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WDB Holdings Co., Ltd.

**FY2025 1Q Financial Report** 

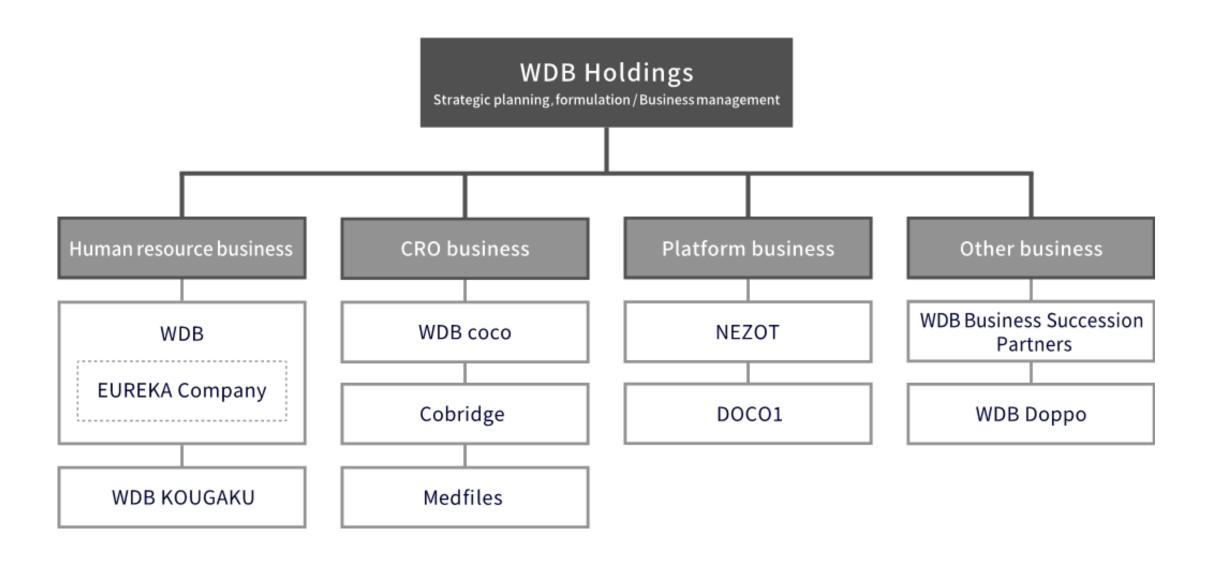
# Company Overview (Aug, 2025)



| Company Name           | WDB Holdings Co., Ltd.   |
|------------------------|--|
| Incorporation          | July 6,1985  |
| Capital                | ¥1 billion   |
| Stock Listing          | Prime Market of Tokyo Stock Exchange (Code 2475)   |
| President and CEO      | Toshimitsu Nakano  |
| Head Office            | 79 Toyozawa-cho,Himeji-shi,Hyogo   |
| Number of Employees    | 993(temporary staff and others / 10,246)  **The number of employees is calculated on a different base from that in the financial report. |
| Sales                  | ¥51.1 billion (FY2024)   |
| Ordinary Income        | ¥5.0 billion (FY2024)  |
| <b>Business Domain</b> | <ul><li>Human Resources Business</li><li>CRO business</li><li>Platform and Other Business</li></ul>                                      |

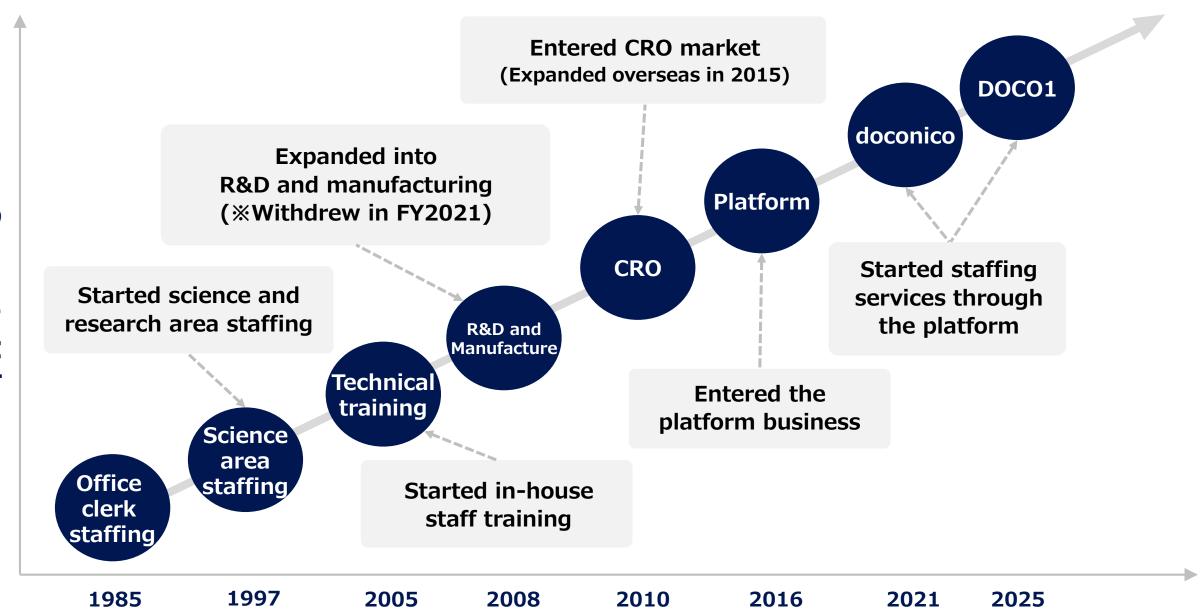
## **Group Companies (Aug, 2025)**





### **History and Business Expansion**

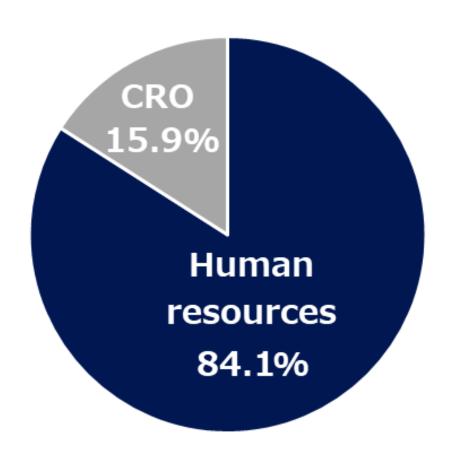




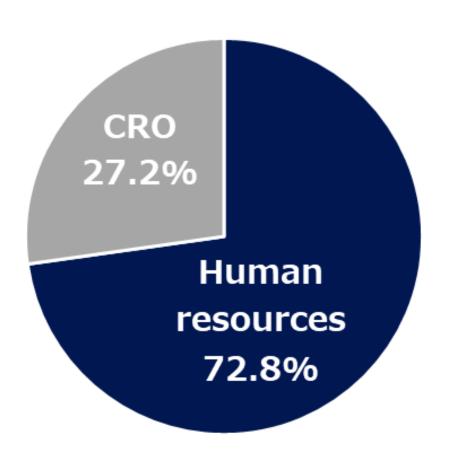
## **Sales and Profit Composition (FY2024)**



