FY2019 1st Quarter Earnings Presentation (Apr. 2019 – Jun. 2019)

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FY2019 Q1 Performance



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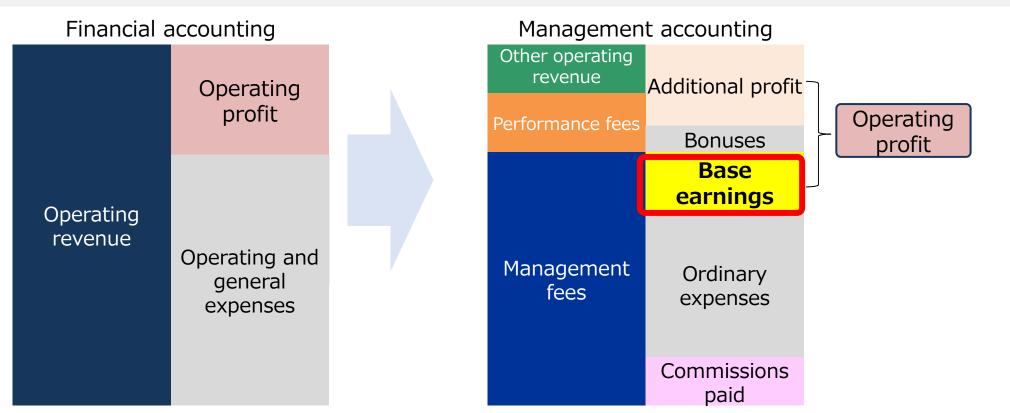
This earnings presentation provides management accounting details not included in the consolidated statement. Note that, as shown in the following diagram, SPARX categorizes (1) management fees, (2) performance fees, and (3) other operating revenue, while (1) ordinary expenses, (2) commissions paid, and (3) bonuses are included in operating and general expenses.

SPARX Group has set **base earnings** as its overriding administrative index. Base earnings demonstrate whether a business has the earning capacity needed for a sustainable, stable foundation. We use the following formula to calculate base earnings:

Base earnings = (Management fees — Commissions paid) – Ordinary expenses

= Management fees (after deducting commissions) – Ordinary expenses

In financial accounting, operating profit includes one-time or additional performance fees, but these fees fluctuate considerably, according to trends in the stock market or business progress in real asset investments. Therefore, **base earnings indicate genuine earning capacity.**



Consolidated Earnings Summary (1) Performance

Year-over-year growth in our AUM for publicly offered investment trusts and Mirai Creation, which offer particularly high management fees, has led to a 17.8% increase in base earnings—the foundation for our sustainable, stable business.

(Unit:Millions of yen)	FY2018	FY2019	YoY change
	Apr2018-Jun2018	Apr2019-Jun2019	
Operating revenue	2,575	3,186	+23.7%
Operating profit	889	1,139	+28.1%
Net income	739	768	+3.9%
Base earnings	860	1,013	+17.8%

(Note) See pages 4, 6, 29, and 35 for more on base earnings.

Consolidated Earnings Summary (2) Performance



		FY2	018	FY2	2019
		Apr2018-Jun2018	Full Year	Apr2019-Jun2019	YoY change
Average AUM	(Billions of yen)	1,131.0	1,157.2	1,180.1	+4.3%
Management fee rate (After deducting commissions)	(%)	0.71%	0.73%	0.79%	+0.08
Management fees (After deducting commissions)	(Millions of yen)	1,998	8,449	2,336	+16.9%
- Ordinary expenses	(Millions of yen)	1,138	4,789	1,323	+16.2%
Base earnings	(Millions of yen)	860	3,660	1,013	+17.8%
Performance fees	(Millions of yen)	155	922	343	+120.4%
Percentage of AUM eligible to earn peformance fee	(%) S	27.2%	30.2%	31.0%	+3.8
Other operating revenue	(Millions of yen)	38	115	22	-41.5%
- Bonuses (including ESOP Expense)	(Millions of yen)	165	795	239	+44.7%
Operating profit	(Millions of yen)	889	3,901	1,139	+28.1%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	(Millions of yen)	739	3,246	768	+3.9%
Return on equity (ROE)	(%)	15.4%	16.2%	15.6%	+0.1

(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 received as compensation for real estate purchases/sales related to our Japanese real estate investment strategy, as well as 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.

Consolidated Earnings Summary (3) AUM



We continue to see an influx of AUM in Japan, maintaining a total of JPY1.1 trillion.

(Unit:Billions of yen)			Average AUM (Three months)					
	As of March, 2019	As of June, 2019	Change (%)		FY2018		FY2019	YoY change (%)
Japan	1,148.7	1,153.4	+0.4%		6 1,096		1,149.5	+4.9%
Korea	14.1	9.4	-33.2%		18.9		11.2	-40.5%
Asia	22.7	18.0		-20.6% 1		<mark>6%</mark> 15.9 19		+21.2%
Total	1,185.6	1,180.9		- 0.4% 1,13		1,131.0		+4.3%
		As of June, 2	2018	As of Ma	arch, 2019	As	of June, 2019	YoY change
ΤΟΡΙΧ		1,	730		1,591		1,551	-10.4%
NIKKEI stoc average	k (JPY)	22,	304		21,205		21,275	-4.6%
KOSPI		2,	326	2,140		2,140 2,130		-8.4%

*See our "Notice of Month-End Assets Under Management" for details on SPARX's AUM as of June 30, 2019.

