## FY12/2022 Q3 **Financial Results**

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## 1. Highlights of FY12/2022 Q3 results

## Highlights of FY12/2022 Q3 results

### YoY sales and profit growth, solid progress inline with plan

#### **Consolidated Sales**

YoY (Q1-Q3)

#### **Product Services Sales**

YoY (Q1-Q3)

#### **Professional Services Sales**

YoY (Q1-Q3)

## **Operating Profit**

YoY (Q1-Q3)

$$+49.3\%$$
 (+¥172mn)

### **Recurring Profit**

YoY (Q1-Q3)

$$+60.4\%$$
 (+\fmathbf{Y}183mn)

#### **Net Income**

YoY (Q1-Q3)

$$+62.3\%$$
 (+¥120mn)

\* Net Income: Net Income attributable to parent shareholders



## Highlights of FY12/2022 Q3 (Product)

## Solid growth in subscriptions for LaKeel products

#### **Product Services Sales**

Sales weighting, YoY (Q3; Jul-Sep)

**52.0%** ⇒ **57.4%** 

### Subscription\*1 User #

Qtr end YoY

230 users  $\Rightarrow$  272 users

### Subscription\*1Sales

YoY (Q1-Q3)

¥453mn ⇒ ¥597mn



#### MRR **%2**

YoY (Q3; Jul-Sep)

¥56.3mn ⇒ ¥68.5mn

#### ARPU\*2

YoY (Q3; Jul-Sep)

**¥245k** ⇒ **¥252k** 

**X1** Subscriptions based on LaKeel products



2. Earnings trends and overview of consolidated results



## Progress vs guidance

## Solid progress vs guidance

Yr earlier Q1-Q3 progress





## **Quarter earnings trend**

## Margins improved significantly in Q3

(Units: ¥mn)	Q1	Q2	<b>Q</b> 3	Q1-Q3 (cumulative)	FY guidance	Comment on quarterly trend
Sales	1,635 (100.0%)	1,743 (100.0%)	<b>1,751</b> (100.0%)	<b>5,130</b> (100.0%)	6,784	Profits grew strongly
GP	508 (31.1%)	597 (34.2%)	<b>657</b> (37.6%)	<b>1,763</b> (34.4%)	_	<ul> <li>Professional Services GPM improved</li> </ul>
SG&A	388 (23.7%)	448 (25.7%)	<b>407</b> (23.3%)	<b>1,244</b> (24.2%)	_	SG&A declined
ОР	120 (7.4%)	148 (8.5%)	<b>250</b> (14.3%)	<b>519</b> (10.1%)	659	<ul> <li>Training costs lower on completion of new graduate</li> </ul>
EBITDA	199 (12.2%)	225 (12.9%)	<b>328</b> (18.8%)	<b>753</b> (14.7%)	_	training  Recruiting costs rose, but offset by control of
RP	110 (6.7%)	132 (7.6%)	<b>245</b> (14.0%)	<b>487</b> (9.5%)	651	advertising
NI	67 (4.2%)	82 (4.7%)	<b>164</b> (9.4%)	<b>314</b> (6.1%)	421	

※ NI: Net Income attributable to parent shareholders



## Overview of FY12/2022 Q3 results (P/L)

## YoY sales and profit growth

(Units: ¥mn)	FY12/21 Q3	FY12/22 Q3	YoY growth	FY12/21 Q1-Q3	FY12/22 Q1-Q3	YoY growth
Sales	1,524	1,751	14.9%	4,197	5,130	22.2%
GP	563 (37.0%)	<b>657</b> (37.6%)	16.7%	1,460 (34.8%)	<b>1,763</b> (34.4%)	20.7%
SG&A	413 (27.1%)	<b>407</b> (23.3%)	-1.4%	1,112 (26.5%)	<b>1,244</b> (24.2%)	11.8%
ОР	150 (9.9%)	<b>250</b> (14.3%)	66.2%	347 (8.3%)	<b>519</b> (10.1%)	49.3%
EBITDA	202 (13.3%)	<b>328</b> (18.8%)	62.5%	503 (12.0%)	<b>753</b> (14.7%)	49.7%
RP	136 (9.0%)	<b>245</b> (14.0%)	79.2%	304 (7.2%)	<b>487</b> (9.5%)	60.4%
NI	100 (6.6%)	<b>164</b> (9.4%)	64.2%	194 (4.6%)	<b>314</b> (6.1%)	62.3%

