

Financial Results 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023

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Highlights

Marketplace Business Gross profit YoY(2Q) 357_{million JPY} +21% **Agent Business** Gross profit YoY(2Q) 202_{million JPY} + 119%

Results for 2Q of FY2023

- Progress is on track in terms of GMV and gross profit. Operating loss bottomed out and is improving in Q2. Continue SG&A optimization and return to profitability in 4Q onward
 - Progress: 43% of GMV, 42% of gross profit vs Full-Year forecast
 - GMV: 2.83 billion JPY (+28% YoY excluding withdrawn businesses)
 - Gross profit: 0.55 billion JPY (+45% YoY excluding existing businesses)
 - Operating loss: -0.10 billion JPY (-0.07 billion JPY YoY, -0.13 billion JPY in previous Quarter)
- Gross profit increased by 21% YoY for Marketplace Business, and by 119% YoY for Agent Business. Accelerate growth in the second half of the year
 - Marketplace Business : Increase spend per client by product initiatives, while improving new client acquisition
 - Agent Business: Increasing business productivity in terms of gross profit per HC as planned. Further strengthen new client acquisition and collaboration with Workstyle Lab, Inc

Topics for 2Q of FY2023

- Spend per client continues to grow by product feature updates ex. repeater function
- Promote legally compliant platform transactions for freelancer protection and invoice system

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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

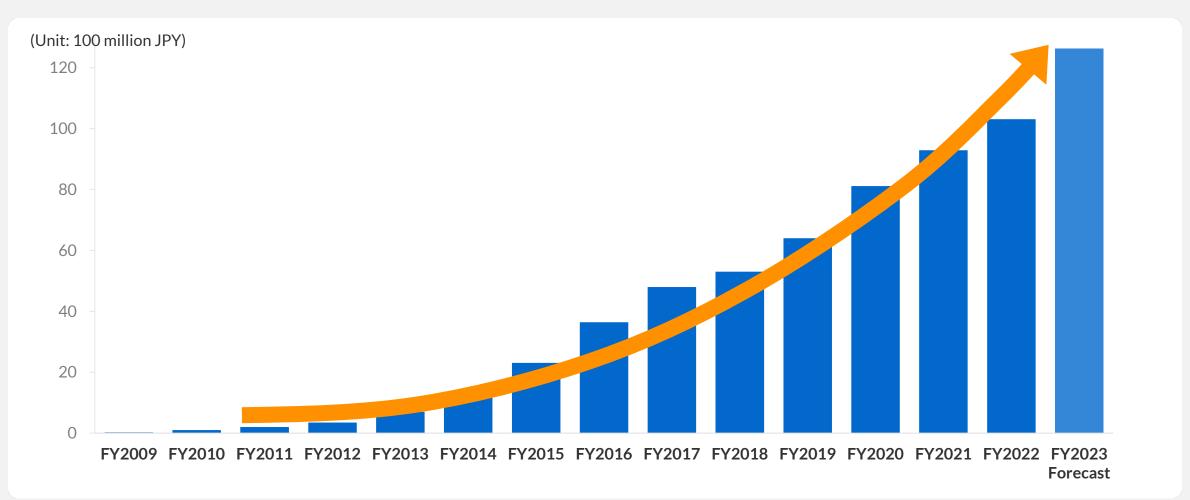
Organization

Approx. 200 employees*

*) Excluding directors and temporary workers (part-timers)

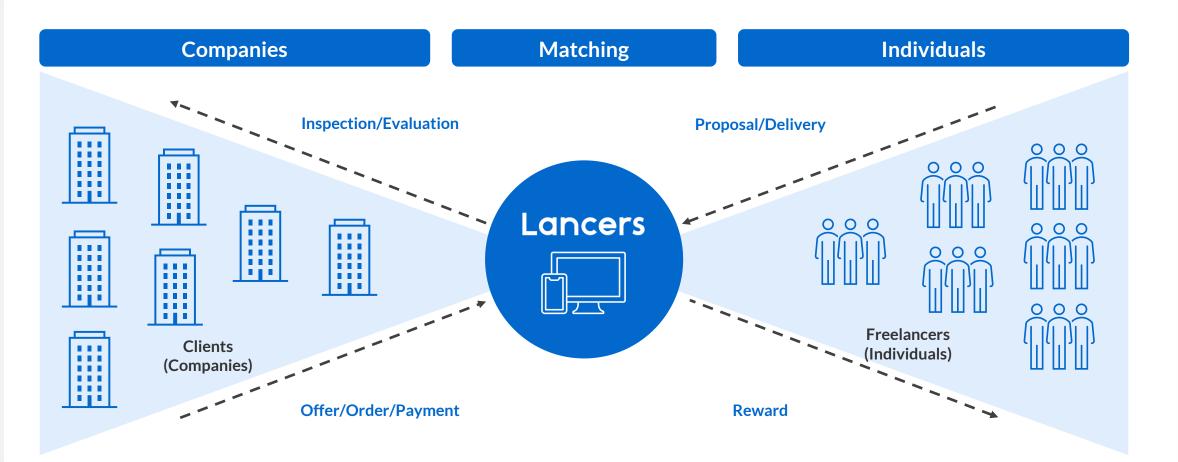
Growth History

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



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,

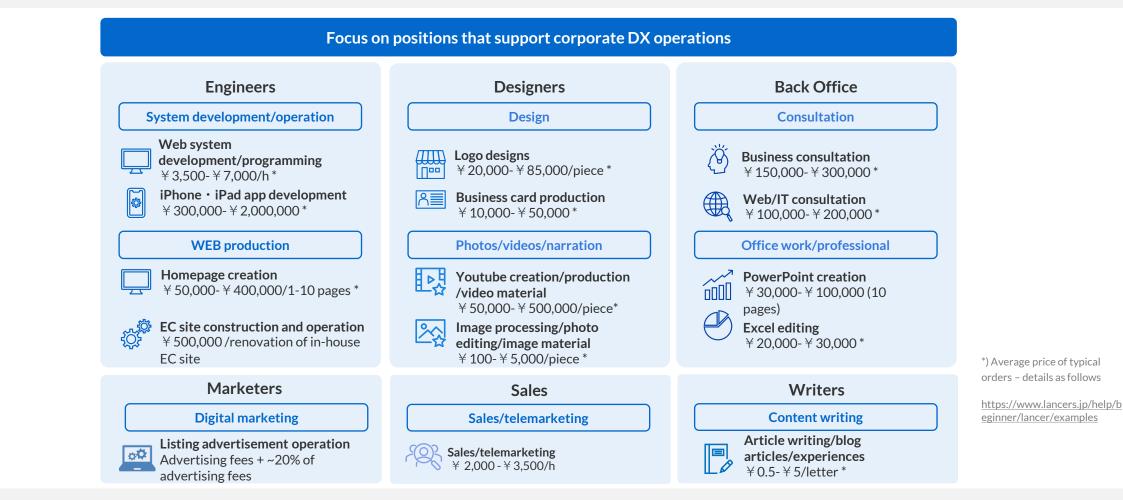
We solve one of the biggest issues in Japan - to build sustainable local society



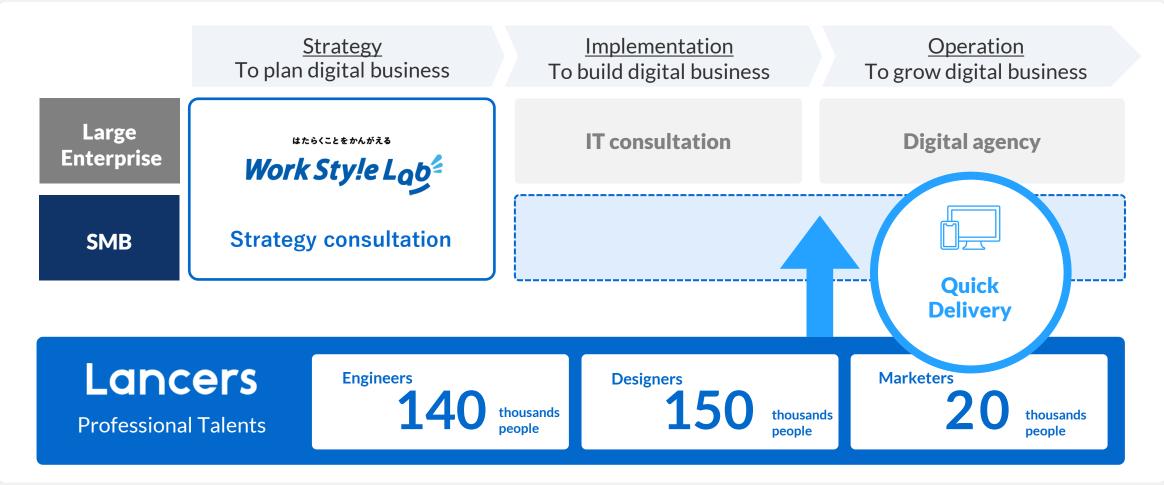
*) GMV of Landers alone, the ratio of GMV of Lancers whose place of residence is other than Tokyo (July to September 2022). **) GMV of Lancers alone, the ratio of GMV of clients who are based in Tokyo (July to September 2022).