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Business Progress Report and Future Plans



Japanese Equity While we lost a big contract with an overseas institutional investor and our AUM has fallen across a few of our strategies, we have continued to see a net inflow with Japanese investment trusts.

OneAsia

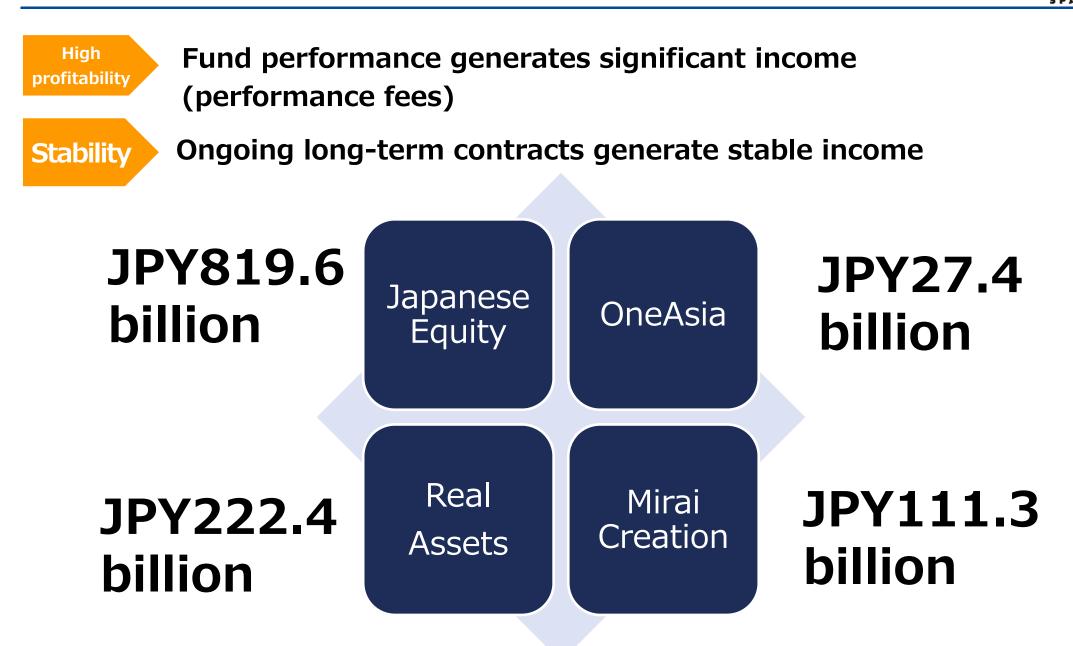
FY2018, we established two publicly offered investment trusts as a result of investment intelligence shared among our offices. We are also working to have leading securities firms distribute our other funds in this category.

Real Assets Since April 2019, the Mirai Creation Renewable Energy Fund made several new investments and brought its AUM up to JPY189.3 billion.

Mirai Creation

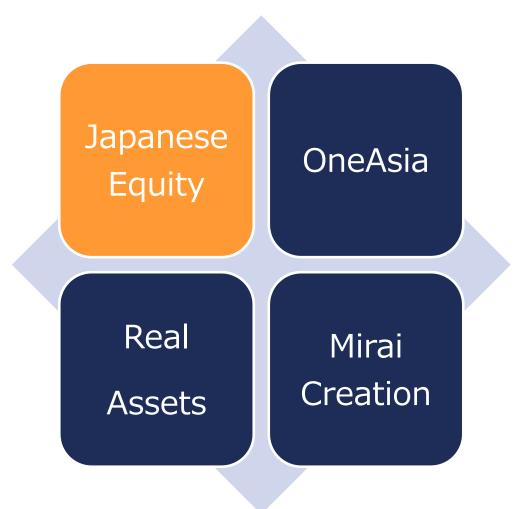
Mirai Creation Fund II executed substantial investments.

Four Pillars of Growth: Combining High Profitability and Statisty



(1) Japanese Equity Investment Strategy (AUM of JPY819.6 billion as of June 30, 2019)





Japanese Equity Investment Strategy: Status of AUM



- While our AUM across all strategies declined due to the loss of a major client, the AUM for our market-neutral investment strategy steadily increased because of its continually reliable performance, despite harsh market conditions.

(Units : Billions of yen)	AUM							
	Mar. 2019	June. 2019	Change	Change (%)				
Japanese Equity Long-Short Strategy	46.1	33.0	-13.1	-28.4%				
Japanese Equity Focus All Cap Strategy	506.3	504.6	-1.6	-0.3%				
Japanese Equity Mid & Small Cap Strategy	203.3	188.1	-15.2	-7.5%				
Value Creation/Engagement Strategy	11.2	2.7	-8.5	-75.8%				
Japanese Equity Market Neutral Strategy	42.7	50.1	+7.4	+17.4%				
Japanese Equity Sustainable Strategy	41.4	40.9	-0.4	-1.1%				
Total	851.2	819.6	-31.5	-3.7%				





Investment Trusts Aggregate/Japan Equity Fund Aggregate category: First Prize SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd.







Investment Trusts /Japan Equity Fund category: First Prize SPARX New Global Blue Chip Japanese Equity Fund ("Gensentoshi")

Defined-Benefit Pension & Japanese Equity Growth category; Management strategy name: Japanese Equity Focus All Cap Strategy

(Reference) May 7, 2019 <u>https://ssl4.eir-parts.net/doc/8739/tdnet/1697516/00.pdf</u>

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Japan Equity Category (5 years) for the Seventh Consecutive Year!

