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## Introducing the ORIX Group Purpose & Culture: A Clear Articulation of Why ORIX Group Exists in Our World

We announced the ORIX Group Purpose & Culture on November 1, 2023 after approximately 18 months of consideration by the ORIX Group Purpose Discovery Project. The Discovery Project incorporated opinions from a wide array of stakeholders and involved in-depth discussions among executives and employees of Group companies both in and outside Japan to clearly articulate why ORIX Group exists in our world.

### We received feedback from a wide range of stakeholders to determine ORIX Group's unique strengths and its vision for the future it wants to create.

Founded in 1964 as a leasing company, ORIX has grown into a corporate entity with a wide range of businesses, with more than 30,000 employees around the world. The globalization of business and the necessity to incorporate SDGs and other sustainability initiatives into business have significantly changed the roles that corporations must play in our world. Committed to addressing these global shifts with a shared mindset among employees engaged in diverse businesses worldwide, we launched the ORIX Group Purpose Discovery Project (the Discovery Project) in June 2022 and began considering the ORIX Group Purpose & Culture (Purpose & Culture).

During this process of discovery, we first prepared a framework to determine why ORIX Group exists in our world – our Purpose – within the nexus of ORIX Group's unique strengths and its vision for the future it wants to create. We then conducted interviews around these points with a wide range of stakeholders, encompassing executives and employees of Group companies worldwide along with customers, investors, and outside directors.

# Gathered from Group companies worldwide, 103 employees held in-depth discussions through workshops.

Discussion among 103 workshop members was central to the process of identifying the essence of our Purpose & Culture and considering specific ideas. The workshop members were a diverse group of employees, primarily leaders of the next generation in their twenties to forties, and included mid-career hires and employees of Group companies worldwide. Our approach emphasized the idea that our

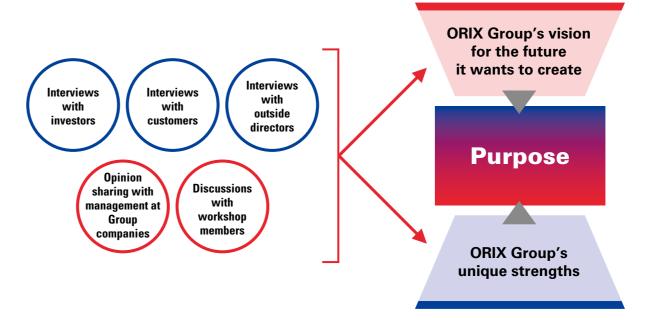
Purpose & Culture should be owned by the employees who will lead ORIX Group into the next generation.

Based on interviews with customers, investors, outside directors, and managers at Group companies worldwide, workshop members held multiple discussions and considered specific proposals for our Purpose. This became the basis for managers to further share their opinions and refine proposals, with the development of the final Purpose & Culture taking a total of about 18 months.

Our Purpose & Culture comprises our Purpose, which clearly states why ORIX Group exists in our world, and our Culture, which describes

the set of shared values that ORIX Group employees around the world live and champion to achieve our Purpose. Our Culture, in particular, directly reflects the views of our workshop members. Although ORIX Group is involved in a variety of different businesses, the project enabled us to develop a compelling story that clearly outlines the core values we have embraced since the Group was founded.

Our Purpose involved multiple discussions among Group executives to refine the proposals from the workshops to ensure it covered everyone's opinions satisfactorily. ORIX has, until now, largely communicated its value to the world in terms of profit and growth as



### **ORIX Group Purpose & Culture**

a corporation. Our Group executives discussed alternative ways of demonstrating ORIX Group's reason for existence in the world, rather than simply using profit as a vardstick, and this was a new challenge to which we devoted significant time and care.

