# FY2022 Financial Results and New Mid-term Plan (FY2023–25)

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(Note) Unless otherwise stated, all amounts stated have been rounded down to the nearest unit. In addition, "1Q" refers to the period from April to June, "2Q" refers to the period from July to September, "3Q" refers to the period from October to December, "4Q" refers to the period from January to March.



## **Financial Highlights**

Net revenue	<b>59.5 billion yen</b> (43.4 billion yen decrease year-on-year, 2.4 billion yen lower than the revised forecast)
Business profit	<b>2.5 billion yen</b> (45.2 billion yen decrease year-on-year, 1.9 billion yen lower than the revised forecast)
Profit attributable to owners of parent	<b>8.7 billion yen</b> (26.2 billion yen decrease year-on-year, 1.2 billion yen lower than the revised forecast)

### **Key points**

- Net revenue, business profit and profit attributable to owners of parent were almost in line with the revised forecasts announced in January 2023
- Net revenue from customer-related business mainly driven by Aozora's Strategic Investments Business was strong with a 0.3 billion yen increase year-on-year
- Net revenue from the Bank's financial market-related business decreased by 38.6 billion yen from the previous year. We continued risk reduction operations in the securities portfolio throughout the fiscal year and implemented a loss-cut to a portion of the unrealized losses. The unrealized losses in the securities portfolio on a consolidated basis were 63.8 billion yen as of March 31, 2023, with an improvement of 6.3 billion yen from December 31, 2022
- Credit-related expenses in 4Q were a net expense of 3.9 billion yen due to provisions made mainly for overseas real estate non-recourse loans based on a conservative evaluation in light of recent market conditions in the U.S.
   Full-year credit-related expenses were a net expense of 1.7 billion yen and within the range of the Bank's initial forecast

### Full-year dividend: 154 yen per common share (4Q: 40 yen)

## **FY2023 Earnings and Dividend Forecast**

### **Earnings Forecast**

Consolidated	FY2021 Results	FY2022 Results	FY2023 Forecast
Net Revenue	103.0	59.5	86.0
Business profit <sup>*</sup>	47.8	2.5	25.5
Ordinary profit	46.2	7.3	31.0
Profit attributable to owners of parent	35.0	8.7	24.0

\* Including gains/losses on equity method investments

Non-consolidated	FY2021 Results	FY2022 Results	FY2023 Forecast
Net Revenue	88.2	44.3	70.0
Business profit (before provisions to general loan loss reserves)	42.2	(1.6)	22.0
Ordinary profit	41.0	3.1	27.0
Net income	29.8	(8.1)	19.0

### **Dividend Forecast**

	FY2021 Results	FY2022 Results	FY2023 Forecast
Full-year dividend per common share	149 yen	154 yen	154 yen

Dividend payments on a quarterly basis will be maintained

(billion yen)

(billion yen)

## **PL** summary

Financial market-related business

- Net revenue from customer-related business (excluding financial market-related and retail businesses) mainly driven by Aozora's Strategic Investments Business was 69.3 billion yen, a 0.3 billion yen increase year-on-year
- Net revenue from retail business was 2.8 billion yen, a 5.1 billion yen decrease from the previous year due to a change in the Bank's policy regarding the sale of structured bonds
- Net revenue from financial market-related business was a net loss of 12.6 billion yen, 38.6 billion yen lower compared to the previous year. In 4Q, a net loss of 10.7 billion yen was recorded
- G&A expenses increased by 1.5 billion yen year-on-year due to increased personnel costs
- Profit attributable to owners of parent was 8.7 billion yen. A net loss of 6.9 billion yen was recorded in 4Q due to realized losses in financial market-related business as well as provisions made for overseas real estate non-recourse loans based on a conservative evaluation

	FY2021			FY2022			Change	e B - A	FY2022
(billion yen	Full year A	Apr Jun.	Jul Sep.	Oct Dec.	Jan Mar.	Full year <b>B</b>	Amount	%	Revised forecast
Net revenue	103.0	21.4	21.8	11.9	4.2	59.5	-43.4	-42.2%	62.0
Net interest income	51.6	14.2	12.9	13.1	10.6	51.0	-0.5		
Non-interest income	51.3	7.2	8.8	-1.2	-6.3	8.4	-42.9		
General & administrative expenses	-57.7	-14.4	-14.6	-14.5	-15.6	-59.3	-1.5		
Gains/losses on equity method investments	2.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.0	2.3	-0.2		
Business profit	47.8	7.3	7.6	-2.1	-10.3	2.5	-45.2	-94.6%	4.5
Credit-related expenses	-3.7	3.2	-1.1	0.1	-3.9	-1.7	+2.0		
Gains/losses on stock transactions	2.0	-0.0	4.6	0.1	3.7	8.4	+6.4		
Ordinary profit	46.2	11.3	9.0	-1.9	-11.0	7.3	-38.9	-84.1%	10.0
Profit before income taxes	45.9	11.3	9.0	-1.9	-11.0	7.3	-38.6	-84.0%	
Taxes	-12.9	-3.3	-2.6	1.7	3.5	-0.6	+12.2		
Gains/losses attributable to non-controlling interests	1.9	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.0	+0.0		
Profit attributable to owners of parent	35.0	8.3	7.0	0.3	-6.9	8.7	-26.2	-75.1%	10.0
Reference: Net revenue by busines	<b>s group</b> (r	nanagemen	t accountin	g basis)					
Customer-related businsess excl. financial market-related and retail businesses	68.9	19.2	18.2	17.2	14.5	69.3	+0.3	+0.5%	
Retail business	8.0	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.4	2.8	-5.1	-64.4%	

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## **Net interest income**

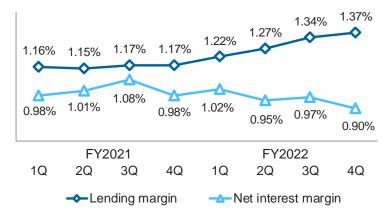
- Net interest income was 51.0 billion yen, almost flat year-on-year
  - Net interest income on loans increased by approximately 10.0 billion yen year-on-year due to increases in both average loan outstandings and interest margins
  - Net interest income on securities decreased by approximately 8.0 billion yen due to declining interest margins caused by higher interest rates in the U.S.
- The net interest margin decreased by 6 bps compared to the previous year
  - The lending margin increased by 15 bps year-on-year mainly due to the overseas loans. The increasing trend continued on a quarterly basis

