**2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year Ending December 2022** 

# **Summary of Financial Results**

Funai Soken Holdings Incorporated (TSE Prime, stock code 9757)

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## (1) Consolidated Income

- Sales were solid, with sales of monthly support services, project-based consulting, and online advertisement agency services up in the consulting segment, and sales of consulting and BPO also up in the logistics segment.
- Despite a rise in transport costs and consultant hiring costs resulting from the return to on-site consulting activities, as well as an increase in personnel expenses, we managed to sustain a high level of profitability.

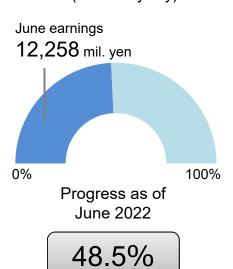
	June 2021		June 2022		
	Amount (million yen)	% of total	Amount (million yen)	% of total	Change (%)
Net sales	11,055	100.0	12,258	100.0	+10.9
Operating income	3,279	29.7	3,749	30.6	+14.3
Ordinary income	3,317	30.0	3,779	30.8	+13.9
Net income attributable to owners of the parent	2,257	20.4	2,596	21.2	+15.0



# (2) Progress in Comparison with This Year's Forecasts

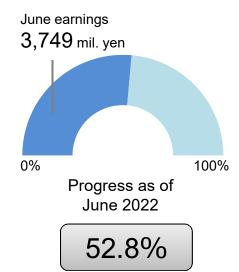


2022 full-year forecast **25,300** mill. yen (+10.9% y-o-y)



# Operating income

2022 full-year forecast **7,100** mil. yen (+11.7% y-o-y)



# Ordinary income

2022 full-year forecast **7,150** mil. yen (+10.9% y-o-y)



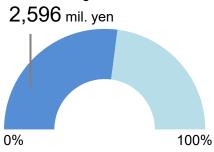
#### Net income

attributable to owners of the parent company

2022 full-year forecast

4,800 mil. yen (+9.6% y-o-y)

June earnings



Progress as of June 2022

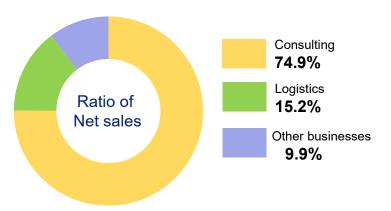
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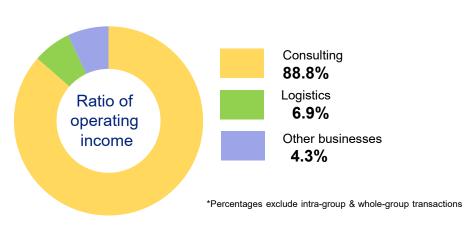
## (3) Results of Operations by Segment

- Sales and income were up in all segments.
- Among other businesses, we achieved a large increase in income in the direct recruiting segment due to increases in job opening and system development orders.

N	June 2021	June 2022		
Net sales	Amount (million yen)	Amount (million yen)	Change (%)	
Consulting	8,620	9,182	+6.5	
Logistics	1,323	1,857	+40.3	
Other businesses	1,099	1,209	+10.0	
(Intra-group & whole-group transactions)	11	8	_	
Total	11,055	12,258	+10.9	

