Lancers

Financial Results

1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023

LANCERS,INC. (TSE Growth: 4484)



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Highlights

Marketplace Business

Gross profit

YoY(1Q)

356_{million JPY} +20%

Agent Business

Gross profit

YoY(1Q)

144_{million JPY} +74%

Results for 1Q of FY2023

- Progress is on track in terms of GMV and gross profit, and is advanced in terms of operating loss against earnings forecast
 - Progress: 21% of GMV, 20% of gross profit vs Full-Year forecast
 - GMV: 2.64 billion JPY (+22% YoY excluding withdrawn businesses)
 - Gross profit: 0.49 billion JPY (+32% YoY excluding existing businesses)
 - Operating loss: -0.13 billion JPY (-0.4 billion JPY YoY, -0.13 billion JPY in previous Quarter)
- Gross profit increased by 20% YoY for Marketplace Business, and by 74% YoY for Agent
 Business both on track against earnings forecast
 - Marketplace Business: Promoting product improvement initiatives, with a new service model "Skill-Catalogue" growing
 - Agent Business: Increasing business productivity in terms of gross profit per HC as planned.
 Completed acquisition of Work Style Lab, Inc. and started PMI to accelerate growth

Topics for 1Q of FY2023

- Expanding partnerships with regional financial institutions number of partners reached 39
- Marketplace new service "Skill-Catalogue" showing strong GMV growth at +40% QoQ
- Strengthened management team new outside director with an extended experience in product,
 technology and management joined a team



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Company Profile

Our Mission

Empower Individuals

Our Vision

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

Company name

LANCERS, INC.

Business overview

Job Platform

Founder and CEO

Yosuke Akiyoshi

Establishment

April, 2008

Organization

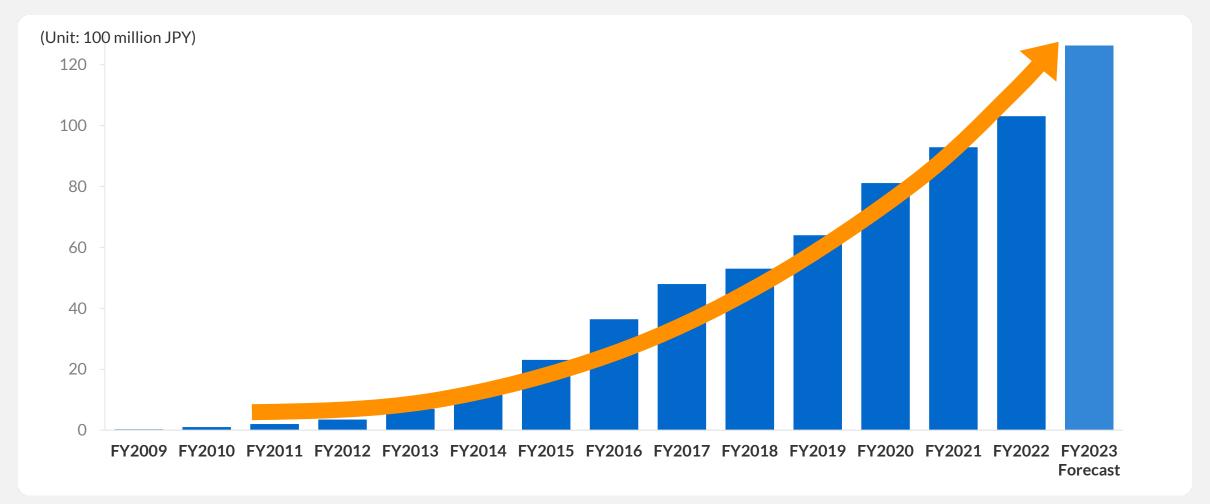
Approx. 200 employees*

*) As of June 2022. Employees include full-time employees and temporary workers(part-time workers).



Growth History

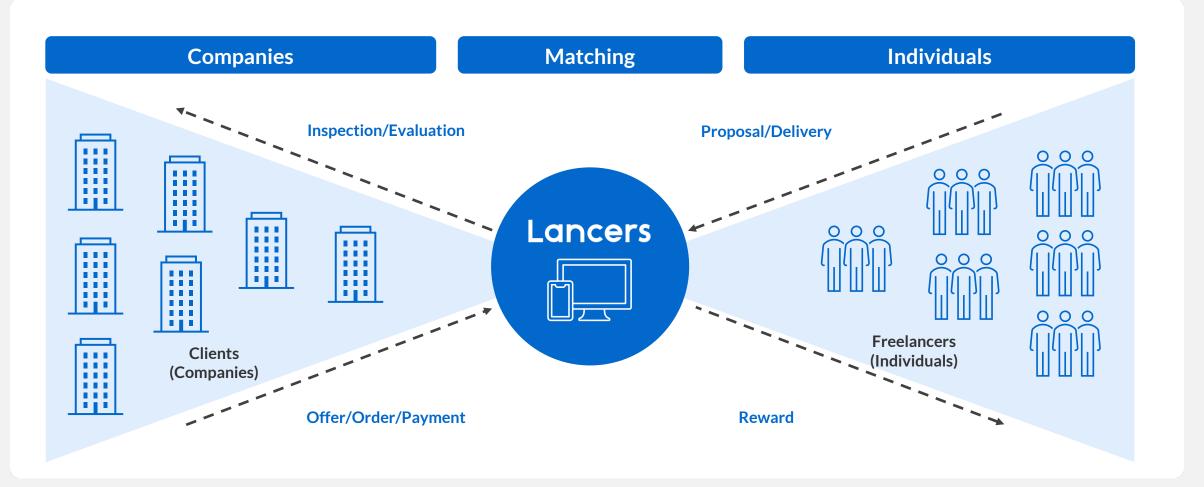
Achieving continuous GMV growth since foundation, We reached 10 billion JPY in FY2022, targeting 12.6 billion JPY in FY2023





Service Overview: Business Model

With online job platform that matches individuals and companies, We deliver excellent talents to companies, and provide new workstyles to individuals





Innovating New Workstyle in Japan

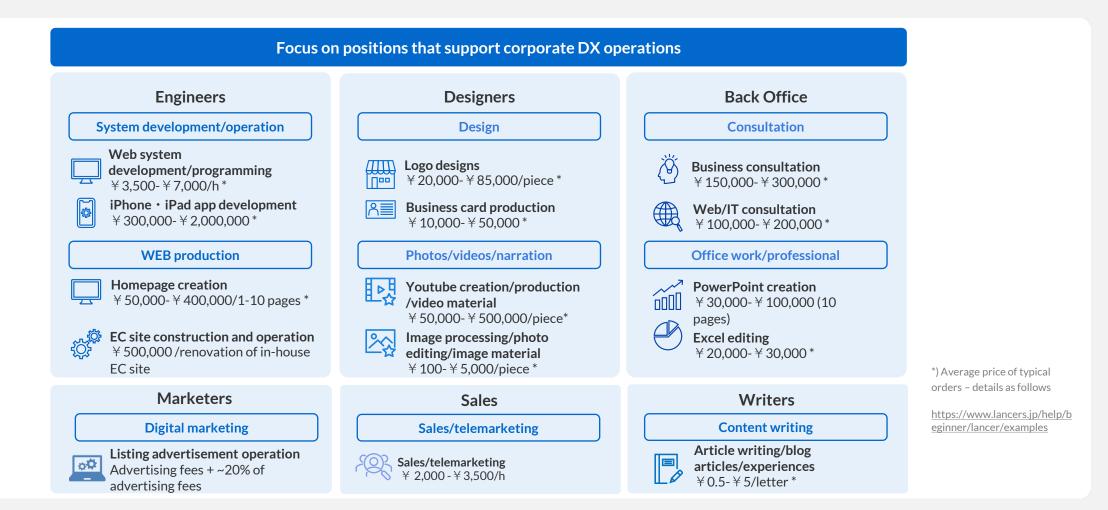
Creating online job opportunities for local freelancers, We solve one of the biggest issues in Japan – to build sustainable local society





Service Overview : Job Categories

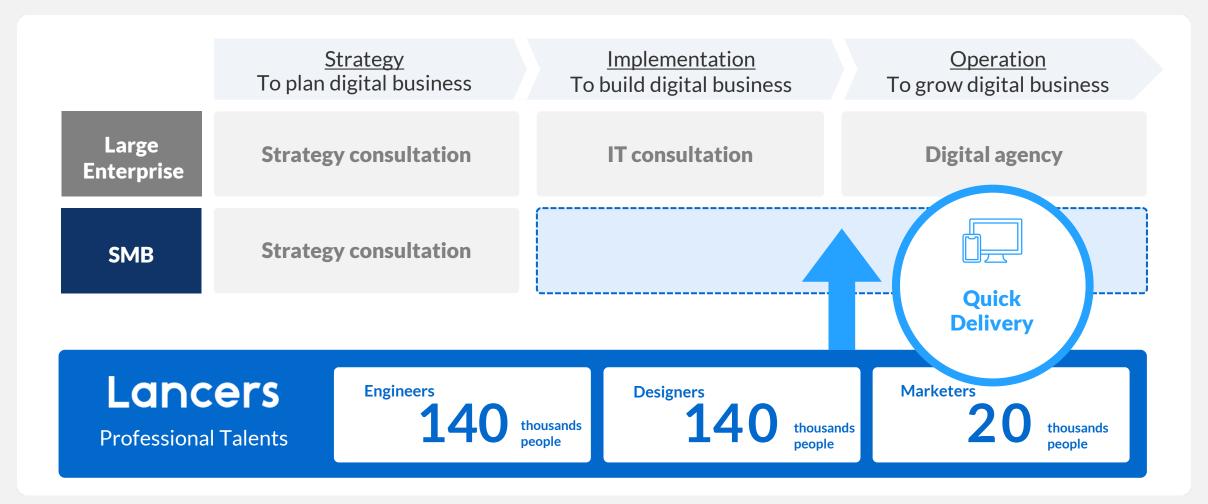
We provide various kinds of digital-oriented job opportunities, including engineers, designers, marketers etc.





