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# **Consolidated Financial Highlights**



Net sales achieved record high for the first three quarters in the nine months of FY09/23

Number of active deals increased, and contract liabilities rose 148 million yen (+21.6%) from end 2Q

Net sales 15,988 (million yen)

(+13.0% year on year)

Ordinary income

5,821 (million yen)

(-14.4% year on year)

Contract liabilities (previously "advances received")

834 (million yen)

(-3.2% year on year)

\*The change in presentation from "advances received" to "contract liabilities" is due to revision of accounting policies.

Number of Deals

114<sub>(deals)</sub>

(-14.9% year on year)

of which Large deals\*

**24** (deals)

(-33.3% year on year)

**Number of consultants** 

173 Persons

(+20 year on year)

\*Large deals : Deals with a commission of 100 million yen or more



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Due to the boost provided by large deals that are highly profitable on stand-alone basis, net sales and ordinary income achieved record highs in 3Q (cumulative)

	M&A CAPITAL PARTNERS  M&A Capital Partners Co., Ltd.		RECOF	COF
	Result	Year-on-year Change	Result	Year-on-year Change
Net sales	15,078 million yen	+18.7%	546 million yen	-52.6%
Ordinary income	6,368 million yen	-6.5%	-375 million yen	_
Number of Deals	104 deals	-12.6%	10 deals	-33.3%
Large deals	24 deals	-29.4%	0 deals	-100.0%
Number of consultants	143	+30	30	-10

<sup>\*</sup>Because non-consolidated information is shown, amortization (169 million yen) due to business integration is not included. \*We have omitted listing Group companies of relatively low importance. \*The figures for RECOF are simple aggregate figures including RECOF Vietnam Co., Ltd.



### In the 9 years since listing (year ended September 2013), sales have increased by more than 17x

Units: Million of yen

□ Net sales (consolidated)

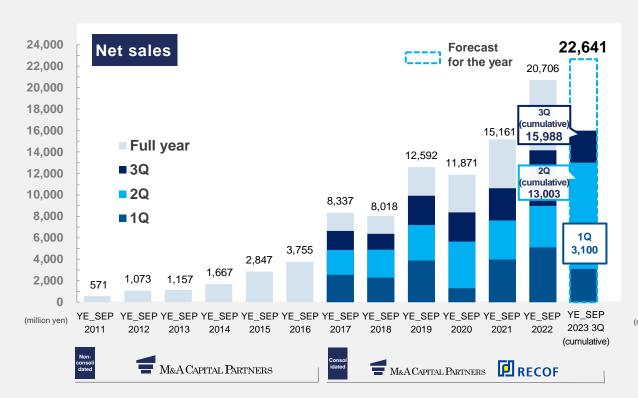
□ Ordinary income (consolidated)

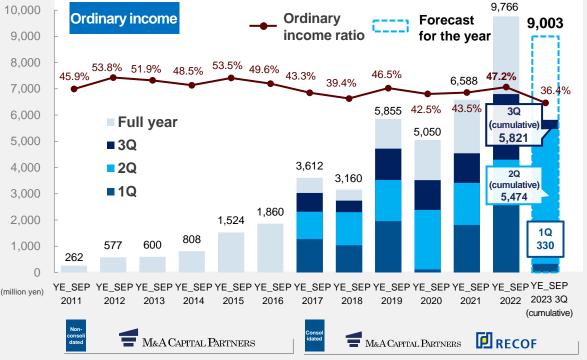
3Q (cumulative) 15,988 5,821 Forecast for the year

22,641

9,003

Progress for Entire Year
70.6%
64.7%







## Net sales and ordinary income achieved record highs in the 3Q (cumulative) FY09/23

(Units: millions of yen, second line is composition ratio)

	3Q FY09/22		3Q FY09/23 (Consolidated)		
	(Consolidated)		Year-on-year Change	Main Factors Causing Change	
Net sales	<b>14,155</b> (100%)	<b>15,988</b> (100%)	+13.0%	Boost provided by highly profitable large deals	
Gross profit	<b>9,374</b> (66.2%)	<b>11,166</b> (69.8%)	+19.1%		
SG&A	<b>2,627</b> (18.6%)	<b>5,352</b> (33.5%)	+103.7%	Impact of head office relocation,     higher revenue	
Operating income	<b>6,746</b> (47.7%)	<b>5,813</b> (36.4%)	-13.8%		
Ordinary income	<b>6,799</b> (48.0%)	<b>5,821</b> (36.4%)	-14.4%		
Net income	<b>4,601</b> (32.5%)	3,197 (20.0%)	-30.5%		



# Solid financial condition backed by stable shareholders equity

(Units: millions of yen, second line is composition ratio)

	September 30, 2022		FY09/23 3Q-end (Consolidated)		
	(Consolidated)	Change		Main Factors Causing Change	
Current assets	<b>36,717</b> (92.0%)	<b>37,385</b> (90.8%)	+667	■ Cash and deposits +934	
Noncurrent assets	<b>3,196</b> (8.0%)	<b>3,807</b> (9.2%)	+611	<ul> <li>Facilities attached to buildings +917</li> <li>Deferred tax assets -223</li> </ul>	
Total assets	<b>39,913</b> (100.0%)	<b>41,192</b> (100.0%)	+1,279		
Current liabilities	<b>6,422</b> (16.1%)	<b>4,094</b> (9.9%)	-2,327	<ul> <li>Accounts payable - other -1,492</li> <li>Income taxes payable -1,485</li> </ul>	
Noncurrent liabilities	<b>892</b> (2.2%)	<b>992</b> (2.4%)	+99	<ul> <li>Provision for directors' bonuses +158</li> </ul>	
Total liabilities	<b>7,314</b> (18.3%)	<b>5,087</b> (12.4%)	-2,227		
Total net assets	<b>32,598</b> (81.7%)	<b>36,105</b> (87.6%)	+3,506	■ Retained earnings +3,197	
Total liabilities and net assets	<b>39,913</b> (100.0%)	<b>41,192</b> (100.0%)	+1,279		



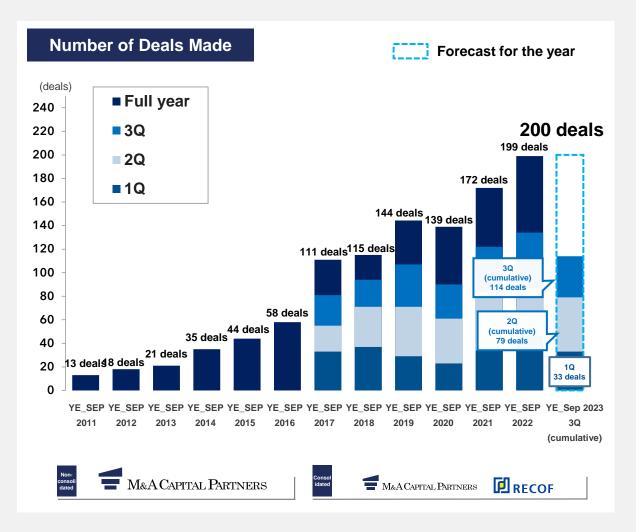
# 834 million yen contact liabilities(-3.2% year on year)

Increase in contract liabilities of 148 million yen (+21.6%) from end 2Q The number of highly profitable large deals continues to trend upward





# Despite number of deals closed falling slightly year on year, closing of large, highly profitable deals resulted in higher sales

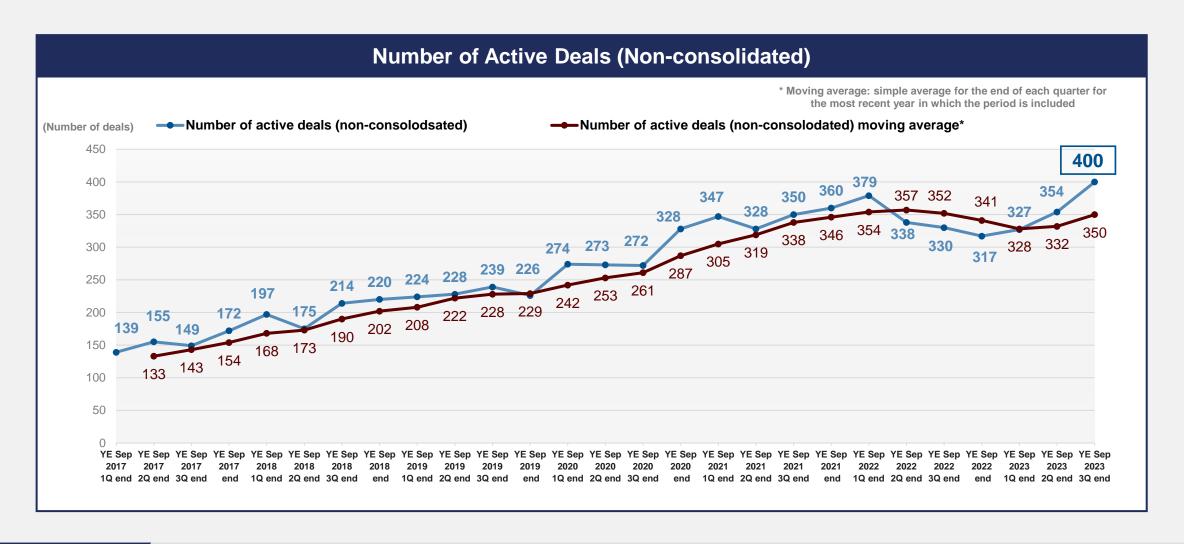




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# 400 active deals (+21.2 % year on year)