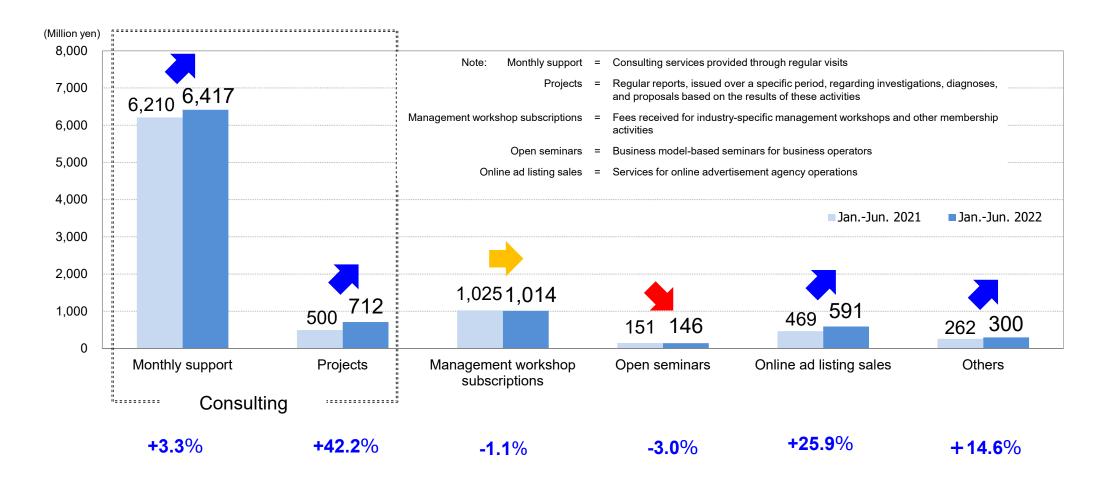


	June 2021	June 2022	
Operating income	Amount (million yen)	Amount (million yen)	Change (%)
Consulting	3,018	3,206	+6.2
Logistics	149	248	+66.0
Other businesses	11	156	+1,313.2
(Intra-group & whole-group transactions)	100	138	_
Total	3,279	3,749	+14.3



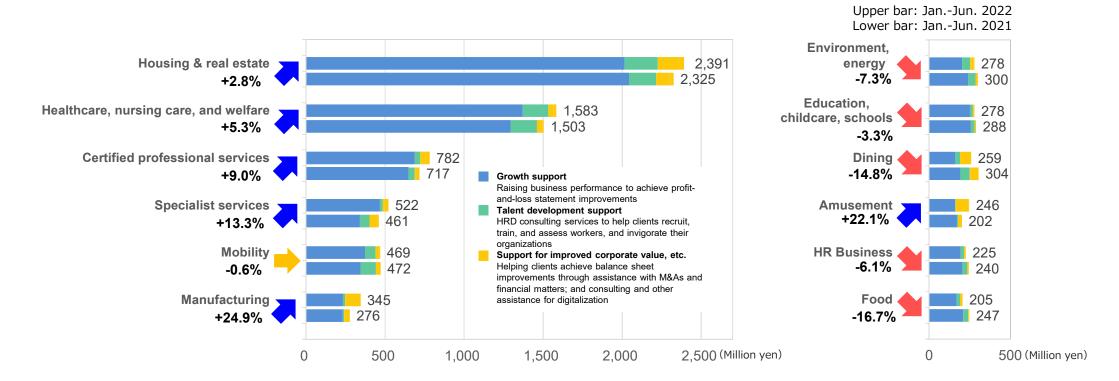


# (4) Results of Operations by Segment: Consulting—Sales by Service Category





# (4) Results of Operations by Segment: Consulting—Sales by Sector



Figures show total sales of consulting contracts, management workshop subscriptions, and open seminars, grouped in accordance with the company's industry classifications, for Jan. through Jun. 2021 and 2022.



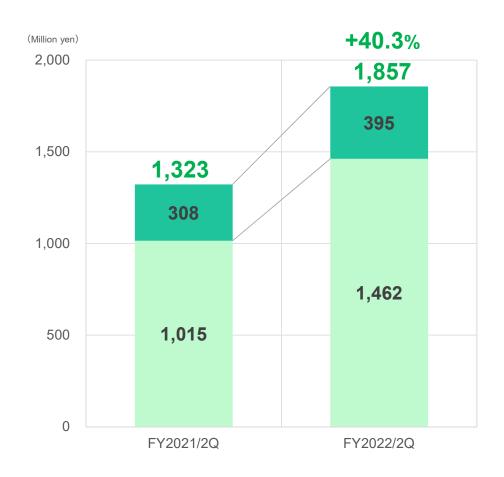
# (4) Results of Operations by Segment: Consulting—Consulting Client Numbers



<sup>\*</sup>Figures denote number of client companies (in Japan) per month in the consulting segment (excl. intra-group transactions).



# (5) Performance by Segment: Logistics—Sales by Service Category



# **Logistics Consulting**

Helping clients reduce logistics costs



- Consulting for logistics companies was in line with the preceding year; management workshop memberships increased: 306 as of Jun. 30, 2022; 291 as of Jun. 30, 2021.
- Revenues from consulting services increased, buoyed by a recovery in orders.

