FY12/2023 Q4/Full Year Financial Results

LaKeel Inc, 14 February, 2024

(TSE Growth: 4074)



LaKeel

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1. Highlights of FY12/2023 results

Highlights of FY12/2023 results

Sales and profit growth, record earnings achieved

Consolidated Earnings

YoY (FY)

Sales growth **Profit growth**

Product Services Sales

YoY (FY)

+11.2% (+¥448mn)

Professional Services Sales

YoY (FY)

+11.2% (+¥323mn)

Operating Profit

YoY (FY)

+0.3%(+**¥2mn**)

Recurring Profit

YoY (FY)

+10.3%(+¥75mn)

Net Income

YoY (FY)

+15.5% (+¥72mn)

* Net Income: Net Income attributable to parent shareholders



Highlights of FY12/2023(Product Services)

Sustained growth in subscriptions for LaKeel products

Product Services Sales

Sales weighting, YoY (FY)

58.1% ⇒ **58.1%**

Subscription_{*1} User

Vs previous FY end

+16.5%

(+46 users)

278 users \Rightarrow 324 users

Subscription_{*1}**Sales**

YoY

+19.3% (+¥157mn)

¥814mn ⇒ ¥972mn

New products/functions



eBookkeeping storage services
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MRR **%2**

YoY (Q4; Oct-Dec)

 $+19.6\% \\ (+\$14.1\text{mn})$

¥72.5mn ⇒ ¥86.7mn

ARPU_{×2}

YoY (Q4; Oct-Dec)

+2.6% (+¥7k)

¥260k ⇒ ¥267k

*1 Subscriptions based on LaKeel products



2. Earnings trends and overview of consolidated results

FY results achievement vs guidance

Results broadly in line with plan (after revision at Q3 results)





