

Ending December 2021

February 10, 2022

Frontier Management Inc. (TSE First Section Code No. 7038)

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Section 1

# **FY2021 Financial Results**



## Summary

- The number and sales of large-scale projects exceeding JPY 100 Mil are the highest in the past, as a result of the success of the Management Consulting Business.
- Sales decreased in the Revitalization Support Business, and incomes decreased in the Financial Advisory Business due to the lack of largescale M&A projects.
- Expenses continued to increase due to aggressive recruitment, which has been strategically ongoing since last year.
- New products (digital strategy, SR/IR strategy, and HR strategy) showed a smooth start-up.
- Promoting collaboration with regional financial institutions in the investment business.
- Strengthen sales capabilities for business corporations.

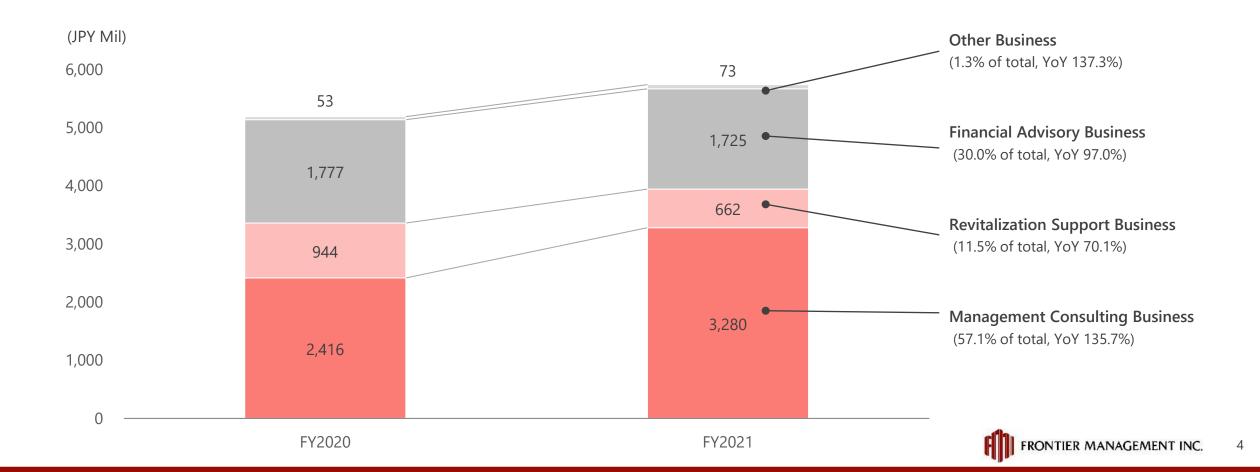
	FY2020 Actual	FY2021 Actual	YoY change (amount)	YoY change (percentage)	Forecast (Nov. 12, '21)	Achievement rate
Net sales	5,192	5,741	+549	+ 11%	5,700	101%
Operating income	580	501	- 80	- 14%	500	100%
Ordinary income	575	514	- 62	- 11%	510	101%
Net income	420	338	- 82	- 19%	340	99%



(JPY Mil)

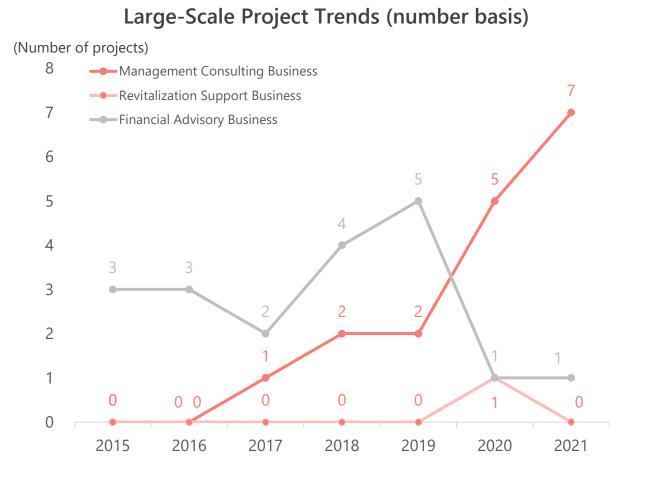
## Net Sales Breakdown

Management Consulting Business: Revitalization Support Business: Financial Advisory Business: Increased 36% due to an increase in large-scale projects exceeding JPY 100 Mil. Decreased because the demand hasn't reached full scale. Slight decrease. As in the previous year, there were few contracts for large-scale projects.

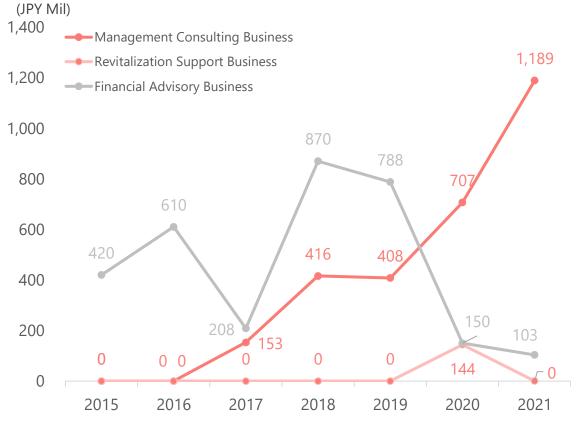


## Large-Scale Project Trends

- In Management Consulting Business, large-scale projects more than JPY100 Mil steadily increased and contributing to incomes.
- In Financial Advisory Business, large-scale projects which had been the driving force behind earnings decreased.