#### **Logistics BPO**

Logistics on behalf of clients
Reducing purchasing costs through joint buying

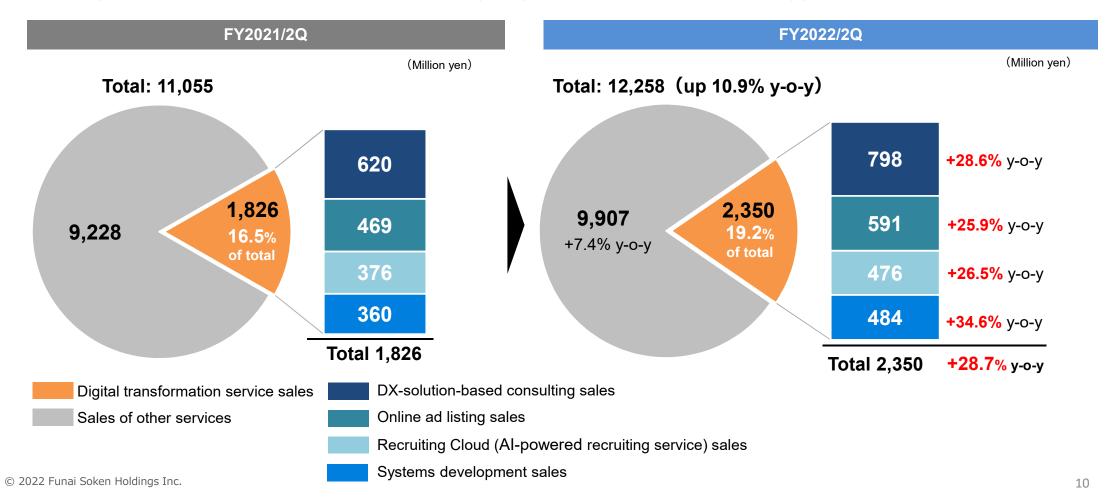


- Deep-mining of existing clients and growth in client orders resulted in an increase in sales.
- Demand for product deliveries was particularly strong among clients.
- Sales increased due to the effect of rising fuel prices on our core offering in this segment: joint purchasing of fuel.



#### (6) Results of Operations in Digital Transformation Services

- The group is investing significant effort into digital transformation services, which grew at least 25%.
- Digital transformation services account for an increasingly large share of total sales and are helping grow the group's business overall.





# (7) Consolidated Financial Position—Balance Sheet

(Million yen)

	As of Dec. 31, 2021	As of Jun. 30, 2022	Change	Major factors behind changes
Current assets	19,049	20,615	+1,565	Increase in current assets: Major factors include increases in cash, deposits, and short-term investment securities.
Property, plant, and equipment	5,917	5,908	-8	
equipment Intangible assets Investments and	705	821	+115	Decrease in noncurrent assets: Major factors include decrease in
other assets	5,256	4,453	-802	investment securities.
Total assets	30,928	31,798	+870	
Current liabilities	5,053	4,494	-558	Decrease in current liabilities: Major factors include increase in provision for bonuses, decreases in current portion of long-term loans
Noncurrent liabilities	164	298	+ 134	payable, other accounts payable (listed under "others"), accrued consumption taxes, and deposits received.  Increase in noncurrent liabilities: Major factors include increase in long-term loans payable.
Total liabilities	5,217	4,792	-424	
Total net assets	25,710	27,005	+1,295	Financial position remains sound with a high equity ratio of 82.8%.
Total liabilities & net assets	30,928	31,798	+870	

Net cash provided by (used in) investments

Other cash provided by (used in) financing

Net cash provided by (used in) financing

Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter

Cash and cash equivalents at start of fiscal year

Change in cash and cash equivalents

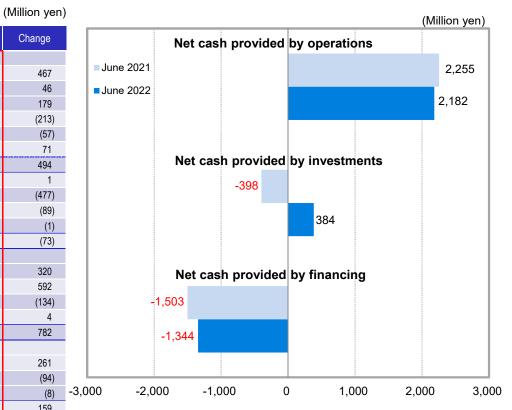
Net cash provided by (used in) financing Purchase of treasury shares