DX demand grows solidly, contributing to sales growth

- Appetite for DX investment remains strong, Product Services sales growth centered on financial services.
- Limited impact from COVID-19, yen weakness and Ukraine situation

#### Drivers of profit growth

- GPM up on growth of high margin Product Services
- Higher recruiting and training costs in SG&A

## Changes in accounting standards

 "Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition" (ASBJ Statement No. 29, March 31, 2020) applied from start of FY12/22 O1.

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## Sales breakdown by service

## Product Services strong, Professional Services slight growth

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(Units: ¥mn)		FY12/21 Q3	FY12/22 Q3	YoY growth	FY12/21 Q1-Q3	FY12/22 Q1-Q3	YoY growth
Consolidated total		1,524	1,751	14.9%	4,197	5,130	22.2%
Product Services		792	1,004	26.8%	2,066	2,977	44.1%
	License	106	112	6.1%	259	297	15.0%
Proc	Subscription (Lakeel products)	169	205	21.7%	453	597	31.8%
Products	Subscription (third party products)	37	33	-8.9%	122	102	-15.9%
	Other	16	28	77.6%	59	66	13.3%
Consulting Services		463	624	34.5%	1,172	1,912	63.1%
Professional Services		731	747	2.1%	2,131	2.153	1.0%
Discretionary (flow)		15	53	236.1%	53	89	66.7%
Recurring revenue		715	693	-3.1%	2,077	2,064	-0.7%

## Consulting Services grew strongly

- DX consulting continues to expand
- Due to EOL etc, subscriptions of third party products decline as planned

## Professional Services slight growth

- Focus on maintenance business for existing clients
- Continue to limit new discretionary business, slight increase on client requests

## **OP** variance analysis

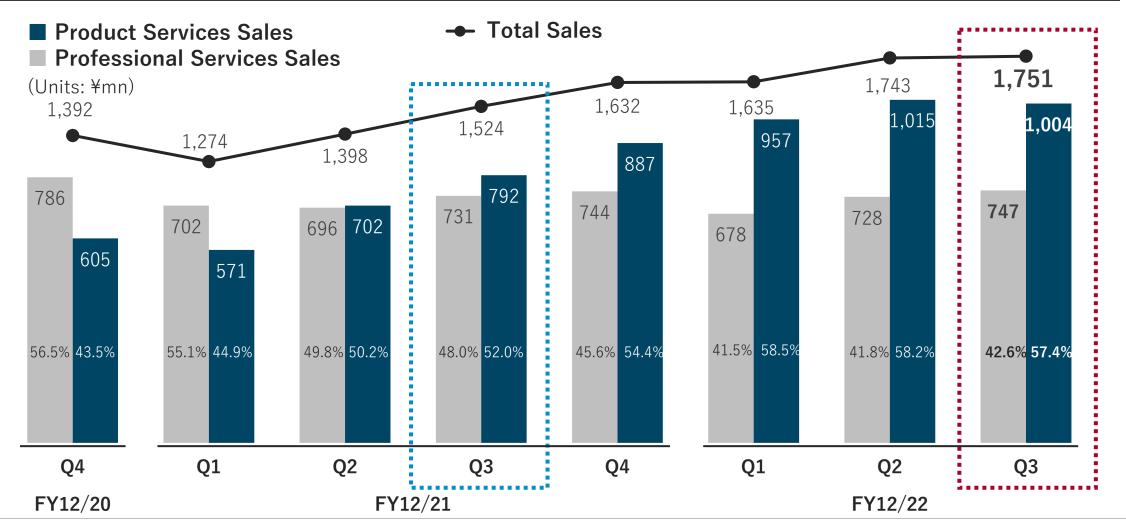
## Strong OP gains driven by Product Services growth

