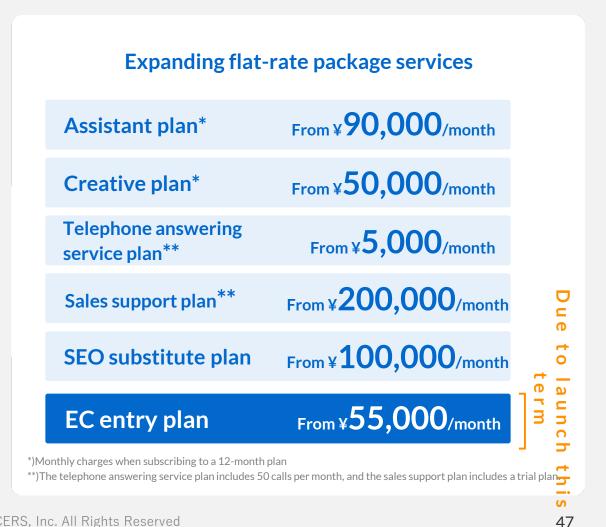
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Managed Service Business

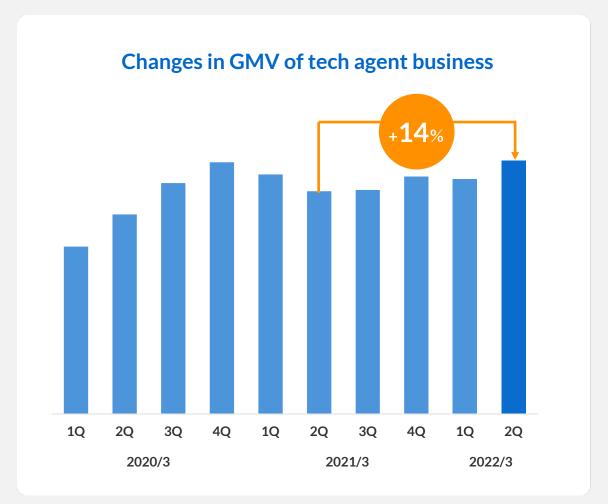
Steady growth due to recovery of market business conditions and preparing for the launch of a new plan.

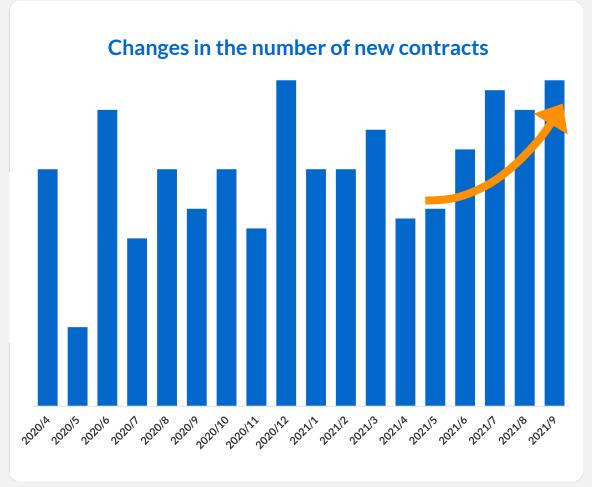




Tech Agent Business

It grew strong in 2Q alone, recovering to 14% YoY. Number of contracts returned to pre-COVID-19 pandemic level, accelerating to regrow from 3Q.







Performance Trends by Segment*

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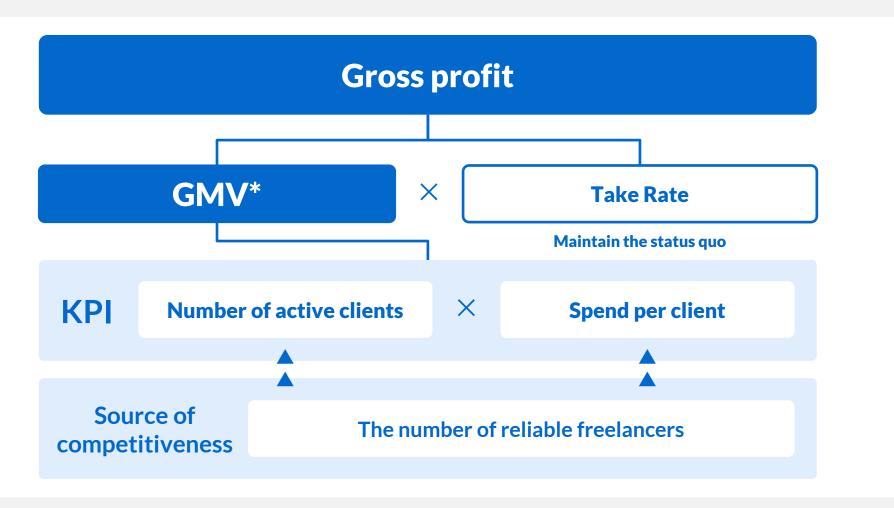
			FY20	18			FY20)19			FY2	020		FY2	2021
	(Unit: Million JPY)	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q
Gross	Marketplace business	960	1,000	1,070	1,067	1,106	1,131	1,180	1,170	1,176	1,308	1,472	1,558	1,601	1,586
Merchandise Value	Managed service business	290	271	264	308	260	389	370	413	280	341	375	421	318	349
141415	Tech agent business	213	293	327	384	410	489	566	617	587	546	549	582	575	621
	Others*	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	18	25	16	31	0	0
Net sales	Marketplace business	201	199	212	216	213	222	224	223	220	242	269	289	309	311
	Managed service business	241	251	246	285	240	361	336	375	254	310	341	382	289	317
	Tech agent business	94	122	147	186	203	273	318	378	372	351	359	378	375	407
	Others*	38	15	9	51	10	21	16	54	19	26	18	31	-1	-3
Gross profit	Marketplace business	201	199	212	216	213	222	224	223	220	242	269	288	297	294
	Managed service business	74	87	78	104	89	142	140	155	106	129	129	150	102	123
	Tech agent business	52	60	53	59	63	76	85	89	89	78	82	86	83	92
	Others*	28	15	8	34	10	14	13	29	12	14	8	17	-1	-3
Profit by segment	Marketplace business	58	58	72	63	-186	107	102	-34	104	111	143	154	98	54
	Managed service business	8	41	32	47	23	60	51	13	-10	13	3	19	-0	30
	Tech agent business	-24	-21	-16	-22	-4	7	16	18	21	13	13	24	16	20
	Others*	-92	-130	-152	-125	-102	-120	-126	-134	-131	-136	-159	-147	-156	-175

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Sources of KPI and Competitiveness

Emphasizing expansion of Gross Merchandise Value and Gross profit representing our added value.

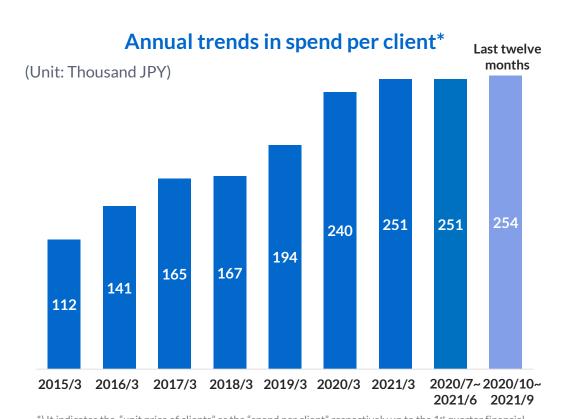




Changes in the Number of Client Companies and Usage Amount (Annual)

Steady increase in the number of client companies and the amount of client use through DX support for SMBs.