	FY2021			FY2022			
(billion yen)	Full year <b>A</b>	Apr Jun.	Jul Sep.	Oct Dec.	Jan Mar.	Full year <b>B</b>	Change <b>B - A</b>
Net interest income	51.6	14.2	12.9	13.1	10.6	51.0	-0.5
Interest income	66.1	21.2	26.1	32.1	33.9	113.5	+47.4
Interest on loans and discounts	44.7	14.4	19.8	25.2	27.4	87.0	+42.2
Interest and dividends on securities	20.2	6.4	5.7	6.1	4.9	23.3	+3.1
Incl. gains on cancellation of investment trusts	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.3	+0.8
Other interest income	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.5	3.1	+2.1
Interest expenses	-14.5	-7.0	-13.1	-19.0	-23.2	-62.4	-47.9
Interest on deposits and NCDs	-6.1	-2.1	-2.7	-3.1	-3.2	-11.2	-5.0
Interest on debentures	-1.9	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-1.5	+0.4
Interest on borrowings and rediscounts	-1.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-1.2	-0.0
Other interest (repurchase interest, etc.)	-0.7	-0.8	-2.1	-3.1	-3.1	-9.2	-8.5
Interest on swaps	-4.5	-3.2	-7.4	-12.2	-16.1	-39.1	-34.6

(Note) Decreases in expenses are shown as positive.

	FY2021	FY2022					Change
	Full year <b>A</b>	Apr Jun.	Jul Sep.	Oct Dec.	Jan Mar.	Full year <b>B</b>	B - A
Yield on total investments (A)	1.27%	1.48%	1.78%	2.15%	2.36%	1.94%	+0.67%
Yield on loans (B)	1.42%	1.68%	2.10%	2.52%	2.83%	2.30%	+0.88%
Yield on securities (C)	1.50%	1.81%	1.63%	1.59%	1.47%	1.63%	+0.13%
Yield on funding (D)	0.26%	0.46%	0.83%	1.18%	1.46%	0.99%	+0.73%
Net interest margin (A)-(D)	1.01%	1.02%	0.95%	0.97%	0.90%	0.95%	-0.06%
Lending margin (B)-(D)	1.16%	1.22%	1.27%	1.34%	1.37%	1.31%	+0.15%
Securities margin (C)-(D)	1.24%	1.35%	0.80%	0.41%	0.01%	0.64%	-0.60%

### Net interest margin and lending margin



## **Non-interest income**

- Non-interest income was 8.4 billion yen, a decrease of 42.9 billion yen year-on-year
  - Non-interest income from customer-related business (excluding financial market-related and retail businesses) was 27.4 billion yen, a decrease of 2.8 billion yen
  - Non-interest income from financial market-related business was a net loss of 21.8 billion yen, 34.7 billion yen lower compared to the prior year
  - Aozora continued to implement a loss-cut to a portion of unrealized losses in the securities portfolio and, as a result, gains/losses on bond transactions were a net loss of 11.1 billion yen
  - Net trading revenues were 4.1 billion yen, a decrease of 12.4 billion yen due to a lower level of earnings from the sale of structured bonds and trading income

	FY2021		FY2022							
(billion yen)	Full year <b>A</b>	Apr Jun.	Jul Sep.	Oct Dec.	Jan Mar.	Full year <b>B</b>	Change <b>B - A</b>			
Non-interest income	51.3	7.2	8.8	-1.2	-6.3	8.4	-42.9			
Net fees and commissions	14.0	2.8	2.8	3.7	3.8	13.3	-0.6			
Net trading revenues	16.6	1.6	0.2	1.1	1.1	4.1	-12.4			
Gains/losses on bond transactions	4.5	-2.3	-0.0	-3.9	-4.8	-11.1	-15.6			
Net other ordinary income excl. gains/losses on bond transactions	16.2	5.1	5.7	-2.2	-6.4	2.1	-14.1			
Incl. gains from limited partnerships	9.1	3.1	0.9	1.1	-0.5	4.6	-4.5			

### Non-interest income breakdown\*

(billion yen)



- Non-interest income from retail business
- Non-interest income from financial market-related business
- Non-interest income from customer-related business (excl. financial market-related and retail businesses)

\* Management accounting basis

### **Non-interest income** — Net fees and commissions / Net trading revenues

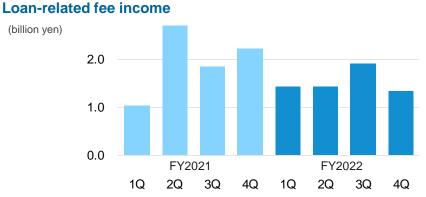
- Net fees and commissions were 13.3 billion yen, a decrease of 0.6 billion yen compared to the previous year
  - Loan-related fee income was 6.1 billion yen, a decrease of 1.6 billion yen year-on-year mainly due to the delay in the closing of several largesized transactions (expected fee income of approximately 2.0 billion yen) to 1Q of FY2023
  - Investment trust AUM balances and investment trust fee income (+0.5 billion yen) both increased as sales of investment trust products offered by Aozora Investment Management to the retail customers of regional financial institutions were strong
- Net trading revenues were 4.1 billion yen, a decrease of 12.4 billion yen due to a lower level of earnings from the sale of structured bonds and trading income

	FY2021			FY2022			Change
(billion yen)	Full year A	Apr Jun.	Jul Sep.	Oct Dec.	Jan Mar.	Full year <b>B</b>	B - A
Net fees and commissions	14.0	2.8	2.8	3.7	3.8	13.3	-0.6
Fees and commissions	17.7	3.8	3.9	4.8	5.0	17.7	-0.0
Loan business-related and deposits	7.8	1.4	1.4	1.9	1.3	6.1	-1.6
Securities-related and agency	3.9	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	4.6	+0.6
Incl. investment trust fee income	2.0	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	2.5	+0.5
Other	5.9	1.3	1.2	1.8	2.4	6.9	+1.0
Incl. GANB fee income	3.2	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.1	3.9	+0.6
Fees and commissions payments	-3.7	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.1	-4.3	-0.6
Net trading revenues	16.6	1.6	0.2	1.1	1.1	4.1	-12.4

#### Earnings from investment product sales to retail customers\*

Earnings from investment product sales	8.0	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.4	2.9	-5.1
Incl. investment trusts	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.3	-0.0
Incl. structured bonds	6.4	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.0	1.4	-5.0

\* Earnings from the sale of investment trusts are included in net fees and commissions. Earnings from the sale of structured bonds are included in net trading revenues.