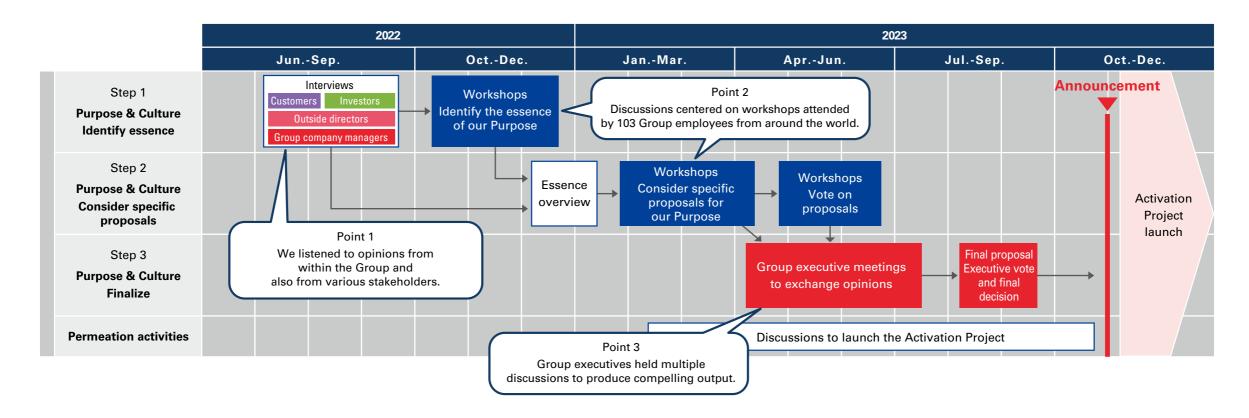
### Our broad business portfolio uniquely empowers ORIX to find pathways to impact in a variety of areas.

Finding pathways to impact involves shaping new possibilities for a brighter future globally. Our Purpose encompasses a vision for the future in which companies evolve over time, communities are revitalized, individuals realize their full potential, and our world

develops in a sustainable way, and we will help to realize this vision through our diverse array of businesses and services. We believe that our broad business portfolio uniquely empowers ORIX to find pathways to impact in a variety of areas.

The ORIX Group Purpose Activation Project (the Activation Project) was launched in October 2023 to internalize the Purpose & Culture by increasing awareness, understanding, and empathy for it among our employees worldwide, as well as to help our people rediscover the meaning and benefits of working in ORIX Group.

During the Activation Project, Takashi Nawa, a visiting professor at Hitotsubashi University Business School, served as the moderator for the executive sessions, during which executives from our Group companies engaged in multiple discussions from the perspective of how to incorporate our Purpose into business strategies for each aspect of management. Sessions for department heads and teams continued after the executive sessions, providing an opportunity for all executives and employees of Group companies to deepen their understanding of our Purpose & Culture. Our objective for the Activation Project was to ensure that our Purpose & Culture fully inform business strategies, rather than letting them become a mere formality.



### INTRODUCING ORIX

## Further Evolving ORIX Group through the Activation of its Purpose & Culture

Professor Takashi Nawa was a moderator in the cascading dialogue sessions that were part of the ORIX Group Purpose Activation Project. His commentary follows.



### Takashi Nawa

Professor at Kvoto University of Advanced Science and visiting professor at Hitotsubashi University Business School. Graduated from the Faculty of Law, The University of Tokyo and Harvard Business School. After working at Mitsubishi Corporation, he worked at McKinsey & Company for about 20 years. The Activation Project included cascading dialogue sessions. Dr. Nawa moderated the executive sessions held from January 2024, and spoke with a total of 187 people.

### Dialogue among managers reaffirmed the free and open corporate culture that ORIX has maintained since day one.

I was a moderator for cascading dialogue sessions held as part of the Activation Project, during which we discussed how to apply ORIX's Purpose & Culture to business operations in each segment. I have interacted with ORIX on occasion for guite some time, and I feel that the free and open corporate culture that it has maintained since its founding is still alive and well. Unlike many large corporations, political maneuvering does not define the organization, and I have the impression that ORIX is operating soundly.

### ORIX has a Culture that finds adventure in challenge to achieve further growth.

Finding adventure in challenge is a particular cultural component that really expresses the essence of ORIX. I think this phrase aptly expresses the positive, aggressive attitude that ORIX has passed down throughout its history.

ORIX started out in the leasing business, and it has grown into the diversified enterprise that it is today because it has consistently been proactive in taking on the challenge of new businesses that have frustrated other companies. While ORIX's corporate culture has matured through this process, I feel that its long-held spirit of taking on challenges remains totally relevant today.

Frankly, however, I feel there is still room to further actuate this spirit within the organization. The name ORIX shares its first three letters with the word "original," followed by an X that expresses flexibility and diversity. However, because of the progress achieved through this combination of ORIGINAL + X, ORIX has grown and now has much to protect, and I wonder if ORIX sometimes experiences difficulty in maintaining its traditionally aggressive stance.

