# FY12/2022 Q2 & H1 Financial Results

LaKeel Inc, 15 August, 2022 (TSE Growth: 4074)



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# 1. Highlights of FY12/2022 H1 results



## Highlights of FY12/2022 H1 results

### Y-Y sales and profit growth in H1, progress broadly inline with plan

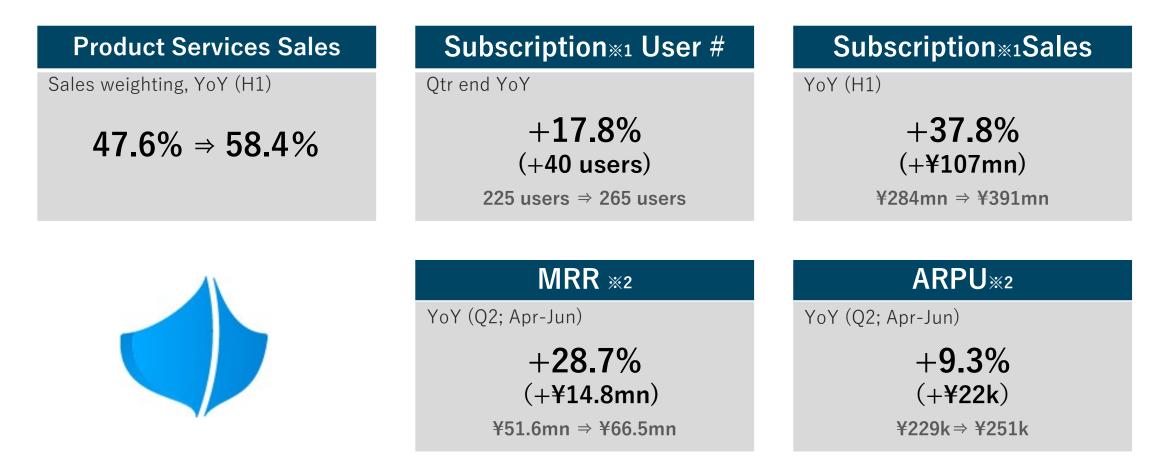
| Consolidated Results | Product Services Sales | Professional Services Sales |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| YoY                  | YoY                    | ΥοΥ                         |
| Sales & Profit       | + <b>54.9%</b>         | + <b>0.5%</b>               |
| Growth               | (+¥698mn)              | (+¥6mn)                     |
| Operating Profit     | Recurring Profit       | Net Profit                  |
| + <b>36.4%</b>       | +45.0%                 | + <b>60.3%</b>              |
| (+¥71mn)             | (+¥75mn)               | (+¥56mn)                    |

X NP: Net Profit attributable to parent shareholders



## Highlights of FY12/2022 H1 (Product)

## Solid growth in subscriptions for LaKeel products



%1 Subscriptions based on LaKeel products
 %2 MRR (Monthly Recurring Revenue) = qtr subscription sales divided by 3, ARPU = MRR divided by qtr end # of users

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# 2. Earnings trends and overview of consolidated results



## **Progress vs guidance**

### Progress broadly inline with plan

46.0% H1 plan: ¥3,181mn H2 plan: ¥3,603mn Sales +3.8pts Progress to FY plan: 49.8% H1 result: ¥3,378mn (106.2% of plan) 48.9% H1 plan: ¥244mn H2 plan: ¥415mn OP -8.1pts H1 result: ¥268mn (110.0% of plan) Progress to FY plan: 40.8% 48.3% H1 plan : ¥240mn H2 plan: ¥411mn RP -11.1pts Progress to FY plan: 37.2% H1 result: ¥242mn (101.0% of plan) 42.0% H1 plan: ¥156mn H2 plan: ¥265mn NP -6.4pts Progress to FY plan: 35.6% H1 result: ¥150mn (96.2%)

