



FY2023

Full Year Earnings Presentation (Apr.2023 – Mar.2024)

SPARX Group Co., Ltd.

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Company Profile

Corporate Profile



We provide investment management services based on a bottom-up approach for domestic and overseas investors. Pursuing unchanging value that is not affected by the times and people since our inception through a consistent innovative investment methods based on a thorough bottom-up approach that follows the unique investment philosophy.

Corporate Profile

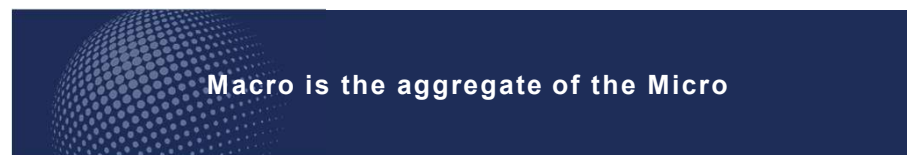
Company name	SPARX Group Co., Ltd.
Address	1-2-70 Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan
Founded	July 1, 1989
Capitalization	JPY 8.587 million (as of March 31, 2024)
Exchange:	Tokyo Stock Exchange Prime Market (Securities code: 8739)
Employees	185 (as of March 31, 2024)
Description of Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Investment Management■ Investment Advisory and Agency■ Type I Financial Instruments & Type II Financial Instruments



President and Group CEO
Shuhei Abe

Born in Sapporo in 1954. After graduating from the Faculty of Economics at Sophia University, he received his MBA from Babson College. He has also completed the AMP at Harvard Business School. After graduating Babson College and returning to Japan, hired by Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. He worked as a corporate research analyst evaluating individual companies listed on Japanese stock markets and engaged in Japanese equity sales. He then established Abe Capital Research and engaged in Japanese equity investment management and advisory services for European and U.S. funds. He founded in 1989 as SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd. (now SPARX Group Co., Ltd.). He had also appointed a member of the Japanese government's Energy and Environmental Council etc.

SPARX's Investment Philosophy



Selection of individual stocks through micro (visiting individual company) research by experienced analysts. Other several analysts then verify the value gap and pursue the actual value of the company

※ Reference Information (our website) <https://www.sparxgroup.com/philosophy.html>

Corporate Philosophy

Purpose

To make the world wealthier, healthier, and happier

Vision

**To be the most trusted and respected investment company
in the world**

Mission

Bring ever-better investments to the world



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Financial Results for FY2024

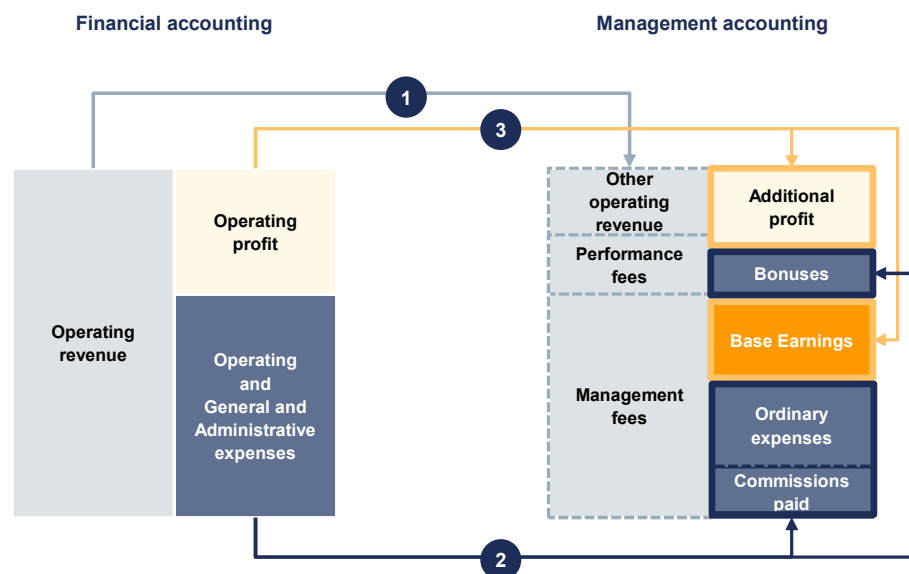
Introduction



In this material, we explain the business performance and current business conditions of our group by providing management accounting details rather than financial accounting.

Use four key management indicators not included in the consolidated financial statements.

Points to note when viewing this materials



- 1 Operating revenue is classified into management fees, performance fees, and other operating revenue.
- 2 Operating and general/administrative expenses are classified into commissions paid, ordinary expenses, and bonuses.
- 3 Operating profit is classified into Base Earnings and additional profit.

Key management indicators

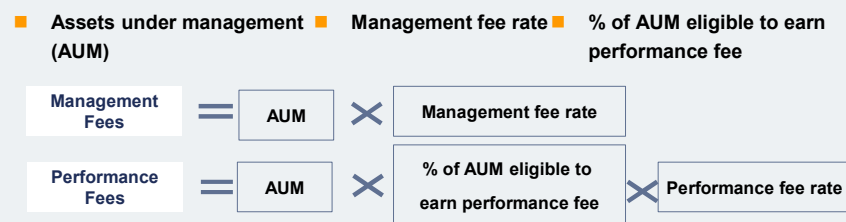
Indicator of the profitability that forms a sustainable and stable foundation for the business

Base Earnings



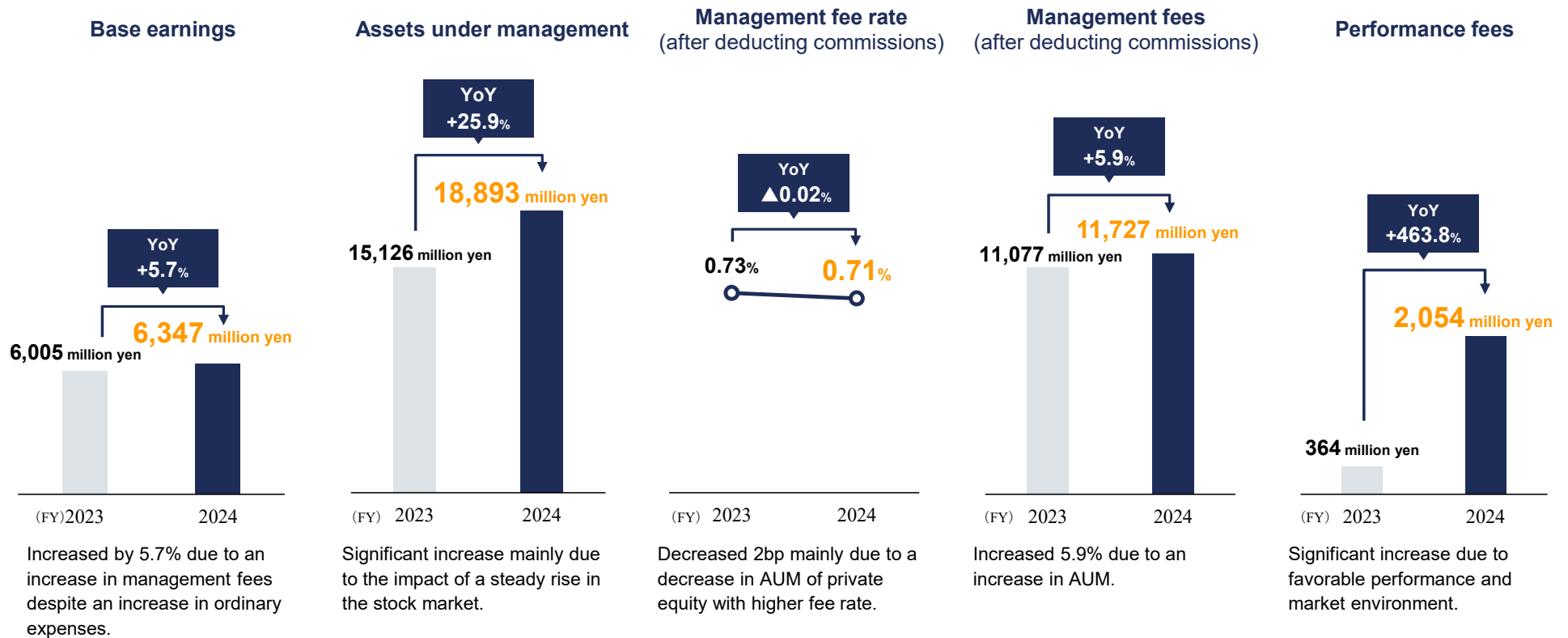
※ Indicators that do not include temporary or additional incentive fees, such as operating income for financial accounting purposes, and are not affected by market trends or progress in real asset investments.