I am confident that ORIX can achieve further growth by having management and employees reaffirm its Culture of finding adventure in challenge while maintaining the governance appropriate for a large corporation.

### I expect ORIX's Purpose & Culture to function as a magnet drawing together diverse businesses.

Each organization within ORIX must put the soul into its Purpose & Culture. The management team members I spoke with gave me the impression that they viewed the Purpose & Culture as a new expression of the elements of ORIX's heritage. Meanwhile, many of them believe that ORIX, which has grown into a corporate group that operates a diverse and global portfolio of businesses, needs to carefully discuss how to find the pathways to impact that society demands in each aspect of management.

ORIX has long been a company that promotes diversity as a matter of course, but this kind of organization must value inclusion. In this context, ORIX's Purpose & Culture are extremely important as a governance function that serves as a magnet drawing the organization together.

ORIX excels at leveraging its expertise in finance to create and implement new business structures in areas where social issues exist. I am confident that ORIX can exercise this structuring capability even more powerfully by having its Purpose & Culture function as a magnet that draws together diverse businesses and employees.

Everyone at ORIX will need to make a personal effort to further ORIX's Purpose, but I am not concerned about that because they are a group of people who love to put plans into action. However, ORIX is a company that identifies change and evolves flexibly, so its focus can tend toward the short term. I would suggest unequivocally that ORIX needs to take a long-term view toward its Purpose.

## Using Our Purpose & Culture to Find Pathways to Impact in Our World

Hidetake Takahashi, Member of the Board of Directors, Senior Managing Executive Officer, Koichi Uchida, General Manager, Group Corporate Communications Department, and Daniel Lochmann, Managing Director, Group Corporate Communications Department outline how business units and Group companies in Japan and around the world have embraced the ORIX Group Purpose & Culture, and how we will move forward with the ORIX Group Purpose Activation Project to foster a sense of unity throughout the Group.



#### (Center)

### Hidetake Takahashi

Member of the Board of Directors, Senior Managing Executive Officer Head of Energy and Eco Services Headquarters Group Strategy Business Unit Responsible for Global Investment Strategy

#### (Left)

### Koichi Uchida

General Manager, Corporate Communications Department

Responsible for the secretariat promoting the ORIX Group Purpose Discovery Project and the ORIX Group Purpose Activation Project.

#### (Right)

### Daniel Lochmann

Managing Director, Corporate Communications Department

Responsible for facilitating communication with Group companies outside Japan for the ORIX Group Purpose Discovery Project and the ORIX Group Purpose Activation Project

### Our Purpose & Culture function as a unifying force in a Group that operates diverse businesses.

Takahashi: ORIX has grown from a leasing company into a diversified business entity by repeatedly advancing into neighboring fields. As a result, adjacent departments regularly take on completely different businesses. In this context, I believe that our Purpose & Culture will serve as a unifying force throughout the Group.

In the process of considering our Purpose & Culture, 103 Group employees from Japan and around the world participated in workshops where they engaged in lively discussions across generations and positions, and executives also repeatedly exchanged opinions. I sense that our employees agree that the final Purpose & Culture feels right.

**Lochmann:** As part of the Activation Project, we are now engaged in dialogue with all our main Group companies outside Japan to bring the Purpose & Culture to life around the world. Some regional differences in perceptions and understanding of the project notwithstanding, I get the impression that Group companies worldwide are enthusiastically embracing our Purpose & Culture and using it in a positive way to drive their businesses forward.

Many employees in Asian countries have indicated their alignment with our Purpose & Culture, and we expect the project to be an opportunity in Europe to foster a sense of Group unity. Group companies in the United States are particularly inspired by the rallying cry "Find Power in Diversity," perhaps influenced by a national character that values individuality.

Uchida: The Corporate Communications Department served as the secretariat with the Group Human Resources Department and the Investor Relations and Sustainability Department. In executing this project, we listened to a wide range of opinions from stakeholders as well as employees and executives of Group companies both in Japan and around the world. While seeking to remain unbiased, we tried to articulate what makes ORIX unique and why it exists in our world. As a result, I feel that we were able to define our Purpose & Culture so that they are acceptable to the Group's employees.

### Repeated dialogue centered on our Purpose & Culture will close gaps within the Group.

Takahashi: While many employees agree with the wording of the Purpose & Culture, they still sense a gap between the target direction each segment should take to align it with reality. In the cascading dialogue sessions conducted as part of the Activation Project, executives had serious discussions with the moderator Takashi Nawa, a visiting professor at Hitotsubashi University Business School, about how to close these gaps and how to communicate ideals and commitments to their people. At this point, I think that simply recognizing the gaps was meaningful.