Helping Clients Promote Digital Transformation

Quickly delivering professional talents to mainly SMBs, We help them plan, build and grow their digital businesses





Case Study

Impact on SMBs' revenue growth & cost reduction - ex. EC business launch & growth





Reduced EC website production cost by 70% Increased online sales by 50%

Decided to launch digital business for the future

Searched business partner – but traditional website production agency was expensive and not flexible

Decided to renew and grow EC website with Lancers

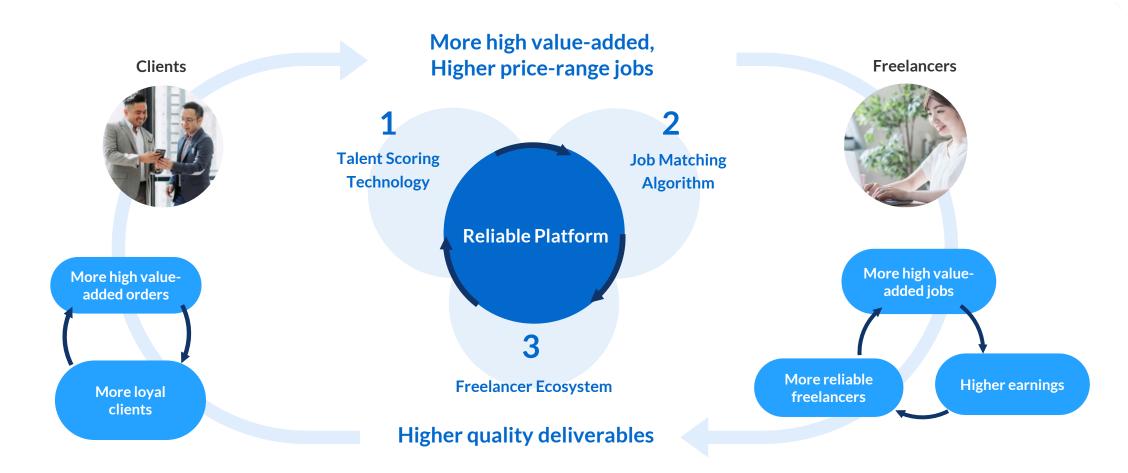
Launched EC website and expanded EC business with Lancers – digital marketing, content marketing, SNS marketing etc.

Accelerated internal operation DX with Lancers



Lancers' Strengths: High Value-Added Platform

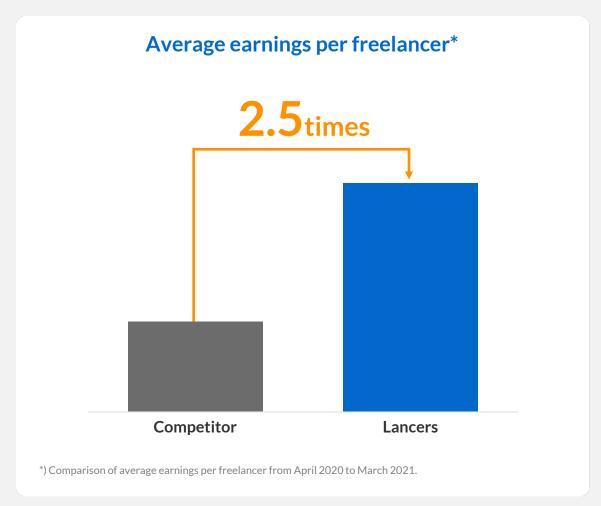
Lancers is a reliable and high-value added job platform

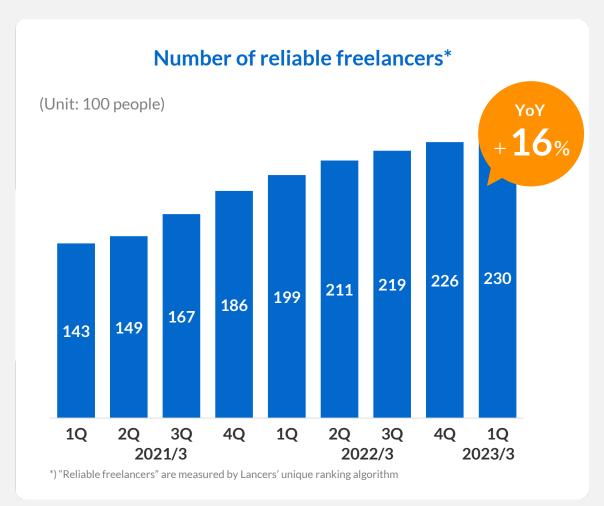




Lancers' Strengths: Highly Rewarding Platform

With its increasing reliable freelancers, Lancers has become a highly rewarding platform





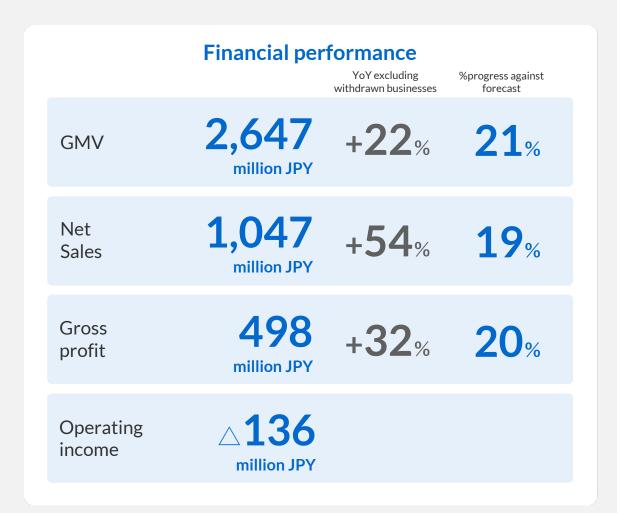


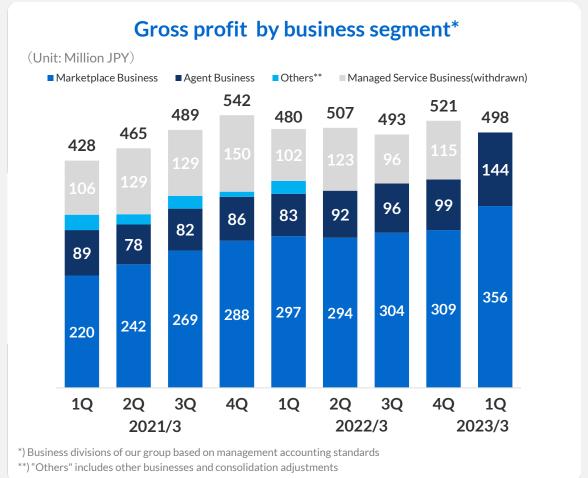
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Performance Summary

GMV and gross profit progress is on track against earnings forecast

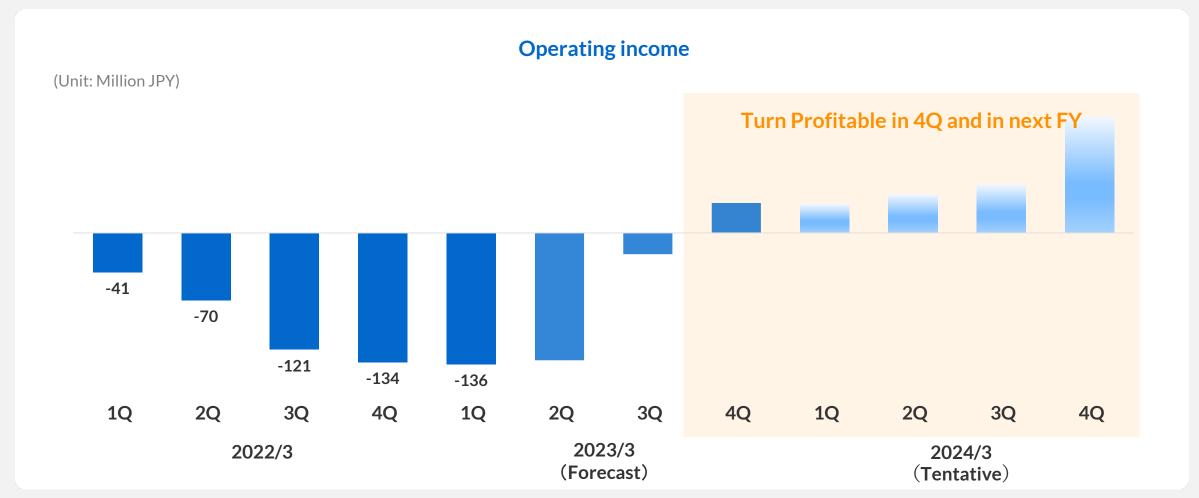






Operating Income

Showing a steady progress towards profitability in 4Q of FY2023, with an operating loss in 1Q smaller than expected at initial earnings forecast





Financial Results in 1Q of FY2023 (Consolidated)

GMV and gross profit is on track against forecast, with its performance seasonality considered. SG&A expenses increase is due to Work style Lab, Inc. whose acquisition completed in June

	FY Ending March 31, 2023 (1Q)	FY Ending March 31, 2022 (Previous 1Q)		FY Ending March 31, 2023 (Forecast)	
(Unit: Million JPY)	Actual	Actual	% YoY	Forecast	% Progress
GMV*	2,647	2,495	+6.1%	12,642	20.9%
Net sales	1,047	971	+7.9%	5,401	19.4%
Gross profit	498	480	+3.7%	2,490	20.0%
SG&A	635	521	+21.8%	2,780	22.9%
Operating income/loss	△136	△41	-	△289	-
Ordinary income/loss	△134	△40	-	△284	-
Net income/loss	△136	△106	-	△286	-

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



Balance Sheet for 1Q of FY2023 (Consolidated)

1.64 billion JPY secured as a bank line of credit*, out of which 330 million JPY has been borrowed as a result of consolidation of Work style Lab, Inc.

	1Q of FY Ending March 31, 2023	FY Ending March 31, 2022 (Previous)		
(Unit: Million JPY)	Actual	Actual	change	
Current assets	2,324	2,360	△36	
Cash and deposits*	1,513	1,600	△86	
Non-current assets	853	479	+373	
Goodwill	442	170	+272	
Total assets	3,178	2,840	+337	
Current liabilities	1,714	1,651	+63	
Customer deposits	783	838	△54	
Non-current liabilities	411	1	+410	
Net assets	1,052	1,188	△135	
Total liabilities/net assets	3,178	2,840	+337	

^{*)} Total uncommitted bank overdraft facilities of 710 million JPY at the end of June 2022.



Performance Summary by Segment*

Promoting product initiatives, accelerating a new service model "Skill-Catalogue" growth as for Marketplace Business, and increasing business productivity as for Agent Business

Performance summary by segment

Marketplace **Business**

Gross profit

YoY growth

356_{million JPY} +20_%

- Continuing product improvement initiatives, with a new service model "Skill-Catalogue" growth
- "Skill-Catalogue" showing strong GMV growth by 40% QoQ and recently launched a Metaverse job category

Agent Business

Gross profit

YoY growth

144_{million IPV} +74_%

- Improve business productivity in terms of gross profit per HC from 2Q onwards as planned
- Accelerate creating business synergies with newly acquired Work Style Lab, Inc. from 2Q onwards



Marketplace Business

Gross profit growing steadily by 20% YoY.