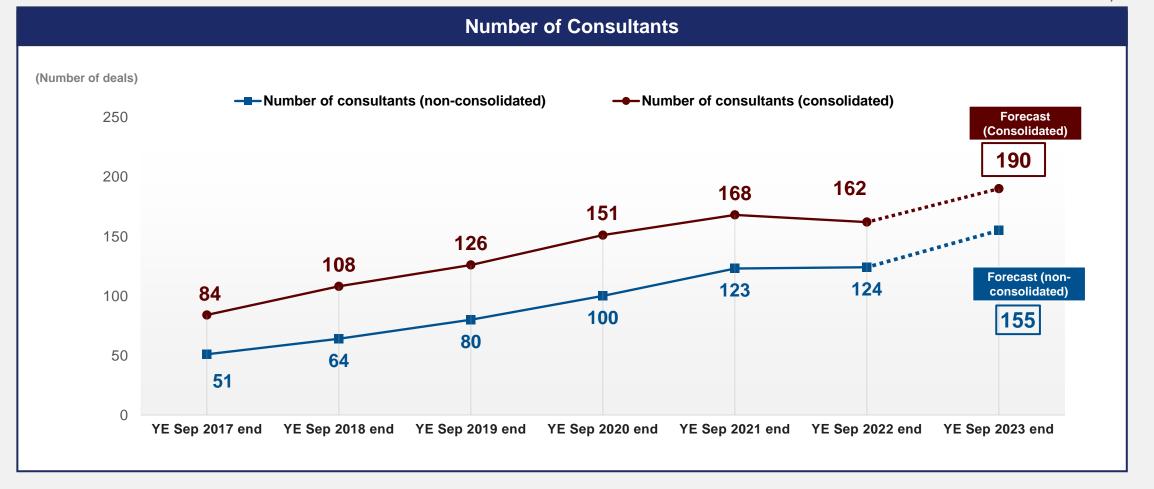


Actively strengthening recruitment to expand earnings further. Number of deals is also rising, driven by increase in headcount

Achieved progress in terms of provisional offer acceptance of 100.0%

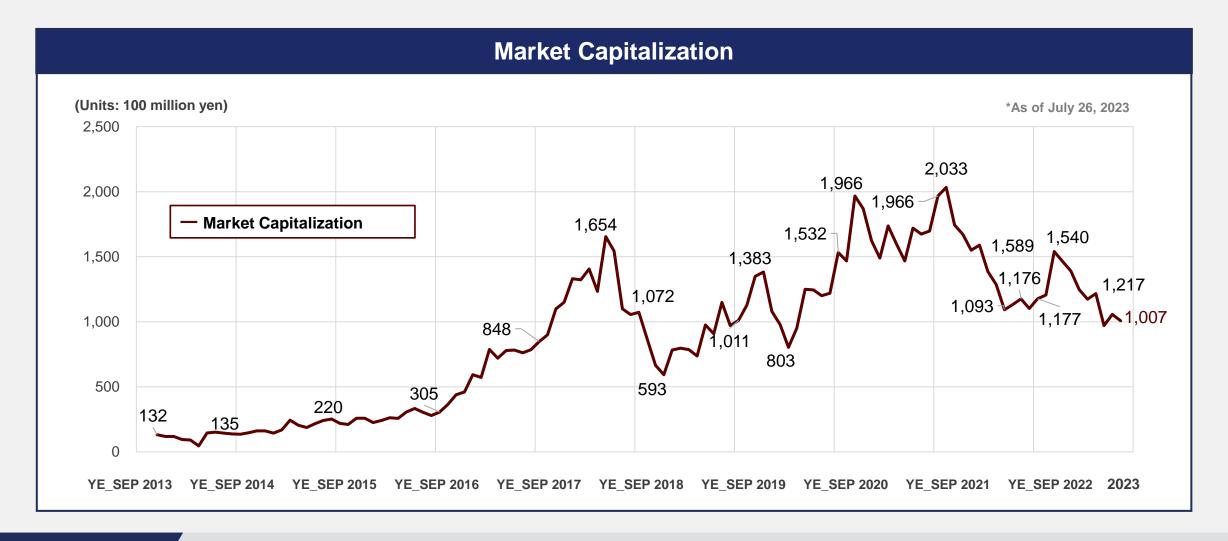
vs. plan to raise recruitment by 25% (to 155 persons) at non-consolidated level

\*As of June 30, 2023





# Market capitalization has increased about 8 times over the 9 years since listing



# Consolidated Earnings Forecasts for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023



Consolidated earnings forecasts

Increase in large deals led to continuation of robust performance, and non-consolidated recruitment also strong

Maintaining consolidated net sales and profit forecasts despite downward revision in number of deals closed

**Net sales** 

22,641 (million yen)

(+9.3% year on year)

**Ordinary income** 

9,003 (million yen)

(-7.8% year on year)

Number of deals (revised)

**200** (deals)

(+0.5% year on year)

Large deals (revised)

**45** (deals)

(-6.3% year on year)

**Number of consultants** 

190 Persons

(+28 year on year)

# Non-consolidated Earnings Forecasts for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023



Non-consolidated earnings forecasts (revised)

Non-consolidated revised up due to strong performance. Despite downward revision at RECOF, we are maintaining consolidated forecasts

	M&A CAPITAL PARTNERS  M&A Capital Partners Co., Ltd.		RECOF	COF
		Year-on-year Change		Year-on-year Change
Net sales	21,342 million yen	+19.8%	800 million yen	-68.2%
Ordinary income	9,456 million yen	+4.2%	-400 million yen	_
Number of deals	185 deals	+8.2%	15 deals	-46.4%
Large deals	45 deals	+2.3%	0 deals	-100.0%
Number of consultants	155	+31	35	-3

<sup>\*</sup>Because non-consolidated information is shown, amortization (235 million yen) due to business integration is not included.

<sup>\*</sup>We have omitted listing Group companies of relatively low importance. \*The figures for RECOF are simple aggregate figures including RECOF Vietnam Co., Ltd.



# Based on a policy of balancing growth investments with fair shareholder returns, we plan to begin paying a dividend from the end of September 2023

#### Basic policy on distribution of profit

Implement shareholder returns based on dividends as a stable and consistent approach to rewarding shareholders

We aim to achieve continuous increases in dividend per share through growth in profits, and are targeting a payout ratio of 20%

# FY09/2023 Dividend forecasts

In accordance with the abovementioned basic policy, we plan to implement dividends as shown to the right

Record date	September 30, 2023
Dividend per share	40.0 yen
Total dividend amount	1,269 million yen



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# **MACP Group Growth Strategy Going Forward**





## FY09/23 MACP Group

An important phase in our development, marking a powerful first step towards becoming a leading M&A group, ranked No.1 in Japan -Concentrating the Group operating base, and leveraging the strengths of each company to create new challenges -



Establishing the leading brand with a dominant presence that surpasses all others in the M&A intermediary industry



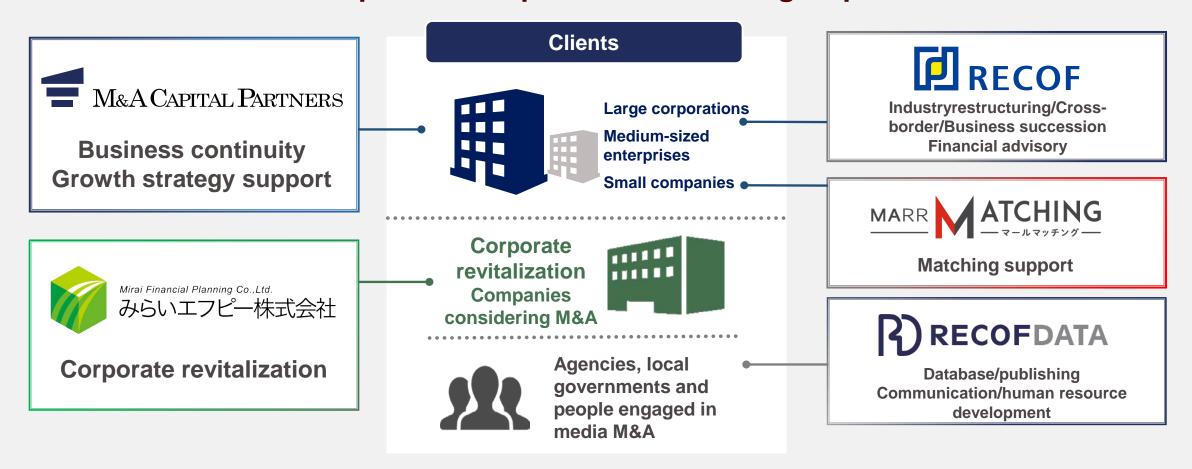


<sup>\*</sup>Research conducted by TOKYO SHOKO RESEARCH, LTD. Survey overview: Competitive survey for specified area of companies listed on TSE Prime and major unlisted M&A intermediary companies, and others, as of March 31, 2023