(Unit: ¥mn) -72 24 278 -48 -10 +¥172mn (49.3%) YoY 519 347 GP SG&A Higher GP due to Higher GP due to Growth in Other Growth in Higher **Product Sales** Professional advertising and Administrative personnel, growth Sales margin recruiting and other SG&A costs training, and HR expansion FY12/21 FY12/22 related costs. Q1-Q3 Q1-Q3 OP OP



## Trend in Sales Contribution by Service

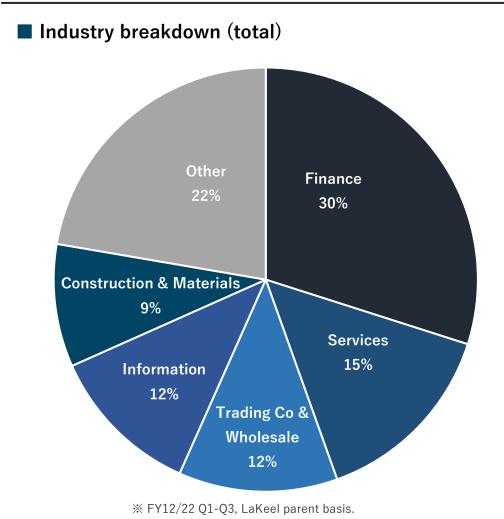
#### Product Services now around 60% of total sales

