**VECTOR INC.** 

Financial Results – 3Q FY '22



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# **Quarterly Results**



**Net Sales** 

34,290 million JPY (124.6% YoY)

Gross Profit

21,800 million JPY

EBITDA\*

4,480 million JPY (178.2% YoY)

Operating Profit 3,850 million JPY (191.0% YoY)

Ordinary income

4,080 million JPY (186.3% YoY)

Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent 1,610 million JPY

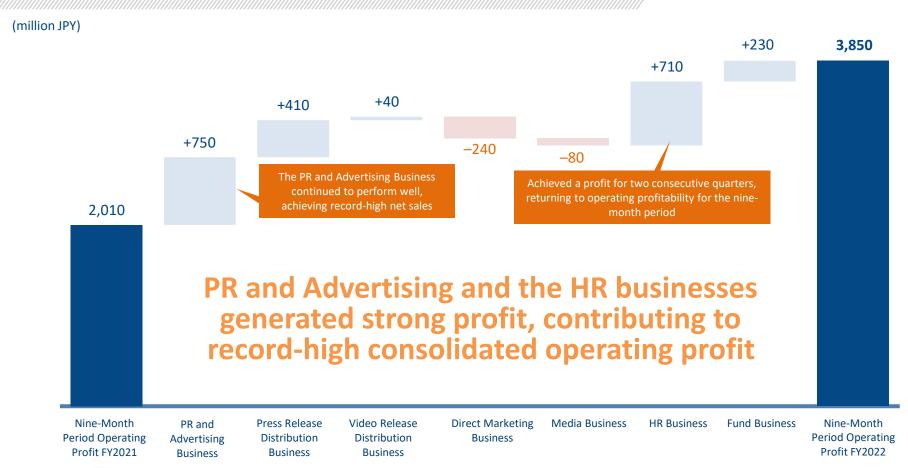
(2,146.8% YoY)

(119.1% YoY)

\*EBITDA = Operating profit + Depreciation + Amortization of goodwill



## Operating Profit (By Segment)





## Nine-Month Period / Highlights

	Net Sales	Operating Profit (Loss)	Business Overview for the Nine-Month Period
Consolidated Performance	34,290 million JPY (124.6% YoY)	3,850 million JPY (191.0% YoY)	<ul> <li>Achieved record highs for both net sales and operating profit</li> <li>PR and Advertising in Japan drove high performance</li> <li>Number of user companies for Press Releases increased</li> <li>HR achieved consecutive quarterly profit, returning to operating profitability for the nine-month period</li> </ul>
PR and Advertising	18,720 million JPY (147.5% YoY)	1,470 million JPY (203.5% YoY)	<ul> <li>PR in Japan and Taxi Signage continued to perform well achieving record-high quarterly net sales</li> <li>Losses increased for the PR overseas due to COVID-19</li> <li>Launched the new business "JOBTV for New Graduates"</li> </ul>
Press Releases (PR TIMES)	3,600 million JPY (130.3% YoY)	1,520 million JPY (137.7% YoY)	<ul> <li>Achieved record highs for both net sales and operating profit</li> <li>Number of user companies surpassed 62,000</li> <li>Expanded regional development through partnerships with regional banks</li> <li>Continued to actively invest in new businesses</li> </ul>
Video Releases (NewsTV)	1,040 million JPY (99.2% YoY)	(40) million JPY (Up 40 million JPY YoY)	<ul> <li>An operating loss was recorded as business activities were significantly restricted due to the declaration of the state of emergency</li> <li>Will aim for full-year profit through increasing orders received by strengthening consulting-type sales</li> </ul>



## Nine-Month Period / Highlights

	Net Sales	Operating Profit (Loss)	Business Overview for the Nine-Month Period
Direct Marketing	8,700 million JPY (99.4% YoY)	430 million JPY (63.4% YoY)	<ul> <li>New customer acquisition increased in 3Q by accelerating investment in advertising again</li> <li>Vitabrid C brand performed well</li> <li>Commenced the sale of body and fitness supplements</li> </ul>
<b>Media</b> (Smart Media)	660 million JPY (108.1% YoY)	(30) million JPY (Down 80 million JPY YoY)	<ul> <li>Owned media sales were favorable</li> <li>Made advance investments to expand CMS functionality</li> <li>Released a smart phone app version of the internal newsletter development tool "The Shanaiho"</li> </ul>
HR (ashita-team)	1,860 million JPY (89.4% YoY)	90 million JPY (Up 710 million JPY YoY)	<ul> <li>Net sales decreased in conjunction with the end of cloud system lifetime license sales</li> <li>SaaS-based product sales going strong</li> <li>Achieved consecutive quarterly profit, returning to operating profitability for the nine-month period</li> </ul>
Fund	430 million JPY (138.9% YoY)	390 million JPY (245.6% YoY)	<ul> <li>Secured operating profit due to the partial sale of shares held, which exceeded loss on valuation of securities</li> </ul>