### **Retail investment trust AUM balances**

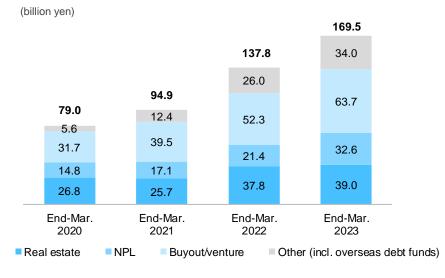


## Non-interest income — Net other ordinary income

- Gains/losses on bond transactions were a net loss of 11.1 billion yen, compared to a net gain of 4.5 billion yen in the previous year. Net other ordinary income (excl. gains/losses on bond transactions) was 2.1 billion yen, compared to 16.2 billion yen in the previous year
- Losses related to risk reduction operations in the securities portfolio, including gains/losses on financial and equity derivatives, in FY2022 were 11.2 billion yen. Losses recorded in 4Q were 7.5 billion yen mainly due to the sale of foreign bonds and municipal bonds
- With regards to gains/losses from limited partnerships, real estate-related gains increased year-on-year due to a large-sized exit transaction closed in 4Q. Distressed loan-related gains also increased due to favorable recovery gains in the second half. As a result of a re-evaluation of the limited partnership portfolio, an allowance for investment losses of 2.6 billion yen was provided on certain transactions in 4Q

	FY2021 FY2022						Change
(billion yen)	Full year A	Apr Jun.	Jul Sep.	Oct Dec.	Jan Mar.	Full year <b>B</b>	B - A
Gains/losses on bond transactions (A)	4.5	-2.3	-0.0	-3.9	-4.8	-11.1	-15.6
Japanese government bonds (JGBs)	0.1	-0.4	0.0	-	-0.2	-0.6	-0.8
Municipal bonds	-	-0.3	-0.0	-0.7	-2.3	-3.4	-3.4
Foreign government bonds and mortgage bonds	-1.9	-	-	-2.8	-2.1	-5.0	-3.0
Other	6.2	-1.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	-2.0	-8.3
Incl. private placement investment trusts	4.1	3.7	-0.0	-0.4	-	3.1	-0.9
Incl. REITs	2.2	-0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	-1.8
Incl. foreign currency ETFs	-0.9	-5.2	0.0	-	-	-5.2	-4.2
Net other ordinary income excl. gains/losses on bond transactions	16.2	5.1	5.7	-2.2	-6.4	2.1	-14.1
Incl. gains/losses on financial derivatives (B)	1.0	-0.1	4.5	-0.3	-2.0	1.9	+0.8
Incl. gains from limited partnerships	9.1	3.1	0.9	1.1	-0.5	4.6	-4.5
Incl. allowance for investment losses	0.3	0.0	-0.0	-0.3	-2.6	-3.0	-3.3
Real estate-related	2.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	1.4	2.5	+0.3
Distressed loan-related	3.3	0.4	0.5	1.3	1.2	3.6	+0.2
Buyout/venture-related	2.6	1.8	-0.4	-0.6	-0.9	-0.1	-2.8
Other	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	-2.2	-1.4	-2.2
(Ref.) Gains/losses on equity derivatives <sup>*1</sup> (C)	-0.2	0.6	-1.9	-0.0	-0.6	-2.0	-1.7
(A)+(B)+(C) *2	5.3	-1.8	2.5	-4.3	-7.5	-11.2	-16.5

### Limited partnership investments\*



\* Management accounting basis

\*1 Not included in net revenue or gains on stock transactions on the next page

\*2 Gains/losses related to risk reduction operations in the securities portfolio

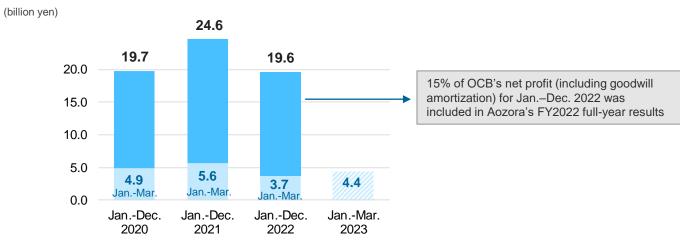
## Gains/losses on equity method investments/stock transactions

- Gains/losses on equity method investments were a net gain of 2.3 billion yen
  - Orient Commercial Joint Stock Bank's (OCB) net profit during the January–December 2022 period decreased compared to the previous year, mainly due to losses recorded on the sale of bonds in response to increased interest rates within Vietnam
- Gains/losses on stock transactions were a net gain of 8.4 billion yen
  - The gains in 4Q were 3.7 billion yen due to the exit transactions of equity investments related to Aozora's Strategic Investments Business

	FY2021			Ohanana			
(billion yen)	Full year <b>A</b>	Apr Jun.	Jul Sep.	Oct Dec.	Jan Mar.	Full year <b>B</b>	Change <b>B - A</b>
Gains/losses on equity method investments	2.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.0	2.3	-0.2
Gains/losses on stock transactions *	2.0	-0.0	4.6	0.1	3.7	8.4	+6.4

\* Not including gains/losses on equity derivatives

### OCB's net profit\*



\* Uses an exchange rate of 0.0056 yen per 1 Vietnamese dong

## **Aozora's Strategic Investments Business** — Equity investments

- Equity investments as of March 31, 2023 were 291.8 billion yen, an increase of 47.0 billion yen from March 31, 2022. Capital gains were 9.7 billion yen
  - In 4Q:
    - A net gain of 1.1 billion yen was recorded in the "Investment in business recovery claims" due to collections, while the purchase of recovery claims continued to increase
    - "Real estate-related equities" recognized a net gain of 1.7 billion yen due to a large-sized exit transaction, while balances declined as a result of the sale
    - "Domestic/overseas equity investments" recorded a net gain of 4.0 billion yen while "Buyout/venture" and "Other" were a net loss of 3.8 billion yen, which included an allowance for investment losses as a result of a re-evaluation of the limited partnership portfolio