I believe that our Purpose & Culture needs to go beyond being an ideal; it must be firmly integrated into our business strategies and incorporated into our day-to-day actions.

Uchida: I think few employees feel uncomfortable with the elements of flexibility and diversity that are incorporated into our Purpose &

### Using Our Purpose & Culture to Find Pathways to Impact in Our World

Culture. At the same time, the reality is that each business unit and Group company interprets ORIX's unique flexibility and diversity differently. We need to use our Purpose & Culture to fill these gaps by facilitating dialogue and mutual understanding.

Lochmann: While dialogue is necessary to bridge gaps, we also need to be flexible in understanding regional differences in business and cultural characteristics while localizing the rollout to Group companies outside Japan.

ORIX needs to share a common interpretation of its Purpose & Culture to truly share its meaning globally. At the same time, we need to carefully contextualize our Purpose & Culture so that employees in every country and region outside Japan can easily comprehend and bring it to life within their own business and cultural contexts.

### What are the pathways to impact that ORIX will find?

Takahashi: Traditionally, ORIX has achieved sustainable growth by identifying business opportunities early on in niche fields and turning



them into businesses. ORIX has grown larger, however, so we will likely have trouble increasing corporate value further simply by employing our traditional strategies. Under these circumstances, we need to conceptualize and propose fundamental solutions through businesses in areas with major social relevance in order to continue finding pathways to impact. Differentiating ORIX from other companies is generally harder in the business areas we consider more orthodox, but I believe that our Purpose & Culture will guide ORIX in creating value by leveraging the strengths it has developed to date.

Uchida: Until now, ORIX has approached society with the mindset of contributing to the world by generating profit as a company. However, as times change, the role that companies must play in society is also changing. The introduction of our Purpose & Culture will require employees to recognize anew that social value and economic value are two wheels of the same cart.



Lochmann: I joined ORIX because I felt that ORIX's business model, which adapts to change and flexibly evolves businesses, was unique and distinctive among Japanese companies. I see our Purpose & Culture as an opportunity to communicate to stakeholders how we create social value befitting ORIX.

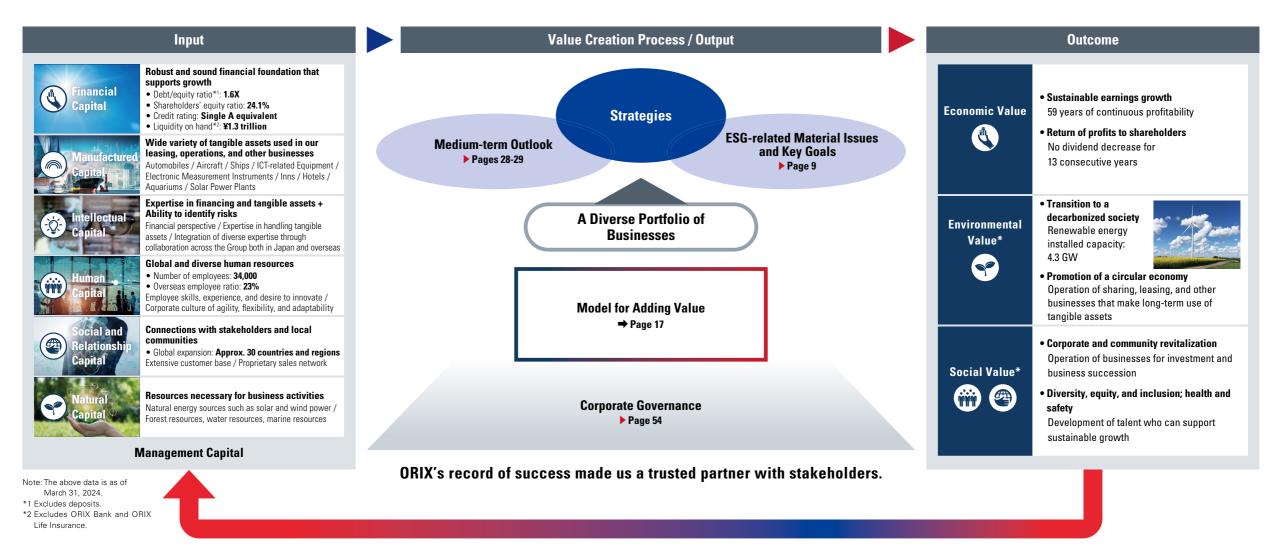


Takahashi: I really like the phrase "Finding Paths. Making Impact." in the Purpose. Finding Paths has always informed our initiatives to innovate, but we have more work to do in Making Impact. To my mind, the scale and nature of the impact that the diversified ORIX of today ought to make are very different from the ORIX of 30 years ago. And we need to go beyond just thinking about impact on revenue to consider the degree to which ORIX can have a positive impact on helping move the world in a better direction.