## **Progress Toward Full-Year Financial Forecasts**

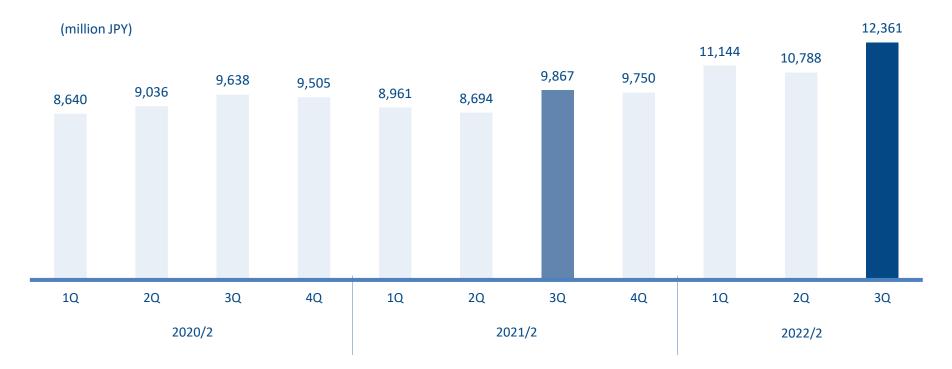
Full-Year Financial Forecast for FY '22 (million JPY)	FY '22 (Revised Forecast) (October 15, 2021)	FY '22 3Q-end	Progress
Net Sales	45,500	34,294	75.4%
Operating profit	4,800	3,850	80.2%
Ordinary income 5,000		4,085	81.7%
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	2,000	1,614	80.7%

The economy as a whole in 4Q is anticipated to remain uncertain due to concerns regarding the spread of the new COVID-19 variant. However, as progress has continued smoothly for all items as of the end of 3Q, we expect to achieve the revised full-year financial forecast, which was announced on October 15, 2021.



## **Consolidated Net Sales**

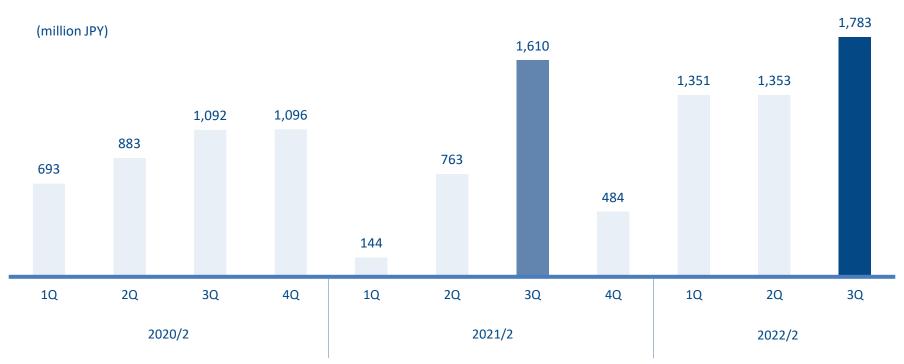
Consolidated net sales for 3Q FY2022 came in at 12,361 million JPY (125.3% YoY), breaking the previous record set in Q1.





## EBITDA\*

EBITDA for 3Q FY2022 saw a record high of 1,783 million JPY (110.7% YoY) owing to an increase in consolidated operating profit.

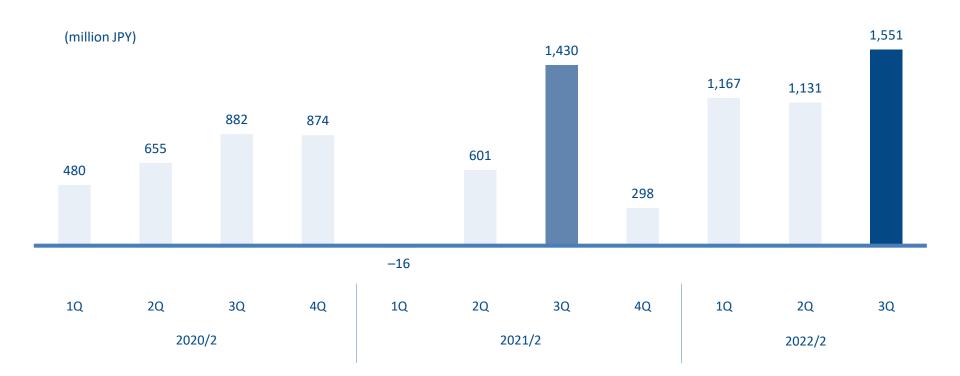


<sup>\*</sup>EBITDA = Operating profit + Depreciation + Amortization of goodwill



## **Consolidated Operating Profit**

Consolidated operating profit for 3Q FY2022 amounted to 1,551 million JPY (108.4% YoY), surpassing the previous record set in 3Q FY2021.