Service Overview : Job Categories

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



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



Case Study

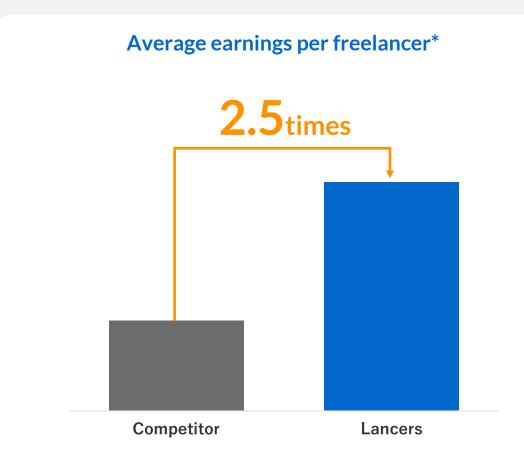
Impact on SMBs' revenue growth & cost reduction - ex. EC business launch & growth

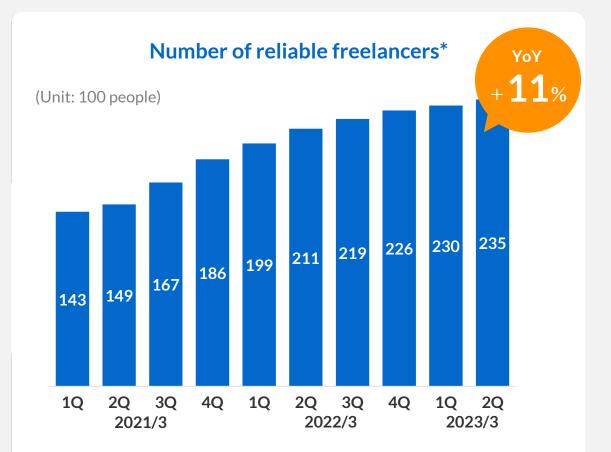


Lancers is a reliable and high-value added job platform



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





*) "Reliable freelancers" are measured by Lancers' unique ranking algorithm

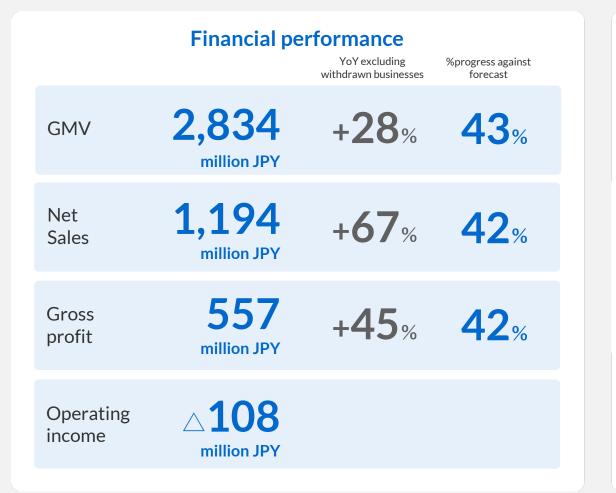
*) Comparison of average earnings per freelancer from April 2020 to March 2021.

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GMV and gross profit progress is on track against earnings forecast



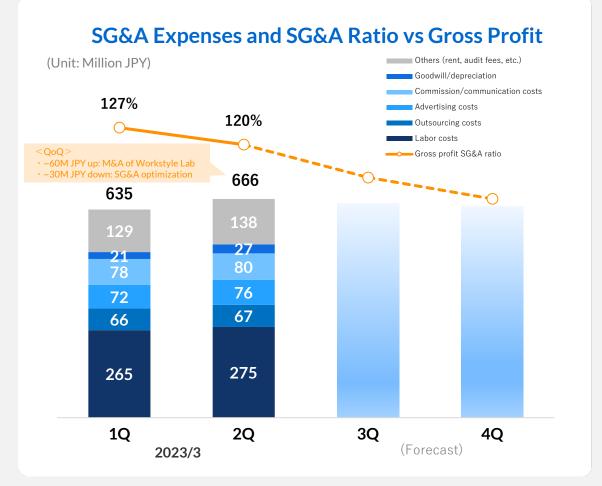
(単位:百万円) ■ Marketplace Business ■ Agent Business ■ Others** ■ Managed Service Business(withdrawn) 557 542 521 507 489 480 493 498 465 428 202 144 99 96 83 92 86 82 89 78 356 357 309 304 297 294 288 269 242 220 1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q 1Q 2Q 3Q 1Q 2Q 4Q 2021/3 2022/3 2023/3

Gross profit by business segment*

*) Business divisions of our group based on management accounting standards **) "Others" includes other businesses and consolidation adjustments

SG&A Expenses

SG&A ratio against Gross Profit is decreasing by business process re-engineering and productivity improvement initiatives – aim to further optimize SG&A expenses



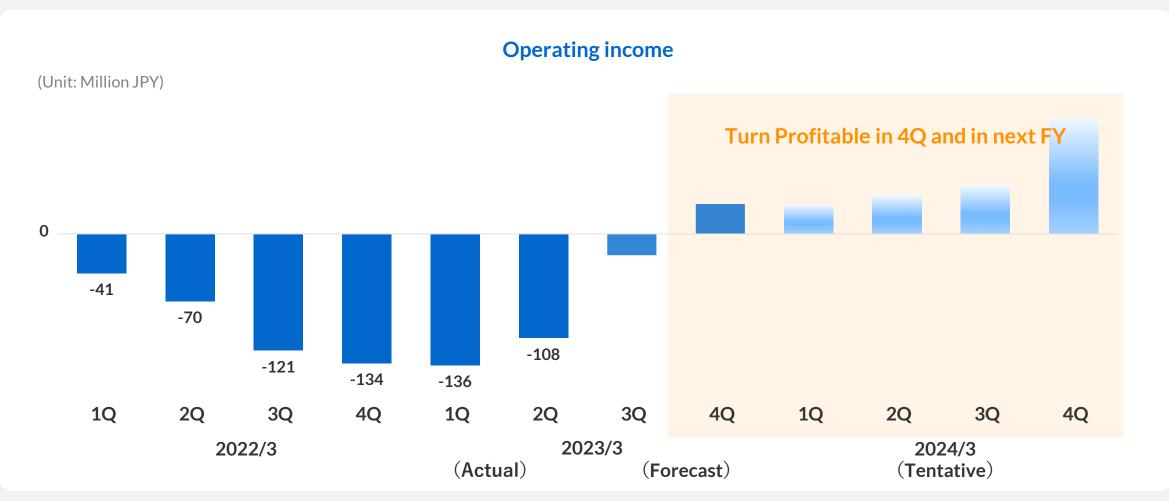
SG&A Optimization



*) Abbreviation for Business Process Re-engineering. It refers to a fundamental review of the existing organization and systems toward the original purpose of the business, and redesigning the duties, business flow, management structure, and information systems from a process perspective.

Operating Income

Showing a steady progress towards profitability in 4Q of FY2023. Losses bottomed out in 1Q, and losses in 2Q were smaller than predicted



Topline progressed as planned – accelerate gross profit growth in the 2nd half. SG&A expenses optimization is in progress (YoY increase is due to M&A of Workstyle Lab)

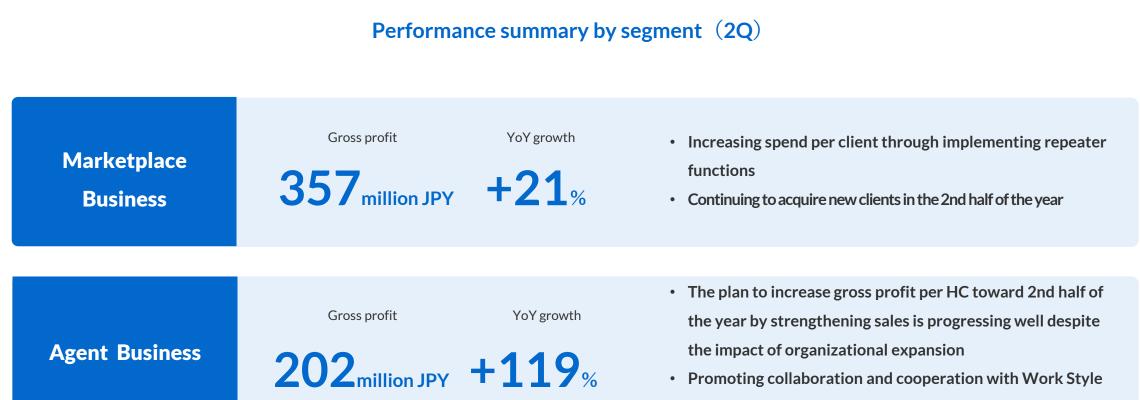
	FY Ending March 31, 2023 (2Q)	FY Ending March 31, 2022 (Previous 2Q)		FY Ending March 31, 2023 (2Q Total)	FY Ending March 31, 2022 (2Q Total)		FY Ending March 31, 2023 (Forecast)	
(Unit: Million JPY)	Actual	Actual	% YoY	Actual	Actual	% YoY	Forecast	% Progress
GMV*	2,834	2,557	+10.8%	5,481	5,053	+8.5%	12,642	43.4%
Net sales	1,194	1,033	+15.6%	2,242	2,004	+11.8%	5,401	41.5%
Gross profit	557	507	+9.8%	1,055	988	+6.8%	2,490	42.4%
SG&A	666	577	+15.3%	1,301	1,099	+18.4%	2,780	46.8%
Operating income/loss	△108	△70	-	△245	△111	-	△289	-
Ordinary income/loss	△107	△67	-	△242	△108	-	△284	-
Net income/loss	△112	△69	-	△248	△175	-	△286	-

