FY2023/12

# Financial Results

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# FY2023/12 Financial Results Highlights

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| FY2023/12 Consolidated Financial Results |                              |                 |  |  |  |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Revenue                                  | 7,033 <sub>million JPY</sub> | +13.2%          |  |  |  |
| Operating Profit                         | 2,547 <sub>million JPY</sub> | +11. <b>4</b> % |  |  |  |

| Cloud Solutions (CS) |                             |               |  |  |  |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Revenue              | million JPY<br><b>4,299</b> | YoY<br>+21.4% |  |  |  |
| Operating<br>Profit  | million JPY<br>1,981        | YoY<br>+22.6% |  |  |  |

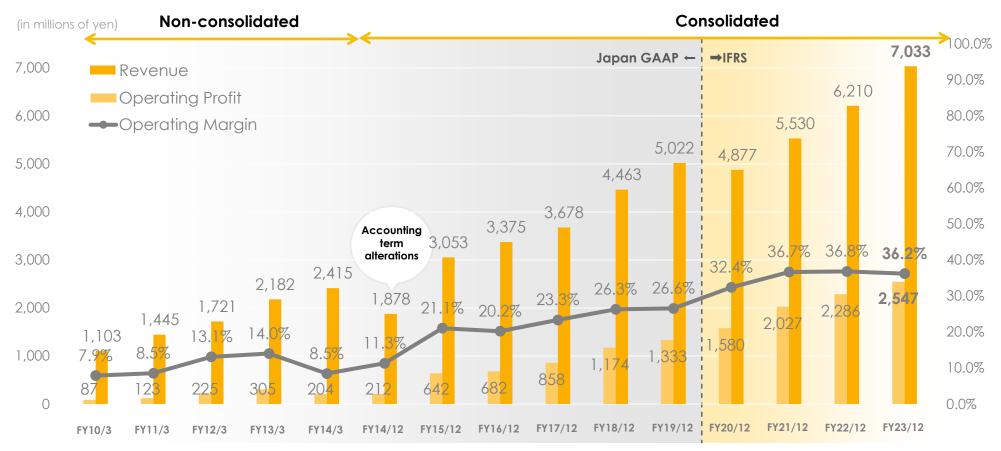
| Digital Transformation (DX) |                          |               |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Revenue                     | million JPY <b>2,733</b> | YoY<br>+2.4%  |  |  |  |
| Operating<br>Profit         | million JPY <b>566</b>   | YoY<br>-11.7% |  |  |  |

- Secured large contracts led to accelerated growth in maintenance, SaaS, and monthly fees, especially from Q3.
- Proposals made to existing customers for the Qualified Invoice-Based Method (the Invoice System) have boosted ZAC installation support and customization revenue in Q2 and Q3.
- Aggressive recruitment of experienced sales personnel led to upfront costs. Although revenues exceeded those of the previous year, operating profit was below the previous year's level.
- Recruitment at the top management level, especially of executive officers, was particularly successful. With progress made in restructuring strategies, a turnaround is planned for FY2024/12.

### Trend in Revenue, Operating Profit and Operating Margin

#### Recorded Revenue 7,033 million yen, +13.2% YoY, Operating Profit 2,547 million yen, +11.4%YoY

Both hit record highs. The operating margin decreased by 0.6 percentage points due to aggressive hiring in the DX business.



<sup>\*</sup>Was not audited by KPMG AZSA LLC, prior to and in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014.

<sup>\*</sup>Following the change in accounting policy in the fiscal 2018, net sales for Digital Transformation Business (previously Communication Design Business) are shown on a net basis from the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, instead of a gross basis used previously.

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### Dividends and Payout Ratio (Consolidated)

#### **Dividend Policy**

We emphasize the constant pursuit of increasing corporate value and returning profits to shareholders.

To ensure stable returns for our shareholders and sustainable growth of the company, our dividend policy involves periodic review to comprehensively assess our performance, financial condition, and future business development.

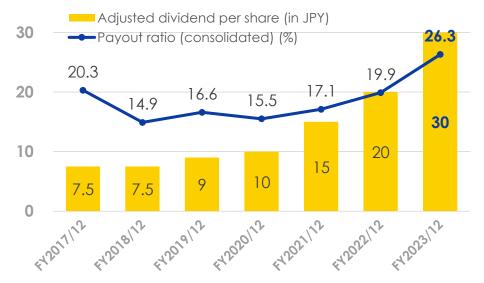
Additionally, with regards to acquiring treasury shares, we will conduct a comprehensive evaluation that considers the need for flexible capital policies in response to the management environment and the impact on our financial structure.

For this fiscal period, we anticipate a dividend of 30 yen per share, an increase of 10 yen from the previous dividend.

#### Planned dividends for FY2023/12

|   | Dividend per share |                    |          |  |  |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|----------|--|--|
| Record date   | Q2                 | Fiscal<br>year-end | Total    |  |  |
| Fully-year<br>planned result<br>(FY2023/12 revised) | 0.00yen            | 30.00yen           | 30.00yen |  |  |

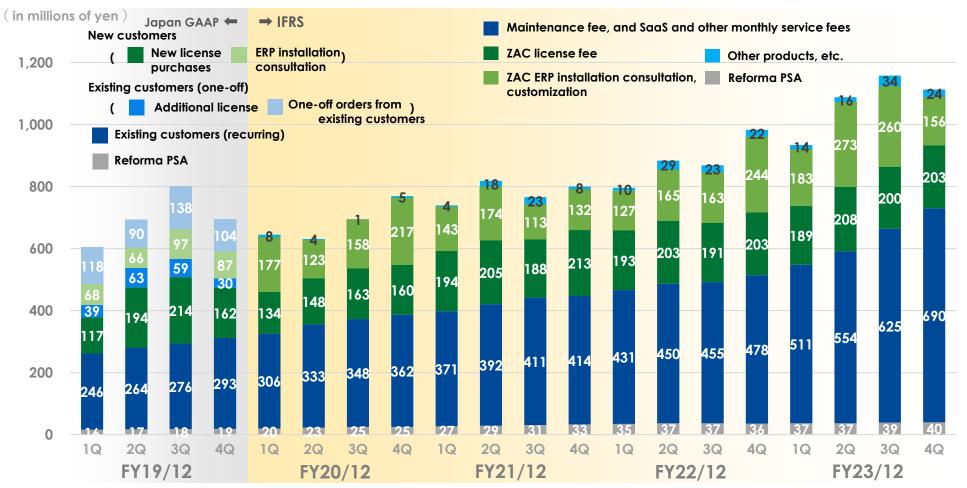
# Trend in Adjusted dividend per share and payout ratio (consolidated)



### Breakdown of Revenue by Business Segment

#### Steady growth in SaaS-type contracts with large new customer acquisitions and monthly fees

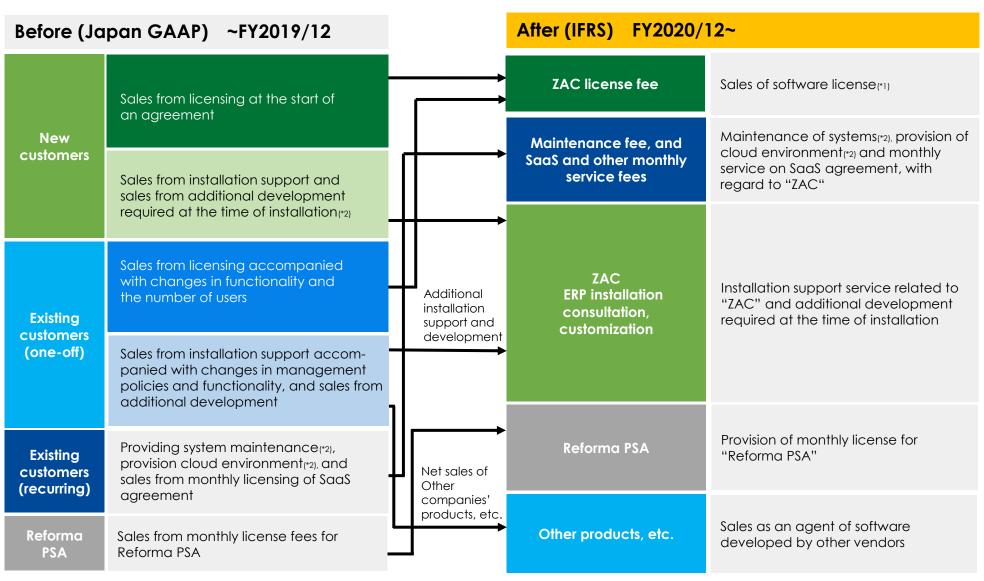
QoQ -3.7% due to the impact of the completion of the invoice system support in Q3, but the business landed at +21.4% in YoY.



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### Breakdown of Revenue by Business Segment

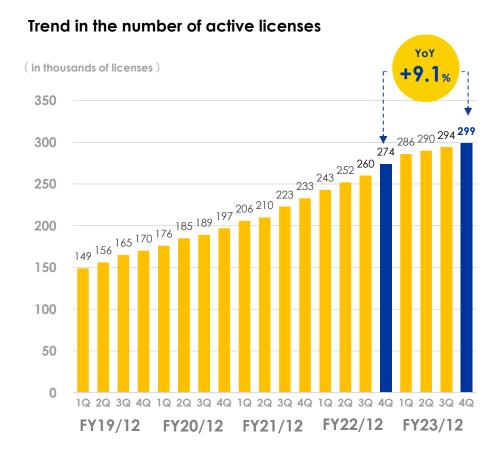


<sup>\*1:</sup> Software license fees arising from one-time purchase contracts are allocated and recognized as revenue over 30 months.