Indicators Affecting Two Major Earnings (Balance Fee, Incentive Fee)



FY2023 Status of key management indicators

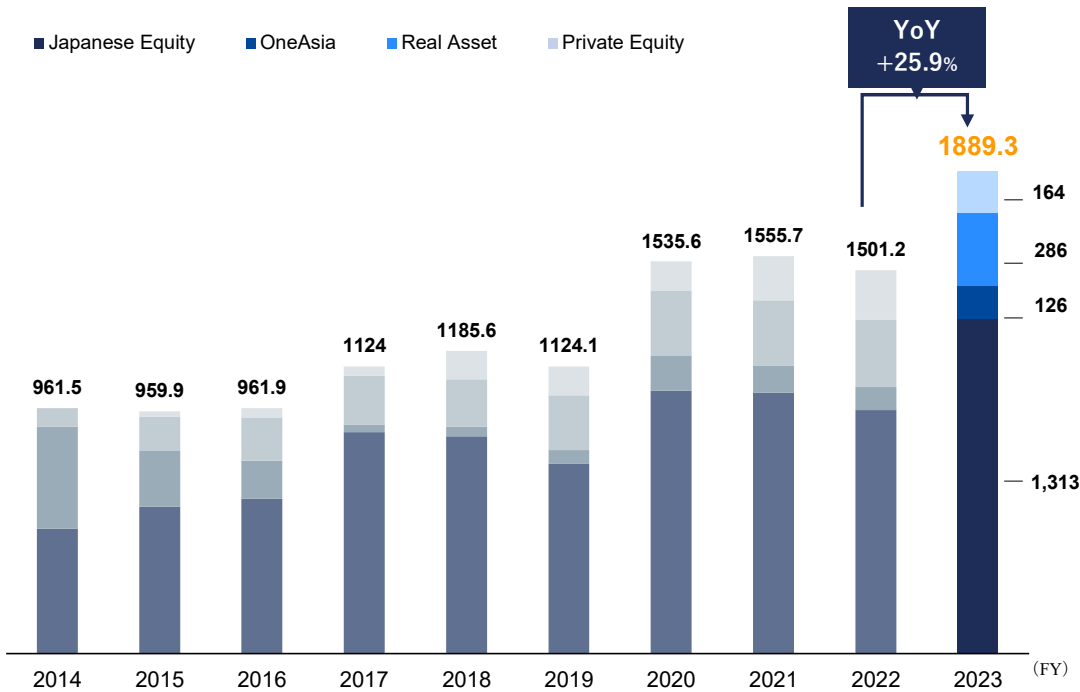
AUM at the end of the fiscal year 2023 increased 25.9% from the end of the previous fiscal year to 1,889.3 billion yen. Management fees after deducting commissions increased by 649 million yen from the previous fiscal year to 11,727 million yen. As a result of an increase in management fees and continued appropriate cost control, Base earnings which are the ability to generate stable earnings, have reached its record high and SPARX's earning capacity is steadily strengthened. Operating profit increased due to an increase in performance fees.



FY2023 Trends in AUM

Group's AUM increased by 25.9% year on year due to a significant increase in AUM for Japanese equity investment strategy and OneAsia investment strategy.

AUM trends



(Reference) Various Market Indexes

	Year-ended March 31, 2023	Year-ended March 31, 2024	Rate of change
Nikkei 225	28,041	40,369	+44%
TOPIX	2,003	2,768	+38%
KOSPI Index	2,476	2,746	+11%
KOSDAQ Index	847	905	+7%
HK Hang Seng Index	20,400	16,541	(19)%

FY2023 Consolidated Financial Highlights



Both operating and ordinary profit increased significantly due to an increase in AUM and an increase in management fees against the backdrop of a robust market environment, as well as the recording of performance fees. In addition, the Company recorded a gain on sales of investment securities of 1.3 billion yen, which resulted in an increase in both revenue and profit.

(millions of yen)	FY2022	FY2023	YoY change
Operating Revenue	13,360	16,498	+ 3,137 (+ 23.5%)
Operating profit	5,704	7,476	+ 1,772 (+ 31.1%)
Ordinary profit	6,289	8,090	+ 1,801 (+ 28.6%)
Profit attributable to owners of parent	4,521	6,519	+ 1,997 (+ 44.2%)
ROE	18.0	22.7	+4.7pt

With increase in AUM, management fees (after deducting commissions) increased by 1.52 billion yen to 14.25 billion yen. The Company also has recognized performance fees of 2.05 billion yen (364 million yen in previous year).

Increased significantly due to a extraordinary gain of 1.3 billion yen following the sales of our investment holdings.

Increased due to significant increase in profit attributable to owners of parent.

FY2023 Consolidated Balance Sheet



The industry the company belongs to is significantly influenced by economic and market conditions. Thus, the balance is kept as three years' worth of ordinary expenses level which calculated by "cash and cash equivalent" plus highly liquidity such as "investment securities" Equity ratio is maintained at a high level.

(millions of yen)	FY2022 (March 31, 2023)	FY2023 (March 31, 2024)	YoY change	
Current assets	26,594	27,130	+ 536	<p>Of which, includes cash and cash equivalent of 22,066 million yen Increased due to recording of net profit, despite of decrease mainly due to the payment of dividends, seed investments, and bonuses</p>
Non-current assets	12,788	18,981	+ 6,192	
Total assets	39,382	46,112	+ 6,729	<p>Increased due to seed investments and increase in market value</p>
Current liabilities	7,340	6,547	(793)	
Non-current liabilities	5,995	8,145	+ 2,149	
Net assets	26,047	31,419	+ 5,372	<p>Of which, includes total shareholder's equity of 27,815 million yen Mainly payment of dividend: ▲JPY2,455 million, Profit attributable to owners of parent of +JPY 6,519 million</p>
Total liabilities and net assets	39,382	46,112	+ 6,729	
Equity ratio	66.1%	68.2%	+ 2.1pt	

FY2023 Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows



We aim to expand our business further by planting the seeds that will be sources of future cash through seed investment to existing investment strategies and active investment activities in new areas.

(millions of yen)	FY2022 (April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023)	FY2023 (April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024)	YoY change
Cash flows from operating activities	3,105	5,994	+2,889
Cash flows from investing activities	2,001	(3,126)	(5,127)
Cash flow	5,107	2,868	(2,238)
Cash flows from financing activities	(2,408)	(3,292)	(883)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	22,028	22,066	+38

Mainly due to increase in operating profit.

- Due to increase in seed investments.
- Acquisition of rights substitutes for the consolidated battery energy storage LLC.

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Overview of Four Pillars

Four Pillars of Growth



By March 2026, we have set a target of JPY 3 trillion in AUM, and have set "Japanese Equities," "OneAsia," "Real Assets," and "Private Equity" as focus areas so called "four pillars". Achieve both high profitability and stability by expanding each of the four pillars based on strengths of thorough individual company research and the uniqueness of selecting investment targets.