#### Sales composition



#### **Profit composition**

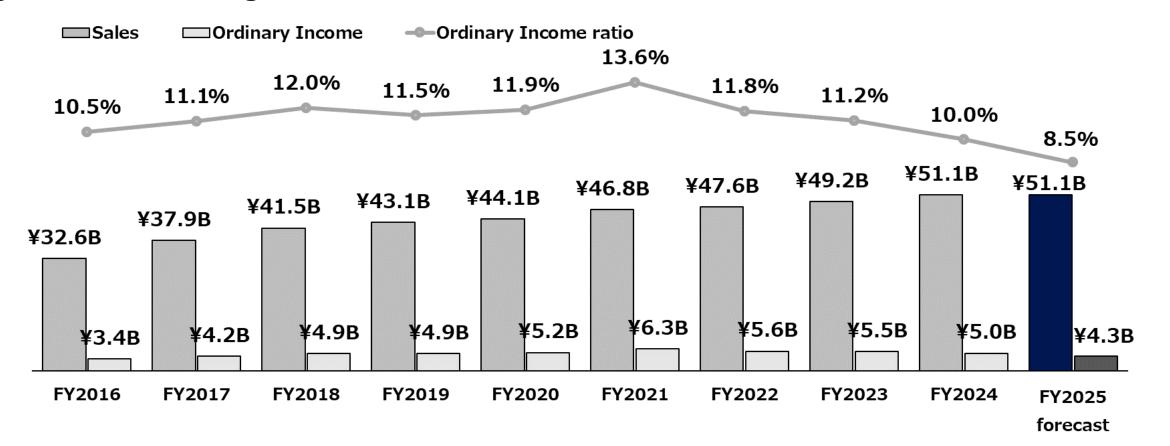


### Financial Results & Forecast (Consolidated)



Sales and profits are steadily growing for the past 10 years.

In addition, although ordinary income has not shown significant growth since the FY 2022, this is primarily due to our ongoing investments in areas such as increased compensation for temporary staff and the development of our platform, aimed at ensuring continued growth over the long term.

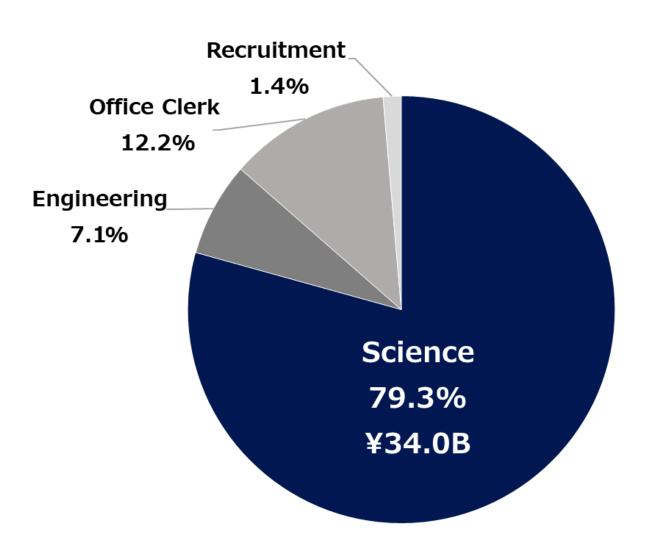


# **Human Resources Business**

### Sales Breakdown of Staffing Business (FY2024)



Our staffing business is mainly focusing on the science and research field. This field accounts for approx. 80% of the revenue of our staffing business.



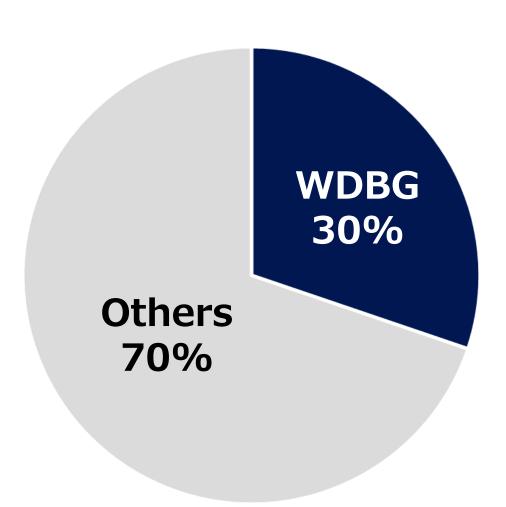
### Market Share of Science and Research Field Staffing



Our company accounts for approx.

1/3 of the science-relatedtemporary staffing market(110 billion yen) . This makes us theMarket leader.

**\*\*market size by our estimate** 



### Science and Research Field Staffing



We dispatch scientific researchers, research assistants, and technicians in the science and research related fields.

#### Staff and talent

- Knowledge/skills in genetics
- Knowledge/skills in animal anatomy
- PCR testing capabilities
- Experience in chemical analysis, etc.