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SPARX Japan Equity Focus All Cap Strategy

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(2) OneAsia Equity Investment Strategy (AUM of JPY27.4 billion as of June 30, 2019)





OneAsia Equity Investment Strategy



Sharing Investment Intelligence Continues to Lead to Results

Fund managers in Tokyo, South Korea, and Hong Kong share investment intelligence to bolster our investments in Asia.

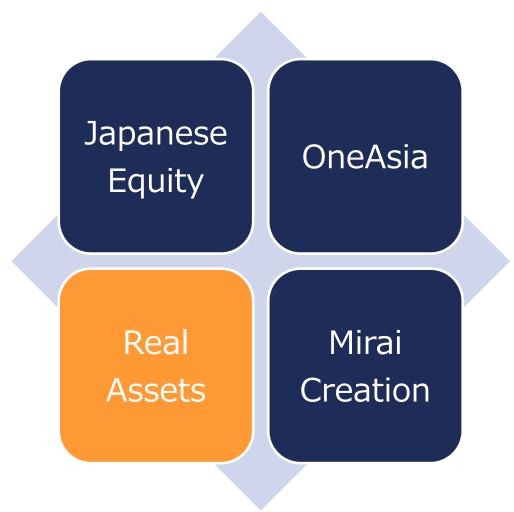
We develop products using ideas from fund managers in all our offices, and we work to create new funds.

FY2018, Mito Securities began handling our publicly offered investment trust for listed companies in Japan and Asia. These funds have gradually seen an influx of capital from Japanese investors.

By leveraging this success and having leading securities firms distribute more of our funds, we intend to significantly increase the AUM for our OneAsia Equity Investment Strategy.

(3)Real Asset Investment Strategy (AUM of JPY222.4 billion as of June 30, 2019)

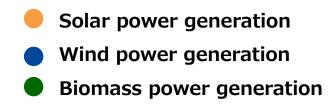






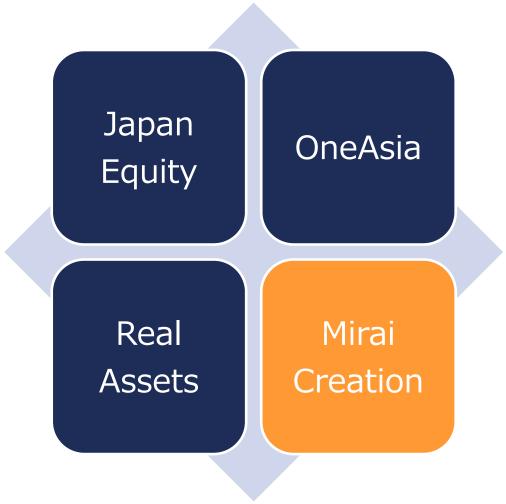
Assets under management As of June 30, 2019 JPY189.3 billion

Number of Investments: 27(approx. 488 MW) Number of stations selling electricity: 20 (approx. 250 MW)



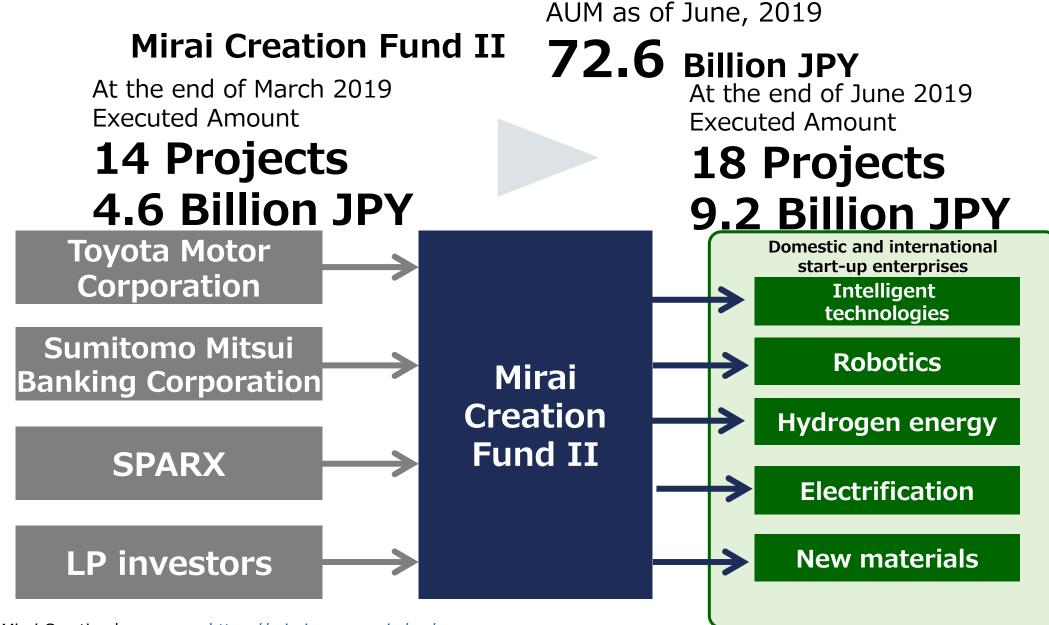
(4)Mirai Creation Investment Strategy (AUM of JPY111.3 billion as of June 30, 2019)







Ample investment opportunities and steadily growing performance



Mirai Creation homepage: https://mirai.sparx.co.jp/en/







Conducive to our goal of expanding shareholder returns, we are issuing a stock buyback, which should allow us to improve capital efficiency and execute a capital strategy that flexibly meets the demands of our business environment.