		Equit	t <mark>y invest</mark> r	Capital gains and other equity returns <sup>*2</sup>				
(billion yen)	End - Mar. 2022 <b>A</b>	End - Dec. 2022 <b>B</b>	End - Mar. 2023 <b>C</b>	Change <b>C - A</b>	Change <b>C - B</b>	FY2021 Full year	FY2 Full year	022 JanMar.
Investment in business recovery claims	56.1	58.9	65.7	+9.6	+6.7	3.2	3.0	1.1
Real estate-related equities	84.5	99.1	94.5	+9.9	-4.6	4.1	3.6	1.7
Buyout/venture (Private equity funds, etc.)	52.3	60.0	61.5	+9.1	+1.5	2.5	-0.9	-1.2
Domestic/overseas equity investments	25.7	32.4	33.6	+7.9	+1.1	1.7	6.3	4.0
Other (incl. overseas debt funds)	26.0	35.1	36.3	+10.2	+1.1	0.7	-2.3	-2.6
Total	244.8	285.7	291.8	+47.0	+6.0	12.3	9.7	3.0

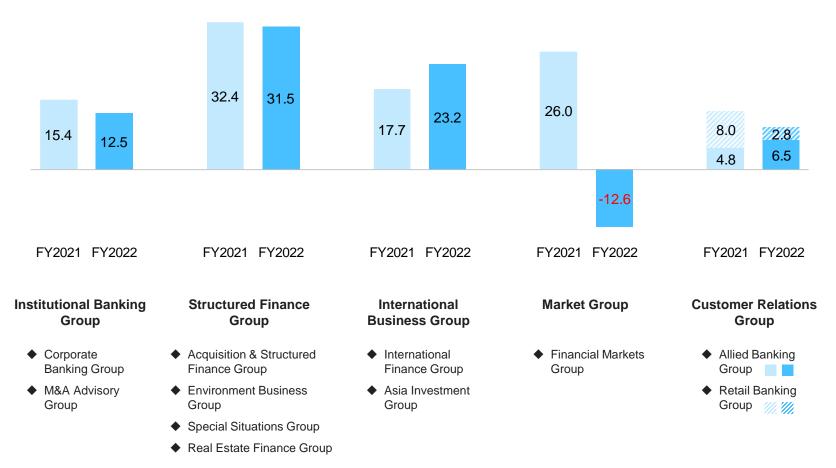
\*1 Management accounting basis, customer business-related equity investments on a mark-to-market basis

\*2 Management accounting basis, including gains/losses on stock transactions, gains/losses from limited partnerships, and interest and dividends on securities

## **Results by business segment**

### Business revenue\* (total of net revenue, gains/losses on equity method investments and stock transactions)

(billion yen)



\* Management accounting basis

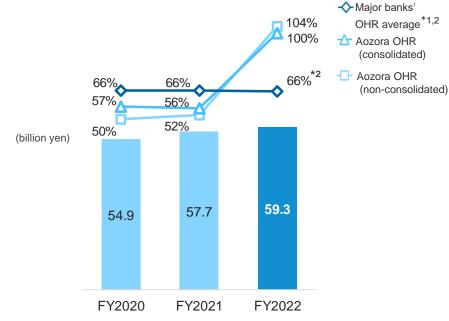
## **G&A** expenses

- G&A expenses were 59.3 billion yen, an increase of 1.5 billion yen from the previous year
  - The Bank maintained its focus on cost control while making necessary personnel and IT related investments. Overall G&A expenses were within the original budget (60.0 billion yen)
  - Personnel expenses increased by 1.4 billion yen from the previous year as the Bank has continued to invest in human capital, including pay-scale increases and personnel system reform

	FY2021		FY2022					
(billion yen)	Full year <b>A</b>	Apr Jun.	Jul Sep.	Oct Dec.	Jan Mar.	Full year B	Change <b>B - A</b>	
G&A expenses (A)	57.7	14.4	14.6	14.5	15.6	59.3	+1.5	
Personnel	27.3	6.8	7.2	7.0	7.6	28.8	+1.4	
Non-Personnel	26.9	6.6	6.7	6.9	7.4	27.8	+0.8	
Incl. IT-related	11.2	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.3	11.9	+0.7	
Taxes	3.4	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.5	2.7	-0.7	
Net revenue (B)	103.0	21.4	21.8	11.9	4.2	59.5		
OHR (A) / (B)	56%	67%	67%	122%	366%	100%		
OHR (non-consolidated)	52%	63%	62%	143%	-	104%		
OHR (non-consolidated, core net business profit)	55%	56%	62%	95%	241%	83%		

### **G&A** expenses breakdown

### **G&A expenses and OHR**



\*1 "Major banks" refers to MUFG, SMFG, Mizuho FG, Resona HD, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust HD and SBI Shinsei

Values calculated based on each company's publically-available financial data

\*2 FY2022 1-3Q

## **Credit-related expenses**

- Credit-related expenses were a net expense of 1.7 billion yen, compared to a net expense of 3.7 billion yen in the previous year, which was within the range of initial forecast
  - Credit-related expenses in 4Q were a net expense of 3.9 billion yen. As a result of the re-evaluation of overseas real estate non-recourse loans based on conservative appraisals and a divergence in credit quality, mainly in the office sector, an additional reserve of 5.1 billion yen was made
  - The Bank continued rebalancing of the overseas corporate loan portfolio and recorded losses on loan dispositions of 1.2 billion yen in 4Q
- The ratio of loan loss reserves to total loans remained adequate at 1.13%
  - The ratio of loan loss reserves to overseas loans was approximately 2%. Of overseas real estate non-recourse loans, the ratio of loan loss
    reserves to the U.S. office loans was approximately 4.7%

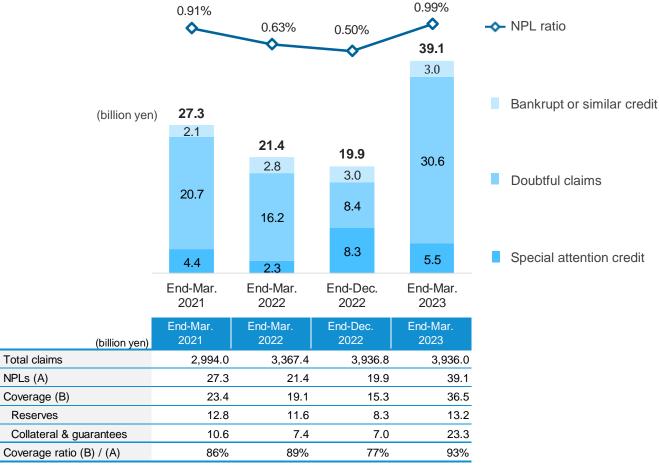
	FY2021		FY2022						
(billion yen)	Full year A	Apr Jun.	Jul Sep.	Oct Dec.	Jan Mar.	Full year <b>B</b>	Change <b>B - A</b>		
Credit-related expenses	-3.7	3.2	-1.1	0.1	-3.9	-1.7	+2.0		
Write-off of loans	-1.3	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.1	-0.1	+1.1		
Loan loss reserves	-2.7	2.2	-1.1	0.3	-2.5	-1.1	+1.5		
Specific loan loss reserves	-4.3	-0.6	0.4	-0.0	-5.7	-5.9	-1.5		
General loan loss reserves	1.6	2.9	-1.6	0.3	3.1	4.8	+3.1		
Gains/losses on disposition of loans	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.2	-1.2	-1.5	-1.4		
Recoveries of written off receivables	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	+1.0		
Reserve for credit losses on off-balance-sheet instruments	0.2	0.0	-0.0	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.2		

