Consolidated Financial Results for the 2nd Qtr of the FY2018 (Apr. 2018 – Sep. 2018)

November 9th, 2018









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An Attention to Consolidated Financial Results of SPARX Group Co., Ltd.

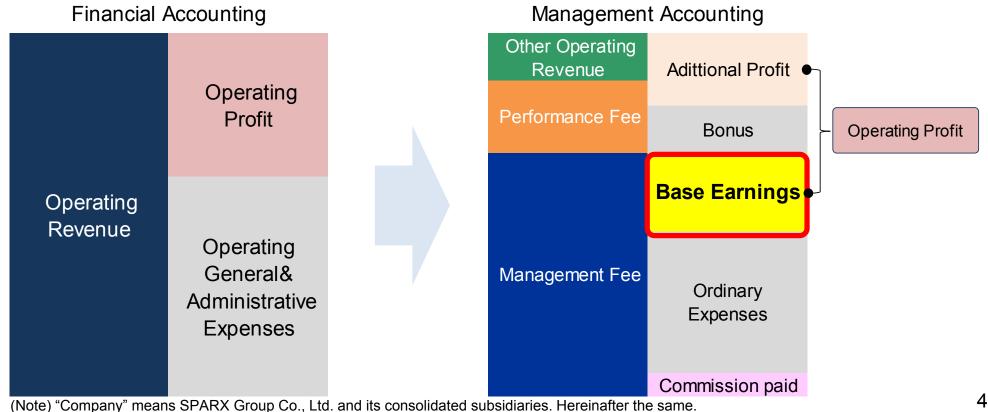


The Company identifies "Base Earnings" as the most important financial indicator. "Base Earnings" indicates the sustained and stable fundamental profitability of the Company.

Base Earnings = (Management Fee – Commission paid) – Ordinary expenses

= Management Fee (After the deduction of commission paid) – Ordinary Expenses

The operating profit for financial accounting purposes includes one-off/ additional performance fees that can be affected by trends of the equity market and progress of real assets investment business. For this reason we recommend you to pay attention to "Base Earnings" to understand the earning strength.



Overview (1) Performance



- Operating revenue remained the same level as the previous 2Q of FY2017 due to an increase in management fee, which covered a decrease of performance fee.
- Operating profit decreased due to an increase in commission paid in regard to an increase in management fee, among other factors.
- Base earnings, which indicate the sustained and stable fundamental profitability of the Company, drastically rose due to an increase in management fee.

(Unit:MM JPY)	FY2017	FY2018	YoY change
Operating revenue	Apr2017-Sep2017 5,280	Apr2018-Sep2018 5,264	▲0.3%
Operating profit	2,155	1,832	▲15.0%
Net income	1,574	1,542	▲2.0%
Base earnings	1,469	1,768	+20.3%

(Note) Please refer slide 4, 6, 25 and 31 for details of base earnings.

Overview (2) Performance



		FY2	017	FY2018			
		Apr2017-Sep2017	Full Year	Apr2018-Sep2018	YoY change		
Average AUM	(100MM JPY)	10,322	10,937	11,410	+10.5%		
Management fee rate (After the deduction of commission paid)	(%)	0.68%	0.68%	0.71%	+0.03		
Management fee (After the deduction of commission paid)	(MM JPY)	3,509	7,408	4,055	+15.6%		
▲ Ordinary expenses	(MM JPY)	2,039	4,238	2,286	+12.1%		
Base earnings	(MM JPY)	1,469	3,169	1,768	+20.3%		
Performance fee	(MM JPY)	1,142	4,476	340	▲70.2%		
Percentage of AUM eligible to earn peformance fee	(%)	34.2%	25.4%	25.4%	▲8.8		
Other operating revenue	(MM JPY)	98	182	67	▲ 31.7%		
Bonus(including ESOP Expense)	(MM JPY)	555	1,257	343	▲38.2%		
Operating profit	(MM JPY)	2,155	6,569	1,832	▲15.0%		
Profit attributable to owners of parent	(MM JPY)	1,574	4,681	1,542	▲2.0%		
ROE	(%)	19.7%	26.6%	15.7%	▲4.0		

(Note1) Management Fee includes fees from power plants related to Japanese Renewable Energy Investment Strategy. Hereinafter the same.
(Note2) Performance Fee includes one-off administrative fees the Company received from funds for real estate sales and purchases related to Japanese Real Estate Investment Strategy and one-off acquisition fees for setting up of power plant schemes related to Japanese Renewable Energy Investment Strategy. Hereinafter the same.

Overview (3) AUM



In the Japanese region, AUM recovered JPY 1.1 trillion with a steady increase of AUM despite a large redemption.