<sup>\*2:</sup> Only in the case of no-returns purchase agreements.

### Trend in the Number of Active Licenses

Continued growth in the number of contracted licenses through the acquisition of new customers and increased in business with new and existing customers







<sup>\*</sup> Number of active licenses

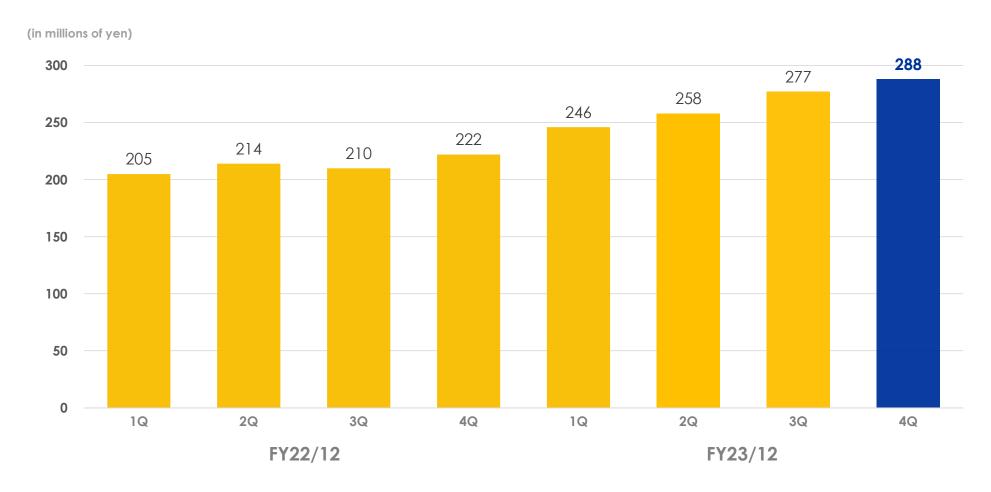
<sup>=</sup> Cumulative number of licenses sold - Cumulative number of licenses terminated

<sup>\*</sup> For existing customers transitioning from ZAC Enterprise to ZAC, there was a double counting of contracted license numbers. Consequently, we have adjusted the data in both charts starting from the first quarter of FY2020/12 onwards to correct this.

### **Trend in MRR**

### Continued acquisition of new large contracts remains strong, with MRR showing steady growth

Grow +29.3% YoY and +3.7% QoQ

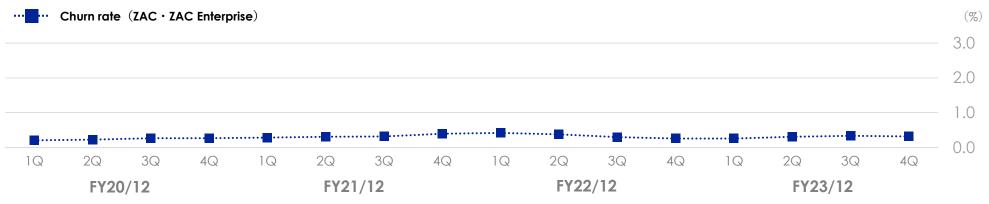


<sup>\*</sup>MRR: Stands for Monthly Recurring Revenue, which is the regular monthly revenue. It is calculated as the total sum of "ZAC License Fees" and "Maintenance Fees, SaaS, and Other Monthly Service Fees" for the last month of the respective quarter.

### Monthly Churn Rate, the Numbers of New Contracts and Churns

#### **Trend in Monthly Customer Churn Rate**

The trend remains steady, hovering around 0.3%; starting FY2024/12, enhanced support for client ZAC adoption.



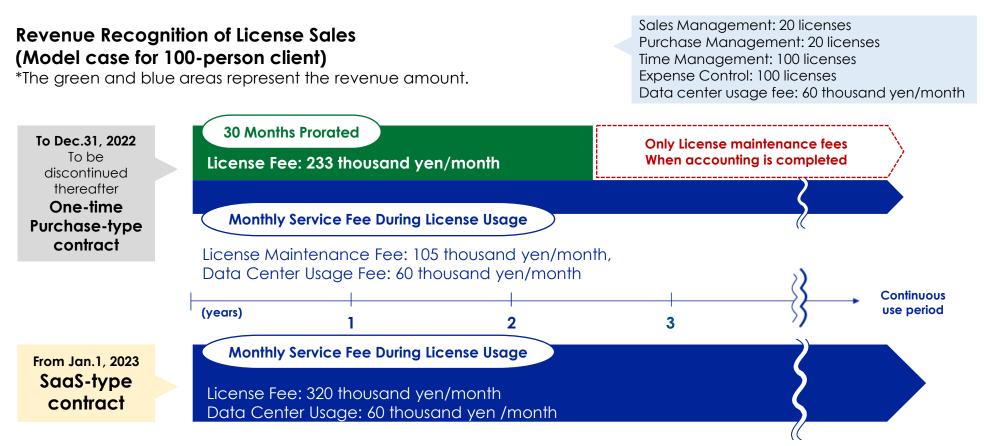
<sup>\*</sup>Monthly churn rate: churn rate calculated by moving average of monthly churn customers / customers at beginning of the month for the last 12 months

#### Trend in the Number of New Contracts and Churns

|                        | 20/12<br>1Q | 20/12<br>2Q | 20/12<br>3Q | 20/12<br>4Q | 21/12<br>1Q | 21/12<br>2Q | 21/12<br>3Q | 21/12<br>4Q | 22/12<br>1Q | 22/12<br>2Q | 22/12<br>3Q | 22/12<br>4Q | 23/12<br>1Q | 23/12<br>2Q | 23/12<br>3Q | 23/12<br>4Q |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of<br>Contracts | 22          | 19          | 14          | 34          | 17          | 6           | 21          | 19          | 21          | 15          | 23          | 28          | 13          | 16          | 16          | 9           |
| Number of Churns       | 4           | 7           | 5           | 11          | 5           | 8           | 7           | 5           | 11          | 3           | 0           | 7           | 9           | 7           | 4           | 3           |

### License Price Revisions and Revenue Recognition

As of January 1, 2023, the sales format of ZAC/ZAC Enterprise licenses, one-time Purchase-type contracts (lump-sum perpetual license type) has been discontinued, and only SaaS-type contracts (monthly subscription fee type) is now available.



<sup>\*</sup>The above revisions do not apply to customers who have signed and used a one-time purchase contract by December 31, 2022.

For details, please refer to the "Notice of Revisions of License Fees for Cloud-based ERP ZAC and ZAC Enterprise" disclosed on November 14, 2022.

<sup>\*</sup>After April 1, 2023, the data center usage fee has increased by 20% in stages.

### **Efforts for Customer Acquisition**

#### Advertising Expenses (CS)



#### Rate of progress against the plan:

**60.3%** (As of December 31, 2023)

The web advertising budget was initially high but was reduced from Q2 due to the cost effectiveness of the SQL\* acquisition. Efforts have been redirected towards increasing SQL supply through outsourced telephone sales, trade fairs and agency alliances, resulting in lower advertising expenses than last year.

#### Forecast for FY2024/12

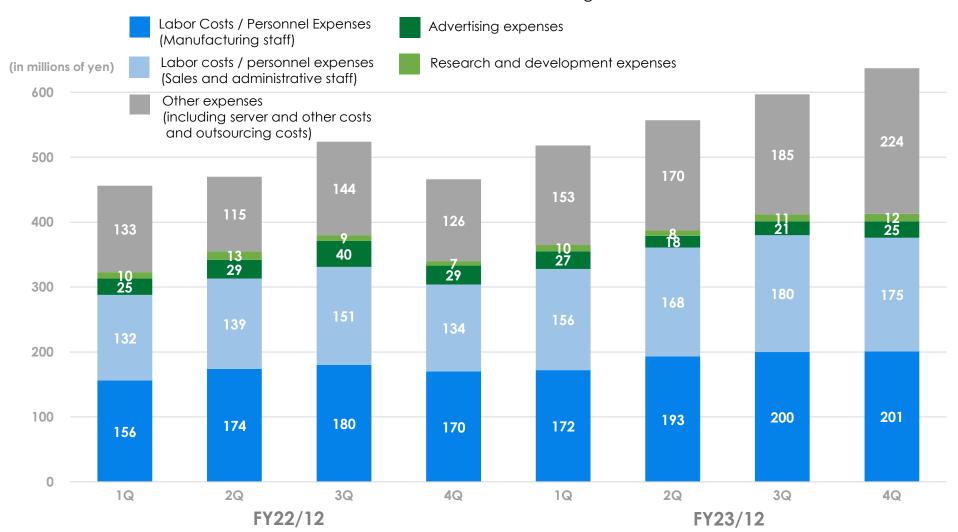
In the current period, we have prioritized SQL generation, but next period, we will also target leads from new prospects alongside with the SQL. In addition to increasing the web advertising budget over last year, we will maintain outsourced telephone sales and trade show participation, and strengthen alliances with sales agents.

<sup>\*</sup> SQL(Sales Qualified Lead): Refers to leads that the sales group judges to have the potential to secure an order within one year after the initial meeting.