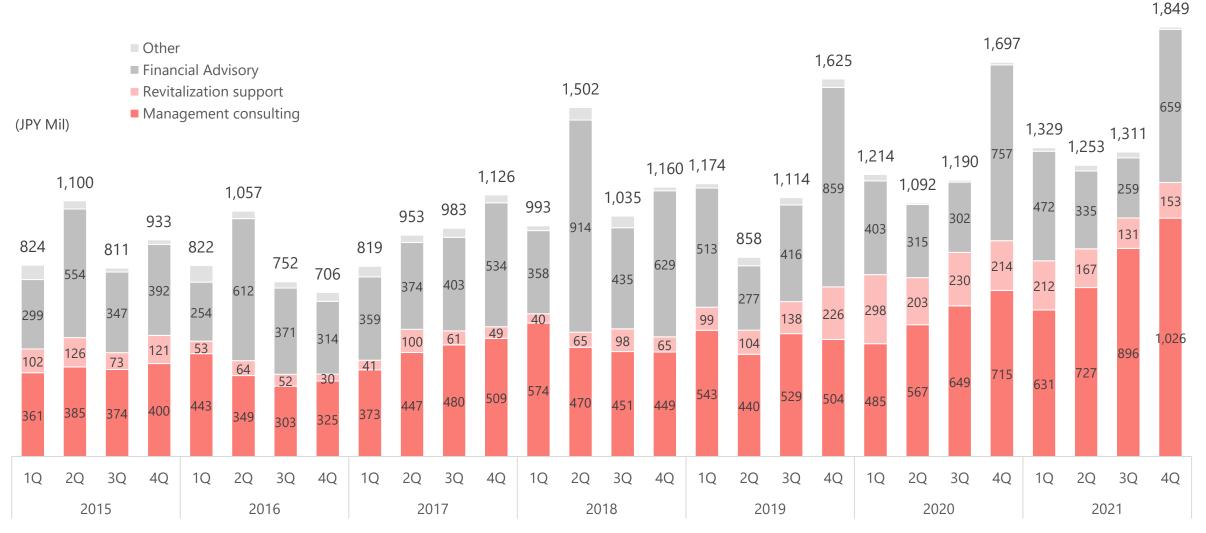
## Large-Scale Project Trends (value basis)





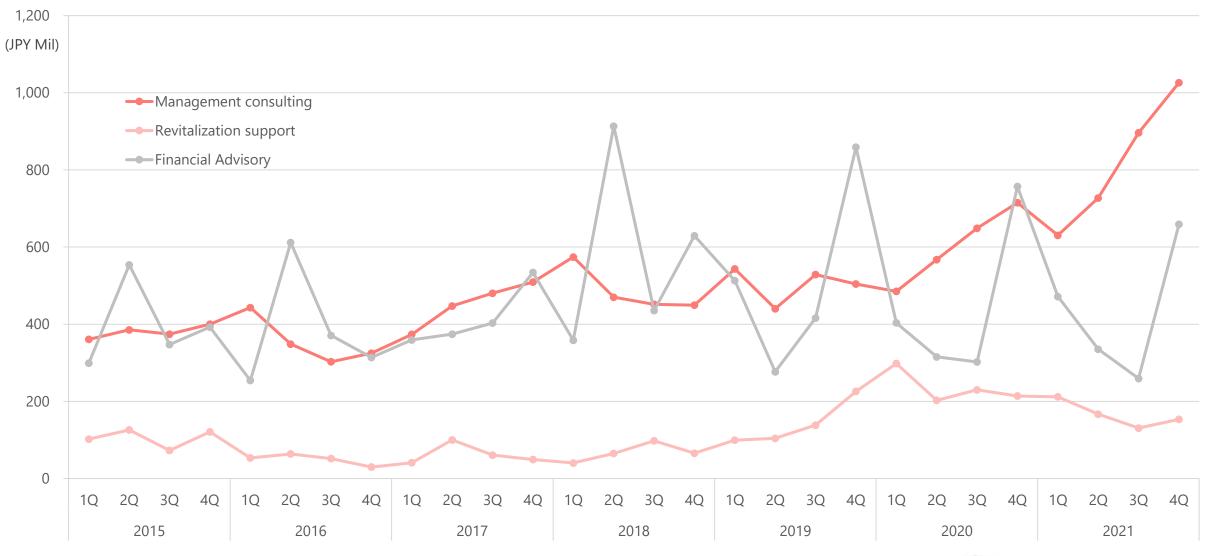
## Quarterly Sales Trends (1/2)

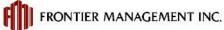
- Steady growth in the total of Management Consulting Business and Revitalization Support Business where human resources are flexibly transferable.





## Quarterly Sales Trends (2/2)





## **PL Overview**

- Personnel expenses increased due to aggressive recruitment.

		(JPY Mil)	
	FY2020 Actual	FY2021 Actual	Percentage change
Net sales	5,192	5,741	+11%
Operating expenses	4,611	5,240	+14%
Outsourcing	220	194	-12%
Personnel	3,177	3,841	+21%
Recruitment	215	231	+8%
Others	998	971	-3%
Operating income	580	501	-14%
Ordinary income	575	514	-11%
Net income before tax	575	514	-11%
Net income	420	338	-19%
Depreciation and amortization	38	36	- 6%
EBITDA	614	552	-11%
Number of employees	227	255	+12%

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## **BS** Overview

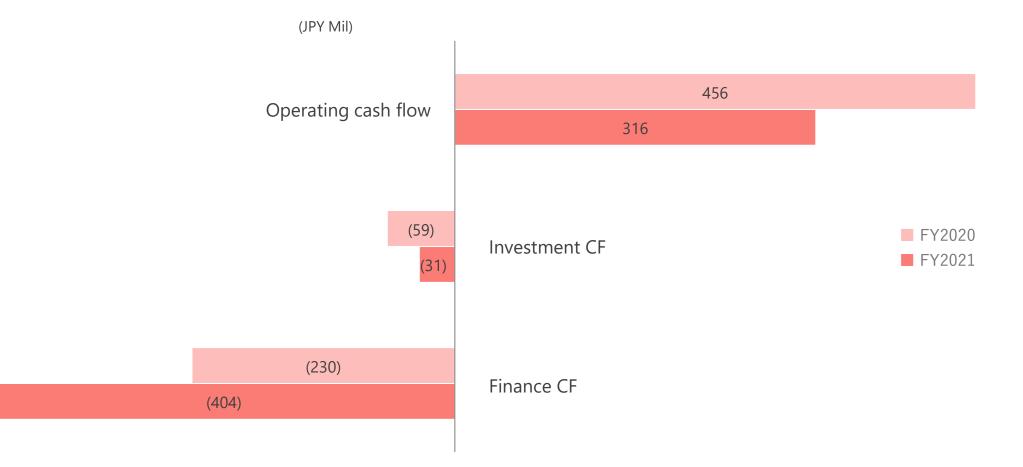
- Current assets decreased due to decreases in cash & deposits and accounts receivable.
- Current liabilities decreased due to decreases in provision for bonuses and income taxes paid.
- Shareholders' equity decreased due to dividend payments, etc.