(Unit:100MM JPY)		AUM			Average AUM (Six months)				
	As of March, 201	8 As of September, 2018	Change (%)	FY2	017	FY2018	YoY change (%)		
Japan	10,95	7 11,723	+7.0%	8,869		11,038	+24.5%		
Korea	19	5 183	183 ▲ 6.3% 1,357		185	▲ 86.3%			
Asia	9	9 212	+114.5%		95	95 <mark>186</mark> +			
Total	11,25	2 12,120	+7.7%	1	0,322	11,410	+10.5%		
		As of September, 201	7 As of Marcl	As of March, 2018		eptember, 2018	YoY change		
ΤΟΡΙΧ		1,674	4	1,716		1,817	+8.5%		
NIKKEI stock average	(JPY)	20,356	6 2	21,454		24,120	+18.5%		
KOSPI		2,394	4	2,445		2,343	▲2.1%		

※ Please refer "SPARX Group Announces Assets Under Management for September 2018" for further information. <u>https://ssl4.eir-parts.net/doc/8739/tdnet/1633923/00.pdf</u>



Progress of the Businesses and Future Plans

Recent Business Progress



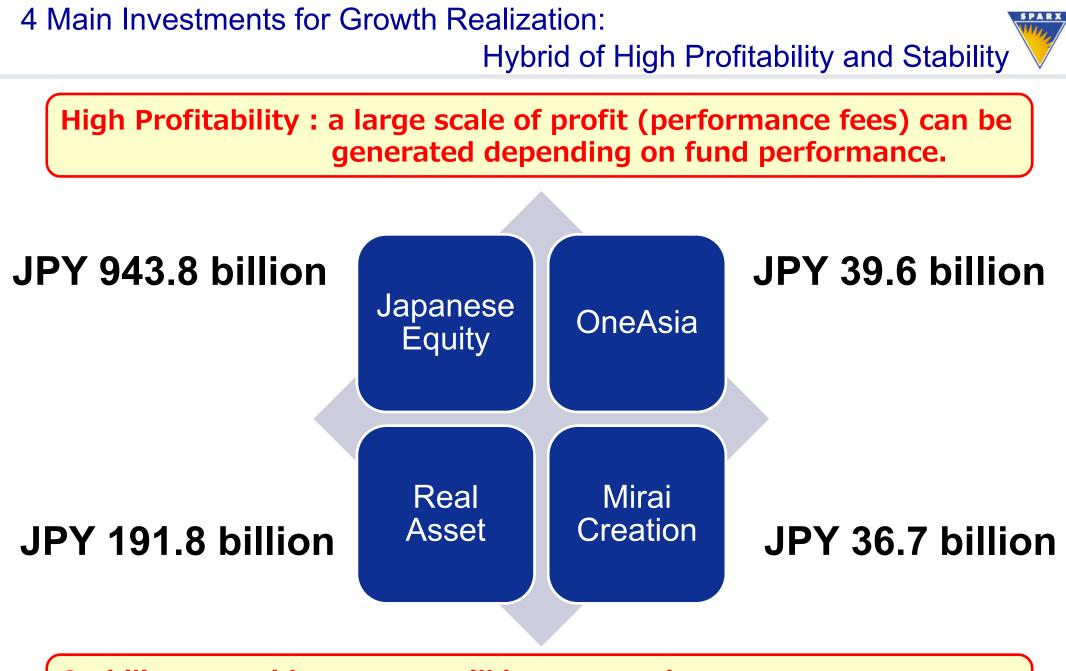
Japanese Equity AUM expanded due to the Company's investment trusts handled by one major security firm and one major bank, while a large redemption is expected.

OneAsia

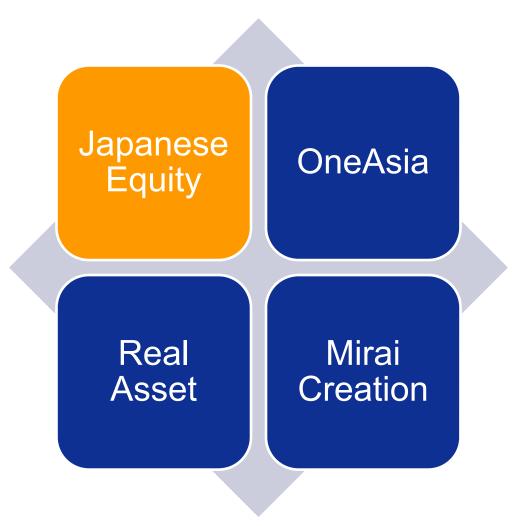
The Company is preparing for launching new funds by generating investment intelligence from each location.

Real Asset Mirai Renewable Energy Fund is established with Toyota Motor Corporation participating as an investor.

Mirai Creation The operation of Mirai Creation Fund II began. Mirai Creation Fund I reached full investment capacity.



Stability : a stable revenue will be expected due to long term contracts without redemptions. ① Japanese Equity Investment Strategy (AUM as at the end of September 2018 : JPY 943.8 billion)



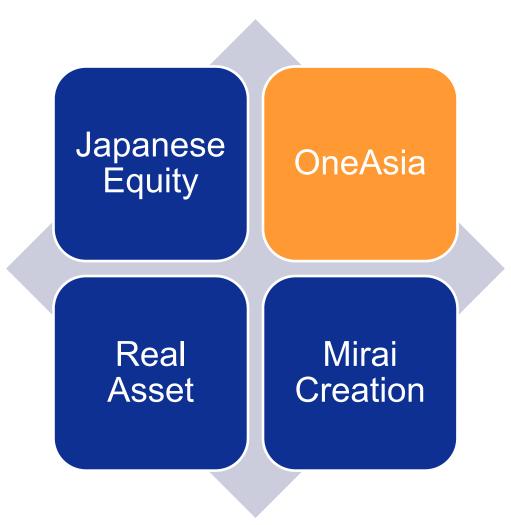
Japanese Equity Investment Strategy : AUM by Strategies



- AUM steadily rose due to an increase in market value in addition to the cash inflow of investment trusts despite an influence of a redemption in May.
- Inquiries and demands from global institutional inventors outside of Japan, including a call for due diligence.