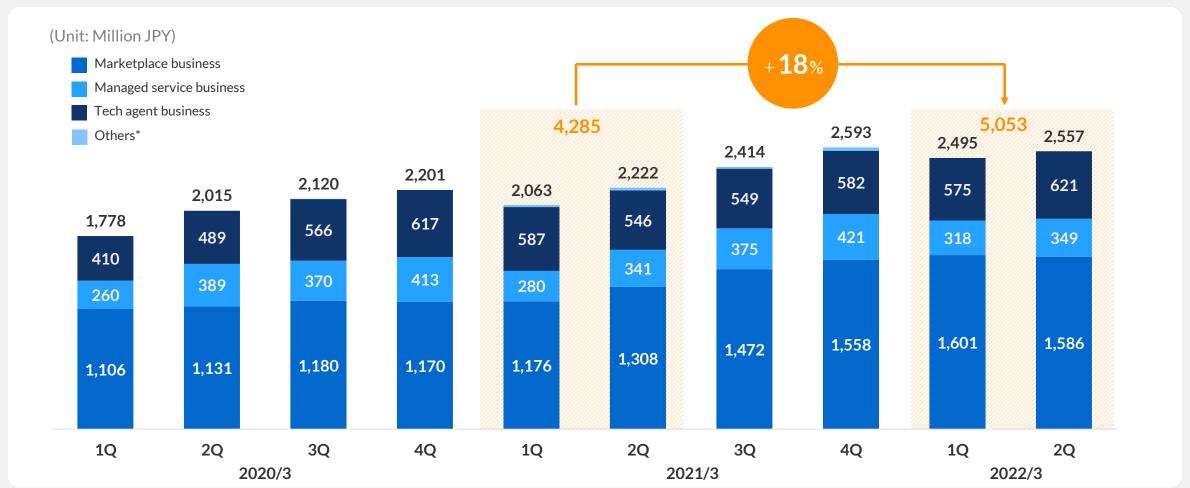


*) It indicates the "unit price of clients" as the "spend per client" respectively up to the 1st quarter financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 2021. The spend per client indicates the average spend per client during the limited period. It does not include businesses in other areas such as "Lancers AREA PARTNER", "Sharefull" and "MENTA".



Trend in Gross Merchandise Value (Consolidated)

YoY growth of 18%, with managed service and tech agent businesses on a recovery track.

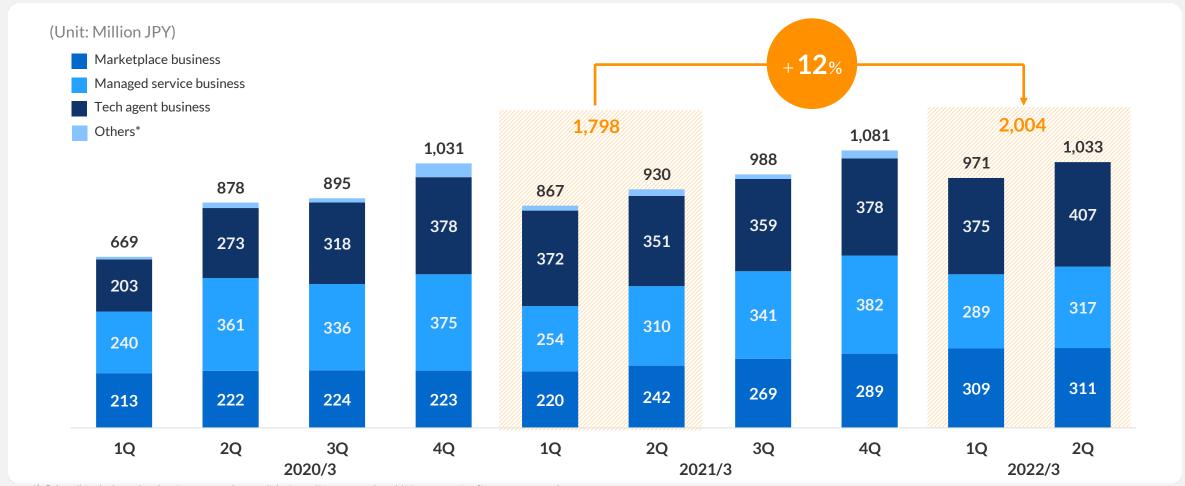


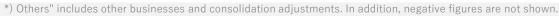




Trend in Net sales (Consolidated)

Net sales up 12% YoY

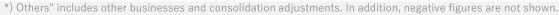




Trend in Gross profit (Consolidated)

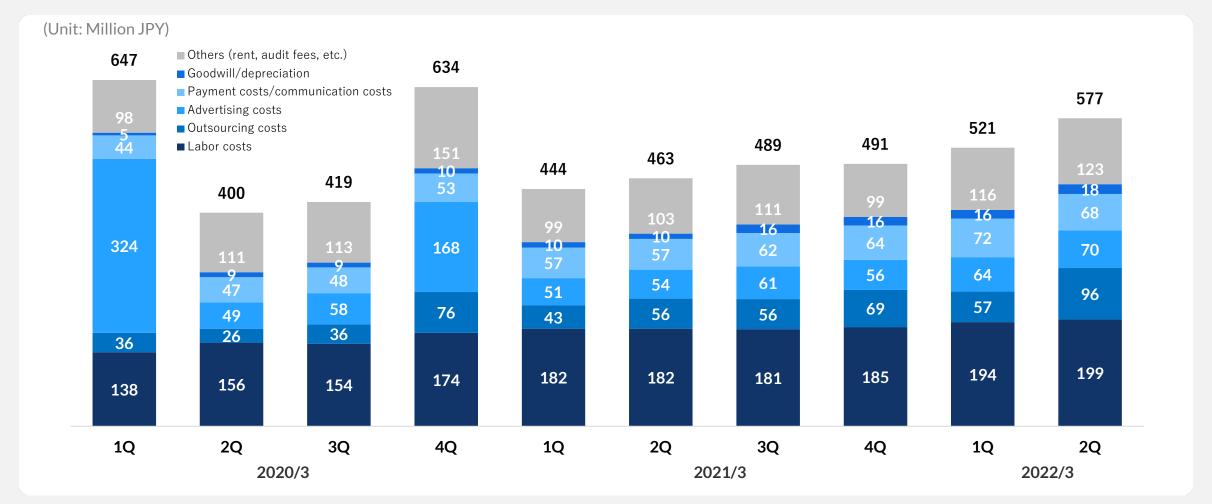
Gross profit up 11% YoY





Trend in SG & A Expenses (Consolidated)