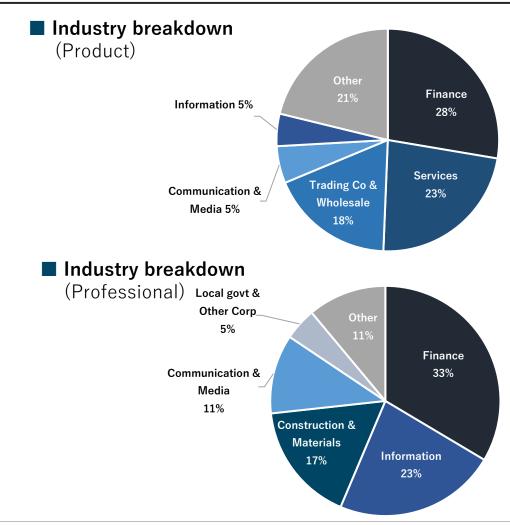




## Sales by Client Industry

## Financial services expanding, top in both Product and Professional



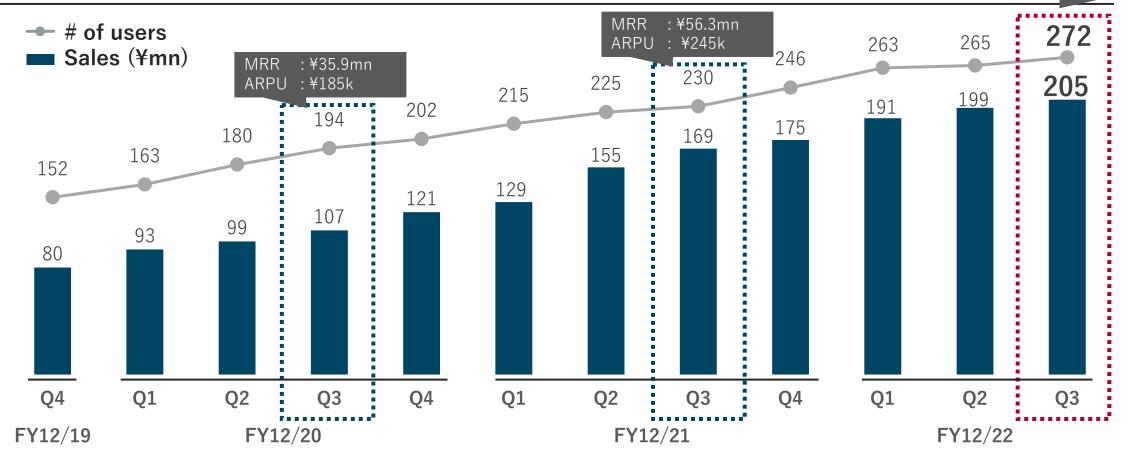




## LaKeel Products\*1Subscription based sales\*2 & Trend in user #

## **Subscription business situation**

MRR : **¥68.5**mn ARPU : **¥252k** 



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

<sup>%4</sup> FY12/22 includes impact from accounting standard change.



<sup>※2</sup> Sales is quarterly total, # of user as of the end of each quarter.

<sup>\*3</sup> MRR(Monthly Recurring Revenue) = average monthly sales for quarter. ARPU = MRR divided by # of quarter end users

## Overview of FY12/22 Q3 results (B/S)

(Unit : ¥mn)	FY12/21 Q3 end	FY12/21 end	FY12/22 Q3 end	+/- vs FY12/21 end
Current assets	3,672	3,876	3,998	3.1%
Cash & deposits	2,436	2,570	3,052	18.7%
Fixed assets	1,593	1,565	1,627	3.9%
Goodwill	479	470	444	-5.5%
Total assets	5,266	5,442	5,625	3.4%
Current liabilities	1,843	1,948	1,900	-2.5%
Non-current liabilities	741	676	589	-12.8%
Net assets	2,680	2,817	3,135	11.3%
Own equity	2,662	2,798	3,116	11.4%
(Equity ratio)	50.5%	51.4%	55.4%	4.0P
Non-controlling interests	18	18	18	-0.5%

#### Financial strength

- Cash and deposits ¥3.0b, up ¥0.5b from FY21 end.
- Short-term interest-bearing debt ¥0.73bn, long-term ¥0.51bn.
- Equity ratio 55.4%

#### Goodwill booking and amortisation

- Goodwill of ¥0.6bn booked due to Nov 2017 MBO and subsidiary acquisition in Dec 2018, ¥444m remaining as of Q2 end.
- Amortising over 12~20 years to match estimated period of benefit, appropriately reflected in earnings

#### Changes in accounting standards

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## 3. Our businesses and growth strategies

## Vision and business details

# Digital Native Company ~Creating the future today~



"A better digital relationship for business"

# 2 services supporting 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

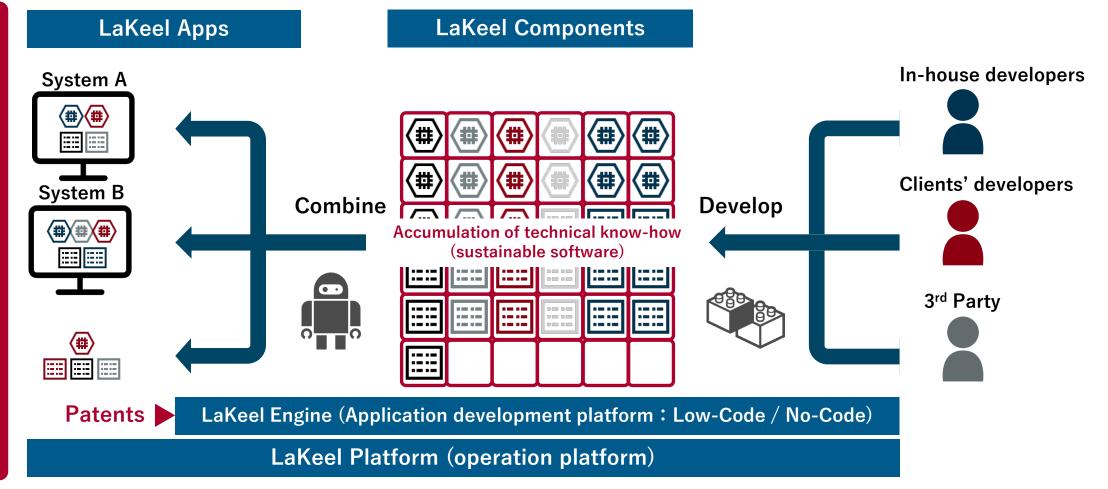
- System development services
  - Legacy systems migration, cloud migration from on-premise systems
  - System development from scratch
- System maintenance services