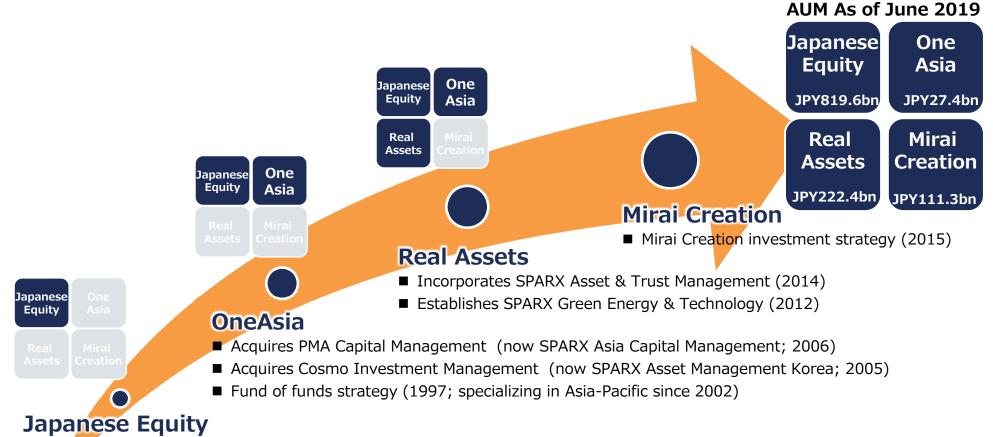
(1)Type of shares acquired	Shares of common stock of SPARX Group Co., Ltd.
(2)Total number of shares acquired	Up to 1,500,000 shares (0.73% of total issued common stock (excluding treasury stock))
(3)Total price of shares acquired	Up to 350,000,000 yen
(4)Period of stock acquisition	From August 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019

(Reference) https://ssl4.eir-parts.net/doc/8739/tdnet/1737005/00.pdf

[Reference] Hybrid Business Model



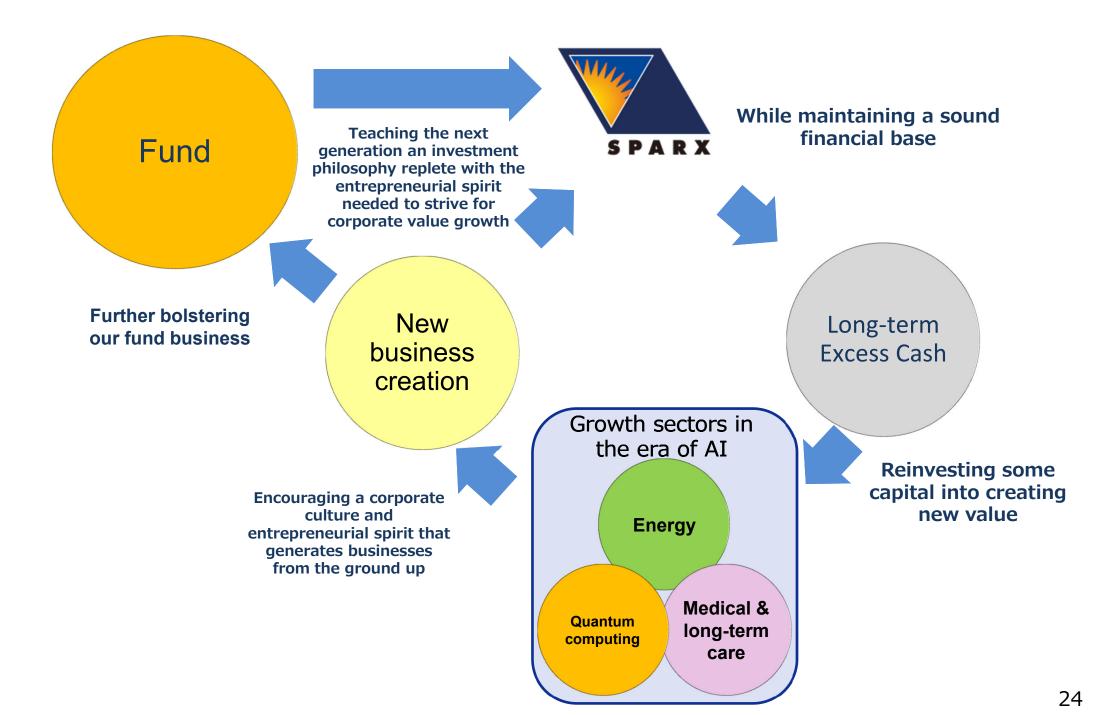
A hybrid model that combines our traditional strategy of investing in highly profitable listed stocks with the stable strategy of financing real assets/Mirai Creation



- Japanese Equity Focus strategy (1999)
- Japanese Equity Focus All Cap strategy (1998)
- Japanese Equity Long-Short All Cap strategy (1997)
- Japanese Mid & Small Cap strategy (1989)

Aiming to Create Business in Growth Sectors in the Era of AI





SPARX's Investments in Growth Sectors



Company name	Sigma-i Co., Ltd.
Representative director	Masayuki Ozeki
Founded	April 4, 2019
Business details	Consulting using quantum computing-based analytics / Developing and licensing quantum computing software / Training experts utilizing quantum computing

- The company intends to assemble the human resources of the future who can handle new computing technologies, including quantum annealing and machine learning.
- It will extract problems of optimization lurking in society, breathe new life into these problems through the skillful use of all available techniques, and pursue optimal solutions to all such issues.
- As an investment firm, SPARX not only acts as a bridge between academia and the capital markets, but it also helps companies created through academic research establish stable relations with these markets.