	End of FY2019	End of FY2020	YoY change
Current assets	2,994	2,998	+3
Fixed assets	798	821	+22
Total assets	3,792	3,819	+26
Current liabilities	1,261	1,283	+21
Fixed liabilities	82	82	+0
Shareholders' equity	2,436	2,398	-39
Other net assets	11	56	+44
Total liabilities and net assets	3,792	3,819	+26
Cash and deposits	1,899	1,784	-115
Interest-bearing debt	-	-	-
Net Debt	-1,899	- 1,784	+115

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## **CF** Overview

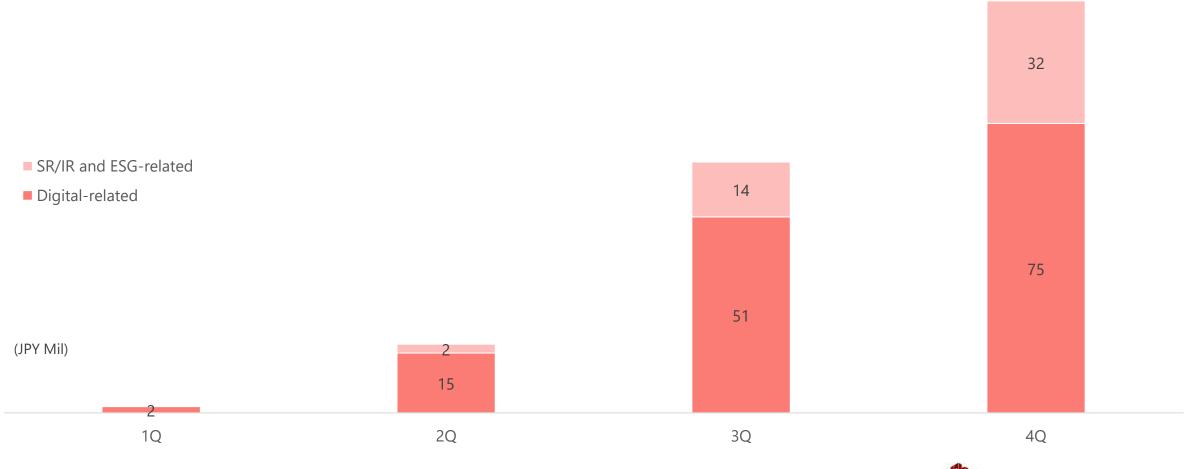
- Operating CF: JPY+316 Mil: due to increase of net income.
- Investing CF: JPY -31 Mil: due to purchase of property, plant and equipment.
- Financing CF: JPY -404 Mil: due to dividend and treasury stock acquisition.





## Sales Trend in New Products ("Digital strategy" and "SR/IR strategy")

- Established the Digital Strategy Office in June 2021 and promoted to the Digital Strategy Division in January 2022 to further expand.
- Established the SR/IR Strategy Office in June 2021 and changed it to the Strategic Partnership Division in January 2022 to handle everything from SR/IR to ESG/sustainability, with the aim of further expanding.

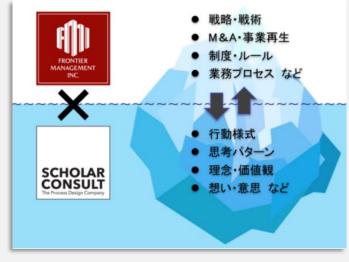


## Launch of new products (HR consulting) in the Management Consulting Business

- February 2021 Business alliance with Scholar Consult Co., Itd..
- December 2021 Capital and business alliance with Celebrain Corporation. (Our ownership ratio: 60%)

#### Business alliance with Scholar Consult Co., ltd.

- Providing services that combine support for the development of the next generation of human resources and management consulting
- Supporting the enhancement of corporate value by combining immediate effectiveness and sustainability through a business alliance with Scholar Consult Co., ltd., which supports the organizational culture and structural reforms of many companies and public organizations



#### Capital and business alliance with Celebrain Corporation

- Strengthen HR consulting services through a capital and business alliance with Celebrain, which has strengths in HR strategy consulting, human resources development, education and training
- Anticipate synergies such as the development of the rapidly growing HR-Tech field through collaboration with the Digital Strategy Division of Frontier Management







## **Investment Business Promotion**

- August 2021 Established the Investment Business Promotion Office under the umbrella of our Management Executive Support Department
- December 2020 Business alliance with Hiroshima Bank Ltd. and Hirogin Capital Partners Co., Ltd. aimed at strengthening fund management business
- December 2021 Business alliance with 77 Partners Co., Ltd. (a specialized investment subsidiary of The 77 Bank, Ltd.) related to management support for investee companies

#### Establishment of Investment Business Promotion Office



Managing Executive Officer Akinori Nishida

**Investment Business Promotion Office** 

- Established in August 2021
- Implement the consulting business with capital.

#### Business alliance with Hiroshima Bank and Hirogin Capital Partners

#### 2020 December

The three companies will work together to provide consulting services and hands-on management execution support to the client companies and investee companies of Hiroshima Bank and Hirogin Capital Partners aim to contribute to the economic revitalization and development of the region by implementing measures that contribute to the enhancement of corporate value.



#### **Business alliance with 77 Partners**

#### 2021 December

The two companies will work together to provide hands-on management support to 77 Partners' portfolio companies and implement measures that will contribute to increasing the corporate value of the portfolio companies, with the aim of pursuing a new form of community-based buyout investment by regional financial institutions and contributing to the revitalization and development of the regional economy.

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## Invite Deputy President and Strengthen Corporations Sales Capabilities

- Form a new sales team to further strengthen corporate sales (including funds) that have driven our growth in recent years.
- Invited Mr. Komori, who is familiar with corporate sales. as deputy president and executive officer in August 2021.



#### Corporations Sales Trend

Deputy President and Executive Officers Tadaaki Komori



<u>Sumitomo Ba</u>	nk, Ltd.
1985	Joined
1989-1996	Transferred to London, U.K.
<u>Sumitomo M</u>	itsui Banking Corporation
2003-2004	Transferred to London, U.K.
2006-2013	Head of Financial Sponsor Dept, Corporate Advisory Div.
2013-2016	Head of Corporate Sales Dept at Yokohama
	(Appointed as Vice President in 2015)
2016-2017	Vice President, Deputy Head of Corporate Advisory Div.
SMBC Nikko	Securities Co., Ltd.
2017-2018	Executive Officer, Head of Corporate Business Div.
2018-2019	Managing Executive Officer, Head of Investment Banking Div.
2019-2020	Managing Executive Officer, Head of M&A Advisory Div.
2020-2021	Managing Executive Officer, Deputy Head of Wholesale Business
	Head of M&A Advisory Div.
Sumitomo M	itsui Financial Group, Inc.
2020-2021	Managing Executive Officer, Deputy Head of Wholesale Business

**Invite Deputy President** 



## M&A deals in FY 2021

- Increased in the projects involving PE.
- The number of deals in which PE is involved published on the website was 2 in FY2019, 2 in FY2020, and 6 in FY2021.