I want employees to tenaciously bring new ideas and businesses to fruition. Starting small is just fine, but they should think about how we can ultimately have a significant impact.

## Value Creation Model

ORIX employs the capital resources it has acquired since its founding to create value, using its own value creation model to add further value. This has enabled us to expand our business into our current 10 segments and to provide value unique to ORIX in multiple markets. We will continue to provide new value to society by repeating this cycle.

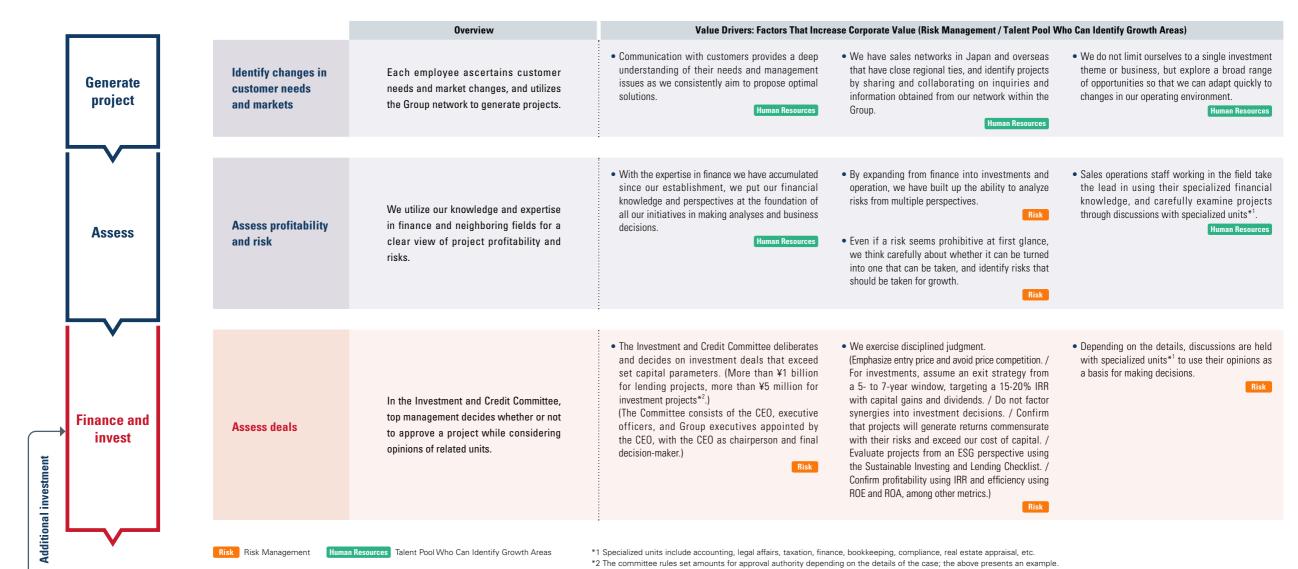


<sup>\*</sup> Please refer to the following website for more detailed information on environmental and social value.



## Model for Adding Value

ORIX started off in leasing and has grown by expanding into neighboring businesses. Our ability to take on the challenge of entering new markets is based on a business model for adding value that allows us to correctly assess risks and business feasibility to create value and generate growth. Here, we explain the components and features of our model for adding value.



Overview

### We utilize ORIX's unique flexible financing, Group network, and handson approach to management to improve asset value.

 We gain a deep understanding of the business conditions and industries of investees and borrowers, and emphasize medium- to long-term arowth.

**Human Resources** 

- · For investments,
- ORIX invests with its own funds, enabling a flexible response to investment period extensions and capital increases.
- Our expert employees manage the business together with investees.
- We leverage our Group network to develop customers and expand sales channels for investees.
- We aim not only to increase the value of individual investees, but also to drive industry reorganization and restructuring.