<sup>\*</sup>The above is referenced from MACP website



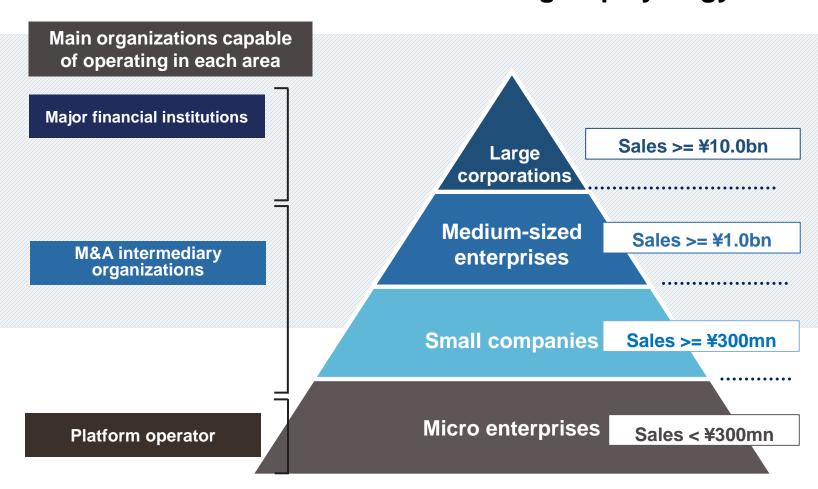
# Providing the optimal M&A for every client Japan's most professional M&A group



Coverage of all service areas related to a variety of forms of M&A by 4 group companies



# We support every client from small to large corporations with group synergy



**Areas in which M&A Capital excels** 





**M&A** intermediation Financial advisory (FA)



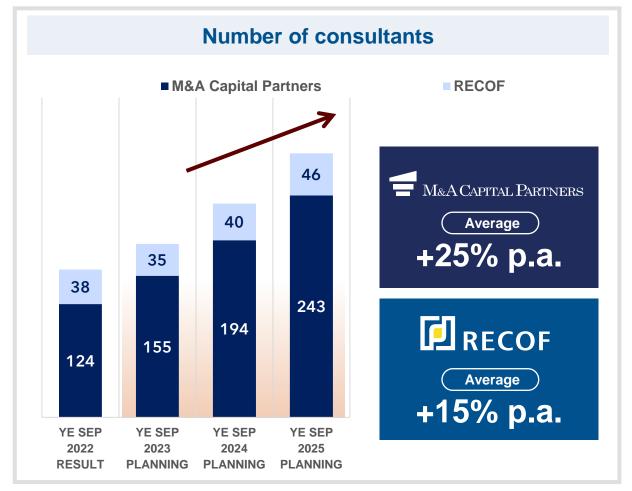
**M&A** matching support



# Three-year plan for the number of deals closed and the number of consultants required to achieve further growth

FY09/2023 - FY09/2025







Promote DX with the aim of enhancing productivity and closing as many deals as possible Our strategy for becoming No.1 for productivity in the industry has been well-received, and was the subject of a presentation at one of the largest CRM events in Japan

# The importance of enhancing M&A productivity through DX



Every year, M&A saves approximately 60,000 business operators\* from closing despite being in the black



\*600,000 companies were estimated to be at risk of going out of business while still in the black during the 10-year period to 2025 (an average of 60,000 a year)



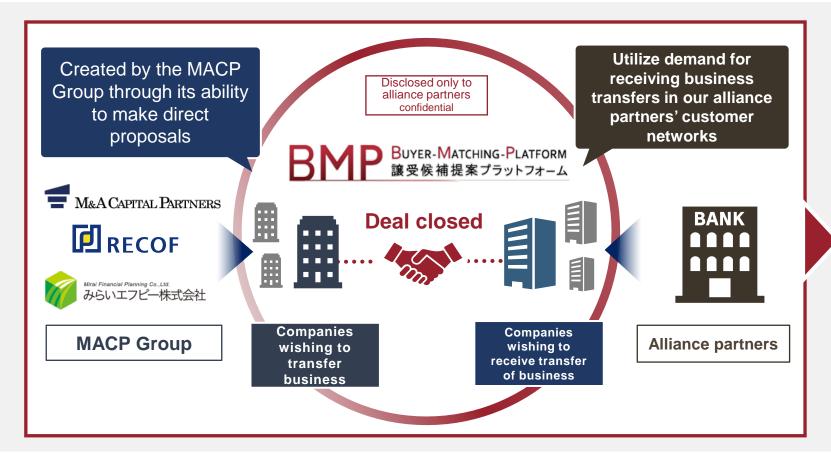
Approximately ¥120 million\* in DX investment will be implemented in FY09/23 to enable us to provide M&A services to customers with confidence

\*Rather than being restricted to non-current and other assets, this DX investment represents additional disbursements for the 18th term aimed at strengthening IT for greater efficiency and other measures.



The number of alliance partners who introduce us to transferee companies is growing steadily, and together we are contributing to regional revitalization

In the 3Q of FY09/23, the number of alliance partner financial institutions grew to 28





through alliance partners all over Japan

28 alliance partner financial institutions (as of June 30, 2023)



Activities aimed at raising awareness of "business succession" as a leading company in the M&A intermediary industry

Nationwide broadcast of television program discussing case studies of M&A deals in which M&A Capital Partners were involved

Third broadcast, on June 4, 2023, continued to win large audiences It was also broadcast by TV stations in Chugoku and Shikoku regions, receiving a strong response



THE Business
Succession
"Don't Turn Out
That Light!"



**Currently being streamed on "TV TOKYO BIZ" (TV TOKYO Business on Demand)** 

# Advertising activities using the first TV commercials in the industry



Our role in raising awareness of "M&A" as a leading company in the M&A intermediary industry Popular "lion president" commercials have won unparalleled brand awareness

#### Television commercial lineup - History of commercial slots since October 2022 -

- TV Asahi Network Hodo Station
- TV TOKYO World Business Satellite (WBS) TV TOKYO Morning Satellite
- **TV TOKYO Cambria Kyuden**
- TV Asahi Network Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2022



"TSE Prime" version, from April 2022 onward (excerpt)

■ Fuji Television Network Nichiyo Hodo THE PRIME

**■ TV TOKYO Gaia no Yoake** 





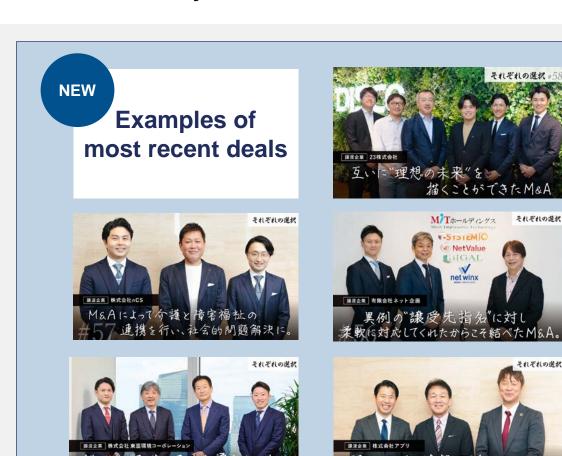
Interviews with business owners who have actually experienced M&A: "owner's choices" Web content that depicts the feelings of business owners as they come to a decision about M&A



Teaching people about the realities of although interviews, packed with different emotions, conducted with those who have completed deals









## MACP hosts seminars to teach people about its "Fair M&A" approach





## **Hosting of recruitment events**



Hosted first recruitment event for MACP, with the aim of hiring some of the top talent in Japan With an eye on further growth, we are holding such events every month to attract outstanding people

Putting infrastructure in place to support future expansion, and further accelerating growth





We will continue to actively recruit outstanding personnel who aspire to "getting to the top together"

See here for details of recruitment events



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## Management Philosophy

# Aiming to be the world's leading investment bank seeking maximum contributions to clients and the happiness of all employees

1

We will continually pursue higher knowledge, service levels, teamwork and new fields as one of the world's leading groups of professionals and, above all, will work to achieve the solutions and gains our customers expect with earnestness and passion that far exceeds our competitors.

2

Our employees will achieve personal growth, economic prosperity and happy family lives through work at a broader and higher level.

We understand that our business results and future depend on the success of our employees. 3

We are not a small-scale boutique but will continually move forward and expand into an investment bank with the world's top brand, human resources and capabilities. We will maintain thorough confidentiality and legal compliance to protect our credibility and high profitability to strengthen our capital and attract the top human resources.