Passing On SPARX's Investment Philosophy through the Buffett Club, an Internal Study Group



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.





Company	SPARX Group Co., Ltd.
Representative	President & CEO Shuhei Abe
Address	1-2-70 Konan, Minato, Tokyo, Japan
Founded	July 1, 1989
Capitalization	JPY8,587 million (as of June 30, 2019)
Employees	164 (as of June 30, 2019)
Exchange	Tokyo Stock Exchange First Section
Ticker	8739



President and Group CEO Shuhei Abe

1954: Born in Sapporo.

1978: Graduated from Sophia University, Faculty of Economics. 1980: Received an MBA from Babson College. After returning to Japan, hired by Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. Worked as a corporate research analyst evaluating individual companies listed on Japanese stock markets.

1982: Seconded to New York's Nomura Securities International, Inc., and worked in sales of Japanese stocks to US institutional investors.

1985: Founded Abe Capital Research in New York. Provided portfolio management and advice on Japanese stocks to European and American investors through the Quantum Fund and other funds, while managing the assets of individual property owners in Europe and the US.

1989: After returning to Japan, established SPARX Asset Management (now SPARX Group Co., Ltd.) and appointed as president & representative director (current post).

2005: Completed the AMP at Harvard Business School.

2011: Appointed to the Subcommittee to Study Costs and Other Issues of the Japanese government's Energy and Environment Council.

2012: Appointed to the Japanese government's Supply-Demand Verification Subcommittee.

2012: Appointed to the Risk Advisory Committee for the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC).



Supplementary Materials



Business that receives fees at a fixed rate of AUM

Revenue Structure

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

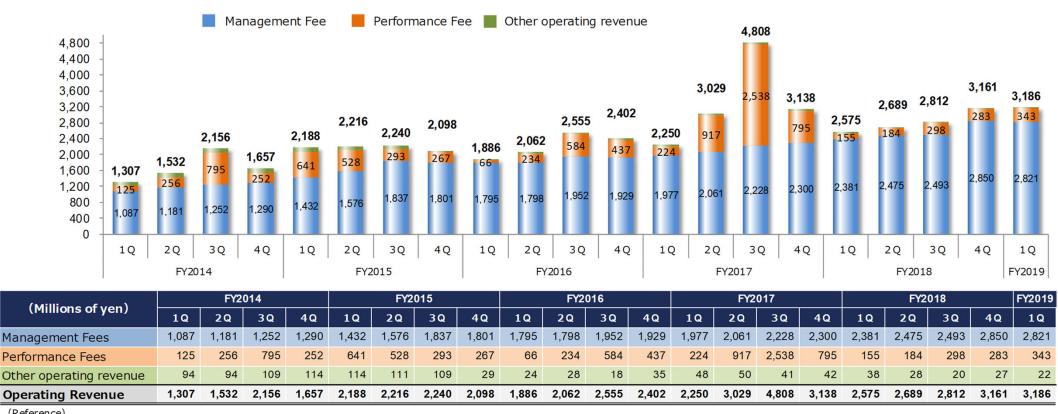
Important Management Indicators

- Asset under management (AUM)
- Management fee rate
- Percentage of AUM eligible to earn performance fees
- Base Earnings = management fees (after deducting commissions) ordinary expenses

Quarterly Trends in Operating Revenue



Management fees have been steadily maintained due to the consistently high management fee rate