Technology that continues to grow and change, avoiding obsolescence

**X** LaKeel DX feature layer

System modularizing fur and reusing them **functions** 



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## 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

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

Expand lineup of LaKeel products centered on LaKeel DX, increase the number of users to achieve high profitability.

Growth

CAGR

High

Product services (LaKeel DX/Apps)

• Earnings focused on ongoing high margins

**License** + subscription fees

Consulting services offer high growth potential and profitability via a hybrid service of DX consulting and business intelligence consulting.

High margin

Sim

High growth

Stable

CAGR High Consulting services

Earnings focused on high growth with advanced technology

**Discretionary (flow) business** 

Professional services

Earnings focused on stability and continuity

Discretionary and recurring revenues

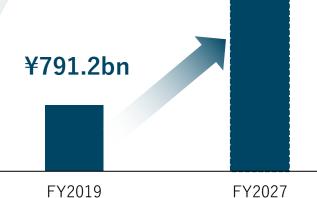
Professional Services already has stable recurring revenues, but more crossselling will guide existing customers to Product Services and DX business



## Growth strategy: DX market size



¥2,107.4bn



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



¥329.5bn



FY2021 FY2027
Source: Expect CAGR of 13% in the domestic DX market, chart by LaKeel

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

¥143.32tn\*

\*\$1.30tn, \text{\te}\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\text{\texi}\text{\text{\tex

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**

No. of clients: 340 2021 results

Sales: **¥85.82**tn

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

IT budgets: **¥1.06**tn (1.23% of sales)

Source: Corporate IT Trends Survey Report 2021 by JUAS

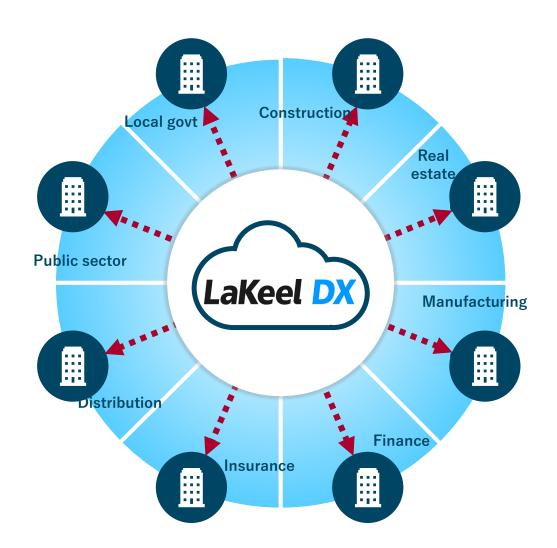
DX budgets: ¥158.3bn

LaKeel forecasts

(15% of IT budgets)