### **Breakdown of Expenses (Consolidated)**

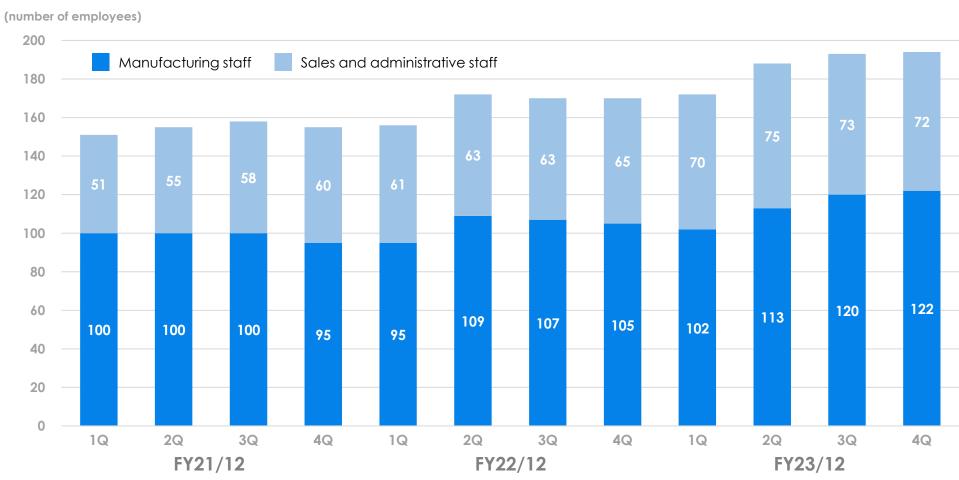
#### Efforts to enhance alliances with sales agents resulted in increased related expenses in Q4

In addition, costs for servers and other items increased in line with business growth.



### Breakdown of Personnel (Parent Company and Two Domestic Subsidiaries)

The trend of new graduate recruitment continues. The personnel will increase in Q2 FY24/12, however, it is expected to stabilize



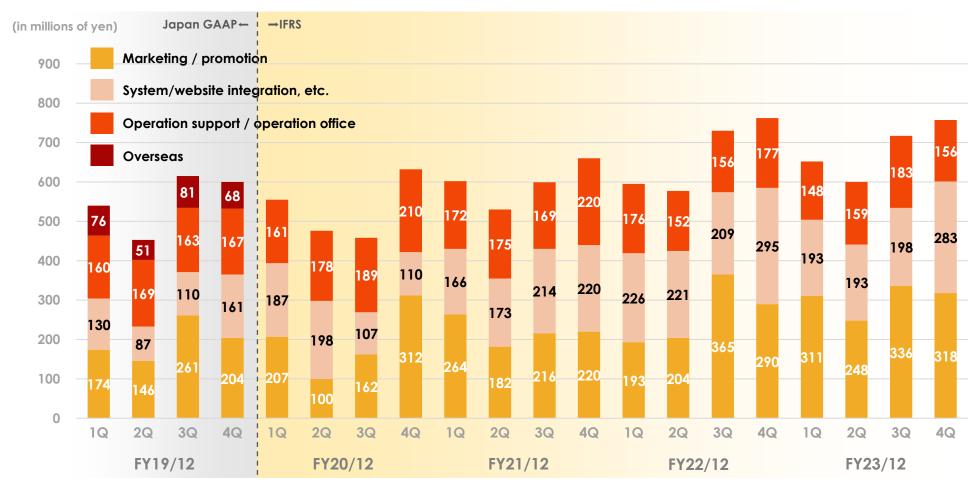
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\*Employees of the Corporate Department and the Office of the President are not included in the graph.

<sup>\*</sup>Two domestic subsidiaries: Refers to oRo Miyazaki Co., Ltd., and oRo code MOC Co., Ltd.

### Breakdown of Revenue by Business Segment

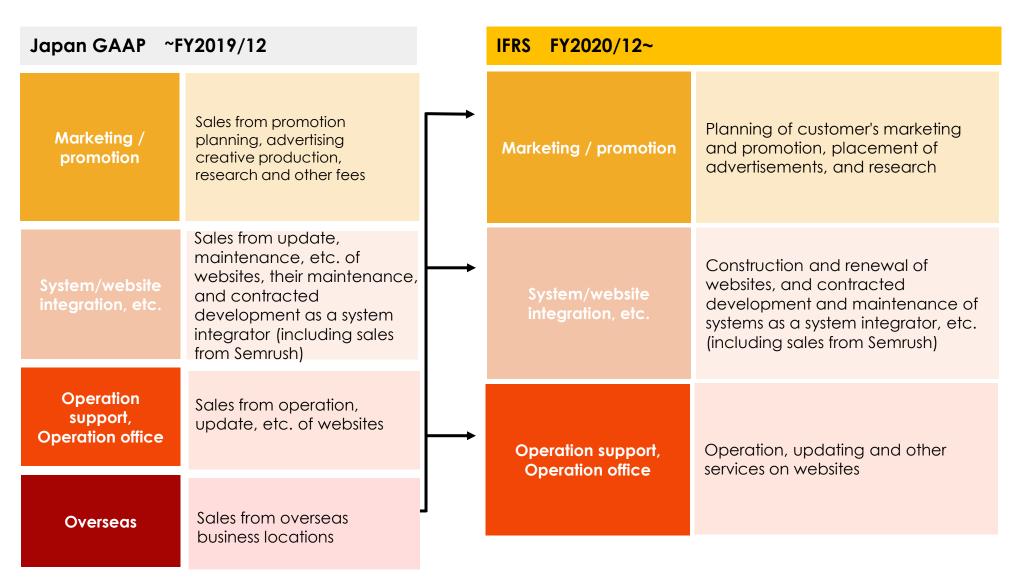
#### With the semiconductor shortages resolved, the Marketing and Promotion grew by 15.3% YoY

Lack of proposals leads to cancellations, resulting in underperformance in the other segments



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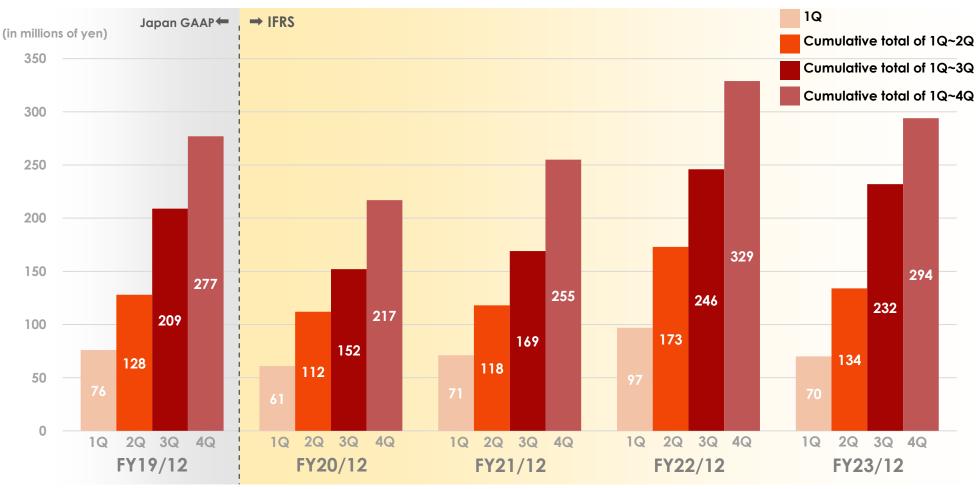
## Breakdown of Revenue by Business Segment



<sup>\*</sup>Upon the adoption of IFRS, sales from overseas business locations that were previously reported in a separate segment "Overseas" have been allocated to the above three segments based on the nature of their services.

### **Overseas Revenue**

Despite a decline in revenue YoY, we plan to reform strategies by Q1 of FY24 to increase the proportion of overseas revenue



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### **Efforts for Customer Acquisition**

#### Situation as of Q3 FY23/12

In response to lower than expected new customer acquisition, we are actively working to improve this in the short and medium term.



#### **Progress and Countermeasures at Q4**

#### Strengthen Collaboration with TOPPAN Inc.

Since announcing our collaboration with TOPPAN Inc. in March 2022, we have made progress in acquiring leads from new customers through them. In June 2023, we set up a dedicated team for collaborative projects and intensified our revenue efforts to secure orders from new customers.

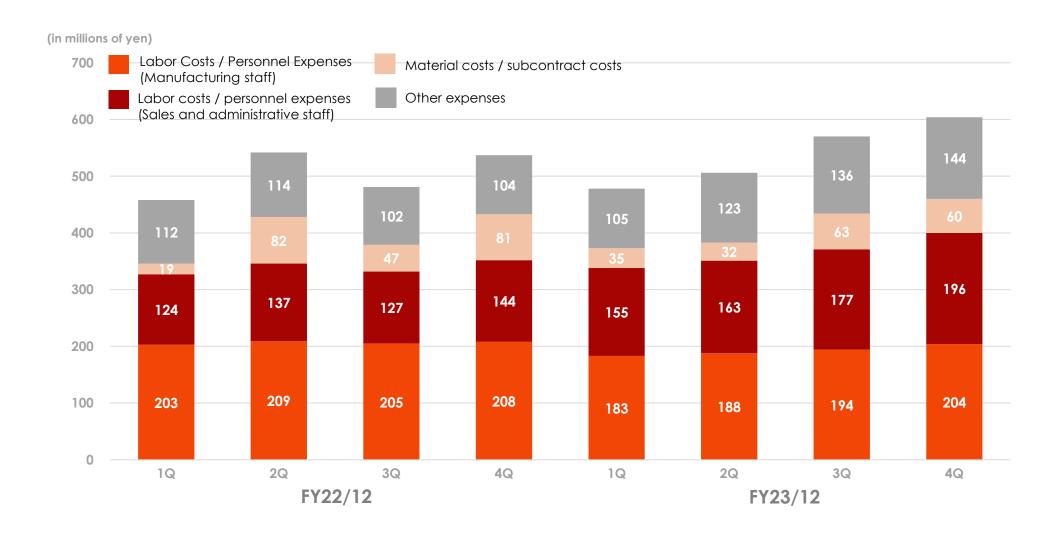
Revenue through this channel exceeded those of the previous year, but in FY2024/12 we will continue to prioritize the strengthening the cooperation, particularly in the acquisition of new customers.