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

1.2 billion JPY secured as bank loans, enabling to maintain a sufficient level of funds for business operations

	2Q of FY Ending March 31, 2023	FY Ending March 31, 2022 (Previous)		
(Unit: Million JPY)	Actual	Actual	change	
Current assets	2,167	2,360	△193	
Cash and deposits	1,426	1,600	△174	
Non-current assets	861	479	+381	
Goodwill	430	170	+260	
Total assets	3,029	2,840	+188	
Current liabilities	1,689	1,651	+38	
Customer deposits	783	838	△55	
Non-current liabilities	394	1	+393	
Net assets	944	1,188	△243	
Total liabilities/net assets	3,029	2,840	+188	

Updating our products in Marketplace Business to increase spend per client and attract new clients. Keeping on increasing gross profit per HC for Agent Business



Lab, Inc. and attracting new clients to accelerate growth

Lancers

*) Based on management accounting standards.

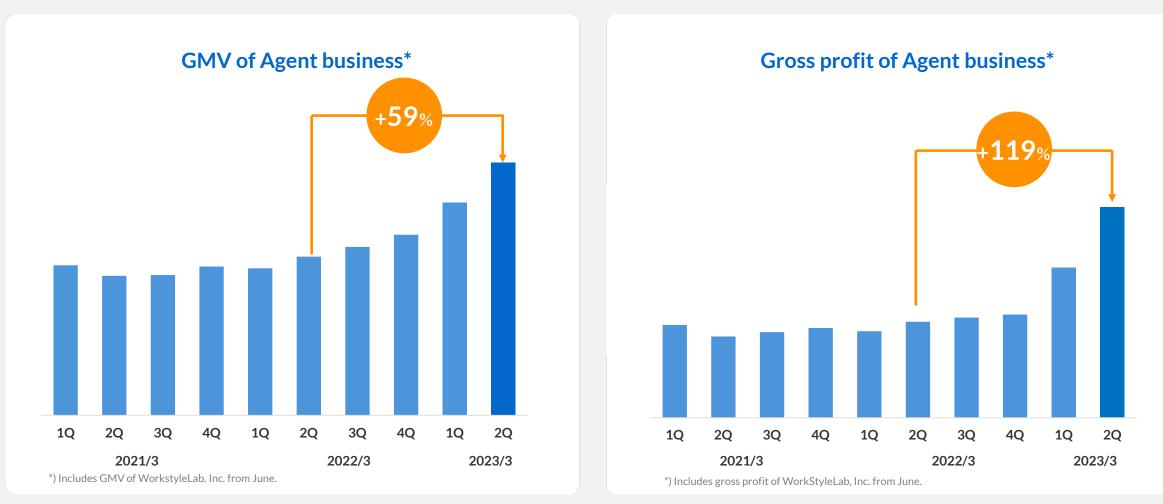
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Gross profit growing steadily by 21% YoY – Increase spend per client by product initiatives, while improving new client acquisition



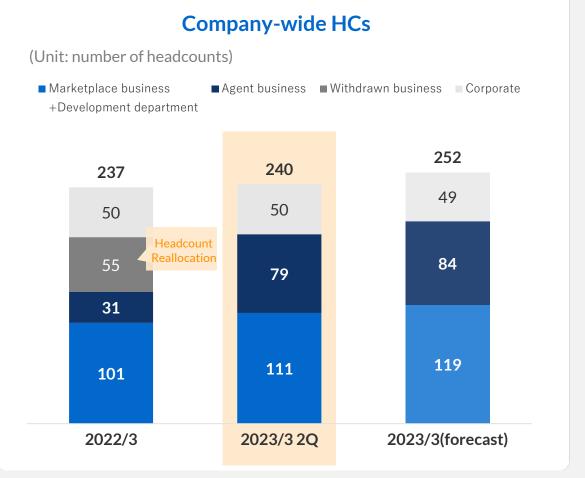
Agent Business

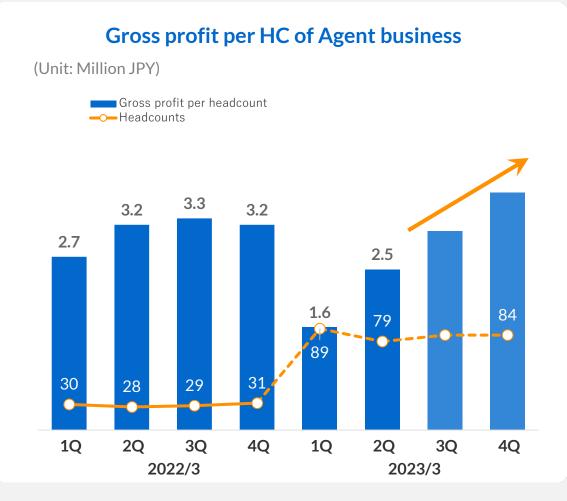
Gross profit increased by 119% YoY – Further strengthen new client acquisition and collaboration with Workstyle Lab, Inc.



Agent Business : Business Productivity Improvement

Gross profit per HC grew steadily due to strengthened sales force despite the impact of organizational expansion.



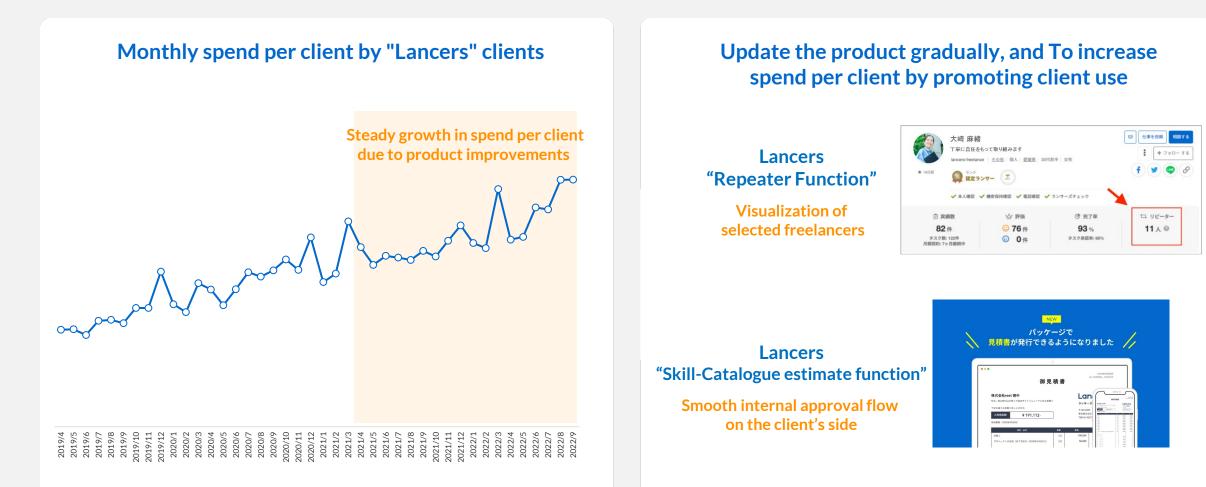


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Product Updates

Promote clients' continuous transaction by implementing product feature updates, resulting in steady growth of spend per client