Dividends paid



## (7) Consolidated Financial Position—Cash Flow Statement

	June 2021	June 2022	Change
Net cash provided by (used in) operations			
Net income before income taxes and other adjustments	3,306	3,774	467
Depreciation	118	164	46
Decrease (increase) in trade notes and accounts receivable and contract assets	(134)	44	179
Decrease (increase) in other assets	(445)	(658)	(213)
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	(532)	(589)	(57)
Other	163	234	71
Subtotal	2,475	2,970	494
Interest and dividends received	19	20	1
Income taxes paid	(777)	(1,255)	(477)
Income tax refunds	540	451	(89)
Other cash provided by (used in) operations	(2)	(4)	(1)
Net cash provided by (used in) operations	2,255	2,182	(73)
Net cash provided by (used in) investments			
Purchase of short-term and long term investment securities	(420)	(100)	320
Proceeds from sales of short-term and long-term investment securities	120	712	592
Purchase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	(101)	(235)	(134)
Other cash provided by (used in) investments	2	6	4



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(12)

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(1,344)

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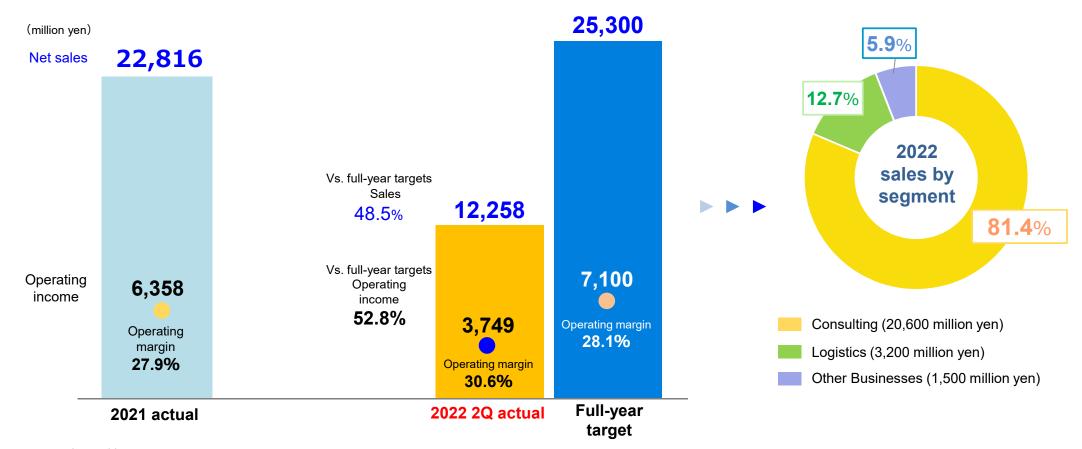
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#### (1) Progress toward Achieving the Mid-Range Business Plan

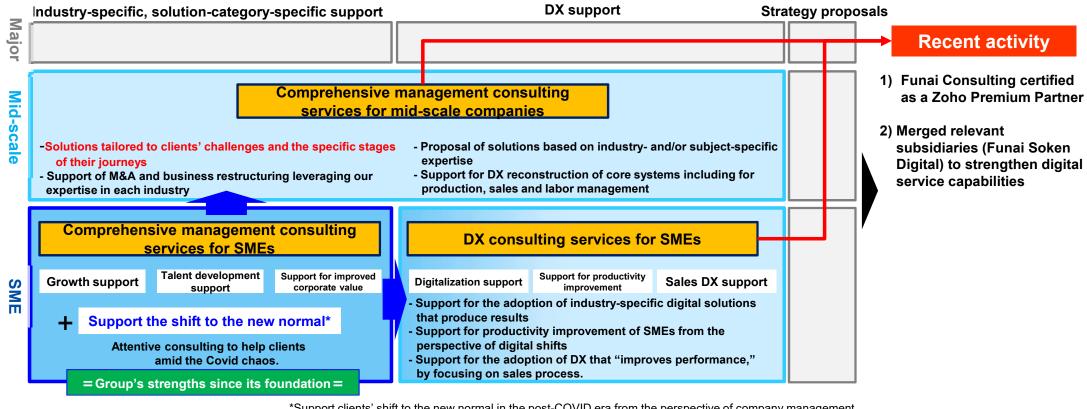
- In 2022, the final year of the current Mid-Range Business Plan, our target is sales of 25.3 billion yen.
- We are aiming for sustained double-digit growth and record operating income of 7.1 billion yen in FY2022.