Continuing product improvement initiatives, with a new service model "Skill-Catalogue" growth



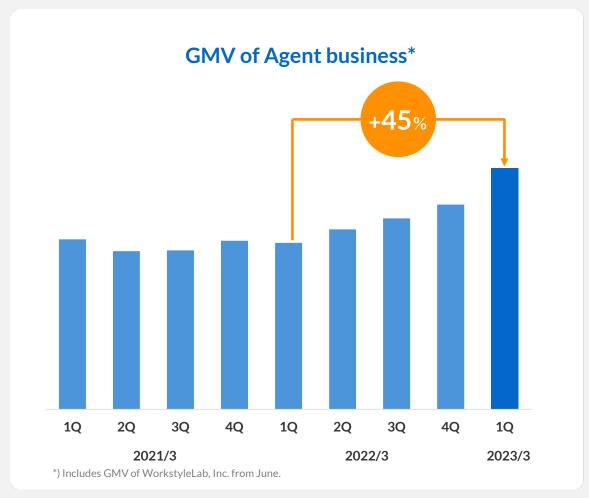




Agent Business

Gross Profit growing by 74% YoY as expected.

Accelerate creating business synergies with Work Style Lab, Inc. from 2Q onwards

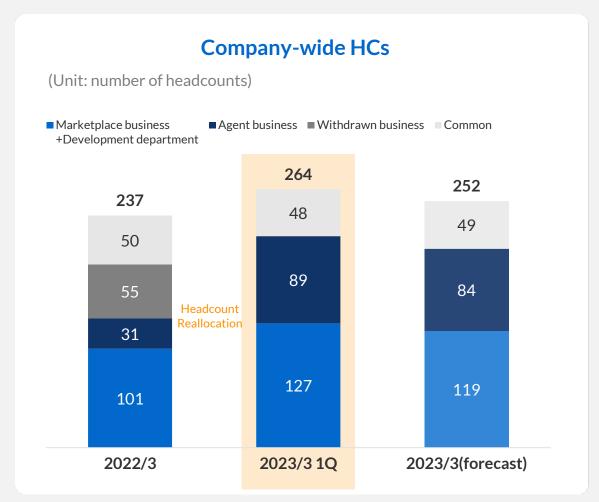


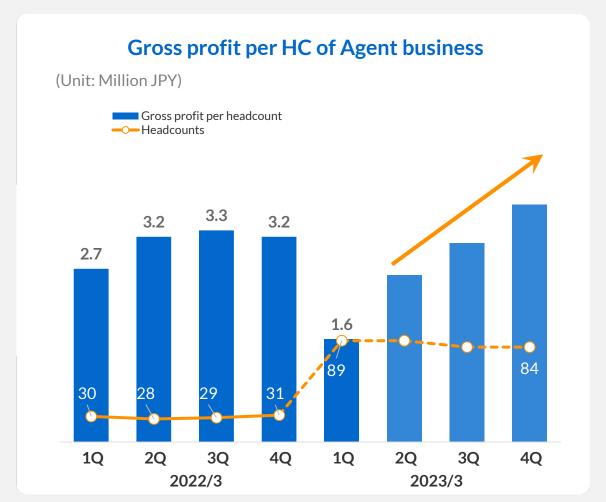




Agent Business : Business Productivity Improvement

Improve business productivity in terms of gross profit per HC from 2Q onwards as planned





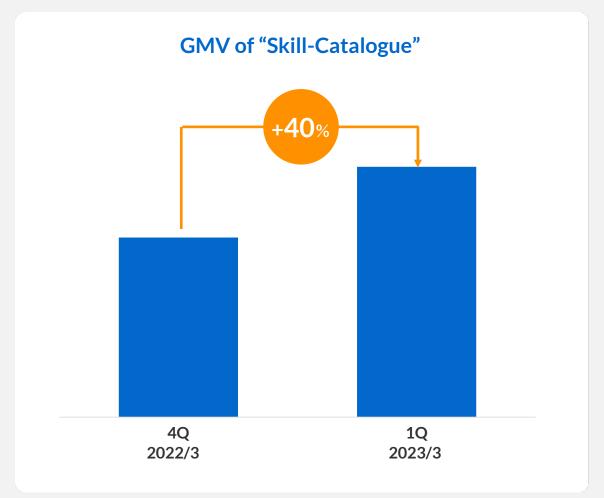


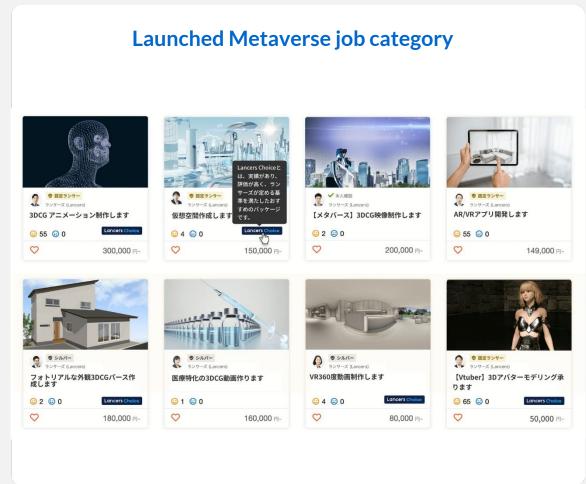
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Growing Marketplace's New Service Model "Skill-Catalogue"

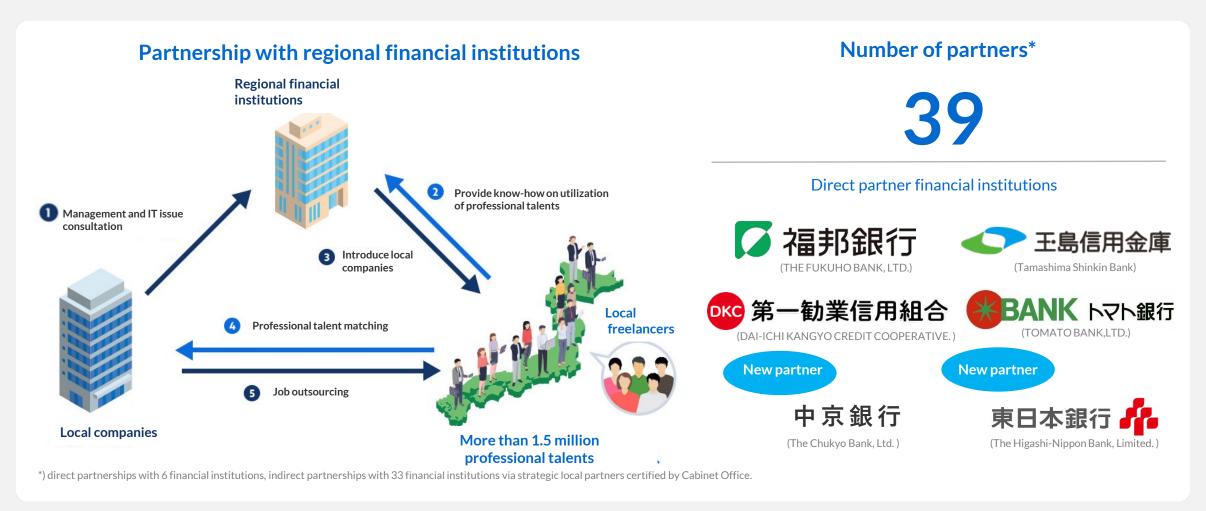
"Skill-Catalogue", which was renewed in Nov 2021, showing strong GMV growth by 40% QoQ. Recently launched a Metaverse job category – continue category expansion





Expanding Partnerships with Regional Financial Institutions

Expanding partnerships with regional financial institutions to widen Lancers' service coverage. Accelerate helping regional SMBs promote and grow digital businesses





Strengthening Management Team

Mr. Murakami, who has an extensive experience in product, technology and management, has newly joined Lancers management team as a director

Management Team



Director Executive Officer CEO Yosuke Akiyoshi



Director
Executive Officer
COO
Hideaki Sone



Director Etsuko Okajima



Corporate Auditor Kyosuke Murata



Director Takeyuki Kato



Corporate Auditor Koichiro Hirata





Director Shin Murakami



Corporate Auditor Toru Nagasawa

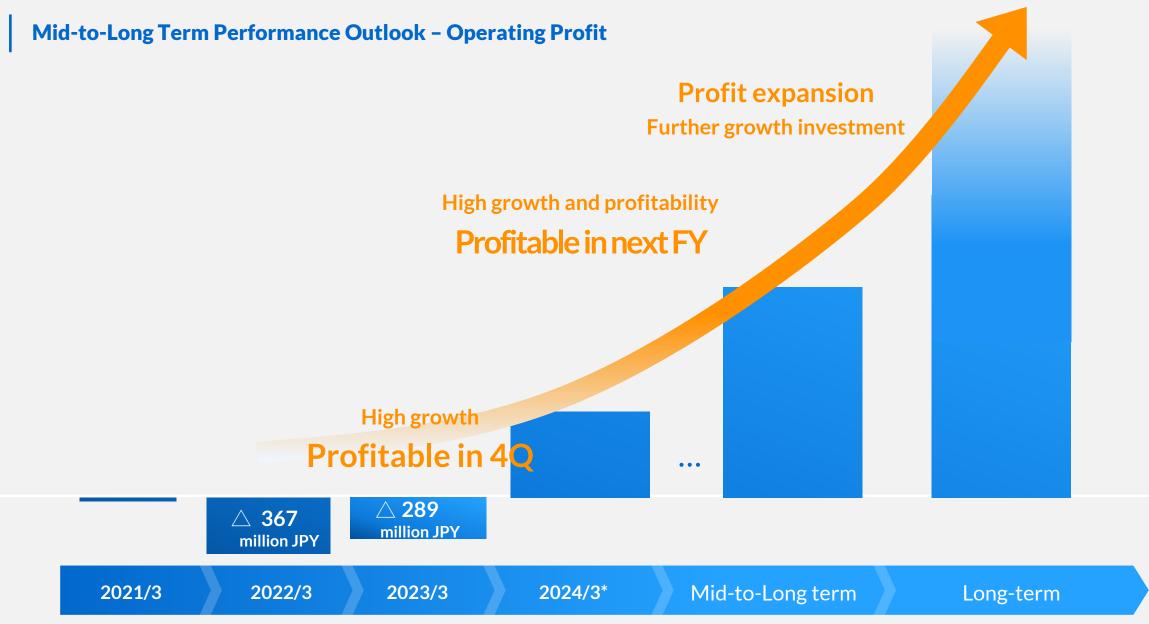
Shin Murakami - New director



Career Background

- 2012 Executive Officer & Chief Mobile Officer of Yahoo Japan Corporation
- 2014 Director of Ymobile Corporation
- 2017 Japan Representative of LinkedIn Japan
- 2017-present Representative Director of Shin & Co.
- 2021-present Visiting Professor, Faculty of Entrepreneurship, Musashino University
- 2022-present Director of Poppins Corporation
- 2022-present Google LLC





^{*)} Turn profitable while continuing investment within 3 years. Proactively discuss with the market if more attractive mid-to-long term investment opportunities are upcoming













Empower Individuals

Through the power of technology, Lancers empowers all individuals to live their own lives

- with less friction, more freedom, and more shining moments.

