# FY12/2021 4Q/Full Year Financial Results

LaKeel Inc, 14 Feb, 2022

(TSE Mothers: 4074)



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# 1. Highlights of FY12/2021 results



# Highlights of FY12/2021 results

### Achieved both sales and profit growth driven by strong Product Services sales

### **Consolidated Results**

YoY

Sales & Profit Growth

### **Product Services Sales**

YoY

+45.9% (+¥929mn)

### **Professional Services Sales**

YoY

-13.0% (-¥430mn)

### **Operating Profit**

YoY

+116.2% (+\fm 295mn)

### **Recurring Profit**

YoY

+102.9% (+\fm 250mn)

### **Net Profit**

YoY

+127.1% (+¥177mn)

# Highlights of FY12/2021 results

# **Subscriptions for LaKeel products on track**

### **Product Services sales**

Sales weighting, YoY

**38.0%** ⇒ **50.7%** 

### Subscription<sub>\*1</sub> User #

Vs. end-FY2020

+21.8% (+44 users)

202 users  $\Rightarrow$  246 users

### Subscription\*1Sales

YoY

 $\begin{array}{c} +48.8\% \\ (+ \text{¥206mn}) \end{array}$ 

¥422mn ⇒ ¥628mn

### New products released

# LaKeel HR (Strategic HR package)

### MRR **%2**

YoY (Oct-Dec)

+44.5% (+¥18.0mn)

¥40.5mn ⇒ ¥58.5mn

### ARPU<sub>2</sub>

YoY (Oct-Dec)

+18.7% (+437k)

¥200k⇒ ¥237k

<sup>\*2</sup> MRR (Monthly Recurring Revenue) = average 3m cumulative sales. ARPU = MRR divided by # of users per month



<sup>\*1</sup> Subscriptions based on LaKeel products

2. Result trend and overview of consolidated result

### Achievement status for FY result





# Overview of Q4/FY result (P/L)

# Increased both YoY sales and profit for Q4 as well as for FY

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	FY2021	Previous (f	-Y2020 4Q)	FY2021	Previous	(FY2020)	DX related sales
(Unit:¥mn)	4Q	Actual	YoY		Actual	YoY	drove overall growt
Sales	1,632	1,392	17.3%	5,830	5,331	9.4%	<ul> <li>Mainly Product service sales were strong due</li> </ul>
Gross profit	<b>587</b> (36.0%)	458 (33.0%)	28.2%	<b>2,048</b> (35.1%)	1,769 (33.2%)	15.8%	<ul><li>to higher DX</li><li>Minimal impact from COVID-19</li></ul>
SG&A	<b>386</b> (23.7%)	349 (25.1%)	10.6%	<b>1,499</b> (25.7%)	1,515 (28.4%)	-1.1%	Improved margins
ОР	<b>201</b> (12.3%)	109 (7.9%)	84.1%	<b>549</b> (9.4%)	254 (4.8%)	116.2%	<ul> <li>Stronger sales in Product services and tighter control on projects via PMO drown</li> </ul>
EBITDA	<b>263</b> (16.1%)	161 (11.6%)	62.7%	<b>766</b> (13.2%)	434 (8.2%)	76.3%	<ul> <li>margin improvement</li> <li>Reduced recruiting costs suppressed SG</li> </ul>
RP	<b>189</b> (11.6%)	103 (7.4%)	82.9%	<b>493</b> (8.5%)	243 (4.6%)	102.9%	<ul> <li>Improved margins almost double for FY YoY</li> </ul>
NP	<b>123</b> (7.5%)	64 (4.6%)	90.5%	<b>317</b> (5.4%)	139 (2.6%)	127.1%	

<sup>\*</sup> We established PMO (Project Management Office) in order to review each projects comprehensively and cross-sectionally.

<sup>\*</sup> NP: Net Profit attributable to parent shareholders.



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# Sales breakdown by service

# Rapid growth in Product Services, surpassed Professional Services even for FY

(Unit : ¥mn)		FY2021	FY2020 4Q		FY2021	FY2020	
		4Q	Actual	YoY	F 1 2 0 2 1	Actual	YoY
Consolidated total		1,632	1,392	17.3%	5,830	5,331	9.4%
Product Services		887	605	46.6%	2,953	2,024	45.9%
Р	License	62	105	-40.7%	321	235	36.3%
ro d	Subscription (LaKeel Products)	175	121	44.5%	628	422	48.8%
u ct	Subscription (Third party products)	36	51	-29.4%	158	204	-22.3%
S	Others	32	18	78.4%	91	143	-36.7%
Consulting Services		580	308	88.0%	1,753	1,017	72.3%
Professional Services		744	786	-5.3%	2,876	3,306	-13.0%
Flow based business rev		15	24	-39.1%	68	202	-66.2%
Recurring revenue		729	761	-4.2%	2,807	3,103	-9.5%