Trade Name	M&A Capital Partners Co., Ltd.
Listed Market	Tokyo Stock Exchange Prime Market (Securities Code: 6080)
Head Office Location	36F, Yaesu Central Tower, Tokyo Midtown Yaesu, Yaesu 2-2-1, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
<b>Business Content</b>	M&A-related services
Representative	Satoru Nakamura, President and Representative Director
Established	October 2005
Capital	2.8 billion yen (as of June 30, 2023)
Employees	Consolidated: 258 Non-consolidated: 190 (as of June 30, 2023)
Affiliates	RECOF Corporation, RECOF DATA Corporation, Mirai Financial Planning Co., Ltd. MARR MATCHING Co., Ltd. (as of June 30, 2023)

# History



October 2005
:
February 2007
:
November 2013
:
March 2014

March 2014 •

December 2014

October 2016

October 2021

**Company** established

Relocation due to growth of company

Listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange Mothers

Relocation to current head office

Listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange First Section

M&A for business growth

Industry
Association set up

- Company founded in Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, for the purpose of carrying out M&A intermediary business
- Head office relocated to Kojimachi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
- Listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Mothers market
- Head office relocated to Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
- Listing changed to Tokyo Stock Exchange First Section (now the Prime Market)
- Business integration with RECOF Corporation and RECOF DATA Corporation
- Business integration with Mirai Financial Planning Co., Ltd.
- **■** Founding member of the M&A Intermediaries Association

**April 2022 Transfer to Prime Market** 

**December 2022 Relocation of head office** 





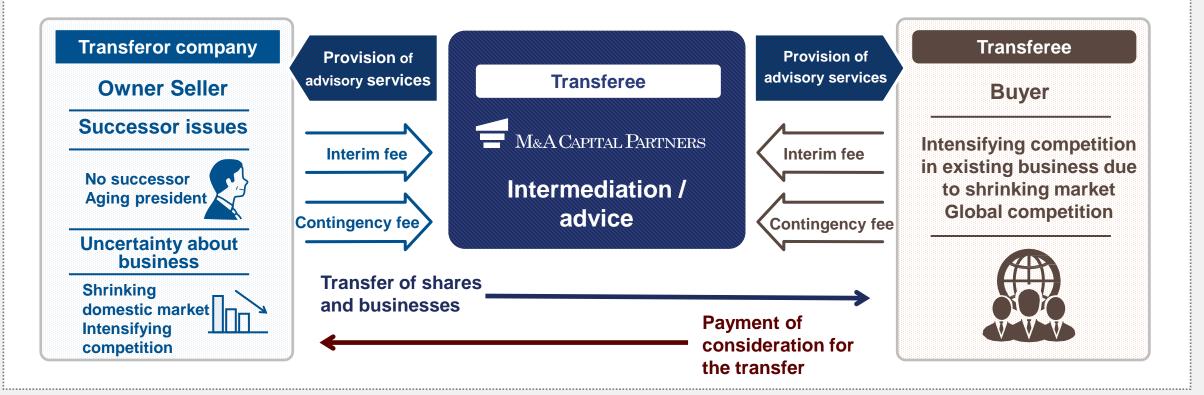
#### **Business Content**

#### **M&A-related services**

We provide advisory services for the realization of M&A standing between the transferor (seller) and the transferee (buyer) from an independent and impartial position.

#### **Characteristics**

We propose M&A-focused solutions and support them to implementation for company owners who have concerns about finding a successor for the business.





#### **Pharmacy**

Pharmacy

#### Construction/ engineering work

Air-conditioning facility construction

Water supply/drainage facility construction

**Flectrical facilities** construction

**Telecommunications** construction

General contractor construction

Public works

Reinforcing steel construction

**Building metal** construction

Residential

construction

Interior work

Construction-related surveys

Building structural

design

Building structural diagnostics

Painting

Temporary material rental

#### Wholesaling

**Building materials** wholesaling Wooden building materials wholesaling

Processed lumber products wholesaling

Chemicals wholesaling

Fuel wholesaling

Cosmetics wholesaling

Lifestyle products wholesaling

Machinery and appliances wholesaling

Electronic materials

wholesaling Dental

materials/pharmaceuticals wholesaling

Solar power wholesaling

Textiles/clothing wholesaling

Miscellaneous goods

wholesaling

Food ingredient wholesaling

Food import wholesaling

Fishery product wholesaling

Agricultural and livestock

wholesaling Wholesaling of

confectionery

Second-hand machinery wholesaling

#### Manufacturing industry

Metal products manufacture/processing

Chemical industry Industrial machinery manufacture

Tool manufacture

Precision parts manufacture Electrical machinery/appliance

manufacture

Steel fabrication

Rolled-copper product processing

Electronic components manufacture/processing

**Transportation** machinery/appliance manufacture

Automotive parts manufacture

Air-conditioning equipment Energy-saving machinery

design/manufacture Cleaning/drying equipment manufacture

Machinery repair

Concrete products manufacture

Medical appliance manufacture

Supplement planning/manufacture

Women's clothing manufacture

Daily goods planning/manufacture

Textile product manufacture Fishery product processing Confectionery manufacture Food manufacture/processing Pharmaceutical manufacture

Beauty products manufacture

#### IT/information services

Data mining Information services Outsourced software development System development

Consulting Research/analysis

#### Distribution

General freight transportation

Newspaper delivery Distribution processing Truck rental

Warehousing

Transportation of passengers

#### Eating out

Eating out Home-delivered meals

#### Real estate

Real estate brokerage Multi-unit apartment maintenance Investment real estate development Building maintenance Lease management

#### **Nursing care/** healthcare/ welfare

Nursing care business Clinical study support Medical corporations Dental clinic Daycare

Veterinary hospital

#### Retail and distribution

Supermarkets Discount stores Mail order Apparel

Supplements Health food products

OA equipment Interiors

Daily goods Outdoor

Vehicle sales/servicing Gas and fuel sales

#### Advertisina/ printing/media

Sales promotion

Paper bag manufacture

Event planning/preparation Design

Package software development

#### Other

Lease/rental Temporary staffing

Temporary engineer staffing BPO

Medical preparatory school Preparatory school

Fitness

Hot spring resorts

Hotels

Operation of amusement facilities

Facilities security

Insurance/Insurance agency Buving/selling of tickets

Sales promotion

Trading company Waste processing

Funerals Translation

Advertising agency Printing

Video creation

Game development

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#### M&A CAPITAL PARTNERS CORPORATE IDENTITY

# Aiming to be the world's leading investment bank seeking maximum contributions to clients and the happiness of all employees

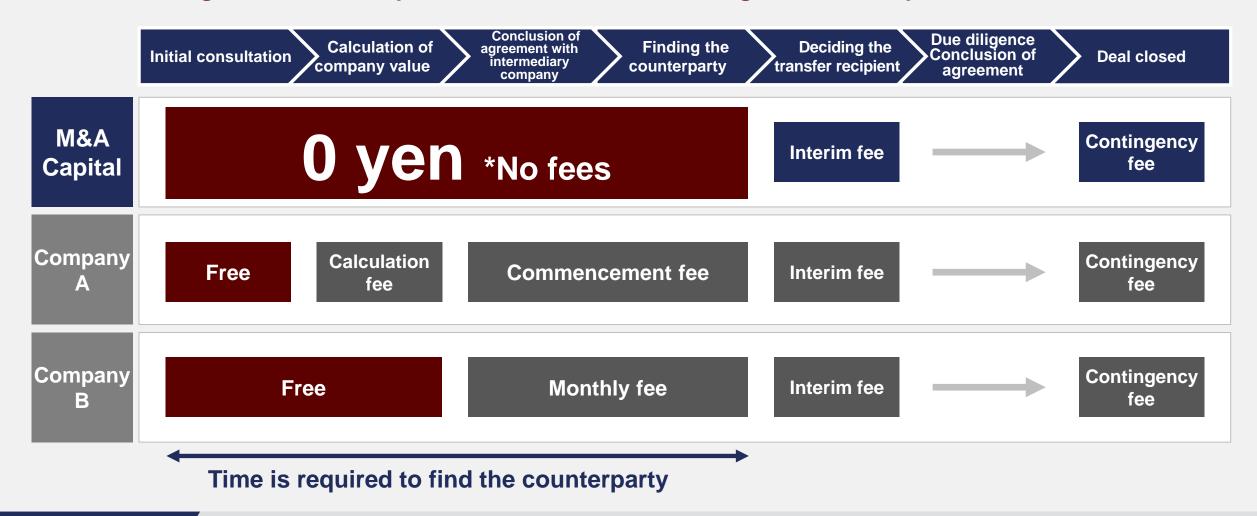
What has never changed since the founding of the company is our approach of always prioritizing the needs of the customer.

Even within that management philosophy, we uphold "maximum contributions to clients" as the most important concept

Below we discuss the characteristics and strengths of our team, which prioritizes the needs of the customer.



Ever since the founding of the company we have maintained <u>a clear "no commencement fee" structure</u>, which has become the de facto standard in the M&A intermediary industry and which gives customers peace of mind when consulting with M&A Capital Partners



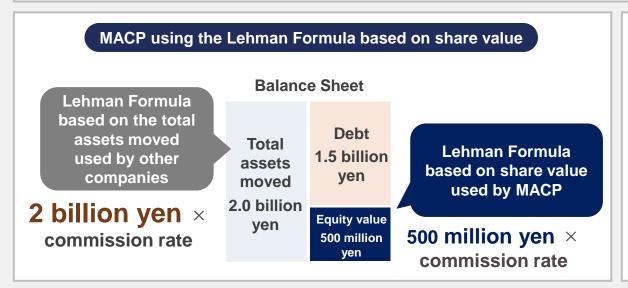
### **Compensation Calculated Using the Lehman Formula Based on Shared Value**



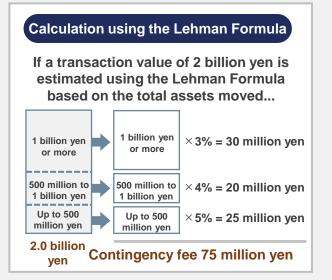
## Ever since the founding of the company, we have used the <u>"Lehman Formula based on share value," which leads to overwhelmingly lower costs</u>, as the formula for calculating fees in a way that convinces customers

#### What is the Lehman Formula?

- A general calculation formula used for M&A intermediary contingency fees. Calculating fees according to a fixed commission rate against the value of the transaction
- Typical examples are the "Lehman formula based on the total assets moved" multiplying the total assets moved by a commission rate and the "Lehman Formula based on share value" multiplying the share value by a commission rate
  - \* It is a calculation formula created by referring to the fee structure used by the U.S. investment bank Lehman Brothers. The M&A team of the former Yamaichi Securities led by RECOF Corporation founder Masaaki Yoshida first adopted it in the Japanese market in 1974, and it has been widely used by RECOF Corporation to calculate contingency fees in the M&A industry since then. It is also referred to as the "Lehman Scale."