#### (2) Business Strategy

Our comprehensive management consulting services for SMEs, the group's core strength, are the ideal vehicle for offering clients thorough post-Covid "new normal" support to help them cope amid the related upheaval. We are also working on a series of initiatives relating to digital transformation consulting for SMEs and comprehensive management consulting services for mid-scale companies, which will help us expand into new business segments as stated in our Mid-Range Business Plan.



\*Support clients' shift to the new normal in the post-COVID era from the perspective of company management



#### (2) Business Strategy: (1) Funai Consulting Certified as a Zoho Premium Partner

- Zoho is the ideal tool for our digital transformation consulting services for SMEs and mid-scale clients.
- Our partnership with Zoho has developed, and we are the only company in Japan to be certified as a Premium Partner, the highest rank of Zoho partnership.



#### ■ What is a Zoho Premium Partner?

- A Zoho partner is a company that works alongside clients and uses Zoho and other methods to provide solutions to their challenges.
- A Premium Partner is a Zoho partner that achieves yearon-year growth in Zoho sales of at least \$200,000.



Zoho, the Growing Company's Preferred DX Tool (written and edited by Funai Consulting Inc.)

#### **About Zoho**

Zoho is a suite of cloud-based solutions to help businesses digitalize their operations and improve efficiency.
Worldwide, Zoho has more than

75 mil. users

250,000 companies



(May 25, 2022)

Ranked No. 1



#### (2) Business Strategy: (2) Merged relevant subsidiaries to strengthen digital service capabilities

- Merged two subsidiaries on July 1, 2022, into Funai Soken Digital, Inc.
- Funai Soken Digital will work together with Funai Consulting to offer a full spectrum of digital transformation services from initial consulting to final installation.

#### ■ Funai Soken Digital's Services



#### (1) Cloud-based solutions development

Development and operation of Azure and other public cloud-based solutions, and technical consulting

#### (2) Digital marketing BPO

Comprehensive, industry-specific and solutioncategory-specific digital marketing support for midscale and SME clients

#### (3) IT consulting

Helping mid-scale and SME clients transform through back-office BPR and DX solutions

#### (4) Product development

Development and popularization of vertical SaaS (industry-specific digital products)

# (5) Digital solutions staff recruiting & training

Training and reskilling services to help clients alleviate digital solutions staff shortages





A briefing on the new company on July 11, 2022, was attended by more than 100 people from business partner companies.



#### (3) Human Resource Strategy

We strive to generate sustained growth by designing a positive cycle that promotes the maintenance of a working environment that empowers our diverse workforce to make full use of their skills.

## Mid-Range Business Plan (2020-2022)

#### 2021 Outcomes and Plan Progress

# Hiring



Groupwide workforce of 1,500 by 2022 (increase by approx. 300)

- (1) Ongoing aggressive hiring of consultants (200–250 per year)
- (2) Expand hiring of digital transformation staff
- (3) Step up hiring of non-Japanese (esp. in Shanghai)
- (4) Hire more qualified professionals

#### **Progress**

Employees: 1,317 (groupwide; up 108 from 2019)

#### Underway

- 32 digital transformation staff hired by Funai Consulting in 2020-2021
- 58 non-Japanese hired throughout the group in 2020-2021

# **Development**



Rebuild accelerated development programs for an expanding workforce

- (1) Establish a Talent Development Center: Swift development of digital transformation staff, maximize consultants' employee lifetime value
- (2) Continued accelerated development of team leaders (target: promotion to team leader within 5 years). In 2019: 3 years 8 months

#### Underway

- Talent Development Center opened; consultant training programs expanding
  - Instilling skills conducive to improving the bottom line
  - Digital training aimed at developing and reskilling for digital transformation staff



• In 2020: Promotion to chief-level position: 4 years 1 months

#### A rewarding environment for a diverse workforce



- (1) Establish and embed a new assessment system based on four major career paths
  - 1. Consultant development course; 2. Business development course;
  - 3. Corporate professional course; 4. Management course
- (2) Flexible working arrangements for improved efficiency: Expand remote support services to reduce the need for consultants to travel