### Expanding DX consulting

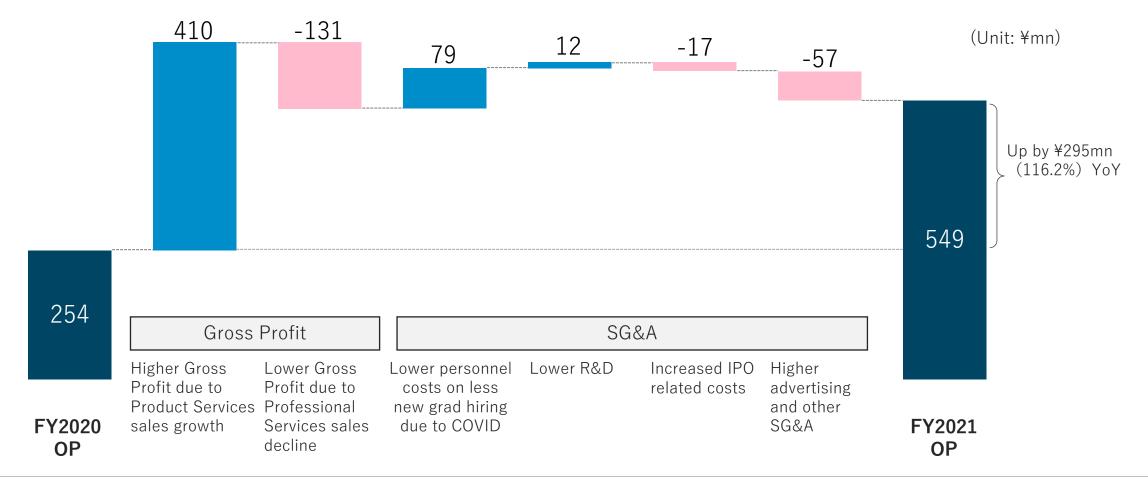
- License sales reached 1.3 times YoY
- Subscription based sales up 1.5 times YoY by building one by one
- Rapid sales growth in LaKeel DX installation consulting
- Third party products sales expect to decline

### Focus on recurring rev for Professional services

- Restrain new users intentionally and focus on maintenance for existing users
- Maintaining as MRR slightly above ¥200mn

# **OP** breakdown analysis

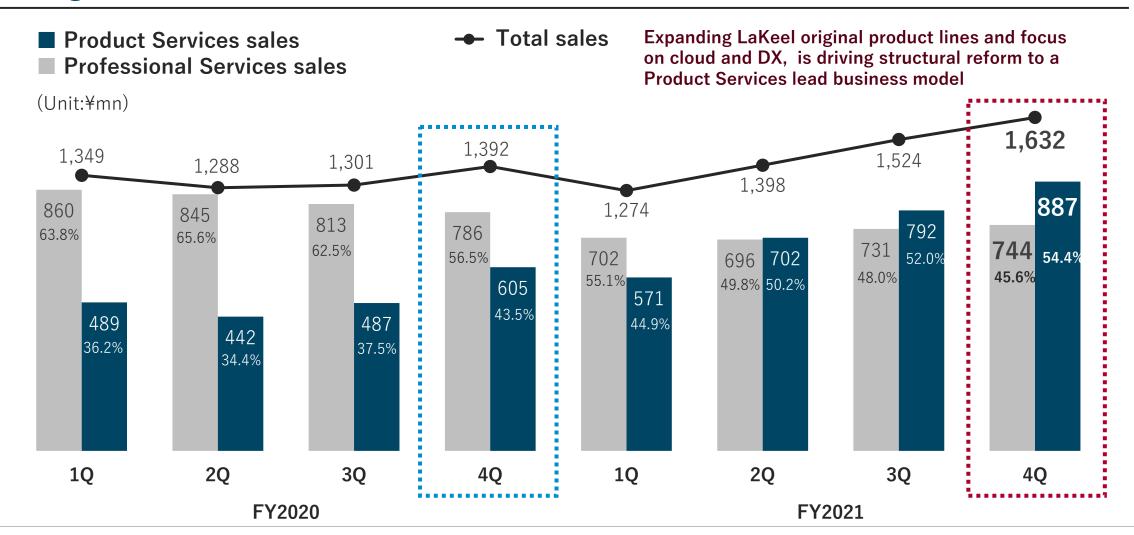
# Significant increase driven by strong Product Services and reduced SG&A





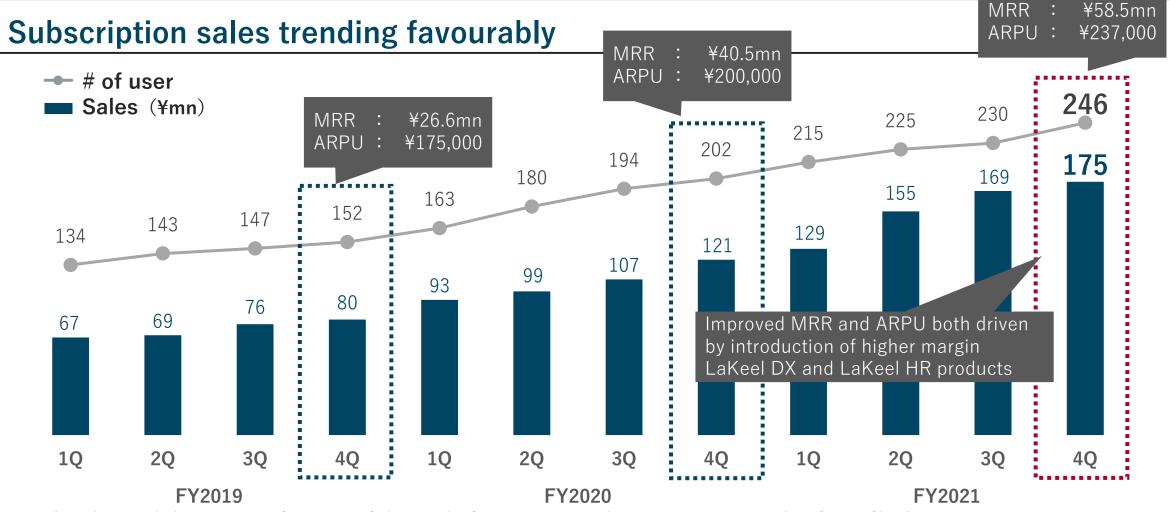
# Trend in sales contribution by service