※ NP: Net Profit attributable to parent shareholders

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Yr earlier H1 progress

## Overview of FY12/2022 Q2 and H1 results $\,$ (P/L) $\,$

### YoY sales and profit growth

| (Units: ¥mn)   | FY12/21<br>Q2  | FY12/22<br>Q2         | YoY<br>growth | FY12/21<br>H1  | FY12/22<br>H1         | YoY<br>growth | DX demand grows<br>solidly, contributing to<br>sales growth  |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|--|
| Sales  | 1,398          | 1,743                 | 24.6%         | 2,673          | 3,378                 | 26.4%         | Appetite for DX investment<br>remains strong, Product  |
| GP   | 510<br>(36.5%) | <b>597</b><br>(34.2%) | 16.9%         | 896<br>(33.5%) | <b>1,105</b> (32.7%)  | 23.3%         | Services sales growth<br>centered on financial<br>services.<br>• Limited impact from                                     |
| SG&A   | 376<br>(26.9%) | <b>448</b> (25.7%)    | 19.2%         | 699<br>(26.2%) | <b>836</b> (24.8%)    | 19.6%         | COVID-19, yen weakness<br>and Ukraine situation  |
| OP   | 134<br>(9.6%)  | <b>148</b><br>(8.5%)  | 10.4%         | 196<br>(7.4%)  | <b>268</b><br>(8.0%)  | 36.4%         | Cost side  |
| EBITDA   | 185<br>(13.2%) | <b>225</b><br>(12.9%) | 21.6%         | 301<br>(11.3%) | <b>424</b><br>(12.6%) | 41.0%         | <ul> <li>GPM dipped slightly on<br/>Product Services hiring.</li> <li>Higher recruiting costs in<br/>SG&amp;A</li> </ul> |
| RP   | 120<br>(8.6%)  | <b>132</b><br>(7.6%)  | 9.7%          | 167<br>(6.3%)  | <b>242</b><br>(7.2%)  | 45.0%         | Changes in accounting standards  |
| NP   | 75<br>(5.4%)   | <b>82</b><br>(4.7%)   | 9.0%          | 93<br>(3.5%)   | <b>150</b><br>(4.4%)  | 60.3%         | <ul> <li>"Accounting Standard for<br/>Revenue Recognition"<br/>(ASBJ Statement No. 29,</li> </ul>                        |
| ※ NP: Net Profit attributable to parent shareholders March 31, 2020) applied |                |                       |               |                |                       |               |  |

## Sales breakdown by service

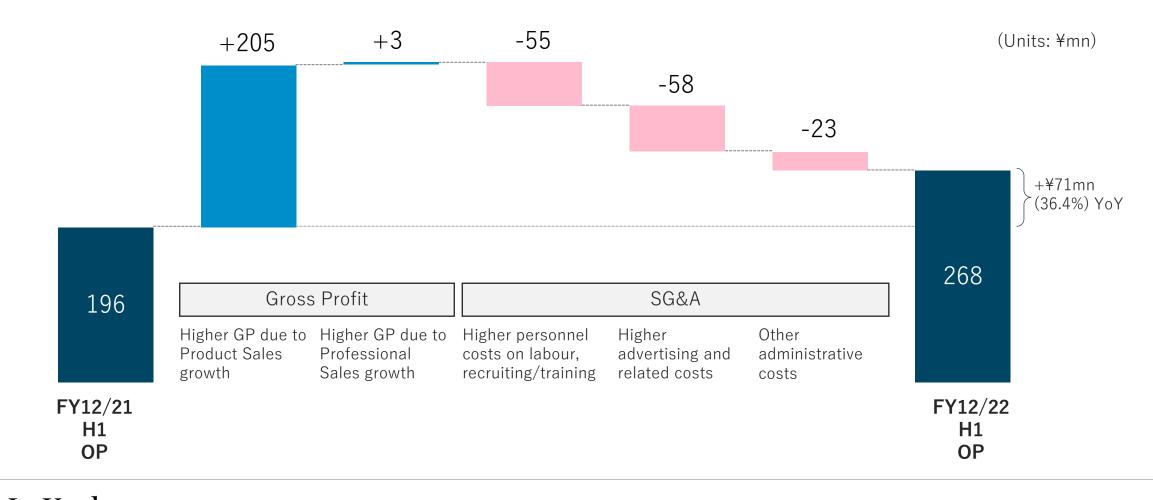
### **Product Services strong, Professional Services slight growth**

|                      | (Units: ¥mn)                           | FY12/21<br>Q2 | FY12/22<br>Q2 | YoY<br>growt<br>h | FY12/21<br>H1 | FY12/22<br>H1 | YoY<br>growth | Consulting Services grew strongly   |
|----------------------|--|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| Consolidated total   |  | 1,398         | 1,743         | 24.6%             | 2,673         | 3,378         | 26.4%         | <ul><li>DX consulting continues to expand</li><li>Due to EOL etc, subscriptions of</li></ul>  |
| Pr                   | oduct Services                         | 702           | 1,015         | 44.6%             | 1,273         | 1,972         | 54.9%         | third party products decline as<br>planned  |
|                      | License                                | 115           | 122           | 5.5%              | 153           | 185           | 21.1%         |   |
| Products             | Subscription (Lakeel products)         | 155           | 199           | 28.7%             | 284           | 391           | 37.8%         | Professional Services slight growth   |
|                      | Subscription<br>(third party products) | 39            | 34            | -11.7%            | 84            | 68            | -19.0%        | <ul> <li>Focus on maintenance business<br/>for existing clients</li> <li>Continue to limit new discretionar<br/>business</li> </ul> |
|                      | Other                                  | 21            | 22            | 5.7%              | 43            | 38            | -10.7%        |   |
| Со                   | nsulting Services                      | 370           | 636           | 71.7%             | 708           | 1,288         | 81.8%         |   |
| Pr                   | ofessional Services                    | 696           | 728           | 4.5%              | 1,399         | 1,406         | 0.5%          |   |
| Discretionary (flow) |  | 15            | 13            | -14.5%            | 37            | 35            | -5.3%         |   |
| Re                   | curring revenue                        | 680           | 714           | 4.9%              | 1.362         | 1,370         | 0.6%          |   |