## Operating Profit (By Segment)





## PR and Advertising Business

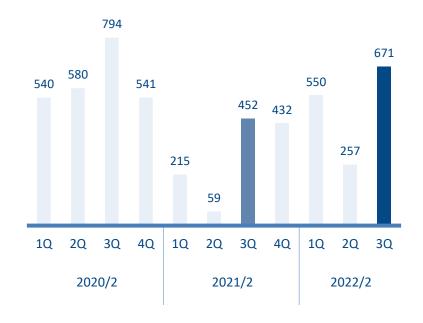
In 3Q FY2022, record-high quarterly net sales were posted, with operating profit recovering to the 600 million JPY range.

We aim to achieve further growth in 4Q FY2022 by supporting the communication strategies of companies to help them spread the word.





#### Operating Profit: 671 million JPY (148.4% YoY)



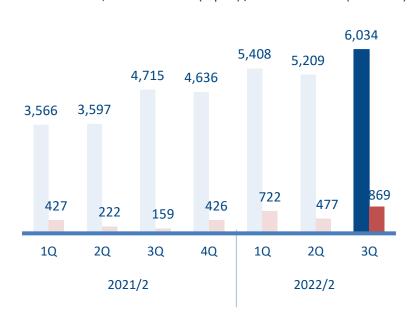


## PR and Advertising Business (By Region)

In 3Q, business in Japan such as for PR strongly drove performance, compensating for the slump in the business overseas. In 4Q, we expect to recover a certain degree of loss in the overseas business caused by COVID-19 thanks to the strong performance of the business in Japan.

Net Sales: 6,034 million JPY (Japan) / 869 million JPY (overseas)



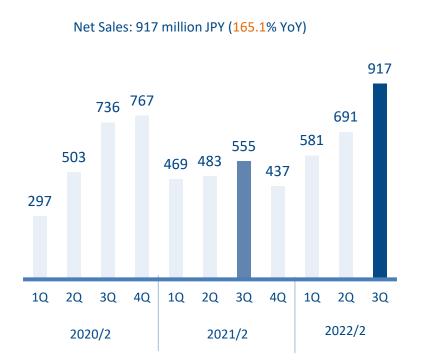




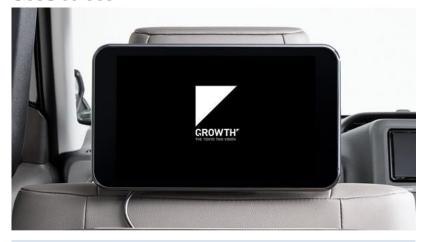


## Advertising Business (Taxi Signage)

In 3Q FY2022, demand for ad placement was strong and the number of vehicles with signage increased, leading to <u>record-high net sales</u>. In 4Q FY2022, we will work to increase sales of the vehicle window mobility signage service while further expanding net sales.



## **GROWTH'**



Digital signage has been installed for rear seat passengers in approx. 12,500 vehicles.

Over 45% of taxi users in Tokyo have been covered, with video advertisements and media content reaching roughly 7.5 million people.



## Vehicle Window Mobility Signage Service "Canvas"

Japan's first vehicle window mobility signage service "Canvas" was launched in June 2021.

With a high advertising impact utilizing vehicle window signage, we will support a broad range of marketing activities.



Canvas will utilize vacant taxis running in Tokyo, showing advertisements on the back windows and is the first vehicle window mobility signage service in Japan.



Conceptual image

Number of vehicles

100

More to be added gradually

Broadcast time

24/7

Anticipated reach

12 million people

Operating area

23 wards of Tokyo



## Smoking Area Signage Media Service "BREAK"

BREAK, a smoking area signage media service, was launched in September 2021 in collaboration with office buildings in Tokyo. Targeting business people, it delivers video advertisements and media content suited for break times in smoking areas.



Using media signage, BREAK targets business people and delivers video advertisements and media content suited to break times in smoking areas.