### **Change to Product Services lead**





# LaKeel Products\*1Subscription based sales\*2 • Trend in # of user



- \*1 LaKeel Products include DX, BI, HR, Commerce, Online Media Service, Data Insight, Messenger, My Number, Stress Check, Process Manager.
- \*2 Sales is guarterly total, # of user as of the end of each guarter.
- \*3 MRR(Monthly Recurring Revenue) = average monthly sales for quarter. ARPU = MRR divided by # of quarter end users

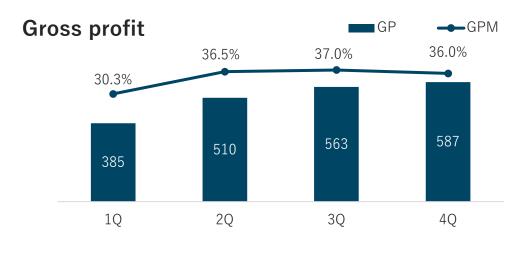


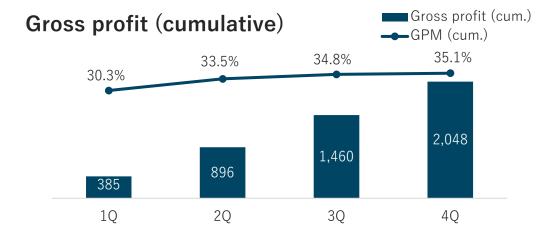
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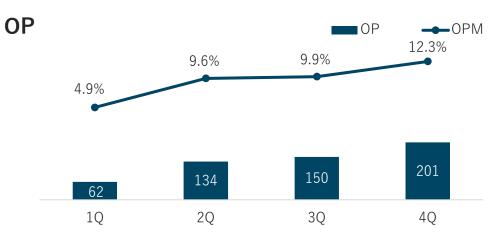
# Trend in quarterly profit (Gross profit, Operating profit)

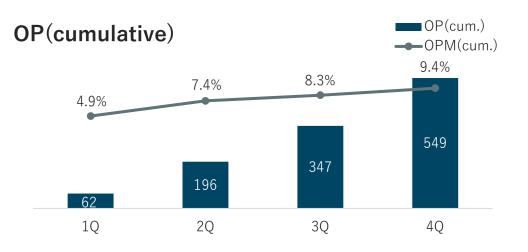
# Increased OP from both improved gross profit and reduced SG&A

(Unit: ¥mn)





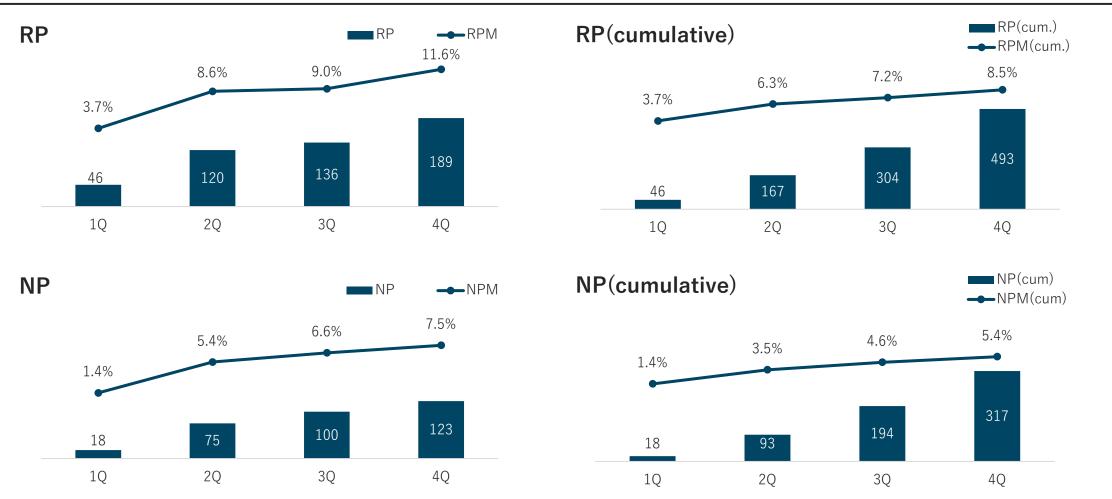




# Trend in quarterly profit (Recurring profit, Net profit)

# **OP** improvement driving RP and NP improvement

(Unit: ¥mn)