No.	Month	Buyer	Seller	Summary	Characteristics
1	April	Advantage Partners Co., Ltd.	The Longreach Group Inc. / Via Mechanics, Ltd	FA services related to Advantage Partners' acquisition of Via Mechanics owned by the Longrach Group	Buyer PE
2	October	T-Capital Partners Co., Ltd./ WITH Holding Co., Ltd.	Sojitz Corporation/ Anjelica Co., Ltd.	FA services related to the transfer of Angelica shares held by Sojitz to WITH Holdings held by T Capital Partners	Large enterprise carve- out, buyer PE
3	October	Nippon Mirai Capital Co., Ltd.	Hitachi, Ltd.	FA services related to the sale of the radiation measurement equipment business and the industrial X-ray CT equipment business by Hitachi, Ltd.	Large enterprise carve- out, buyer PE
(4)	December	Nipppon Sangyo Suishin Kiko Ltd.	THE KAMOGAWA GRAND HOTEL, LTD	FA services related to the TOB of THE KAMOGAWA GRAND HOTEL, LTD by Nippon Sangyo Suishin Kiko Ltd.	Buyer PE
(5)	December	Sofmap Co., Ltd.	Japan Private Equity/ Jampara Co., Ltd.	FA services related to the sale of shares (100%) in Jampara owned by Japan Private Equity, to Softmap	Seller PE
6	December	Prima Meat Packers, Ltd.	Next Capital Partners Co., Ltd./TMG International, K.K.	FA services related to the sales of the shares of TMG International, K.K. by Next Capital Partners Co., Ltd. to Prima Meat Packers, Ltd.	Seller PE

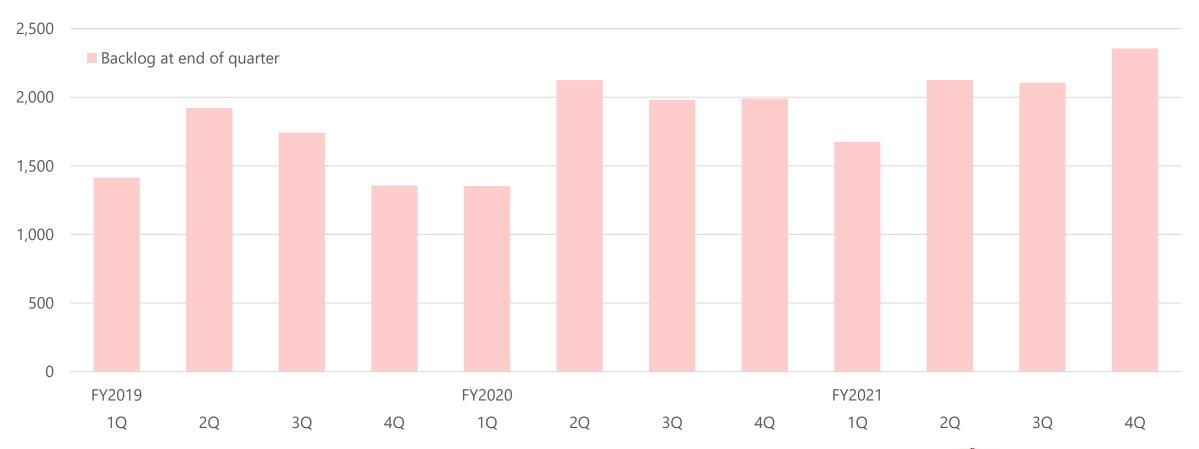
#### Red: Companies where we advised.



## **Financial Advisory Business Backlog**

- Large-scale M&A projects expected to be closed during this fiscal year haven't been closed. (excluded from the balance since 3Q of FY2021 below)
- New orders are robust, and backlog remains at a high level.
- 6 projects' backlog is more JPY100 Mil each.

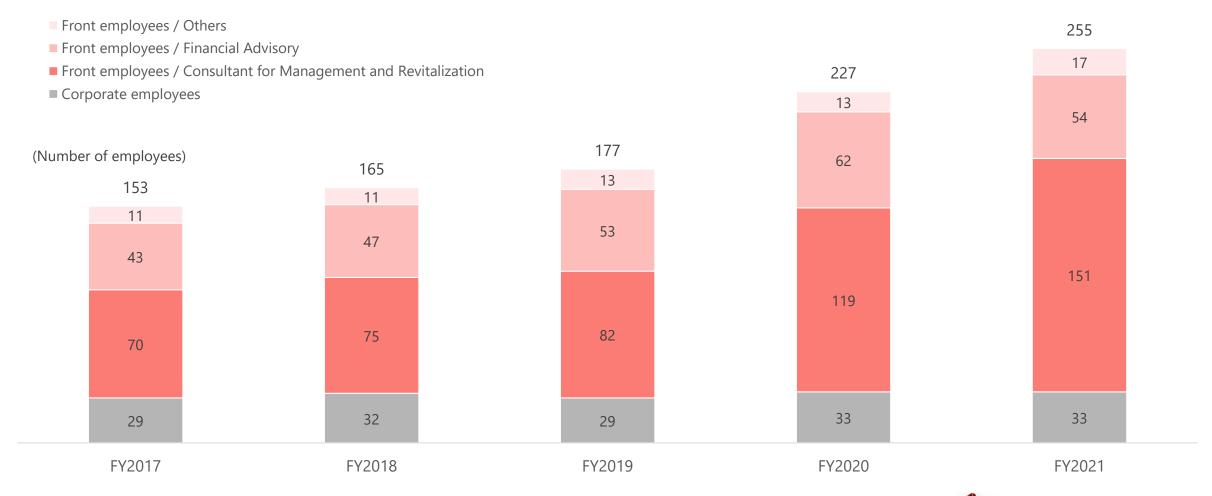
(JPY Mil)





## Recruitment

- Continued aggressive recruitment to achieve 300-400 employees which is the critical mass of independent firms.
- Net increase of 28 employees



Note: "Others" refers to employees who are dedicated to marketing, etc.