Focus Areas	Features	Description of Businesses	AUM(as of March 31,2024)	
<p>Japanese Equity</p>	<p>High profitability</p>	<p>Various investment strategies ※ in Japanese equities</p> <p>※ Long-Short/Mid&Small Cap/Value Creation/Focus All Cap/Market Neutral</p>	<p>JPY 1,313.1 billion</p>	<p>JPY 1,889.3 billion</p> <p>AUM (by March 2026)</p> <p>JPY 3 trillion</p>
<p>OneAsia</p>	<p>In addition to management fees, fund performance generates</p> <p>Performance fees</p>	<p>Investment and management in equity in South Korea and Pan-Asia. Utilizing our model of reproducibility obtained in Japanese equities</p>	<p>JPY 126.2 billion</p>	
<p>Real Assets</p>	<p>Stability</p>	<p>Investment by funds in renewable energy power generation business. Development, management, and operation of energy infrastructure.</p>	<p>JPY 285.5 billion</p>	
<p>Private Equity</p>	<p>Ongoing long-term contract Without being affected by market conditions</p> <p>Generate stable income</p>	<p>Establishment and operation of funds aimed at investing in private equities.</p>	<p>JPY 164.3 billion</p>	

Please be sure to read the appendix attached at the end of this document.

Overview of Japanese Equity Investment Strategy



Favorable conditions in the equity market, such as the launch of new tax exemption program NISA, increased the market value of all investment strategies. Contributed to increase AUM in overall Japanese equity investment strategies.

(100 million yen)	AUM		
	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2024	YoY change
Long-Short Strategy	754	1,026	+ 271 (+ 36.0%)
Focus All cap Strategy	6,170	7,844	+ 1,674 (+ 27.1%)
Mid & Small Cap Strategy	2,390	3,047	+ 657 (+ 27.5%)
Market Neutral Strategy	191	134	- 56 (- 29.8%)
Value Creation Strategy	25	1,078	+ 1,052 (+ 4,056.7%)
Total	9,532	13,131	+ 3,599 (+ 37.8%)

In addition to the rise in market value due to the robust market environment, additional mandates were received from large overseas institutional investors in the second half of the fiscal year.

Significantly increased by a new investment trust which was launched domestically in May.

Overview of OneAsia Investment Strategy



Increased AUM in South Korea and Pan-Asia due to favorable investment performance

	AUM		
	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2024	YoY change
(100 million JPY)			
South Korea	845	1,174	+ 329 (+ 39.0%)
Pan-Asia	55	87	+ 31 (+ 56.9%)
Total	900	1,262	+ 361 (+ 40.2%)

Increased due to favorable investment performance

Overview of Real Asset Investment Strategy



Promote investing in renewable power generation businesses, including solar power generation, at 347 locations^{※1} in Japan. In October 2023, invested in a biomass power generation plant project and AUM in real asset investment strategy increased to JPY 285.5 billion.

	AUM		
	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2024	YoY change
(100 million yen)			
Renewable Energy Power Station Investment	2,591	2,801	+ 209 (+ 8.1%)
Real Estate Investment	54	54	- (-%)
Total	2,645	2,855	+ 209 (+ 7.9%)

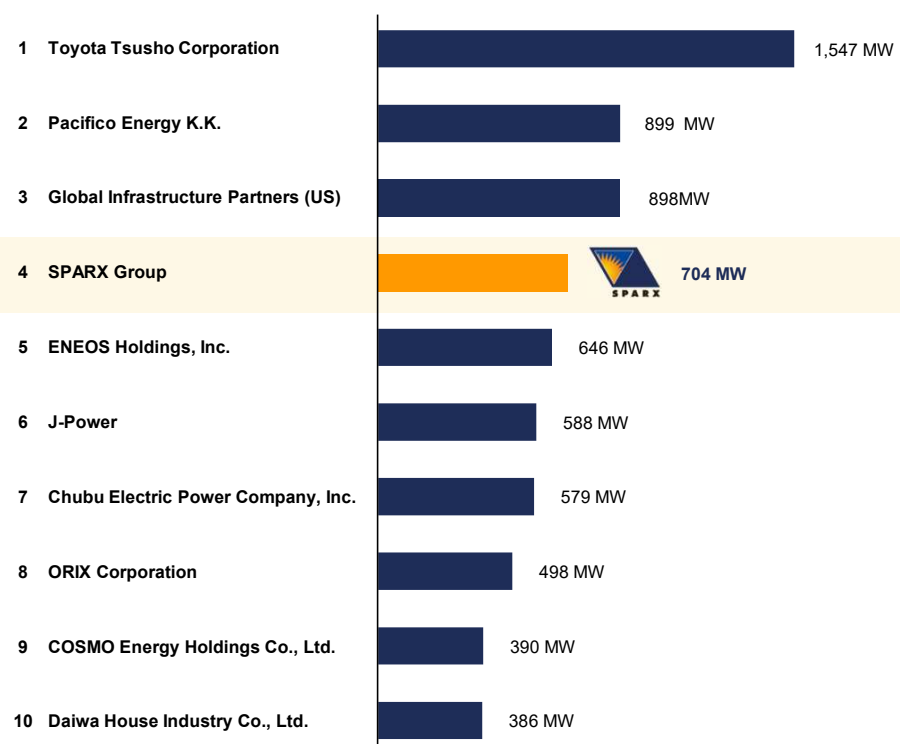
Increased due to investment made to a biomass power generation plant project mentioned above, as well as investments in solar power stations with stable operations.

※1 as of March 31, 2024

Overview of Real Asset Investment Strategy

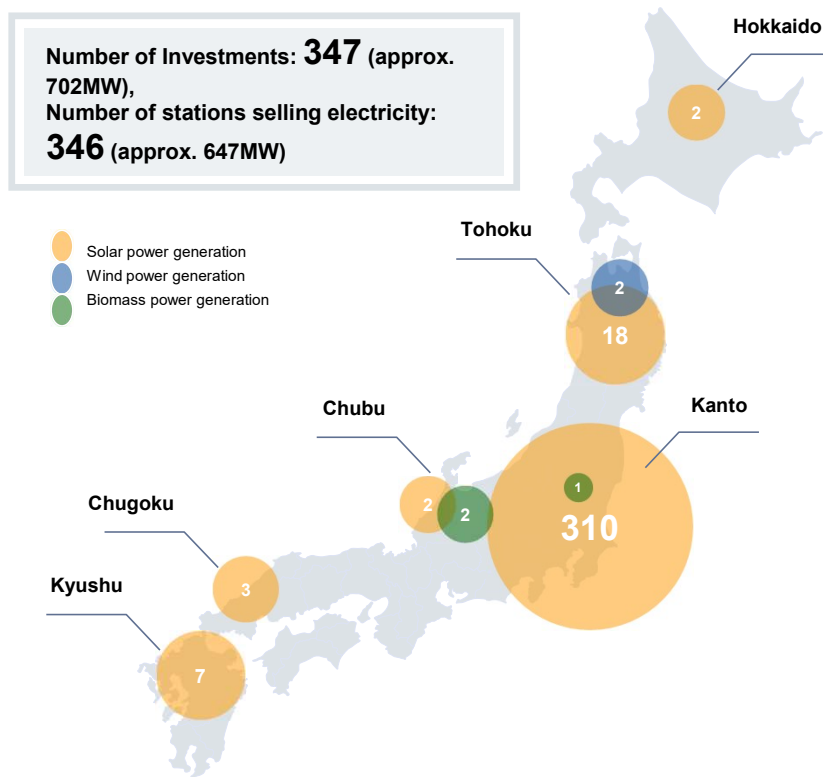


Ranking for electric-generating capacity for domestic renewable energy (solar and wind) power generation



Source: Information from the Nihon Keizai Shimbun and created by SPARX (as of January 2024)

Renewable energy power generation facilities



(Note) the above number of investments does not include the number of power generation plants owned by consolidated subsidiaries.

Overview of Private Equity Investment Strategy



Completed our first “take private” or buyout transaction through our fund.