\*NP: Net Profit attributable to parent shareholders



# FY end result (B/S)

# Strengthening B/S by capital raising in IPO

	Previous FY end	FY2021 end	+ / -
(Unit: ¥mn)	(FY2020 end)		YoY
<b>Current assets</b>	2,265	3,876	71.1%
Cash and deposit	1,323	2,570	94.2%
Fixed assets	1,470	1,565	6.5%
Goodwill	505	470	-6.8%
Total assets	3,736	5,442	45.7%
Current liabilities	1,723	1,948	13.1%
Non-current liabilities	883	676	-23.4%
Net assets	1,129	2,817	149.4%
Own equity	1,110	2,798	152.0%
(Equity ratio)	29.7%	51.4%	21.7P
Non-controlling interests	18	18	-2.1%

### Strengthen B/S via IPO

- Cash and deposit increased by ¥1.2bn at end of FY20 to ¥2.5bn
- Short-term interest-bearing debt、 ¥0.8bn, long-term ¥0.6bn
- Capital ratio improved to 51.4%

### Goodwill and amoritsation

- Goodwill of ¥0.6bn booked due to MBO in Nov 2017 and subsidiary acquisition in Dec 2018
- Amortising over 12~20 years to match estimated period of benefit, thus appropriately reflected in earnings

<sup>\*</sup> Listed in TSE Mothers market at 16th of July, 2021



# 3. FY12/2022 earnings forecasts

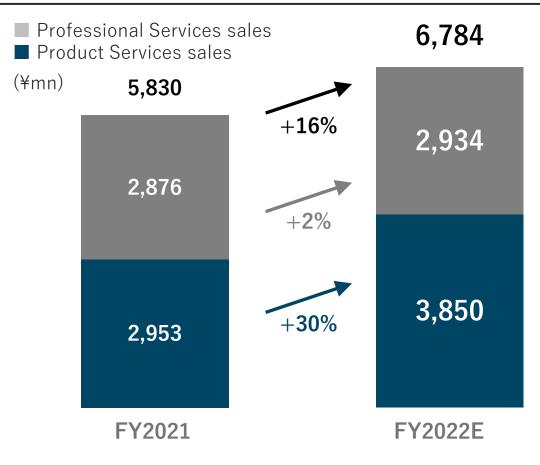
# FY2022 Consolidated earnings forecasts (sales)

# Project sales to rise 16% YoY on rising DX demand and solid Product Services

FY12/22 consolidated sales forecast  $\pm 6,784mn (+16\% YoY)$ 

Professional Services **¥2,934mn** (+2% YoY) (43% of total)

Product Services ¥3,850mn (+30% YoY) (57% of total)





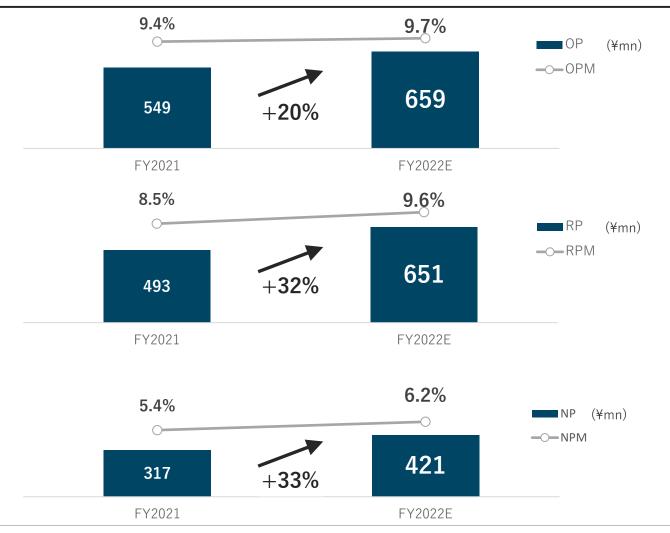
# FY2022 Consolidated earnings forecasts (profits)

### Project 20-33% YoY profit growth on solid growth in Product Services segment

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{OP} \\ \textbf{¥659mn} \ (+20\% \ \text{YoY}) \\ *\text{OPM} \ 9.7\% \end{array}$ 

RP  $\pm 651$ mn ( $\pm 32\%$  YoY) \*RPM 9.6%

Net profit attributable to parent shareholders  $\pm421$ mn ( $\pm33\%$  YoY) \*NPM 6.2%





# 4. Our businesses and growth strategies

# Vision and Business details

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A better digital relationship for business

# 2 services to support corporate Digital Transformation (DX)

### **Product services**

**DX** related services

### LaKeel DX/Apps

- LaKeel DX: aPaaS platform for sustainable software development and operation
- LaKeel Apps: Products for use on LaKeel DX

### Consulting services

- Implementation and optmisation of LaKeel DX/Apps
- Analysis of big data collected by LaKeel DX

### **Professional services**

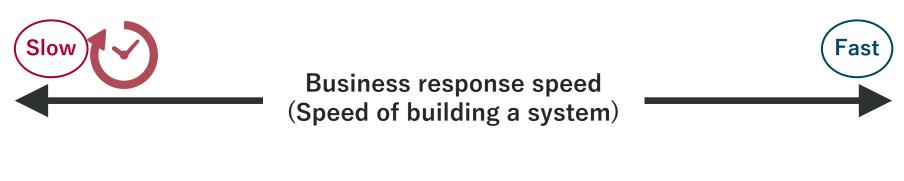
System related services

### System development services

- Legacy systems migration, cloud migration from on-premise systems
- System development from scratch
- System maintenance services