We contribute to make a better and sustainable society by innovating workstyle and lifestyle of individuals.













APPENDIX



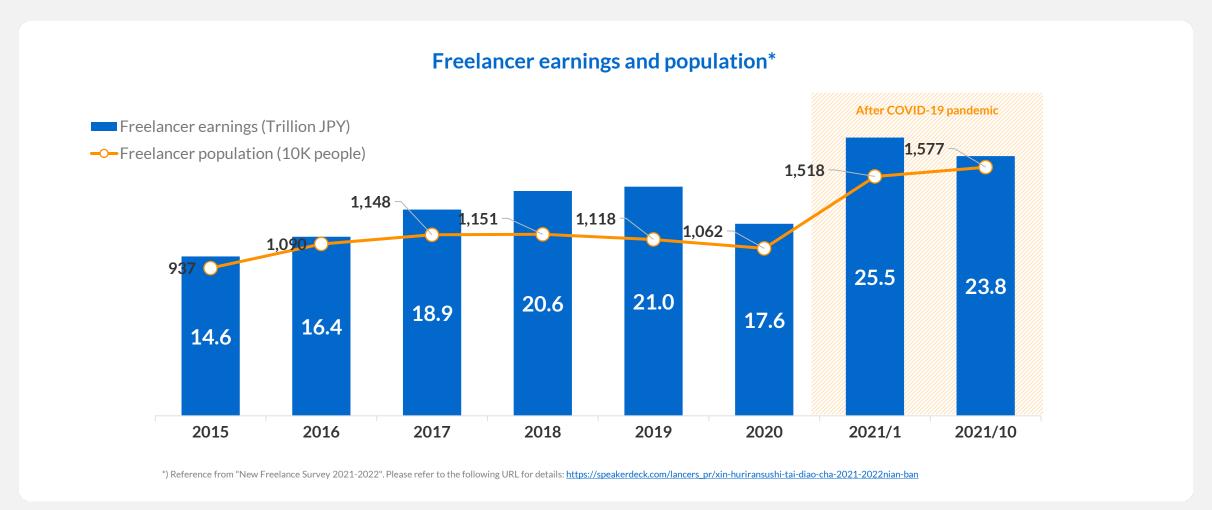
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Market Trend

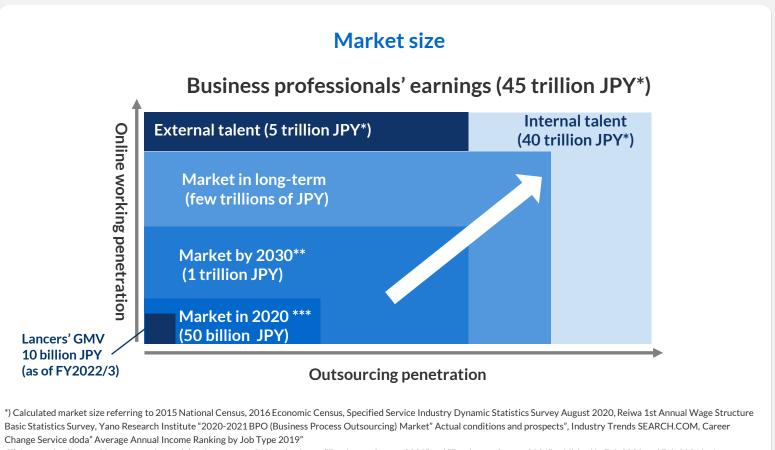
Freelancer population has been increasing up to 15.7 million – 24% of Japanese workers





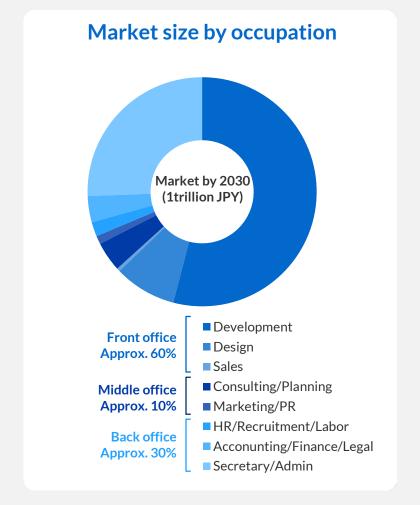
Market Potential

Market is expected to expand to 1 trillion JPY around 2030, as online work and job outsourcing becoming much more popular in the future



^{**)} Assumed online working penetration weighted average as 31%, referring to "Freelancer Survey 2020" and "Freelancer Survey 2021" published in Feb 2020 and Feb 2021 by Lancers.

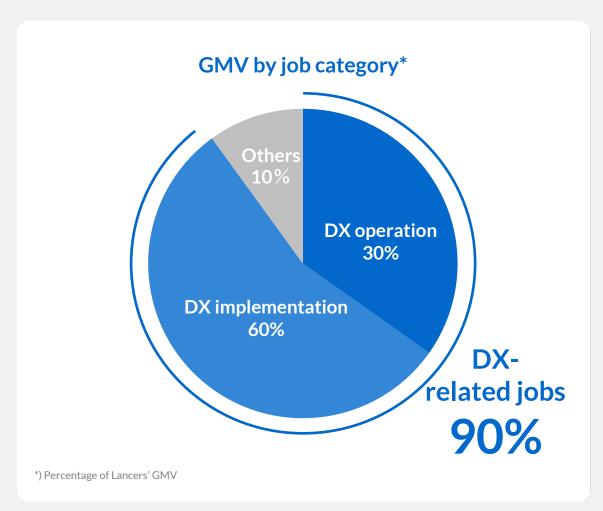
***) Estimated from IR dislosure of other companies in the same industry

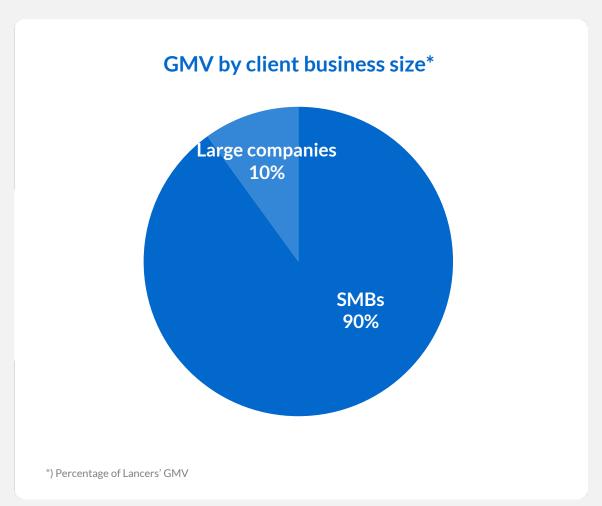




Target Customer and Their Needs

Lancers' main customers are SMBs, most of whose business needs are DX-related







Business Segments*

Operating businesses in 2 segments with different business models

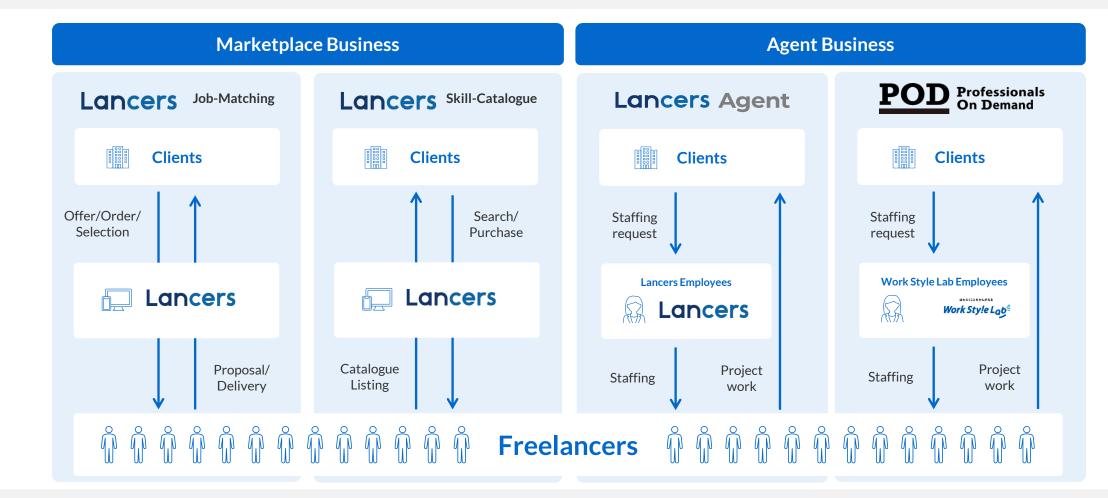
*) Based on management accounting standards

Lancers' business segments								
	Major services	Major clients	Major categories	Business model	Take rate*			
Marketplace Business	Lancers	SMBs	Engineers, Designers, Marketer, Sales, Writer, Back Office	Job matching BtoC	18-19%			
Agent Business	POD Professionals On Demand	SMBs Large companies	Engineer, Designer IT/business consultant	Talent staffing BtoBtoC	14-17%			
) Based on performance in FY2022								



Service Details

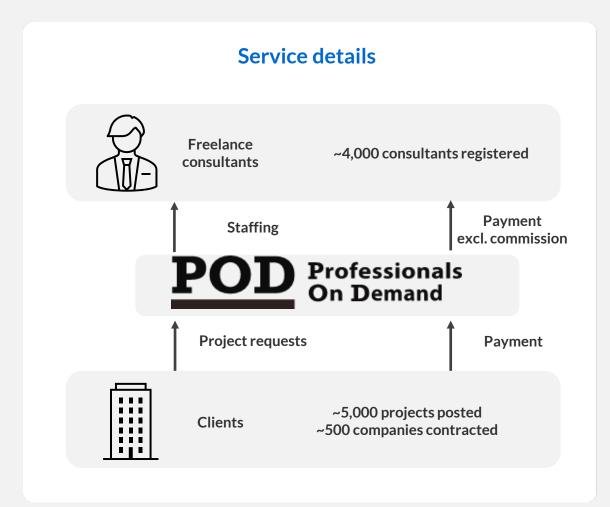
Provide multiple service models to clients, using a common freelancer platform





Work Style Lab, Inc.