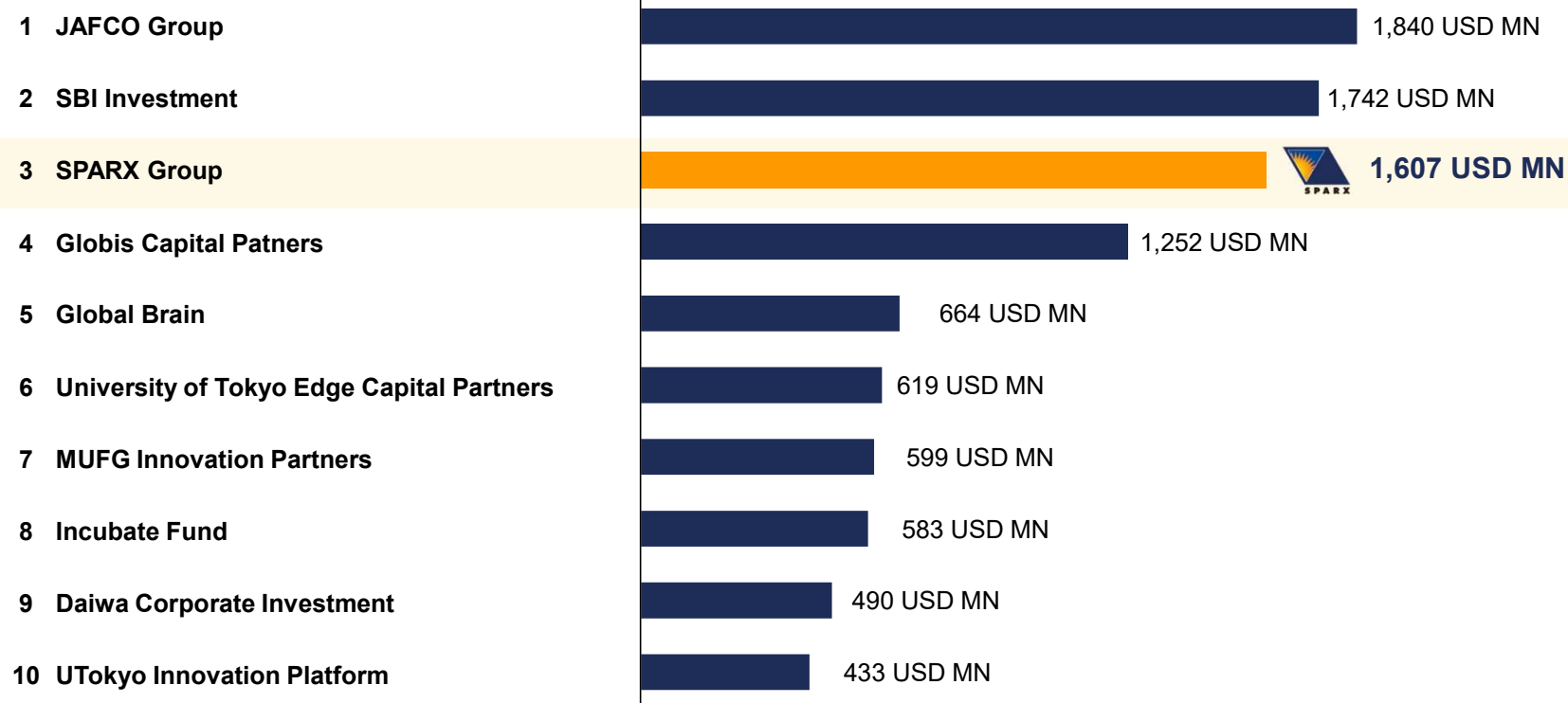
(100 million yen)	AUM		
	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2024	YoY change
Mirai Creation Funds	1,509	1,161	(348) (-23.1%)
Space Frontier Fund	92	92	- (-%)
Japan Monozukuri Mirai Fund	168	168	- (-%)
Others	163	222	+58 (+35.8%)
Total	1,933	1,643	(289) (-15.0%)

AUM decreased due to a decrease in the calculation base amount of management fees due to the expiration of the investment period of the Mirai Creation Fund II. The Mirai Creation Fund I is making progress in distributing to investors, and we expect that the performance fee will be realized from FY2024 onward.

The Space Frontier Fund I became full investment and established the Fund II. AUM for the Fund II are not included in total AUM for the year-ended March 31, 2024. Please refer to “Topics” on page 21 for more information.

Japan Monozukuri Mirai Fund completed its tender offer for IJTT. Our Monozukuri fund established in 2020, aims to contribute to society by investing in monozukuri (goods manufacturing) companies with outstanding technology, human resources, and services in Japan and support each company by leveraging the Toyota Production Method, or TPS, and developing appropriate management strategies. Aim to lead to launch of the second fund.

Ranking for domestic venture capital procurement scale



(Source) Preqin Database and created by SPARX (as of October 27, 2023)

※ Amount of funding for the past 10 years to those venture capital with headquarters in Japan

Regarding the establishment of “SPARX Green Battery Energy Storage System Fund”

Established a new fund to invest in developing energy storage plants. Efforts to maximize the use of renewable energy power and to contribute to facilitate the realization of carbon neutrality through the introduction and expansion of battery energy storage plants.

The Fund will invest in developing energy storage plants in Japan and aim to conduct stable operations by utilizing new systems in markets for balancing electricity supply and demand, auctions for decarbonized power supply in capacity markets, and wholesale power markets.

Investee	Equity interest in domestic storage battery businesses, and other investment securities, etc.
Fund Size	JPY 26.3 billion* (As of January 19, 2024)
Fund Term	For 25 years



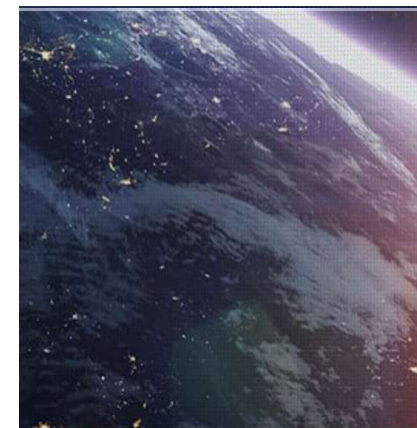
*The above figure is not included in AUM as of March 31, 2024, because the Fund has not yet executed its investment

Establishment of “Space Frontier Fund II”

Toyota Motor Corporation, Mitsubishi UFJ Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Mizuho Bank, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited., Development Bank of Japan Inc. and SPARX joined as investors.

The Space Frontier Fund primarily seeks to support human resources and technology development in space-related industries, foster globally competitive Japanese space companies, and assist technological innovation throughout Japan. The fund began operations in June 2020 and Fund II is the second series of this Fund.

Investee	Space-related startups and projects engaged in space-related businesses with superior technologies and unique business models
Fund Size	JPY 11.2 billion (as of April 26, 2024)
Fund term	For 10 years



AUM for the Space Frontier Fund II are not included in total AUM as of March 31, 2024

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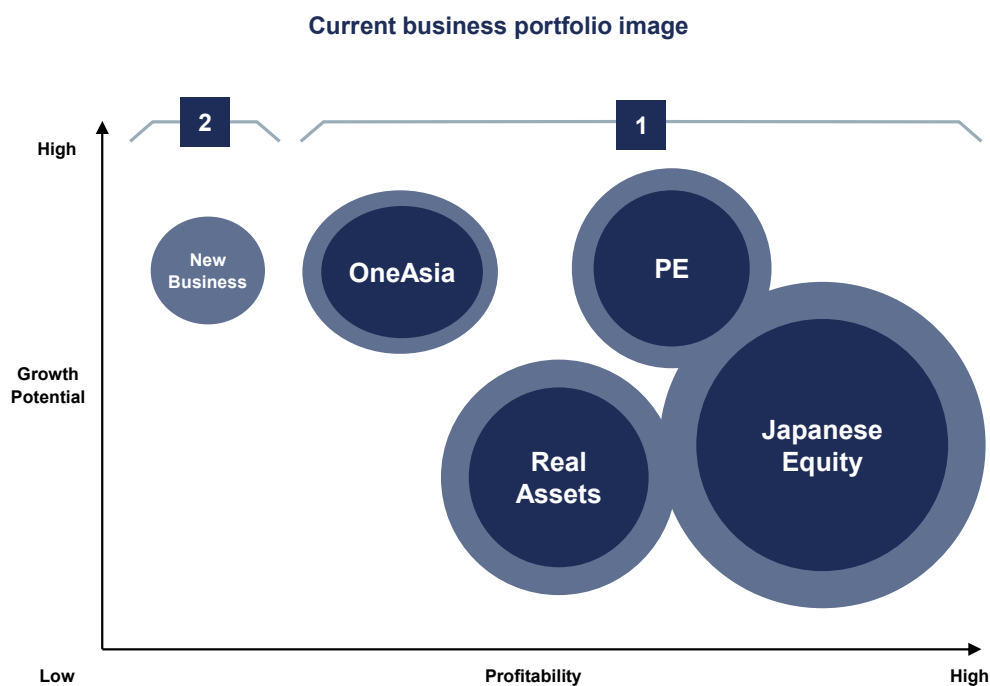
Future Initiatives

Policies for growth



Efficiently allocate management resources to develop business areas that has high growth potential, while steadily expanding the four pillars of AUM and increase its profitability. Through these efforts, we will achieve further improvements in ROE.