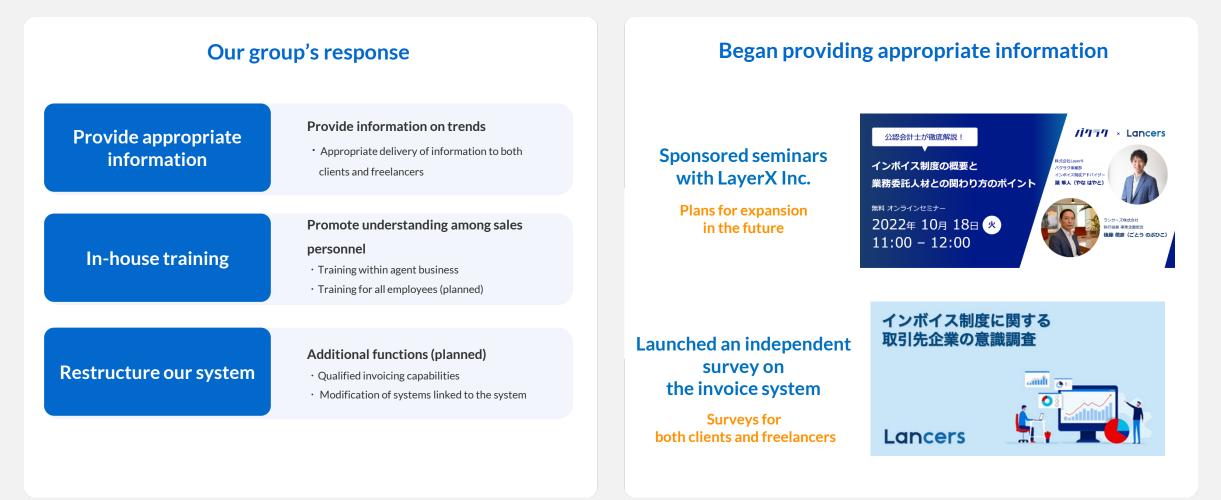
Various functions are already in place and will continue to promote platform transactions in compliance with regulations

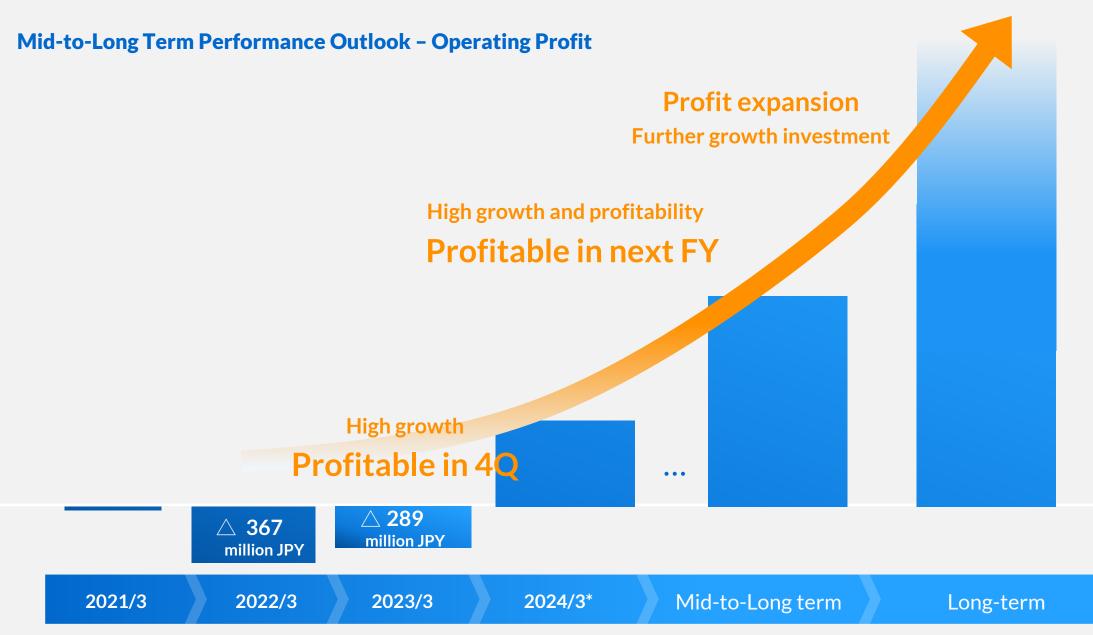
Our Commitment to Protect Freelancers

Perspectives on protecting freelancers	Our main initiatives
"Delayed payment"	 Optional function for requests in compliance with the Subcontracting Law (It implements automatic disbursement functions to set up the acceptance inspection flow and to ensure that the payment is received in the bank account within the deadline of the Subcontracting law)
"Unilateral change of job description"	 The job description of the contract cannot be changed without agreement of both parties once the contract is concluded. Providing services such as message highlighting, recommending reply within 24 hours, to avoid miscommunication
"Unreasonably low payment"	 AI-based payment deviation from the market based on job rank, and its presentation and correction alert function (Competition Skill-Catalogue) Setting the minimum amount for payment

Our Approach to Invoice System

Providing appropriate information through sponsored seminars and awareness surveys etc, for both clients and freelancers.





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

Mission



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



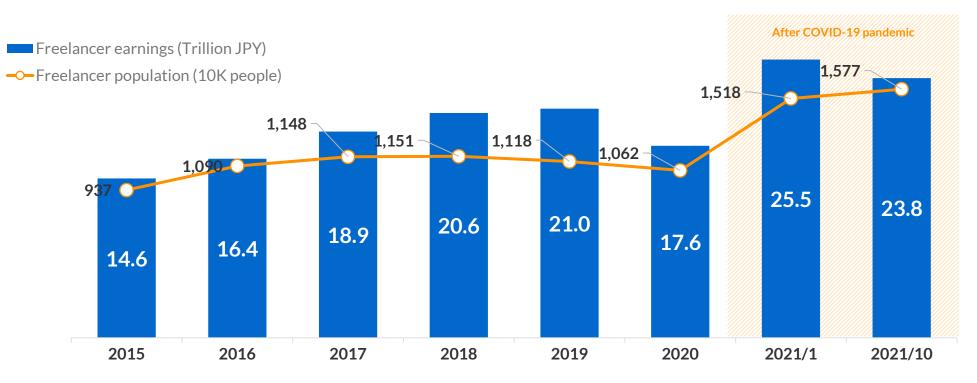
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Market Trend

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

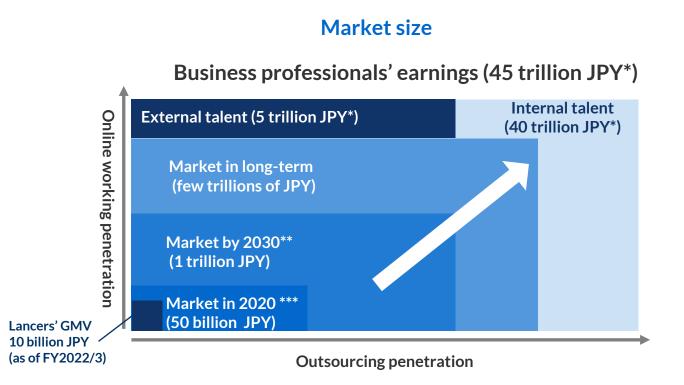
Freelancer earnings and population*



*) Reference from "New Freelance Survey 2021-2022". Please refer to the following URL for details: https://speakerdeck.com/lancers_pr/xin-huriransushi-tai-diao-cha-2021-2022nian-ban