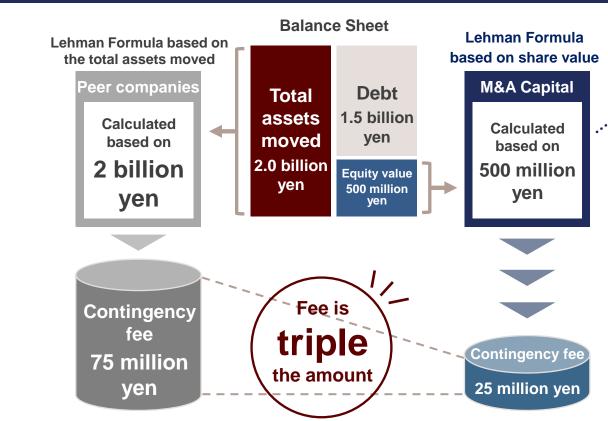
Examples of Lehman Formula rates				
Transaction value, etc.	Commission rate			
Over 10 billion yen	1%			
5 billion yen up to 10 billion yen	2%			
1 billion yen up to 5 billion yen	3%			
500 million yen up to 1 billion yen	4%			
Up to 500 million yen	5%			





Since the founding of the company we have prioritized the needs of the customer, and <u>charged</u> the lowest intermediary commission rates in the M&A intermediary industry

How it differs from other fixed-fee systems (difference between usual Lehman Formula based on total assets moved and Lehman Formula based on shared value)



Use of the Lehman Formula based on share value results in dramatically lower costs for the customer

Intermediary commission rate results in rate of 2.7%\*

- \* Cumulative up to September 30, 2022
- \* Intermediary commission rate

Effective intermediary commission rate per client calculated by multiplying the total commission value ratio for the share transfer value by 0.5.



## Achieving an extraordinary average value of share transfer in the M&A intermediary industry by working on many difficult large deals



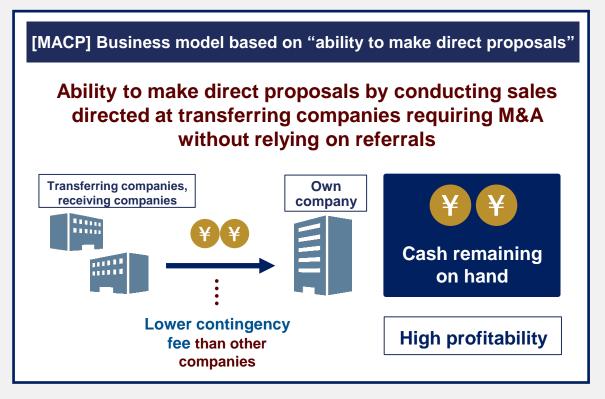


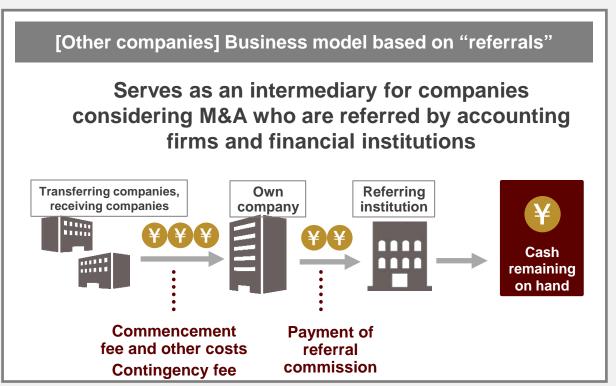
1 in 4 deals are large deals with commission of 100 million yen or more

Average value of share transfer: Approx. 15.0 billion yen



## A "true M&A intermediary" that does not rely on just referrals A unique business model in the industry made possible by overwhelming ability to make direct proposals





\*Actual figure for FY09/22 (non-consolidated)

Ratio of deals derived from a referring institution was 9.9% in FY9/22, the lowest among the industry's major players

Realized high profitability



#### M&A CAPITAL PARTNERS CORPORATE IDENTITY

## Aiming to be the world's leading investment bank seeking maximum contributions to clients and the happiness of all employees

As well as being the driver of corporate growth, human resources are also the source of our unique brand.

Since the founding of the company, the management philosophy has placed great importance on the "happiness of all employees."

The development of Japan's leading M&A consultants, who combine passion with the absolute sincerity that leads to the maximization of contribution to clients, is the source that will drive our transformation into the world's leading investment bank.



### Average wages have been the highest in the industry for eight consecutive years, since the listing of the Company \*1

#### Average annual salary for 2022 was 31.613 million yen

#### FY2022 (April-March) Top 5 Ranking \*2

Rank	Company name	Average annual income (10,000 yen)	Average age (years)
1	M&A Capital Partners Co., Ltd.	3161.3	32.0
2	Company A	2,279.4	35.8
3	Company B	2,101.8	42.5
4	Company C	1,939.4	42.9
5	Company D	1,904.2	39.7

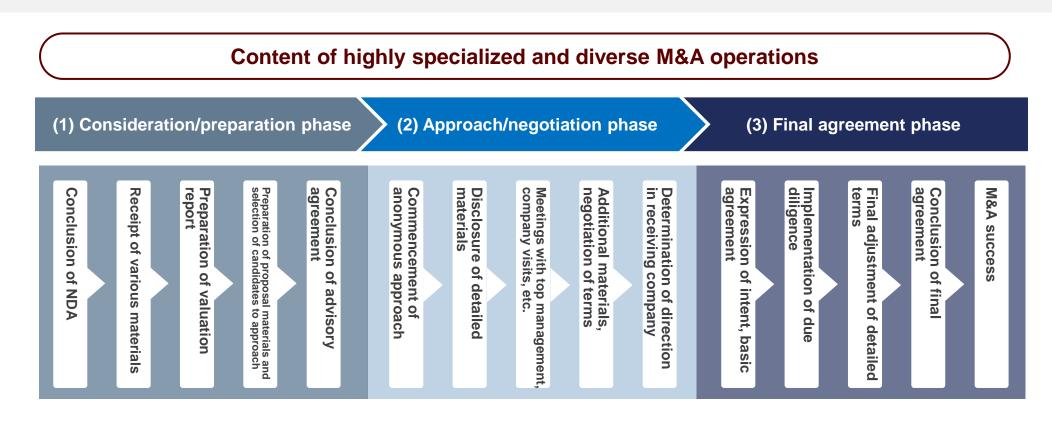
Source \*1: TOKYO SHOKO RESEARCH, LTD., "FY2021 Average Annual Wage Survey" (August 9, 2022)

A structure offering the highest level of compensation in Japan has enabled us to assemble the country's leading human resources

<sup>\*2:</sup> Extracted from the securities reports of the various companies



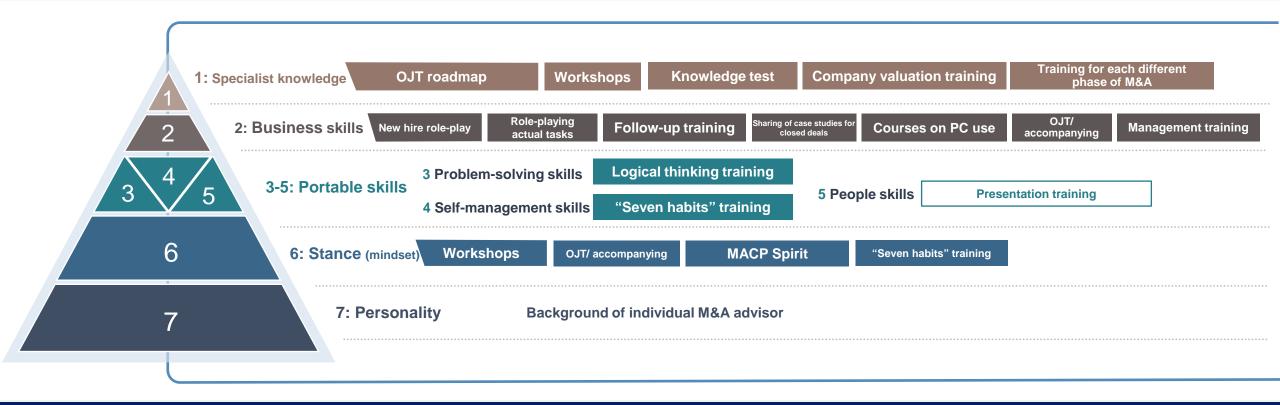
#### Highly specialized and diverse M&A operations Importance of a sense of responsibility and mission to growth the Japanese economy



The most important skills required of an M&A consultant include not only a wide range of specialized knowledge on M&A but the absolute sincerity and passion required to make proposals that match the customer's feelings



## We have created a training program for further developing the best talent in Japan into the best talent in the world



Through intensive development after joining the company, M&A advisors obtain the skills of the highest level in Japan Individual growth leads to growth of the organization as a whole

### Corporate Culture That Has Achieved Unparalleled Growth in the M&A Intermediary Industry



Individual growth is a source of growth of the organization as a whole Corporate culture that has emphasized teamwork, rooted in the management philosophy, since the founding of the company

Point 1

We value not only individual performance, but human qualities expressed as leadership and the creation of an atmosphere that enables participation by everybody