Quarterly earnings trends

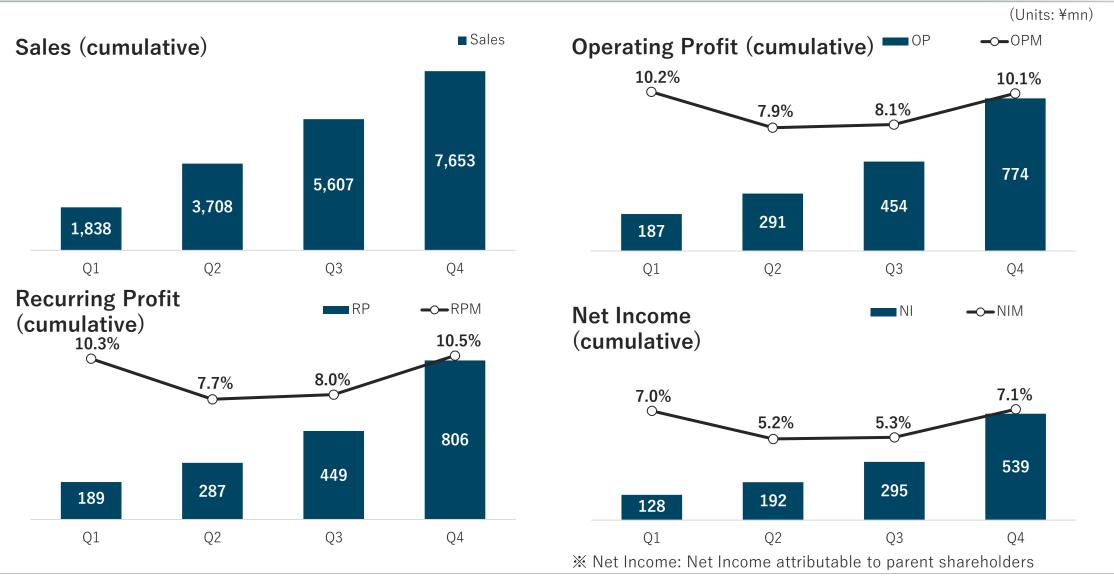
Sales and profits rose in Q4

(Units: ¥mn)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-4	Revised guidance	Comment on quarterly trends
Sales	1,838	1,869	1,899	2,045	7,653	7,658	
Gross profit	646 (35.2%)	621 (33.2%)	602 (31.7%)	769 (37.6%)	2,640 (34.5%)	_	Earnings recovered in Q4 • Both sales and profits grew in
SG&A	459 (25.0%)	517 (27.7%)	439 (23.1%)	449 (22.0%)	1,865 (24.4%)	_	Q4 as booking of orders for new license sales, which had been pushed back, were
Operating Profit	187 (10.2%)	103 (5.6%)	162 (8.6%)	320 (15.7%)	774 (10.1%)	783	weighted towards Q4.Growth in high-margin license sales boosted overall profit
EBITDA	276 (15.0%)	192 (10.3%)	252 (13.3%)	413 (20.2%)	1,134 (14.8%)	_	margins.
Recurring Profit	189 (10.3%)	97 (5.2%)	161 (8.5%)	357 (17.5%)	806 (10.5%)	780	
Net Income	128 (7.0%)	64 (3.4%)	102 (5.4%)	244 (11.9%)	539 (7.1%)	510	

^{*} Net Income: Net Income attributable to parent shareholders



Quarterly earnings trends (cumulative)



Overview of Q4 and FY results (Income statement)

Sales and profit growth for both the full year and Q4

(Units: ¥mn)	FY12/22 Q4	FY12/23 Q4	YoY	FY12/22 FY	FY12/23 FY	YoY
Sales	1,750	2,045	16.9%	6,880	7,653	11.2%
Gross Profit	641 (36.7%)	769 (37.6%)	20.0%	2,404 (35.0%)	2,640 (34.5%)	9.8%
SG&A	388 (22.2%)	449 (22.0%)	15.6%	1,632 (23.7%)	1,865 (24.4%)	14.3%
Operating Profit	252 (14.5%)	320 (15.7%)	26.7%	772 (11.2%)	774 (10.1%)	0.3%
EBITDA	334 (19.1%)	413 (20.2%)	23.8%	1,087 (15.8%)	1,134 (14.8%)	4.3%
Recurring Profit	243 (13.9%)	357 (17.5%)	47.0%	731 (10.6%)	806 (10.5%)	10.3%
Net Income	152 (8.7%)	244 (11.9%)	60.5%	467 (6.8%)	539 (7.1%)	15.5%

Improved profits on license sales growth

 Booking of orders for new license sales, which had been pushed back, was weighted to Q4 and lifted Q4 earnings. This lifted overall margins.

Higher SG&A

- Personnel-related expanses rose YoY, particularly hiring expenses.
- Advertising costs also rose slightly, but all other costs were largely in line with the previous year.

^{*} Net Income: Net Income attributable to parent shareholders



Sales breakdown by service

Full-year sales rose 11% for both Product Services & Professional Services

(Units: ¥mn)		FY12/22 Q4	FY12/23 Q4	YoY growth	FY12/22 FY	FY12/23 FY	YoY growth
Consolidated total		1,750	2,045	16.9%	6,880	7,653	11.2%
Product Services		1,018	1,241	22.0%	3,995	4,444	11.2%
	License	72	180	147.8%	370	394	6.4%
Products	Subscription (Lakeel products)	217	260	19.5%	814	972	19.3%
ucts	Subscription (third party products)	34	32	-3.6%	136	132	-3.2%
	Other	20	24	20.9%	87	107	23.7%
Consulting Services		672	743	10.5%	2,585	2,836	9.7%
Professional Services		731	803	9.8%	2,885	3,209	11.2%
Discretionary (flow)		42	8	-80.6%	131	85	-34.6%
Recurring revenue		689	795	15.3%	2,753	3,123	13.4%

License sales rose, consulting services recovered

- License sales were weighted to Q4 and rose YoY
- Subscription sales posted solid growth
- Consulting Services was a drag on overall Product Services, but sales recovered in line with increased license sales.