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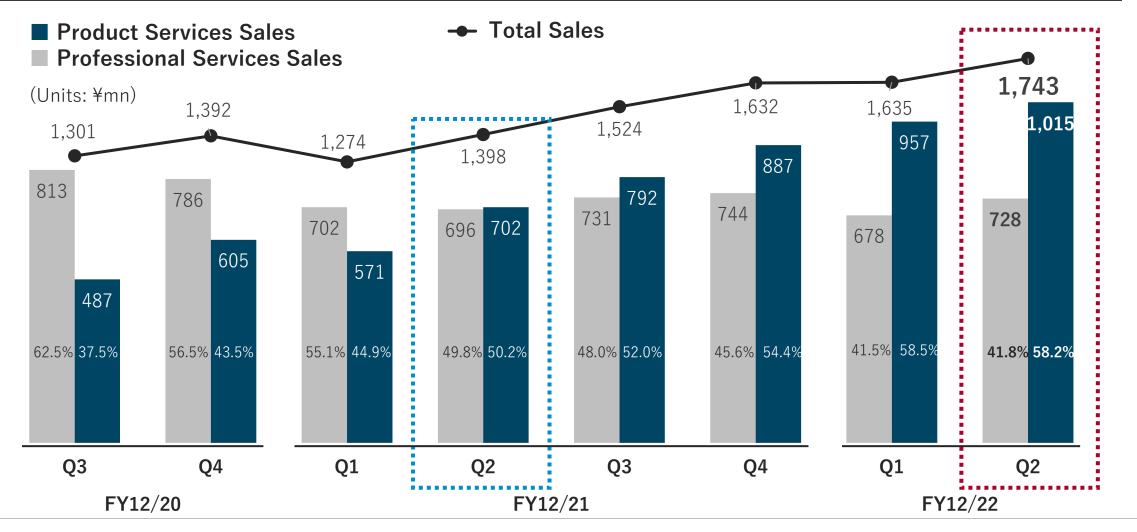
## **OP** variance analysis

### **OP** gains driven by Product Service growth



## Trends in sales contribution by service

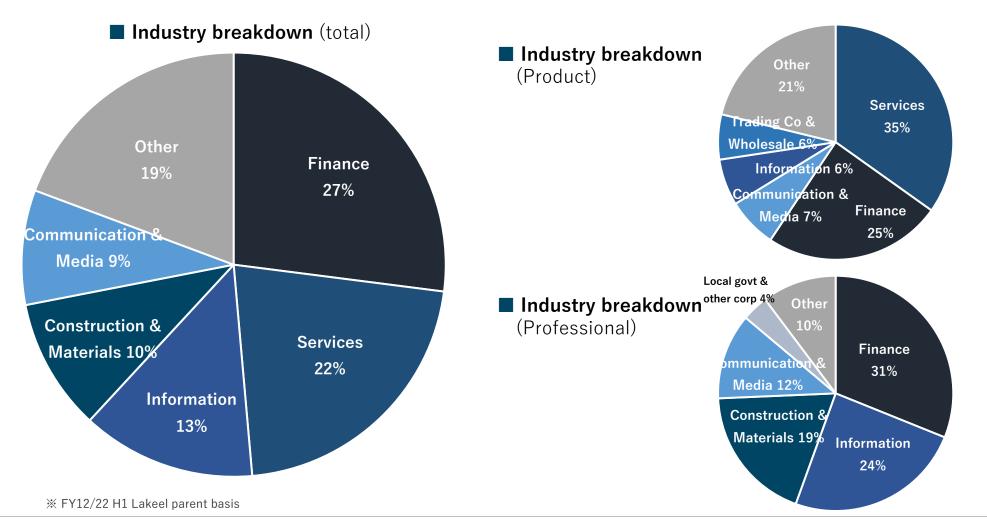
### Earnings structure transformation continues smoothly