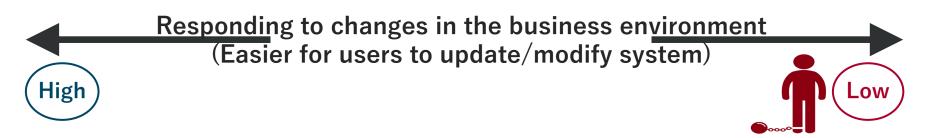


# DX offers both speed and flexibility





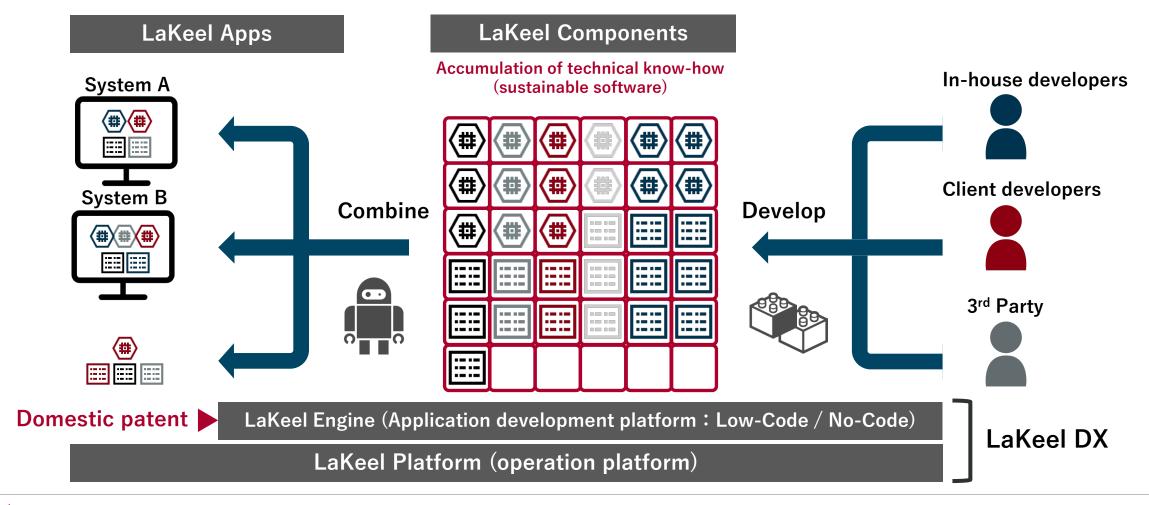
# **Speed & Flexibility**





# Sustainable software architecture

LaKeel DX = Building blocks of software/microservices that can be combined and replaced





# LaKeel Apps (Product suite)

### LaKeel BI

### **Business Intelligence tool**

Data analysis for large-scale data such as management, accounting or HR. Presents data in an easy-to-understand format to enhance business strategy formulation process.



### **LaKeel Commerce**

### **Ecommerce tool**

Develop components to quickly add new payment methods as they appear, able to combine with existing systems.



### LaKeel Online Media Service

### Microlearning platform

Specializes in labor, safety, food and occupational harassment. Support provided in several languages including English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Nepalese, Burmese, Brazilian Portuguese.



### LaKeel Passport

### **User-access control platform**

Links with external systems, provides single sign-in, multi-factor, multi-step authentication to centrally manage user IDs and, unify and strengthen security levels.



### LaKeel Data Insight

### Data analysis/management platform

Big data analytics platform that can have additional functionality from microservices



### LaKeel My Number

### Platform to manage 'MyNumber' IDs

Platform to manage and operate 'MyNumber' ID of employees and their families.



### **LaKeel Stress Check**

### **Enterprise occupational health tool**

Online compliance system to report occupational health performance indicators to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.



### **LaKeel Survey**

### Survey data management platform

General questionnaire data collection and visualisation tool.



### LaKeel Messenger

### **Corporate SNS tool**

Customizable real-time and secure communications tool for large scale corporate environments



### LaKeel HR

### HR strategy platform

HR core system that supports HR strategies. Offers wide range of data management and analytic tools.



### LaKeel WorkFlow

### **Enterprise approval system platform**

Application and approval system for enterprise-wide workflows.



# LaKeel Process Manager

### Workflow management platform

System that allow end users to combine multiple workflows and streamline to one.



### LaKeel DX



# **Growth Strategy: Service portfolio**

# Focus on Product Services segment that is expected to be highly profitable

Expand lineup of LaKeel products centered Growth on LaKeel DX, increase the number of users to achieve high profitability. CAGR Consulting services offer high growth High High margin potential and profitability via a hybrid service of DX consulting and business intelligence consulting. CAGR High High growth Stable

Product services (LaKeel DX/Apps)

• Earnings focused on ongoing high margins

**License** + subscription fees

Consulting services

Earnings focused on high growth with advanced technology

**Discretionary business** 

Professional services

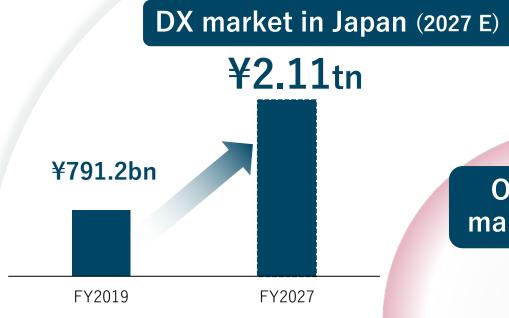
Earnings focused on stability and continuity