Professional Services solid

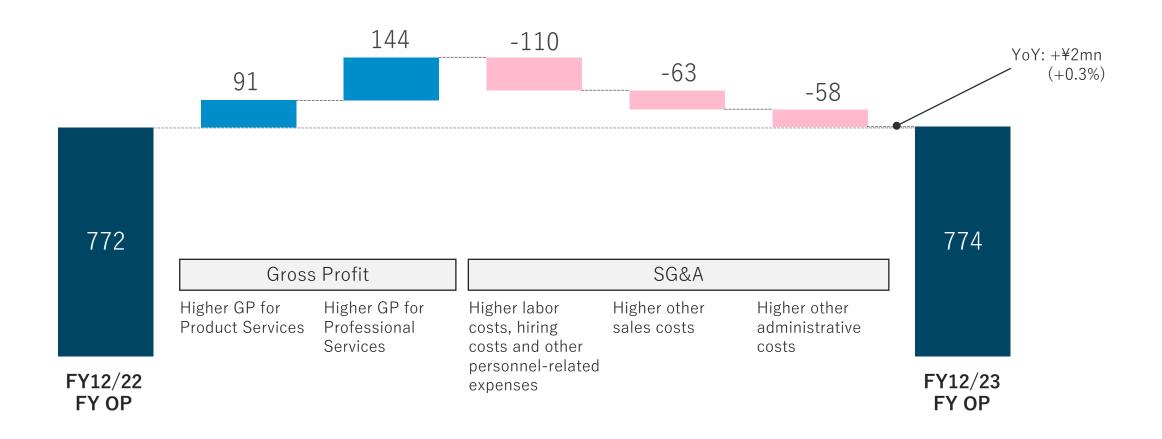
• Professional Services made solid progress.



OP variance analysis

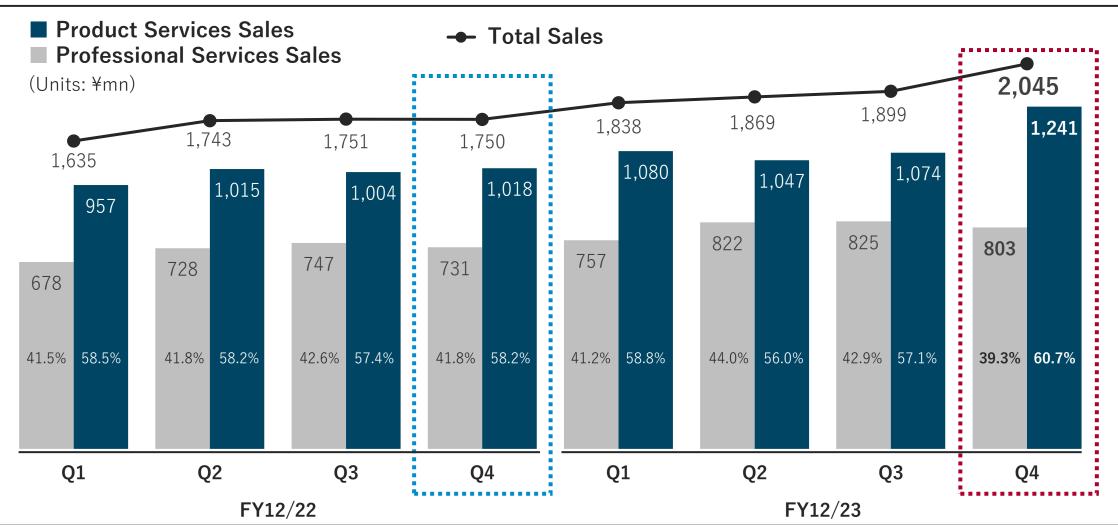
OP up slightly despite higher personnel-related costs such as labor and hiring

(Units: ¥mn)