Area covered

23 wards of Tokyo

Media also distributed to some other areas

No. of people reached

540,000 55 inch

Monthly total

**Audio** 

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Office buildings

**50** 

Number of units planned to be installed by the end of September

Monitor size

The smallest size is 32 inch

Measurement method

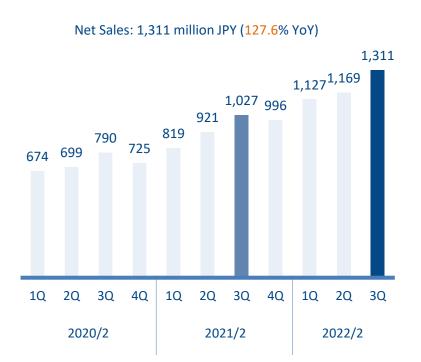
A Camera



## Press Release Distribution Business (PR TIMES)

In 3Q FY2022, the number of user companies surpassed 62,000, resulting in <u>record highs both in net sales and operating profit</u>.

In 4Q FY2022, we will continue to develop new functions for PR TIMES, while working to further increase the number of user companies.









## Trend in Number of User Companies

Japan's No. 1 press release distribution platform PR TIMES More than 62,000 user companies, used by 49% of listed companies



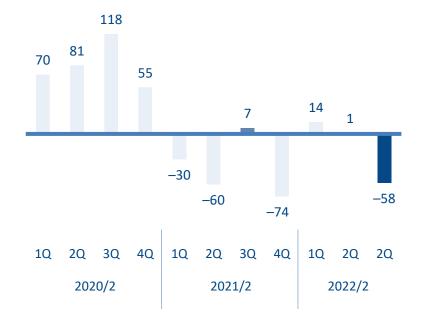


## Video Release Distribution Business (News TV)

In 3Q FY2022, an operating loss was recorded as business activities were significantly restricted due to the declaration of a state of emergency. In 4Q FY2022, we aim to achieve profitability for the full-year through expansion of orders received by training sales personnel and strengthening services.





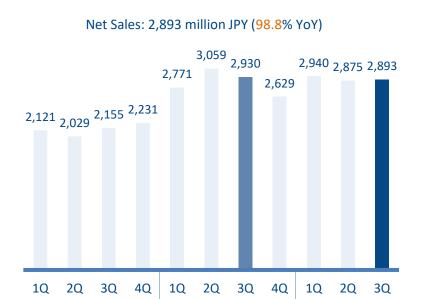




## **Direct Marketing Business**

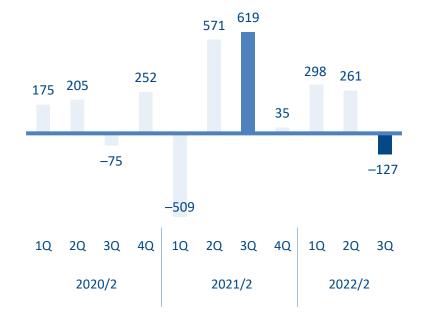
In 3Q 2022, an operating loss was recorded due to accelerating investment in advertising again to acquire new customers. In 4Q 2022, we will secure an operating profit by investing in advertising, expecting higher growth than in FY2021.

2022/2



2021/2

Operating Loss: 127 million JPY (Down 747 million JPY YoY)





2020/2

## Vitabrid Japan

We launched the Vitabrid C series using worldwide patented technology, and it is continuing to grow steadily. It is an accumulated earnings model provided via a subscription model, and the total number of products

provided has surpassed 8.5 million.





The only powder in the world that releases Vitamin C over 12 hours. We will develop skin-beautifying cosmetics, hair growth accelerators, and foods with functional claims.

1.860 million

JPY Feb. 2020 6,510 million

Net sales

9,890 million

**JPY** 

Feb. 2021

2,850 million JPY Feb. 2018



## Media Business (Smart Media)

In 3Q FY2022, while sales for owned media were favorable, advance investments in CMS led to an operating loss. In 4Q FY2022, we expect to achieve a profit for the full-year by building up subscription earnings in the Owned Media Business.