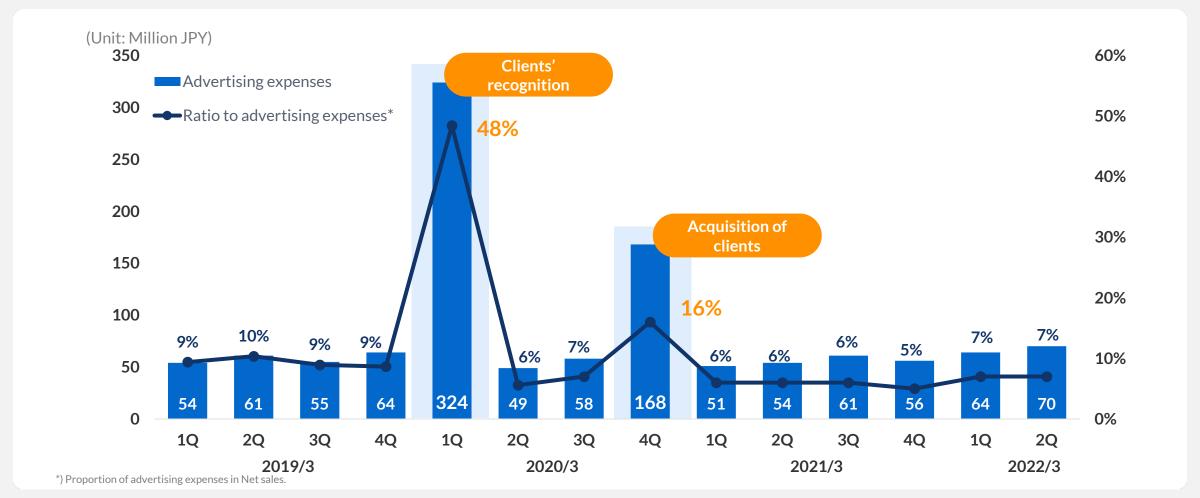
SG&A expenses increased this financial year due to focused investment in the marketplace business.





Reference: Trends in Advertising Expenses (Consolidated)

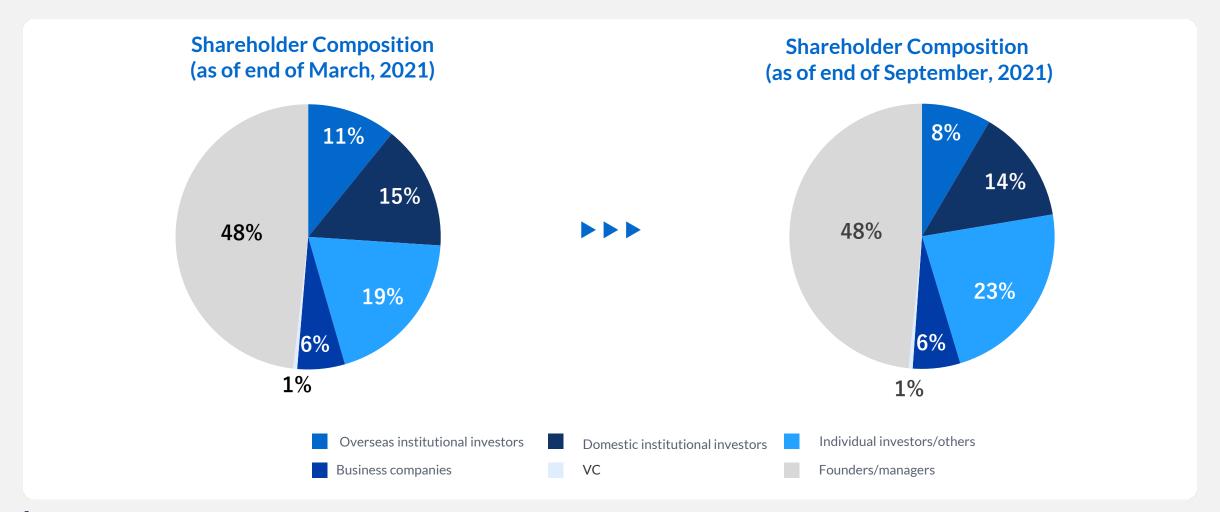
The percentage of advertising expenses to sales remains at a certain level with some investments.





Shareholder Composition

The ratio of "individual investors and others" increased.





Important Risk and Response Policies for Business Execution 1/2

We will appropriately identify major risks* that we recognize may have a significant impact on the realization of our goals and the execution of our business plans, and take measures to address them.

*)Please refer to "Business and Other Risks" in the Annual Securities Report for other risks.

Significant risks for our business	Possibility/ duration	Impact on business execution	Examples of risky situations	Main response policies
Changes in the competitive environment	Medium/ Short-term	Drop in sharesDecrease in	 Possible intensification of competitions with companies that offer similar services and failure to sufficiently differentiate with them. Potential for innovative changes in the structure of the business domain itself. 	 Building services that pursue appropriate usability Ensuring safety when using our website Enhanced customer support functions Business development based on a code of conduct that puts the success of freelancers first
Labour-related laws and regulations and trends in the working population	Low/ Long-term	 Impact on business operations 	 Due to domestic labour laws and regulations, population trends, etc., the growth of the freelance population may slow down and side businesses may not increase. The market environment may also change. 	Aiming to reduce risks by collecting information on labour-related laws and regulations
Security for information	Low/ Occasionally	Outflow of customersDamage on brand image	 Due to unauthorized access from outside or defects in the internal management systems, social credibility of our group may be damaged if personal or confidential information is leaked and a claim for damages is made to us. 	 Establishing information security policies and strictly managing personal and confidential information Establishing security-related rules and manuals and providing in-house training for directors and employees Obtaining and renewing the privacy mark system certification from the Japan Institute for Promotion of Digital Economy and Society (JIPDEC)



Important Risk and Response Policies for Business Execution 2/2

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Significant risks for our business	Possibility/ duration	Impact on business execution	Examples of risky situations	Main response policies
System failure	Low/ Occasionally	Outflow of customersDamage on brand image	 Possible server outages and loss of stored data due to unexpected events such as natural disasters and accidents, rapid increase in the number of users and traffic, software malfunctions, unauthorized access via networks, and computer virus infections. 	 Saving data in the cloud. Ensuring a security system to prevent unauthorized external access.
Acquisition and development of human resources	Medium/ Med-term	 Loss of competitiveness Impact on business operations 	Our business and our business performance may be affected if the human resources required cannot be sufficiently secured and trained, or if the out flow of human resources accelerates.	 Acquiring excellent highly motivated human resources who fully understand our mission and vision. Implementing measures to secure excellent human resources and appropriately developing and allocate them, as well as introducing a personnel system with a mission to continuously expand our business.
Uncertainty of new businesses	Low/ Long-term	 Impact on discontinuous growth 	 An unexpected situation may occur and new businesses may not proceed as planned and the investment funds may not be recovered. 	 Carefully analysing the market and business plans Strengthening the monitoring system, including apparent information, to minimize the impact on our business and performance.



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Our Serviced We Offer from Our Business Segments

Disclosed by business segments* due to the impact of the pandemic that differs for each business. Reported market changes and strategic updates by each segment.