#### **Staffing requests**

- Research assistance in laboratories (Universities, research institution as well as private sector)
- Quality control work for factory

### **Images of Operations**







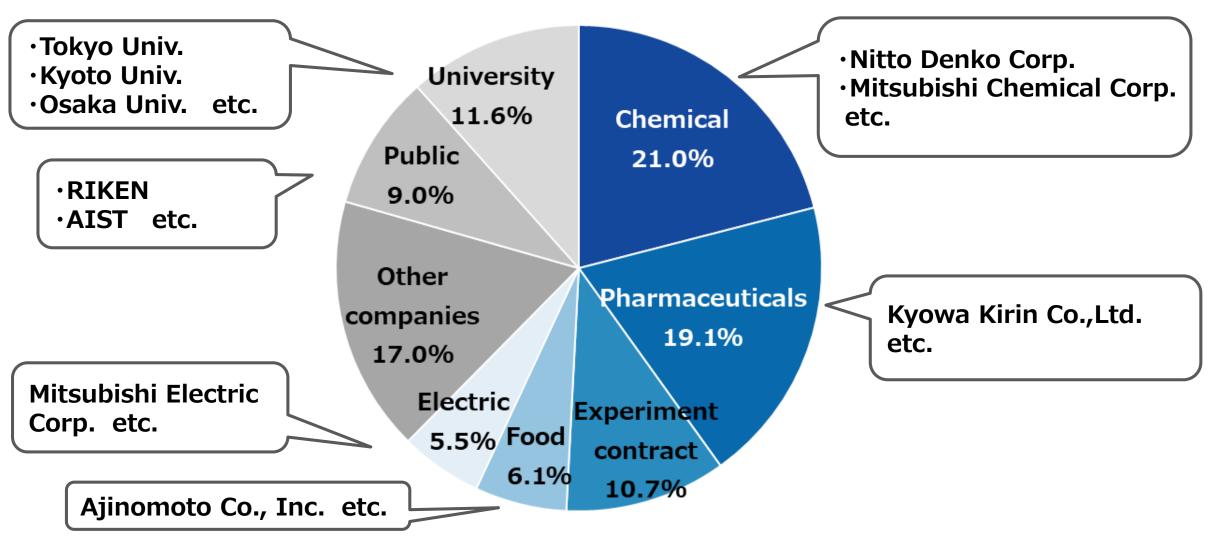




## Sales Composition Ratio by Industry Segment (FY2024)



We have business with most major chemicals manufacturers, pharmaceuticals, food manufacturers, public laboratories, and universities.



### **Our Strengths**



#### Three elements to source high-quality staff

- 1. We provide necessary skills and techniques for our staff at our in-house training centers nationwide.
- 2. We attract good staff because of our name value in the science field.
- 3. We deal with both registration type and full-time employee type.

  This is advantageous compared to one type only staffing companies.

### **Our Strengths**



#### How we keep high level of satisfaction for customer and staff both

#### 1. Best Matching

With many years of experience in the sciences field, we understand our clients' work requirements well. For candidates, we conduct a one-day skills test to understand their abilities accurately. Using this information and our own methods, we match candidates with the best possible jobs.

- 2. Maintaining Satisfaction During Employment
  - We have regular meetings with clients and temporary staff, and we have a system to discuss any issues anytime. This lets us solve problems quickly during employment. We also pay high-performing temporary staff well according to their work quality, keeping them satisfied.
- 3. Providing Services Through the Platform
  We provide temporary staffing services through our proprietary system (details below).

#### What is "Platform"



We call the mechanism which enhances the convenience and visualization of services that used to be done manually as a "platform".

The basic development concept is that "the platform will streamline, automate, and visualize operations, and customers will be able to receive our services 24/7, and will be able to check the progress of services in real time."

Our human resources service platform "doconico" was released in April 2021, and "DOCO1" followed in May 2025. Both platforms are currently in active operation and have been continuously improved since their release.

We also released a platform for CRO services and started operation during FY2023.

## Staffing Service Using "doconico"



Most of the staffing services procedures that were previously provided through our staff, can now be provided online.

# Staffing request

**Matching** 

Labor management/Contract/Billing

**Evaluation of temporary staff** 

#### Before doconico

- ·Order via call/email
- In-person or phone interview
- Progress checked via call/email
- Approval and faxing of paper timesheets
- Paper contracts & invoices

Monthly visit to monitor staffperformance and client satisfaction

#### **After doconico**

- AI chat for ordering & needs hearing\*Online interview available upon request
- •Real-time progress tracking on the platform
- ·Approval of digital timesheets anytime, anywhere
- Digital contracts & invoices
- Monthly visit + daily evaluation & feedback on platform

### **Staffing Platform "doconico" & "DOCO1"**



Enabling to complete requests, procedures, and management of staffing personnel on the Web. Various labor procedures and documents can be made paperless and efficient, as well as dispatched staff information can be centrally managed. Information sharing between related parties will be smoother, and improve business efficiency.

"doconico" is our staffing management system designed for clients using our staffing services. To address client needs to also manage staff dispatched from other agencies, we launched "DOCO1" in May 2025, enabling centralized management across multiple staffing vendors.

"DOCO1" allows users to manage all communication with different staffing agencies online. It also enables simultaneous job order dispatch to multiple agencies, while centralized visibility into each worker's contract, time records, and billing status.

#### doconico







# **CRO** Business

#### What is CRO



CRO (Contract Research Organization) is a company that supports the drug development of pharmaceutical manufacturers.

It takes 10 to 20 years and 100 billion yen for a pharmaceutical manufacturer to develop a new drug.

For this reason, pharmaceutical manufacturers place orders for various ancillary tasks related to drug development to CROs so that researchers can concentrate on their research.

We will explain specifically what kind of work the CRO will undertake on the next page.

### Flow of New Drug Development



Basic research 2~3 years

Non-clinical studies
3~5 years

Clinical studies
3~7 years

Approval application 1~2 years

Post-market surveillance Indefinite period

Investigate substances that can be used as medicines and research how to make them.

Examine efficacy and safety (toxicity). Conduct experiments on cells and animals.

Test on humans. Collect target patients, explain to them if they would cooperate with the test, and collect data.