Operating Loss: 11 million JPY (Down 31 million JPY YoY)

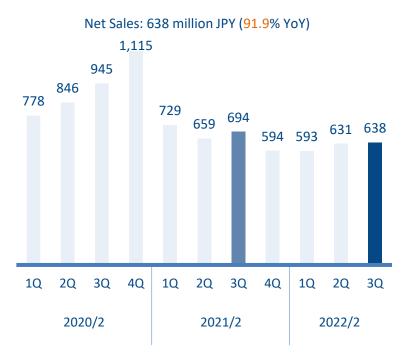


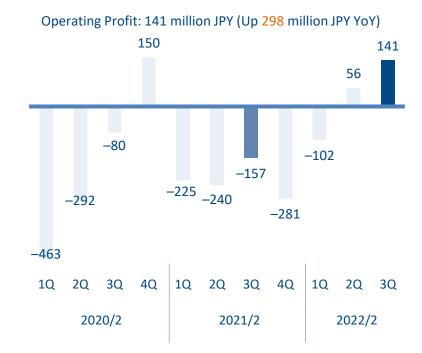


## Human Resources Business (ASHITA-TEAM)

In 3Q FY2022, an operating profit of 141 million JPY was secured, with results further manifesting from efforts in developing and optimizing the business structure.

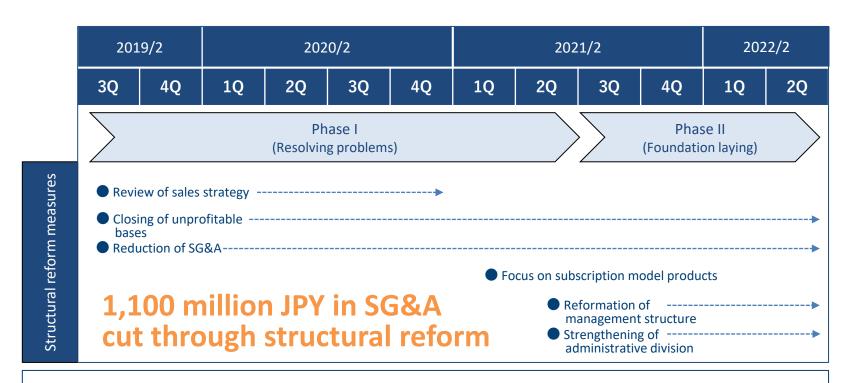
In 4Q FY2022, we will run promotions to strengthen sales of SaaS-based products, expecting to achieve targets for the full-year.







#### Past Structural Reform Efforts



Due to structural reform efforts that we have carried out since FY2019, in FY2022 we expect to cut 1,100 million JPY in SG&A compared to FY2021, and achieving a <u>full-year profit is now within range</u>.



#### **Human Resources Business Outlook**

Through strengthening sales of SaaS-based products and increasing retention by improving customer satisfaction, we have expanded the subscription ratio and created a stable earnings foundation. Operating profit in FY2024 is projected to climb to 450 million JPY on the back of stable profits achieved by building up subscription earnings.



Build up subscription earnings by strengthening sales of SaaS-based products





#### **Fund Business**

In 3Q FY2022, an operating profit was secured due to the partial sale of shares held, exceeding loss on valuation of securities. In 4Q FY2022, we intend to sell shares held in accordance with market trends and record write-downs based on the situations of our investees.

Net Sales: 327 million JPY (Up 306 million JPY YoY) Operating Profit: 312 million JPY (Up 298 million JPY YoY)







## Consolidated Profit and Loss

(million JPY)	FY '21 Q3	FY '22 Q3	Difference	YoY
Net sales	27,522	34,294	+6,771	124.6%
Gross profit	18,304	21,805	+3,500	119.1%
EBITDA	2,519	4,488	+1,969	178.2%
Operating profit	2,016	3,850	+1,834	191.0%
Ordinary income	2,193	4,085	+1,892	186.3%
Profit before income taxes	2,184	4,067	+1,882	186.2%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	75	1,614	+1,539	2146.8%



## **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

(million JPY)	FY '21 Year End	FY '22 3Q End	Difference	YoY Change
Total assets	30,057	31,809	+1,752	105.8%
Cash and deposits	10,860	11,927	+1,067	109.8%
Goodwill	595	447	-147	75.2%
Operational investment securities + investment securities	8,057	6,962	-1,095	86.4%
Other	10,544	12,472	+1,928	118.3%
Total liabilities	15,202	15,558	+355	102.3%
Borrowings + bonds	6,457	6,497	+39	100.6%
Other	8,744	9,060	+315	103.6%
Net assets	14,854	16,251	+1,397	109.4%



# Medium-term Profit Plan



#### Medium-term Profit Plan

Medium-term Profit Plan (million JPY)	FY '20 (Results)	FY '21 (Results)	FY '22 (Revised Forecast)	FY '23 (Target)
EBITDA*	3,766 3,003		5,520	6,660
Operating profit	2,891	2,314	4,800	6,000