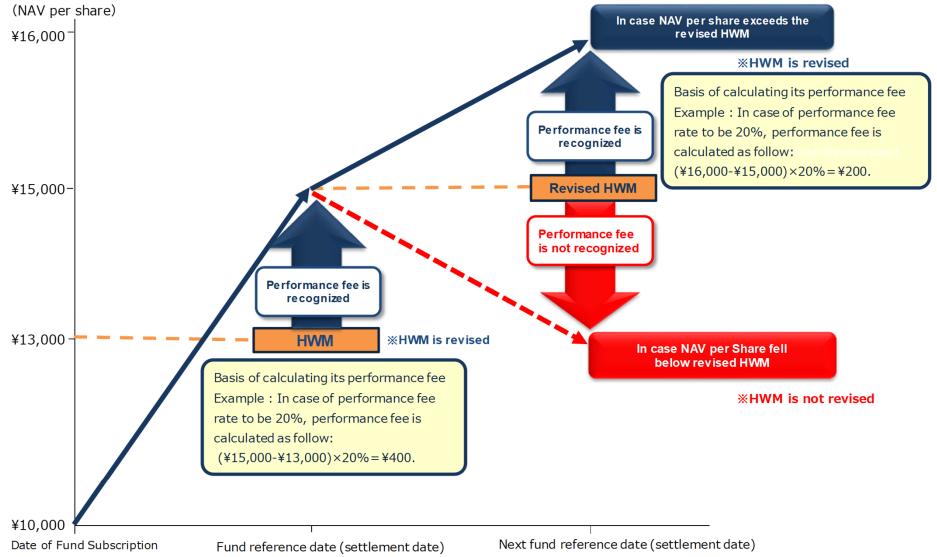


(Reference)																					
Average AUM (Billions of yen)	723.9	785.9	821.7	912.6	1.029.7	927.7	985.6	949.7	923.3	927.0	970.3	963.1	1.001.8	1.062.7	1.177.3	1.133.9	1.131.0	1.151.0	1,159.8	1,186,9	1 180 1
(3months average)	720.5	100.0	021.7	512.0	1,020.7	521.1	505.0	343.1	520.0	521.0	570.5	505.1	1,001.0	1,002.1	1,177.0	1,100.0	1,101.0	1,101.0	1,100.0	1,100.5	1,100.1
Management fee rate																					
(3months average)	0.51%	0.52%	0.53%	0.49%	0.49%	0.59%	0.63%	0.66%	0.67%	0.67%	0.70%	0.70%	0.68%	0.68%	0.66%	0.69%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.79%	0.79%
(After deducting commissions)																					
Percentage of AUM eligible to	51.2%	50.5%	51.2%	47.6%	47.4%	37.7%	37.3%	40.1%	39.8%	41.8%	39.2%	36.4%	35.0%	34.2%	32.1%	25.4%	27.2%	25.4%	30.1%	30.2%	31.0%
earn performance fees	01.270	00.070	01.270	47.070	-17 <i>0</i>	01.170	01.070	40.170	00.070	41.070	00.270	00.470	00.070	04.270	02.170	20.470	21.270	20.470	00.170	00.270	01.070
NIKKEI stock average	15,162	16,173	17,450	19.206	20.235	17.388	19.033	16,758	15,575	16,449	19,114	18,909	20,033	20,356	22,764	21,454	22,304	24.120	20.014	21.205	21.275
(Record date)	10,102	10,170	17,400	10,200	20,200	17,000	10,000	10,700	10,070	10,440	10,114	10,000	20,000	20,000	22,104	21,404	22,004	24,120	20,014	21,200	21,270

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

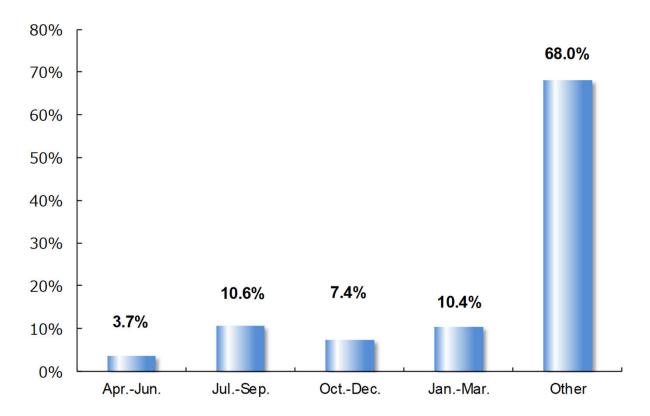


(Note 1) The structure described above is only informational purpose on performance fee structure. It is not intended to explain exactly how the performance fee is calculated based on fund's NAV.

(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.

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Distribution of the fund reference dates (settlement dates) for posting performance fees



(Note1) All funds managed by SAM (investment trusts and discretionary investment accounts; hereinafter the same applies) as of June 30, 2019 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> <u>specified in the contract in each calculation value date.</u> 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.



• Additional fees paid to coincide with additional management fees for publicly offered investment trusts

 \cdot Increased personnel, administrative, and contracting expenses due to additional personnel and expanded operations

(Units: Millions of yen)	FY2	018	FY2019			
(onits: Minions of yen)	Apr2018-Jun2018	Full Year	Apr2019-Jun2019	YoY change		
Commissions paid	382	1,753	484	+26.8%		
Personnel exp.	613	2,646	734	+19.8%		
Travel exp.	76	321	89	+17.7%		
Property rent	81	323	58	-28.6%		
Entrusted business expenses	231	1,070	323	+39.7%		
Depreciation on fixed assets	39	178	61	+53.4%		
Advertising exp.	25	111	43	+71.3%		
Research exp.	69	290	74	+6.9%		
Other expenses	166	641	177	+6.7%		
Total: Operating and general administrative expenses	1,686	7,338	2,047	+21.4%		
Ordinary expenses	1,138	4,789	1,323	+16.2%		

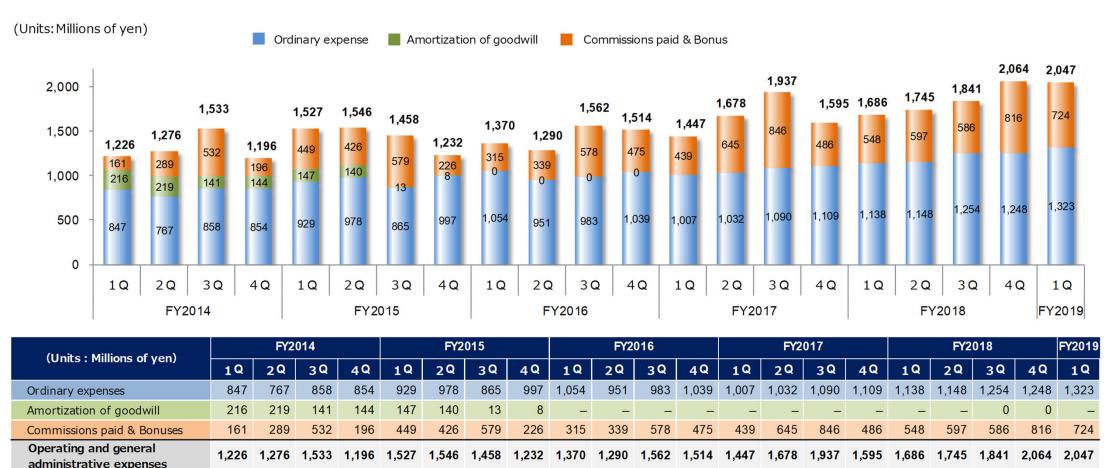
(Note1) The figures above, excluding "YoY change" are truncated. "YoY change" is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent.