**Human Resources** 

**Respond flexibly** to changes in the environment

Increase the value

of assets

We regularly monitor projects, swiftly detect changes in the environment, and devise optimal countermeasures with a flexible mindset.

• We conduct regular monitoring after project implementation.

(For lending projects, check the business performance of the borrower and confirm the underlying security interests. / For investment projects, compare and verify business plans against results, and confirm operations. / Continuously evaluate profitability using IRR and efficiency using ROE and ROA, among other metrics. / Continuously evaluate material ESG risks identified at the time of investment and lending decisions.)

Risk

 Monitoring is carried out by business units and administrative units from their respective perspectives, and the results are reported to top

Value Drivers (Risk Management / Talent Pool Who Can Identify Growth Areas)

(Business units report on unit portfolios and the status of individual projects at the Business Unit Strategy Meeting. / The Enterprise Risk Management Department creates dashboards from various perspectives and reports on the portfolio of the entire Group.)

Risk

• We consider environmental changes from the time the project is executed, and examine multiple new scenarios regardless of the initial scenario. Selling is always an option and we search for the best selling price and timing.

Comprehensive management assessment

Top management makes decisions about project continuation from a comprehensive perspective based on the opinions of related units.

. The Investment and Credit Committee deliberates and approves the continuation or replacement of projects.

· Based on the results of monitoring and the business environment, as well as the status of the overall portfolio and individual projects, we make decisions on continuation, additional investment. sale, impairment, and business withdrawal. In the case of investment, we may change our strategy depending on the situation of the project.

(For example, a change in strategy from pure investment to long-term ownership as an ORIX business.)

Risk

 We make decisions after drawing up various scenarios, such as measures to reduce risk or to capture future growth.

Open new markets and generate sustainable growth

We realize sustained growth by allocating accumulated capital, human resources, and know-how to new fields.

. We do not limit ourselves to a single investment theme or business, but explore a broad range of new opportunities so that we can adapt quickly to changes in our operating environment.

**Human Resources** 

Risk Management

Human Resources Talent Pool Who Can Identify Growth Areas

## Value Creation Case Studies ▶ Case 1 The Facility Operations Business and the Beppu SUGINOI HOTEL

Beppu City in Oita Prefecture is one of Japan's leading hot spring resort areas. The Beppu SUGINOI HOTEL is one of the largest in the Beppu area, and became popular as a large hot spring resort against the backdrop of the group travel boom during Japan's period of rapid economic growth. However, as the boom subsided and Japan's bubble period came to a close, the hotel's business suffered, and it filed for application of the Civil Rehabilitation Act in 2001, ORIX Group then decided to support the hotel in 2002.

Beginning with facility ownership and financial support, ORIX Group took on the challenge of full-scale operations of the hotel by initiating various measures to add value. The hotel is currently undergoing large-scale renovations that began in 2019.

The hotel aims to grow further by responding to travelers' emerging needs as a place to which guests want to return.







and is scheduled for completion in 2025.

Completed portion of the large-scale renovation. Currently, the Hoshi Kan building is under development Ceada Palace is a buffet restaurant, created by renovating the site of a large theater from the Showa period. Sora Kan was completed in 2023 and features guest suites.

Generate project Assess

Identify changes in customer needs and markets

In the 1990s, travel styles changed, group travel declined, and the collapse of the bubble economy caused a sudden recession. The Beppu SUGINOI HOTEL also experienced a sharp decline in quests and experienced financial difficulties.

ORIX Group has its origins in the financing business, and began developing office buildings and condominium sales in 1993. ORIX Real Estate was established in 1999 to consolidate these businesses and further pursue specialized real estate expertise.

**Assess profitability** and risk

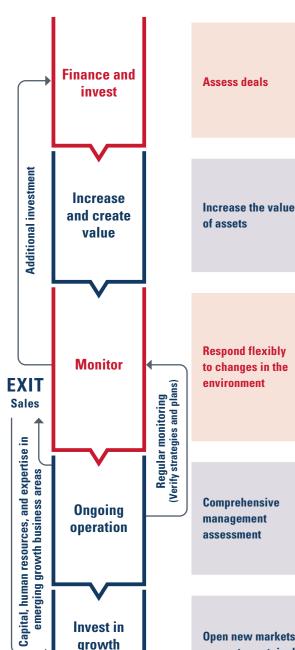
Initiate investment consideration

### Conduct due diligence using knowledge from both financing and real estate businesses.

- Evaluate the potential for increasing asset value through means including development and renovation.
- Estimate the cost of repairs and renovation.
- Confirm legal compliance. Forecast tourist demand through area market analysis.
- Evaluate debt structuring and restructuring plans.
- Evaluate fiscal soundness including profitability and cash flow through detailed assessment of financial statements.