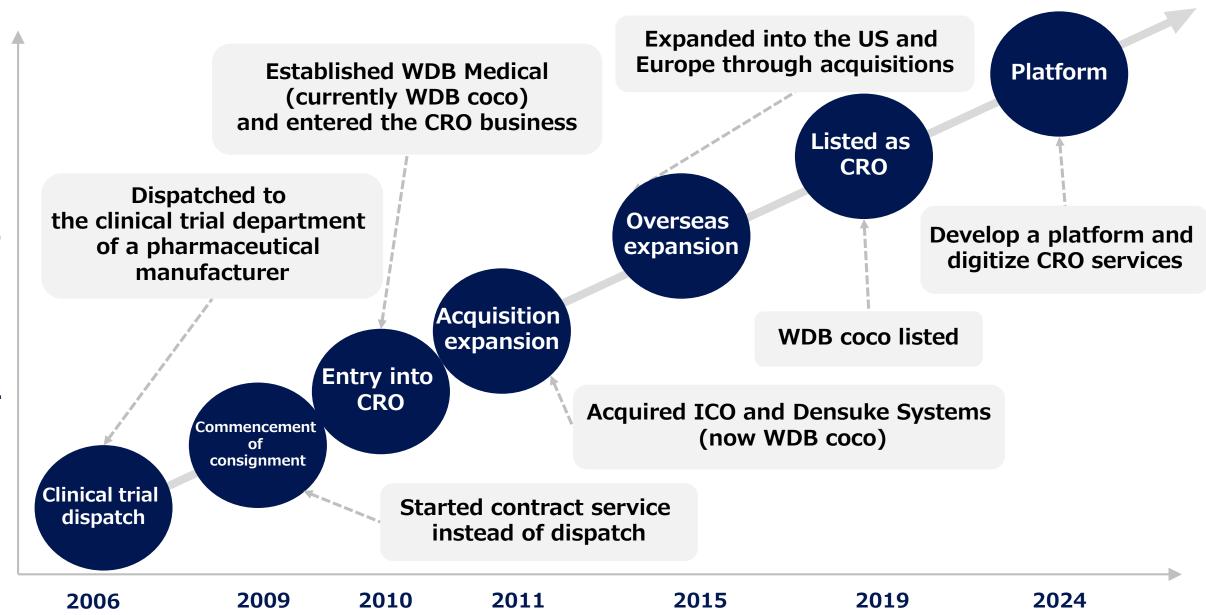
Create documents and apply for permission to manufacture and sell.

After marketing, confirm whether there are any side effects not found in clinical trials and report them to the government agency.

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### **History of WDBG CRO Business**





### **Regions and Contents of Business Development**



### Japan

#### **WDB COCO**

- Pharmacovigilance
- Document support
- Data management
- Statistical analysis
- Clinical research support

#### **COBRIDGE**

Regulatory affairs

### **Europe**

#### **MEDFILES**

- Regulatory affairs
- · Clinical trial
- Data management
- Statistical analysis
- Pharmacovigilance

# FY2025 1Q Result

### **Summary (Consolidated)**



Sales : Sales increased by 0.6% YoY due to higher sales in the staffing business.

Gross Margin : Gross margin increased by 1.1% YoY due to higher profitability

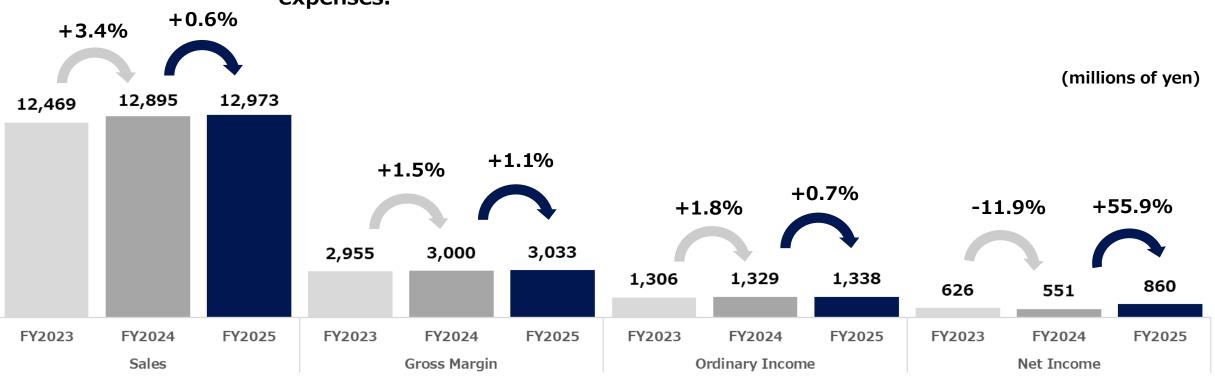
in the staffing business.

Ordinary Income : Ordinary income increased by 0.7% YoY as the rise in gross margin offset

the increase in SG&A expenses.

Net Income : Net income increased by 55.9% YoY due to a decrease in income taxes and other

expenses.



#### **Segment Performance (Human Resources Business)**



Sales

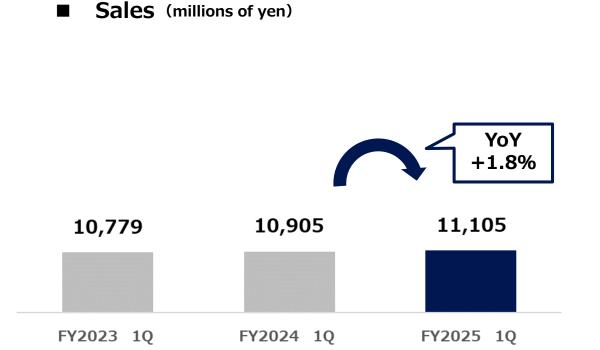
: Sales increased by 1.8% YoY due to an increase in temporary staffing fees, an increase in working rate of permanent-type temporary employees and one additional business day.

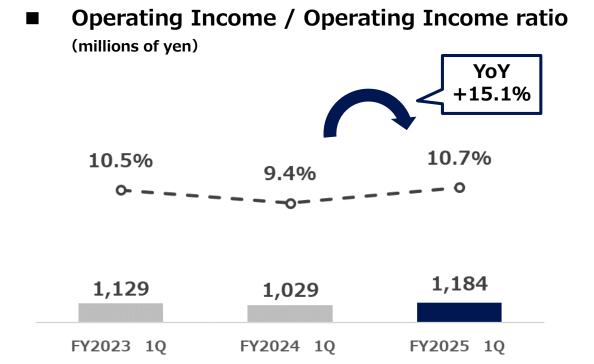
**Operating Income** 

: Gross margin ratio improved while increasing compensation for temporary staff.

Operating income increased by 15.1% YoY as the rise in gross margin

offset the increase in SG&A expenses.