Improve profitability



※ The size of pie chat shows the image of balance in AUM

1 Expansion of AUM in the four pillars

- Realize JPY 3 trillion in AUM by March 2026
- Aiming to make SPARX fund businesses more unique and strong.

2 Develop new business areas

- While strengthening our fund business, we have been preparing the ground to plant the seeds of our future growth in areas such as energy, healthcare, and fintech.
- Especially in the energy field, we continue to look for potential new ways to exploit hydrogen and link to concrete business such as the production of green hydrogen. For healthcare area, it is realized in the form of the sale of our holdings. Aiming to strengthen the fund business by taking on the challenge of such new initiatives.

Growth Initiatives Expanding AUM for the Four Pillars



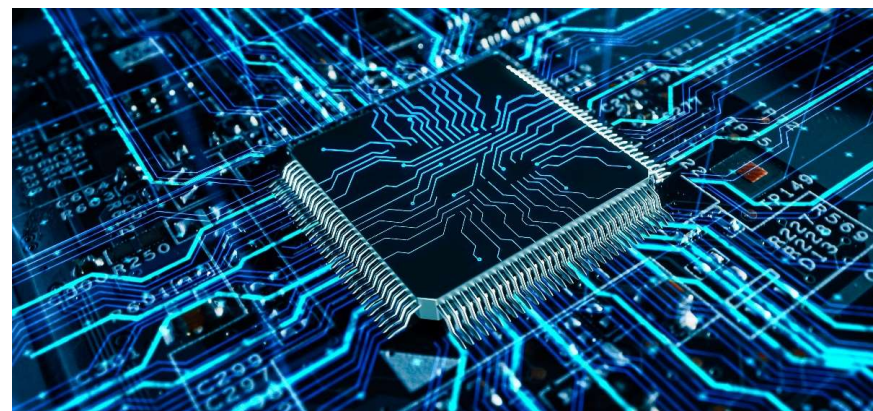
Achieve JPY 3 trillion in AUM by March 2026 through various measures to increase the profitability of Japanese Equity, OneAsia, Real Assets and Private Equity.

Japanese Equity · OneAsia



- For Japanese Equity Investment Strategy, we will differentiate ourselves from competitors by our value creation strategy, in which we actively make proposals to investee companies that will increase their corporate values.
- For OneAsia Investment Strategy, we aim to steadily grow our funds that invest in companies that are well-positioned to benefit from the changes in Asia, a market with far greater growth potential than Japan.

Real Assets · Private Equity

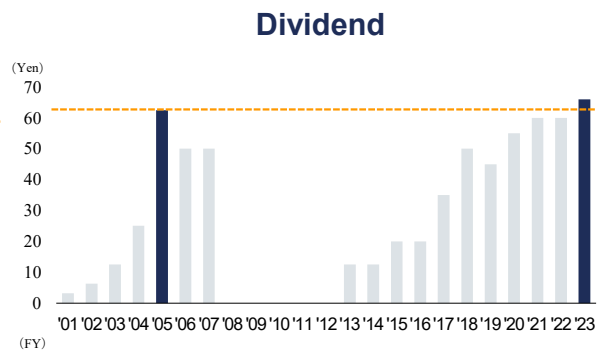


- For Real Assets Investment Strategy, we will seek new highly profitable investment targets based on the know-how that we gained from renewable energy investment and aim to form into funds and secure stable profits.
- For Private Equity Investment Strategy, although it is pointed out that Japanese private equity market is smaller than overseas, we aim to further increase profitability by accumulating good investments and recording performance fees.

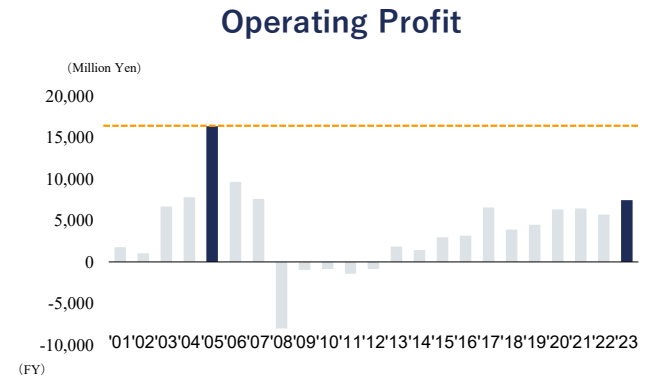
Status of Major Indicators

Base earnings and dividends achieved record highs and remained firm. AUM at the end of the fiscal year is also at a record high level and is expected to achieve it in the short term. On the other hand, we aim to raise operating profit to a record high level in the medium term (about 5 years) and market capitalization in the long term (5 to 10 years).

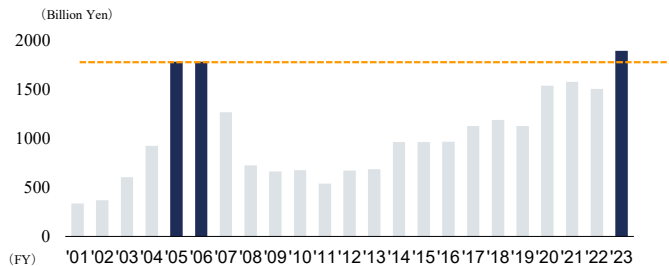
Key indicators that have reached record highs (or expected to achieve in near future)



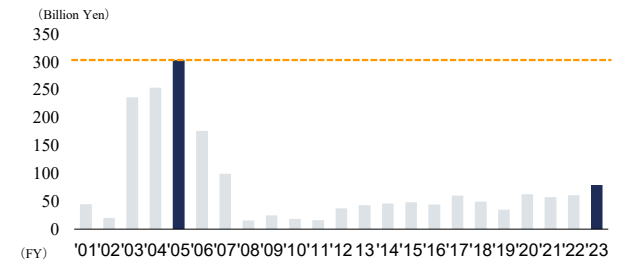
Key indicators for achieving over the medium to long term