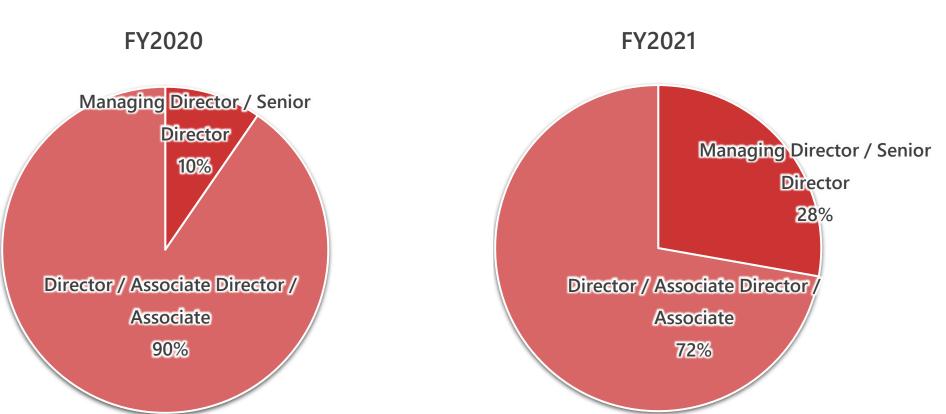


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Various Progress

## **Recruitment by Position**

- Recruited more high talented professionals (Managing Directors / Senior Directors) in FY2021 to strengthen the organizational functions.



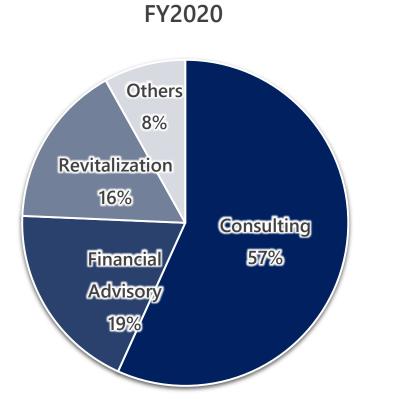
Recruitment by Position



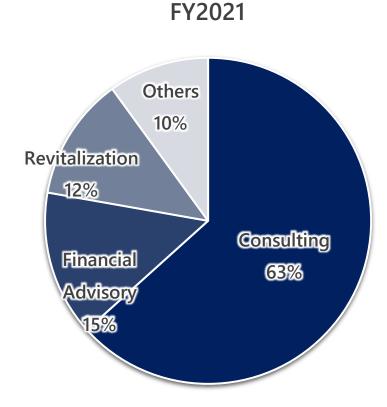
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## **Recruitment by Segment**

- Focus on recruitment of consulting with growth trends.











Section 2

## Shareholder Returns



## Shareholder Returns

lt o reo	2018	2019		2020		2021		
ltem	December	October	December	June	December	January	June	December
<b>Dividends</b> (After Consideration of Split)	JPY 12.5	Stock split	JPY 11.5	-	JPY 12.0	Stock split	-	JPY 10.0
Shareholder benefit program	-	2:1	•	•	•	2:1	•	•

Started the "Frontier Management Premium Benefit Club" in June 2021



Shareholder Returns

## Expansion of the shareholder benefit program

- Increase the number of Shareholder Benefit Points granted after the end of June 2022

	Number of shares held		Current Shareholder Benefit Points		mbe res h		Future Shareholder Benefit Points						
100	$\sim$	199	<b>1,000</b> point	100	$\sim$	199	1,000 point						
200	$\sim$	299	1,500 point	200	$\sim$	299	1,500 point						
				300	$\sim$	399	<b>2,000</b> point						
				400	$\sim$	499	<b>2,500</b> point						
										500	$\sim$	599	<b>3,000</b> point
300	$\sim$	4 000	1 500	600	$\sim$	699	<b>3,500</b> point						
500		4,999	1,500 point	700	$\sim$	799	<b>4,000</b> point						
				800	$\sim$	899	<b>4,500</b> point						
				900	$\sim$	999	<b>5,000</b> point						
5,000	$\sim$	99,999	2,500 point	1,000	$\sim$		<b>5,500</b> point						
100,000	$\sim$		5,000 point										



XThe number of grants for each half year (June and December) in each of the above items



Section 3

FY2022 Forecast



FY2022 Forecast

## FY2022 Forecasts

- Strengthen functions as a comprehensive consulting firm by complementing HR consulting functions with the effect of Celebrain, which formed a capital and business alliance in January
- Established a new investment company to accelerate the expansion of corporate scale. The impact on FY2022 results is yet to be determined depending on the timing of investment implementation, but from the next fiscal year onwards, it is expected to contribute significantly to the expansion of our corporate value
- Implement measures that contribute to medium-to long-term growth, such as strengthening branding and improving the working environment
- Establishment of a system of 330 employees at the end of December 2022 (including 30 employees at Celebrain)

	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Forecast	YoY change (amount)	YoY change (percentage)
Net sales	5,741	7,000	+1,259	+22%
Operating income	501	800	+299	+60%
Ordinary income	514	800	+286	+56%
Net income attributable to owners of parent	338	500	+162	+48%



(JPY Mil)

## **Company-wide strategy of Frontier Management**

I. Continuous Efforts under the Medium-Term Management Plan Policy

Vision for Fiscal 2023	<ol> <li>Acceleration of quantitative expansion</li> <li>Pursuit of differentiated solutions</li> <li>Implementation of principal investments</li> </ol>
Three Key Strategies	<ol> <li>Continual proactive recruitment</li> <li>Expansion of the solution area</li> <li>In-house M&amp;A, alliances and capital participation</li> </ol>

II. Priority Strengthening Measures for FY 2022 and Beyond

## (1) Establishment of an organizational sales system

Establishment of an organizational coverage system for business corporations aimed at sales expansion

## **2** Strengthen investment business

Launch of an investment business involving the dispatch of management personnel by a newly established subsidiary

## **③** Strengthen branding

Strengthen exposure to raise the profile of our specialists (FEO, webiner, magazine contributions, book publishing, etc.)

## (4) Improve the work environment for employees

To create a work environment in which diverse human resources can thrive (Diverse recruitment, control of overtime work, elimination of harassment, training for management, etc.)