(Unit: 100million JPY)	AUM								
	Mar. 2018	Sep. 2018	Change	Change (%)					
Japanese Equity Long-Short Strategy	367	480	+113	30.9%					
Japanese Equity Focus All Cap Strategy	4,231	4,814	+583	13.8%					
Japanese Equity Mid & Small Cap Strategy	2,724	2,513	▲211	▲7.8%					
Japanese Equity Clean Tech. Strategy	1,021	789	▲ 232	▲22.7%					
Value Creation/Engagement Strategy	135	152	+17	12.9%					
Japanese Equity Market Neutral Strategy	-	254	+254	-					
Japanese Equity Sustainable Strategy	178	432	+254	142.8%					
Others	5	0	▲5	▲ 100.0%					
Total	8,664	9,438	+773	8.9%					

②OneAsia Investment Strategy (AUM at the end of September 2018: JPY 39.6 billion)

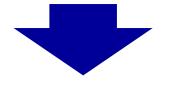


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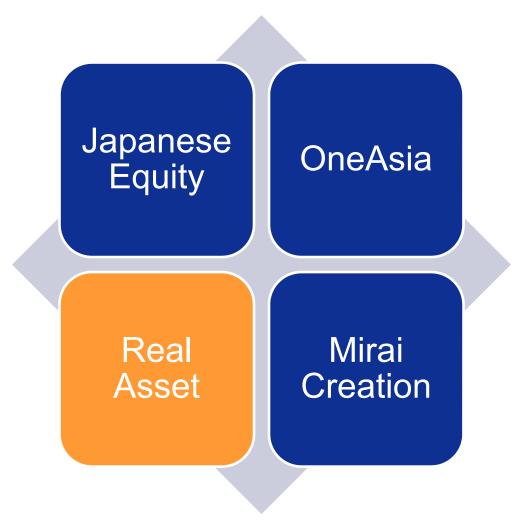
Outcome of investment intelligence of SPARX WAY

Fund managers in Tokyo, Korea and Hong Kong have been enhancing investments in the Asian region by sharing their investment intelligence. Products are developed based on each location fund managers' ideas and they have started projects in order to lead successful fund launching.



Funds utilized the above concept are planned to be launched, subsequent to the publicly offered investment trust under OneAsia strategy, which Mito Securities Co., Ltd. has handled. The Company aims at a full-fledged expansion of the OneAsia strategy's AUM by using these new investment trusts as a lever.

③ Real Asset Investment Strategy (AUM at the end of September 2018: JPY 191.8 billion)

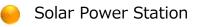


Investment in Renewable Energy Generating Facilities (1)

■ AUM

At the end of September 2018 JPY 158.6 billion

Invested in 25 projects (approx. 380MW) Including 17 projects already selling electricity (approx. 161MW)



- Wind Power Station
- Geothermal Power Station
- Biomass Power Station



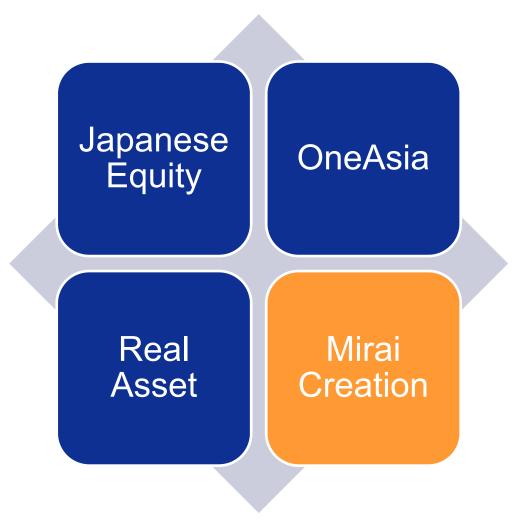
Investment in Renewable Energy Generating Facilities (2)



Operation of "Mirai Renewable Energy Fund." has begun since November 1st, 2018. Toyota Motor Corporation participates as an investor.

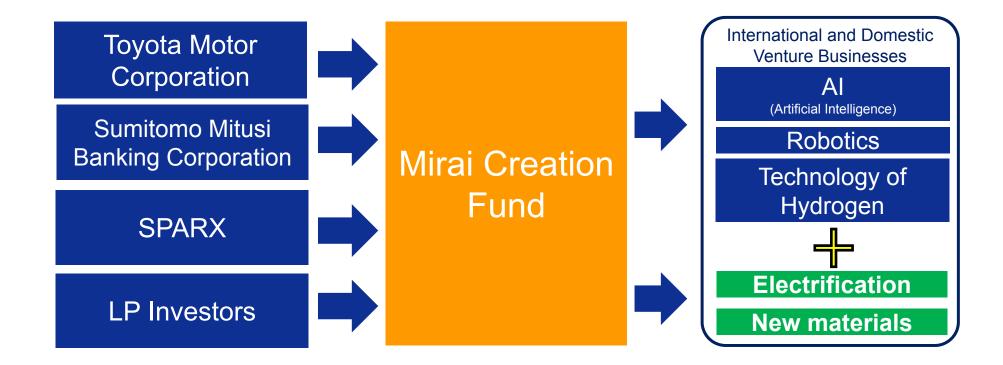
Investors GP:SPARX Group Co., Ltd. LP:Toyota Motor Corporation, CHUBU Electric Power Co., Inc., Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Mizuho Bank, Ltd.								
JPY	itial capital Aiming to increase 23.6 billion the total AUM to JPY30.0 billion							