AUM



Market Capitalization



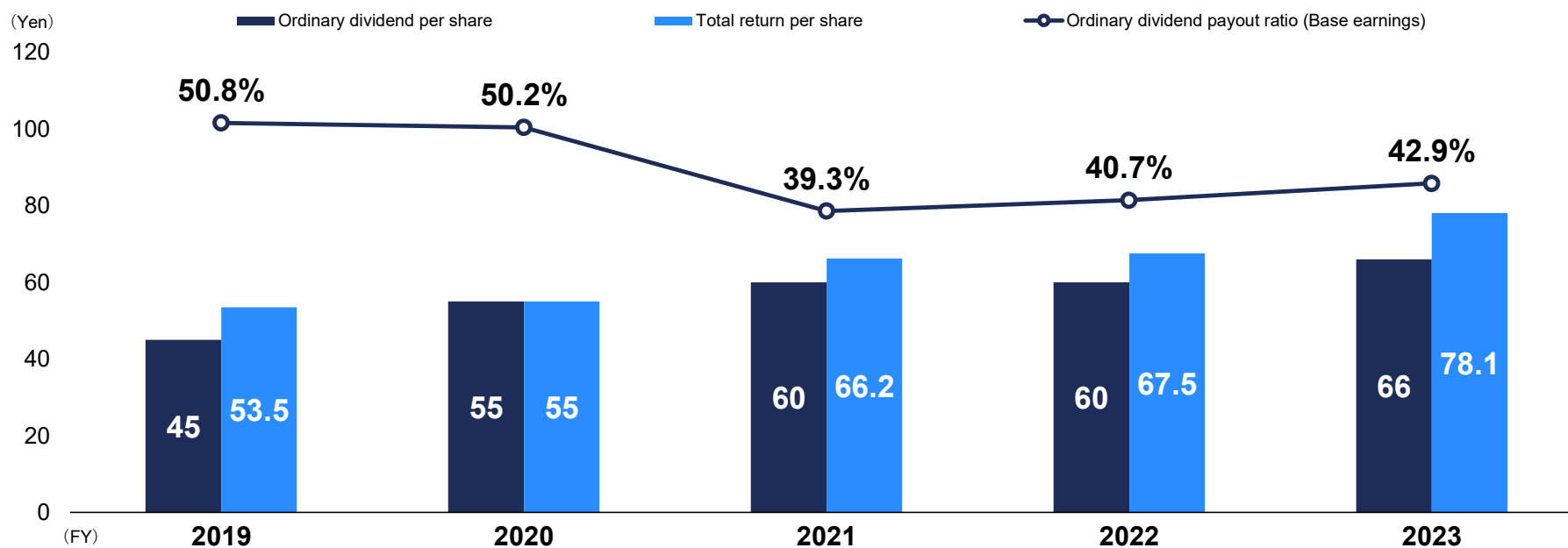
※ Figures shown above for AUM and market capitalization are as of the end of each fiscal year (March-end)

Returns to Shareholders



Based on an increase in base earnings and stable financial conditions, which are one of the most important management indicators, we will continue to provide stable shareholder returns. Strive to increase corporate value over the mid-to-long term by expanding shareholder returns with sustainable growth.

Trends in Cash Dividends



(Note 1) Dividends will be officially decided and implemented upon the resolution of the 35th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held in June 2024.

(Note 2) Ordinary dividend payout ratio (Base earnings) = Total amount of ordinary dividends ÷ Base earnings

(Note 3) October 1, 2022, we have performed a reverse stock split (merging 5 common stock into 1 share). Figures prior to end of the previous fiscal year have been revised to take into account on the impact of the reverse stock split.

Our Initiatives for Sustainability

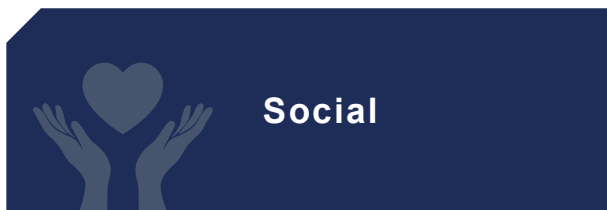


We aim to realize a sustainable society by contributing to the resolution of environmental and social issues through investment activities



Environment

- Investing, developing and managing operation of renewable energy power plants
- Investing in ESG related stocks and in an area of carbon neutral
- Announcement of endorsement of TCFD recommendations, etc.



Social

- Investing in the healthcare area
- Implementing working style reformations and keep employees health
- Social return through activities such as Energy Summit, etc.
- Establishing Group Basic Human Rights Policy



Governance

- Transition to institute an Audit and Supervisory Committee
- Thorough compliance
- Strengthen BCP policies
- Customer-oriented business operations, etc.

Reference Information

- Basic Sustainability Policy <https://www.sparxgroup.com/sustainability/policy.html>
- Materiality <https://www.sparxgroup.com/sustainability/materiality.html>
- Commitment to TCFD Recommendations (March 31, 2023) <https://www.sparxgroup.com/sustainability/tcfid.html>

Signatory of:



(Reference) External Recognition toward Our Initiatives for Sustainability



In recognition of our sustainability efforts, SAPRX has been selected as a constituent of three ESG indices which are adopted by the largest institutional investor in the world, GPIF (Japanese Government Pension Investment Fund).

Three ESG Indices

	FTSE Blossom Japan Index	FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index	S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index
Provider	FTSE Russell		S&P and Japan Exchange Group, Inc.
Summary	An index composed of Japanese companies with strong Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) ratings based on their own scores. Selected for great ESG initiatives while minimizing industry bias.	An index composed of Japanese companies with strong Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) ratings based on their own scores. Selected for great ESG initiatives while minimizing sector bias.	Selection from among the companies comprising the TSE Stock Price Index (TOPIX) based on the status of disclosing environmental information and the level of carbon-efficiency.
Number of issues	310 companies (As of June 19, 2023)	605 companies (As of June 19, 2023)	Approx. 1700 constituent stocks
Reference	https://www.lseg.com/en/ftse-russell/indices/blossom-japan		

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Appendix

What is the Buffett Club?

Through studying and discussing the investment philosophies of noted investor Warren Buffett and other capitalists, SPARX employees learn the value of wanting to make clients wealthier, healthier, and happier as a part of “the most trusted and respected investment company in the world.”

We have regularly held these study groups since our founding as a way to convey SPARX's investment philosophy to the next generation.



Consolidated Earnings Summary (2) Performance



		FY2022	FY2023	
		Full Year	Full Year	YoY change
Average AUM	(Billions of yen)	1,512.6	1,674.3	+10.7%
Management fee rate	(%)	0.73%	0.70%	-3.2%
<i>(After deducting commissions)</i>				
Management fees	(Millions of yen)	11,077	11,727	+5.9%
<i>(After deducting commissions)</i>				
- Ordinary expenses	(Millions of yen)	5,071	5,378	+6.1%
Base earnings	(Millions of yen)	6,005	6,348	+5.7%
Performance fees	(Millions of yen)	364	2,054	+463.8%
Percentage of AUM eligible to earn performance fees	(%)	37.9%	35.3%	-2.6
Other operating revenue	(Millions of yen)	260	186	-28.4%
- Bonuses	(Millions of yen)	913	1,093	+19.8%
<i>(including ESOP Expense)</i>				
Operating profit	(Millions of yen)	5,704	7,476	+31.1%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	(Millions of yen)	4,521	6,519	+44.2%
Return on equity (ROE)	(%)	18.0%	22.7%	+4.7

(Note 1) Management fees include administrative fees for the power stations related to our Japanese Renewable Energy Investment Strategy. This note applies throughout this presentation.

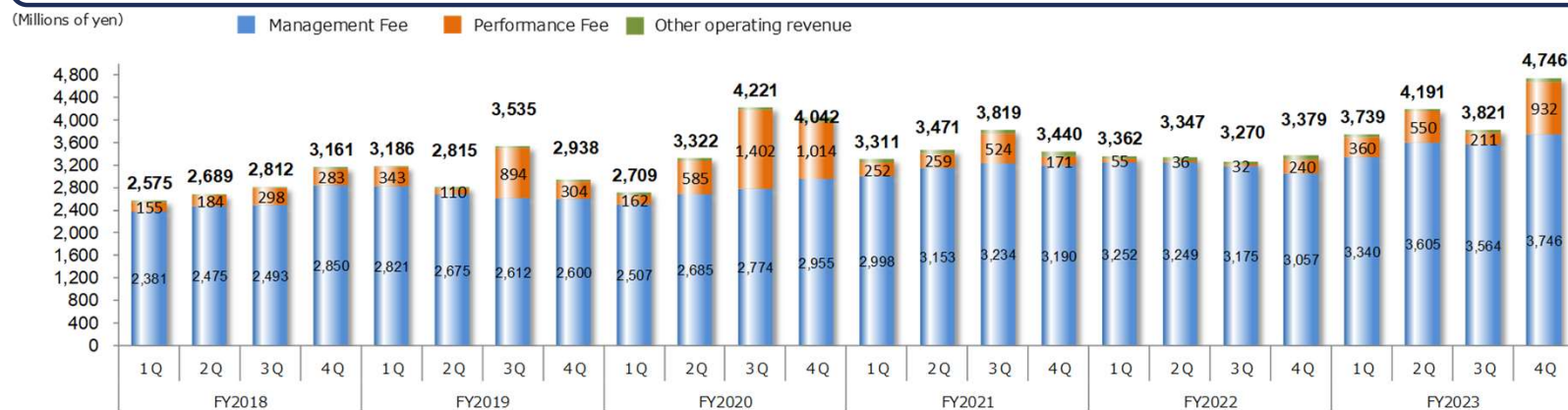
(Note 2) Performance fees include one-time fees (acquisition fees) received as compensation for formulating power station plans related to our Japanese Renewable Energy Investment Strategy. This note applies throughout this presentation.