## **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

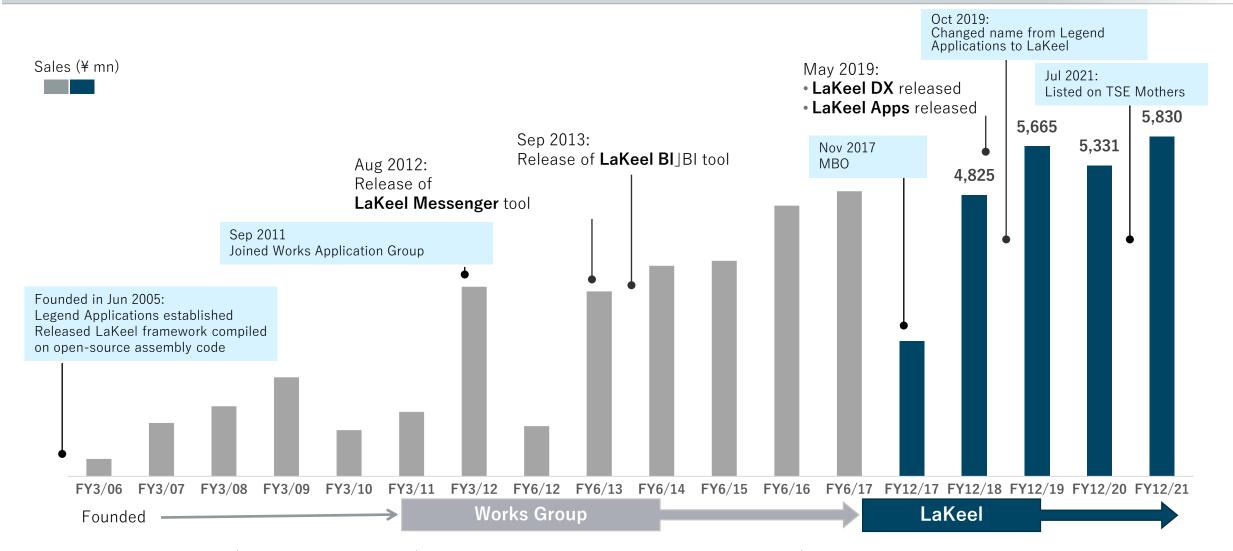


## **Company overview**



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 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. Legend Applications China Co., Ltd. ZEST, Inc.
Market Sector Code	TSE Growth Information & Communication 4074 (ISIN JP3967020003)

## **Timeline**



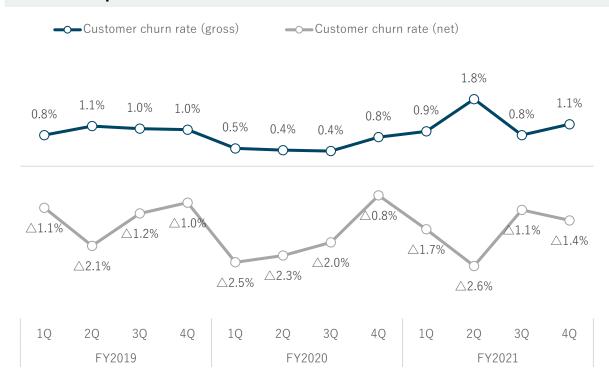
<sup>\*1</sup> Consolidated accounts from FY12/18. Parent prior to that. \*2 FY6/12 was a 3m period due to change in accounting period \*3 For FY12/17, Sales shown for Legend Applications between 1 Jul-31 Dec 2017



## **Product Services**

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

#### ■ 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%		

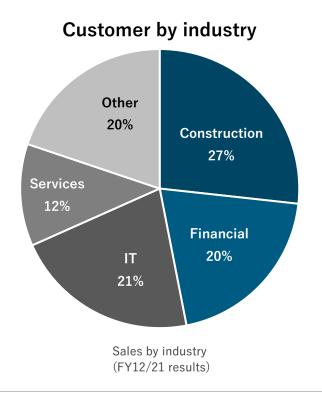
- MRR (Monthly recurring revenues: (Quarterly subscription sales / 3)
- ARPU: MRR / (No. of users at end-quarter)