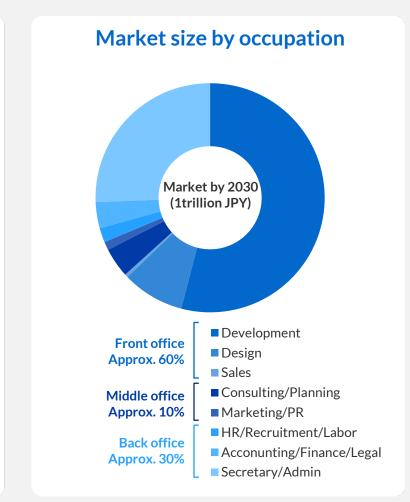
Market Potential

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

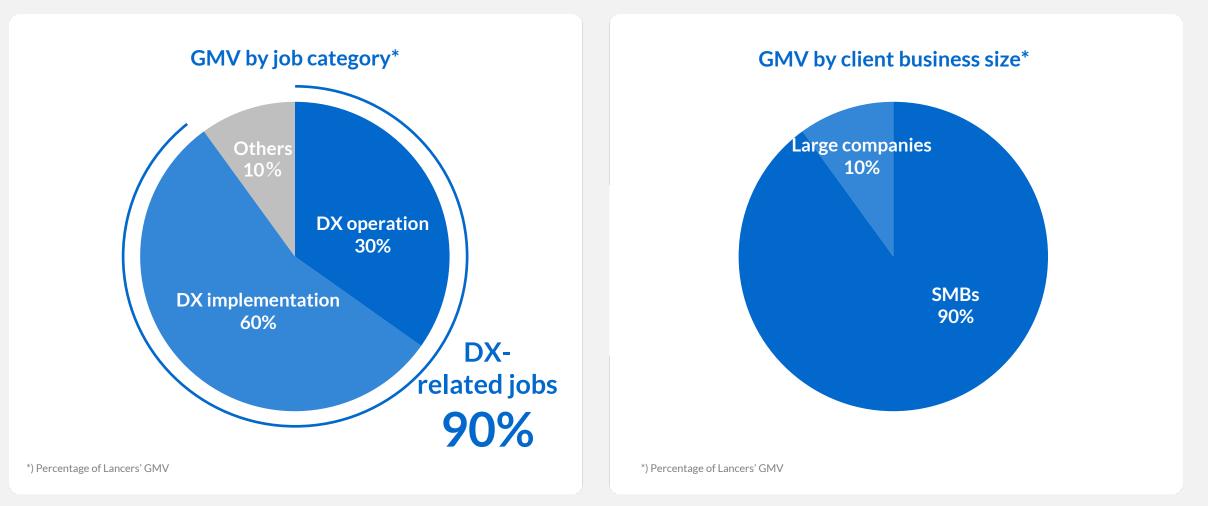


*) Calculated market size referring to 2015 National Census, 2016 Economic Census, Specified Service Industry Dynamic Statistics Survey August 2020, Reiwa 1st Annual Wage Structure Basic Statistics Survey, Yano Research Institute "2020-2021 BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) Market" Actual conditions and prospects", Industry Trends SEARCH.COM, Career Change Service doda" Average Annual Income Ranking by Job Type 2019"

) 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 disclosure of other companies in the same industry

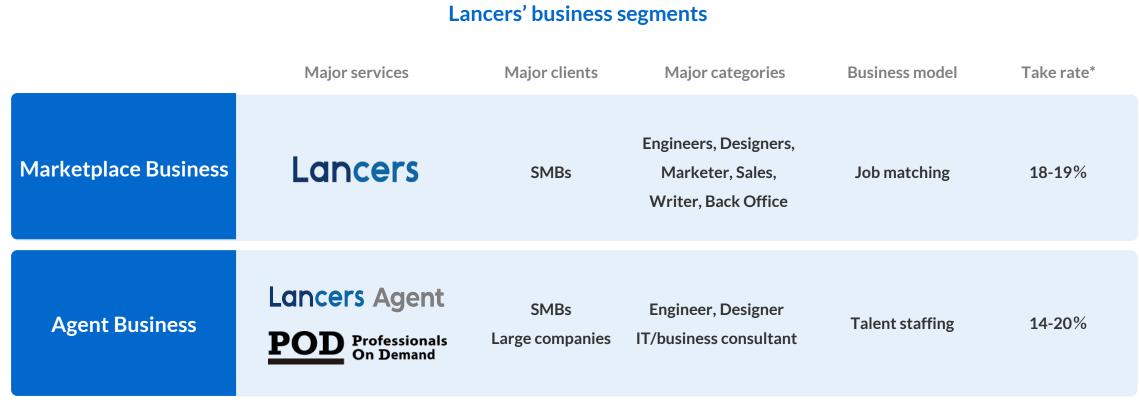


Lancers' main customers are SMBs, most of whose business needs are DX-related



Operating businesses in 2 segments with different business models

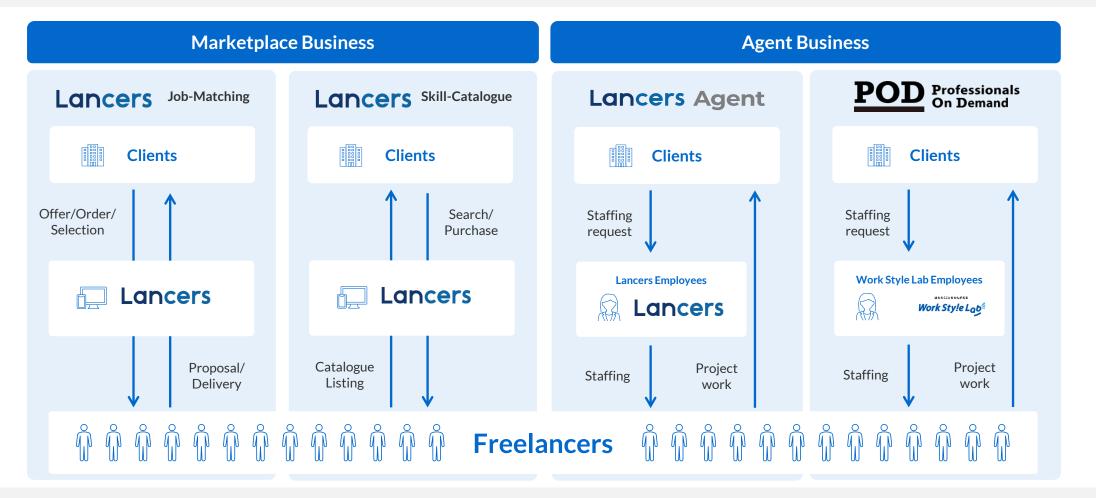
*) Based on management accounting standards



*) Based on performance over the last year

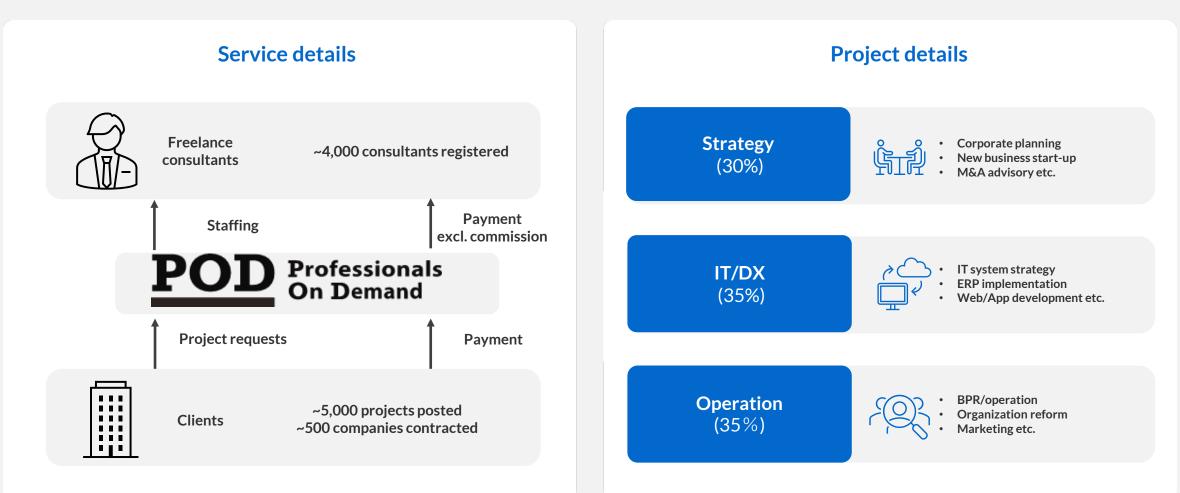
Service Details

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

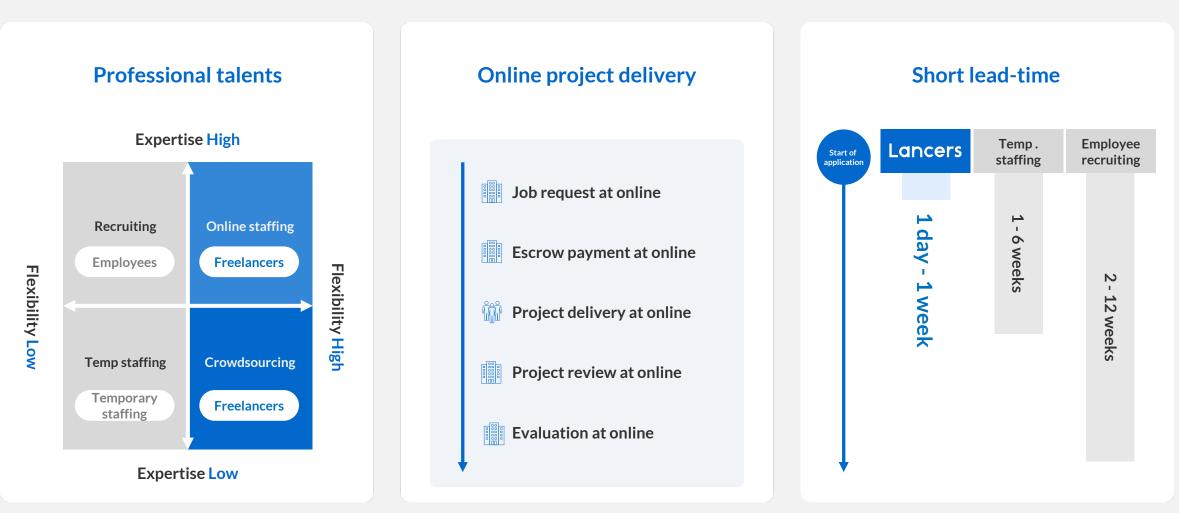


Work Style Lab, Inc.