### **Segment Performance (CRO Business)**

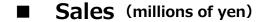


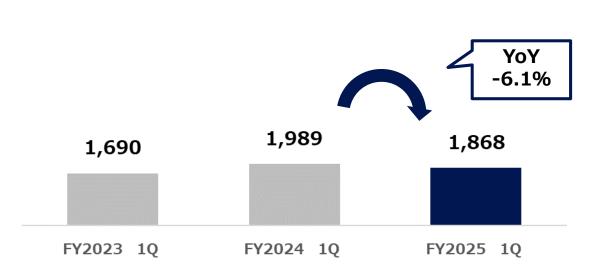
Sales

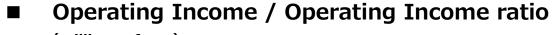
: Sales decreased by 6.1% YoY due to the impact of the internalization of operations previously outsourced to our company by a major client and the divestment of unprofitable overseas business.

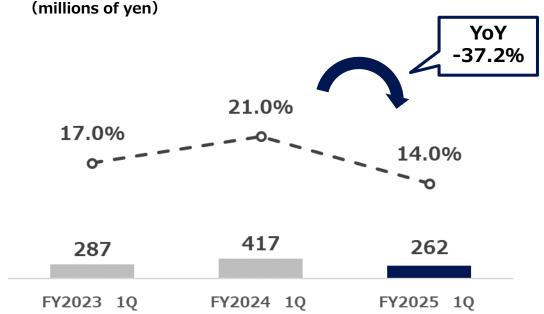
**Operating Income** 

: Operating income decreased by 37.2% YoY because we retained the workforce responsible for contract operations in anticipation of future orders, despite a decrease in sales.



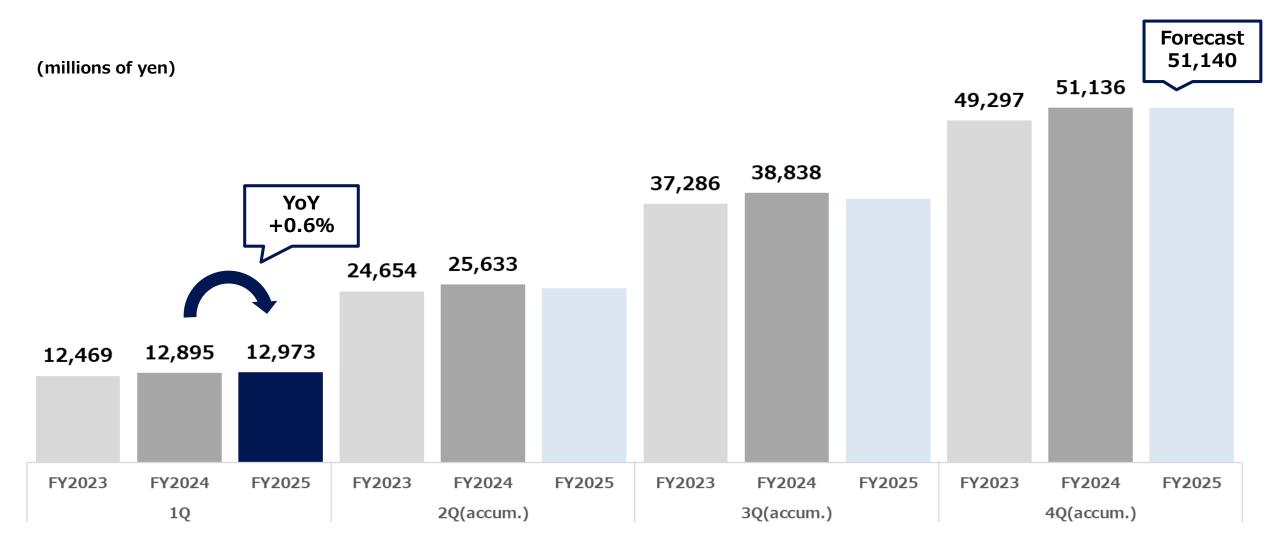






#### **Consolidated Financial Statements (Sales)**

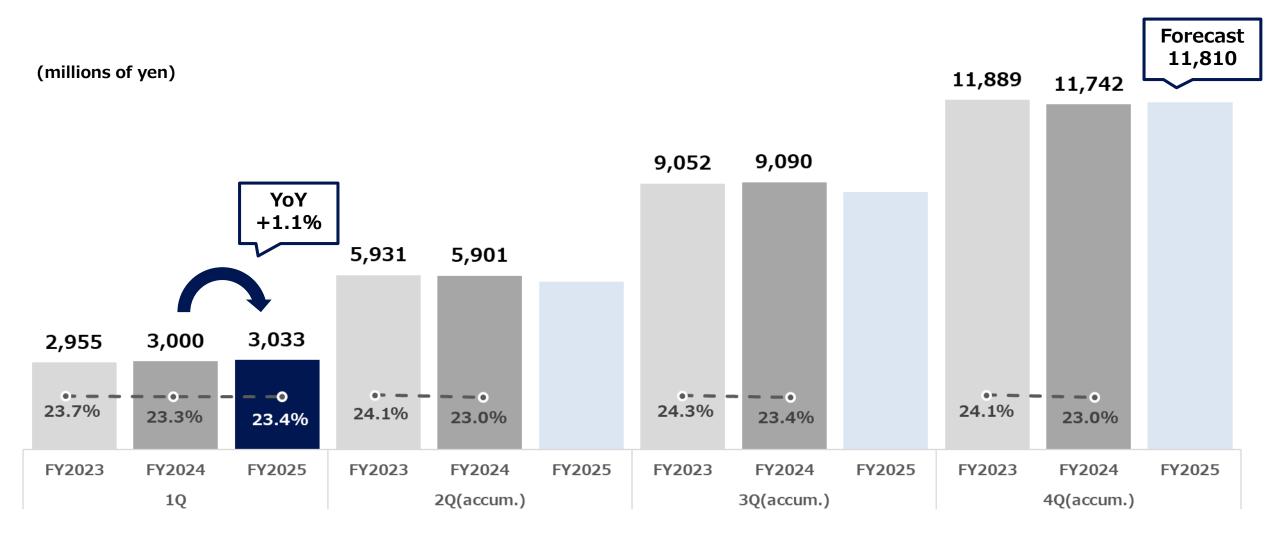




✓ Sales increased by 78 million yen YoY to 12,973 million yen (+0.6%).