Work Style Lab, Inc. provides "Professionals On Demand (POD)" as its main service, which matches professional consultants to SMBs and large enterprises



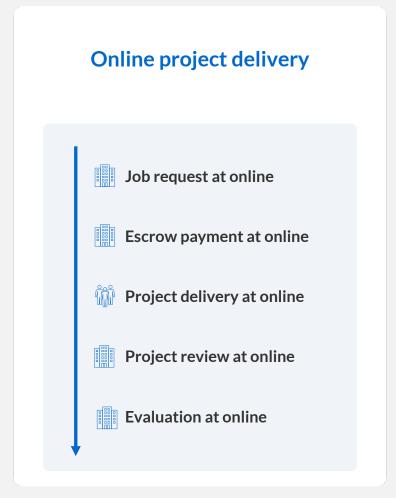


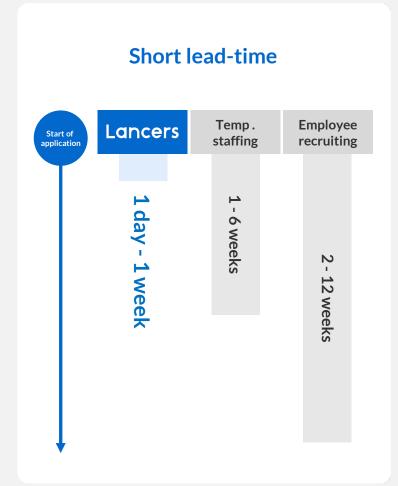


Differences from Traditional Staffing Services

Provide online job platform matching professional talents, with much shorter lead-time than traditional staffing services





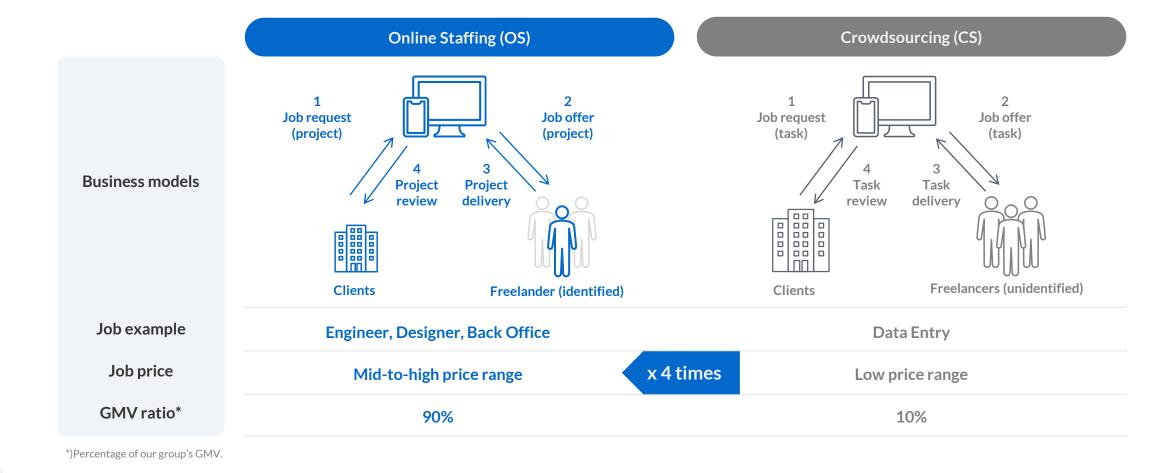




Business Model

Our business model is defined as online staffing platform, rather than crowdsourcing

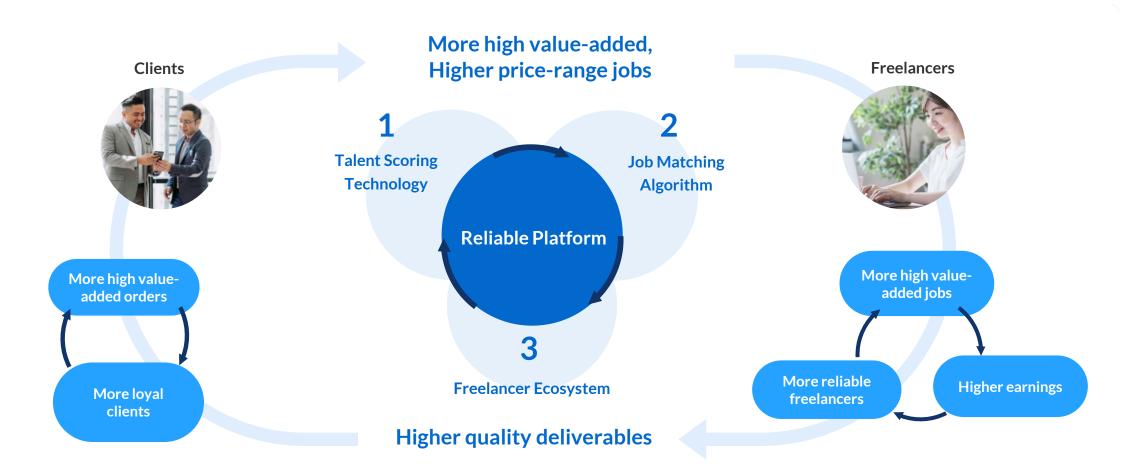
 *)Online staffing (OS) is an abbreviation for online staffing platform .





Lancers' Strengths: High Value-Added Platform

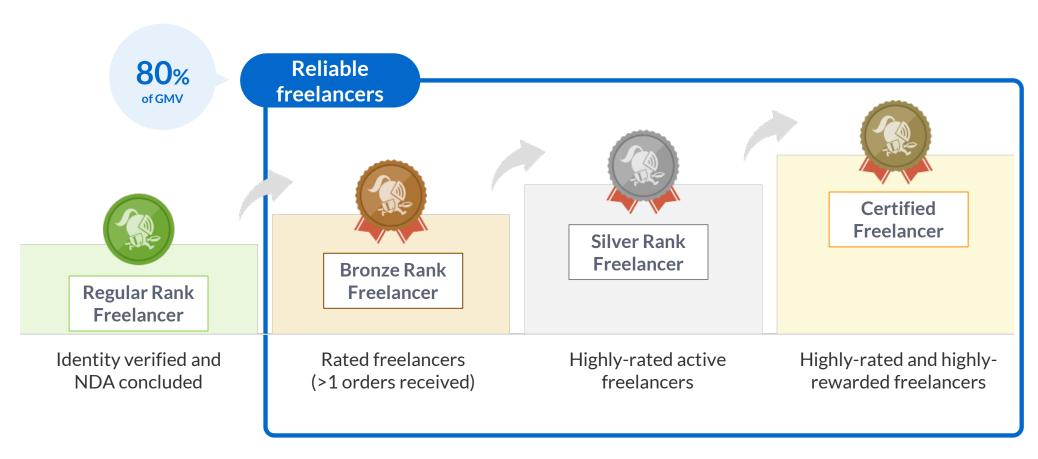
Lancers is a reliable and high-value added job platform





Definition of "Reliable Freelancers"

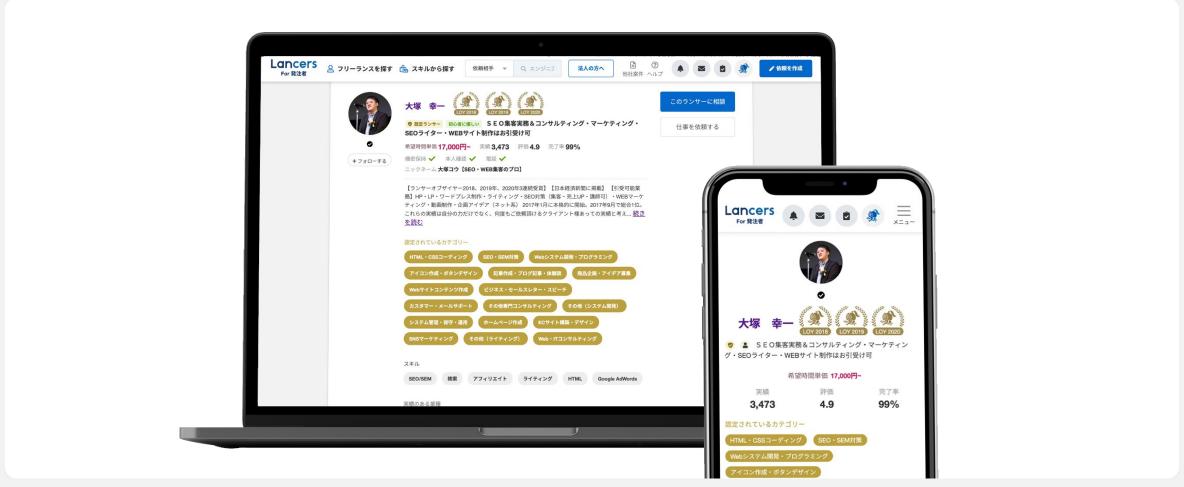
"Reliable freelancers" are defined and measured by Lancers' unique ranking algorithm





1. Talent Scoring Technology

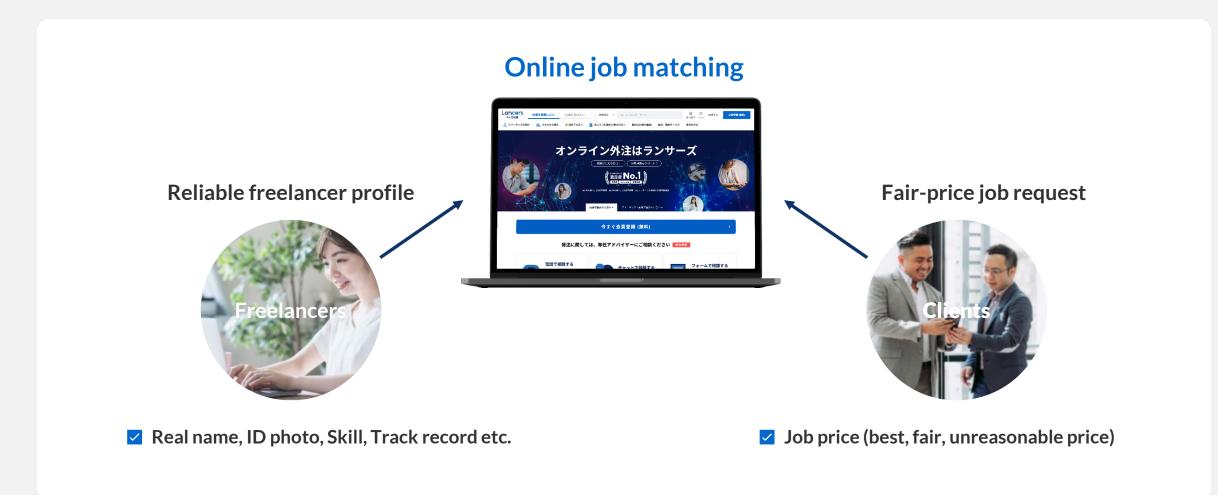
Our platform highly recommends real-name-based reliable freelancers in its search experience