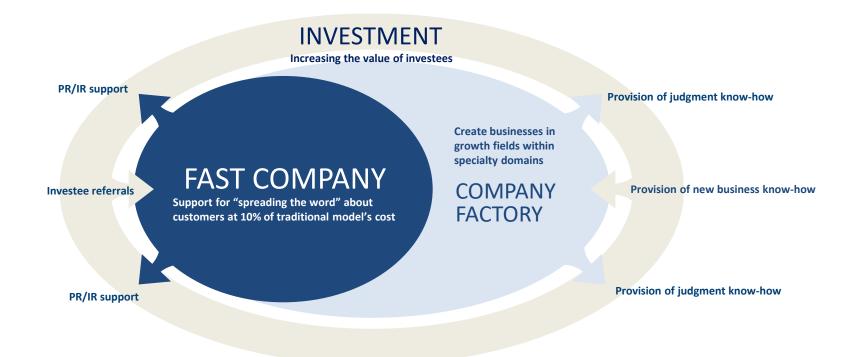
- For FY2022, we expect EBITDA of 5,520 million JPY and operating profit of 4,800 million JPY.
- For FY2023, we expect EBITDA of 6,660 million JPY and operating profit of 6,000 million JPY.
- VECTOR's dividend policy is to ensure a consolidated payout ratio for shareholders aimed at 20%.
- We plan to pay a dividend of <u>8 JPY per share</u> in FY2022.

<sup>\*</sup>EBITDA = Operating profit + Depreciation + Amortization of goodwill



## **VECTOR Group Business Concept**

Aim for continuous growth of Group profits in the three business domains of <u>FAST COMPANY</u>, which seeks to expand the services of existing businesses, <u>COMPANY FACTORY</u>, which seeks to create new businesses, and <u>INVESTMENT</u>, which seeks to grow our investment business.





## **Businesses Comprising VECTOR Group**

#### **FAST COMPANY**

#### PR/Press Releases/Video/Media



FAST COMPANY provides one-stop, comprehensive support for marketing strategies designed to deliver the excellent products, services and solutions of our customers to the world.











**Smart** media





#### **COMPANY FACTORY**

#### D2C



We handle everything in-house, from product planning and production to advertising, marketing, and purchasing in a D2C business having direct contact with customers.





#### HR



Our HR business primarily provides consulting and personnel evaluation cloud solutions to support the introduction and operation of personnel evaluation systems.

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#### **New Business**



We grow service domains taking advantage of the business knowhow we have cultivated and start new businesses that leverage Group synergies and partner strengths.









CYBER SECURITY BANK

#### **INVESTMENT**

#### Investment



In our venture company investing activities, we provide investees with support for increasing value along with PR and IR.







## Medium- to Long-term Profit Scenario

Aim to continuously grow Group profits in 3 business domains

- (1) Expansion of FAST COMPANY domain
- (2) Creation of COMPANY FACTORY domain
- (3) Growth of INVESTMENT domain

Profit from investment business (INVESTMENT)

Profit from new business (COMPANY FACTORY)

Profit from existing business (FAST COMPANY)

FY '21 FY '22 FY '23



# **Company Strategy**



## PRWeek Top Consultancies 2020: Asia-Pacific

Rank	Company	2019 revenue	2018 revenue	% change
		(US\$)	(US\$)	
1	Vector	212,000,000	180,500,000	17%
2	Ogilvy*	163,500,000	150,000,000	9%
3	Weber Shandwick*	132,011,250	125,725,000	5%
4	MSL*	128,100,000	122,000,000	5%
5	BCW*	108,416,000	96,800,000	12%
6	MC Group	107,490,000	70,870,479	52%
7	Edelman	105,626,000	104,230,000	1%
8	Fleishman Hillard*	62,400,000	60,000,000	4%
9	Brunswick	40,100,000	32,100,000	25%
10	Ruder Finn	38,991,500	37,626,000	4%
11	Havas PR	28,900,000	25,000,000	16%
12	WE	27 600 000	24 900 000	110%

Communications

\*Source: PRWeek Top Consultancies 2020: Asia-Pacific

# Ranked #1 for Asia in *PRWeek*

## From #1 PR Firm in Asia...

# ...to #1 PR Firm Worldwide

# Further expand domains

PR market in Japan worth 100 billion JPY

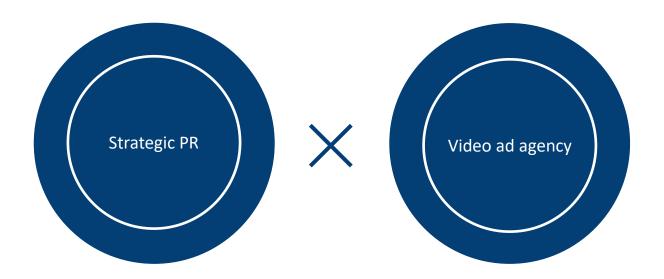


# Advertising industry disrupter

## "Low Cost" "Middle Quality" "Speedy"

Revolutionize the advertising industry like fast fashion did in the apparel industry

Accelerate growth by combining our subscription model-focused PR strategy with our function as a video ad agency.