#### Consolidated Financial Statements (Gross Margin / Gross Margin Ratio)

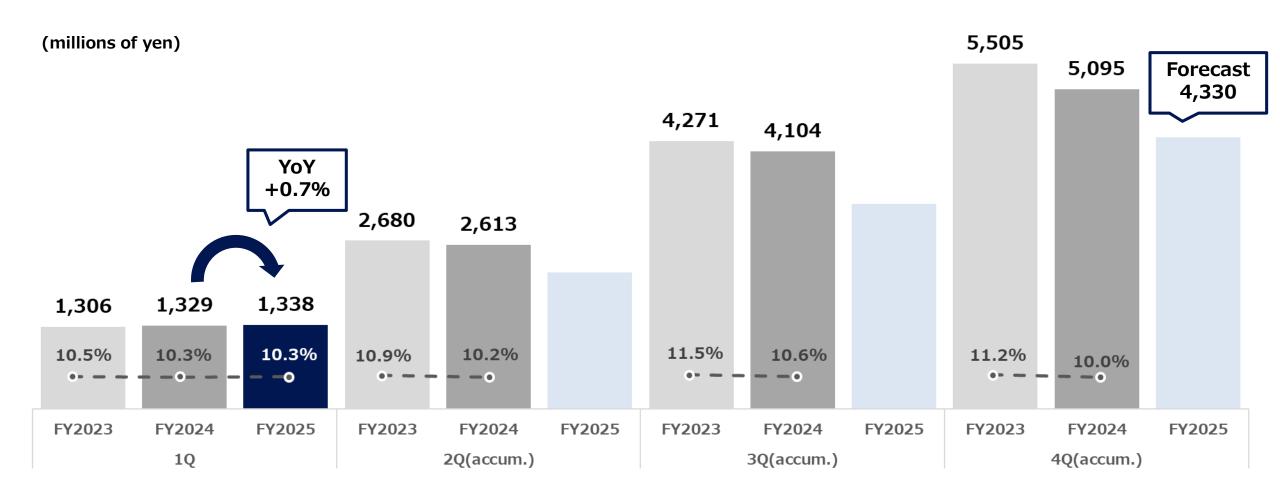




- ✓ Gross margin increased by 32 million yen YoY to 3,033 million yen (+1.1%).
- ✓ Gross margin ratio increased by 0.1 point YoY to 23.4%.

#### **Consolidated Financial Statements (Ordinary Income / Ordinary Income Ratio)**

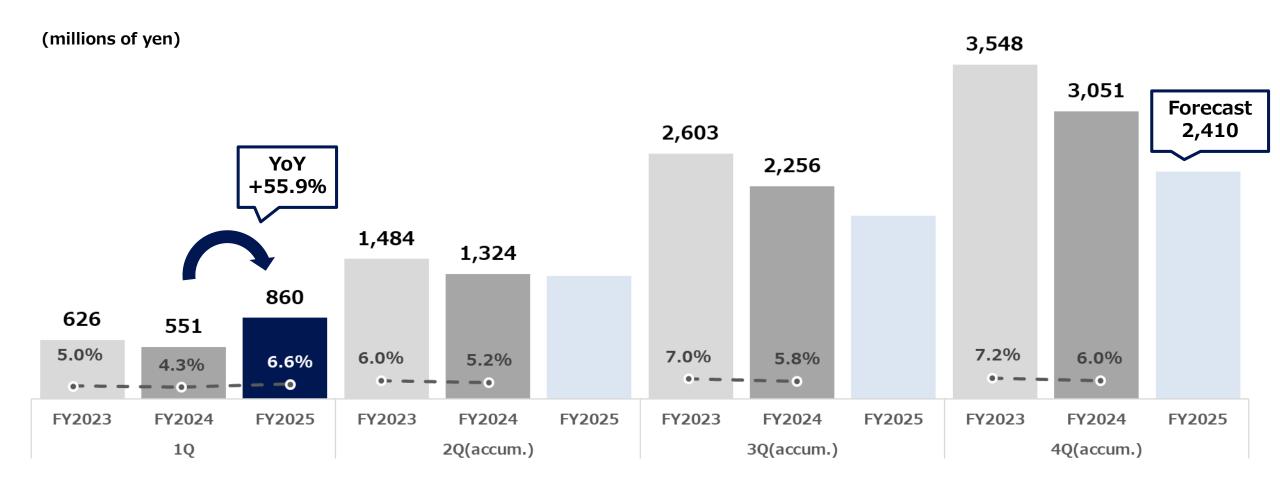




- ✓ Ordinary income increased 9 million yen YoY to 1,338 million yen (+0.7%).
- ✓ Ordinary income ratio remained unchanged YoY at 10.3%.

#### **Consolidated Financial Statements (Net Income / Net Income Ratio)**





- ✓ Net income increased by 308 million yen YoY to 860 million yen (+55.9%).
- ✓ Net income ratio increased by 2.4 point YoY to 6.6%.

### Situation and Actions Taken (FY2025 1Q)



#### **Human resources**

- In April 2025, we raised compensation for temporary staff.
- By strengthening our sales structure and offering a wider range of job positions aligned with job seekers' needs, we aimed to enhance our attractiveness to new candidates and improve the employment retention rate of our existing temporary staff.
- In the area of permanent-type temporary staff, we worked to strengthen our recruitment capabilities by localized recruitment of new graduates.
- In May 2025, we released "DOCO1," a temporary staffing service platform that allows for centralized management of multiple staffing companies, and several customers have already decided to implement it (See pages 16-17).

#### **CRO**

- We conducted sales activities to offset the impact of the reduced outsourcing scope and workload at some client accounts.
- We also made efforts to improve the quality of our contracted services.
- Medfiles in Finland has completed the sale of unprofitable divisions and has put in place a system that enables it to concentrate management resources on high-profit businesses.