#### **In-house Customer Acquisition**

Through conference participation we are conducting marketing activities to create contact and proposal opportunities for newly acquired leads and dormant clients, with the aim of securing medium to long-term projects. As transactions with new customers gradually increase from small amounts, we will continue to develop new business in FY2024/12, sowing the seeds for the future. In addition, we will focus on both customer acquisition and increasing revenue to existing customers to drive immediate revenue growth.

### **Breakdown of Expenses (Consolidated)**

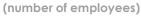
Increased labor costs, particularly for sales, due to proactive recruitment for sales positions

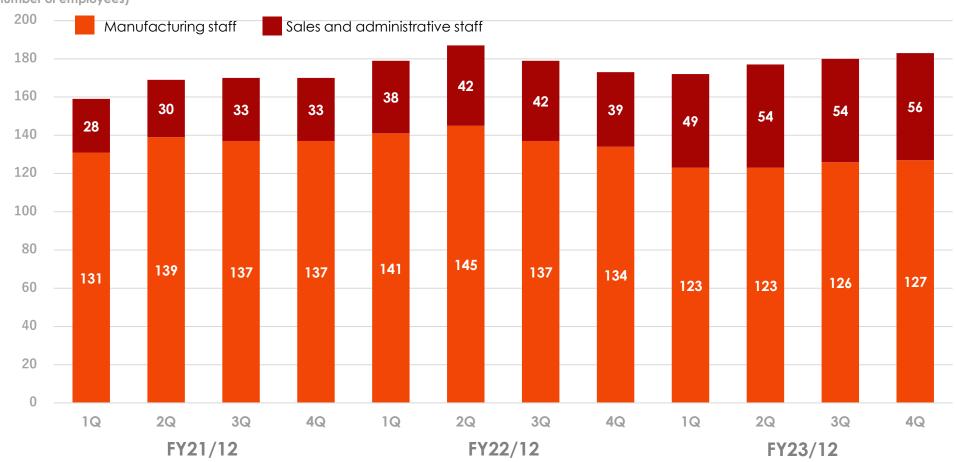


### Breakdown of Personnel (Parent Company and Two Domestic Subsidiaries)

#### Intensifying experienced sales recruitment through Q2 FY24/12 for growth

Strengthened recruitment agency partnerships have significantly boosted job acceptance rates since Q1 FY23/12.





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# **Progress Against Full-Year Forecasts**

(in millions of yen)

|  |   |  | 1          | (in millions of yen)  |
|--|---|--|------------|---|
|  | FY2023/12 Full-year forecasts [Composition ratio] | FY2023/12  Results [Composition ratio] | Difference | Main factors  |
| Revenue  | 7,092 [100.0%]                                    | <b>7,033</b> [100.0%]                  | (59)       |   |
| Cloud Solutions                                    | 4,132 [58.3%]                                     | <b>4,299</b> [61.1%]                   | 166        |   |
| Digital<br>Transformation                          | 2,959 [41.7%]                                     | 2,733 [38.9%]                          | (225)      | Due to slower-than-expected acquisition of new customers.                           |
| Operating profit                                   | 2,380 [33.6%]                                     | <b>2,547</b> [36.2%]                   | 166        |   |
| Cloud Solutions                                    | 1,712 [24.2%]                                     | 1,981 [28.2%]                          | 268        |   |
| Digital<br>Transformation                          | 667 [9.4%]  | <b>566</b> [8.1%]                      | (101)      | Due to revenue not growing as planned and our proactive hiring for sales positions. |
| Profit before tax                                  | 2,386 [33.6%]                                     | <b>2,602</b> [37.0%]                   | 216        |   |
| <b>Profit</b> attributable to owners of the parent | 1,656 [23.4%]                                     | <b>1,836</b> [26.1%]                   | 179        |   |

# Profit and Loss Statement (YoY)

(in millions of yen)

|  |                                  |                                  |            | (in millions of yen)  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|---|
|  | FY2022/12<br>[Composition ratio] | FY2023/12<br>[Composition ratio] | Difference | Main factors  |
| Revenue                                      | 6,210 [100.0%]                   | 7,033 [100.0%]                   | 822        |   |
| Cost of sales                                | <b>2,222</b> [35.8%]             | <b>2,358</b> [33.5%]             | 136        | Increase in technical personnel, salary, material costs, and depreciation expenses.                                       |
| Gross profit                                 | 3,988 [64.2%]                    | 4,674 [66.5%]                    | 686        |   |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 1,688 [27.2%]                    | 2,081 [29.6%]                    | 392        | Increase in sales and administrative employees and pay raise, recruiting expenses, travel, and transportation costs, etc. |
| Research and development                     | <b>42</b> [0.7%]                 | <b>45</b> [0.7%]                 | 3          |   |
| Other profit (loss)                          | <b>29</b> [0.4%]                 | <b>(0)</b> [0.0%]                | (29)       | Settlement payment (45 million yen)   |
| Operating profit                             | 2,286 [36.8%]                    | 2,547 [36.2%]                    | 260        |   |
| Finance profit (loss)                        | <b>65</b> [1.1%]                 | <b>55</b> [0.8%]                 | (10)       |   |
| Profit before tax                            | 2,352 [37.9%]                    | 2,602 [37.0%]                    | 250        |   |
| Profit                                       | 1,630 [26.2%]                    | 1,829 [26.0%]                    | 199        |   |
| Profit attributable to owners of the parent  | 1,623 [26.1%]                    | 1,836 [26.1%]                    | 212        |   |

## Statement of Financial Position (vs. End of Previous Fiscal Year)

|                               | FY2022/12 | FY2023/12 | Difference |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Current assets                | 9,408     | 10,920    | 1,512      |
| Cash and cash equivalents     | 6,831     | 8,707     | 1,875      |
| Trade and other receivables   | 1,405     | 998       | (407)      |
| Other current assets          | 1,170     | 1,215     | 44         |
| Non-Current<br>Assets         | 1,637     | 1,452     | (184)      |
| Property, plant and equipment | 828       | 731       | (97)       |
| Intangible<br>assets          | 70        | 83        | 12         |
| Other                         | 738       | 638       | (100)      |
| Total assets                  | 11,045    | 12,373    | 1,327      |

|   |           | (in       | millions of yen) |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------------|
|   | FY2022/12 | FY2023/12 | Difference       |
| Total liabilities                           | 3,708     | 3,489     | (219)            |
| Current liabilities                         | 3,288     | 3,143     | (144)            |
| Contract<br>liabilities                     | 1,801     | 1,759     | (42)             |
| Income tax payable                          | 475       | 229       | (245)            |
| Trade and other payable                     | 403       | 455       | 51               |
| Other current liabilities                   | 607       | 699       | 91               |
| Non-current liabilities                     | 420       | 346       | (74)             |
| Total equity                                | 7,337     | 8,884     | 1,546            |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Parent | 7,331     | 8,884     | 1,552            |
| Non-controlling interests                   | 6         | 0         | (6)              |
| Total liabilities and equity                | 11,045    | 12,373    | 1,327            |

#### **New Business**

### SaaS Management Tool "dxeco"

"dxeco" visualizes contract information, usage status, account information, and Shadow IT for SaaS applications used within companies.

It enables cost optimization of SaaS usage, management and understanding of security risks, and streamlining of account inventory tasks.

- Implemented team management features, enabling permission settings for each organizational hierarchy.
- Utilized during ISMS audits, also received high praise as a point of excellence during internal reviews.
- Continuously adding new features in response to customer feedback.



#### Case study

### Pre-implementation Challenges

- Inability to comprehensively track internal SaaS account information
- Difficulty in understanding SaaS adopted and managed at the department level

### Post-implementation Impact

- Creation of a comprehensive management ledger without gaps through API and CSV integration
- Capability to gain a comprehensive understanding of all SaaS in use across the company, including Shadow IT

<sup>\*</sup>While monetization may take time, we prioritize enhancing features based on user organizations' feedback.

### **News Release**

| CS    | Nov 2  | Reforma PSA Launched a new feature "document email delivery"  |
|-------|--------|---|
| dxeco | Nov 14 | "dxeco" Linked to the system, "HERP Hire"   |
| dxeco | Nov 21 | "dxeco" Linked to the system, "HRMOS Time and Attendance"   |
| oRo   | Nov 22 | Presented various work and leisure initiatives, including the "Selective Four-Day Week", at the Ministry of Health and Welfare's symposium on work and leisure reform |
| dxeco | Nov 28 | "dxeco" Linked to the system, "PHONE APPLI PEOPLE"  |
| DX    | Nov 30 | Launched website build and operational plan using HubSpot Customer acquisition through conversion acquisition optimization x data-driven marketing automation         |
| CS    | Dec 15 | ZAC Wins "Good Service" in ERP Category at BOXIL SaaS AWARD Winter 2023   |
| CS    | Dec 27 | ZAC Updated the function of "Electronic Evidence Storage Option"  |

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# FY2024/12-FY2026/12 Mid-term Business Outlook

## FY2024/12 Forecasts

Forecasts: 17.0% Revenue, 9.2% Operating Profit Growth

(in millions of yen)

|   | FY2023/12<br>Results | FY2024/12<br>Forecasts | Difference | Rate of change |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Revenue                                     | 7,033                | 8,229                  | 1,196      | 17.0 %         |
| Cloud Solutions                             | 4,299                | 5,019                  | 720        | 16.7 %         |
| Digital Transformation                      | 2,729                | 3,209                  | 476        | 17.4 %         |
| Operating profit                            | 2,547                | 2,782                  | 235        | 9.2 %          |
| Cloud Solutions                             | 1,981                | 2,186                  | 204        | 10.3 %         |
| Digital Transformation                      | 566                  | 596                    | 30         | 5.3 %          |
| Profit before tax                           | 2,602                | 2,824                  | 221        | 8.5%           |
| Profit attributable to owners of the parent | 1,836                | 1,963                  | 127        | 6.9%           |