business

areas

Assess deals

We decided that innovative measures such as expanding the variety of facilities and services would create significant capacity for growth. Decisions made in 2002 supported the hotel's revitalization, with the ORIX Group assuming responsibility for business management and increasing the value of the property and Kamori Kanko handling the operation of the hotel.

**Target families to** 

increase domestic quests.

#### **Circumstances and Issues in 2002**

At the time of acquisition, the number of customers both from Japan and overseas was declining, and the annual number of overnight guests had fallen from 390,000 in 1997 to 270.000 in 2002.



- · New open-air hot spring bath called "Tanayu," inspired by the rice terraces of the Beppu area
- · Buffet featuring locally sourced ingredients



Tanayu, an open-air hot spring bath with a panoramic view

Respond flexibly to changes in the environment

Although the number of overnight stavs was increasing. price conscious overseas guests were over-represented among clients, while use among domestic individual quests was not growing.

→ Attracting customers identified as an issue. Facility transitioned to direct management by **ORIX** Group in 2008 to strengthen operations,

Direct management enhanced direct marketing within Japan, and the annual number of overnight guests increased from 410.000 in 2010 to 690.000 in 2018.

→ In 2019, announced a large-scale renovation including the construction of two new guest room buildings and the reconstruction of one existing building to further add value to the property.



### Implement measures to add value and support post-COVID-19 recovery.

- → Focus on improving services while maintaining employment.
  - Promote new product planning and development in collaboration with the local community.
  - Increase employee satisfaction by improving working conditions.
- Shift from emphasizing occupancy rate to increasing average

Enhanced marketing strategies to build repeat business in the Japanese family demographic.

### Ramped up approach to target customers.

- Based direct mail on factors including customer usage.
- Opened a new chapel overlooking Beppu Bay. Strengthened commercials aimed at younger customers.

### Further renovated facilities and services.

- New outdoor pool with fountain show
- · New buffet restaurant that provides entertainment

### **Employed foreign nationals.**

 Strengthened local hiring and internships in Southeast Asia.

Open new markets and generate sustainable growth

### Provide facilities and services that meet the diverse needs of the Japanese family demographic.

Address various needs, such as those of guests who mainly use leisure facilities, and those of guests who emphasize amenities such as hot springs and meals.

Design flexible quest rooms and accommodation buildings while retaining existing customers, and complete construction in stages.



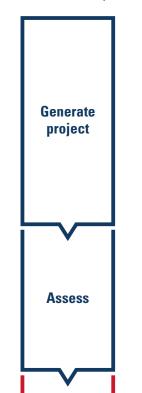
Based on existing guest demographics, target friends, couples, and inbound tourists from other areas in addition to Asia to attract a wide range of guests and increase average spend per quest.

# Value Creation Case Studies ▶ Case 2 PE Investment Business and the Sasaeah Group

In April 2024, ORIX sold the Sasaeah Group to Virbac, a French company that is a global leader in animal health. By leveraging the strengths of Kyoto Biken Laboratories, Inc., Japan's leading manufacturer of vaccines for livestock, and Fujita Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., Japan's leading manufacturer of generic veterinary pharmaceuticals, the Sasaeah Group has become one of Japan's leading comprehensive veterinary pharmaceutical groups, offering everything from preventive medicines to therapeutic drugs.

In the eight years since its investment in 2016, ORIX implemented various measures to add value which significantly increased Sasaeah's enterprise value at the time of the sale. A world-leading company recognized Sasaeah's value, resulting in a sale that will help the investee operate globally.





Finance and

invest

Additional investment

## Identify changes in

customer needs

and markets

### **Industry restructuring gaining momentum**

- Human pharmaceutical manufacturers in Japan are focusing on business concentration and selection.
- Revision to the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law abolished the obligation to manufacture veterinary pharmaceuticals in Japan.
- → Leading to the separation and sale of veterinary pharmaceutical businesses.



for livestock vaccines



### Investee integration is expected to increase value.

- Strengthen organizations: Use shared sales networks.
- Enhance research and development: Develop highvalue-added products and propose solutions.
- Expand overseas: Enter growing markets such as Southeast Asia.



trends.