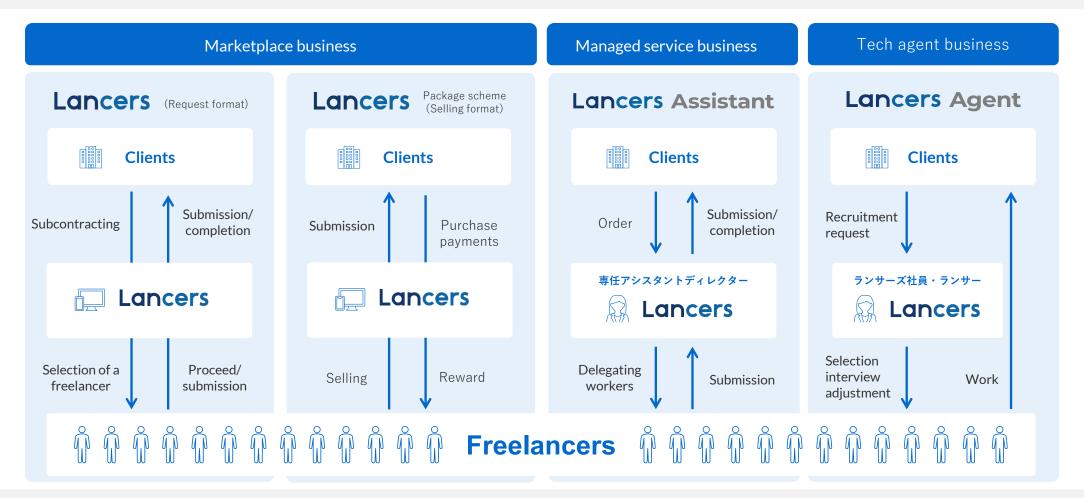
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Our group's business segments											
	Major services	Major clients	Major categories	Business models	Take rate*						
Marketplace business	Lancers	SMB	Development/operation Creative production Back office	Directly used by companies online	Approx.18%-19%						
Managed service business	Lancers Assistant	SMB Large companies	Creative production Back office	Contract management for projects by our staff	Approx. 32%-36%						
Tech agent business	Lancers Agent	SMB Large companies	Development/operation Creative production	IT human resource support provided by our staff	Approx. 14%-15%						



Each Service Models

Lancers has a common platform and offer multiple services depending on the needs of our clients.

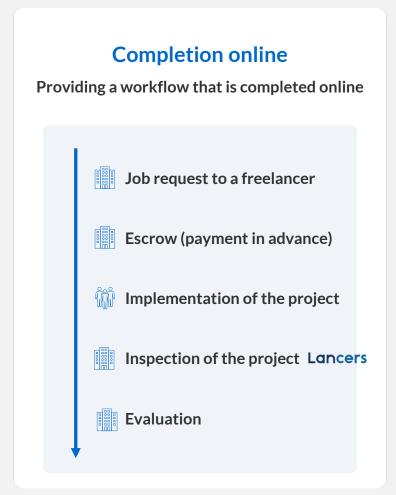


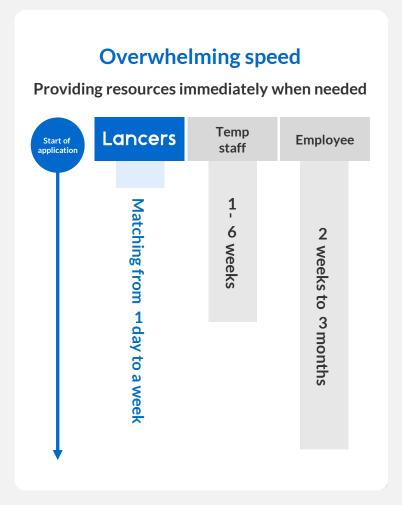


Differences from Other Human Resource Services

Highly convenient in terms of human resource expertise, completion online, and Overwhelming speed.



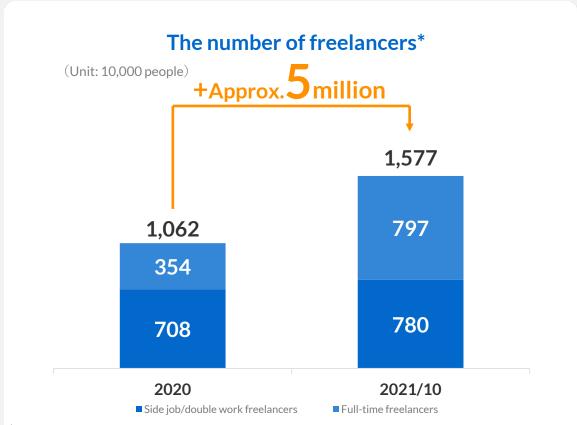




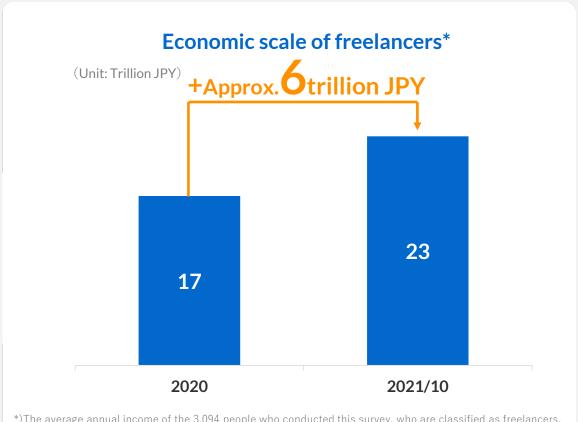


Market Changes

The number of freelancers has increased significantly, and the economic scale has rapidly revitalized to +6 trillion JPY compared to last year.



^{*)} Referenced from "New Freelance Survey 2021-2022". The freelance population was estimated based on 48,636 male and female respondents aged 20 and over nationwide who received remuneration for their work in the past 12 months, using population estimates (aged 20 and over) published by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications and the Internet usage rate from the 2020 Telecommunications Usage Trends Survey by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

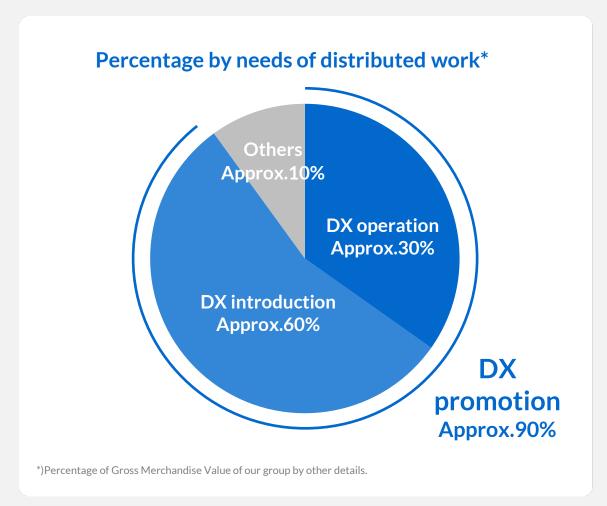


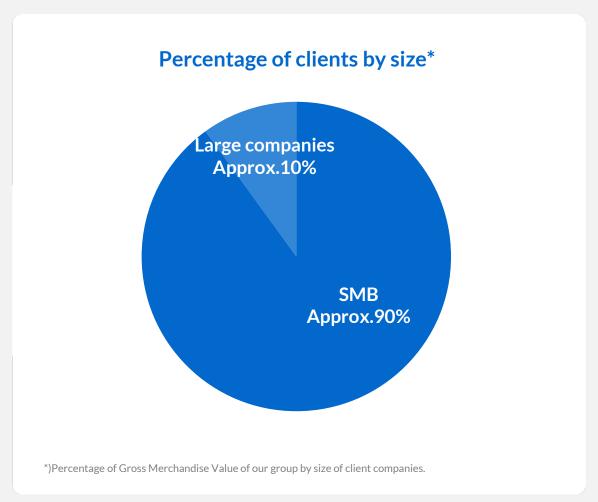
^{*)}The average annual income of the 3,094 people who conducted this survey, who are classified as freelancers, was calculated and multiplied by the freelance population estimated on the left.



Needs Target

Approximately 90% of work distributed by Lancers is related to DX promotion, and most of the clients are SMBs.