(Reference) date: Sep. 19th 2018 <u>https://ssl4.eir-parts.net/doc/8739/tdnet/1630562/00.pdf</u> Nov. 9th 2018 <u>https://ssl4.eir-parts.net/doc/8739/tdnet/1645879/00.pdf</u> AUM at the end of September 2018: JPY 36.7 billion



Mirai Creation Investment Strategy: Established Mirai Creation Fund II.

Toyota Motor Corporation and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, following the first series fund, again participate as initial investors in Mirai Creation Fund II, which started its operation from October 2018.





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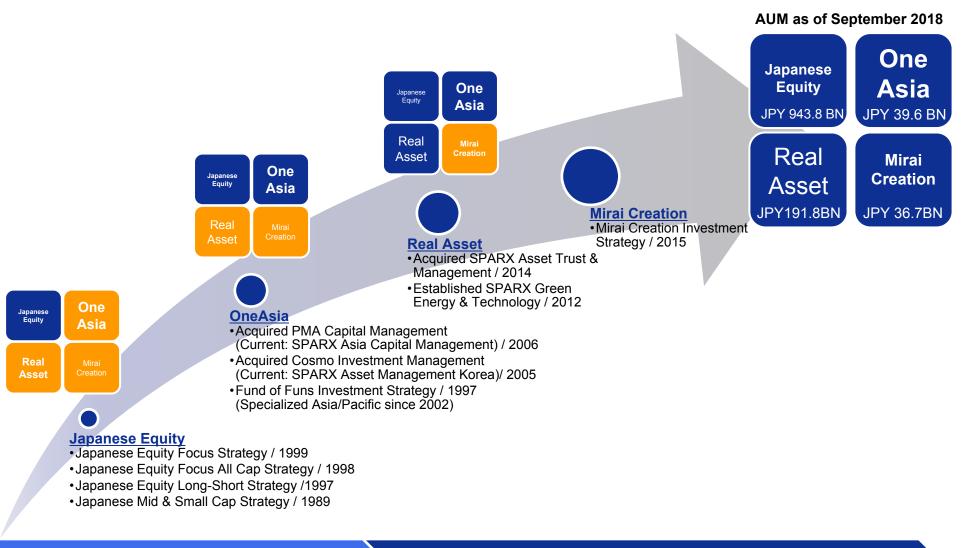


<Reference> Hybrid Business Model

SPARX

Hybrid model composed of strategies:

Highly profitable Japanese Equity and stable Real Asset / Mirai Creation



Increased stability by diversifying strategies

Inherits investment philosophy of SPARX through Internal Study Sessions, "Buffett Club"

What's Buffett Club

Through sessions, SPARX employees share values of making clients wealthier, healthier and happier as "the Most Trusted and Respected Investment Company in the World" by analyzing and discussing investment philosophies including a prominent investor, Warren Buffett.



Sessions have been carried on periodically since SPARX established and investment philosophy of SPARX has been inherited to next generations.



Corporate Profile



Company Name	SPARX Group Co., Ltd.
President	President & CEO Shuhei Abe
Location	1-2-70 Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN
Establishment	July 1, 1989
Capital	8,585 million Yen (as of Sep. 2018)
Number of Employees	155 (as of Sep. 2018)
Listed Market	JASDAQ Standard Market, Tokyo Stock Exchange
Ticker	8739



President & CEO Shuhei Abe

1954	Born in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan
1978	Graduated Sophia University faculty of economics
1980	Acquired an MBA from Babson College
	Joined Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.
	Engaged in researching individual firms of Japanese equity
	as an analyst
1982	Seconded to Nomura Securities International, Inc. (NY) and
	engaged in sale of Japanese equity for US institutional investors
1985	Established Abe Capital Research (NY)
	Engaged in asset management and advisory business of Japanese
	equity in US dollars such quantum fund asset management of US
	individual asset holders
1989	After came back to Japan, established SPARX investment advisor
	(SPARX Group., Ltd.) and in charge of President and CEO (present)
2005	Acquired an AMP from Harvard Business School
2011	Assumed one of the Cost Estimation and Review Committee
	members of the Energy and Environment Council established by the
	Japanese Government
2012	Assumed one of the Demand and Supply Review Committee
	members established by the Japanese Government
2012	Assumed one of the Risk Advisory Committee members established
	by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (present)



Appendix



and Important Management Indicator

Business that receiving fees at fixed rate of AUM

Revenue Structure

Management Fees = AUM × rate of management fees Performance Fees = AUM × percentage of AUM eligible to earn performance fees × rate of performance fees