FY2022 Forecast

## **Initiatives for New Businesses**

- Established a new organization in January 2022 to provide optimal services to client companies' issues

New Organization	Outline
Manufacturing Re-engineering Division (Management Consulting Department)	Strengthen support for strategies to enhance corporate value in the manufacturing industry
Cross-border Management Executive Support Division (Management Executive Support Department)	Management execution support for client companies engaged in outbound and/or inbound business
Strategic Partnership Division (Corporate Strategy Department)	Supporting customers' enhancement of corporate value through SR/IR, ESG, TCFD, and Sustainability
<b>GRC</b> (Governance, Risk, and Compliance) <b>Section</b> (Management Consulting Department)	Supporting client companies to strengthen governance, manage risk and improve compliance



## Expansion to HR consulting areas

- Capital and business alliance with Celebrain Corporation on January 14, 2022
- Complementing HR consulting functions and strengthening our functions as a comprehensive consulting firm

#### **Corporate Profile**

#### Main business

Company Name	Celebrain Corporation	Recruitment/	of management, managerial, and specialist positions) <ul> <li>Human resource development consulting (education and</li> </ul>		
Incorporat ion	2000 Oct.	Human Resource			
Address	Senshu-Akasaka Building 2F, 3-4-4 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo	Development			
Paid-in Capital	JPY 64.5 mil		<ul> <li>Strategy and system consulting related to HR reform</li> <li>Redesign of HR system in line with M&amp;A/PMI</li> </ul>		
Net sales	JPY 373 mil (FY 2021 (Actual))* JPY 400 mil (FY 2022 (Forecast))	HR Strategy Consulting	<ul> <li>Redesign of HR system in line with realization of growth strategy</li> <li>Visualization of human resources and support for development of next-generation management personnel</li> </ul>		
Board Members	Koji TakagiPresident, Representative DirectorAtsuko TakahashiVice President, Representative DirectorTakashi Kozen,DirectorNobutaka SekiDirectorMasahiro MatsuokaDirector (Part-time)Masaya YajimaDirector (Part-time)Yasuo AkitaChairman	HR Tech	<ul> <li>Consulting on HR technology utilization</li> <li>Talent management system-related businesses <ul> <li>Sales agency</li> <li>Consulting for introduction and operation support</li> </ul> </li> <li>Human Resources Data Analysis and KPI Formulation Support</li> </ul>		



Celebrain

\* Figures based on FY2022 accounting principles

FY2022 Forecast

## Establishment of Investment Company (1/4) Background

- In order to increase the corporate value of client companies over the medium-to long-term, we need not only our services and human resource support, but also an organization that can provide medium-to long-term support for funds

# To resolve social issues

# Solving important issues faced by client companies

Carbon neutral, etc. Environmental issues Productivity improvement through digitization , etc.

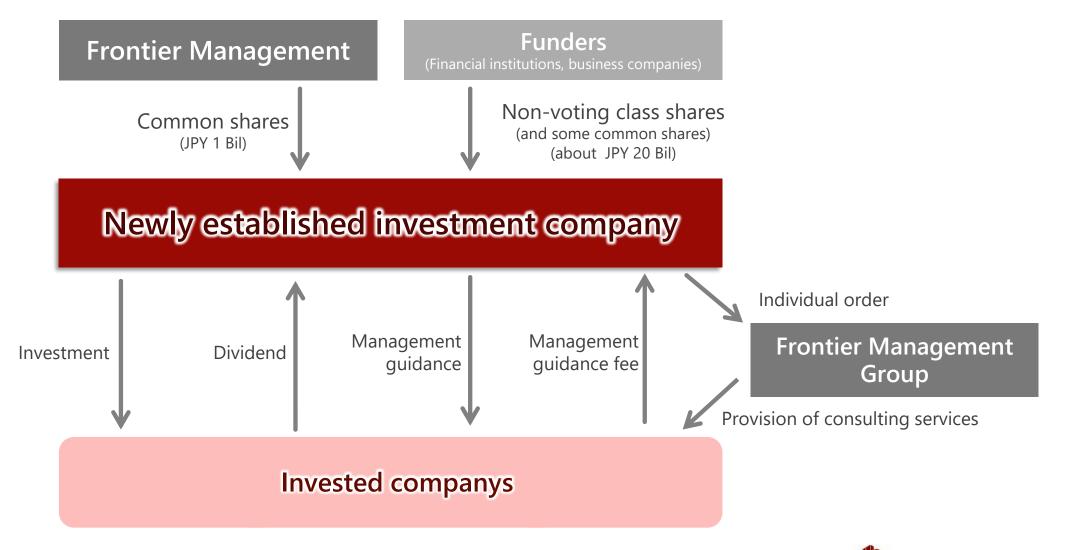
Revitalization of local economies, which are facing issues such as the declining birthrate and aging population and business succession issues

Adapting to social change after COVID-19

Frontier Management	<ul> <li>Provision of consulting services</li> <li>Dispatch of management personnel</li> </ul>	Invested company
Newly established investment company	<ul> <li>Medium-to long-term funding</li> </ul>	invested company



## Establishment of Investment Company (2/4) Scheme





## Establishment of Investment Company (3/4) Difference from PE

	Frontier Management	PE
<b>Investment period</b> (Period of commitment)	<b>Long-term</b> <b>investments</b> Criteria for maximizing business value	<b>3-5 years</b> Often with time constraints
Investment Dispatched personnel	Within our group Professional talent	Mainly external human resources



## Establishment of Investment Company (4/4) Effects



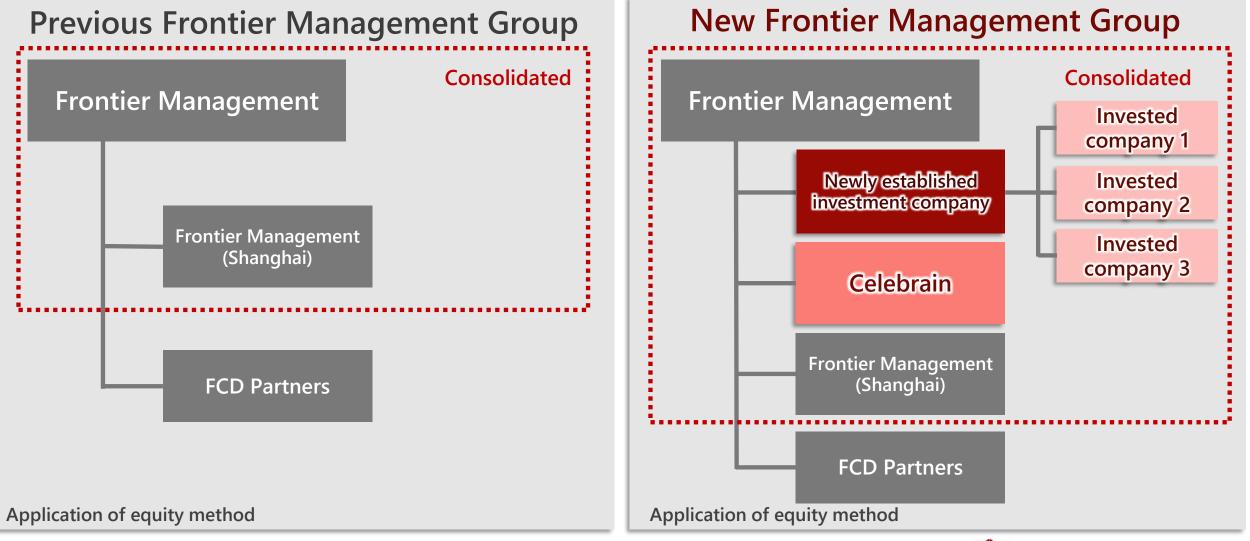
Expanding the Value of Frontier Management through solving social issues



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## Expansion of the Frontier Management Group's corporate scale

- Our Group accelerates the expansion of our corporate scale by adding new businesses.