### Ratio of loan loss reserves to total loans

(billion yen)	End - Mar. 2022	End - Dec. 2022	End - Mar. 2023
Loan loss reserves (A)	48.6	41.4	44.0
General loan loss reseves	38.4	36.8	33.6
Total loans (B)	3,317.1	3,877.6	3,881.3
Loans subject to loss reserves (C)	3,108.0	3,477.4	3,482.8
(A) / (B)	1.46%	1.06%	1.13%
(A) / (C)	1.56%	1.19%	1.26%
Reserve ratio for need attention credit	5.0%	5.1%	5.8%
Reserve ratio for normal credit	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%

## Non-performing loans based on the FRA\*

- The ratio of NPLs to total claims on a consolidated basis (NPL ratio) was 0.99%, an increase of 0.36% from March 31, 2022 and an increase of 0.49% from December 31, 2022
  - NPLs increased by 17.7 billion yen compared to March 31, 2022, which was mainly due to changes in obligor classification as a result of the conservative evaluation of the overseas real estate non-recourse loan portfolio
  - Coverage ratio was 93% as of March 31, 2023, an increase from 77% as of December 31, 2022



\* Financial Reconstruction Act

## **Balance sheet summary**

- Total assets were 7,184.0 billion yen, an increase of 455.4 billion yen compared to March 31, 2022
- Total net assets were 431.1 billion yen, representing a decrease of 56.1 billion yen from March 31, 2022
  - The balance of deposits / negotiable certificates of deposit increased by 91.2 billion yen from December 31, 2022
  - Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities improved by 9.5 billion yen compared to December 31, 2022 due to a decrease in unrealized losses in the securities portfolio

(billion yen)	End - Mar. 2022 <b>A</b>	End - Dec. 2022	End - Mar. 2023 <b>B</b>	Change <b>B - A</b>
Loans and bills discounted	3,317.1	3,877.6	3,881.3	+564.2
Securities	1,478.1	1,333.5	1,278.7	-199.4
Cash and due from banks	1,141.9	1,060.7	1,275.0	+133.0
Trading assets	133.0	271.8	151.2	+18.2
Other	658.3	610.4	597.6	-60.7
Total assets	6,728.6	7,154.3	7,184.0	+455.4

(billion yen)	End - Mar. 2022 A	End - Dec. 2022	End - Mar. 2023 <b>B</b>	Change <b>B - A</b>
Deposits / Negotiable certificates of deposit	4,871.5	5,406.1	5,497.3	+625.7
Bonds payable	168.9	117.7	147.7	-21.1
Borrowed money	432.3	509.0	525.6	+93.2
Cash collateral received for securities lent	356.9	194.8	215.9	-140.9
Trading liabilities	129.2	180.8	121.8	-7.3
Other	282.3	305.7	244.3	-37.9
Total liabilities	6,241.3	6,714.3	6,752.9	+511.5
Capital stock / Capital surplus	187.4	187.4	187.4	+0.0
Retained earnings	301.7	303.3	291.8	-9.8
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	3.9	-55.0	-45.4	-49.4
Foreign currency translation adjustment	3.4	9.7	7.6	+4.2
Other	-9.3	-5.5	-10.4	-1.1
Total net assets	487.2	439.9	431.1	-56.1
Total liabilities and net assets	6,728.6	7,154.3	7,184.0	+455.4

### Loans — Balance by industry

- Loans were 3,881.3 billion yen, an increase of 564.2 billion yen compared to March 31, 2022
  - Domestic loans increased by 382.6 billion yen compared to March 31, 2022 and decreased by 6.8 billion yen compared to December 31, 2022. Environmental finance and loans to borrowers with strong credit ratings (e.g. government, domestic REITs, leasing)\* contributed to the increase

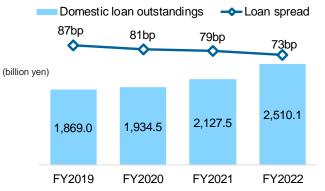
\* The government is classified into "Other" and domestic REITs are included in "non-recourse loans" under the "Real estate" category.

	(billion yen)	End - Mar. 2022 <b>A</b>	End - Dec. 2022	End - Mar. 2023 <b>B</b>	Change <b>B - A</b>
Total loans (A)		3,317.1	3,877.6	3,881.3	+564.2
Domestic loans		2,127.5	2,517.0	2,510.1	+382.6
Overseas loans* (B)		1,189.6	1,360.6	1,371.1	+181.5
(B) / (A)		35.9%	35.1%	35.3%	-

\* With no final risk residing in Japan

					Share
Loans by domestic offices (excl. Japan offshore market accounts)	2,545.7	3,001.0	3,000.0	+454.3	77%
Manufacturing	236.8	244.1	258.7	+21.9	7%
Utilities (electric power/gas/ heat supply/water service)	87.0	154.2	141.5	+54.4	4%
Information and communications	102.6	105.3	105.3	+2.6	3%
Transport, postal services	40.3	48.3	49.7	+9.3	1%
Wholesale and retail sale	77.9	86.0	86.9	+8.9	2%
Financial and insurance	352.0	349.8	342.4	-9.5	9%
Real estate	715.0	753.8	760.4	+45.3	20%
Incl. non-recourse loans	380.8	420.4	428.0	+47.1	11%
Leasing	100.5	144.8	148.7	+48.2	4%
Other services	153.8	166.5	155.2	+1.3	4%
Other	679.3	947.9	950.7	+271.4	24%
Incl. overseas (HQ booked)	439.2	508.1	514.9	+75.7	13%
Loans by overseas offices incl. Japan offshore market accounts	771.3	876.5	881.3	+109.9	23%
Total	3,317.1	3,877.6	3,881.3	+564.2	100%

#### Domestic loan outstandings and loan spread\*



\* Management accounting basis. Loan balances and loan spreads at fiscal-year end. Loan spreads as of the end of each period have been disclosed since 3Q of FY2022.