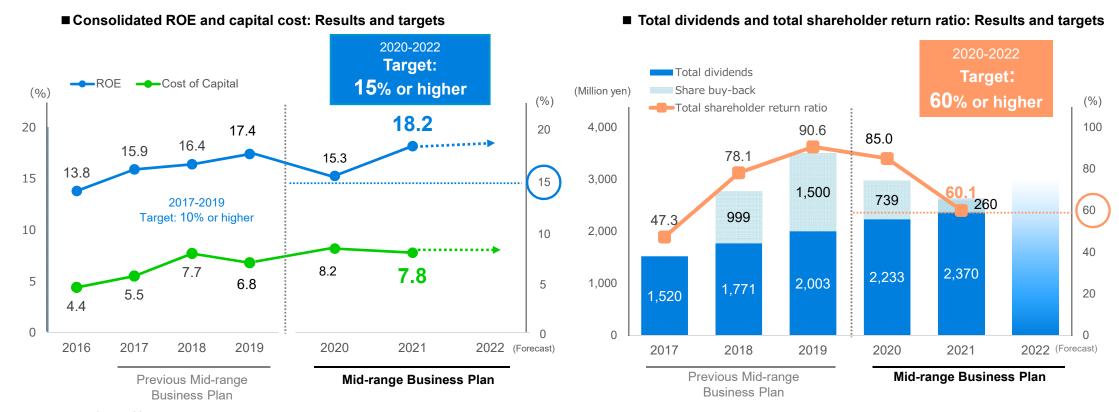
#### Underway

- New assessment system implemented at Funai Consulting; establishment of systems enabling employees to change career courses, take up in-group job offers, or transit between departments has led to smoother placement of the right people in the right positions
- Remote delivery of support services exceeds 50% (in 2021)
- "Hybrid" delivery of services combining remote and onsite support



#### (4) Financial Strategy: (1) Capital Policy and Shareholder Return Policy

Amid residual impact from Covid-19 in 2021, we undertook a share buy-back. By acquiring treasury shares, we aimed to improve capital efficiency to a consolidated ROE of at least 15% and raise the return-to-shareholders ratio to at least 60%. Ultimately, we achieved those goals, with a consolidated ROE of 18.2% and a return-to-shareholders ratio of 60.1%. We remain committed to achieving the targets of 2022, the final year of the current Mid-Range Business Plan.





(4) Financial Strategy: (2) Investment for Growth: Allocation of cashflow from operating activities over three years

Increase shareholders' value by allocating cashflow from operating activities and cash reserves to investment for the next stage of growth and to appropriate shareholder returns.



#### **Priority initiatives**

- Business Strategy
- M&As
- Hiring and education
- Developing talent for digital functions
- DX investment
  - Core systems
  - Develop new consulting services utilizing big data, AI, etc.

Continue investment for further growth

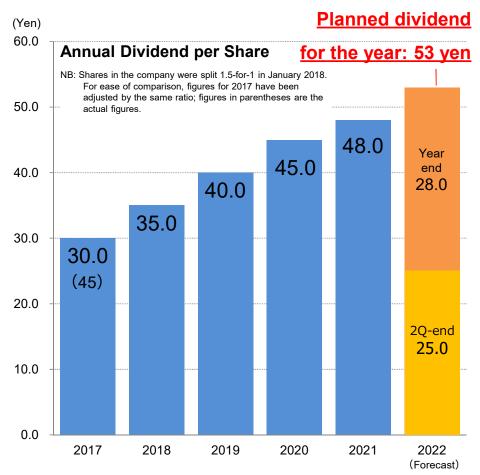
Continue to enhance shareholder returns with the aim of achieving total shareholder return ratio of 60% or higher



# (4) Financial Strategy: (3) Annual Dividends

In 2022, we plan to pay a total dividend of 53 yen per share, comprising an interim dividend of 25 yen and a year-end dividend of 28 yen.