#### 360°Evaluation

Since it was founded the Company has used 360°evaluations given by all employees including managers, subordinates, and co-workers

Point 2

A culture of sharing the joy with for all employees

Sharing the joy of closing with handshakes all round for the consultant that closes a deal with the customer

Point 3

Openness
that leads to mutual
support for all
employees

Openness in the form of sharing of various pieces of information, including weekly case studies and workshops

Based on the management philosophy of "maximum contributions to clients," we foster a positive atmosphere in which all employees work together



Unparalleled productivity per person in the M&A intermediary industry, proving that we have the best consultants in Japan

Net sales per consultant

144.79 million yen

(+6.8% year on year)

Ordinary income per consultant

73.79 million yen

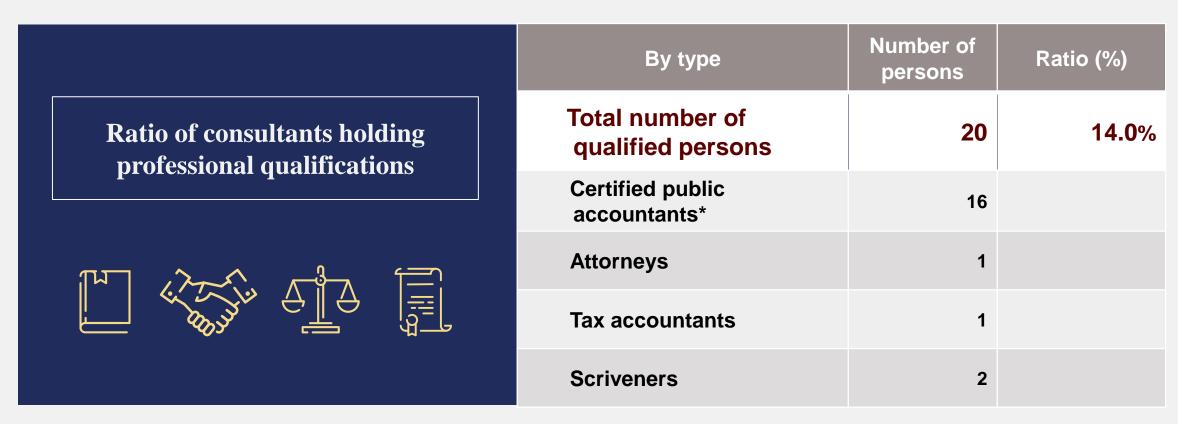
(+9.3% year on year)

\* Non-consolidated fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 (number of consultants is based on the start of the fiscal year)



## Ratio of consultants holding professional qualifications easily surpasses competitors in M&A intermediary industry

14% of consultants hold professional qualifications



<sup>\*</sup>As of June 30, 2023, non-consolidated

<sup>\*</sup>Including CPAs who qualified in the U.S.

## DNA Passed On from the Founders of M&A in Japan MACP Group Principles for Consultants to Abide by



Wholeheartedly responding to customers' resolutions.

M&A Capital Partners' passion for customers since the company was founded Satoru Nakamura



Passion for customers that has continued since the company was founded in 1987 RECOF founder Masaaki Yoshida

Philosophy and visual symbol of RECOF since it was founded in 1987

We hope every M&A deal we have

been involved in to be the best

M&A for our clients.



#### M&A CAPITAL PARTNERS CORPORATE IDENTITY

Aiming to be the world's leading investment bank seeking maximum contributions to clients and the happiness of all employees



Our contribution to the sustainability of the Japanese economy since the Company was founded is over 1.6551 trillion yen

In FY09/22, our contribution was 446.2 billion yen and 24,002 jobs in terms of sustainability of the Japanese economy and of jobs, respectively - the highest in the industry

Contribution to sustainability of Japanese economy since the Company was founded

Over

1.6551 trillion yen

(Total sales of transferred companies)

Contribution to sustainability of Japanese economy in FY09/22

446.2 billion yen

(Total sales of transferred companies)

Contribution to sustainability of jobs in FY09/22

24,002

(Total number of employees in transferred companies)

Estimates based on internal research (as of September 30, 2022)



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**Social significance (purpose)** 

#### Drive "fair M&A"

to realize a sound future for the Japanese economy.

Ever since the founding of the Company, our concept of "Fair M&A" has been that of a "client-first M&A" that prioritizes the interests of the customer.

Our role is to guide clients to the best option through high-quality M&A that addresses the issues and dreams that customers wish to resolve or achieve, such as business succession or corporate expansion, and that takes a serious approach to the new lives of business owners and employees both in the transferred company and the receiving company.

In addition, by engaging as a leading company in M&A that provides a model for the M&A intermediary industry, we hope to contribute to a sound future for the Japanese economy.

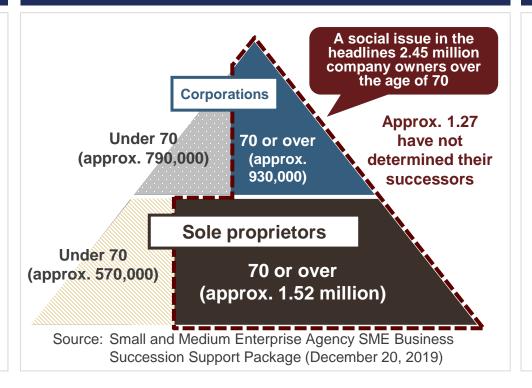
Through this "Fair M&A," we will contribute to sustainability and fulfill our social responsibilities.



### Save as many SMEs as possible from closure, and contribute to growth of the Japanese economy through M&A

#### A social issue in the headlines

**Omitted** Source: The Nikkei (October 6, 2017) **Absence of approximately 1.27 million successors** 



Approx. 60,000 companies require support each year

Approx. 1.27 million have yet to determine their successors

600,000 companies

**670,000** companies

Companies at risk of going out of business while they are in the black in the decade until 2025

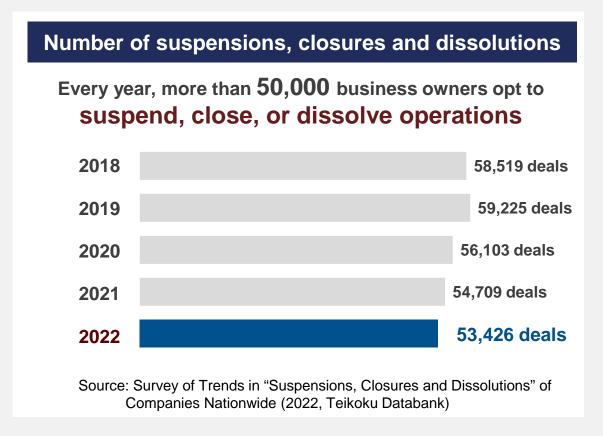
Approx. 60,000 business operators require M&A support each year

Source: Small and Medium Enterprise Agency (December 20, 2019)

Owners of SMEs need an environment in which they can utilize M&A with confidence



## Toward the creation of a sound M&A intermediary industry to save approximately 60,000 business operators per year from bankruptcy or going out of business while they are in the black



#### **Number of bankruptcies**

Total liabilities exceeded 2 trillion yen for first time in five years

Year	Number of deals	Year on year (%)
2018	8,064	-3.7
2019	8,354	3.6
2020	7,809	-6.5
2021	6,015	-23.0
2022	6,376	6.0

In 2022 bankruptcies grew by 361 year on year, to 6,376 cases

Source: Survey of Trends in "Annual Report Aggregating Business Failures Nationwide FY2022" (Teikoku Databank)

Owners of SMEs need an environment in which they can utilize M&A with confidence

#### **SMEs Choosing to Close Business and Economic Loss**



Despite the number of small and medium enterprises choosing suspension or closure decreasing for three consecutive years, the economic losses are increasing

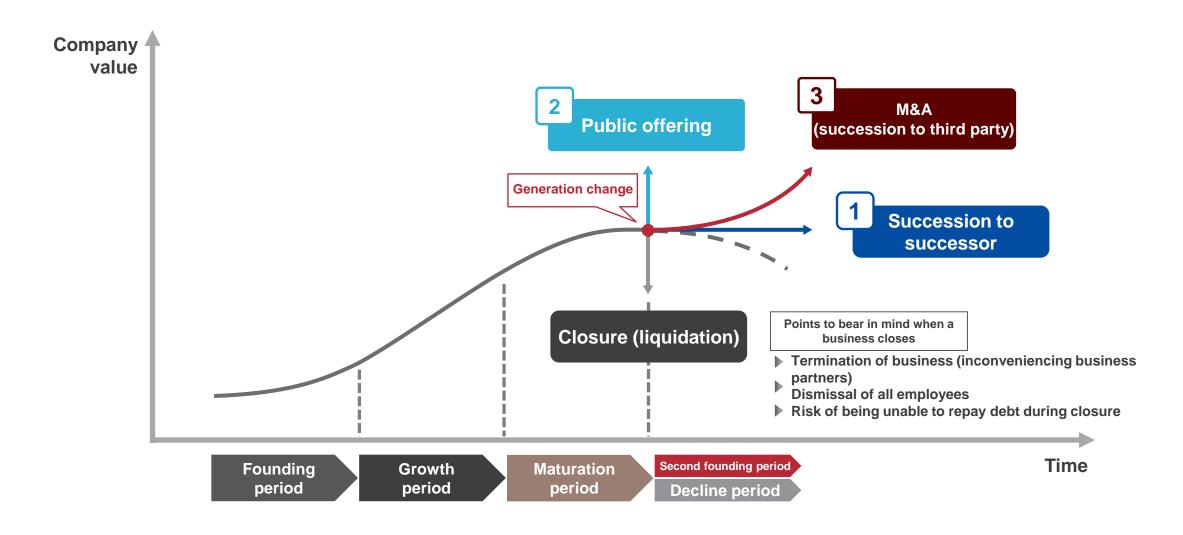
The number of small and medium enterprises "giving up" on the continuation of the business due to external environmental factors such as high prices is increasing