Trend in sales contribution by service

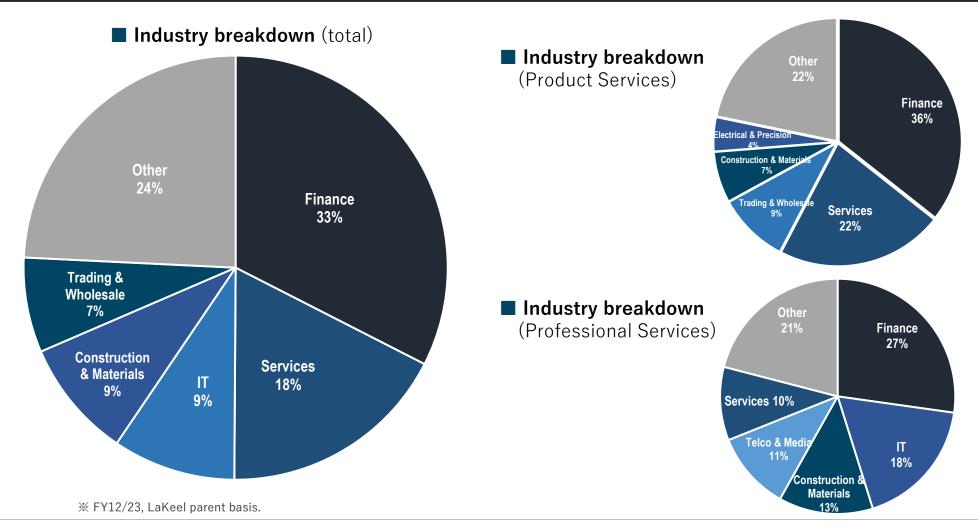
Weighting of Product Services sales rose on growth in license sales in Q4.





Sales by client industry

Sales to the Finance and Services industry solid





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



- **1 LaKeel Products include DX, BI, HR, Workflow, Commerce, Online Media Service, Data Insight, Messenger, My Number, Stress Check, Process Manager.
- X2 Sales is quarterly total, # of user as of the end of each quarter.
- *3 MRR(Monthly Recurring Revenue) = sales for quarter divided by 3. ARPU = MRR divided by # of quarter end users



Overview of FY12/23 results (Balance sheet)

(Units: ¥mn)	FY12/22 end	FY12/23 end	+/- vs FY12/22 end
Current assets	4,183	4,009	-4.2%
Cash & deposits	3,230	2,704	-16.3%
Fixed assets	1,604	2,398	49.5%
Goodwill	436	401	-7.9%
Total assets	5,787	6,408	10.7%
Current liabilities	2,435	2,112	-13.3%
Non-current liabilities	80	470	484.5%
Net assets	3,271	3,824	16.9%
Own equity	3,254	3,806	17.0%
(Equity ratio)	56.2%	59.4%	3.1P
Non-controlling interests	16	17	5.9%

Financial overview

- Cash & deposits ¥2.7bn, down ¥0.5bn after Nov 2023 ¥0.6bn investment in Bitkey Co.
- Fixed assets ¥2.4bn, up ¥0.8bn as marketable securities rose after this investment
- Interest bearing debt ¥1.1bn, broadly flat YoY. However, fixed liabilities rose as debt payable within one year was rolled over.
- Equity ratio rose to 59.4%.

Goodwill booking and amortisation

- Goodwill of ¥0.6bn booked due to Nov 2017 MBO and subsidiary acquisition in Dec 2018, ¥0.40bn remaining as of FY end.
- Amortising over 12~20 years to match estimated period of benefit, appropriately reflected in earnings.

Stock options

 We issued trust-type stock options in Jul 2019, but currently these options have not been exercised and there will be no impact on past or future earnings from this factor.