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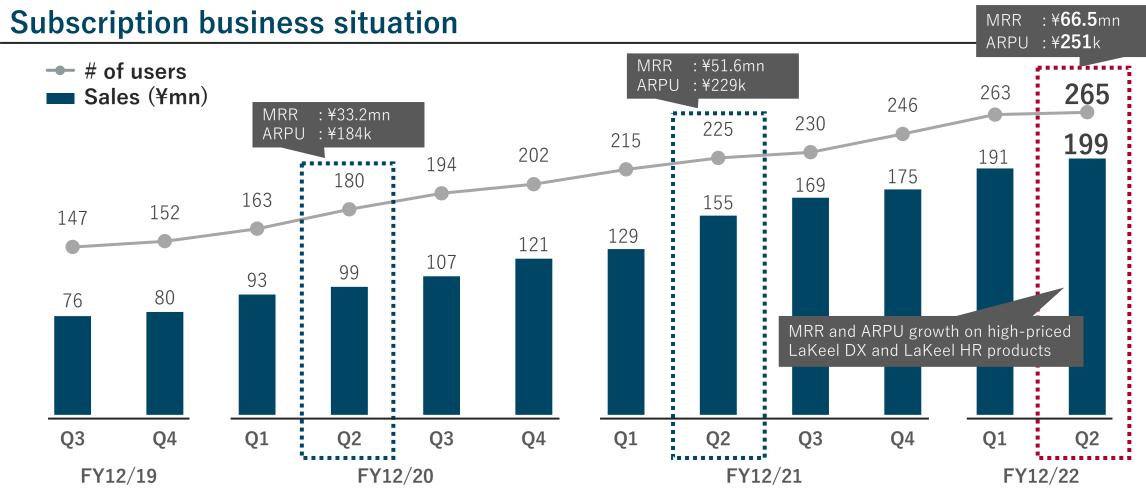
## Sales breakdown by client industry

### By industry, Finance and Services around half



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## LaKeel Products%1Subscription based sales%2 & Trend in user #



X1 LaKeel Products include DX, BI, HR, Commerce, Online Media Service, Data Insight, Messenger, My Number, Stress Check, Process Manager.

2 Sales is quarterly total, # of user as of the end of each quarter.

3 MRR(Monthly Recurring Revenue) = average monthly sales for quarter. ARPU = MRR divided by # of quarter end users

𝒥4 FY12/22 includes impact from accounting standard change. 𝔅

## Overview of FY12/22 H1 results (B/S)

| (Unit : ¥mn)              | FY12/21<br>Q2 end | FY12/21<br>end | FY12/22<br>Q2 end | +/- vs<br>FY12/21 end | Financial strength   |  |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Current assets            | 2,261             | 3,876          | 3,974             | 2.5%                  | <ul> <li>Cash and deposits ¥2.9b, up ¥0.4b<br/>from FY21 end.</li> </ul>                     |  |
| Cash & deposits           | 1,166             | 2,570          | 2,963             | 15.3%                 | <ul> <li>Short-term interest-bearing debt<br/>¥0.75bn, long-term ¥0.52bn.</li> </ul>         |  |
| Fixed assets              | 1,513             | 1,565          | 1,566             | 0.0%                  | Equity ratio 53.3%   |  |
| Goodwill                  | 487               | 470            | 453               | -3.7%                 | Goodwill booking and amortisation  |  |
| Total assets              | 3,775             | 5,442          | 5,540             | 1.8%                  | <ul> <li>Goodwill of ¥0.6bn booked due to<br/>Nov 2017 MBO and subsidiary</li> </ul>         |  |
| Current liabilities       | 1,763             | 1,948          | 1,969             | 1.1%                  | acquisition in Dec 2018, ¥453m<br>remaining as of Q2 end.                                    |  |
| Non-current liabilities   | 770               | 676            | 601               | -11.2%                | <ul> <li>Amortising over 12~20 years to<br/>match estimated period of benefit,</li> </ul>    |  |
| Net assets                | 1,240             | 2,817          | 2,970             | 5.4%                  | appropriately reflected in earnings  |  |
| Own equity                | 1,221             | 2,798          | 2,951             | 5.5%                  | Changes in accounting standards  |  |
| (Equity ratio)            | 32.4%             | 51.4%          | 53.3%             | 1.9P                  | <ul> <li>"Accounting Standard for Revenue</li> </ul>   |  |
| Non-controlling interests | 18                | 18             | 18                | 0.1%                  | Recognition" (ASBJ Statement No. 29,<br>March 31, 2020) applied from start of<br>FY12/22 Q1. |  |

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# 3. Our businesses and growth strategies



## **Vision and Business details**

Digital Native Company  $\sim$ Creating the future today $\sim$ 

# 2 services supporting corporate Digital Transformation (DX)

 ${}$ ≣ AI HR ΒI Accounting LaKeel DX •••• Video RPA Streaming Ä ChatBot E-commerce <u>⊨</u> IoT