Discretionary and recurring revenues

Professional Services already has stable recurring revenues, but more crossselling will guide existing customers to Product Services and DX business



# **Growth Strategy: DX market size**



Source: Fuji Chimera Research Institute, Inc Expect CAGR of 13.0% based on "2020 Future Prospects of Digital Transformation Market." (chart by LaKeel)



# **DX** global market (2027E)

¥143.32tn\*

\*\$1.30tn, \times110/\times

Source: Global Information, Inc. Global Digital Transformation Market By Component, By Deployment Type, By Enterprise Size, By End User, By Regional Outlook, Industry Analysis Report and Forecast, 2021 - 2027

### **Existing client information**

340 2021 results No. of clients:

¥85.82tn Sales:

Listed cos: Disclosed materials Unlisted: Teikoku Data Bank, Tokyo Shoko Research

¥1.06tn IT budgets:

Source: Corporate IT Trends Survey Report 2021 by JUAS (1.23% of sales)

DX budgets: ¥158.3bn

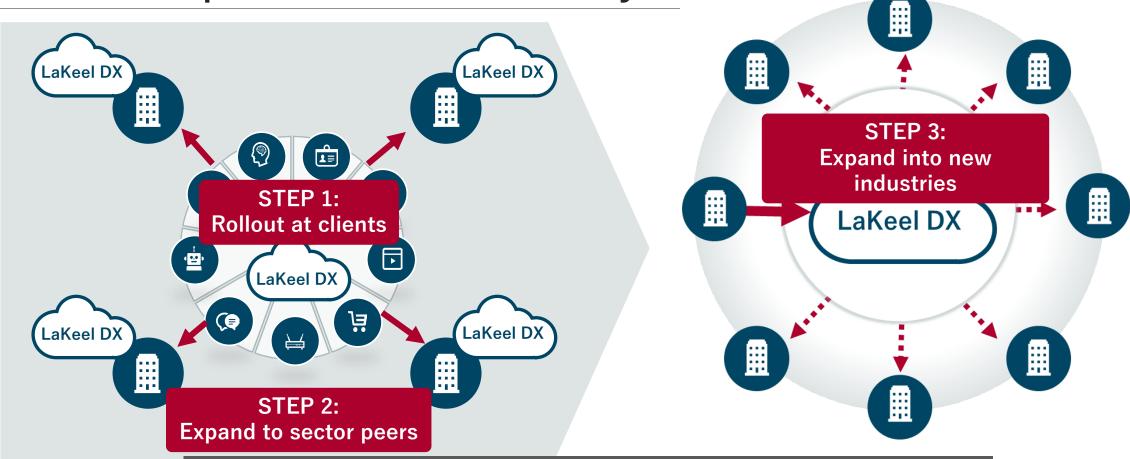
(15% of IT budgets)

LaKeel forecasts



# **Growth Strategy: LaKeel DX Economy (Ecosystem)**

**Build and expand LaKeel DX Economy** 



LaKeel aims to be an application platformer (aPaaS; application platform-as-a-service). Lakeel wants to create and grow a "LaKeel DX Economy" through progressive and widespread adoption of LaKeel DX as a digital business platform for enterprises.



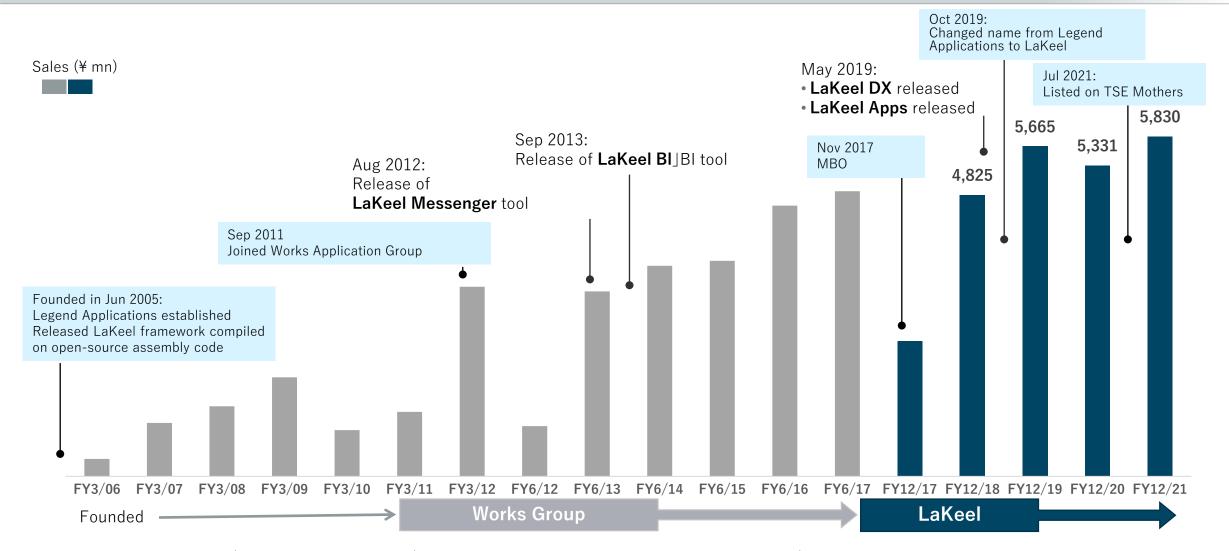
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# **Company overview**