	Initial forecast		Actual dividend	
Record date	Dividend (per share)	Details	Dividend (per sharer)	Details
FY2017	39.0	2Q-end 15.0 Year end 24.0	45.0	2Q-end 15.0 Year end 30.0
FY2018 1.5-for-1 share split	33.0	2Q-end 15.0 Year end 18.0	35.0	2Q-end 15.0 Year end 20.0 *including special dividend of 2.0
FY2019	40.0	2Q-end 17.0 Year end 23.0	40.0	2Q-end 17.0 Year end 23.0 *Including a commemorative dividend of 3.0
FY2020	45.0	2Q-end 20.0 Year end 25.0	45.0	2Q-end 20.0 Year end 25.0
FY2021	46.0	2Q-end 21.0 Year end 25.0	48.0	2Q-end 21.0 Year end 27.0
FY2022 (Forecast)	53.0	2Q-end 25.0 Year end 28.0		



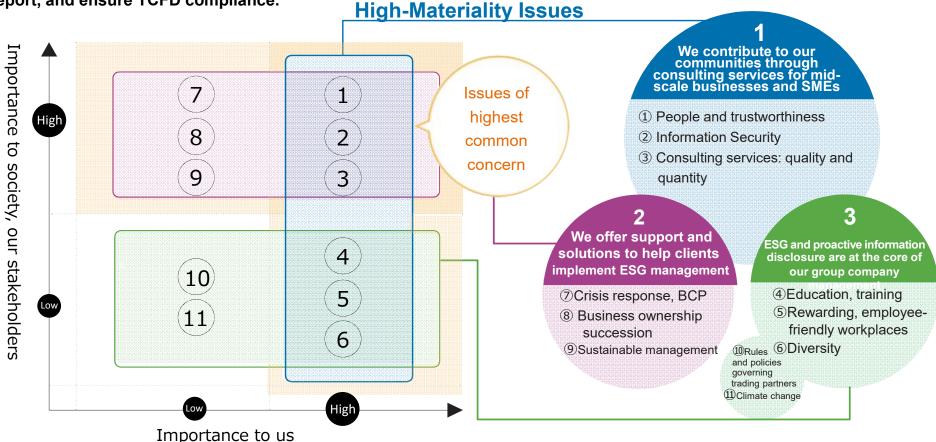




#### (1) High-Materiality Issues

We will further strengthen our initiatives for ESG, recognizing its importance, under the Group philosophy:
 "We help to build a better future for people, business, and the society."

Our key task for 2022 is increased disclosure of non-financial capital. We will strive to boost human capital, expand the Integrated Report, and ensure TCFD compliance.





# (2) Environmet—Environmental Impact Reduction Initiatives

Seminars on new business models for the decarbonization market age (Funai Consulting)





For auto parts manufacturers

For fuel retail businesses

**Seminar: Carbon Neutrality in Logistics** 



**Efforts So Far to Reduce Our Environmental Impact** 

- **P** Use of LED lights, automatic shut-off of lights at night
- **■**Increasingly paperless operations
- Remote work

By the Numbers: Our Environmental Initiatives

- See four years' data relating to electricity consumption, carbon dioxide emissions, and waste emissions.
  - https://hd.funaisoken.co.jp/en/sustainability/environment/reducingimpact
- ◆ We identify, evaluate, and analyze the impact of climate chance on our business, and manage the pertinent risks and opportunities.
- We disclose information relating to our efforts to deal with that impact that overcome challenges in accordance with the Task proce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) established by the Financial Stability Board of Japan.



#### (3)Social—Diversity & Inclusion-

We are working hard toward goals for 2030 relating to better harnessing the power of our female workforce.

#### Female employees

37.4% in 2021 **⇒ Goal for 2030: 40%** 

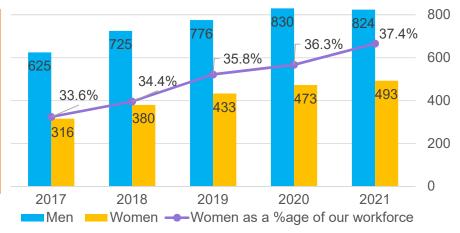
#### Women in management positions

23.5% in 2021 **⇒ Goal for 2030: 30%** 

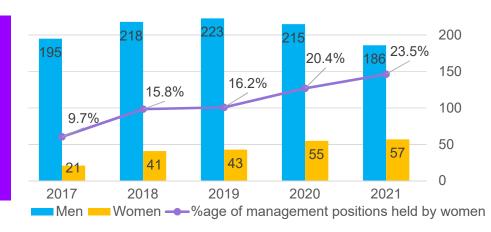
# **Major Initiatives**

- Encouraging more flexible working styles
  - Remote working, flex-time, career course change, etc.
  - ➤ Support program for those returning to work after childcare leave
- Assignments and development that take advantage of the business's characteristics
  - > Projects to help women forge meaningful careers
  - Training for managers to encourage better empowerment of female staff
  - ➤ HR framework and career enhancement program designed to increase women in management





Women in Management Positions





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## (4) Governance— Corporate Governance Structure

In order to ensure legal compliance in the running of the company's business and to drive mid-to-long-term corporate value, the company is working to strengthen its corporate governance structure.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Ensures objectivity and validity of the process for selecting candidates for director positions.