A better digital relationship for business

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** 

**Product Services** 

System related services

DX related services

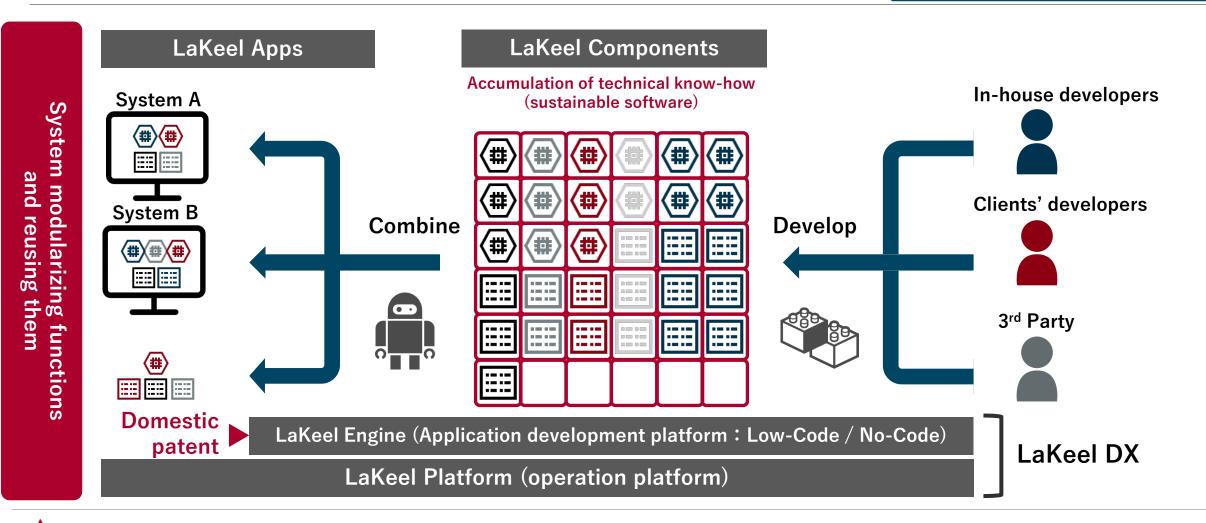
#### System development services

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

## Sustainable software architecture

Technology that continues to grow and change, avoiding obsolescence

**\* LaKeel DX** feature layer



## 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 DX

#### 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.

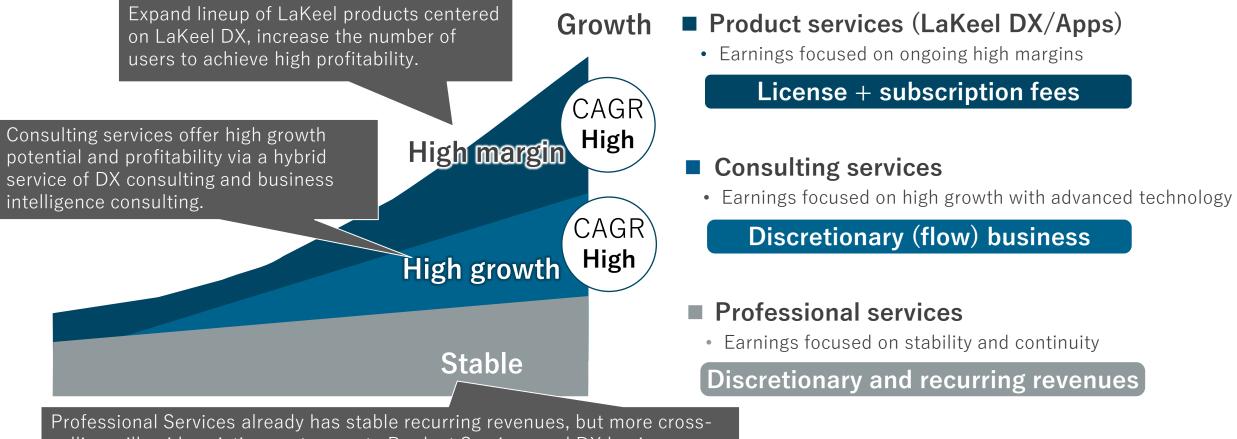




## **Growth Strategy: Service portfolio**

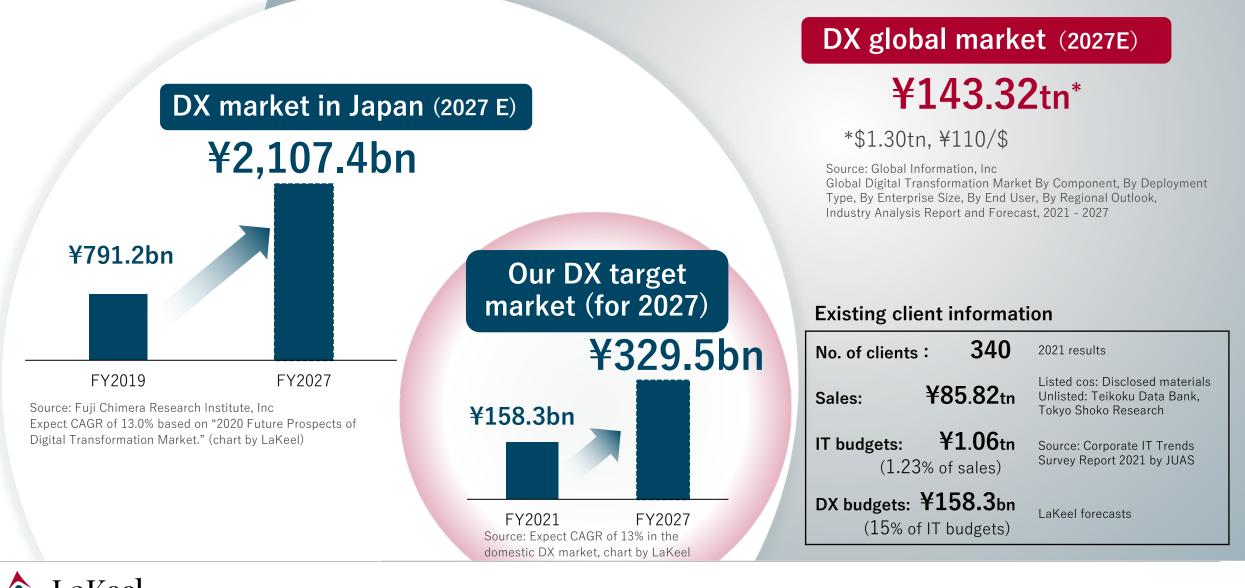