3. FY12/2024 earnings guidance

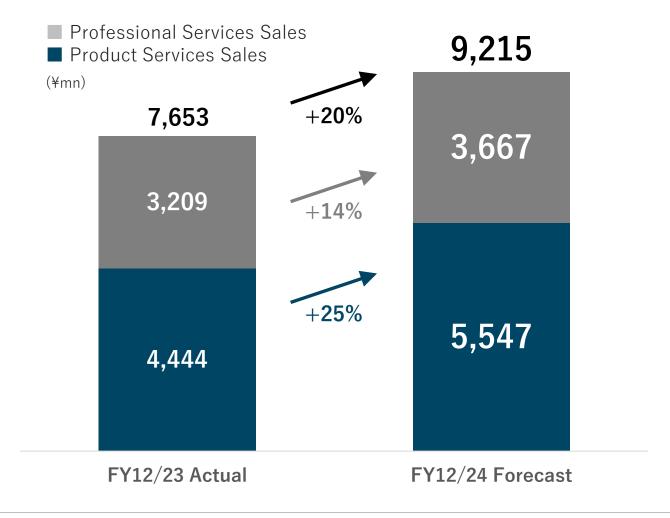
FY12/24 Consolidated earnings forecasts (Sales)

Expect 20% YoY sales growth, particularly in DX and HR areas

FY12/24 consolidated sales forecast **¥9,215**mn (+20% YoY)

Professional Services ¥3,667mn (+14% YoY) × 40% sales weight

Product Services ¥5,547mn (+25% YoY) **60% sales weight





FY12/24 consolidated earnings forecasts (Profits)

Expect profit growth of between 24-35% on expansion of both segments

Operating Profit **¥1,044**mn (+35% YoY) ***OPM: 11.3%**

Recurring Profit **¥1,034**mn (+28% YoY) **%RPM: 11.2**%

Net income attributable to parent shareholders

¥668mn (+24% YoY)

****NIM: 7.3**



668

FY12/24 Forecast



539

FY12/23 Actual

4. 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: Cloud application development and operation infrastructure
- 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



Sustainable software architecture

Technology that continues to grow and change, avoiding obsolescence

%LaKeel DX feature layer

LaKeel Apps LaKeel Components In-house developers tructure System A Combine **Integrate** Accumulation tor Clients' developers of technical know-how Component (Sustainable software) modularizing development System B 3rd Party LaKeel Engine (Development platform: Low-Code / No-Code) **Patents** LaKeel Platform (Operating & monitoring platform)



LaKeel Apps (Product suite)

13 LaKeel Apps to support companies

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.



Data analysis/management platform



Big data analytics platform that leverages cloud technology. Additional functionality from microservices such as visualization tools and analytics.







Corporate SNS tool





Occupational health tool



User access control platform





Workflow management platform





High-performance workflow system





Platform to manage 'My Number' IDs





eBook-keeping storage service





LaKeel Commerce

Ecommerce tool

HR strategy platform



The concept of this HR core business system is to support the execution of HR strategies. It provides a wide range of data management functions, such as talent data and people data, business process standardization, and automation of next actions in addition to analysis.



Microlearning platform



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





Survey data management platform



Proprietary and Confidentia

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

Stable

High growth 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

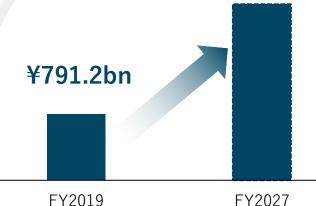
Professional Services already has stable recurring revenues, but more cross-selling will guide existing customers to Product Services and DX business



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{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\text{\texit{\text{\te

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's vision



LaKeel proactively develops DX solutions using its strong technical capabilities and business insights.

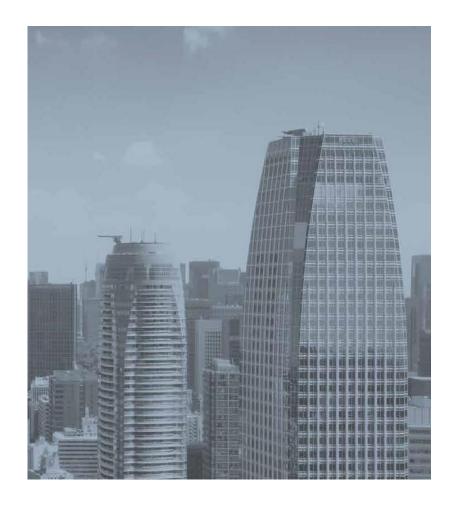
Through the widespread adoption of LaKeel DX (Application PaaS) as a digital business platform for client companies, we will build a "LaKeel DX economy" where software components are distributed among companies to generate profits and create a new market called the software component industry.