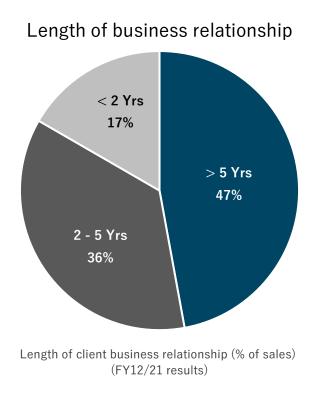


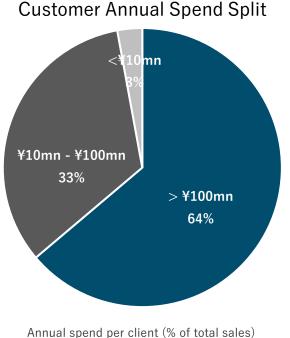
## **Professional Services**

## 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



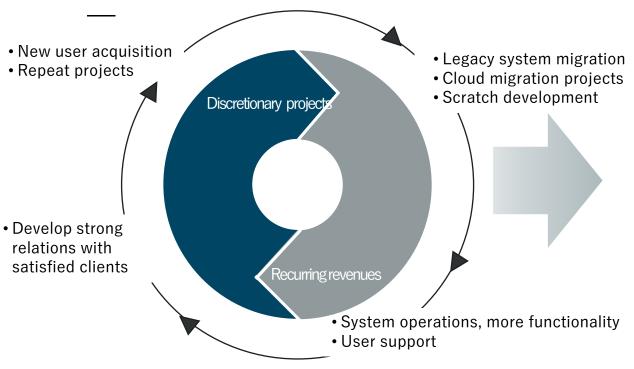


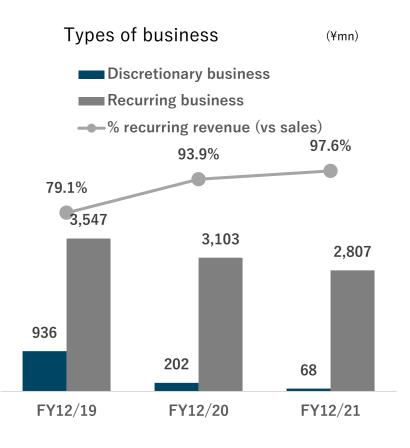


## **Professional Services**

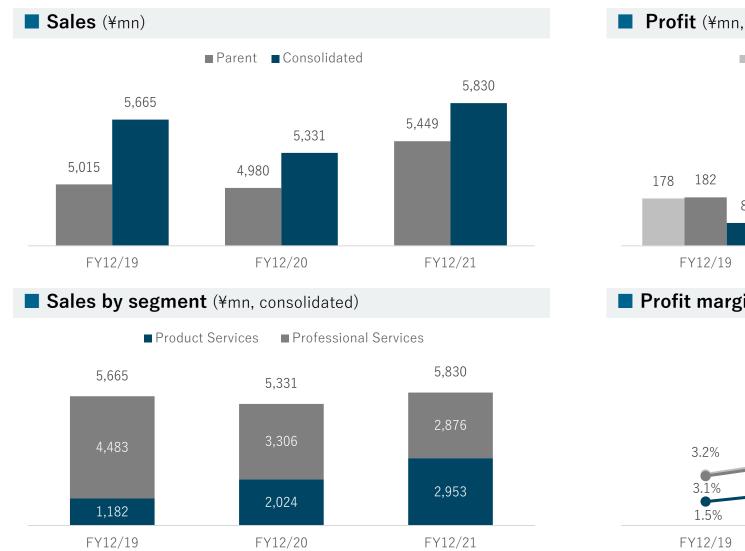
## Over 90% of sales are stable recurring revenues