## Focus on Product Services segment that is expected to be highly profitable

Long term, aim for continuous up-sell and cross-sell to drive higher Life Time Value (LTV)



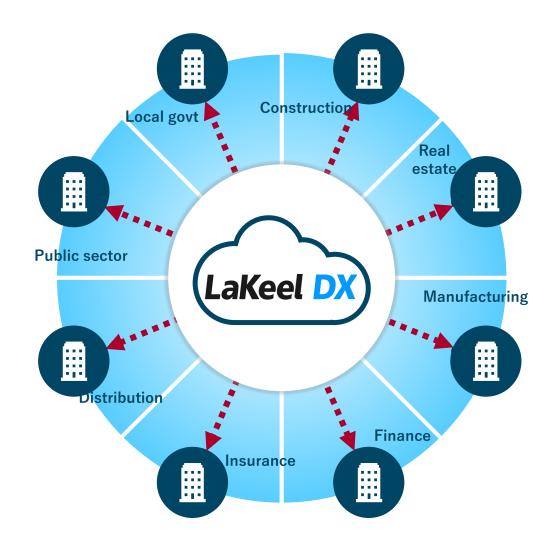
selling will guide existing customers to Product Services and DX business

## **Growth Strategy: DX market size**



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## Growth Strategy: LaKeel DX Economy (Ecosystem)



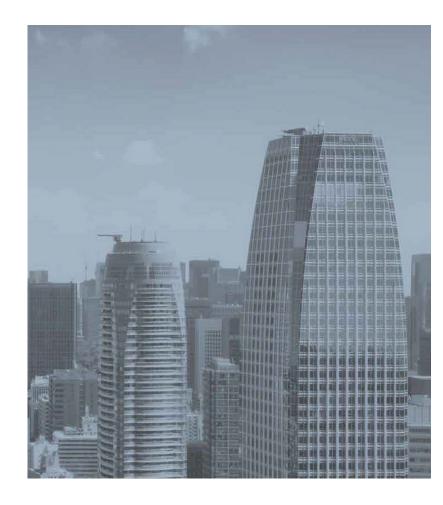
We are aiming to be an Application Platformer (Application PaaS=Platform-as-a-Service).

Also, we want to create and grow a "LaKeel DX Economy" through progressive and widespread adoption of LaKeel DX as a digital platform for enterprises.