We are aiming to be an Application Platformer (Application PaaS=Platform-as-a-Service). Our goal is to create a new paradigm for IT services and realize our purpose of "Creating the future today."

5. Appendix

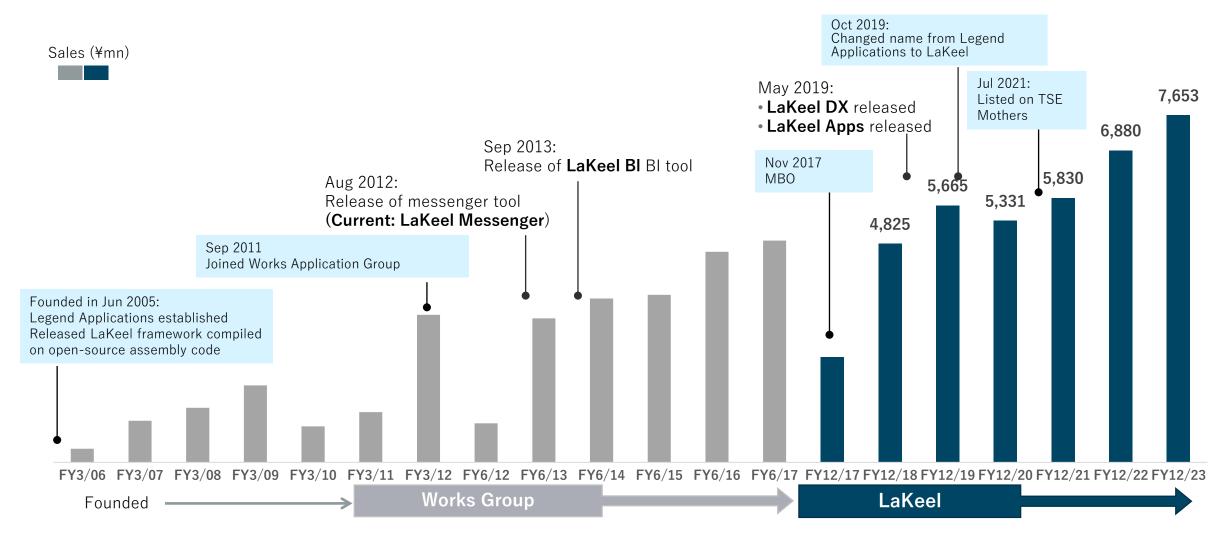


Company overview



Company	LaKeel, Inc.
Founded	10 June 2005
Capital	¥1,015mn (as of 31 Dec 2023)
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	433 (consolidated, as of 31 Dec 2023)
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



^{*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



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 (FY12/22→FY12/23)

	FY12/22	FY12/23	YoY
LaKeel products			
Subscription sales (yr) # of users (FY end) MRR (As of Q4) ARPU(As of Q4)	¥814.8 mn 278 ¥72.5 mn ¥260 k	¥972.2 mn 324 ¥86.7 mn ¥267 k	19% 17% 19% 3%
LaKeel DX			
Subscription sales (yr) # of users (FY end) MRR (As of Q4) ARPU (As of Q4)	¥172.4 mn 8 ¥15.1 mn ¥1,897 k	¥228.3 mn 12 ¥20.4 mn ¥1,701 k	32% 50% 34% -10%
LaKeel Apps			
Subscription sales (yr) # of users (FY end) MRR (As of Q4) ARPU (As of Q4)	¥642.2 mn 270 ¥57.3 mn ¥212 k	¥743.8 mn 312 ¥66.2 mn ¥212 k	16% 16% 16% 0%