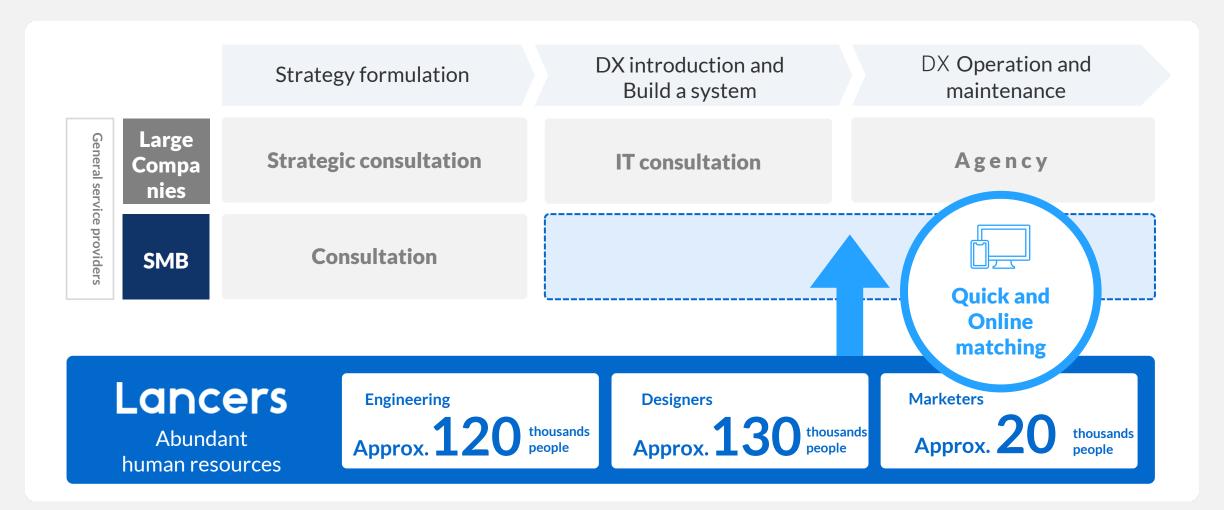






Lancers' Strengths on SMB × DX Operation

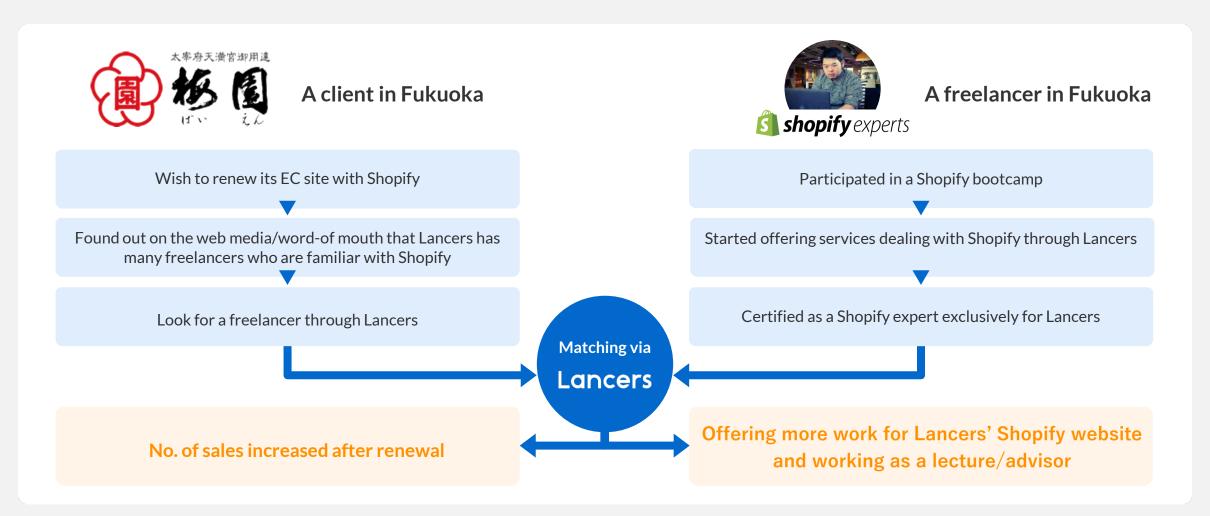
Speedy matching with reliable DX personnel online is available. DX operation support for SMB is also available, which can be completed online. SMB x DX operation is a huge market.





Matching Cases for DX Human Resources and Clients

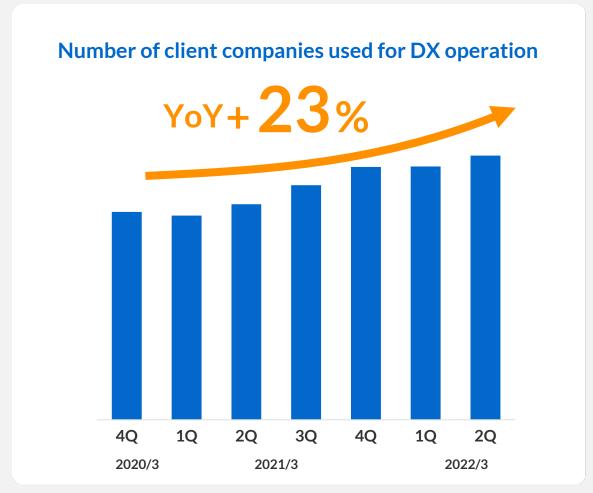
Improved matching systems between clients and freelancers by expanding categories with high market needs.

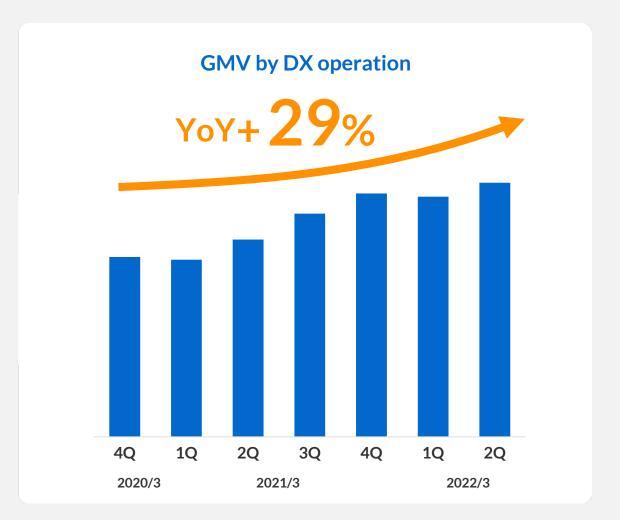




Changes in Lancers

Over the past year, both the number of companies using Lancers for DX operation and Gross Merchandise Value have increased.





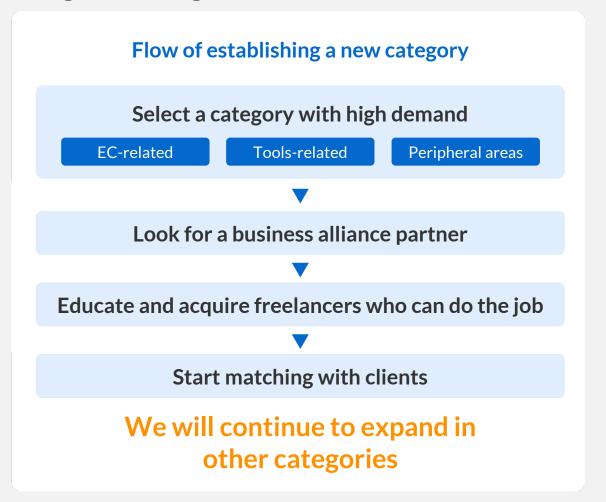


Efforts to Acquire New Clients 1/3

We will ramp up efforts with Shopify and rapidly increase the number of contracts related to EC such as Shopify.