# **Consolidated Earnings Outlooks**

(in millions of yen)

| Fiscal<br>Period | FY2023/12<br>(Results) | FY2024/12<br>(Forecasts) | FY2025/12<br>(Outlooks) | FY2026/12<br>(Outlooks) |
|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Revenue          | 7,033                  | 8,229                    | 9,480                   | 10,807                  |
| Operating profit | 2,547                  | 2,782                    | 3,329                   | 3,883                   |
| OP Margin        | 36.2%                  | 33.8%                    | 35.1%                   | 35.9%                   |
| ROE              | 22.7%                  |                          | 20% or more             |                         |

# **Earnings Outlooks**

(in millions of yen)

| Fiscal<br>Period          | FY2023/12<br>(Results) | FY2024/12<br>(Forecasts) | FY2025/12<br>(Outlooks) | FY2026/12<br>(Outlooks) |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Revenue                   | 4,299                  | 5,019                    | 5,837                   | 6,625                   |
| Operating profit          | 1,981                  | 2,186                    | 2,600                   | 2,999                   |
| Ratio of operating profit | 46.1%                  | 43.5%                    | 44.6%                   | 45.3%                   |

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### Mid- to Long-Term Strategy

**Maximizing New MRR** 

01

Enhancing Existing Clients
Product Utilization (Maximizing MRR Growth)

02

Strengthening Development for Further Market Expansion

03

### 1. Maximizing New MRR

#### Aim to improve proposal skills and work closely with sales agents to grow our customer base

In 2023, due to further enlargement of new clients, the acquisition of new MRR progressed at a strong pace. This compensates for the previous year's shortfall in new contract numbers. In light of the above, the following initiatives will be undertaken to maximize new MRR:

#### Enhancing proposal structure for major clients

From February 2024, we've enhanced our major account sales team with experienced implementation consultants.

Tackling the complexity of large customer proposals, which often require tailored responses and broader scopes,

our new approach aims to expedite sales cycles and boost conversion rates by quickly pinpointing customer challenges.

#### Reviewing proposals for SMEs

We recognize that the number of new contracts has decreased following the move to SaaS contracts, mainly due to fewer orders from SMEs. We'll revamp contract forms for easier SME adoption, aiming to increase the number of new contracts.

#### Strengthening collaboration with sales agents

We are currently reinforcing alliances with sales agents to acquire SQLs. Since the prospective clients referred to tend to be large in scale, we will continue to strengthen the collaboration to maximize new MRR.

### 2. Enhancing Existing Clients Product Utilization (Maximizing MRR Growth)

#### Strengthen the system for existing customers to utilize ZAC

We aim to enhance customer utilization and extend ZAC usage by showcasing the productivity and management improvements it offers. In January 2024, we established **an Adoption Team** and implemented a support system to help customers make effective use of ZAC at an early stage.

#### Customer support structure from January 2024 onwards (role of the Adoption Team)

### Implementation Support

# Supporting business transfer until startup ZAC

Rebuilding customer workflows in ZAC
Accompanying the process
for about 6 months

#### **Adoption**

## Supporting the operational stabilization of ZAC

Resolving issues that arose immediately after operation Accompanying the stabilization process for about a year

#### Consulting

# Supporting productivity and management enhancement

Proposing data utilization and further operational improvements

Accompanying throughout the contract period

#### **Background of Strengthening Customer Support System**

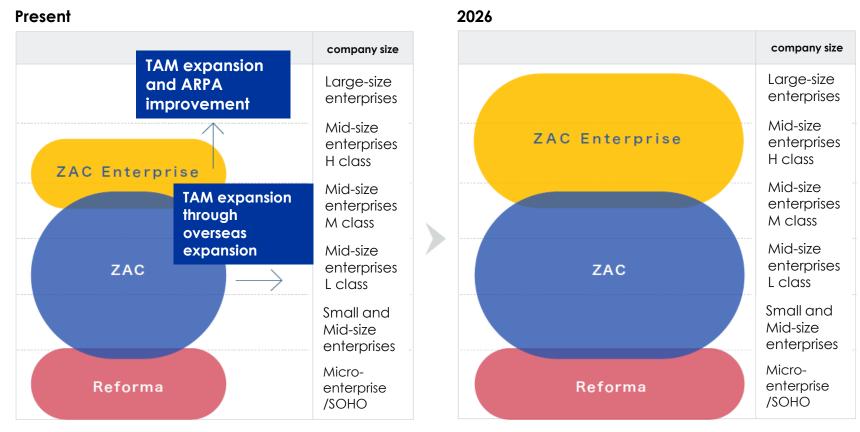
In order to effectively use the data collected in ZAC for decision making and management, it is important to establish and refine ZAC operations. The Adoption Team is responsible for encouraging existing customers to use ZAC. This not only ensures low churn rates, but also sets the stage for proposing additional product usage, such as additional licenses, features and options. This is achieved by allowing customers to experience the value of ZAC first hand.

### 3. Strengthen Development for Further Market Expansion

#### 44,000 domestic target companies, we are targeting larger companies and overseas markets

We will review our system configuration and enhance our internationalization functions to propose solutions to large enterprises with 10,000 employees and small- to medium-sized enterprises located overseas by 2026.

#### Market Expansion Image (TAM)



<sup>\*</sup>Domestic target companies are ZAC, ZAC Enterprise and Reforma's target industries, such as IT, advertising and consulting, with approximately 1 to 2,000 employees.

#### Cloud Solutions Business Strategy and Outlook

### Other Initiatives: Increase in Software Maintenance Fees

#### Proposing a 20% increase in software maintenance fees for clients with contracts over 5 years

Due to rising costs of goods, labor, and increased development expenses, we have decided to implement a gradual 20% increase in software maintenance fees starting from April 1, 2024, for clients who have been using ZAC services or have had ZAC Enterprise contracts for over 5 years.

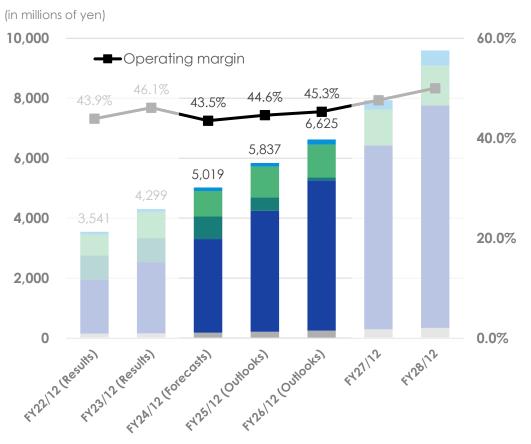
As of April 1, 2024, clients with service subscriptions or contracts of less than 5 years will undergo the aforementioned price increase starting from the month following the completion of the 5-year period.

\* The software maintenance fee is a monthly charge for "license usage under purchase contracts," so clients exclusively using licenses under SaaS contracts will not be affected by the above.

### Segment Revenue and Operating Margin

#### FY2024/12 sees a temporary dip in margins due to preparation for 2026 global expansion

We are assessing market research for destination selection and participation in overseas exhibitions, incorporating associated expenses into our financial planning.



Other products, etc.

Revenue as an agent of software developed by other vendors

- ZAC ERP installation consultation and customization Installation support service related to "ZAC" and additional development required at the time of installation
- **ZAC license fee (one-timepurchase-typecontract)**Revenue of software license

The discontinuation of one-time purchase-type contract is expected to cause a decrease, with revenue from this format expected to disappear entirely by 2027

Maintenance fee, and SaaS and other monthly service fees

ZAC system maintenance, cloud provisioning, and license monthly fees

Post-2023 ZAC license fees booked in this segment after ending one-time purchase-type contracts

Reforma PSA

Provision of monthly license for "Reforma PSA"

#### Cloud Solutions Business Strategy and Outlook

### Setting KPIs in the Earnings Outlooks for FY2026/12

|                       | ARPA*   | Customer Churn Rate**   | NRR***  |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| ZAC<br>ZAC Enterprise | 624.0 <sub>K yen</sub>  | 0.30%   | 110.0%  |
|                       | Results for FY23/12: <b>508.2 K yen</b> Forecasts for FY24/12: <b>557.4 K yen</b> | Results for FY23/12: <b>0.30%</b> Forecasts for FY24/12: <b>0.31%</b> | Results for FY23/12: <b>113.5%</b> Forecasts for FY24/12: <b>112.0%</b> |
| Reforma PSA           | 65.0 <sub>K yen</sub>   | 0.83 %  | 95.0%   |
|                       | Results for FY23/12: <b>60.7 K yen</b> Forecasts for FY24/12: <b>60.6 K yen</b>   | Results for FY23/12: <b>0.91%</b> Forecasts for FY24/12: <b>0.83%</b> | Results for FY23/12: <b>83.9%</b> Forecasts for FY24/12: <b>95.0%</b>   |

#### **ZAC · ZAC Enterprise**

ARPA is expected to improve over the medium to long term as SaaS license revenue accumulates.

The Customer Churn Rate is projected to remain stable at current levels in the medium term.

NRR is expected to temporarily increase due to a 20% rise in data center usage fees for FY23/12 and a 20% increase in software maintenance fees for FY24/12 period.