Trend of	suspensions, clo	sures and dissolu	tions of SMEs	Economic loss caused by suspensions and closures in 2022
	Incidents per year (deals)	Total net sales (100 million yen)	Employees (people)	Loss in net sales
2018	58,519	24,641	81,548	
2019	59,225	25,934	88,810	2.3677 trillion yen
2020	56,103	25,499	87,366	
2021	54,709	22,325	78,411	Jobs lost
2022	53,426	23,677	82,053	82,053
	•	pensions, Closures and D	Dissolutions" of Companies (2022) (Teikoku Databank)	02,000

Closures have an extremely large impact on reginal economies and the Japanese economy, such as the loss of employees' jobs and the impact on business partners



#### Company owners are faced with three options when determining business succession





## M&A maintains employees' jobs and relationships with business partners The personal suretyship is also lifted, making it the optimal means of maximizing founder's profit

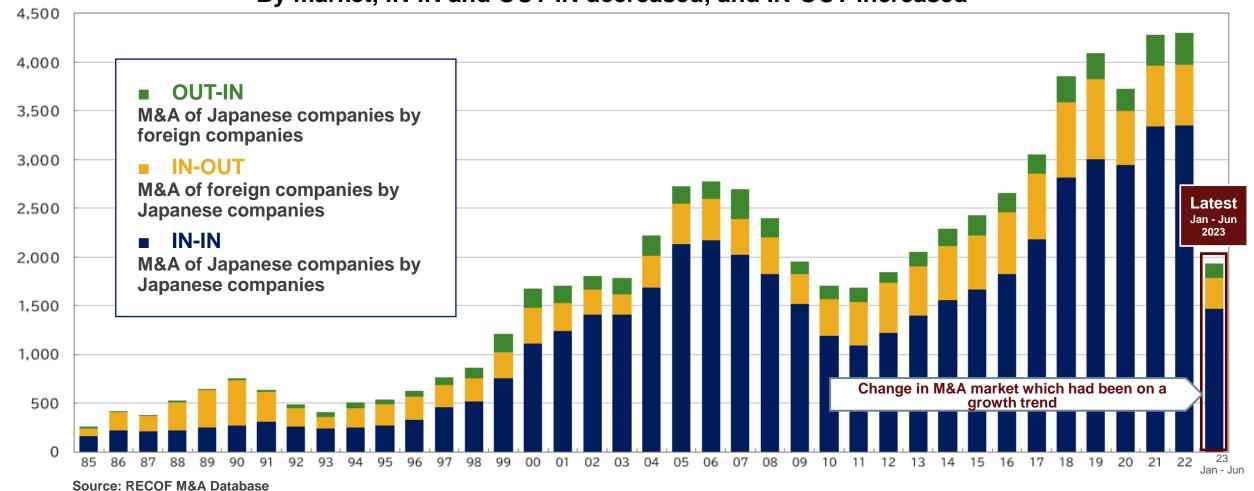
Option			Advantages	Points to bear in mind	
	1 Succession to	Relatives	Continue status as owner's family	Absence of successor Time required for share transfer Takes on risks including personal suretyship Need to consider suitability of successor	
	successor	Officers and employees	Passed on to officers and employee who understand the business	Lack of funds to purchase shares Risk of being unable to remove president's personal suretyship	
	Public offering	ıg	Separation of management and capital Improvement of recruiting and funding capabilities	Stricter listing criteria Requires years of time Does not lead to succession of capital (shares cannot be converted into cash)	
	M&A (succession to thi	rd party)	Company: Growth with stronger operating base Owner: Securing profit for the founder, removal of personal suretyship Employees: Stability of employment	Time may be required for consideration	

M&A is a credible option for business succession



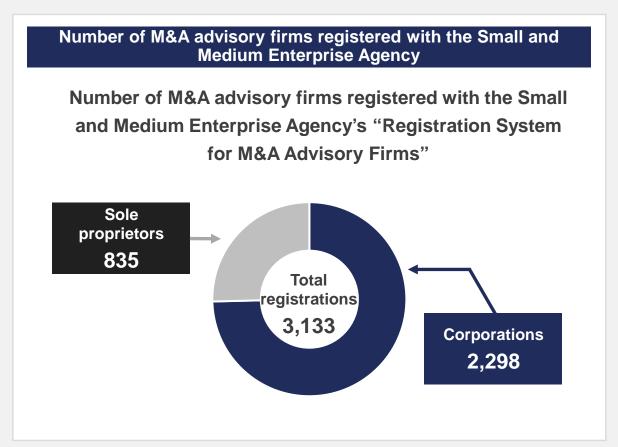
The number of M&A deals involving Japanese companies declined by 12.5% in January to June 2023, but rose 19.3% in value terms

By market, IN-IN and OUT-IN decreased, and IN-OUT increased





## Number of registered M&A advisory firms has ultimately exceeded 3,100 M&A advisory firms established since 2020 account for approximately half of the total





Source: Small and Medium Enterprise Agency "Announcement of Registered Financial Advisors and Brokers for the M&A Support Institution Registration System (solicitations for 2022 (May))" (June 22, 2023)

### Coordinated Initiatives by Government and the Private Sector to Address Social Issues



We have begun working with the Small and Medium Enterprise Agency to provide managers of SMEs with understanding of M&A and enable M&A advisory firms to conduct appropriate M&A in order to resolve the business succession problem

SME M&A Guidelines established on March 31, 2020



Publication of basic matters to encourage understanding of M&A among SMEs without successors and ensure the appropriate execution of M&A by M&A advisory firms

<u>"Business Succession Guidelines" Review Committee</u>

Two people from the MACP Group participated in drafting

Toward resolution of (1) lack of knowledge and experience, (2) concerns about cost, and (3) distrust of M&A support that cause SMEs hesitate to engage in M&A

Other coordinated support activities by government and the private sector

"SME and Small Business Operator Policy Study Group" (December 3, 2019) "Establishment of M&A Support Institution Registration System" (August 2, 2021)

The M&A Intermediaries Association was established in October 2021 as an industry group aimed at the sound advancement of the M&A industry and developing and maintaining the Japanese economy

It began full-fledged operation in April 2022.



Strong coordination between government and the private sector continues to be vital going forward for addressing the progressing problem of absence of successors



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#### **Our Approach to Sustainability**



#### SUSTAINABLE GOALS DEVELOPMENT































SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals): shared goals for international society to create a more sustainable world, adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit held in September 2015.

We will contribute to a sustainable future by encouraging the development of the Japanese economy and working to solve social problems.

At a meeting held in November 2021, the Company's Board of Directors set Material ESG issues that incorporate an SDGs perspective.

#### **Material ESG issues**







End poverty everywhere, ensure healthy lives for all

Implementing business succession M&A to maintain employment based on a stable platform by ensuring the continuation of the business





Build a base for infrastructure and technological innovation, and develop sustainable human settlements

Develop industry through synergistic M&A, and create M&A nationwide to contribute to local economies



Decent work and economic growth

Workplace environment that supports sustainable growth and self-realization for outstanding consultants



Work together in partnership to achieve goals

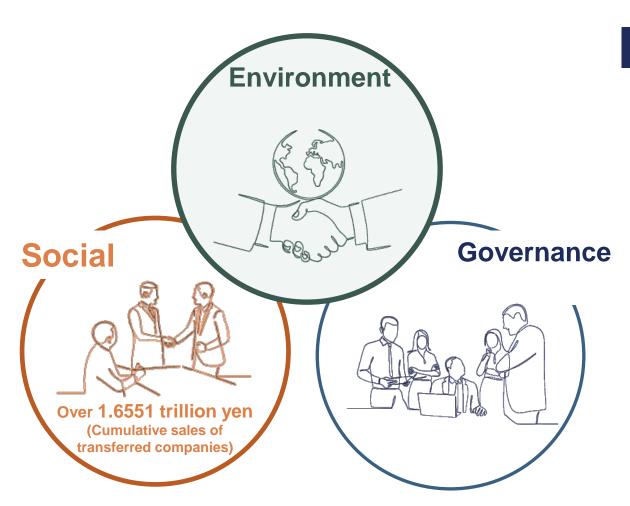
Fulfilling our social responsibilities through cooperation with government agencies, and contributing to sustainability by facilitating business succession



Maintaining a robust system of governance as one of the industry's leading companies



#### Implement ESG initiatives through M&A-related service business



#### Our approach to ESG

The sharp rise in suspensions and closures of SMEs in Japan is widely recognized to be an important issue.

According to calculations made by the Small and Medium Enterprise Agency, if it is left to continue it could lead to a loss of as much as ¥22 trillion in GDP by 2025. There is an urgent need for companies to contribute to resolving this serious social problem through the use of M&A for business succession.

Since the founding of the company, we at M&A Capital Partners have made contributions to the sustainability of the Japanese economy of more than ¥1.6551 trillion.