We will also continue to increase GMV by establishing new categories with demand.

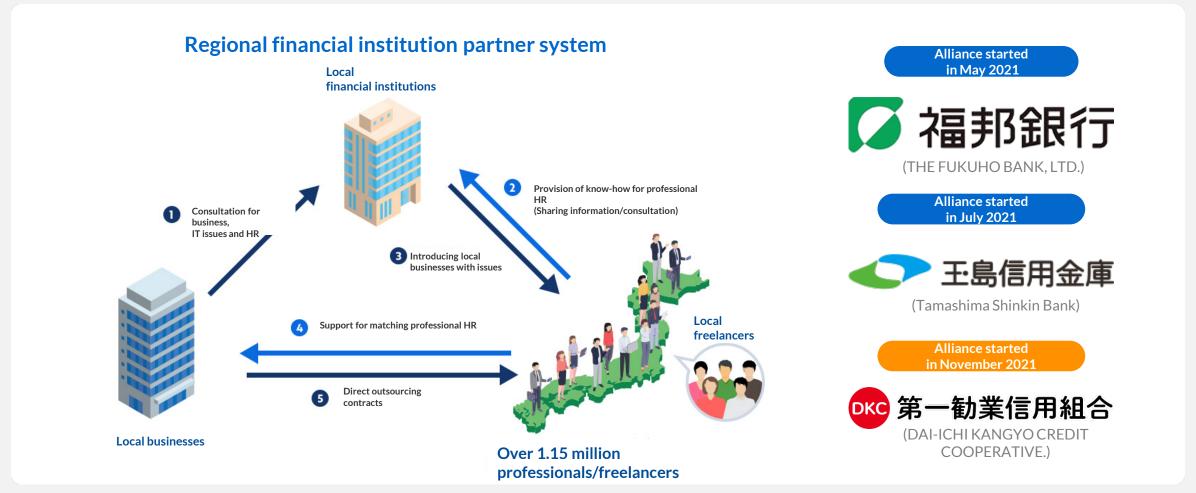






Efforts to Acquire New Clients 2/3

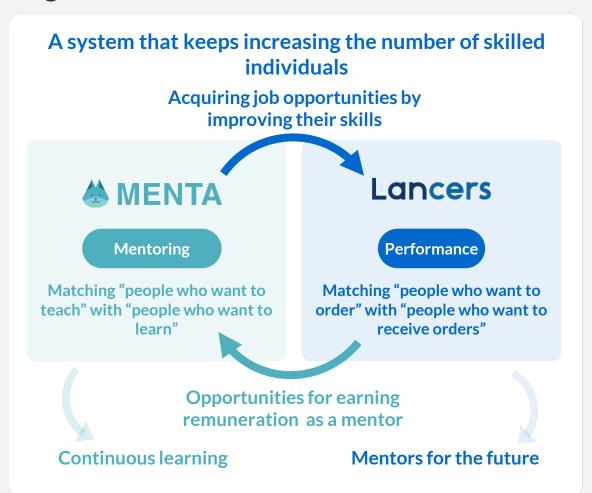
Collaborating with regional financial institutions to help local SMEs solve issues concerning human resource shortages when promoting DX. In the future, we will expand this initiative nationwide and concentrate on attracting clients for future GMV expansion.

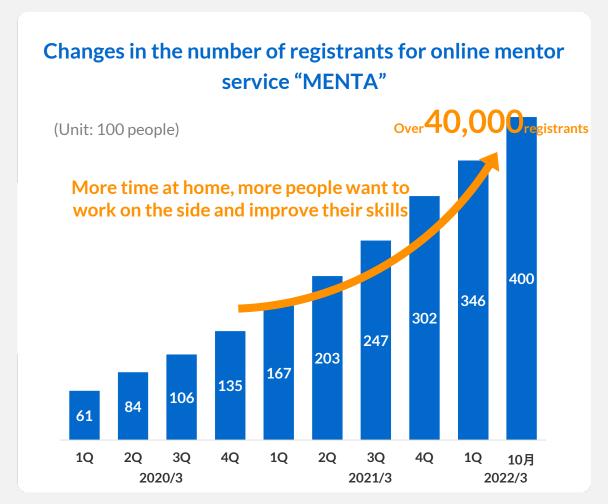




Efforts to Acquire New Clients 3/3

Individuals who have acquired skills through MENTA get jobs on Lancers. We have established a mechanism to keep increasing the number of skilled individuals. In October, MENTA reached 40,000 registered users.





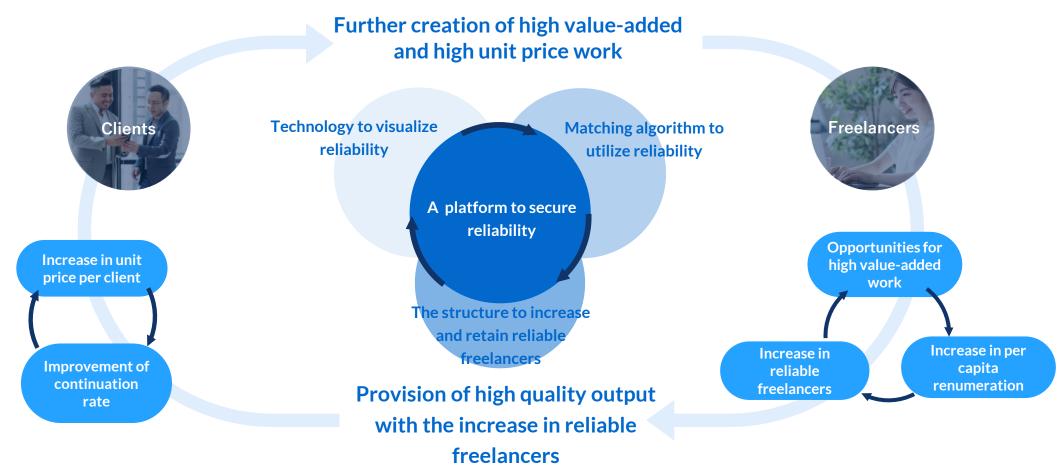


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Lancers' Strengths

A "reliable platform" for distribution of high value-added work

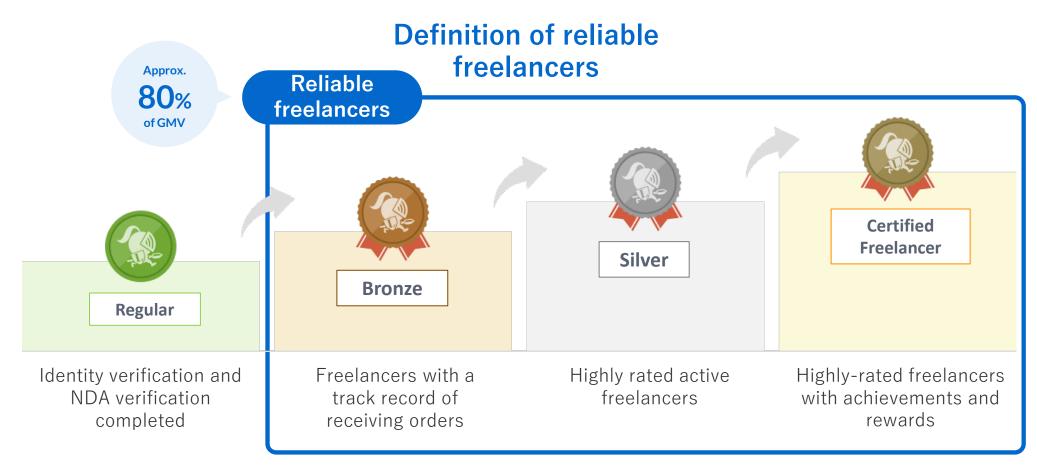




Reference: Definition of Reliable Freelancers

Rank evaluation is conducted and certified every month.