Company	LaKeel, Inc.
Founded	10 June 2005
Capital	¥1,011,888,855 (as of 31 Dec 2021)
Head Office	Atago Green Hills MORI Tower.33F Atago, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan
CEO	Tsutomu Kubo
Business portfolio	Supports digital transformation at enterprises via its 2 business segments (Product Services and Professional Services)
No. of employees	450 (consolidated, as of 31 Dec 2021)
Group companies	Legend Applications China Holding, Inc. Legend Applications China Co., Ltd. ZEST, Inc.
Market Sector Code	TSE Mothers Information & Communication 4074 (ISIN JP3967020003)

# **Timeline**



<sup>\*1</sup> Consolidated accounts from FY12/18. Parent prior to that. \*2 FY6/12 was a 3m period due to change in accounting period \*3 For FY12/17, Sales shown for Legend Applications between 1 Jul-31 Dec 2017

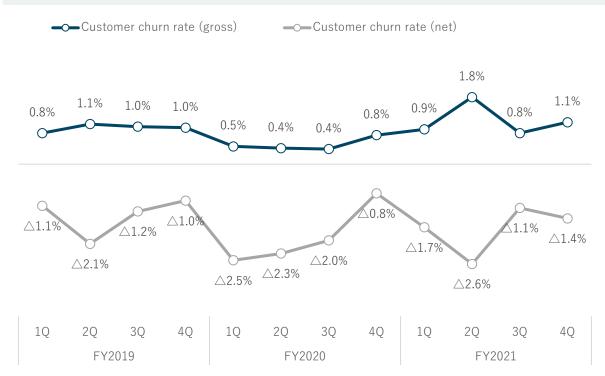


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# **Product Services**

# Continued NP growth. ARPU also rising in line with growth in LaKeel DX

### ■ LaKeel product churn rate



For comparisons with sector peers, we now define churn rate as follows:

- Customer churn rate (gross)
   (Avg for period of # of users cancelling in a month/# of users at month end)
- Customer churn rate (net)
   (Avg for period of (# of users cancelling in a month # of new users signing up) /# of users at month end)

### ■ LaKeel DX/Apps sales (FY2020→FY2021)

	FY2020	FY2021	YoY			
LaKeel products						
Subscription sales (yr) No. of users (end FY) MRR (As of 4Q) ARPU (As of 4Q)	¥422.6mn 202 ¥40.5mn ¥200,000	¥628.7mn 246 ¥58.5mn ¥237,000	49% 22% 44% 18%			
LaKeel DX						
Subscription sales (yr) No. of users (end FY) MRR (As of 4Q) ARPU (As of 4Q)	¥43.2mn 3 4.9mn ¥1.644mn	¥88.3mn 6 ¥11.1mn ¥1.852mn	105% 100% 125% 13%			
LaKeel Apps						
Subscription sales (yr) No. of users (end FY) MRR (As of 4Q) ARPU (As of 4Q)	¥379.4mn 199 ¥35.5mn ¥178,000	¥540.4mn 240 ¥47.4mn ¥197,000	42% 20% 33% 11%			

- MRR (Monthly recurring revenues: (Quarterly subscription sales / 3)
- ARPU: MRR / (No. of users at end-quarter)

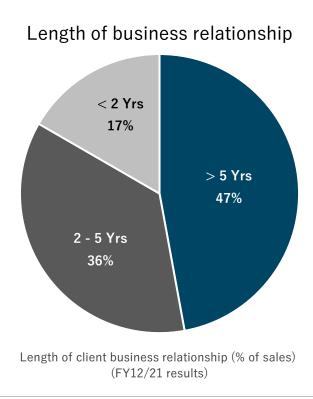


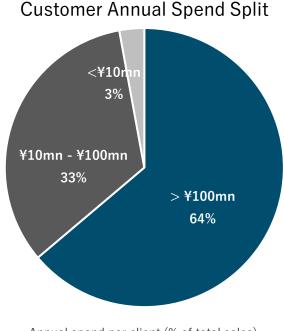
# **Professional Services**

# Client base offering stable profits

- ■Over 200 clients in wide range of industries, centered on large construction and financial services companies
- Many client relationships have continued since LaKeel was founded
- ■2/3 of sales generated by customers with annual spend over ¥100mn

# Other 20% Construction 27% Services 12% Financial 20% Sales by industry (FY12/21 results)



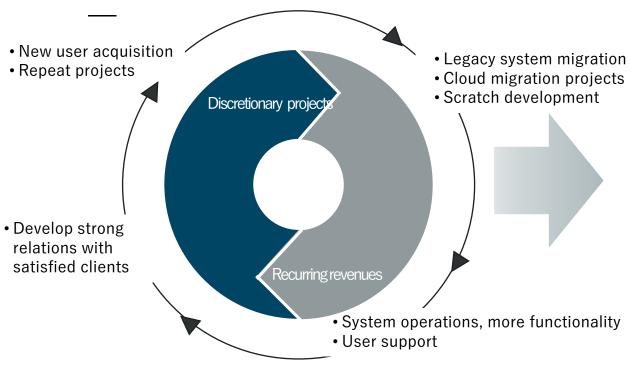


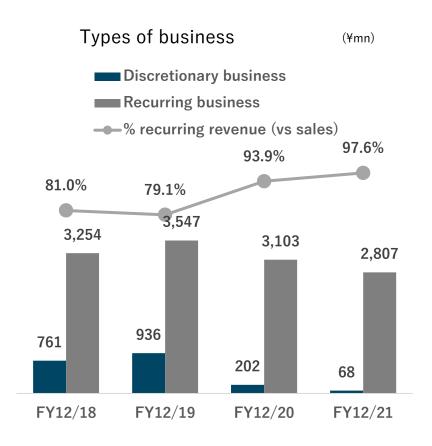
Annual spend per client (% of total sales) (FY12/21 results)