Important Management Indicator

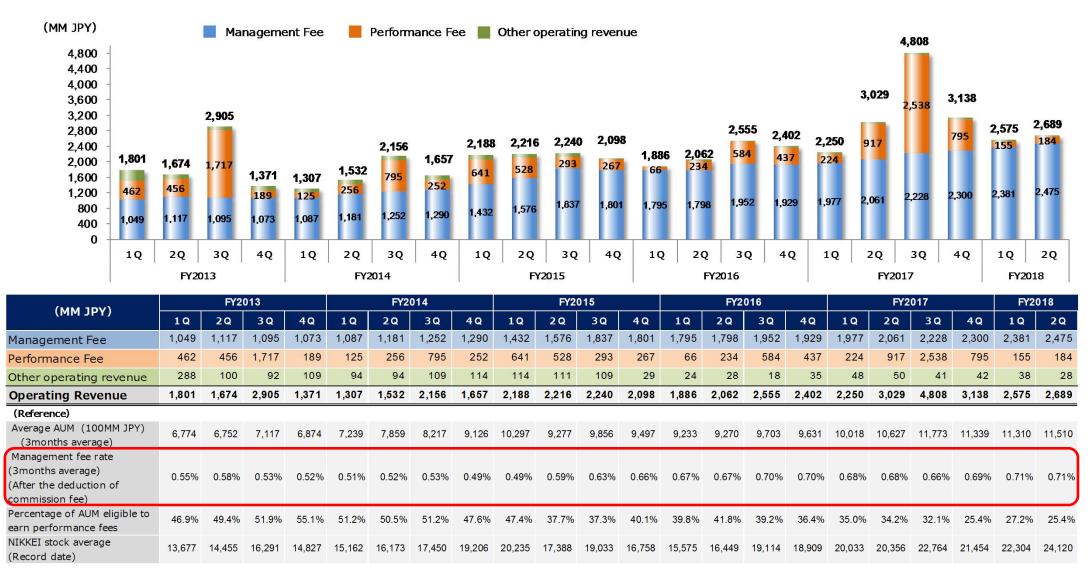
<Reference> Revenue Structure

- Asset under management (AUM)
- Rate of management fee
- Percentage of AUM eligible to earn performance fees
- Base Earnings
 - = management fees (after deduction of commission paid) **△** ordinary expenses

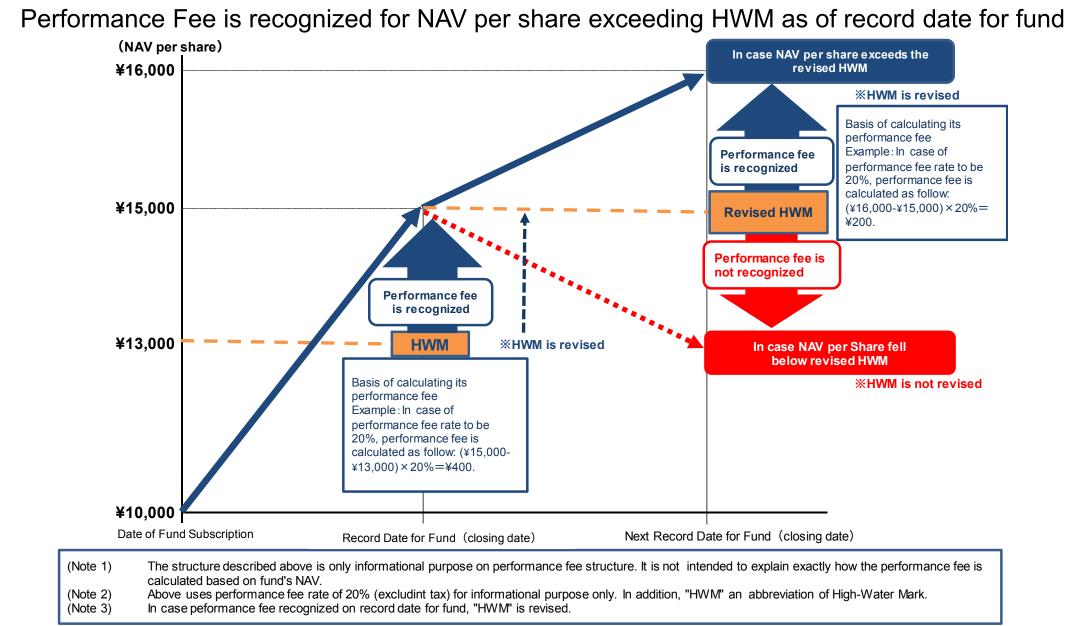
Quarterly Trends of Operating Revenue



Management fee has been steadily maintained due to the consistent high management fee rate

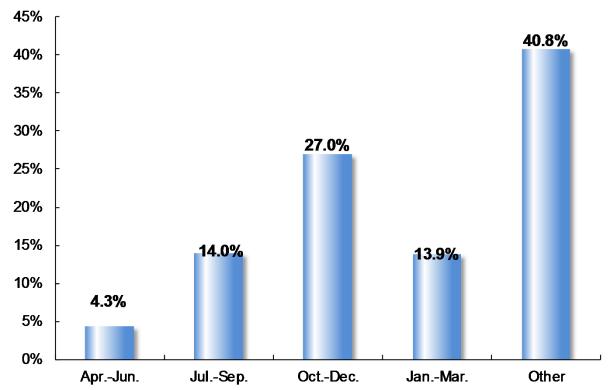


Structure of Performance Fee (Related to Equity Investment Fund)