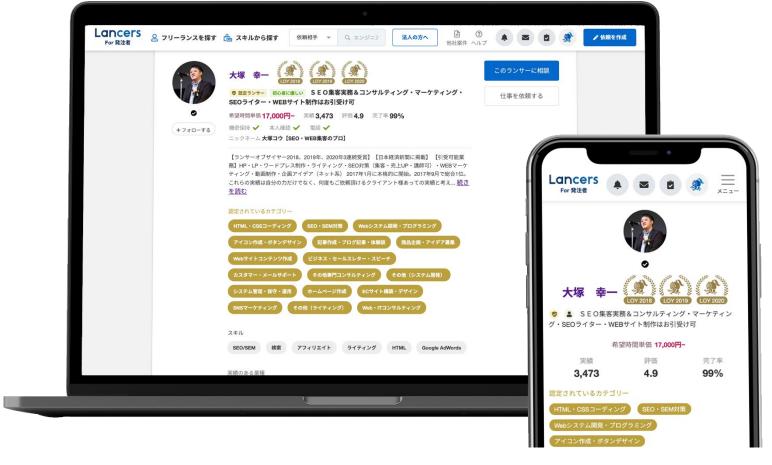
Increasing reliable freelancers to establish a higher quality and more valuable platform.





1. Technology to visualize "reliability"

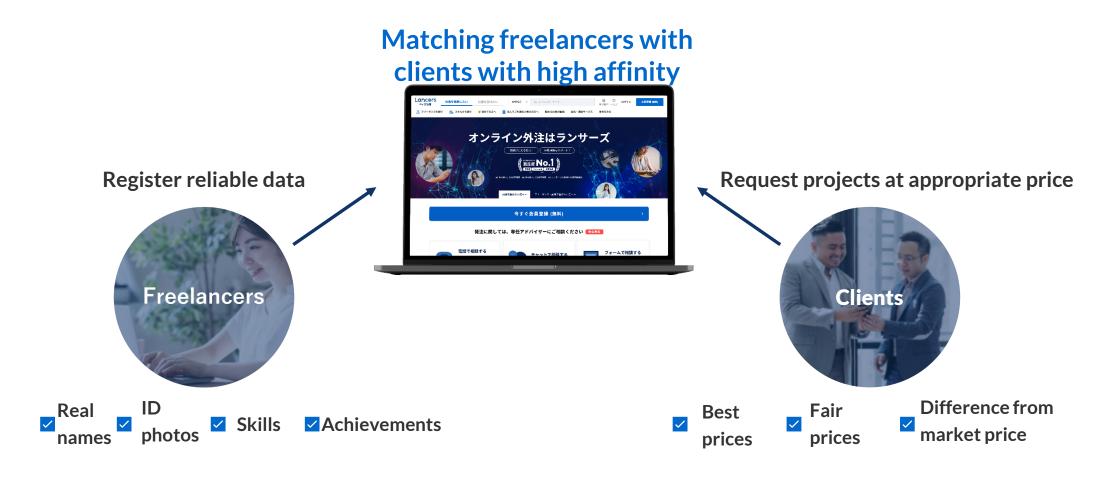
We have developed a mechanism that recommends a real-name system that is effective for strengthening reliability and displays it with priority





2. The matching algorithm to utilize "reliability"

It promotes matching with reliable freelancers and clients





3. A Mechanism to Increase and Establish "Reliable" Freelancers

Develop and secure highly skilled freelancers by establishing a cycle of skill acquisition and job acquisition.





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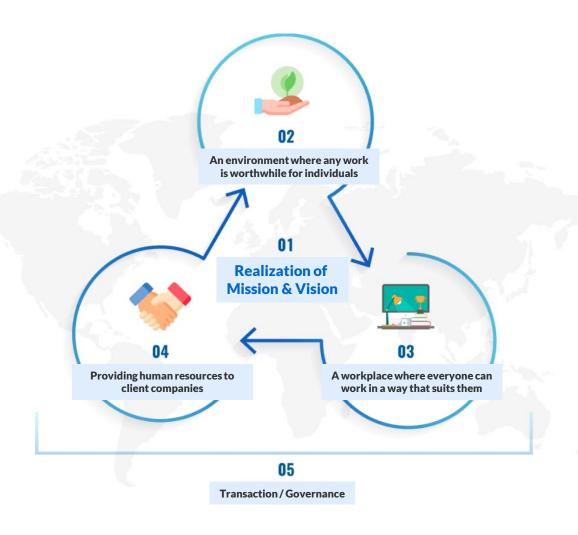


Sustainability

Building a sustainable society with an understanding of diversity by providing new work styles

While valuing the relationship between individuals and client partner companies, we will fulfill our responsibilities through business operations as an innovator for the next generation to contribute to the healthy and dramatic development of society and the creation of a sustainable society.

In addition, we consider that "realization of Mission Vision (creation of new work styles and new job satisfaction)" is in a field "job satisfaction" that can contribute to the SDGs, and are committed to deal with 5 important issues (materiality) which are involved in the SDGs.





Our mission "empowering individuals" and our vision "creating a society where everyone can work in a way that suits them with technology"



Lancers will maximize the potential of the Internet and achieve personal empowerment that will allow many people to continue to live more conveniently, more freely, and more personally with a smile.

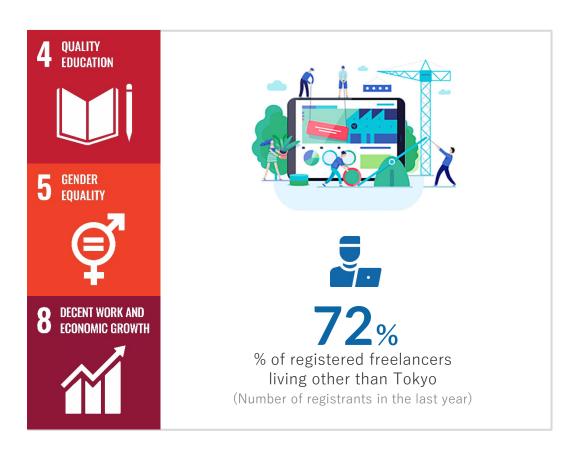
Our aim is to contribute to the creation of a better and more prosperous society by providing value and growth opportunities to many and transforming individual lives, working styles, and wellbeing.

We have a vision to realize our mission, and in order to realize our vision, we have established our group's guidelines (Lancers Way) to operate our business.

The mission that we have been pursuing since our founding is our Sustainability Statement, and we believe that it will contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations.



Social environment initiatives that allow individuals to work with satisfaction



Our goal is to establish a society where people can live wherever they want, work and earn in their own way with the use of the Internet.

Approximately 70% of the individuals registered on our group's platform live in rural areas.

By using our services, we can provide those who are unavoidably restricted from working due to their place of residence, childbirth, nursing care, retirement, etc., with a sense of fulfillment and purpose in life through a new way of working.

According to the 2020 freelance fact-finding survey, satisfaction with freelancing was approximately 50%. Our group has created a social environment where individuals can work freely and with satisfaction through efforts to facilitate the creation of diversity.