#### Reforma PSA

As several customers, who have expanded their usage, transition to ZAC annually, NRR is expected to decrease, but segment revenue is anticipated to grow by over 15% annually.

ARPA for ZAC and ZAC Enterprise are calculated based on monthly revenue related to "ZAC license fees, maintenance fees, SaaS and other monthly service fees" and "ZAC installation support and customization" per customer. ARPA for Reforma PSA is calculated by monthly revenue related to "Reforma PSA" per customer.

<sup>\*</sup>Abbreviation for Average Revenue Per Account

<sup>\*\*</sup>Monthly customer churn rate calculated using the most recent 12-month moving average of "number of customers canceled in the current month ÷ number of customers at the beginning of the month."

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Abbreviation for Net Retention Rate. ARR for period n ÷ ARR for period n-1 for customers with revenue in period n-1. For ZAC and ZAC Enterprise, calculation is based only on "maintenance fees, SaaS and other monthly service fees." For Reforma PSA, the calculation is based on the monthly usage fee of "Reforma PSA."

## **Earnings Outlooks**

(in millions of yen)

| Fiscal<br>Period          | FY2023/12<br>(Results) | FY2024/12<br>(Forecasts) | FY2025/12<br>(Outlooks) | FY2026/12<br>(Outlooks) |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Revenue                   | 2,733                  | 3,209                    | 3,642                   | 4,181                   |
| Operating profit          | 566                    | 596                      | 728                     | 884                     |
| Ratio of operating profit | 20.7%                  | 18.6%                    | 20.0%                   | 21.2%                   |

### Mid- to Long-Term Strategy

Building Support Model as "Execution-Oriented Company" 07

**Advancing Human Capital Investment** 

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Boost Overseas Tool Variety and Revenue

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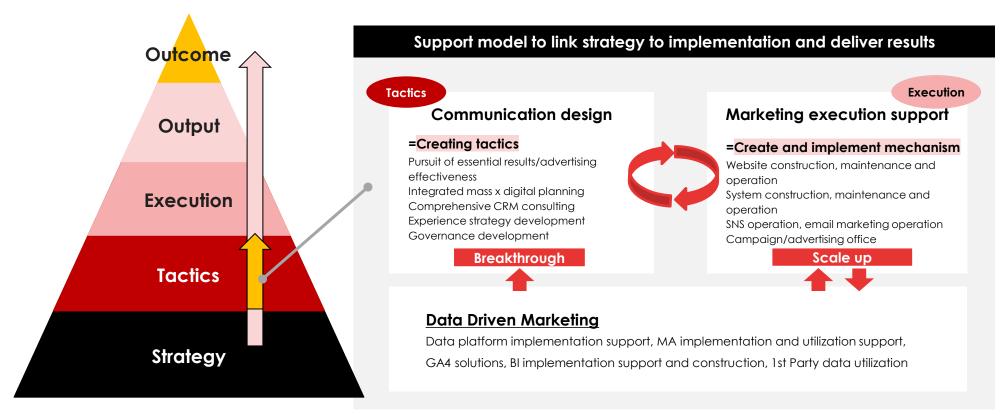
### 1. Building Support Model as "Execution-Oriented Company"

#### Provide a mechanism to translate the client's marketing strategy into concrete actions

As the digital marketing market expands, we serve DX businesses as "an execution company". This is to ensure clients' strategies to make sure that their strategies do not just remain theoretical.

We provide a support model that generates ongoing results through communication design (effective tactical planning) and marketing execution support (implementing and scaling tactics).

#### Our Support Model as an "Execution-Oriented Company" (conceptual diagram)



### 2. Advancing Human Capital Investment

#### Strengthening recruitment and development for implementing sales strategy

In FY23/12, there was a focus on recruiting skilled personnel, primarily among top management, and a review of strategies was conducted (see previous section).

Starting from FY24/12, recruitment efforts will continue, mainly targeting sales professionals to facilitate concrete execution and enhance organizational capabilities.

Additionally, rotations based on talent development plans and conducting internal and external training sessions will accelerate the development pace of junior to mid-level staff members.

### Recruitment

- Active use of recruitment partners
- Strengthening the recruitment of ready-to-work sales personnel

### **Training**

- Provide opportunities to acquire skills that are rarely learned on the job
- Establish a job rotation system to experience different areas of work
- Improve and homogenize the quality of proposals through knowledge management

### 3. Boost Overseas Tool Variety and Revenue

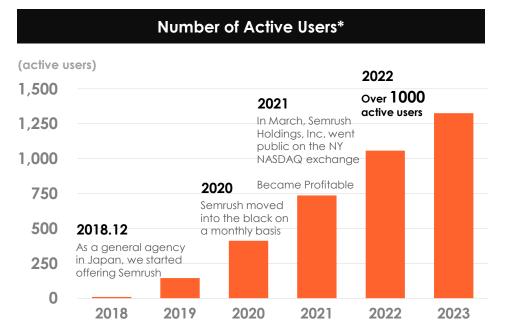
We continue to make progress in localizing overseas tools and handling domestic sales representation, with preparations for further expansion of overseas tools following Semrush.



10 million Registered Account in the world\*\*

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#### Target in 2024

Number of active users in Japan has grown steadily since launch

Although the churn rate remains low, we aim to increase the number of users and the revenue growth rate with improving the figures in 2024.

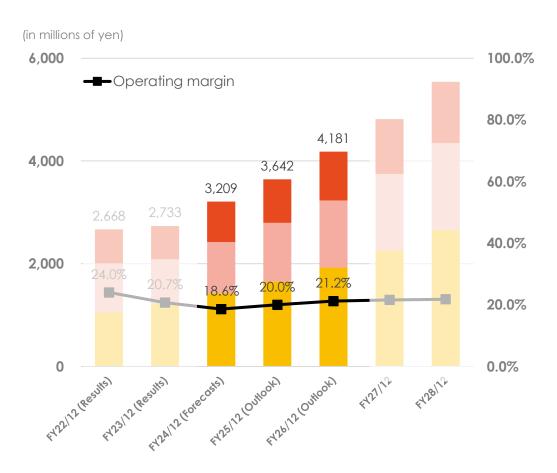


<sup>\*\*</sup>Active users exclude free trial users and canceled users \*\* Total number of users including trial users

### Segment Revenue and Operating Margin

### Revising strategies in both domestic and international markets to recover revenue growth.

We aim to secure an operating margin of around 20%, focusing on growth across all three segments.



- Operation support, Operation office
  Operation, updating and other services on websites.
- System / website integration, etc.

  Construction and renewal of websites, and contracted development and maintenance of systems as a system integrator, etc. (including revenue from Semrush)
- Marketing / promotion

Planning of customer's marketing and promotion, placement of advertisements, and research.

While focusing on growing this segment, we also plan to simultaneously roll out proposals for the other two segments, complementing our marketing and promotion-related proposals to support our clients' marketing strategy execution.

# **Business Segment Topics**

### **Business Overview**



# Cloud Solutions (CS)

Development and Supply of





Support for operation and management with cloud-based ERP

- Improving operational efficiency
- Improving project management level
- Supporting business decision-making based on managerial accounting

# **Digital Transformation**

Planning of Digital Strategies, Digital Support, and Proposing Creativeness

**Digital-based support** for corporate business activities

- Planning digital strategies for business activities
- Promoting digitalization of marketing activities
- Accelerating global business expansion

# **CLOUD SOLUTIONS**

### Cloud ERP "ZAC", Cloud PSA "Reforma PSA"

We provide three types of cloud-based integrated systems tailored to the size of the enterprise. The systems streamline business processes and facilitate company-wide information sharing.

#### **Small Enterprises/Start-up**



# Reforma PSA

- Targeting start-ups/venture firms with up to 50 employees
- Providing only a selected set of essential functions of 7AC
- Allowing customers to use the service at low cost given no upfront fees (only monthly subscription fees, 30,000 yen)

# Small to Medium Enterprises



- Main product offered to small to middle sized companies with 50 to 300 employees
- Equipped with approximately 2,000 parameters, it fits customer operations without the need for customization (add-on development)
- Through automatic version updates, the product continuously evolves

#### Large-scale Enterprises/ Customization



### **ZAC Enterprise**

Cloud ERP

- Catering to large corporations with over 1,000 employees
- Equipped with approximately 13,000 parameters
- Able to meet unique corporate needs and business requirements through customization (add-on development)

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### Industry-Specific ERP

ZAC has been implemented in a cumulative total of over 950 companies, primarily in the software, IT services, and advertising industries.

(As of December 31, 2023)



Recently, orders from the software and IT services industries have increased.

Approximately 40% of the total number of orders received come from the IT service industry, and 30% come from the advertising industry.