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## Future Schedule for Establishing Investment Company

Period	Action Plan
February 10	Announce the establishment of investment company
Until late March	Reserve period
April 1	Establishment of investment company
After April 1	Search for investment candidates, Investment consideration period
After July 1	Starting business, Investment implementation



## Raise awareness through online marketing and create new customer contacts

## **Owned media**

# Frontier Eyes Online

Our owned media, which began operations in February 2020, has steadily expanded its readership base. In 2022, we will also work to strengthen the quality and quantity of articles, aiming to further raise awareness.



## **External contributions**



Since 2021, our specialists have placed periodic writing limits on Diamond Online, which is operated by Diamond, Inc., and contributed articles. We will work to raise awareness among readers different from owned media.

## Webiner

## Frontier Management Business broadcasts

Beginning in 2022, Frontier Management's Webiner will be renamed, reborn, and conduct a four-channel dissemination and archiving that facilitates selection of viewer themes.

#	Channel Name	contents
1	Compass	Aiming to provide information that will serve as a "management compass" that speaks conceptually, broadly and from a long-term perspective
2	Solution	Dissemination of information that proposes concrete solutions to the management issues faced by companies.
3	HR (Human Resource)	Sending out information about our company's recruitment and our human resources initiatives (D&I).
4	Business School	Frontier Business School that fosters management talent through ultra- practical lectures





Section 4

# **Corporate Profile**



## **Background of Establishment**



#### Representative Director Shoichiro Onishi

•After registering as an attorney with the Tokyo Bar Association in 1992 (44th term), joined the law firm of Okuno & Partners and was appointed as a partner in 1997.

•Engaged in the corporate reorganization proceedings of Japan Lease, Life Co., Ltd., and The Taisei Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Ltd. as an acting trustee or other capacity.



#### Representative Director Masahiro Matsuoka

- •After working at Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. and Barclays Bank PLC, joined UBS Securities Japan Ltd, and was subsequently appointed concurrently as Head of Equity Research and Managing Director in 1999.
- •Engaged as an equity analyst with the retail industry for a total of 10 years.

Joined



## **IRCJ** Industrial Revitalization Corporation Japan

#### Onishi

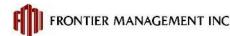
Engaged in turnaround projects as an auditor in Mitsui Mining Co., and a director in Kanebo, Ltd. and The Daiei, Inc.

#### Matsuoka

Engaged in the turnaround projects of Kanebo, Ltd. and The Daiei, Inc. as a director.

## Jointly established in 2007

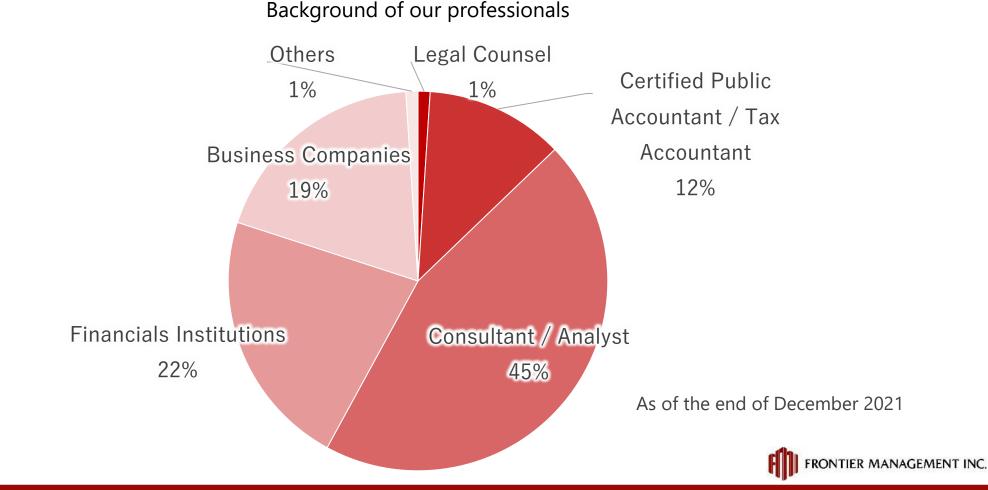
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## Aim

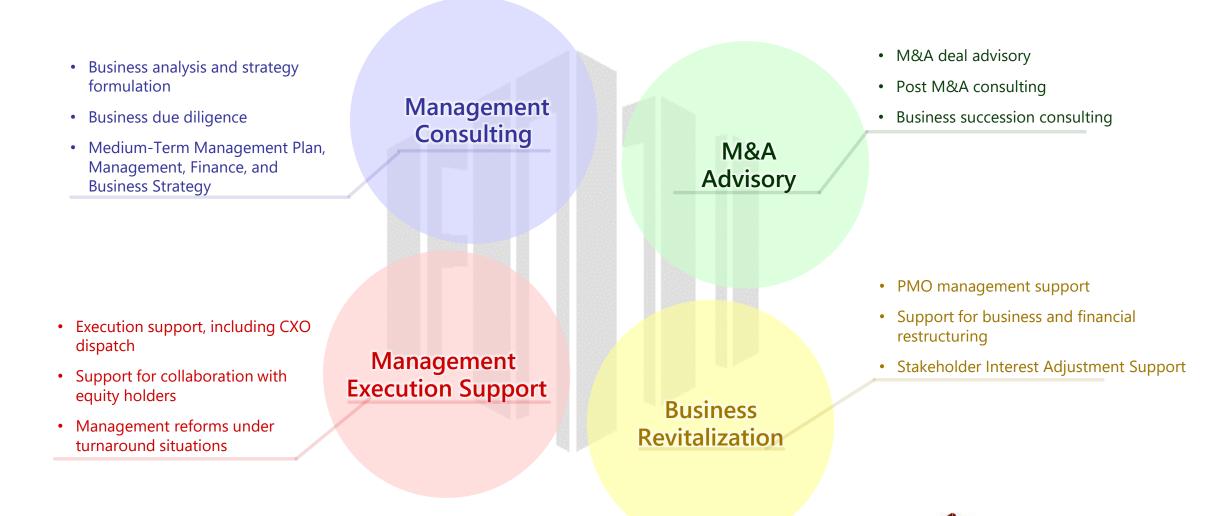
Contribute to enhancing corporate value and building a sustainable society by gathering wisdom from around the world and solving complex corporate issues as a group of experts with diverse backgrounds.