To be able to work with more satisfaction and peace of mind, we also take serious action to solve issues that often occur for freelancers, including "connection with people (community)", "education and growth opportunities", and "welfare and management work for those who do not belong to a company for a primary work".



Creating a workplace where employees can work in their own way



As an innovator for the next generation, we are committed to introduce new work styles and skilled human resources within our group, and embody the new work styles with colleagues who share our mission, vision, and guidelines.

At Lancers, we respect a wide variety of work styles in order to eliminate barriers in the lifestyles and life stages of our employees, maximize their "Will" to work, and perform their best.

To achieve this, our group supports the recommendation of remote work and the promotion of side businesses through our systems and initiatives, and is working to create working spaces where our employees can work in their own way.

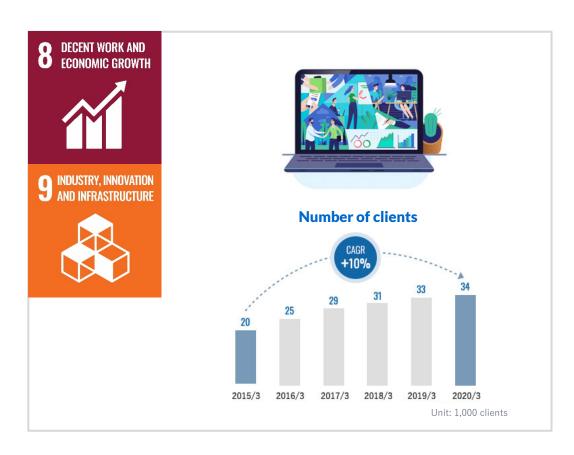
With the spread of the Internet, traditional values have changed and work styles have diversified, opening up great opportunities.

As an innovator for the next generation, we will transcend the boundaries of employment patterns, co-create with individuals, and embody them as the starting point for change.

In addition, we will not only disseminate it to our own company, but also disseminate it to others, and contribute to working styles for the next generation for individuals, clients, and partner companies, as well as contributing to co-creation with other companies and job satisfaction.



Solving the shortage of human resources, improving productivity and promoting DX



The shortage of labour force and IT personnel is serious. We believe that securing human resources and continuously and smoothly supporting the most suitable human resources to client companies is the first step toward solving this issue.

Our platform scores the achievements, technical skills and experience of each individual, and performs as an optimal matching tool to meet the needs of client companies.

Not only does it solve the shortage of human resources of client companies, but also contributes to the issues that involve improving productivity and promoting conversion to DX, which are mainly found in small and medium-sized enterprises. In addition, We contribute to the economic growth and job satisfaction of our clients and partner companies by promoting innovation through the utilizing of external human resources, especially in the field of engineering.

The number of clients who use our services annually is approximately 30,000. The average number of days to start work is about 7 days, which not only improves the matching accuracy with technology, but also builds a mechanism to smoothly secure human resources online.

We are committed to provide competent human resources by matching them with suitable projects and keeping them in continuous supply.



Safe, secure, fair and equal transactions and strengthening of governance between individuals and companies



Our group has established a Quality Improvement Committee so that individuals (freelancers) and companies (client partners) cam carry out safe, secure, fair and equal transactions on the platform, as well as raising awareness of fair prices, promoting stable platform transactions, and building trust.

Furthermore, we believe that the "trust" towards our group from society is indispensable for operating on the online work platform. Therefore, we will permanently maintain a sound organization, comply with laws and regulations, engage in appropriate and efficient management activities, and strengthen governance.



Freelancers' celebration "Lancer of the Year" is held every year.







Interviews from the Winners

Winners who embody and execute "self x new self"



Fujihara Sho

 $Congratulations \ on \ winning \ the \ award. \ Tell \ us \ how \ you \ feel.$

I feel motivated while I work, but I was overwhelmed when I received this award as I didn't have any face-to-face communications with my clients and felt less stimulated. I have a stuttering disorder and cannot speak well in public. Thanks to Lancers, I have started to play an active role as a writer. I would like take to take this opportunity to say thankyou to Lancers for giving me this award.

Please tell us what you were conscious of in your work and what you want to challenge for yourself and your 'new self".

I was self-conscious about talking, so I put extra effort in offering things I am good at. As a result, the things I worked on were evaluated and I felt a sense of self-affirmation that I had never felt before. Now that I am not afraid of challenges, I would like try 'talking'.

Please tell us about your thoughts on your future.

I can only think of myself as a 'writer'. I don't have many strengths, so I thins my goal is simple: I want to be able to make people happy through my writing. I feel very lucky to be born in this era when a company like Lancers can help me choose a way of life to pursue my goals as a writer and contribute to the society.



Endo Yuka

Writer

Congratulations on winning the award. Tell us how you feel.

I'm so happy. It's been less than a year since I started freelancing, but I'm glad I've done my best. I'm confident that my efforts were in the right direction and that I made a right choice to be a writer.

Please tell us why you started freelancing.

I used to work in an office, but I fell sick because of hard routine and relationships at work. Also, while I couldn't handle myself in the office environment, I started using Lancers as a first step to find a value of my life.

Please tell us what you were conscious of in your work and what you want to challenge for yourself and your 'new self".

I thought it was the right way to enter a good university and get a good job. However, I began to think that it might not be right for me. When I actually started writing as a freelancer, I came to realize that I love writing. In addition, starting freelancing was not as difficult as I expected, which pushed me to level up to a new stage of my life as a Web writer.

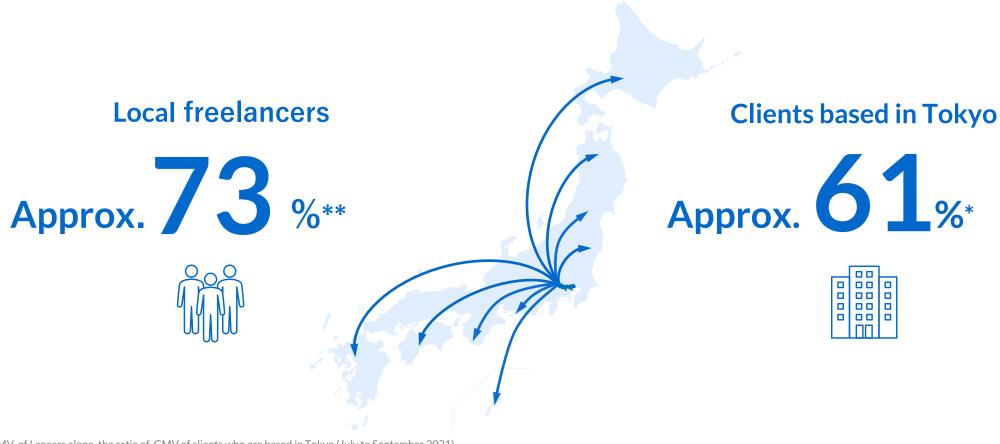
Please tell us about your thoughts on your future.

I think there are many people like who find it difficult to work in an office environment. I would like to show to them that there is an alternative way to be financially independent even if they quit their job.



Values Provide to a Sustainable Society

Freelancers in each domestic region receive orders for a project from a client based in Tokyo to disperse demand concentrated in Tokyo. By working online and accelerating side businesses, the use of local clients and the use of freelancers in Tokyo are increased.



^{*)} GMV of Lancers alone, the ratio of GMV of clients who are based in Tokyo (July to September 2021).

^{**)} GMV of Landers alone, the ratio of GMV of Lancers whose place of residence is other than Tokyo (July to September 2021).



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