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

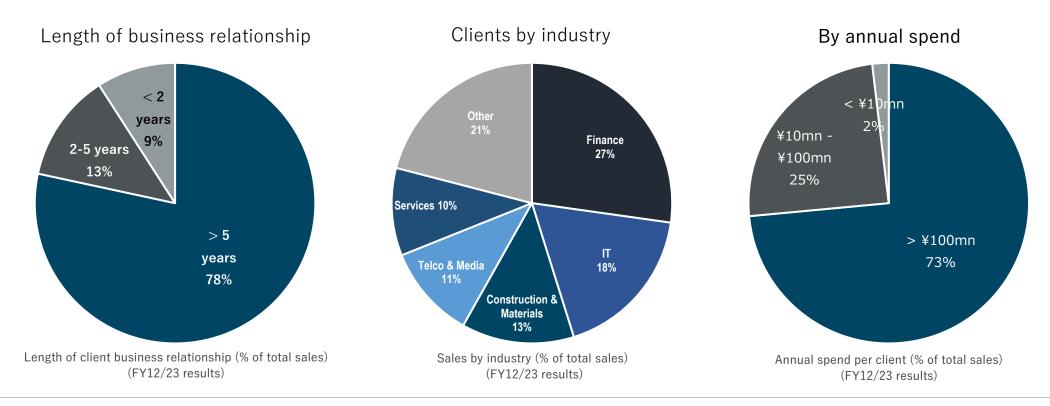


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Professional Services

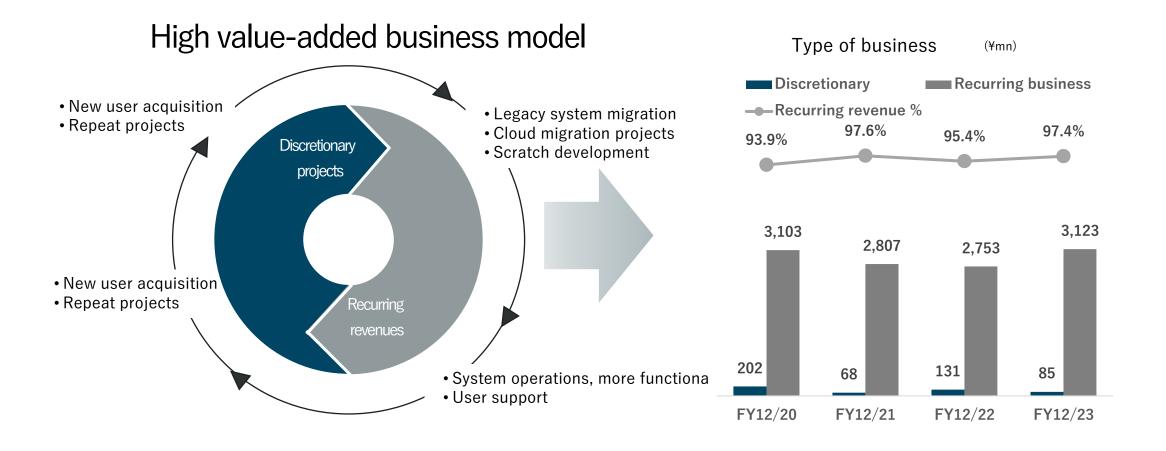
Client base offering stable profits

- ■Business centered on clients such as major construction companies with whom we have had business since the company's founding
- ■Business with more than 200 companies in a wide range of industries, recently notable increase in finance
- ■Over 70% of sales generated at customers with annual spend over ¥100mn