### LBO loans (non-consolidated)\*



## Environmental finance (non-consolidated)\*



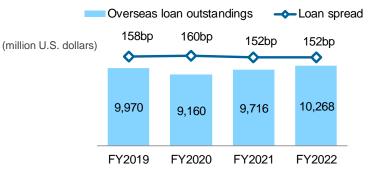
### Loans — Overseas

 Overseas loans were 1,371.1 billion yen, or 10,268 million on a U.S. dollar-basis (an increase of US\$ 551 million compared to March 31, 2022 and an increase of US\$ 17 million compared to December 31, 2022)

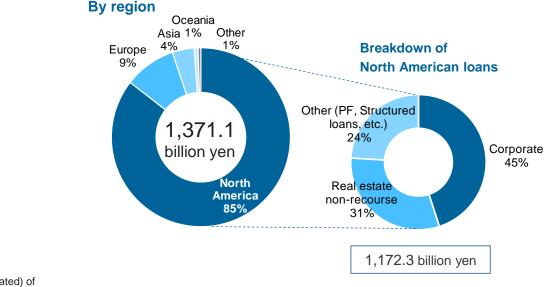
(billion yen)	End - Mar. 2022 <b>A</b>	End - Dec. 2022	End - Mar. 2023 <b>B</b>	Change B - A
Total loans (A)	3,317.1	3,877.6	3,881.3	+564.2
Overseas loans* (US\$ million)	9,716	10,250	10,268	+551
Overseas loans (B)	1,189.6	1,360.6	1,371.1	+181.5
(B) / (A)	35.9%	35.1%	35.3%	-
Foreign exchange rate (US\$/JPY)	¥122.43	¥132.74	¥133.54	¥11.11

#### \* With no final risk residing in Japan

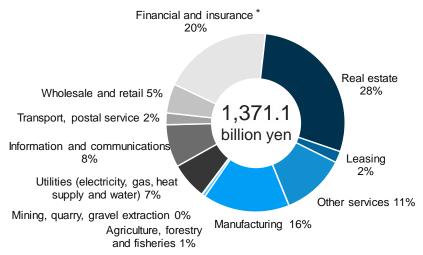
### Overseas loan outstandings and loan spread\*



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### By industry

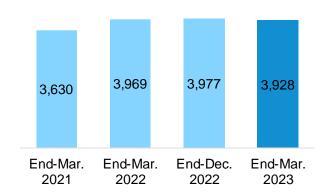


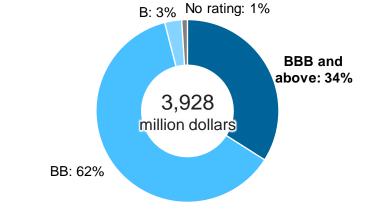
\* The majority of "Financial and insurance" consist of the highest senior tranche (AAA-rated) of middle-market CLO backed by diversified portfolio of the U.S. medium-sized companies.

### **Loans** — North American corporate loans

- The Bank's North American corporate loans were US\$ 3,928 million, a decrease of US\$ 41 million compared to March 31, 2022
  - · Aozora maintained portfolio quality through selective loan origination and flexible rebalancing in response to market conditions
  - The average bid price of the Bank's loan portfolio continued to outperform the market index with an improvement in portfolio quality. Loans rated BB or higher represented 96%, an increase from 91% as of March 31, 2022

#### North American corporate loan outstandings

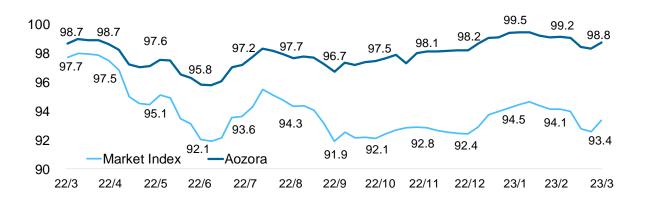




### North American corporate loans by credit rating\*

### Average bid price

(million U.S. dollars)



<sup>\*</sup> S&P credit rating (facility basis)

### Loans — Overseas real estate non-recourse loans (NRLs) (1/2)

- Overseas real estate non-recourse loans were US\$ 2,813 million. The ratio of overseas real estate non-recourse loans to total loans was 9.7%
  - The overseas real estate non-recourse loans increased by US\$ 391 million from March 31, 2022 and US\$ 26 million from December 31, 2022, as Aozora focused on originating higher credit quality loans, mainly in residential/multi-family and logistics
  - Commercial office loans remained flat compared to December 31, 2022 as the Bank took a policy to limit originating new loans

### **Aozora's Origination Criteria**

- Senior secured loans. All underlying properties are with cash flows. No ADC\* loans
- Participating deals are: 1) properties with creditworthy sponsors with a long-term investment horizon, and 2) transactions arranged by established financial institutions with proven track records
- Maintain cautious approach based on a conservative credit analysis
- ✓ LTV of 65% or lower at origination
- \* ADC: Acquisition, development and construction

### Status of the Bank's Office Loan Portfolio

- Good quality offices located in metropolitan areas (85% of offices are Class A buildings)
- The percentage of offices in the portfolio decreased from 78% (as of March 31, 2022) to 71% (as of March 31, 2023). The Bank continues to prioritize the repayment of loans in FY2023
- ✓ As a result of the re-evaluation, Aozora classified US\$ 145 million of office loans as NPL\*s based on the FRA in 4Q and made provisions based on conservative appraisals. The loan loss reserve ratio for office loans increased to 4.7% from 2.8% as of December 31, 2022. The NPL\* ratio of overseas office non-recourse loans was 7%
- During the work-out process, Aozora plans to maximize collections by carefully assessing trends in the real estate market

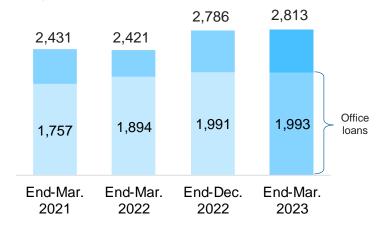
\* NPL: Non-performing loans based on the FRA (Financial Reconstruction Act)