# 4. Appendix



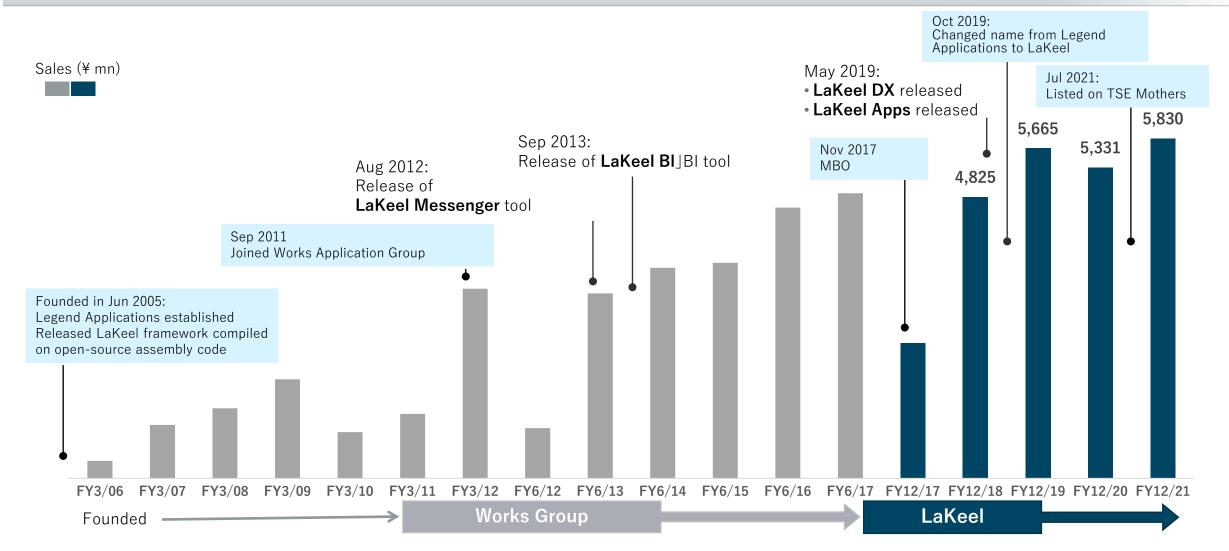
## **Company overview**



| 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<br>2-5-1 Atago, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan  |
| CEO                      | Tsutomu Kubo  |
| Business portfolio       | Supports digital transformation (DX) at corporates 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.<br>Legend Applications China Co., Ltd.<br>ZEST, Inc.                                |
| Market<br>Sector<br>Code | TSE Growth<br>Information & Communication<br>4074 (ISIN JP3967020003)   |



## Timeline



\*1 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



## **Product Services**

### Continued net growth. ARPU also rising on LaKeel DX growth

#### LaKeel product churn rate **—**Customer churn rate (gross) -----Customer churn rate (net) 1.8% 1.1% 1.1% 1.0% 1.0% 0.9% 0.8% 0.8% 0.8% 0.5% 0.4% 0.4% 0.8% $\triangle 1.0$ $\triangle 1.1$ .1% △1.2% $\triangle 1.4\%$ $\triangle 1.79$ $\triangle 2.0\%$ $\triangle 2.1\%$ △2.5% △2.3% $\triangle 2.6\%$ 20 1Q 20 30 40 10 30 40 10 30 40 20 FY2019 FY2020 FY2021

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

• MRR (Monthly recurring revenues: (Quarterly subscription sales / 3)

• ARPU: MRR / (No. of users at end-quarter)

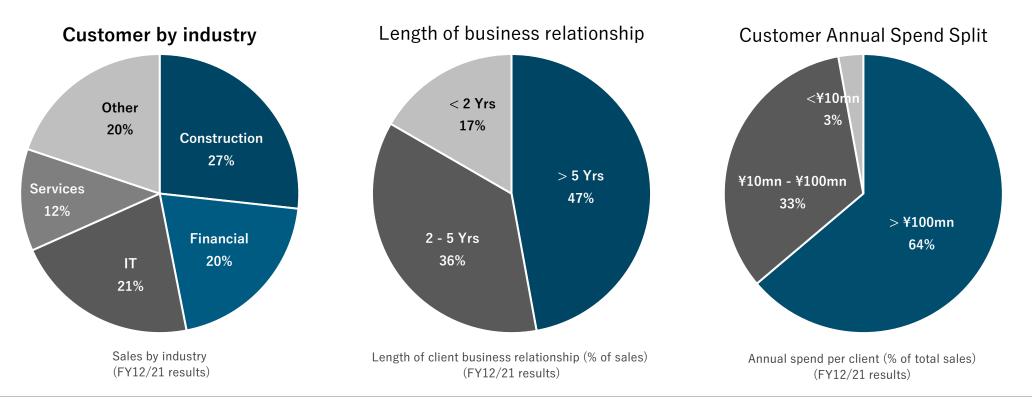
## **Professional Services**

### **Client base offering stable profits**

Over 200 clients in wide range of industries, centered on large construction and financial services companies

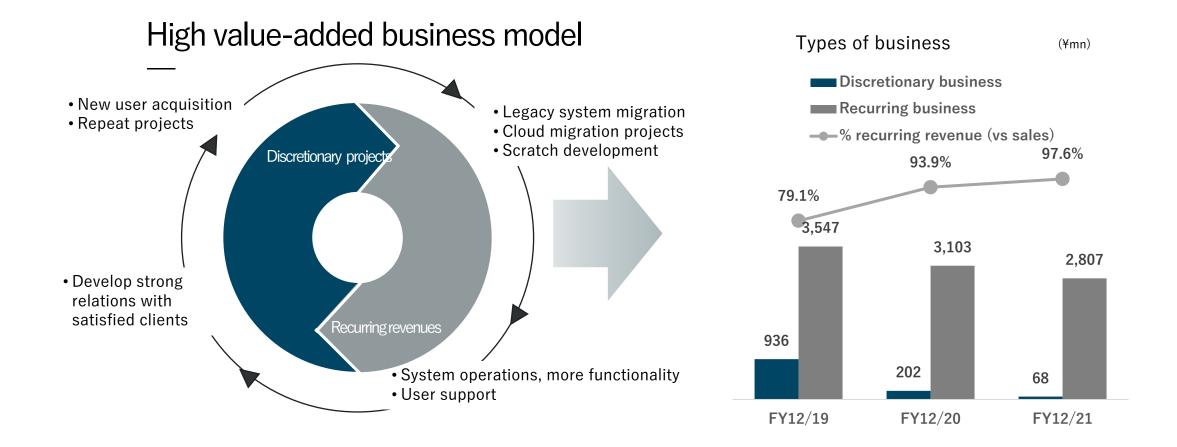
Many client relationships have continued since LaKeel was founded