# **Professional Services**

# Over 90% of sales are stable recurring revenues

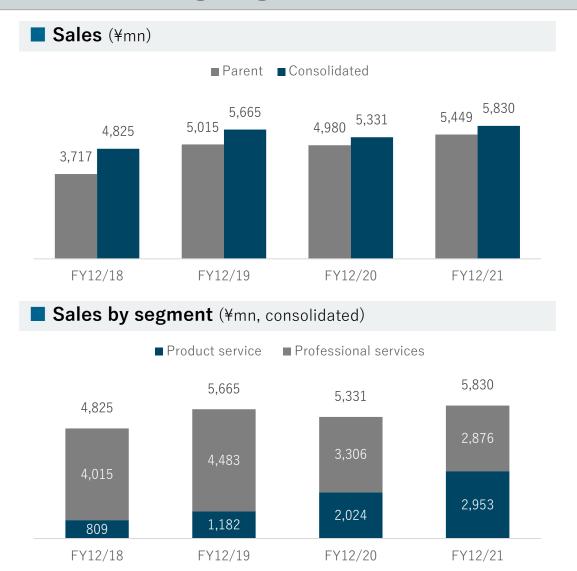
# High value-added business model

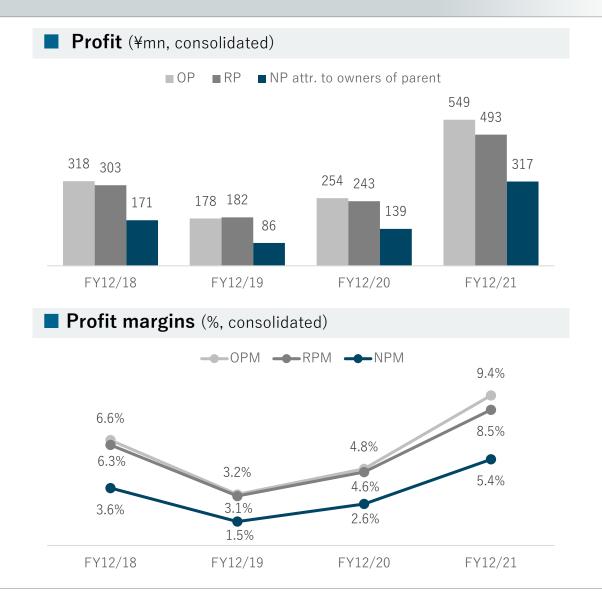






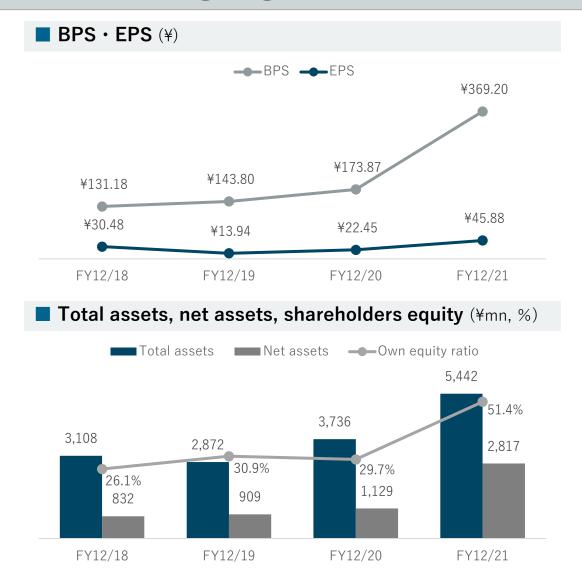
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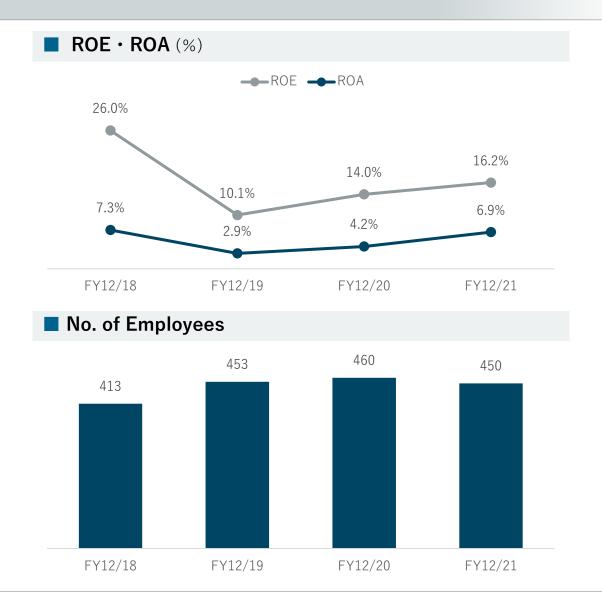






# Financial Highlights (2)









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