(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; 33 hereinafter the same applies in this document.

Quarterly Operating and General Administrative Expenses

Cost-control taken continuously and cautiously, considering the increase of ordinary expenses, in the midst of business expansion



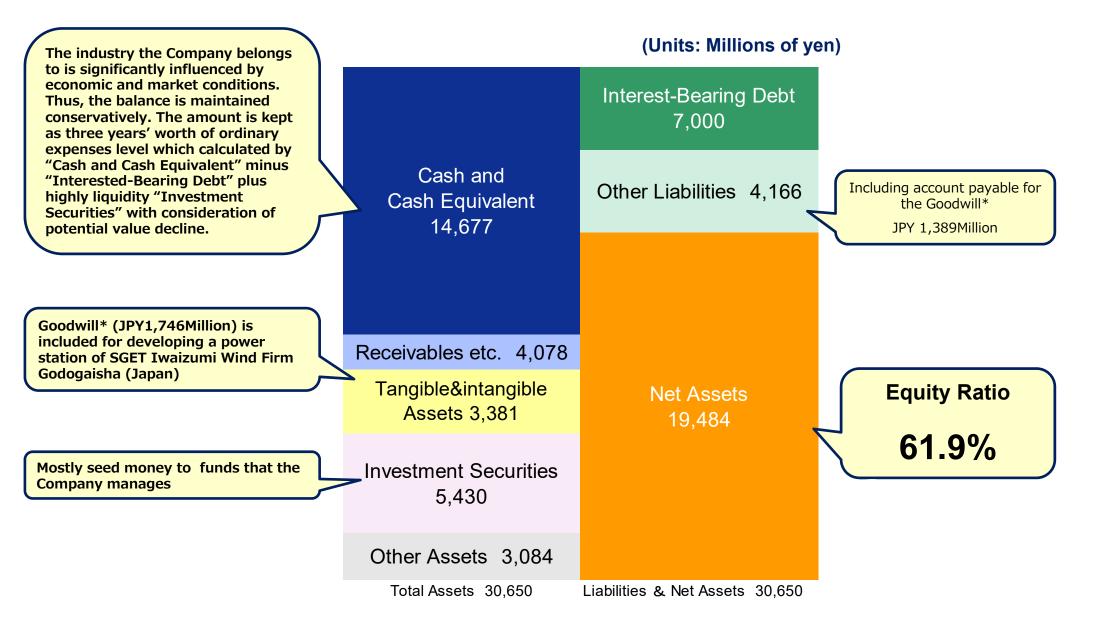


Robust base earnings due to growing management fees



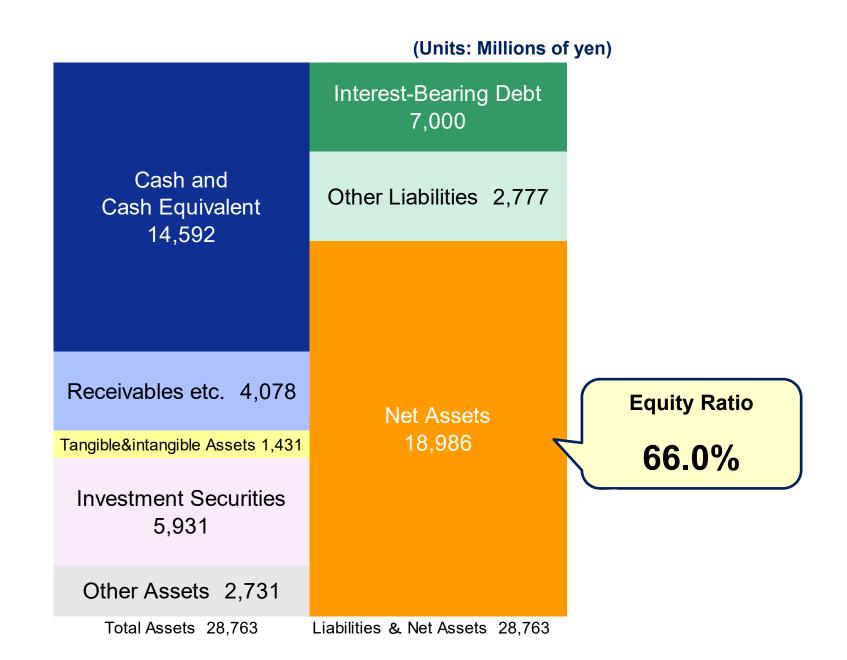
(Note) As preliminary figures, the [[]Management fee (Net)] is calculated by multiplying the management fee rate (after the deduction of commission paid) and the average AUM for the period.