### **Office Market**

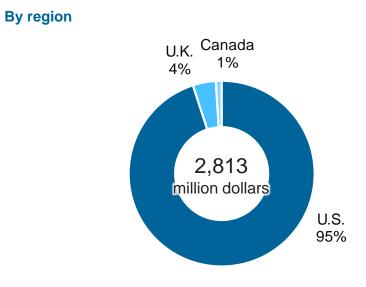
- While office demand continues to stagnate across the U.S., there is an increasing trend of polarization on an individual property basis. The Bank's portfolio includes properties with good demand as a result of flight-to-quality in New York and other cities
- Vacancy rates in the three major metropolitan areas remain high in New York and Washington D.C., and could potentially rise further in San Francisco
- With new real estate financing limited, the trend in real estate transactions has been limited, with a resulting negative impact on property valuations

#### Overseas real estate non-recourse loan outstandings

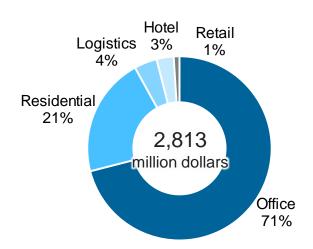
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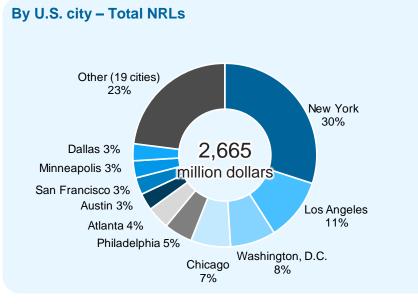


### Loans — Overseas real estate non-recourse loans (NRLs) (2/2)

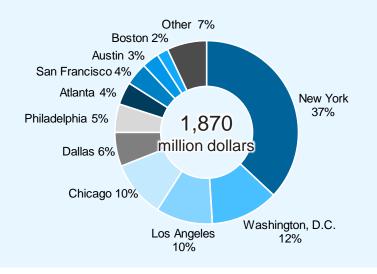


By sector



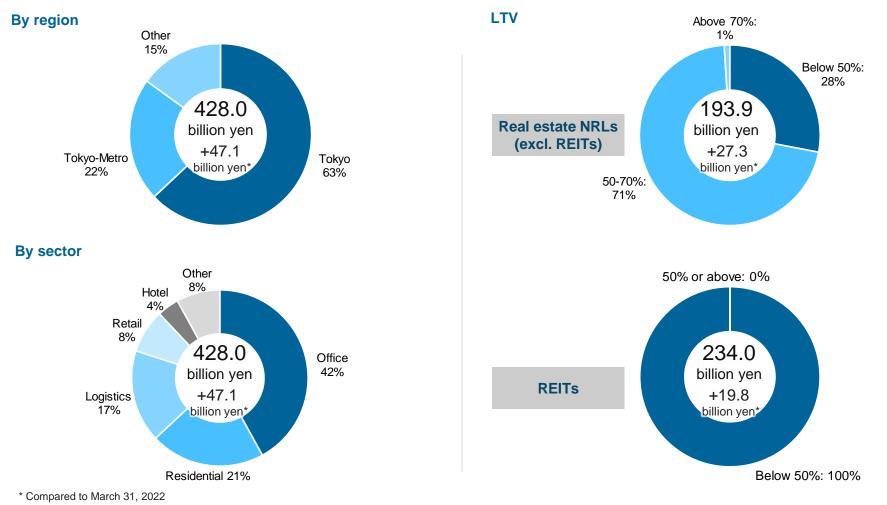


By U.S. city – Office loans only



### **Loans** — Domestic real estate non-recourse loans (NRLs)

- The Bank's domestic real estate non-recourse loan outstandings totaled 428.0 billion yen, an increase of 47.1 billion yen compared to March 31, 2022, and an increase of 7.6 billion yen compared to December 31, 2022 due to an increase in REITs. The ratio of domestic real estate non-recourse loans to total loans was 11%
  - The Bank continued its selective origination of higher credit quality loans. Non-recourse loans (excluding REITs) with an LTV of 70% or less
    accounted for 99% of its total, and REIT loans with an LTV of 50% or less represented 100% of its total



## **Securities**

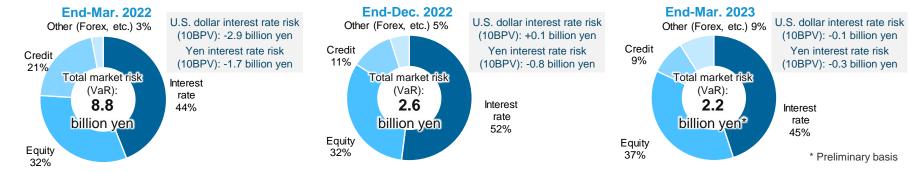
- Securities were 1,278.7 billion yen, a decrease of 199.4 billion yen compared to March 31, 2022
  - The Bank implemented a loss-cut to a portion of the unrealized losses in the securities portfolio. As a result, in addition to a decrease in foreign government bond balances, JGB and municipal bond balances also decreased in order to reduce yen interest rate risk
  - · Investment trusts increased as a result of investing in "bear funds" for risk control operations in the future
- Unrealized gains/losses, including unrealized gains/losses on hedging instruments, were a net loss of 63.8 billion yen, an improvement of 6.3 billion yen from December 31, 2022
  - · No securities are booked as held-to-maturity
- Bond durations as of March 31, 2023 were 4.8 years for U.S. government bonds, 6.5 years for mortgage-backed securities, 2.8 years for municipal bonds, and 16.7 years for Japanese government bonds