### "Spreading the word" at about 10% of traditional model's cost



JPY 0 JPY 50 Million/Year



### Expand service domain via "FAST COMPANY"



DX



Produce highly effective video news as a video ad agency based on a PR standpoint and deliver it directly to the target audience.

Utilize the digital data accumulated within the VECTOR Group to build PR BANK, a cloud-based service for the measurement and analysis of PR effectiveness

Ad industry e-commerce site that sells various services of existing businesses (taxi advertising, social media strategies, etc.)





## PR and video ad agency

Combine the functions of a video ad agency with conventional strategic PR to cross-sell highly effective video news, thereby improving sales per customer.



#### Past vs Future Information Dissemination

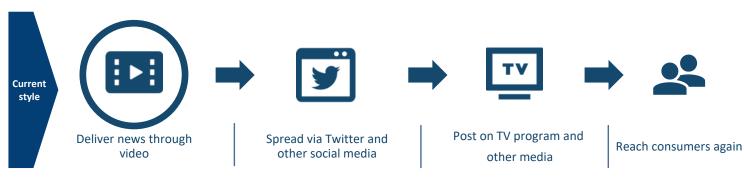
#### Information dissemination based on press release

B to B to C



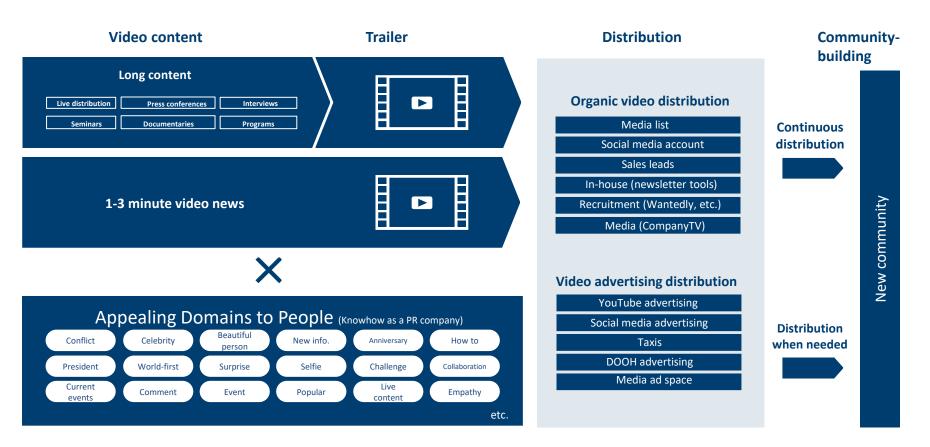
#### Information dissemination based on video news

B to C to B to C





#### Video News Flow





#### Video News Success Case

Owing to the distribution of "video news," BLUE STAR BURGER created a stir even before it opened. The video was covered by various media, including 15 TV programs. This reflects an age of distributing video content from a PR standpoint.



Key message: Tomoyoshi Nishiyama's biggest challenge of his life as a restaurateur



An effective appeal to the target audience with a 2-minute video news production



### Image of Video Owned Media

#### Deliver video news en masse to stakeholders with video owned media as hub









## DX in the PR industry

Utilize the digital data accumulated within the VECTOR Group to build PR BANK, a cloud-based service for the measurement and analysis of PR effectiveness



To support data-driven PR activity for our clients, we have scheduled the launch of PR BANK, a cloud-based solution that can provide measurement and analysis of PR effectiveness







## Ad industry e-commerce sites

Increase efficiency in sales processes by creating a platform enabling online ordering of VECTOR Group's PR menu



#### Launched ad industry e-commerce site Hiromeru on May 10, 2021







The efficiency of the sales process will be boosted by securing orders online for PR news.