#### FY2025 Forecast



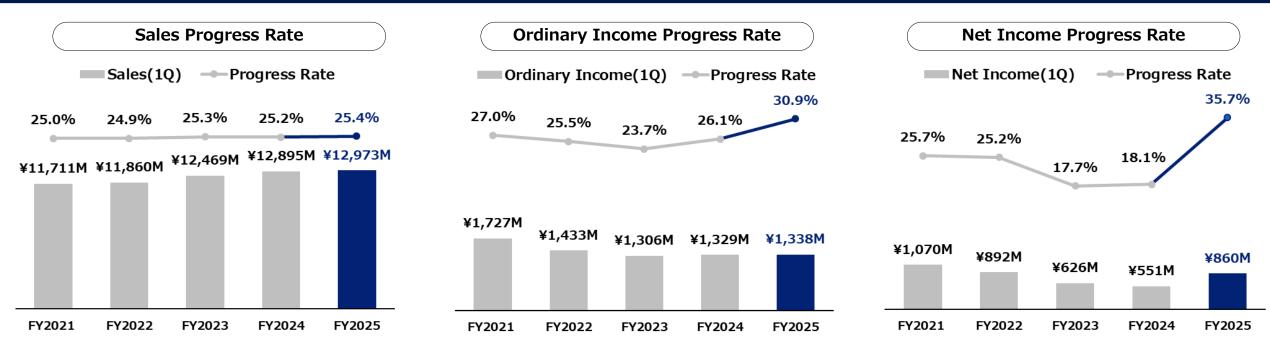
(millions of yen)

|                  |        | FY2023      |                | FY2024 |             |             | FY2025 (Forecast) |             |                |
|------------------|--------|-------------|----------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|
|                  | Amount | Sales ratio | Growth<br>rate | Amount | Sales ratio | Growth rate | Amount            | Sales ratio | Growth<br>rate |
| Net Sales        | 49,297 | 100.0%      | 3.6%           | 51,136 | 100.0%      | 3.7%        | 51,140            | 100.0%      | 0.0%           |
| Gross Margin     | 11,889 | 24.1%       | -0.4%          | 11,742 | 23.0%       | -1.2%       | 11,810            | 23.1%       | 0.6%           |
| SG(&)A           | 6,420  | 13.0%       | -0.1%          | 6,673  | 13.1%       | 3.9%        | 7,580             | 14.8%       | 13.6%          |
| Operating Income | 5,468  | 11.1%       | -0.7%          | 5,068  | 9.9%        | -7.3%       | 4,230             | 8.3%        | -16.5%         |
| Ordinary Income  | 5,505  | 11.2%       | -1.9%          | 5,095  | 10.0%       | -7.5%       | 4,330             | 8.5%        | -15.0%         |
| Net Income       | 3,548  | 7.2%        | 0.2%           | 3,051  | 6.0%        | -14.0%      | 2,410             | 4.7%        | -21.0%         |

• There is no change in the full-year forecast announced in May 2025.

#### **Progress Rate Against the Full-Year Forecast for FY2025**





- Sales progress rate is in line with previous years.
- Ordinary income is progressing at a higher rate than in previous years.
   This is due to costs associated with future investments occurring in the 3rd and 4th quarters.
- Net income is progressing at a higher rate than in previous years.
   This is due to a decrease in corporate tax and other taxes compared to the previous fiscal year. This decline is mainly attributable to lower taxes on retained earnings, and the impact is reflected in the full-year forecast.

#### **Medium-to-Long Term Management Policy**



We are currently operating our business based on our "Medium-to-Long Term Management Policy 2025."

Please refer to the following link for more details.

https://www.wdbhd.co.jp/assets/pdf/eng/ir/about/management-policy250514.pdf

### **Dividend Status and Future Policy**

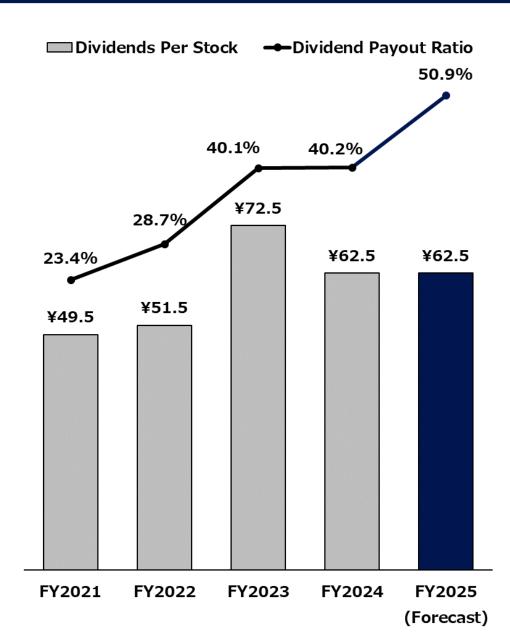


Our goal is to increase profits by increasing our corporate value and achieve continuous increases in dividends.

Rather than pursuing short-term profits or temporary shareholder returns, we aim to maximize long-term shareholder returns by developing the company with an eye to the future.

To achieve this, we will make business investments and maintain a dividend payout ratio of 40%, allowing us to continue to pay stable dividends even in unforeseen circumstances.

As for share repurchases, our basic policy is not to conduct them, primarily due to the liquidity ratio standards set by the Tokyo Stock Exchange.