2/3 of sales generated by customers with annual spend over ¥100mn



## **Professional Services**

### **Over 90% of sales are stable recurring revenues**

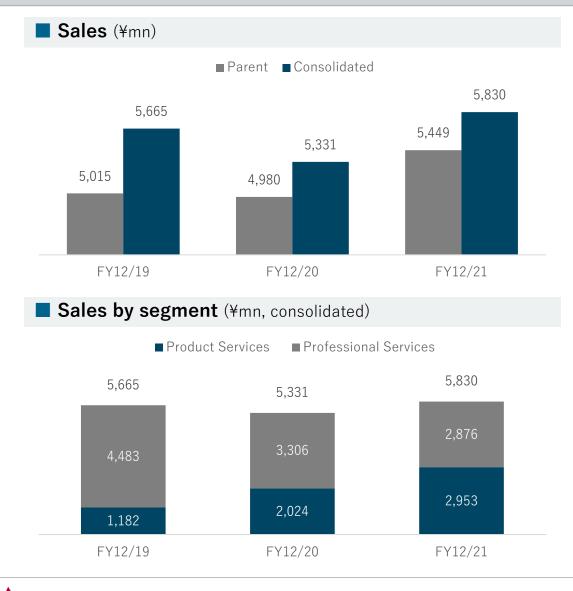




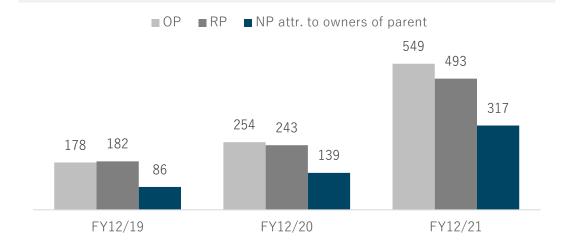
## **Financial Highlights** (1)

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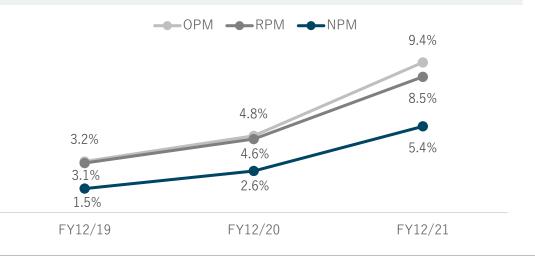
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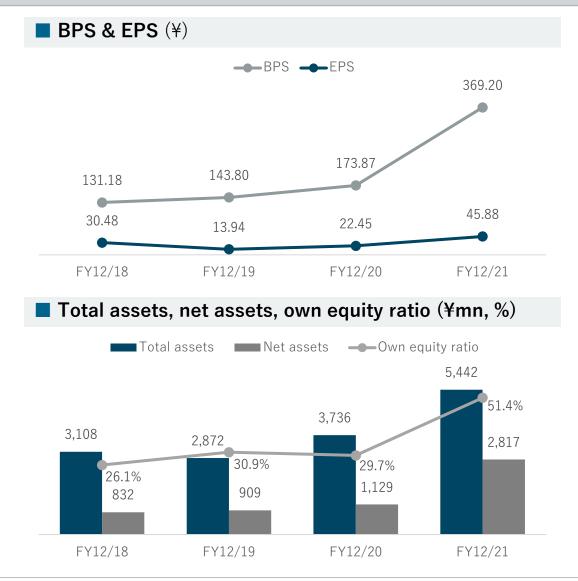
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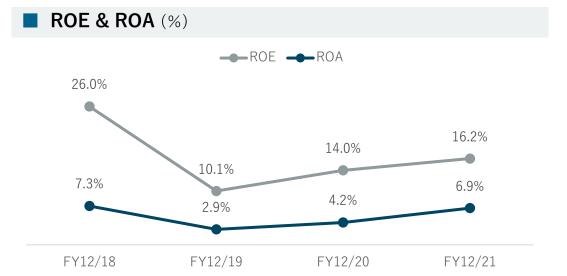


#### **Profit margins** (%, consolidated)



## Financial Highlights (2)





#### Number of employees (people)



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