



ORIX Invests in Marine Vessel Trading Business of Sojitz Corporation

TOKYO, Japan – March 19, 2025 – ORIX Corporation (“ORIX”) announced that it has signed an agreement with Sojitz Corporation (“Sojitz”) for the transfer of shares of Sojitz Senpaku Corporation (“Sojitz Senpaku”), which was established through a corporate split^{*1} of Sojitz’s marine vessel trading business.

ORIX will invest in Sojitz Senpaku along with Sojitz and SHOEI KISEN KAISHA, LTD. ORIX will acquire 70% of Sojitz Senpaku’s shares, and jointly manage its business with the existing shareholder Sojitz. At the same time, Sojitz Senpaku is scheduled to change^{*2} its name to Somec Corporation.

Sojitz Group has been in the ship business for more than 70 years and currently engages in a wide range of marine vessel trading businesses, including brokerage of ship chartering and brokerage of purchase and sale of new and secondhand vessels. Its strengths are its international business networks in five locations—Tokyo, Imabari, London, Athens, and Shanghai—and human resources with high levels of expertise.

Through this investment, ORIX aims to make a full-scale entry into ship brokerage, and at the same time, create new business opportunities including securing investment projects under the themes of decarbonization and digital transformation in the maritime industry by using Sojitz Senpaku’s broad customer base. Sojitz Senpaku will use ORIX Group’s domestic and overseas sales and marketing network, business expertise, and solid financial foundation as well as further collaboration with maritime shipping-related companies—including ship builders and ship owners—to grow its ship brokerage business and expand into business fields beyond its existing business scope.

ORIX has more than 50 years’ experience in shipping, beginning in Japan in the late 1960s with a secondhand ship leasing business and since then building up expertise in ship investment (owning and operations); ship purchases, sales, and brokerage; and international ship financing. Furthermore, ORIX is expanding its ship owning and management businesses with the acquisition of Santoku Senpaku’s shares^{*3} in February 2024. ORIX will continue to draw on its accumulated experience and expertise to seek further growth of its ship business in the maritime industry, which serves an important role as a social infrastructure.

^{*1} [Notice Regarding Corporate Split of Marine Vessel Trading Business \(Simple Absorption-type Split\) Sojitz Corporation \(January 23, 2025\)](#)

^{*2} After undertaking the prescribed procedures

^{*3} [ORIX Signs Share Transfer Agreement for Santoku Senpaku \(February 15, 2024\)](#)

■ Overview of Sojitz

Name	Sojitz Corporation
Address	1-1, Uchisaiwaicho 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Date of establishment	April 1, 2003
Representative	Representative Director, President & COO Kosuke Uemura
Description of business	Sojitz Group is engaged in a wide range of businesses globally, including buying, selling, importing, and exporting goods; manufacturing and selling products; providing services; and planning and coordinating projects, in Japan and overseas. The Group also invests in various sectors and conducts financing activities.

■ Overview of SHOEI KISEN

Name	SHOEI KISEN KAISHA, LTD.
Address	1-4-52 Koura-cho, Imabari City, Ehime
Date of establishment	February 8, 1962
Representative	President Yukito Higaki
Description of business	Ship chartering business, Real estate holding business

■ Overview of Sojitz Senpaku

Name	Sojitz Senpaku Corporation (scheduled to change to Somec Corporation)
Address	1-1, Uchisaiwaicho 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Date of establishment	February 12, 2025
Description of business	Marine vessel trading businesses (including purchase and sale of new and secondhand vessels, ship chartering, sale and leaseback, freight transport, and vessel management)

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About ORIX Group:

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