(Note 3) Percentage of AUM eligible to earn performance fees show the ratio of AUM with performance fee to the total AUM at the end of the specified period.

Quarterly Trends in Operating Revenue



Management fees increased significantly compared to the same period last year due to an increase of AUM.

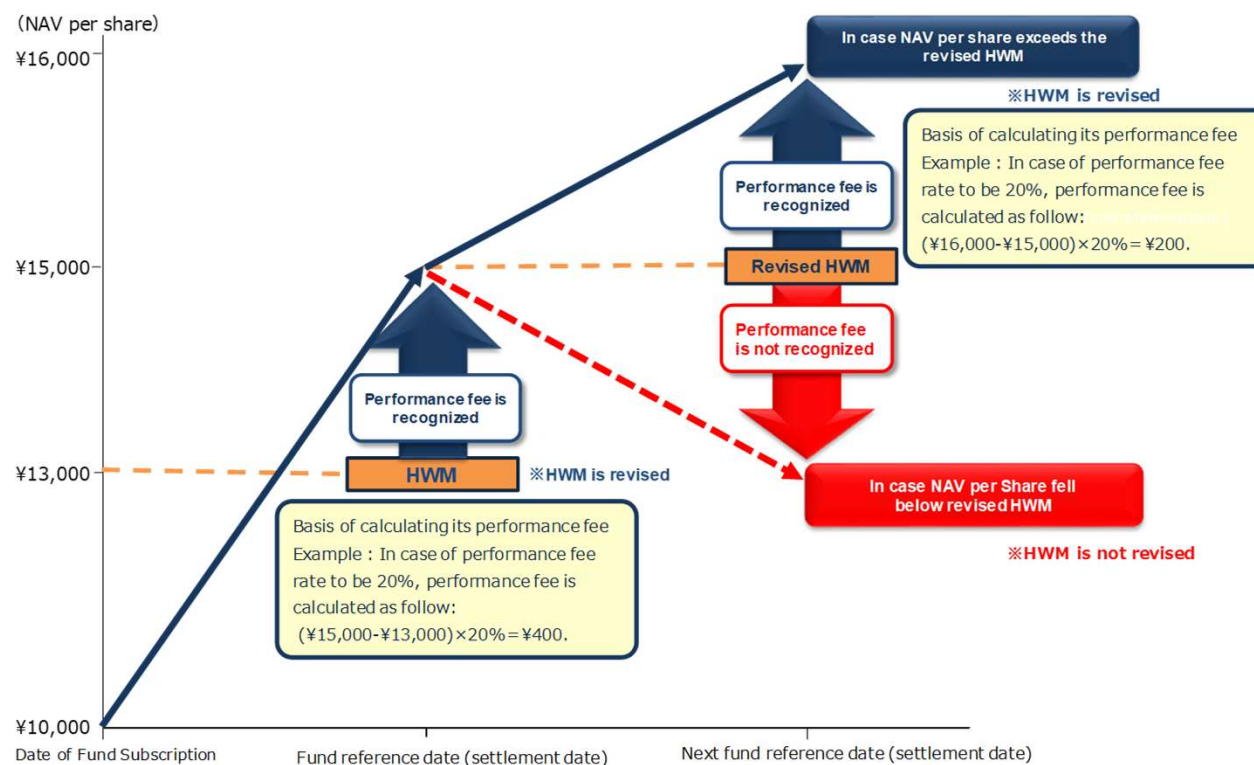


(Millions of yen)	FY2018				FY2019				FY2020				FY2021				FY2022				FY2023			
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Management Fees	2,381	2,475	2,493	2,850	2,821	2,675	2,612	2,600	2,507	2,685	2,774	2,955	2,998	3,153	3,234	3,190	3,252	3,249	3,175	3,057	3,340	3,605	3,564	3,746
Performance Fees	155	184	298	283	343	110	894	304	162	585	1,402	1,014	252	259	524	171	55	36	32	240	360	550	211	932
Other operating revenue	38	28	20	27	22	29	28	33	39	51	43	72	59	59	60	78	55	61	62	81	37	35	46	67
Operating Revenue	2,575	2,689	2,812	3,161	3,186	2,815	3,535	2,938	2,709	3,322	4,221	4,042	3,311	3,471	3,819	3,440	3,362	3,347	3,270	3,379	3,739	4,191	3,821	4,746
(Reference)																								
Average AUM (Billions of yen)	1,131.0	1,151.0	1,159.8	1,186.9	1,180.1	1,153.6	1,229.0	1,173.4	1,215.7	1,278.3	1,388.4	1,492.9	1,530.6	1,582.5	1,636.1	1,538.1	1,506.5	15,298	15,187	14,955	15,912	16,613	16,406	18,042
(3months average)																								
Management fee rate (3months average) (After deducting commissions)	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.79%	0.79%	0.76%	0.70%	0.74%	0.70%	0.72%	0.68%	0.67%	0.68%	0.69%	0.68%	0.72%	0.76%	0.74%	0.72%	0.71%	0.72%	0.71%	0.70%	0.69%
Percentage of AUM eligible to earn performance fees	27.2%	25.4%	30.1%	30.2%	31.0%	31.0%	29.9%	33.5%	33.5%	34.1%	31.1%	32.5%	33.2%	32.4%	32.1%	36.7%	39.2%	38.7%	38.5%	37.9%	38.7%	38.5%	39.1%	35.3%
NIKKEI stock average (Record date)	22,304	24,120	20,014	21,205	21,275	21,755	23,656	18,917	22,288	23,185	27,444	29,178	28,791	29,452	28,791	27,821	26,393	25,937	26,094	28,041	33,189	31,857	33,464	40,369

Structure of Performance Fees (Related to Equity Investment Fund)



Performance Fees are recognized for NAV per share exceeding HWM as of record date for fund



(Note 1) The structure described above is only informational purpose on performance fee structure. It is not intended to explain exactly how the performance fee is calculated based on fund's NAV.

(Note 2) Above uses performance fee rate of 20% for informational purpose only. In addition, "HWM" an abbreviation of High-Water Mark.

(Note 3) In case performance fee recognized on record date for fund, "HWM" is revised.

Breakdown of Operating and General Administrative Expenses



- Commission fee expenses increased due to an increase in AUM for publicly offered investment trusts.
- Ordinary expenses has increased due to increase in travel and personnel-related expenses.

(Units: Millions of yen)	FY2022	FY2023	
	Full Year	Full Year	YoY change
Commissions paid	1,671	2,546	+52.3%
Personnel exp.	3,089	3,368	+9.0%
Travel exp.	180	253	+40.8%
Property rent	240	258	+7.6%
Entrusted business expenses	1,162	1,110	-4.4%
Depreciation on fixed assets	180	218	+20.9%
Advertising exp.	162	199	+22.8%
Research exp.	368	397	+7.8%
Other expenses	601	667	+11.1%
Total: Operating and general administrative expenses	7,656	9,022	+17.8%
Ordinary expenses	5,071	5,378	+6.1%

(Note1) The figures above, excluding "YoY change" are truncated. "YoY change" is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent.

(Note2) The "Personnel expenses" data includes payments for legal welfare, bonus and temporary staff, etc. other than salary.

(Note3) The "Ordinary expenses" is calculated by deducting (1) Commissions paid, (2) Bonuses (including allowance for bonuses, legal welfare expenses related to bonuses, and ESOP expense) and (3) Severances package for key members, from total operating and general administrative expenses; hereinafter the same applies in this document.