Providing an extensive, one-stop Hiromeru menu utilizing VECTOR Group services





#### Capturing latent demand by selecting suitable methods for expansion based on extensive case studies

#### タレントを起用したブランディングの事例

ヒロメルTOP > タレントを起用したブランディング



感を生んだキャンペーン

ASK



片岡愛之助さんを起用したCMで、W EB流入数1.3倍に

[一式] ¥60,000,000~



大手企業からのリード獲得が8倍に! 安達祐実さんを起用した産業医クラ ウドのタレントコミュニケーション

[一式] ¥50,000,000~

#### コーポレートブランディングの事例

ヒロメルTOP > コーポレートプランディング



RPAをブームに!新市場の啓蒙とカテ ゴリーリーダーのポジションを確立し た上場PR

ASK



地域行政との連携強化の礎となった ユニリーバのサステナビリティ活動の

家庭用品・日用品・インテリア

ASK



業のコーポレートサイト刷新事例

[一式] ¥1,500,000~



CI刷新×タレント起用で問合わせ3倍 に!タクシー広告で数多ある競合と差 別化に成功

IT・テクノロジー

[一式] ¥60,000,000~



格安携帯業界でNo.1の加盟店舗数 を実現!フランチャイズ獲得にも寄与 するタレント活用事例

[一式] ¥60,000,000~



中村蒼さんを起用して資料請求が増 加したデザイン住宅事務所のプロモ ーション

不動産・建築

[一式] ¥75,000,000~



グに寄与した期間限定の体験型施設

自動車関連



へ。街選びの価値を変えたアワード起

金融·保険·M&A

ASK

[一式] ¥13,000,000~



大学·教育機関

[一式] ¥20,000,000~



## **Introducing JOBTV**



JOBTV is a recruitment matching platform where users can view unlimited company information videos. Launched on November 18, 2021, it enables generation Z to use video resumes for their job hunting.





https://jobtv.jp/ (in Japanese only)

JOBTV is a service that solves issues of both job-seeking students and companies. Speedy matching is achieved by leveraging video in the initial recruitment processes.



- Netflix-like search option makes browsing job post videos a breeze!
- 2. Show off your best to employers easier with a self-introduction video!
- Learn more about companies in introduction videos without needing to go to information sessions!

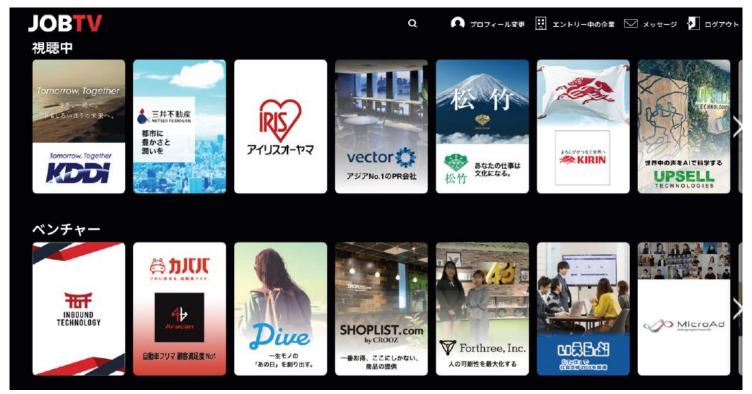




- 1. Highlight why candidates should join your company with a video introducing your firm and the positions you are hiring for!
- Quick and easy applicant screening through video!
- Reach out to job-seekers directly with scout mails!



Company information videos for over 350 participating companies can be easily searched via the Netflix-like UI design.





### Image of a Company Information Video

Use video to easily explain to job-seekers how your firm is unique, which is difficult to communicate through text alone.





#### Image of the Screen for Companies

Reduce mismatching at interviews by getting a proper impression of applicants through videos, which is difficult to gain otherwise.





JOBTV solves the issues of both job-seeking students and companies.















#### User Companies (Example/In Random Order)













































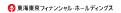












































































































## **Investment Performance**



Supporting corporate growth through investment and PR/IR (total of 25 IPOs)
Last One Mile was newly listed in the TSE Mothers Index, making it five IPOs in FY2022 to date.

Date of listing	Company name		Market
November 24, 2021	LASTONEMILE	Last One Mile Co.,Ltd.	TSE Mothers
September 28, 2021	LIVERO NEWLIFE AGENC	Livero	TSE Mothers
September 28, 2021	ROBOT PAYMENT	ROBOT PAYMENT	TSE Mothers
July 6, 2021	❷ BCC株式会社	BCC Co.,Ltd.	TSE Mothers
June 29, 2021	Waqoo	Waqoo	TSE Mothers



#### Solid Track Record of Investment in Growth Fields

**PHONE APPLI** 

SWITCH\*SMILE





**IoT and Security Systems** 

QR Translator

infoNet.

**GMO** タウンWiFi

COCON

uhuru

Laghar

**hachidori** 

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