[Reference] Excluding the Balance Sheet of the SGET Iwaizumi Wind Farm





Consolidated Balance Sheet (2)



(Units: Millions of yen)	Mar. 2019	June. 2019	YoY change	
Current assets	20,921	20,761	-160	
Cash and cash equivalents	17,152	14,677	-2,474 .	Decreased mainly due to payment of dividends, bonuses
Receivables	2,733	4,078	+1,344	
Fixed assets	10,409	9,889	-519	
Goodwill	1,749	1,746	-2	Decrease primarily due to the disposal of some seed money
Investment securities	6,363	5,430	-933	investments
Total assets	31,331	30,650	-680	
Long-term loans payable	7,000	7,000	-	
Payables	2,907	2,650	-257	
Total liabilities	10,310	11,165	+855	
Common stock	8,585	8,587	+1	
Add'l paid-in-capital	2,554	2,555	+1	
Retained earnings	11,189	9,914	-1,275	Payment of dividend :
Treasury stock	-3,204	-3,204	-	2,043MM
Total Shareholder's Equity	19,125	17,853	-1,272	Profit attributable to owners of parent FY2019Q1 : + JPY
Valuation difference on AFS securities	239	146	-92	768MM
Foreign currency translation adjustment	1,143	975	-167	
Non-controlling interests	499	500	+0	
Total net assets	21,020	19,484	-1,535	

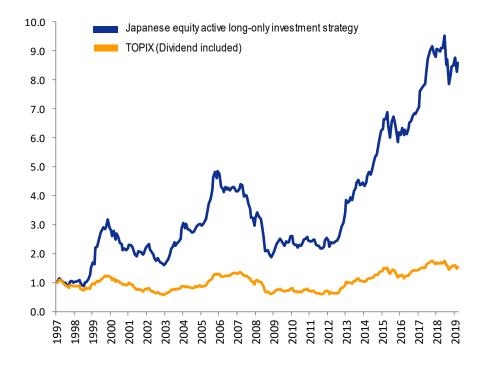
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(Note2) Investment securities include the seed money of the Company funds.

Primary Investment Strategies: Composite Returns Since Valuation Began 1



Japanese Equity Active Long-Only investment strategy

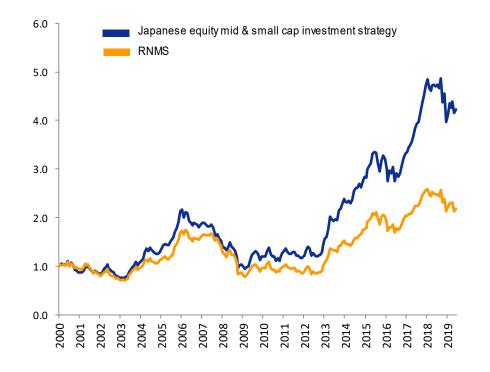


(Annualized Return)

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Japanese equity active long- only investment strategy	10.18%	Reference Index	TOPIX (Dividend included)
Reference Index	1.91%	Measurement Period	1997/5 ~2019/6
Excess Return	8.27%	Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	20.45%

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Japanese Equity Mid & Small Cap investment strategy



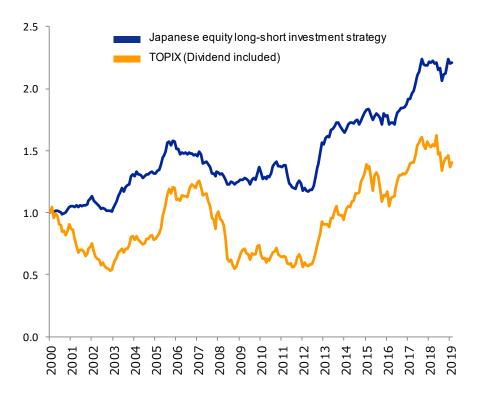
(Annualized Return)			
Japanese equity mid & small cap investment strategy	7.67%	Reference Index	Russell/Nomura Mid-Small Cap Index
Reference Index	4.10%	Measurement Period	2000/1 ~2019/6
Excess Return	3.57%	Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	17.72%

Source: SPARX Group (as of June 30, 2019) 39

Primary Investment Strategies: Composite Returns Since Valuation Began 2



Japanese Equity Long-Short investment strategy

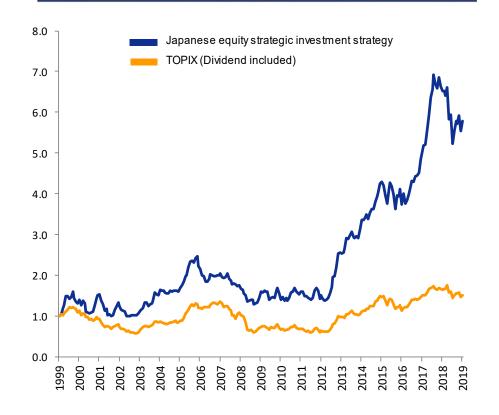


(Annualized Return)

Japanese equity long-short investment strategy	4.24%	Reference Index	TOPIX (Dividend included)
Reference Index	1.79%	Measurement Period	2000/6 ~2019/6
Excess Return	2.44%	Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	7.29%

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Japanese Equity Strategic investment strategy



(Annualized Return)			
Japanese equity strategic investment strategy	9.17%	Reference Index	TOPIX (Dividend included)
Reference Index	2.11%	Measurement Period	1999/7 ~2019/6
Excess Return	7.06%	Volatility of Composite Return (Annualized)	20.12%

Source: SPARX Group (as of June 30, 2019)







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