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



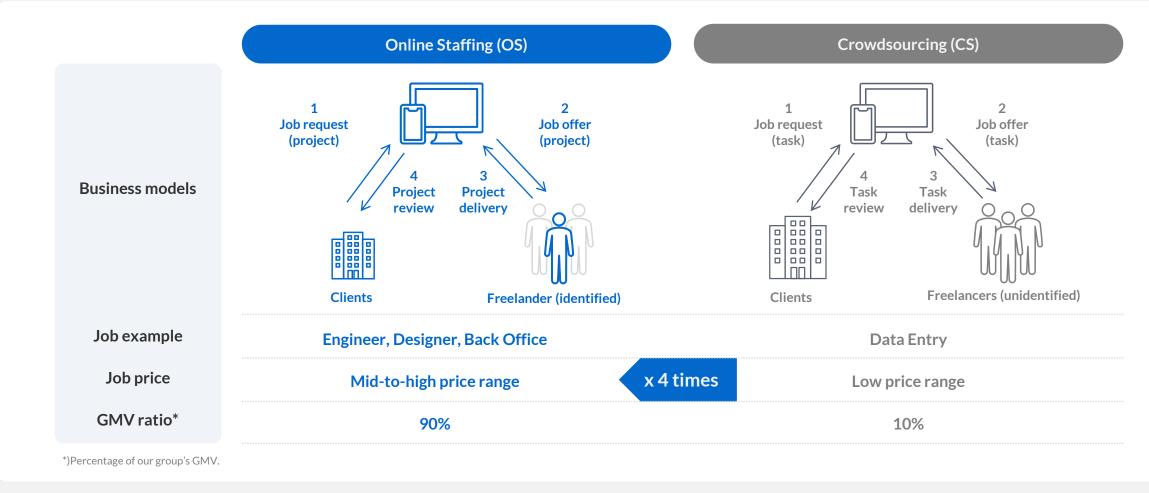
Provide online job platform matching professional talents, with much shorter lead-time than traditional staffing services



Business Model

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

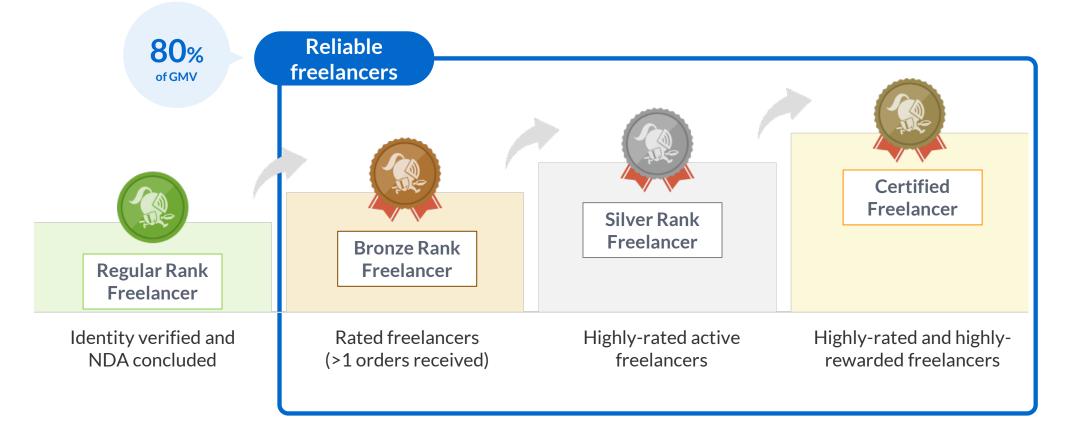
*)Online staffing (OS) is an abbreviation for online staffing platform .



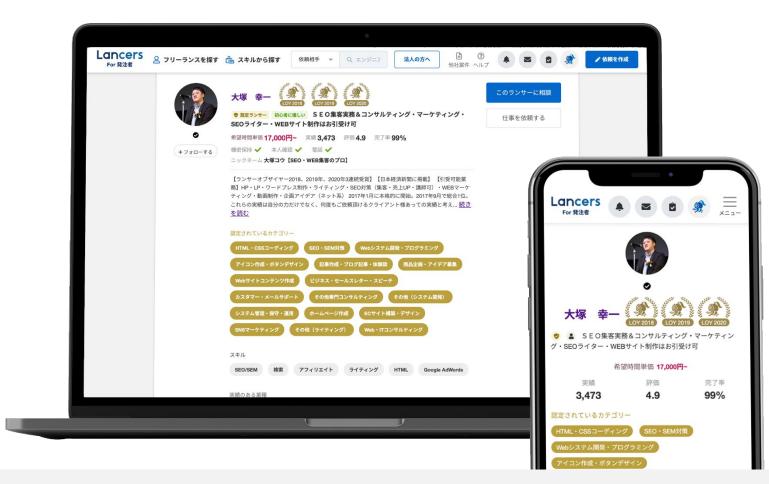
Lancers is a reliable and high-value added job platform



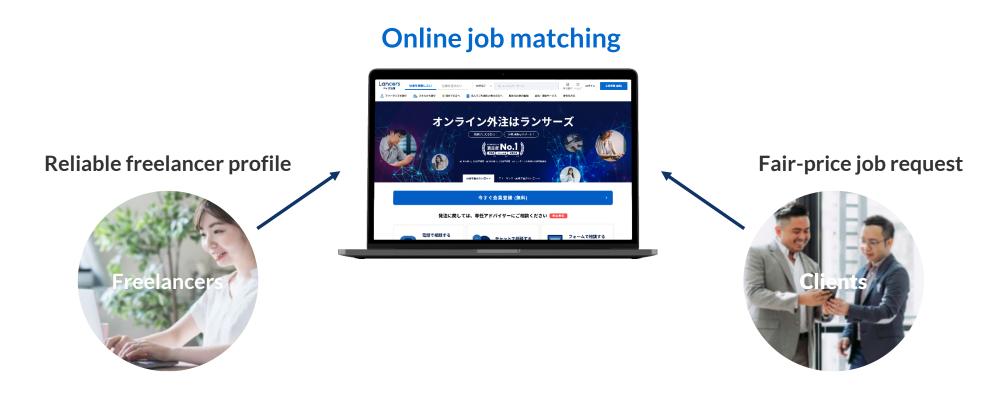
"Reliable freelancers" are defined and measured by Lancers' unique ranking algorithm



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



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

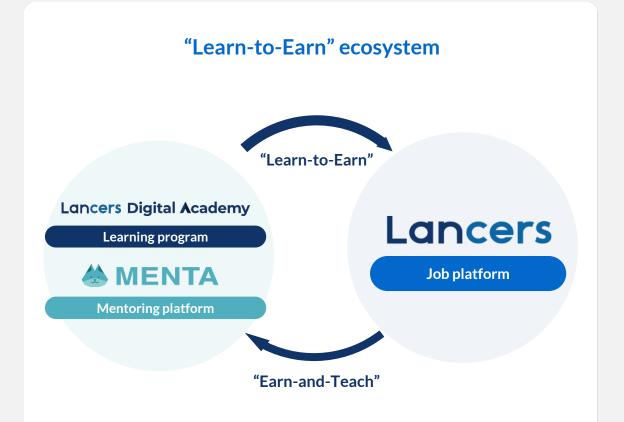


Real name, ID photo, Skill, Track record etc.

✓ Job price (best, fair, unreasonable price)

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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Using different revenue recognition standards for 2 business segments

	Marketplace Business	Agent Business
Major service	Lancers	Lancers Agent POD Professionals On Demand
Revenue recognition	Net-based (net sales ≒ gross profit)	Gross-based (net sales ≠ gross profit)
GMV	Job transaction value	Job transaction value
Net sales	Commission fee + optional fee	Job transaction value
Gross profit	Commission fee + optional fee	Commission fee

Marketplace business grew by 21% YoY in gross profit.

Agent business grew by 119% YoY in gross profit with the addition of Work Style Lab, Inc.

*) Based on management accounting standards.

	2Q(sir	ngle quarter) of FY	1Q of FY Ending March 31, 2023 (Previous single quarter)			
(Unit: Million JPY)	GMV (YoY)	Gross profit (YoY)	Operating/ Segment profit	Operating margin	GMV % change	Gross profit % change
Marketplace business	1,845 +16.4%	357 +21.4%	43	9.3%	+1.7%	+0.4%
Agent business	988 +59.0%	202 +119.4%	△29	-	+18.7%	+39.6%
Others*	0	△2	△2	-	-	-
shared cost**	-	-	△120	-	-	-
Company-wide total	2,834 +10.8%	557 +9.8%	△108	-	+7.1%	+11.7%

*) 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.

Financial Results by Segment* for 2Q of FY2023 (Accumulated Total)

Against the forecast, each business progressed as planned.