(SAM) Funds with Performance Fees Distribution of Record Date for Calculation

Continuously endeavor to distribute record date (settlement date) of performance fee for funds



- (Note1) All funds managed by SAM (investment trusts and discretionary investment accounts; hereinafter the same applies) as of Sep 30, 2018 are classified by the performance fee value date and payment month in the graph above. <u>Among these, performance fee is recorded only if it has met the requirements</u> specified in the contract in each calculation value date. Please note that it is not intended to demonstrate how definite performance fee to occur in the future.
- (Note2) In calculating these percentages, the following adjustments are made: for funds with multiple payment periods through a year, the equally divided values of the funds are allocated to the amount in the month of each value date and for funds with no regular payment periods are classified as "others".
- (Note3) The table above excludes AUM which arises acquisition fees of fundraising the Company received from such power stations relating to Japan Renewable Energy Investment Strategy.
- (Note4) The above % figures are rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent. In addition, the figures are estimated based on in-house calculation.
- (Note5) SAM is the abbreviation for SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd. Hereinafter called the same.

Breakdown for Operating Expenses



and General & Admin Expenses

Commission paid increased

due to a rise in management fee regarding the investment trusts.

(Units: MM JPY)	FY2	017	FY2	018		
	Apr2017-Sep2017	Full Year	Apr2018-Sep2018	YoY change		
Commissions paid	530	1,162	802	+51.3%		
Personnel exp.	1,359	2,902	1,247	▲8.2%		
Travel exp.	117	236	148	+26.6%		
Property rent	160	321	161	+0.7%		
Entrusted business expenses	393	864	481	+22.4%		
Depreciation on fixed assets	74	150	79	+7.7%		
Advertising exp.	78	148	50	▲36.4%		
Research exp.	104	223	143	+36.4%		
Other expenses	305	647	316	+3.7%		
Total: Operating and general administrative expenses	3,125	6,658	3,432	+9.8%		
Ordinary expense	2,039	4,238	2,286	+12.1%		

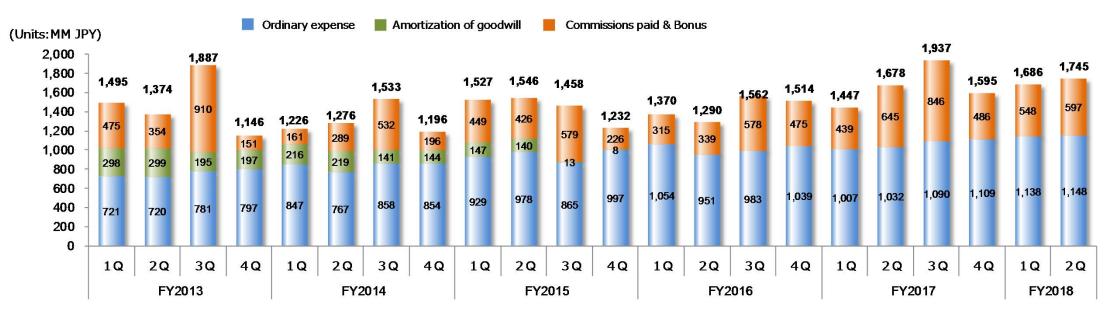
(Note1) The figures above, excluding "YoY change" are truncated. "YoY change" is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent.

(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), (3) Severances package for key members and (4) Amortization of goodwill, from total operating and general administrative expenses; hereinafter the same applies in this document.

Quarterly Trends of Operating Expenses and General & Admin Expenses

Cautious Cost-control taken continuously in the midst of business expansion

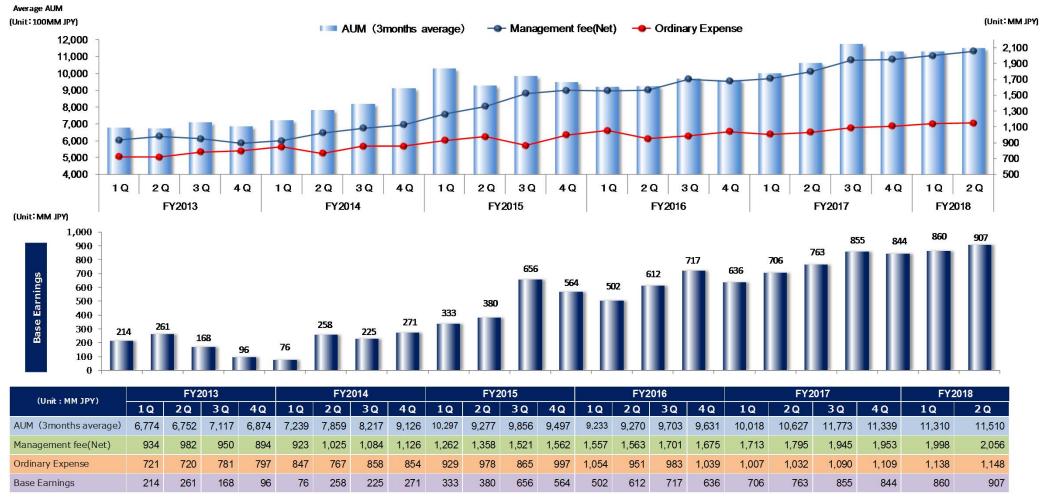


(Units : MM JPY)		FY2	013			FY2	014			FY2	015			FY2	016			FY2	017		FY2	018
	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q
Ordinary expense	721	720	781	797	847	767	858	854	929	978	865	997	1,054	951	983	1,039	1,007	1,032	1,090	1,109	1,138	1,148
Amortization of goodwill	298	299	195	197	216	219	141	144	147	140	13	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commissions paid & Bonus	475	354	910	151	161	289	532	196	449	426	579	226	315	339	578	475	439	645	846	486	548	597
Operating and general administrative expenses	1,495	1,374	1,887	1,146	1,226	1,276	1,533	1,196	1,527	1,546	1,458	1,232	1,370	1,290	1,562	1,514	1,447	1,678	1,937	1,595	1,686	1,745