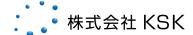
### Software/system development, and IT services















### Advertising/PR/content production

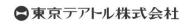












### **Consulting/professional services**







#### Other services

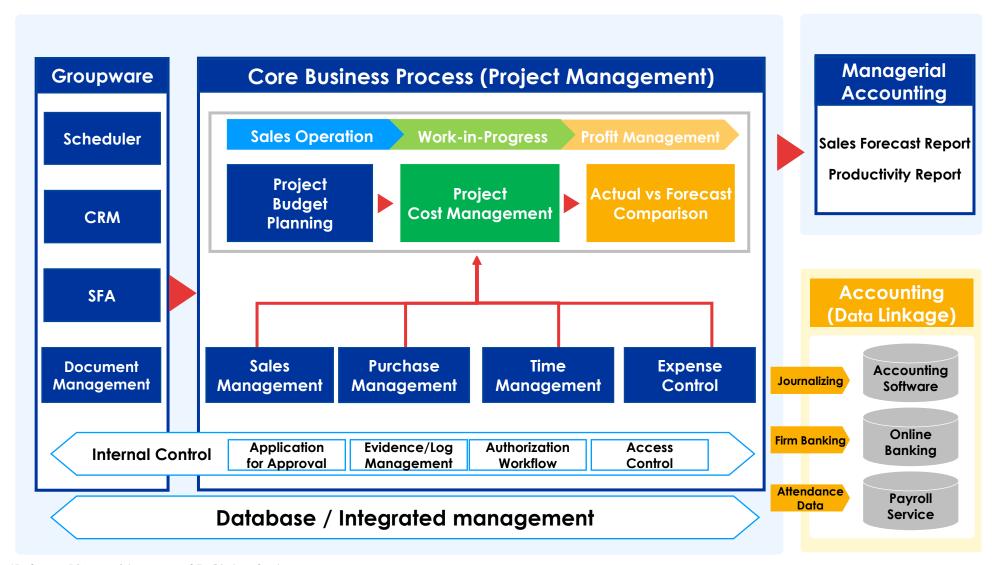






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### Overview of Cloud ERP ZAC - Functions



<sup>\*</sup>Reforma PSA provides some of ZAC's key features.

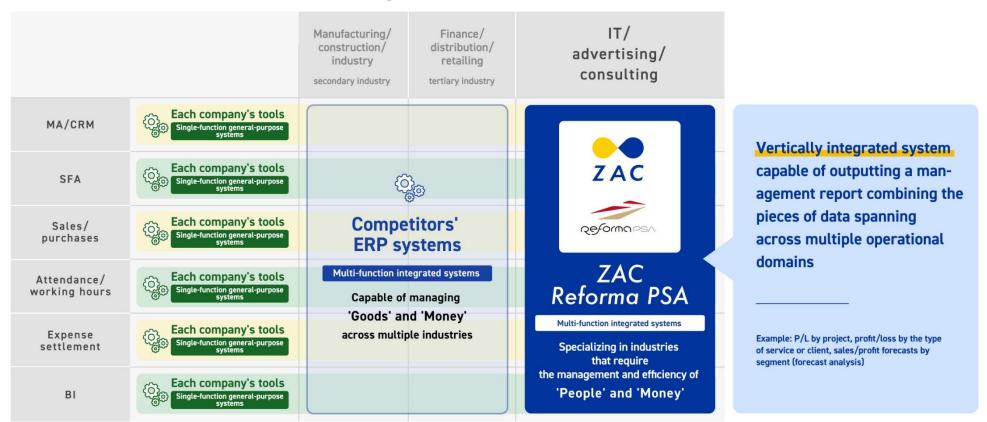
### Industry-Specific Integrated ERP

ERP systems can be divided into single-function general-purpose systems applicable across industries, and multi-function integrated systems merging industry-specific functions.

ZAC / Reforma PSA is a multi-function integrated system designed to meet the specific needs

and challenges of customers in the IT services, advertising, and consulting industries.

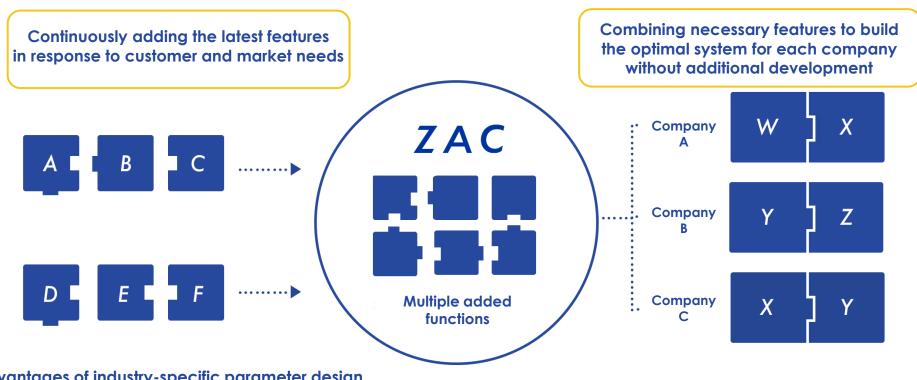
### Positioning Map by Industry/Business Domain



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### Advantages of Cloud-Based Systems in Functional Scalability

Since 2006, we have accumulated approximately 13,000\* parameters (functional components) to meet unique customer demands.



Advantages of industry-specific parameter design

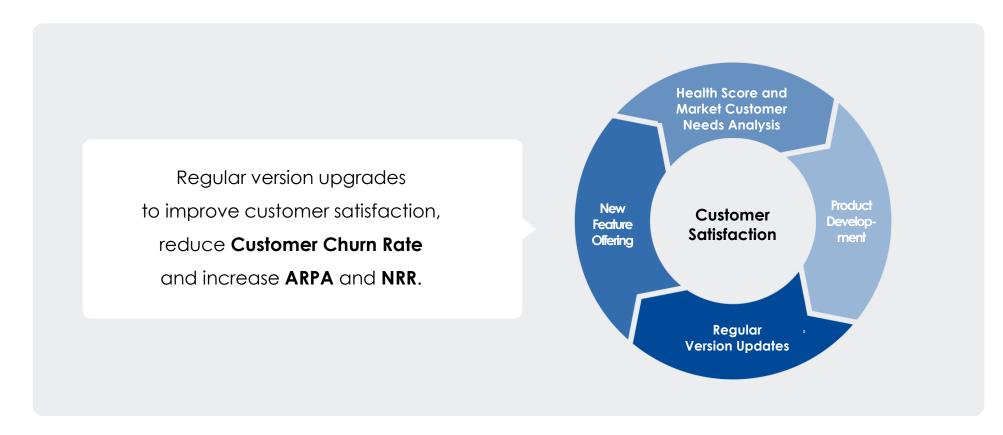
(From the customer's perspective) Access to a customized system at a low cost and with a short delivery POINT1 time, making specification changes, such as adding new features, easier

POINT2 (From our perspective) Ability to horizontally deploy new features or functionality developed for individual customers, resulting in efficient sales proposals and feature delivery

<sup>\*</sup>We provide about 2,000 functional parameters in ZAC and about 13,000 functional parameters in ZAC Enterprise.

### Provide Regular Version Updates

Despite being a large-scale system with approximately 2,000 functional parameters, ZAC undergoes regular version upgrades, continuously offering enhancements in functionality and design, as well as new features.

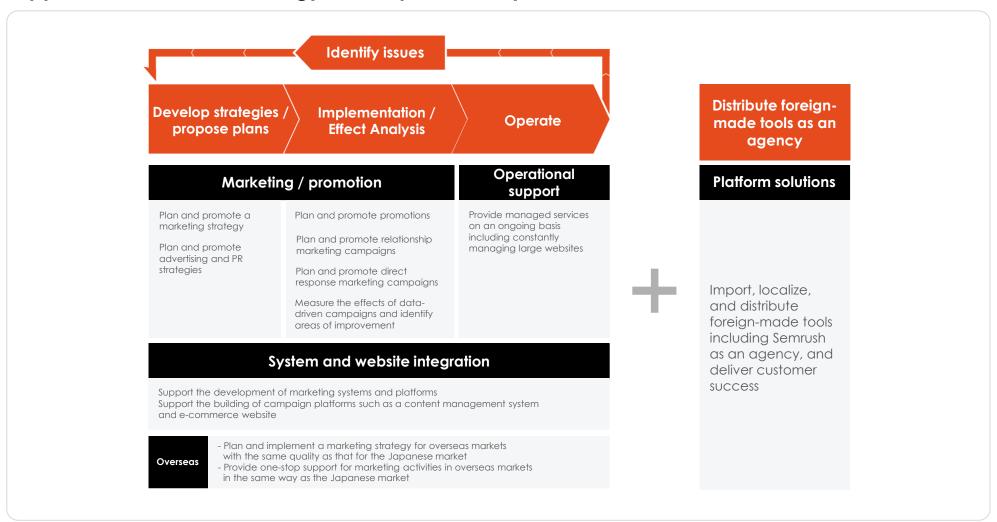


<sup>\*</sup>Approximately 2,000 functional parameters are available for ZAC and 13,000 for ZAC Enterprise.

# DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

### One-stop Digital Marketing Support for Large Organizations

Achieve excellence in integrity, speed and cost performance by providing end-to-end support services, from strategy development to operations.



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### Digital Marketing Consultation for National Brands

Aeon Co., Ltd. And Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. are the main customers.





### Examples of ORO's Support for Implementing Marketing Strategies

#### Strong in supporting organizations to execute strategy and to deliver results

- Tactical Planning: Tailored digital marketing consulting and execution per regional characteristics.
- Systematization: Developing and offering dashboards that enable the visualization of marketing ROI across all areas.
- **Execution Support**: Designing and implementing customer acquisition strategies for nationwide stores.

### **Enhance Sales Forces at Overseas Business Locations**

Reinforcement of the system in line with the recovery of economic activity after COVID-19.



# Advertising and promotion in ASEAN and Greater China

Investing in overseas operations to fully sell our quality products/services to Japanese companies overseas, using the expertise we have gained from advertising and promotional services in Japan.

Inbound demand returns to normal as COVID-19 infections begin to subside

We implement marketing initiatives to capture the full recovery of inbound demand.

# **Company Profile**



### Corporate Philosophy



With the commitment of all employees in creating what they can proudly present to the world (namely our organization with its products, and services), oRo's goal is to continue to deliver more happiness and joy to more people (coworkers, families, business partners, shareholders and society), and lead all our employees to self-fulfillment through our efforts to achieve this goal.