Quarterly Operating and General Administrative Expenses



Cost-control taken continuously and cautiously considering the recent increase in ordinary expenses which was mainly due to increase in travel and personnel related expenses.

(Units: Millions of yen)

■ Ordinary expense ■ Commissions paid & Bonus



(Units : Millions of yen)	FY 2018				FY2019				FY2020				FY2021				FY2022				FY2023			
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Ordinary expenses	1,138	1,148	1,254	1,248	1,323	1,262	1,368	1,322	1,203	1,158	1,276	1,211	1,177	1,108	1,251	1,225	1,236	1,229	1,332	1,272	1,329	1,321	1,336	1,391
Commissions paid & Bonuses	548	597	586	816	724	682	760	553	579	759	894	864	664	752	757	642	623	713	621	625	765	982	957	938
Operating and general administrative expenses	1,686	1,745	1,841	2,064	2,047	1,944	2,128	1,875	1,782	1,917	2,170	2,075	1,841	1,860	2,009	1,867	1,860	1,943	1,954	1,898	2,095	2,303	2,293	2,329

Quarterly Base Earnings



Base earnings has increased compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year due to an increase in management fees despite the fact that ordinary expenses are on an upward trend.

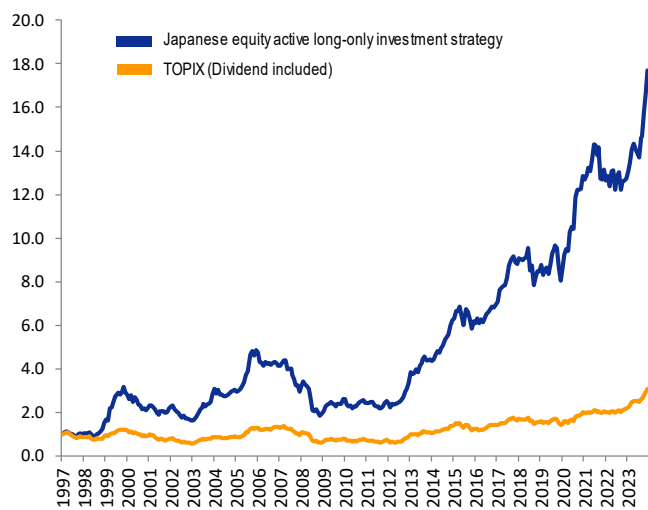


(Note) As preliminary figures, the 「Management fee (Net)」 is calculated by multiplying the management fee rate (after the deduction of commission paid) and the average AUM for the period.

Primary Investment Strategies: Composite Returns Since Valuation Began ①



Japanese Equity Active Long-Only investment strategy



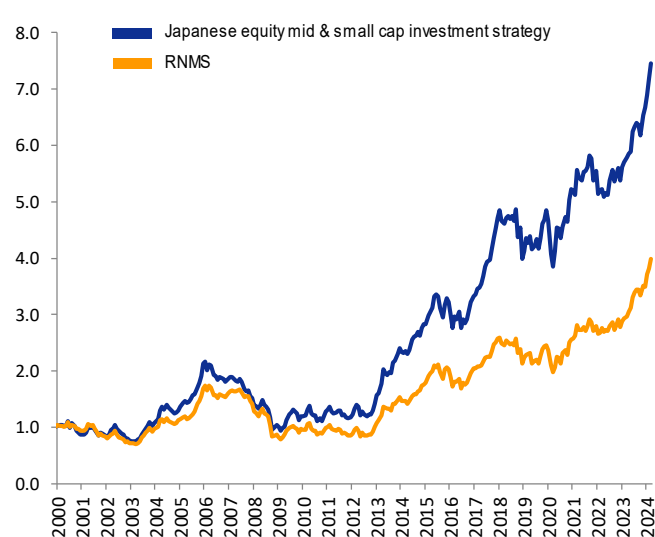
(Annualized Return)

Japanese equity active long-only investment strategy	11.26%	Reference Index	TOPIX (Dividend included)
Reference Index	4.24%	Measurement Period	1997/5 ~2024/3
Excess Return	7.03%	Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	19.66%

※Performance is in Japanese Yen and is shown gross of fees.

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Japanese Equity Mid & Small Cap investment strategy



(Annualized Return)

Japanese equity mid & small cap investment strategy	8.64%	Reference Index	Russell/Nomura Mid-Small Cap Index
Reference Index	5.87%	Measurement Period	2000/1 ~2024/3
Excess Return	2.77%	Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	17.13%

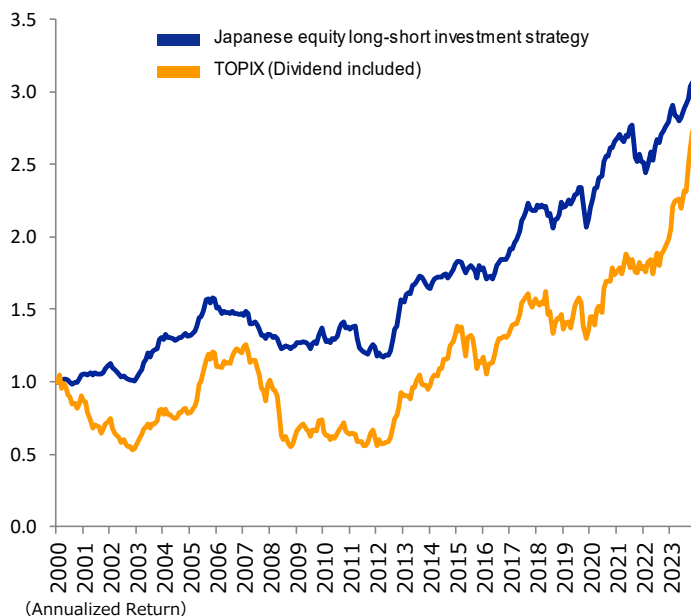
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Source: SPARX Group (as of March 31, 2024)

Primary Investment Strategies: Composite Returns Since Valuation Began ②



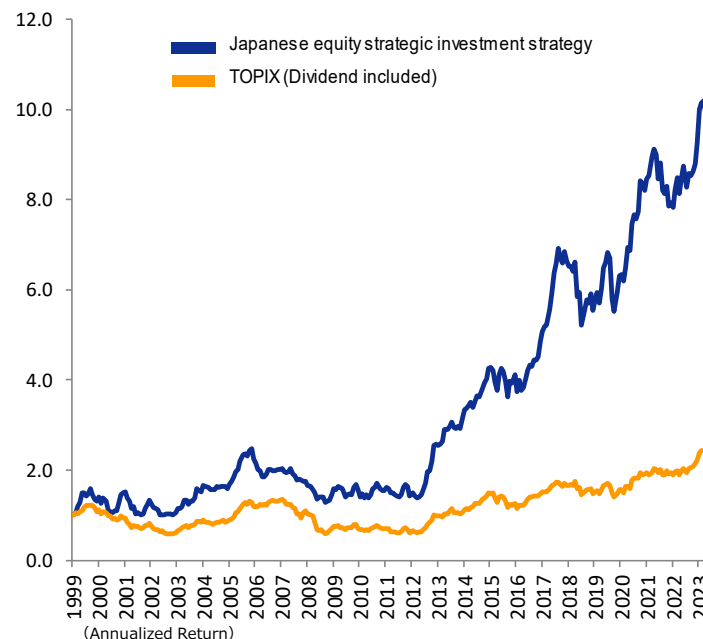
Japanese Equity Long-Short investment strategy



Japanese equity long-short investment strategy	4.81%	Reference Index	TOPIX (Dividend included)
Reference Index	4.30%	Measurement Period	2000/6 ~2024/3
Excess Return	0.51%	Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	7.50%

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Japanese Equity Strategic investment strategy



Japanese equity strategic investment strategy	10.19%	Reference Index	TOPIX (Dividend included)
Reference Index	4.47%	Measurement Period	1999/7 ~2024/3
Excess Return	5.72%	Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	19.24%

※Performance is in Japanese Yen and is shown gross of fees.
Source: SPARX Group (as of March 31, 2024)

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- Indirect costs during investment in investment trusts

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