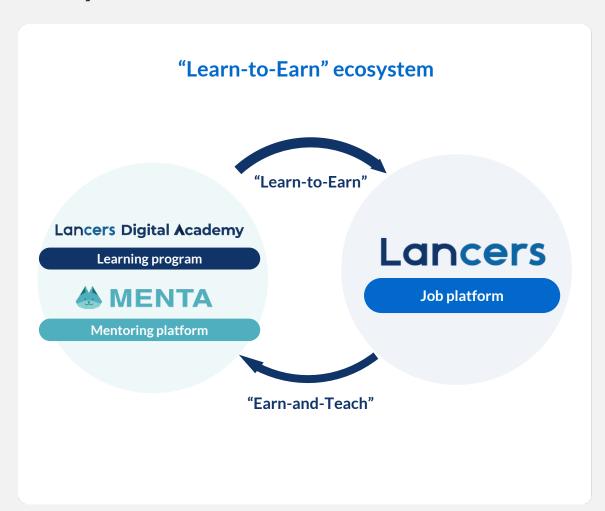
2. Job Matching Algorithm

Our platform promotes job matching with a fair market price using our unique algorithm



3. Freelancer Ecosystem

Our platform incubates and retains qualified freelancers with a unique "learn-to-earn" ecosystem



Features of "Lancers Digital Academy"



Provide practical skills and knowledge of top players in the industry



Provide fully online-based video learning courses



Provide innovative learning experience in a virtual classroom

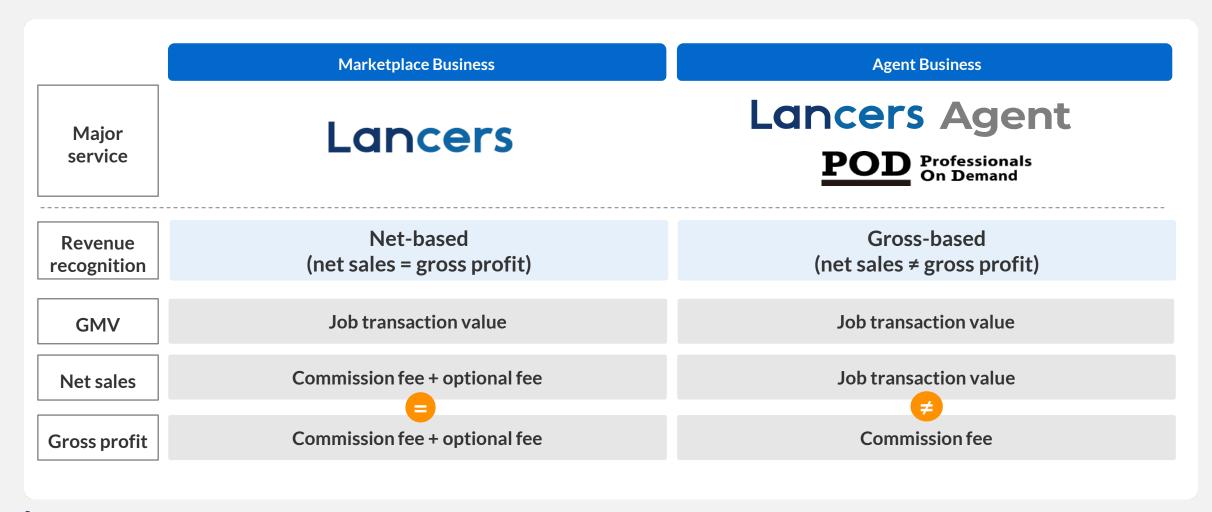


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Revenue Recognition for Each Segment

Using different revenue recognition standards for 2 business segments





Financial Results by Segment* for 1Q of FY2023 (Single Quarter)

Progress is on track for each business. Completed acquisition of Work Style Lab, Inc. and accelerate creating business synergies in 2Q onward for Agent business

*) Based on management accounting standards.

	1Q(sing	Q(single quarter) of FY Ending March 31, 2023			4Q of FY Ending 2022 (Previous single		FY Ending March 31, 2023 (Forecast)		
(Unit: Million JPY)	GMV (YoY)	Gross profit (YoY)	Operating/ Segment profit	Operating margin	GMV % change	Gross profit % change	GMV %Progress	Gross profit %Progress	
Marketplace business	1,814 +13.0%	356 +19.6%	47	9.9%	+8.9%	+15.0%	25.1%	24.5%	
Agent business	832 +44.6%	144 +74.4%	△13	-	+17.8%	+44.9%	17.8%	15.3%	
Others*	0	△2	△2	-	-	-	-	-	
shared cost**	-	-	△169	-	-	-	-	-	
Company-wide total	2,647 +6.1%	498 +3.7%	△136	-	△1.6%	△4.4%	-	-	

^{*)} Includes other gross merchandise value ,gross profit, consolidation adjustments, etc., based on managerial accounting standards.

^{**)} Includes corporate expenses (corporate, development, etc.). Expenses directly related to business segments are not included as they are considered business expenses.



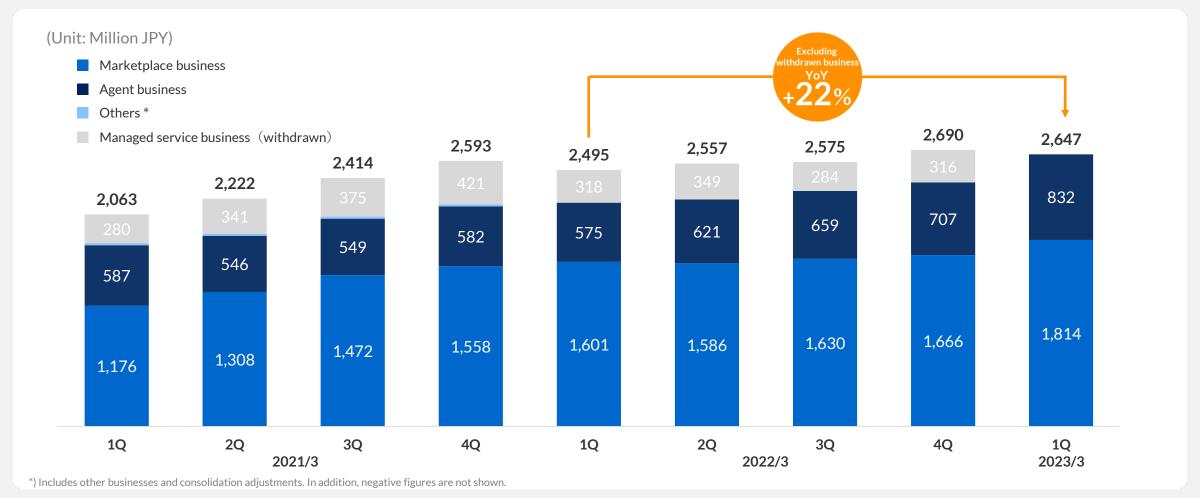
		FY2019			FY2020		FY2021			FY2022				
	(Unit: Million JPY)	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q
GMV	Marketplace business	1,106	1,131	1,180	1,170	1,176	1,308	1,472	1,558	1,601	1,586	1,630	1,666	1,814
	Agent business	410	489	566	617	587	546	549	582	575	621	659	707	832
	Others*	0	3	3	0	18	25	16	31	0	0	0	0	-
	Managed service business	260	389	370	413	280	341	375	421	318	349	284	316	-
Gross profit	Marketplace business	213	222	224	223	220	242	269	288	297	294	304	309	356
	Agent business	63	76	85	89	89	78	82	86	83	92	96	99	144
	Others*	10	14	13	29	12	14	8	17	-1	-3	-4	-4	-2
	Managed service business	89	142	140	155	106	129	129	150	102	123	96	115	-
Profit by segment	Marketplace business	-186	107	102	-34	104	111	143	154	98	54	22	-6	47
	Agent business	-4	7	16	18	21	13	13	24	16	20	19	11	-13
	Others*	-102	-120	-126	-134	-131	-136	-159	-147	-156	-175	-170	-167	-171
	Managed service business	23	60	51	13	-10	13	3	19	-0	30	6	27	_

^{*)} Includes other Gross Merchandise Value amount, 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.



Gross Merchandise Value (Consolidated)

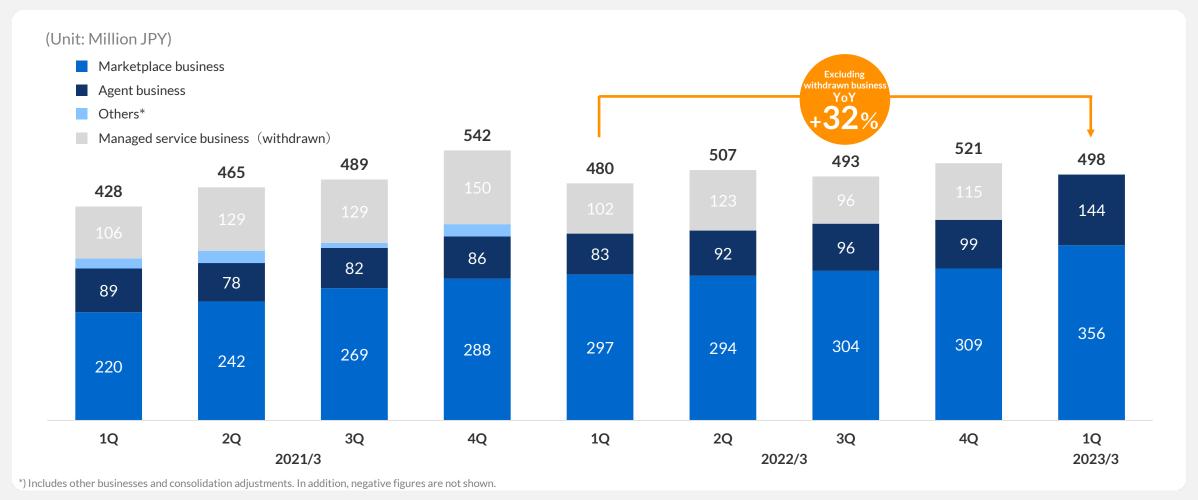
GMV excluding withdrawn business increased 22% YoY