3 out of 4 members are outside directors

#### **Successor Nominating Committee**

Ensures fairness and transparency of selection and nurturing of future presidential candidates.

3 out of 4 members are outside directors

#### **Compensation Committee**

Ensures objectivity and validity of officer remuneration by keeping remuneration tied to mid-to-long-term business performance.

3 out of 4 members are outside directors

#### **Governance Committee**

Discusses governance issues from a mid-to-long-term perspective, and endeavor to strengthen governance.

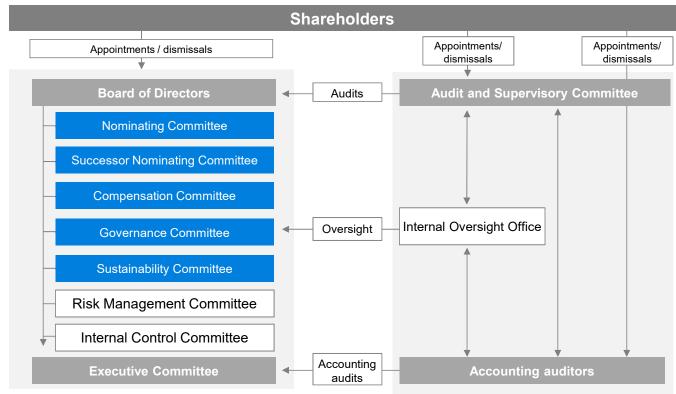
All 4 members are outside directors

#### **Sustainability Committee**

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Coordinates cross-sectional pursuit of sustainability throughout the whole group, and implement ongoing issues under strict governance.

2 out of 3 members are outside directors



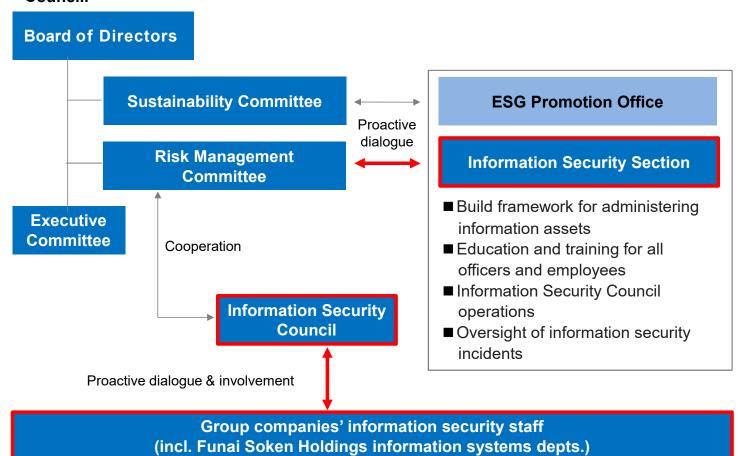
#### Previous Initiatives to Strengthen the Group's Governance

- 2019 Established a Successor Nominating Committee, appointed outside directors to the boards of the group's core companies, appointed in-house attorneys.
- 2020 Appointed 1 female director.
- 2021 Established a Sustainability Committee. The five advisory committees shown to the left are chaired by outside directors.



#### (4) Governance—Information Security Framework

Ongoing Strengthening of Management Systems and Training by Information Security Section and groupwide Information Security Council.



#### **Information Security Level Checks**

Check items added relating to DX. Implemented the PDCA cycle. Radar charts used to plot results.

#### **Information Security e-Learning**

Annual training to firmly embed awareness of information security rules among **all officers and employees**.

#### **Groupwide Management**

Each group company works to **enhance the framework** for identifying risks and protecting security.

#### **More Secure Remote Work Platforms**

Balancing information security and improved working practices by upgrading the **authentication infrastructure of our remote work platforms**.

#### **Protecting Personal Information & Vital Data**

Group companies and departments work together to uphold security through **periodic inspections and expert checks of core systems**.

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