### **Appendix: Business Performance (Consolidated)**

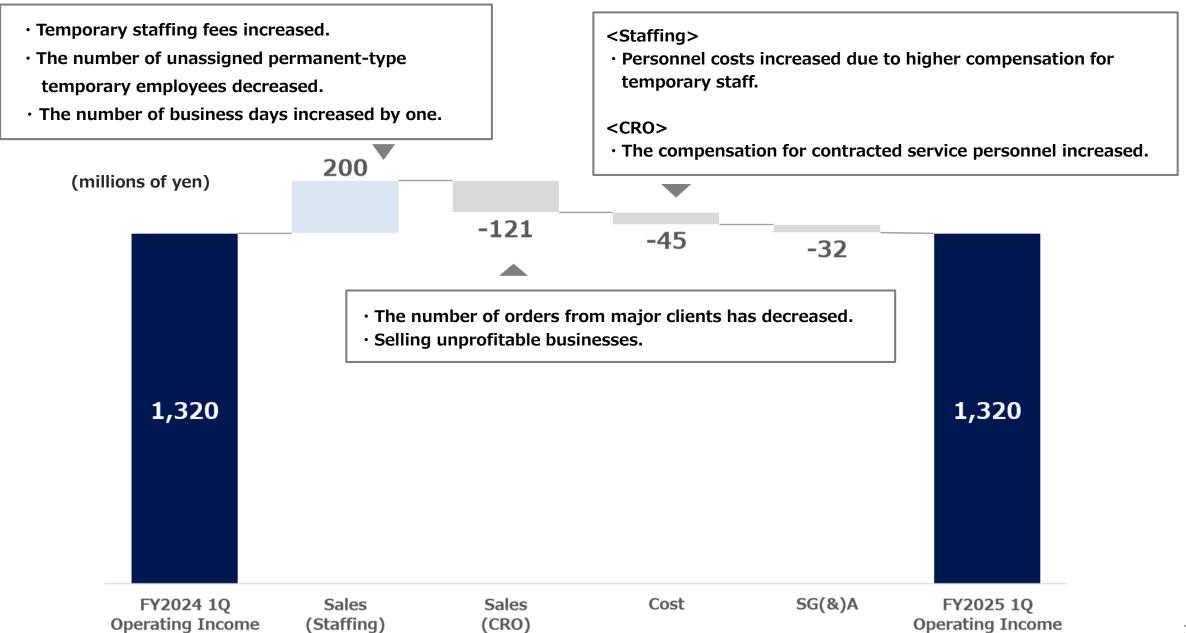


(millons of yen)

| 1Q(accum.)       | FY2023 |             | FY2    | 2024        | FY2025 |             |                |
|------------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|----------------|
|                  | Amount | Sales ratio | Amount | Sales ratio | Amount | Sales ratio | Increase ratio |
| Sales            | 12,469 | 100.0%      | 12,895 | 100.0%      | 12,973 | 100.0%      | 0.6%           |
| Cost             | 9,513  | 76.3%       | 9,894  | 76.7%       | 9,940  | 76.6%       | 0.5%           |
| Gross Margin     | 2,955  | 23.7%       | 3,000  | 23.3%       | 3,033  | 23.4%       | 1.1%           |
| SG(&)A           | 1,667  | 13.4%       | 1,680  | 13.0%       | 1,712  | 13.2%       | 1.9%           |
| Operating Income | 1,288  | 10.3%       | 1,320  | 10.2%       | 1,320  | 10.2%       | 0.0%           |
| Ordinary Income  | 1,306  | 10.5%       | 1,329  | 10.3%       | 1,338  | 10.3%       | 0.7%           |
| Net Income       | 626    | 5.0%        | 551    | 4.3%        | 860    | 6.6%        | 55.9%          |

#### **Appendix: Analysis of Operating Income Changes (Year-on-Year Comparison)**





### **Appendix: Business Performance (Consolidated, Quarterly)**



| Unit: Million yen            |          | FY2025  |          |          |         |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| () indicates YoY comparison. | 1Q       | 2Q      | 3Q       | 4Q       | 1Q      |
| Sales                        | 12,895   | 12,738  | 13,204   | 12,297   | 12,973  |
| Sales                        | (3.4%)   | (4.5%)  | (4.5%)   | (2.4%)   | (0.6%)  |
| Cost                         | 9,894    | 9,837   | 10,016   | 9,645    | 9,940   |
| Cost                         | (4.0%)   | (6.8%)  | (5.3%)   | (5.1%)   | (0.5%)  |
| Guana Maunin                 | 3,000    | 2,901   | 3,188    | 2,652    | 3,033   |
| Gross Margin                 | (1.5%)   | (-2.5%) | (2.2%)   | (-6.5%)  | (1.1%)  |
| SG(&)A                       | 1,680    | 1,618   | 1,710    | 1,665    | 1,712   |
| 30( <i>x</i> )A              | (0.8%)   | (0.8%)  | (11.6%)  | (3.1%)   | (1.9%)  |
| Operating                    | 1,320    | 1,282   | 1,478    | 986      | 1,320   |
| Income                       | (2.5%)   | (-6.3%) | (-6.9%)  | (-19.2%) | (0.0%)  |
| Ordinary                     | 1,329    | 1,284   | 1,490    | 990      | 1,338   |
| Income                       | (1.8%)   | (-6.6%) | (-6.3%)  | (-19.7%) | (0.7%)  |
| Net Income                   | 551      | 772     | 932      | 794      | 860     |
| INCC THEOTHE                 | (-11.9%) | (-9.9%) | (-16.8%) | (-15.9%) | (55.9%) |

## **Appendix: Business Performance (By Segment)**



(millons of yen)

| 1Q(accum.) |                | FY2023 |             | FY2024 |             | FY2025 |             |                |
|------------|----------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|----------------|
|            |                | Amount | Sales ratio | Amount | Sales ratio | Amount | Sales ratio | Increase ratio |
| Human      | Sales          | 10,779 | _           | 10,905 | _           | 11,105 | -           | 1.8%           |
| resources  | Segment profit | 1,129  | 10.5%       | 1,029  | 9.4%        | 1,184  | 10.7%       | 15.1%          |
| CRO        | Sales          | 1,690  | -           | 1,989  | -           | 1,868  | -           | -6.1%          |
| CRO        | Segment profit | 287    | 17.0%       | 417    | 21.0%       | 262    | 14.0%       | -37.2%         |

### **Appendix: Business Performance (By Segment, Quarterly)**



| Unit: Million yen |                          |             | FY2025   |          |          |          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                   | dicates YoY<br>nparison. | 1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q |          |          |          | 1Q       |
| Calac             | Sales                    | 10,905      | 10,683   | 11,177   | 10,219   | 11,105   |
| Human             | Saics                    | (1.2%)      | (2.2%)   | (3.4%)   | (1.4%)   | (1.8%)   |
| resources         | Segment<br>profit        | 1,029       | 990      | 1,187    | 834      | 1,184    |
|                   |                          | (-8.9%)     | (-15.1%) | (-3.8%)  | (-11.0%) | (15.1%)  |
| CRO               | Sales                    | 1,989       | 2,055    | 2,027    | 2,078    | 1,868    |
|                   |                          | (17.7%)     | (18.4%)  | (11.2%)  | (7.6%)   | (-6.1%)  |
|                   | Segment                  | 417         | 399      | 414      | 280      | 262      |
|                   | profit                   | (45.0%)     | (25.0%)  | (-13.2%) | (-34.8%) | (-37.2%) |

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