Gross Profit (Consolidated)

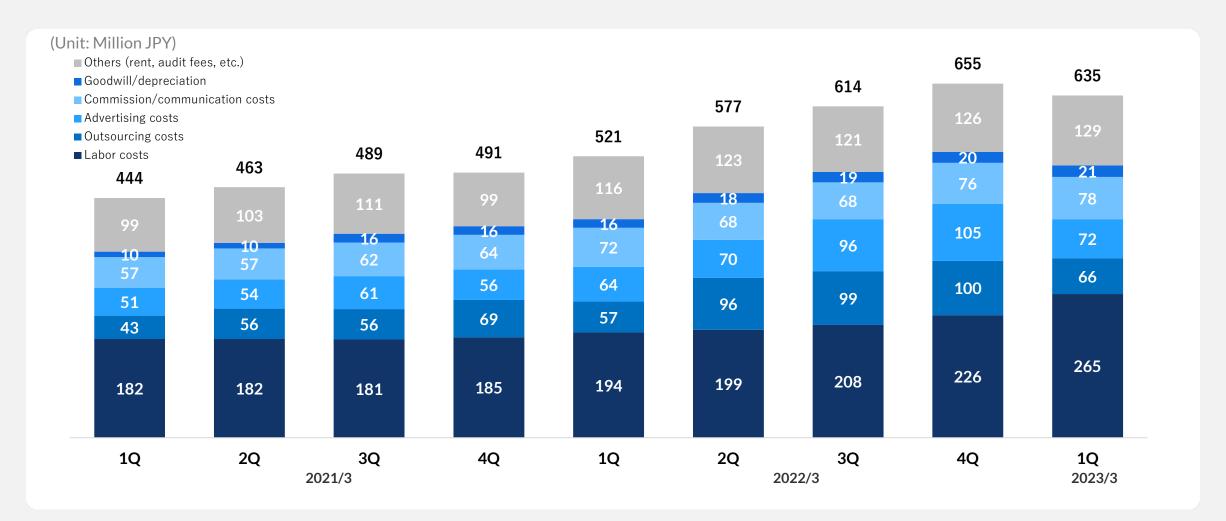
Gross profit excluding withdrawn business increased by 32% YoY





SG&A Expenses (Consolidated)

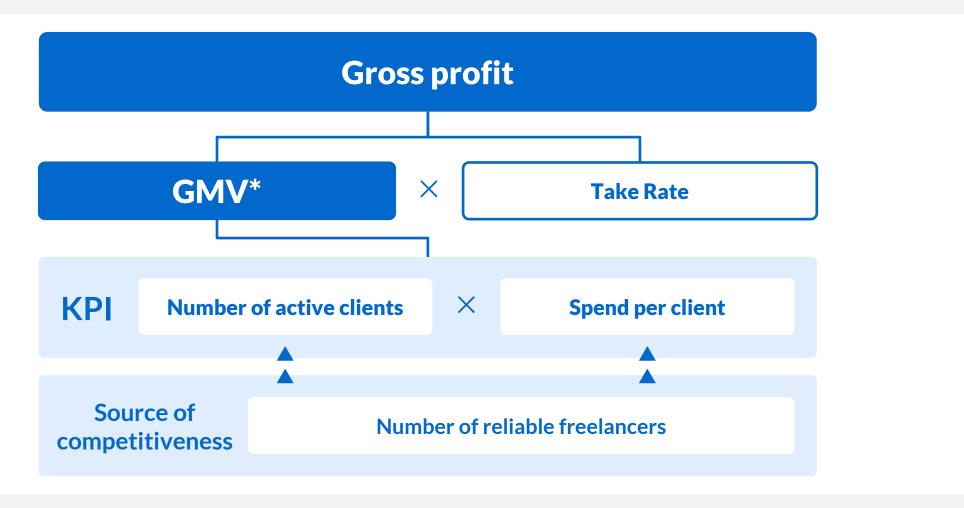
SG&A increase is mainly due to acquisition of Work Style Lab, Inc.





KPI Structure

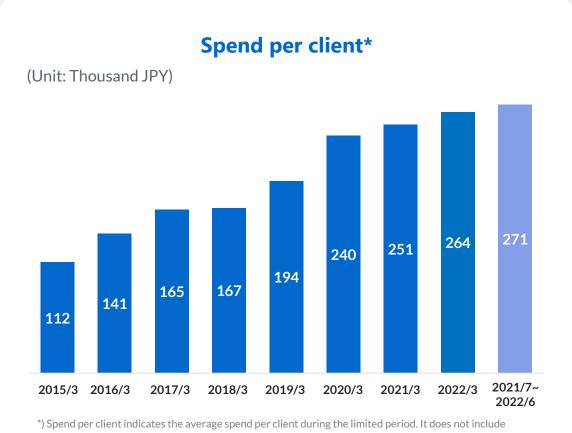
Gross profit and GMV are the most important metrics, with its growth coming from active clients and its continuous spend



KPI Summary

Number of active clients and its spend remain steady despite the impact of withdrawn business





businesses in other areas such as "Lancers AREA PARTNER". "Sharefull" and "MENTA".



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Business Policy for FY2023

Focus on growth of Marketplace and Agent businesses while completely withdrawing from Managed Service business. Improve productivity and return to profitability from 4Q onward

Marketplace Business

Accelerate growth

Increase number of new clients
Improve take rate by adding PF value

Agent Business

Regrow

Expand organization
Enter into new job category

Managed Service Business

Withdraw

Close existing services

Transfer customers to other services

Company-Wide

Improve productivity to achieve constant profitability from next FY onward



Mid-Term Business Policy

Become a high growth and high profitability platform accelerating core 2 businesses' growth

1 Investment in Marketplace Business to achieve 40% GMV growth in 3 years

Accelerate growth of Marketplace & Agent Business

Target company-wide gross profit 4 billion and GMV 20 billion JPY with +30% CAGR

Target company-wide gross profit 3-3.5 billion JPY

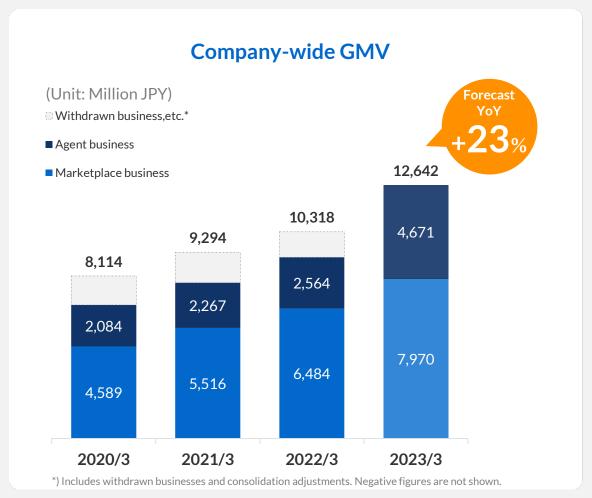
Become a high growth and high profitability platform.

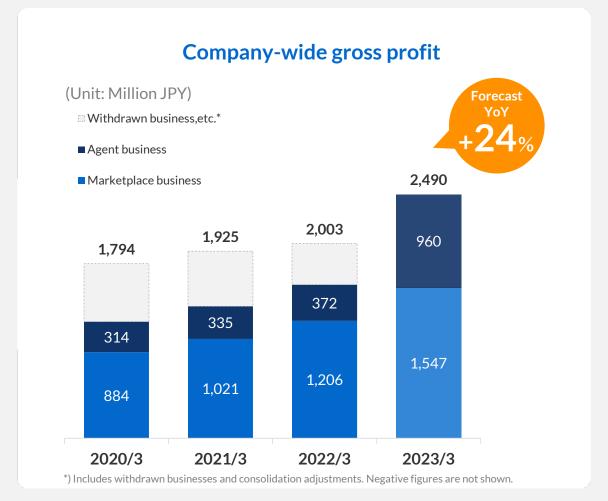
Return to profitability in 3 years while continuing investment



Business Plan for FY2023

Increase GMV by +23% YoY and gross profit by +24% YoY

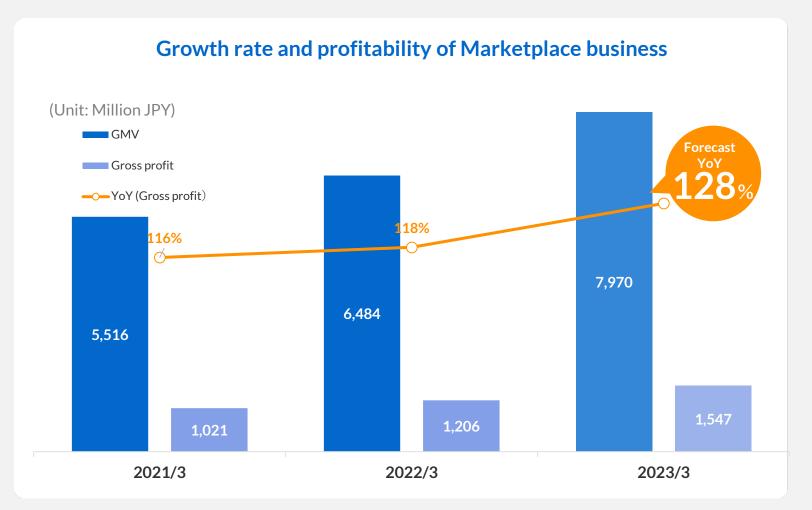






Marketplace Business: Business Plan for FY2023

Continue marketing and product investment to strengthen new client acquisition, while improving take rate through platform value-add to increase gross profit