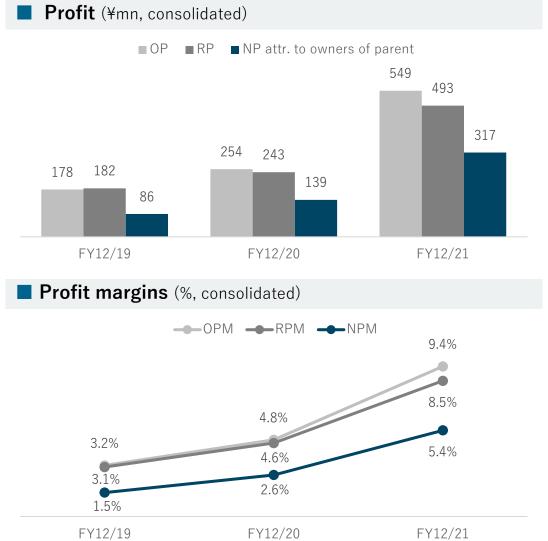
## High value-added business model



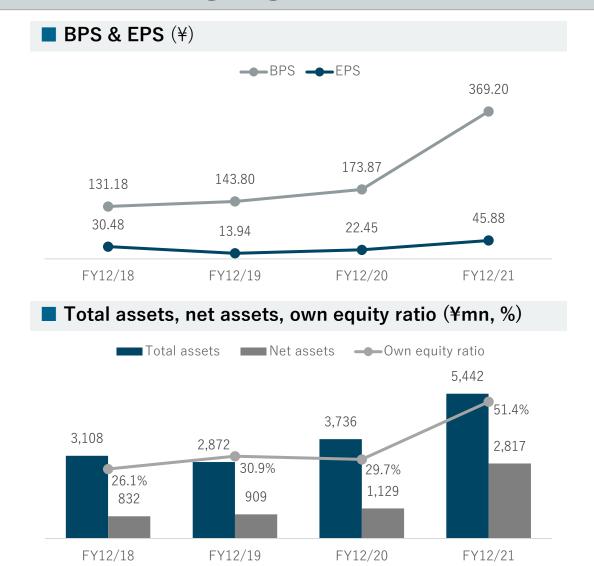


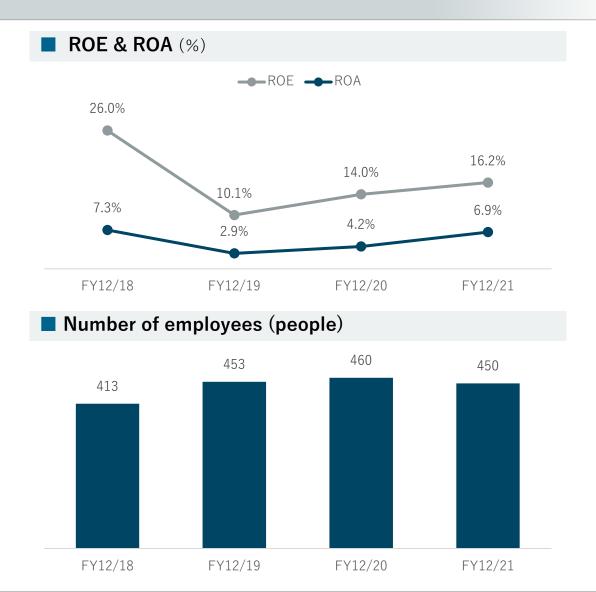
## Financial Highlights (1)





## Financial Highlights (2)







## Approach to SDGs

At Lakeel, based on our management philosophy, vision and action guidelines (LaKeel Way), we engage in dialogue with all stakeholders, including customers, employees, shareholders/investors, business partners, local communities, NPOs, governments and international organisations, and play an active role in building a sustainable society.

# Action01 Building a foundation for industry and innovation



LaKeel DX aims to create a foundation for industry and technological innovation through the provision of sustainable software (software that does not become obsolete and can be used forever).

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# Action02 Consideration for global environmental resources



Through our business and our internal business systems, we are working on DX and "paperless" not just for our company, but for whole industries. In addition, we have set up offices in buildings that are proactively developing cutting-edge measures for environmental issues, and are working with building management companies to reduce carbon emissions.







# Action03 Social contribution through sports



Through sponsorship of pro golfers and the holding of the LaKeel Cup Japan, Golf Championship, we provide opportunities for adult golfers to take on the challenge of competing, create a sense of team camaraderie, and provide a healthy living environment for both body and mind through sports.

# Action04 Creating a rewarding workplace



We are working to create rewarding workplaces through HR and skill development systems, so that diverse human resources with different personalities can demonstrate their abilities. We are also promoting workstyle reforms.













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