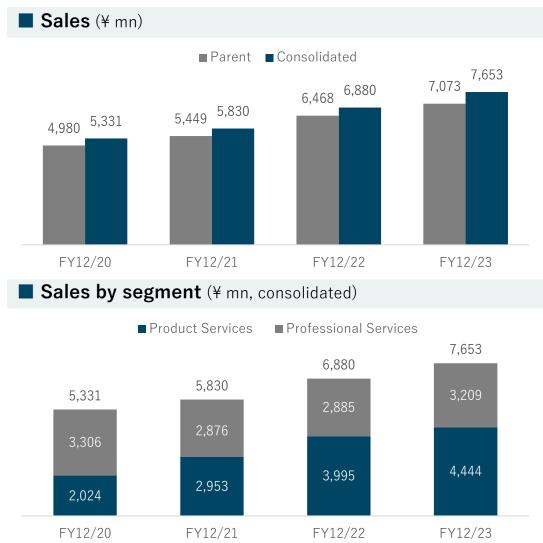


Professional Services

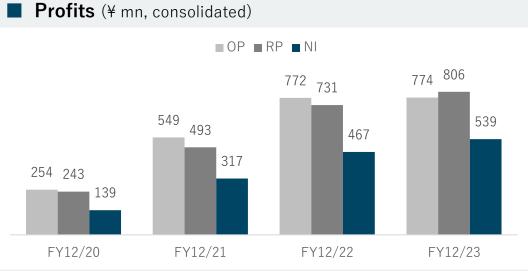
Over 90% of sales are stable recurring revenues



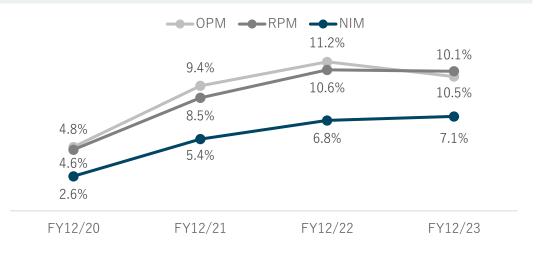
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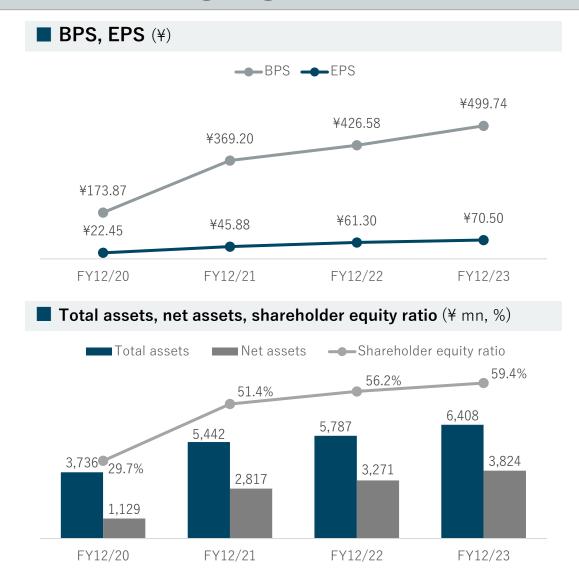


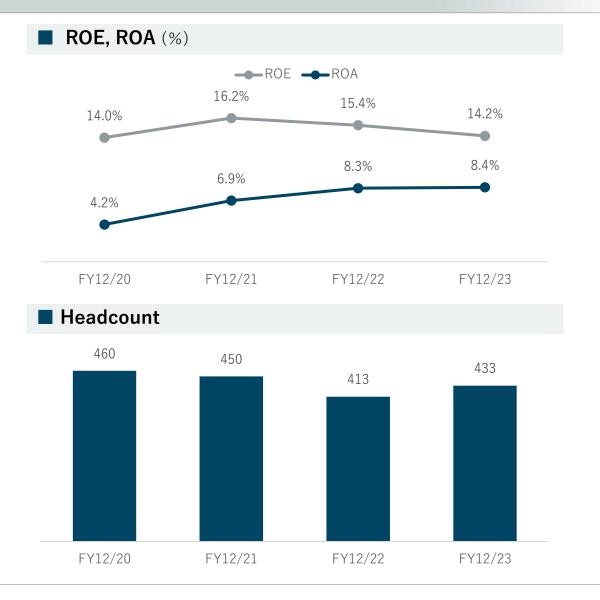


■ Profit margins (¥ mn, consolidated)



Financial Highlights (2)









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