Strategy in FY 2023 Expand new client base through

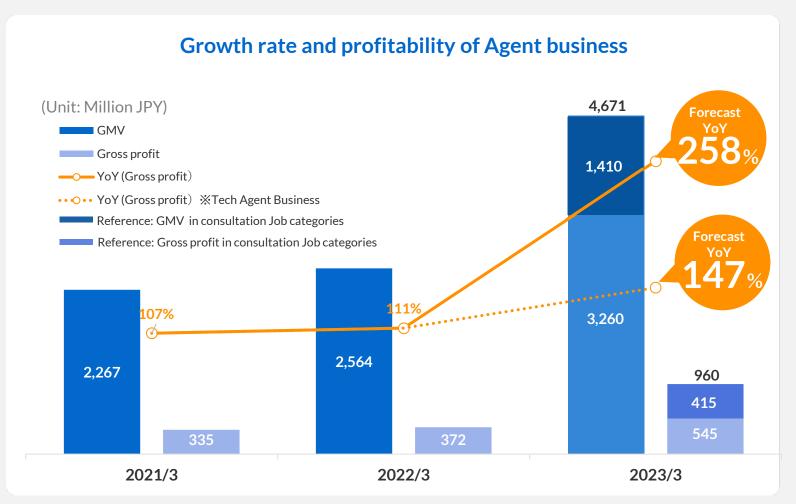
Increase No. of clients and ARPU through product investment

disciplined marketing investment

Improve take rate through platform value-add

Agent Business: Business Plan for FY2023

Grow organization size and expand job categories to increase gross profit



Strategy in FY 2023

Increase GMV through organizational expansion

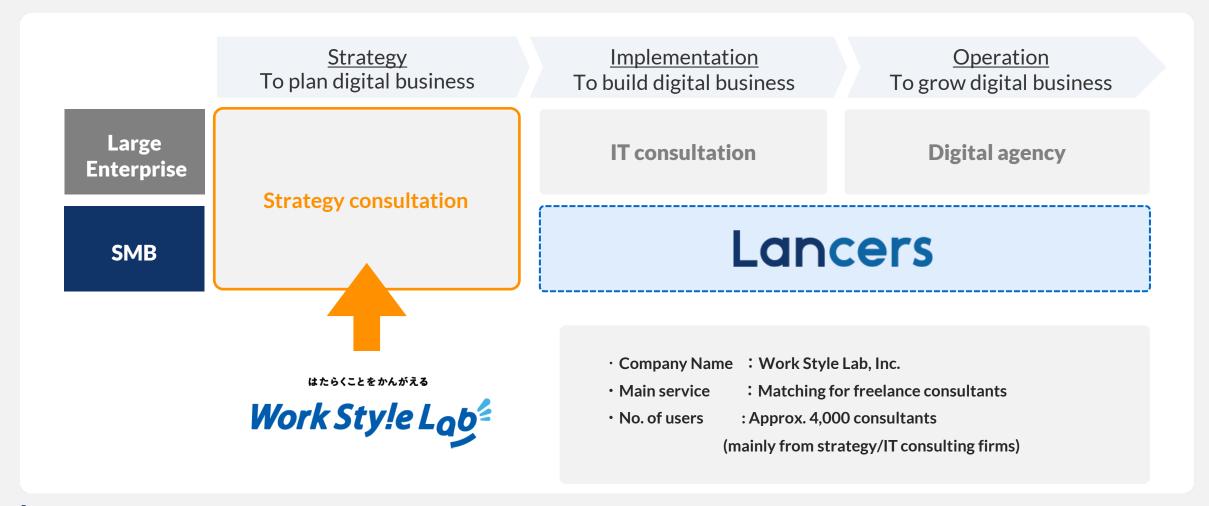
iob category expansion

Improve productivity per HC through system investment



Agent Business: Expand job categories by M&A

Completed the acquisition of Work style Lab, Inc. to expand its consultation job category, achieving end-to-end SMBs' digital business support from strategy to operation





Forecast for FY2023

Improve operating loss from the previous FY, controlling SG&A expenses excluding the impact of Wok Style Lab acquisition

(Unit: Million JPY)	FY ending March 31, 2022 (previous period)	FY ending March 31, 2023 (forecast)	YoY
GMV*	10,318	12,642	+22.5%
Net sales	4,073	5,401	+32.6%
Gross profit	2,003	2,490	+24.3%
SG&A	2,370	2,780	+17.3%
Operating income /loss	△367	△289	+77
Ordinary income /loss	△358	△284	+74
Net income /loss	△672	△286	+385

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Increase Marketplace' gross profit by +28% YoY and Agent business by +158% YoY

*) Based on management accounting standards.

FY ending March	31,	2023	(forecast)
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(Unit: Million JPY)	GMV (YoY)	Gross profit (YoY)	Take rate (YoY)	Operating/ Segment profit	Operating margin
Marketplace business	7,970 +22.9%	1,547 +28.3%	19.4% +0.8pt	338	17.8%
Agent business	4,671 +82.2%	960 +158.1%	20.6% -	17	0.5%
Others*	-	△17	-	△17	-
shared cost**	-		-	△628	-
Company-wide total	12,642 +22.5%	2,490 +24.3%	19.7% +0.29pt	△289	-

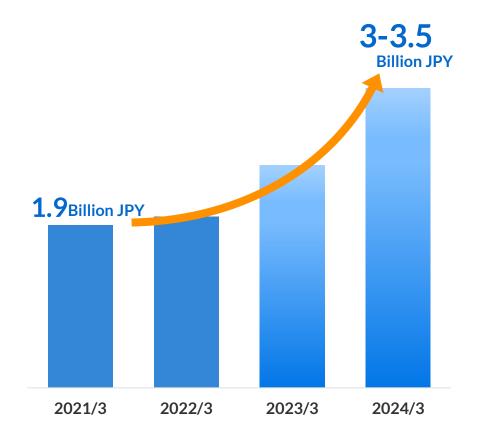
^{*)} Includes other gross merchandise value ,gross profit, consolidation adjustments, etc., based on managerial accounting standards.

^{**)} Includes corporate expenses (corporate, development, etc.). Expenses directly related to business segments are not included as they are considered business expenses.



Mid-Term Business Plan: Overview





Improve profits by restructuring peripheral businesses

- Increase profits by regrowth of tech Agent business (consolidated into Agent business)
- Improve profitability by restructuring Managed service business

Expand business by building ecosystem for individuals

- Provide individuals opportunities to gain more earnings beyond existing job PF
- Provide value-add services to individuals such as education etc.

Increase client LTV through platform evolution

- Provide various types of job matching mechanisms
- Improve take-rate by more platform value-add
- Promote continuous PF usage by strengthening customer success

Acquire new clients by category expansion

- Enable to explore more niche categories meeting market demand
- Launch new job categories with high market demands
- Enter into high value-added consultation job category



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Important Business Risks (1/2)

Identify major risks which might have a significant impact on business execution and operation, taking right measures to address those risks

Major business risks	Possibility/ duration	Impact on business execution	Examples of risk scenario	Major counter-actions
Changes in competitive landscape	Mid/ Short-term	 Decrease in market share Decrease in profitability 	 More intensive competitive landscape, less competitive advantage in the market Possible fundamental & structural changes in business model 	 Building services that pursue appropriate usability, with enhanced customer support functions Developing businesses that truly meet the success of users in the long-term
Changes in government laws and regulations	Low/ Long-term	 Impact on business operations 	 Less growth in freelancer population and side- job workers than expected, due to possible changes in government policies and market trend accordingly 	Reduce business risks by gathering information on labour-related laws and regulations
Information security	Low/ Occasionally	Outflow of customersDamage on brand equity	Damage in brand social credibility due to leakage of personal or confidential information, caused by unauthorized access from outside or defects in internal management systems	 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 JIPDEC



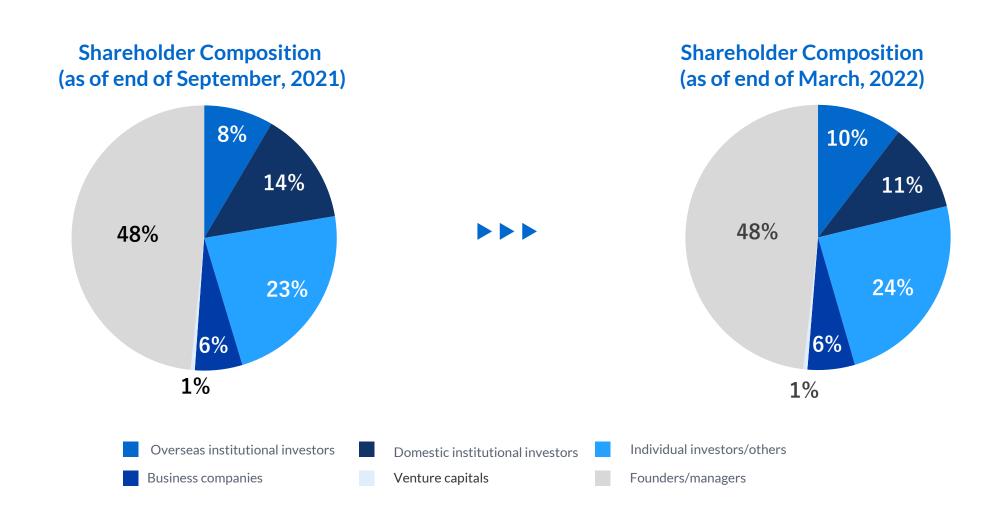
Important Business Risks (2/2)

Identify major risks which might have a significant impact on business execution and operation, taking right measures to address those risks

Major business risks	Possibility/ duration	Impact on business execution	Examples of risk scenarios	Major counter-actions
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, rapid traffic increase, software malfunctions, unauthorized access, computer virus infections etc. 	Ensuring a security system to prevent unauthorized external access and saving service data in the cloud
Acquisition and retention of employees	Mid/ Med-term	Loss of competitivenessImpact on business operations	Our business performance may be affected if well-trained employees cannot be sufficiently secured or if such talents cannot be adequately retained	 Acquiring highly motivated excellent talents who fully understand our mission and vision Implementing measures to develop internal talents – such as personnel system aligning with business strategy
Uncertainty of new businesses	Low/ Long-term	Impact on inorganic growth	New business may not proceed as planned and investment may not be returned if unexpected situations may happen	 Building multiple business plans & scenarios carefully analysing market situation Strengthening monitoring system to minimize the impact on our business performance.



Shareholder Composition



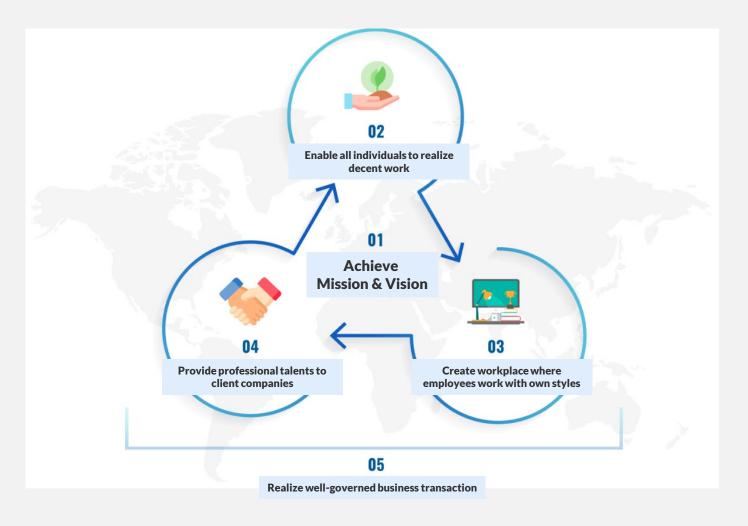


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