Quarterly Trends of Base Earnings



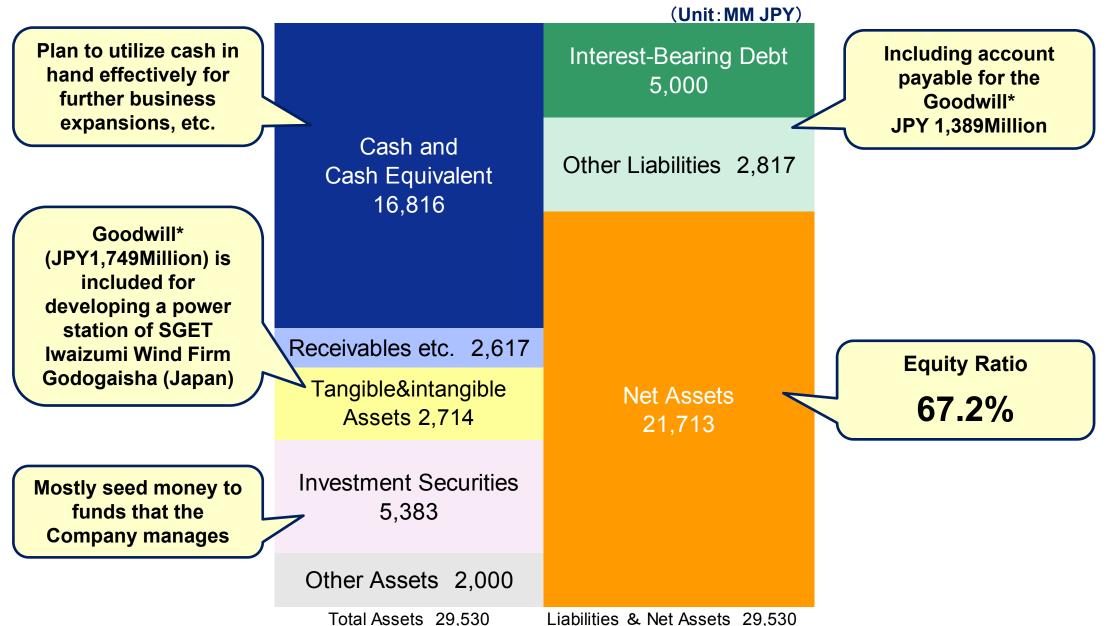
Base earnings has remained stable by cost-control and increase in management fees



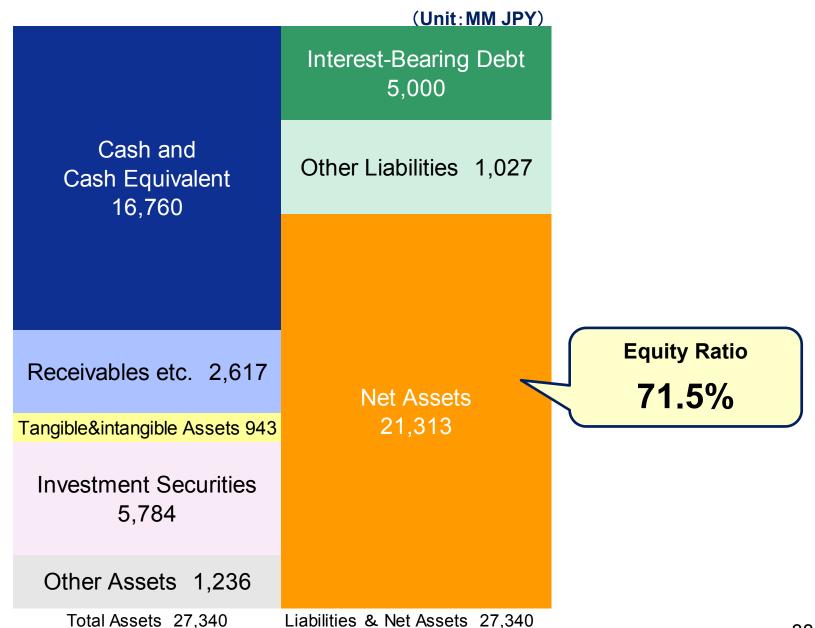
(Note) As preliminary figures, the [Management fee (Net)] is calculated by multiplying the management fee rate (after the deduction of commission paid) and the average AUM for the period.