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## History

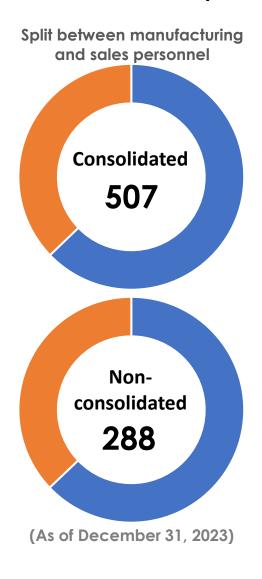
| 1999 | Establishment of oRo Co., Ltd   |  |  |  |
|------|---|--|--|--|
| 2004 | Launched website management and maintenance operations  |  |  |  |
| 2005 | Acquired the Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) certification   |  |  |  |
| 2006 | Developed and launch sales of ZAC Enterprise, an SaaS-compliant ERP package   |  |  |  |
| 2007 | Acquired certification to use the Privacy Mark Opened the Osaka branch (currently, the Nishinihon branch office)  |  |  |  |
| 2008 | Opened the Hokkaido branch office   |  |  |  |
| 2010 | Established the Chinese local corporation oRo TECHNOLOGY (DALIAN) CO., LTD. (currently, a consolidated subsidiary Acquired the Environmental Management Systems (EMS) certification   |  |  |  |
| 2012 | Opened the Miyazaki Support Center Opened the Chubu branch office Established the Malaysian local corporation ORO Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. (currently, a consolidated subsidiary)   |  |  |  |
| 2013 | Established the Vietnamese local corporation ORO Vietnam Co., Ltd. (currently, a consolidated subsidiary)   |  |  |  |
| 2014 | Established the Thai local corporation ORO (Thailand) Co., Ltd. (currently, a consolidated subsidiary)  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | Established the Taiwanese local corporation ORO TAIWAN CO., LTD. (currently, a consolidated subsidiary) Established the Chinese local corporation DALIAN oRo ADVERTISING CO., LTD. (currently, a consolidated subsidiary) Established oRo Miyazaki Co., Ltd. (currently, a consolidated subsidiary) |  |  |  |
| 2017 | Listed on the TSE Mothers Section   |  |  |  |
| 2018 | Listing upgraded to the TSE 1st Section  oRo Digital Asia Pte. Ltd. (formerly Crossfinity Digital Asia Pte. Ltd.) becomes a subsidiary  oRo Digital Asia Sdn. Bhd. (formerly Crossfinity Digital Asia Sdn. Bhd.) becomes a subsidiary   |  |  |  |
| 2019 | Opening of the Fukuoka branch Established oRo code MOC Co., Ltd. (currently, a consolidated subsidiary)   |  |  |  |
| 2022 | Transition to TSE Prime Market  |  |  |  |

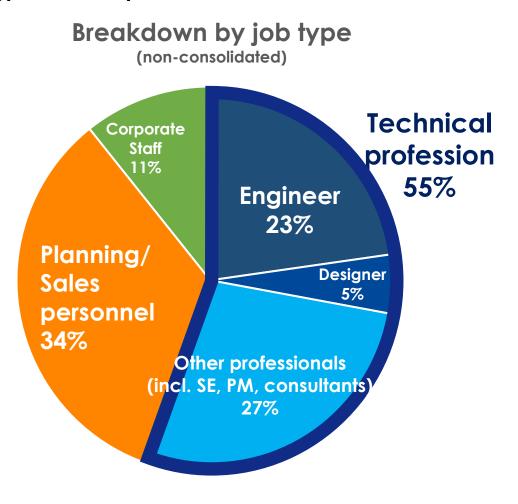
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### Organizational Structure

### Organizational structure promotes "technology x creativity" solutions

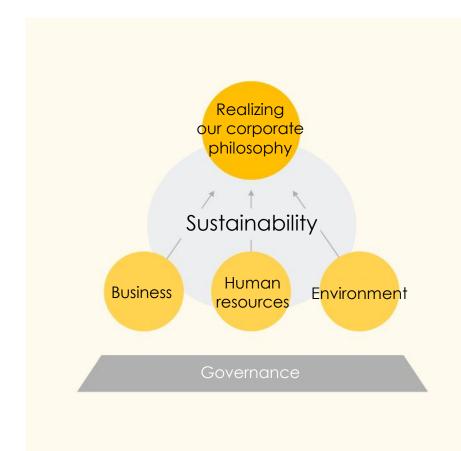




(As of December 31, 2023)

### **Material Issues**

To realize our corporate philosophy, we have identified the three categories of material issues that we must address in order to achieve sustainable growth: business, human resources, and environment.



### **Sustainability Policy**

Realizing our corporate philosophy requires our own sustainable growth in the first place.

Our growth cannot be achieved without delivering more happiness and joy to co-workers, families, business partners, shareholders, and society at large.

For this reason, oRo will engage in corporate activities to realize its corporate philosophy by aligning its initiatives for the three materiality categories of **Business**, **Human Resources**, and **Environment** from the perspective of sustainability, while monitoring the progress of these initiatives.

### Human Resources Initiatives (1/2)

In line with our 'oRo GROUP HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY', we are advancing diversity initiatives, targeting a 15% ratio of women in managerial positions by 2027 to diversify our core personnel.

#### ORO GROUP HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY

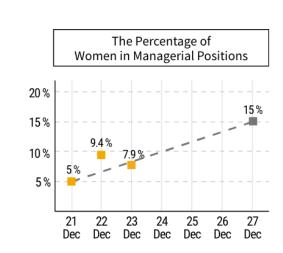
oRo's goal is to continuously develop creative and autonomous human resources and therefore to deliver more happiness and joy to more people through creation of organization, products, and services.

- 1. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, gender, social status, nationality, disability, employment type, age, religion, etc.
- 2. We evaluate our employees/business partners fairly and treat them appropriately.
- 3. We respect diversity. We will create a culture where everybody can think on their own, demonstrate their abilities and creativity, and achieve self-fulfillment.
- We pursue the physical and mental well-being of our employees and their family, and support career development, health, and personal fulfillment.

### Raising the percentage of women in managerial positions

Since February 2023, we have established a goal of achieving a 15% ratio of women in managerial positions by 2027. As of December 31, 2023, we have reached a performance level of 7.9%, which aligns closely with our plan.

Moving forward, we will concentrate on improving our workplace by accommodating diverse career paths and work styles, as well as striving to create a more attractive work environment. Through these enhancements, we aim to increase the proportion of female managers.



### Human Resources Initiatives (2/2)

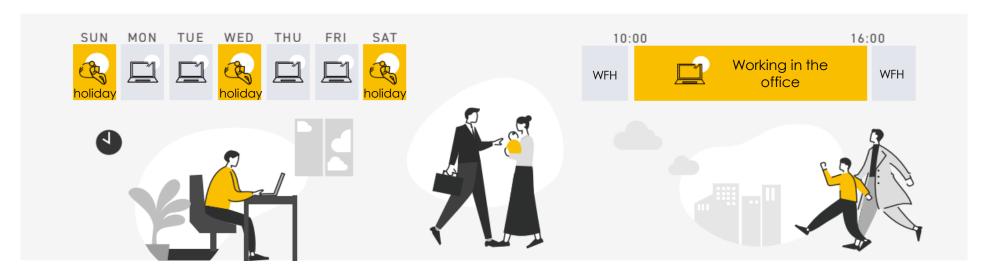
We promote "Health & Productivity Management" to empower employees to play an active role in the company. Offering diverse and flexible work styles enhances self-fulfillment.

# Selective four-day work week "Sun Life"

This system allows applicants to choose between an 8-hour or 10-hour work day and adopt a four-day work week. Eligible employees can choose Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday as their additional day off.

## Childcare support system "Core Life"

Our childcare support system enables flexible office hours from 10:00 to 16:00, and the option to work from home for the rest, promoting work-life balance and aiding in managing family and childcare duties.



<sup>\*</sup>Our company has certified as a Health & Productivity Management Outstanding Organization 2023 (Large Enterprise Category) for the second consecutive year, and oRo Miyazaki and oRo code MOC were also certified in the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Category.

And also we and oRo Miyazaki have received the "Kurumin" certification, which is awarded by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare to companies

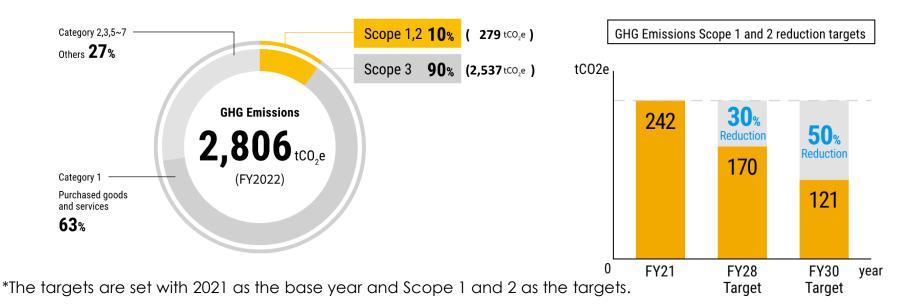
that actively support employees in balancing work and family life.

### **Environment Initiatives**

We believe that climate change will affect the growth of our business in the medium to long term. As we advance our business, we will also work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and environmental impacts.

#### Greenhouse gas emission and reduction targets

Our GHG emissions in FY2022/12 were 2,806 tCO2e. We believe we can reduce Scope 1 and 2 emissions, which include our direct emissions and electricity use, through our own efforts. We will continue to implement specific measures, such as energy conservation, with the goal of achieving a 50% reduction\* by 2030.



#### Status of other initiatives

We have conducted a climate change scenario analysis based on TCFD recommendations and published the results on our website.

https://www.oro.com/ja/ir/sustainability/environment/

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