Fujita Pharmaceutical, established in 1930 to develop, manufacture, and sell generic veterinary pharmaceuticals, needed assistance with business succession issues. ORIX had been engaging with Fuilta Pharmaceutical for several years and saw growth potential in industry restructuring

We made a list of companies with complementary businesses that were also likely to have issues with business succession. Working from this list, we began approaching Kyoto Biken Laboratories, established in 1948 to develop. manufacture, and sell animal vaccines, because its businesses complemented those of Fujita Pharmaceutical.

KYOTOBIKEN

# **Assess deals**

Assess profitability

and risk

### Invested in Kyoto Biken Laboratories in April 2016 and in Fujita Pharmaceuticals in July 2016.

Objective: Leverage the respective strengths of investees to increase corporate value through synergistic integration.

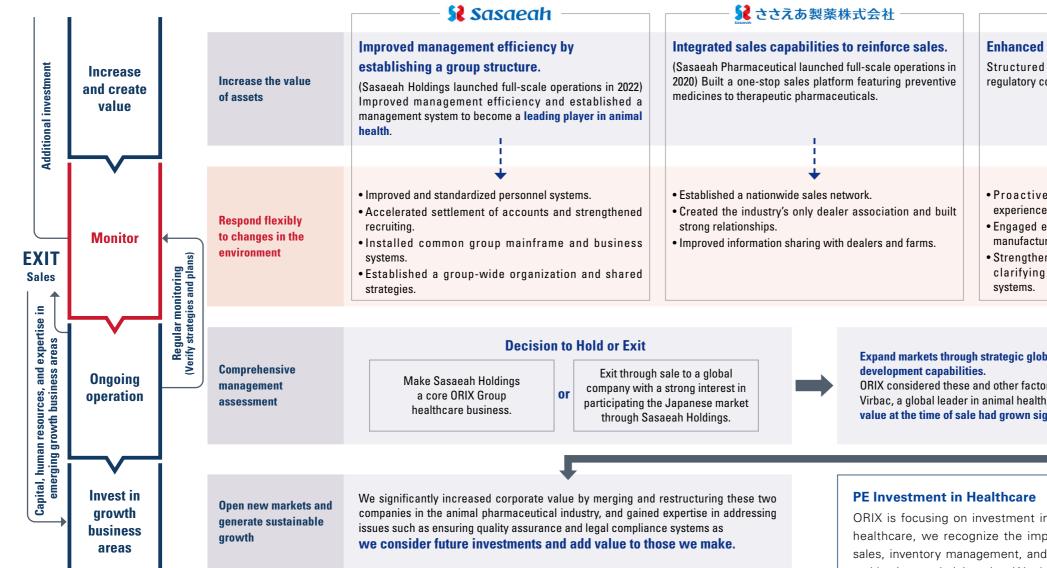
### **Strengths**

The companies have excellent research and development, competitive advantages from strategies for rapid commercialization, and efficient sales systems that ensure strong profit margins.

The integrated company has a market share of over 60% in the cattle vaccine market as a result of excellent research and development. It also has production facilities outside Japan.

companies





\* Kyoto Biken Laboratories was subject to administrative penalties related to manufacturing and quality control in 2016 and 2017. We took this very seriously and

established systems for compliance with laws and regulations related to the manufacture and sale of veterinary pharmaceuticals and to manufacturing

#### **Enhanced corporate governance.**

Structured systems required to reinforce legal and regulatory compliance\* and enhance quality assurance.

- Proactively recruited personnel with extensive experience in the human pharmaceutical industry.
- Engaged external consultants to evaluate appropriate manufacturing and quality control systems.
- Strengthened management systems in ways such as clarifying processes and enhancing data storage

Expand markets through strategic global operations and enhance research and

ORIX considered these and other factors and decided to sell Sasaeah Holdings to Virbac, a global leader in animal health, in April 2024. Sasaeah Holdings' enterprise value at the time of sale had grown significantly.

ORIX is focusing on investment in healthcare. Whether human or animal healthcare, we recognize the importance of manufacturing and testing. sales, inventory management, and other aspects of quality, management, and business administration. We deepened our understanding of healthcare issues through our investment in Sasaeah, and will deploy the expertise we gained in future healthcare initiatives.