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## **Business**

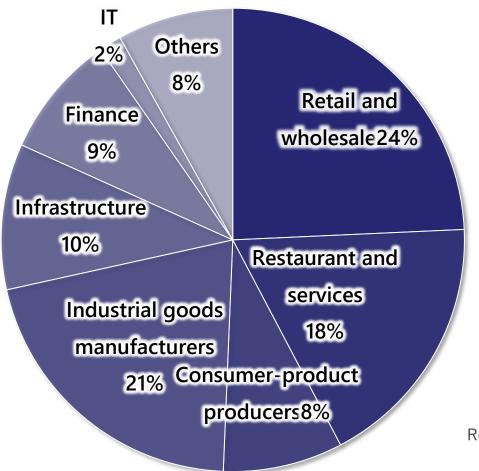
Providing a wide range of services in response to corporate issues at all stages.



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## **Customer Segments**

Providing services to diverse industries.



Result of FY2021

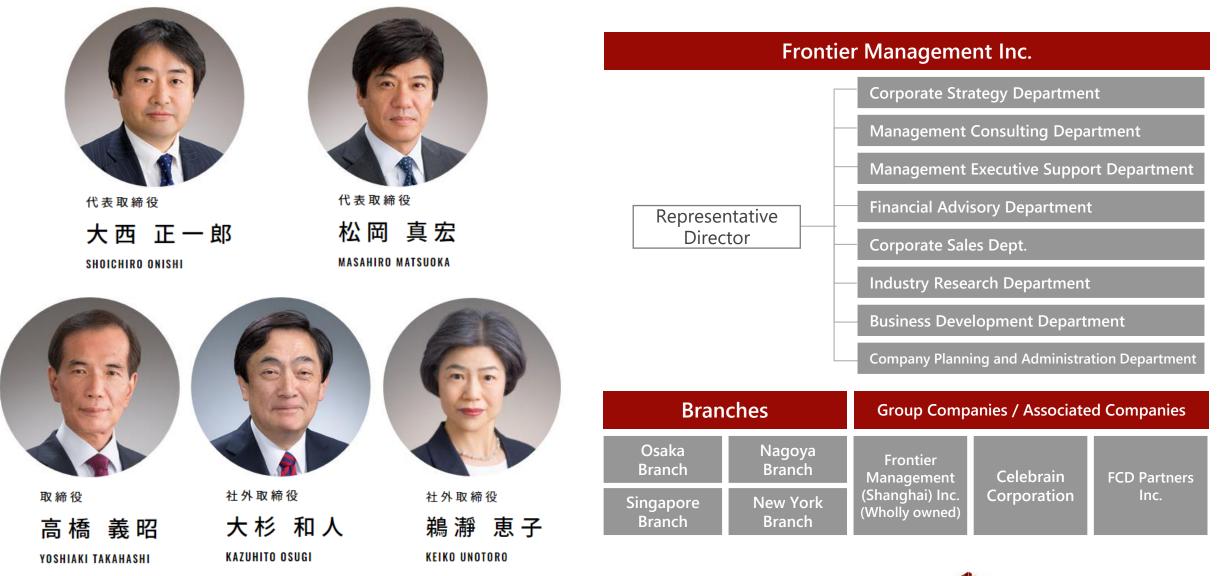


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## History



## **Board of Directors and Organizational Chart**



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Management Philosophy

# Contributions to the benefit of clients

- We work for the benefit of our clients by enhancing corporate value.

# Contributions to the benefit of stakeholders

- By offering well balanced solutions, we work for the benefit of business owners and managers, employees, business partners, customers, creditors, and other stakeholders.

# **Contributions to society**

 We contribute to society by raising the value (goods & services) provided by our client companies.



## **Corporate Information**

#### **Company Overview**

Company Name Established	Frontier Management Inc. January 4, 2007		
Listed Location	First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (Code Number : 7038) Sumitomo Fudosan Roppongi Grand Tower 41F, 3-2-1 Roppongi, Minato- ku, Tokyo		
TEL/FAX	<tel>+81-3-6862-5180 (general) <fax>+81-3-6862-8611</fax></tel>		
Website	https://www.frontier-mgmt.com		
Officers, etc	Co-president, Representative Co-president, Representative	Shoichiro Onishi Masahiro Matsuoka	
	Director of the Board External Director of the Board External Director of the Board	Yoshiaki Takahashi Kazuhito Osugi Keiko Unotoro	
	Audit & Supervisory (full-time) Audit & Supervisory (part-time) Audit & Supervisory (part-time)	Takeshi Umemoto Kazuhiko Shimokobe Nobumichi Hattori	
	Deputy President and Executive Officer Senior Managing Executive Officer Managing Executive Officer Managing Executive Officer Executive Officer Executive Officer Executive Officer Executive Officer Executive Officer Executive Officer	Tadaaki Komori Toshi Mitsuzawa Sumio Nishizawa Akinori Nishida Masaya Yajima Shinji Hikoe Hitoshi Kuriyama Tomohiro Murata Hiroaki Hamada	
No. of employees	255 (consolidated)	as of end of December 2021	
Branch	Osaka, Nagoya, Singapore, New York		
Group Companies	Frontier Management (Shanghai) Inc. (Wholly owned) Celebrain Corporation		

#### **Business Descriptions**

- 1. Management Consulting
- 2. M&A Advisory
- 3. Management Executive Support
- 4. Business Revitalization Support

#### Professional Composition Ratio



- ✓ Composed of experts to management such as legal counsel, CPA, tax accountant, consultants, industry analysts, and persons involved in banking, enterprises and others.
- ✓ Form the best team of experts to each customer's challenge and propose comprehensive solutions.



Associated company

FCD Partners Inc.

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