Going forward, by implementing ESG initiatives through our M&A-related service business, we will continue to help achieve a sustainable society.

Going forward, we will continue to help achieve a sustainable society.



#### **February 2022 Forbes JAPAN**

Selected in the potential ranking for "Growth stocks expected to improve performance due to promotion of SDGs/ESG"



#### **COMPANIES WITH POTENTIAL RANKING**

"Growth stocks expected to improve performance due to promotion of SDGs/ESG" published by Forbes JAPAN; ranked 8th in the Potential Ranking.

▼ About the Forbes JAPAN "Growth stocks expected to improve performance due to promotion of SDGs/ESG"

Identifies SDGs/ESG elements that may have an impact on results growth in n years. Selects companies expected to be likely to grow.

Covers all 2,189 companies listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Financial data, non-financial data and global indicators for ESG and SDGs are added into the calculation. Market capitalization is as of August 31, 2021.

Source: Forbes JAPAN news site

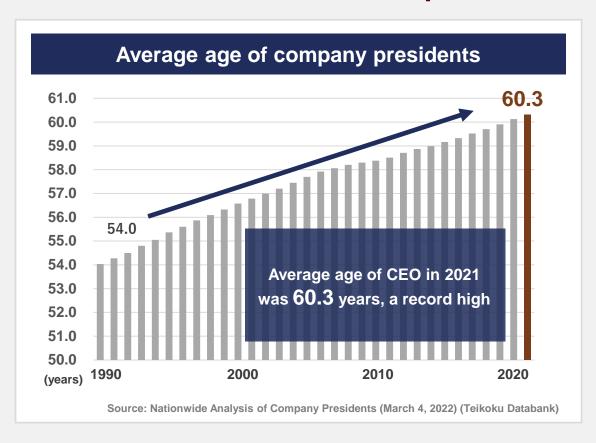
#### "Rated as a 'Evaluated as a company expected to be likely to grow"

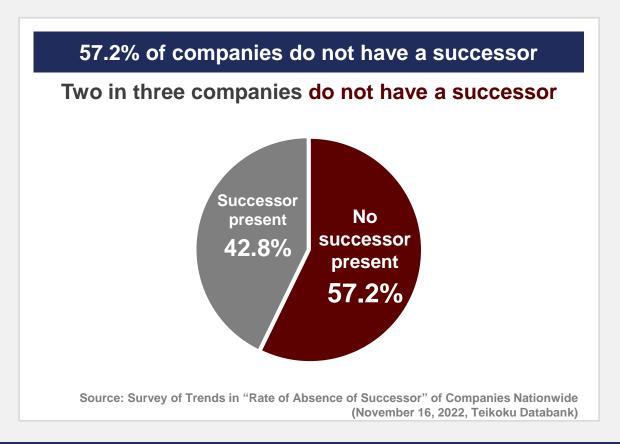


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## Ages of company presidents are higher than ever The number of companies without successors also remains high





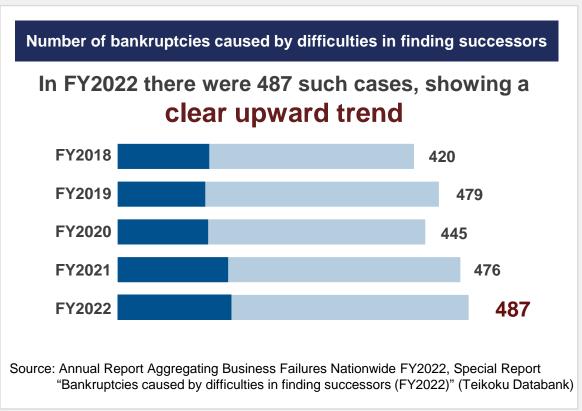
Business succession by companies without a successor is a major key for the future growth of the Japanese economy

### Problem of companies not having successors becoming apparent



So-called "2025 problem" approaching: concerns that businesses will collapse due to difficulties in finding successors to aging representatives

FY2022 recorded new highs



#### What is the "2025 problem"?

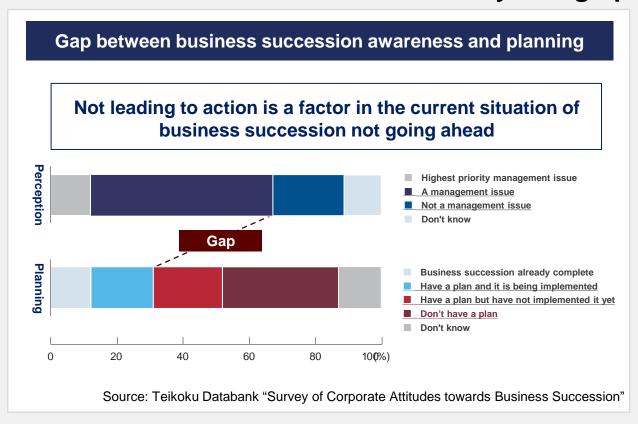
The "2025 problem" refers to the point at which baby boomers will be become elderly, at 75 years of age or older, a development that is expected to cause various issues in healthcare, nursing, pensions, and other areas. This is recognized as a serious problem both for the area of business succession and for small and medium enterprises, and there are concerns that approximately ¥22 trillion in GDP and employment of 6.5 million people could be lost by 2025 in a surge in closures involving the 1.27 million businesses that are estimated not to have a successor.

Source: Small and Medium Enterprise Agency, "State of M&A among SME and Small Business Operators, and Issues Faced" (December 20, 2019)

It is highly likely that bankruptcies caused by difficulties in finding successors will continue to occur, primarily among companies where the representative is elderly, a successor does not exist, and business succession is not proceeding smoothly



## 70% of company owners are conscious of business succession but have not reached the point of planning It is necessary to dig up latent needs for M&A

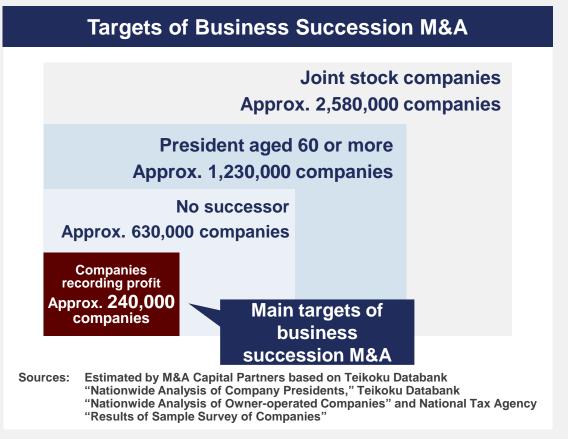


	Past difficulties	%			Potential difficulties	%
1	Development of successor	48.3		1	Development of successor	55.4
2	Tax measures such as inheritance tax and gift tax	31.7		2	Determination of successor	44.6
3	Handling of assets such as the	30.5	3	Understanding of employees	25.5	
	company's shares				Enhancement of	
4	Determination of successor 28.2		4	future potential and appeal of business	22.3	
5	Transfer of authority to successor	26.4		5	Handling of assets such as the company's shares	19.6

Latent needs can be approached through the ability to make direct proposals, which is MACP's strength



There is still a large business succession M&A market, and approaches will continue to be made to companies with business succession needs

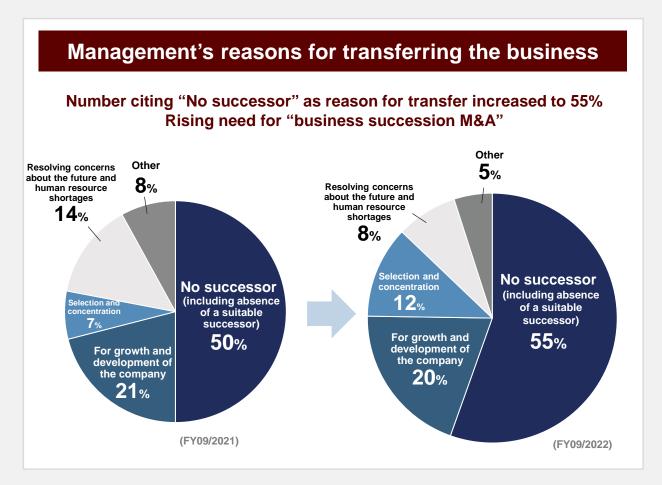


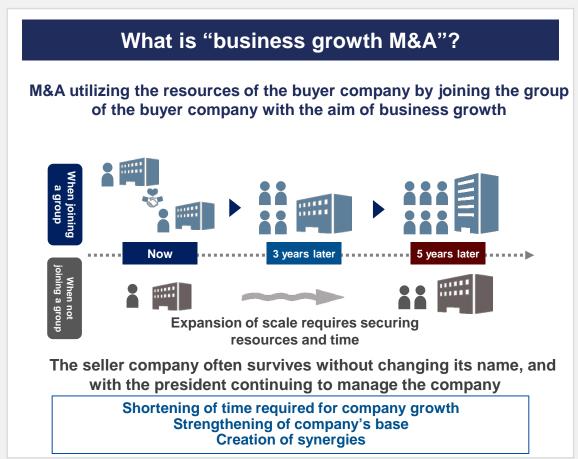


#### **Business Succession M&A and Business Growth M&A**



"Business succession M&A" resolving the absence of successor, which continues to be in demand "Business growth M&A" leading to growth with an eye to the future that has been increasing in recent years





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