Plan to increase the take rate of value-added improvement and gross profit per HC in 2nd half of the year *) Based on management accounting standards.

	2Q (Accu	imulated Total)of	FY Ending March 31, 2023 (Forecast)			
(Unit: Million JPY)	GMV (YoY)	Gross profit (YoY)	Operating/ Segment profit	Operating margin	Forecast	% Progress
Marketplace business	3,660 +14.8%	713 +20.5%	90	9.6%	45.9%	46.1%
Agent business	1,821 +52.1%	347 +98.1%	∆43	-	39.0%	36.1%
Others*	0	∆4	△2	-	-	-
shared cost**	-	-	∆293	-	-	_
Company-wide total	5,481 +8.5%	1,055 +6.8%	△245	-	43.4%	42.4%

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

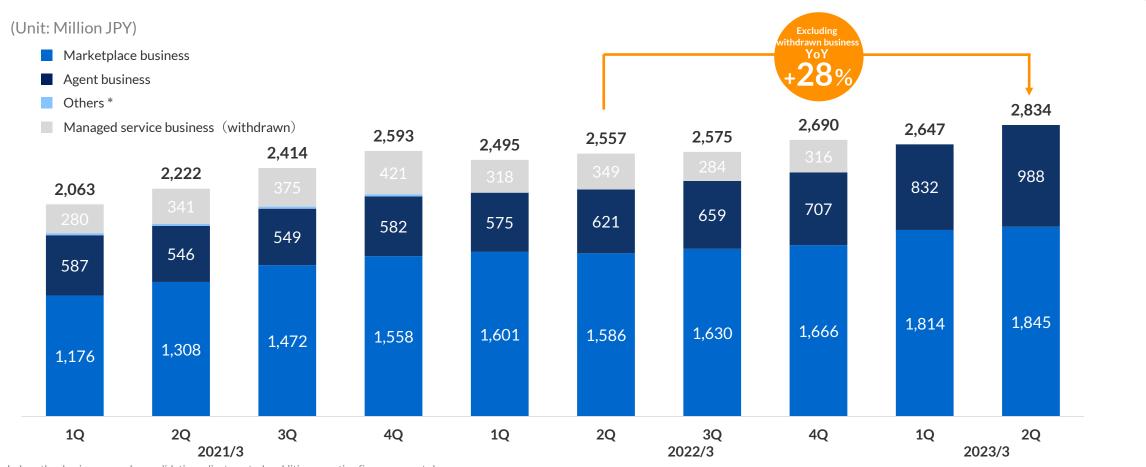
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*) Based on management accounting standards

			FY20	19			FY20	020			FY20	021		FY2	022
	(Unit: Million JPY)	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q
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	1,845
	Agent business	410	489	566	617	587	546	549	582	575	621	659	707	832	988
	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	357
	Agent business	63	76	85	89	89	78	82	86	83	92	96	99	144	202
	Others*	10	14	13	29	12	14	8	17	-1	-3	-4	-4	-2	-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	43
	Agent business	-4	7	16	18	21	13	13	24	16	20	19	11	-13	-29
	Others*	-102	-120	-126	-134	-131	-136	-159	-147	-156	-175	-170	-167	-171	-122
	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.

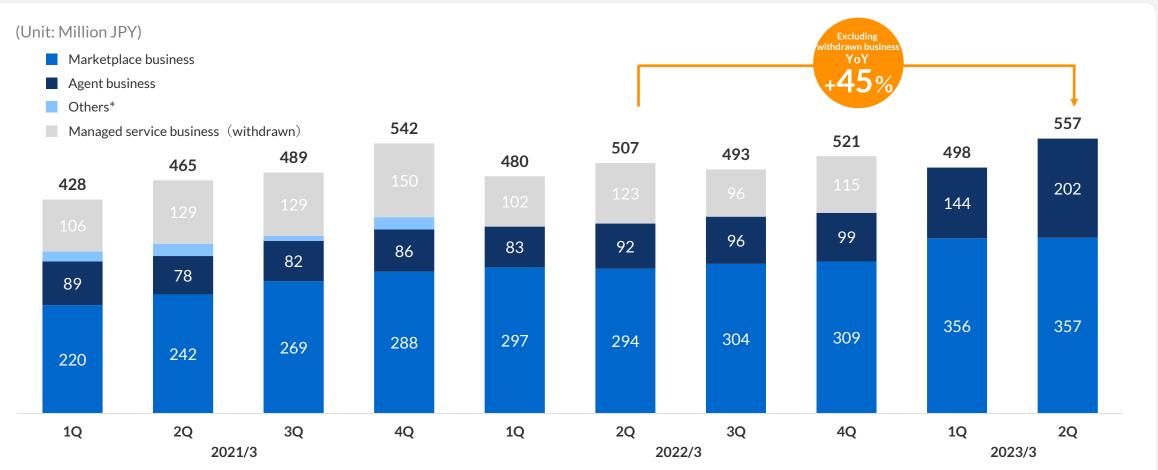
GMV excluding withdrawn business increased by 28% YoY



*) Includes other businesses and consolidation adjustments. In addition, negative figures are not shown.

Gross Profit (Consolidated)

Gross profit excluding withdrawn business increased by 45% YoY



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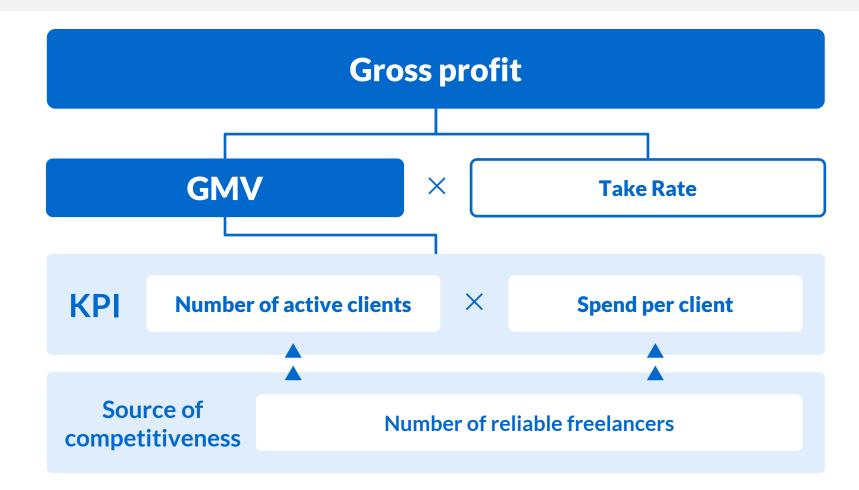
SG&A Expenses (Consolidated)

SG&A expenses increased by 0.06 billion JPY QoQ due to the inclusion of Workstyle Lab Inc. in the group. SG&A expenses were reduced from the forecast to 660 million JPY. We aim to further optimize SG&A expenses in 2nd half of the year

(Unit: Million JPY) Others (rent, audit fees, etc.) ■ Goodwill/depreciation Commission/communication costs Advertising costs Outsourcing costs Labor costs 1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q 1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q 1Q 2Q 2021/3 2022/3 2023/3

KPI Structure

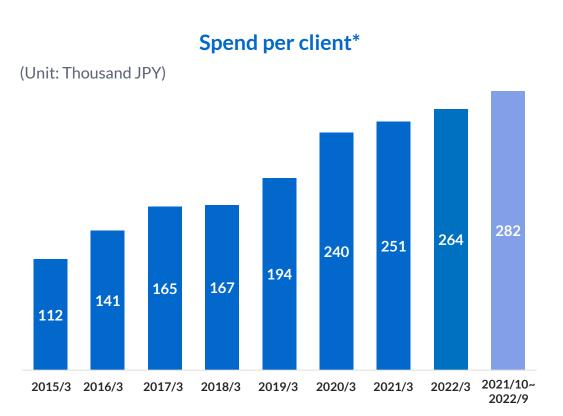
Gross profit and GMV are the most important metrics, with its growth coming from active clients and its continuous spend



KPI Summary

Number of active clients affected by withdrawn business, spend per client increased due to Workstyle Lab Inc. inclusion in the group





*) 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".