B/S Overview (1)





<Reference > Table below outlines the exclusion of Balance Sheet of SGET Iwaizumi Wind Firm Godogaisha (Japan)



B/S Overview (2)



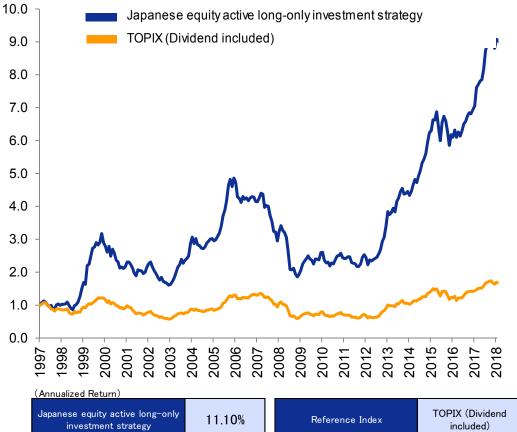
(Units: MM JPY)	Mar. 2018	Sep. 2018	YoY change	
Current assets	21,484	20,369	▲1,114	Decreased mainly due to payment of dividends, bonuses and taxes
Cash and cash equivalents	18,649	16,816	▲1,833	dividenda, bondaca dira taxea
Receivables	2,403	2,617	+213	
Fixed assets	9,852	9,160	▲692	
Goodwill	1,749	1,749	-	
Investment securities	5,868	5,383	▲485	
Total assets	31,336	29,530	▲1,806	
Long-term loans payable	5,000	5,000	-	Decreased mainly due to payment of
Payables	4,447	2,134	▲2,312	bonuses and taxes
Total liabilities	9,945	7,816	▲2,129	
Common stock	8,582	8,585	+2	
Add'l paid-in-capital	3,285	3,286	-	Payment of dividend: JPY 1,430MM Profit attributable to owners of parent in
Retained earnings	9,374	9,486	+112-	2Q FY2018 : + JPY 1,542MM
Treasury stock	▲3,204	▲3,204	-	
Total Shareholder's Equity	18,038	18,153	+115	
Valuation difference on AFS securities	329	363	+34	
Foreign currency translation adjustment	1,131	1,308	+177	
Non-controlling interests	1,875	1,875	-	
Total net assets	21,391	21,713	+322	

(Note1) Figures above are truncated.

(Note2) Investment securities include the seed money of the Company funds.



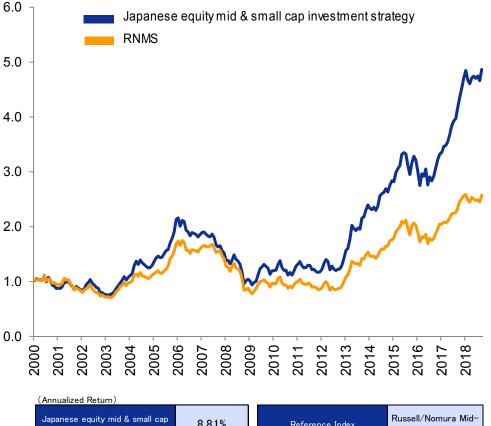
Japanese equity active long-only investment strategy



Japanese equity active long-only investment strategy	11.10%	Reference Index	included)
Reference Index	2.66%	Measurement Period	1997/5 ~2018/9
Excess Return	8.44%	Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	20.44%

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Japanese equity mid & small cap investment strategy

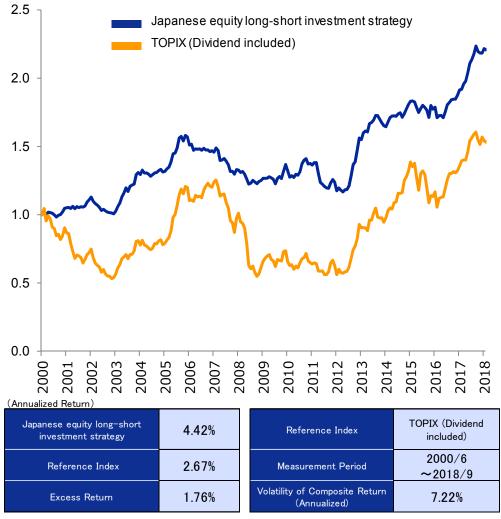


Japanese equity mid & small cap investment strategy	8.81%	Reference Index	Russell/Nomura Mid- Small Cap Index
Reference Index	5.18%	Measurement Period	2000/1 ~2018/9
Excess Return	3.63%	Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	17.48%

Annualized Performance by Strategy Since Inception (2)

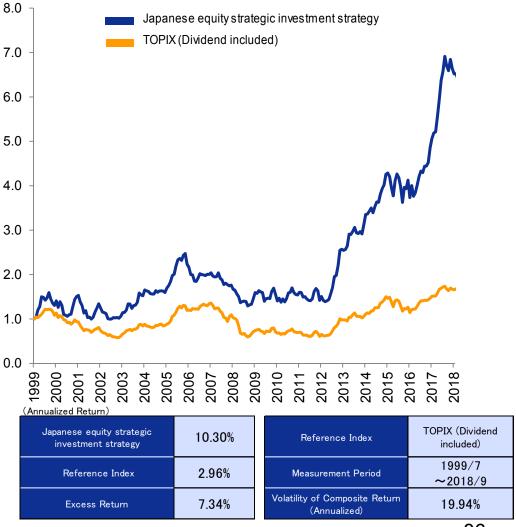


Japanese equity long-short investment strategy



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Japanese equity strategic investment strategy



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