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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	Agent Business	Managed Service Business
Accelerate growth	Regrow	Withdraw
Increase number of new clients	Expand organization	Close existing services
Improve take rate by adding PF value	Enter into new job category	Transfer customers to other services

Company-Wide

Improve productivity to achieve constant profitability from next FY onward

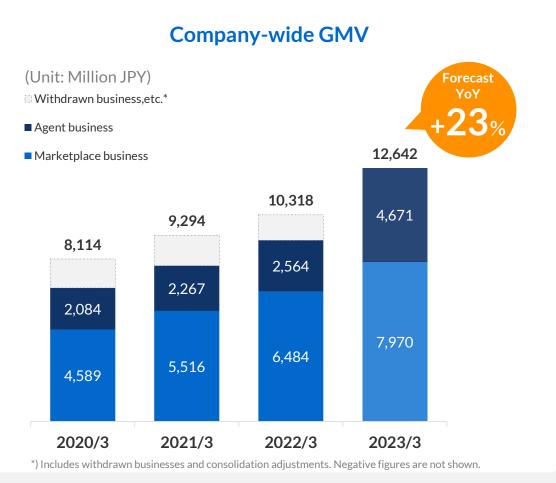
Become a high growth and high profitability platform accelerating core 2 businesses' growth

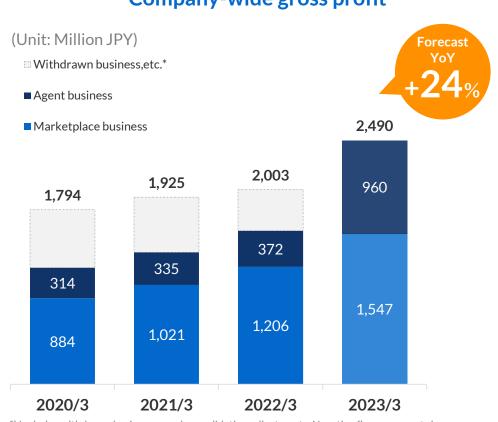




Become a high growth and high profitability platform. Return to profitability in 3 years while continuing investment

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



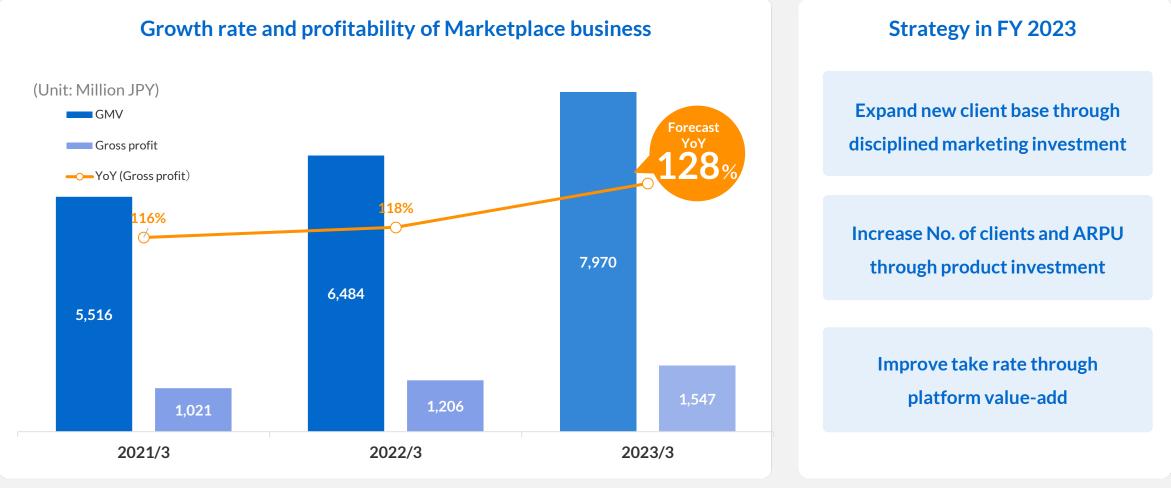


Company-wide gross profit

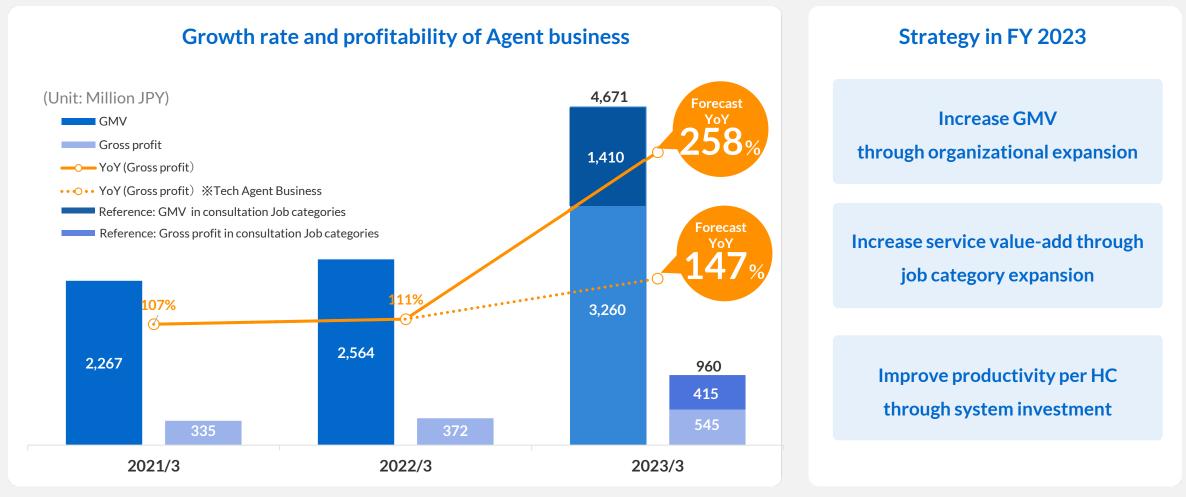
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Marketplace Business: Business Plan for FY2023

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



Grow organization size and expand job categories to increase gross profit



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)	ΥοΥ
_	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

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

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

*) Based on management accounting standards.

(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	-	

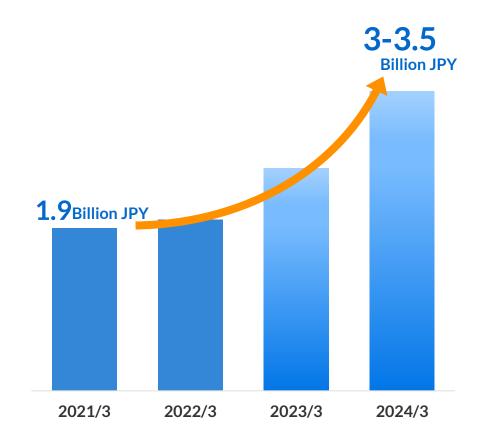
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*) Includes other gross merchandise value ,gross profit, consolidation adjustments, etc., based on managerial accounting standards.

**) 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

Accelerate growth of gross profit



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

- **1** Details of Our Services
- **2** Details of Our Performance
- **3** Business Plan of this FY
- **4** Business Risks and Others

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
Significant events regarding the going concern assumption	Low/short-term	 Impact on business operations 	 Possibility of financial deterioration in the event of an operating loss instead of the planned operating surplus in 4Q of FY2023 or a full-year surplus for FY2024 Possibility of financial deterioration and inability to secure sufficient working capital 	 Establish a structure of constant profitability through selection and concentration of business, improvement of profitability of 2 main businesses, and further optimization of SG&A expenses Secure stable and flexible funds by concluding overdraft agreements with major banks and commitment line agreements
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

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
Information security	Low/ Occasionally	 Outflow of customers Damage 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
System failure	Low/ Occasionally	 Outflow of customers Damage 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 competitiveness Impact 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.

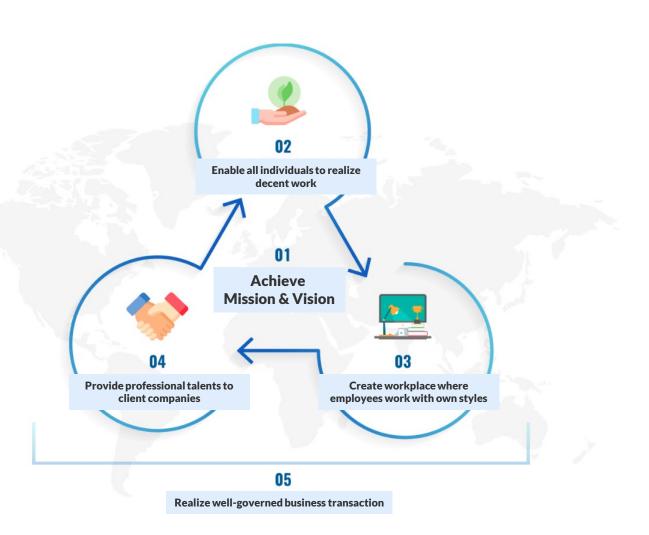
Initiatives for SDGs

Sustainability

Build a sustainable and diversified society by providing new workstyles

While valuing the relationships between individuals and client companies, we fulfill our responsibilities as a business innovator for workstyle of the next era, to contribute to build a well-developing and sustainable society.

We are committed to solve 5 important SDGs materiality issues including "decent work and economic growth", by achieving our group mission & vision to create new workstyles and own workstyles for all individuals.



See more details in https://www.lancers.co.jp/sustainability/

We pioneered and has held an annual award "Lancer of the Year" since 2015 to celebrate and promote innovative workstyles of individuals

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