		Book value					Unrealized gains/losses				
(billion yen)	End - Mar. 2022 <b>A</b>	End - Dec. 2022 <b>B</b>	End - Mar. 2023 <b>C</b>	Change <b>C - A</b>	Change <b>C - B</b>	End - Mar. 2022 <b>D</b>	End - Dec. 2022 <b>E</b>	End - Mar. 2023 <b>F</b>	Change <b>F - D</b>	Change <b>F - E</b>	
JGBs	76.3	42.3	18.3	-57.9	-24.0	-0.7	-2.3	-1.3	-0.5	+1.0	
Municipal bonds	164.2	93.3	38.9	-125.2	-54.3	-1.2	-2.3	-0.1	1.1	+2.2	
Corporate bonds / short-term corporate bonds	172.9	152.3	127.9	-44.9	-24.3	0.4	-1.6	-0.9	-1.3	+0.7	
Equities	31.5	29.5	30.1	-1.3	+0.6	20.4	14.0	12.8	-7.5	-1.1	
Foreign bonds	536.0	474.2	458.7	-77.2	-15.4	-28.4	-73.3	-62.4	-34.0	+10.8	
Foreign government bonds	264.1	217.4	195.8	-68.3	-21.6	-13.3	-34.1	-27.0	-13.7	+7.1	
MBS	171.9	151.3	152.3	-19.5	+1.0	-15.6	-35.3	-32.5	-16.8	+2.8	
Other	99.9	105.4	110.6	+10.6	+5.2	0.5	-3.8	-2.8	-3.4	+0.9	
Other securities	497.0	541.7	604.4	+107.4	+62.6	15.4	-14.0	-14.0	-29.5	-0.0	
ETFs	153.0	118.9	123.3	-29.7	+4.3	-11.4	-27.1	-23.7	-12.2	+3.4	
Investments in limited partnerships	137.8	166.5	169.5	+31.7	+3.0	2.4	1.6	1.8	-0.5	+0.1	
REITs	76.0	45.7	46.5	-29.5	+0.7	7.7	6.8	6.5	-1.2	-0.2	
Investment trusts	93.0	165.1	225.0	+131.9	+59.8	10.4	-1.7	-1.4	-11.9	+0.3	
Other	36.9	45.3	40.0	+3.0	-5.3	6.2	6.4	2.7	-3.5	-3.7	
Total	1,478.1	1,333.5	1,278.7	-199.4	-54.8	5.8	-79.6	-65.9	-71.8	+13.7	
Unrealized gains/losses, incl. unrealized	Unrealized gains/losses, incl. unrealized gains/losses on hedging instruments						-70.1	-63.8	-69.0	+6.3	

## **Securities operations**

- Aozora further reduced the level of risk (VaR) in 4Q, from 2.6 billion yen as of December 31, 2022 to 2.2 billion yen as of March 31, 2023
- As of March 31, 2023, all of the Bank's U.S. and European government bonds, 90% of mortgage-backed securities, as well as 80% of its ETFs were hedged. The risk of further losses has been significantly reduced
- The Bank continued implementing a loss-cut mainly in foreign bonds, and it continues in 1Q of FY2023
- Yen interest rate risk (10BPV) was reduced to 0.3 billion yen as of March 31, 2023, mainly as the result of selling JGBs and municipal bonds

### Market risk (VaR)



### **ALM/securities operations**

w/securities operations			Balance* <sup>1, 2</sup>		Net balance after hedging* <sup>1, 2</sup>		Realized gains <sup>*3</sup> (gains from sale)		
		End-Mar. 2022	End-Dec. 2022	End-Mar. 2023	End-Mar. 2023			FY20	
JGBs, municipal bonds	(billion yen)	195.5	95.1	38.2	27.7	(billion yen)	0.0		
US government bonds	(US\$ million)	1,800	1,450	1,250	-	(billion yen)	-		
European govement bonds	(EUR million)	440	440	405	-	(billion yen)	-		
MBS	(US\$ million)	1,483	1,362	1,341	158	(billion yen)	0.0		
ETFs	(US\$ million)	1,344	1,101	1,101	163	(billion yen)	-		
REITs	(billion yen)	42.6	6.9	6.9	6.9	(billion yen)	2.1		
Investment trusts *4	(billion yen)	67.3	38.2	38.5	20.9	(billion yen)	4.7		

Note: Assets managed under the ALM securities portfolio. Non-consolidated, management accounting basis (risk basis)

\*1 Under "Balance" and "Net balance after hedging", bonds are calculated based on face value. All others are calculated based on book value

\*2 Foreign currency-denominated REITs and investment trusts converted to yen. Other categories stated in original currency

\*3 All realized gains/losses converted to yen. Includes 1.3 billion yen in gains on the cancellation of investment trusts recorded as net interest income

Net gains/losses\* om sale/ ption) -4.1 -4.1 -5.0 -5.0 --0.0 --5.2 -5.2 -1.2 0.8 -1.0 3.7 -16.7 -9.7 Total 6.9 Gains/losses on financial derivatives (billion yen) 1.9 Gains/losses on equity derivatives -2.0 (billion yen) -0.0 Total (billion ven)

losses\*

\*4 Excluding bear funds

## Funding

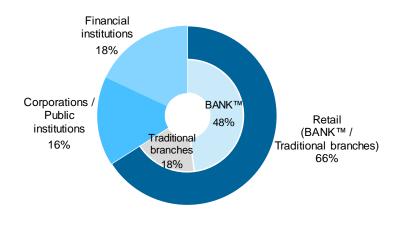
- Total core funding (deposits, negotiable certificates of deposit, and bonds) was 5,645.1 billion yen, an increase of 604.6 billion yen from March 31, 2022 and 121.2 billion yen from December 31, 2022
  - The balance of retail deposits increased by 491.6 billion yen compared to March 31, 2022 and 42.0 billion yen compared to December 31, 2022
  - The average deposit balance per retail account was approximately 4.8 million yen and approximately 80% of the total retail deposit balance (on a non-consolidated basis) was covered by the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan

(billion yen)	End - Mar. 2022	End - Dec. 2022 <b>A</b>	End - Mar. 2023 <b>B</b>	Change <b>B - A</b>
Total core funding	5,040.5	5,523.8	5,645.1	+121.2
Deposits / NCDs	4,871.5	5,406.1	5,497.3	+91.2
Incl. the balance of retail deposits	3,247.9	3,697.6	3,739.6	+42.0
Bonds	168.9	117.7	147.7	+30.0
Retail funding ratio *	64%	67%	66%	
Loan-to-deposit ratio incl. NCDs	68%	72%	71%	

\* Defined as follows:

Retail funding ratio = Retail deposits / Total core funding

### Core funding by customer segment



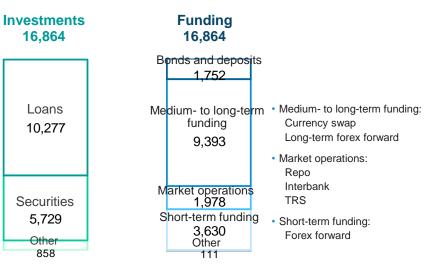
### Liquidity reserves\*

(billion yen)	End - Mar. 2022	End - Dec. 2022 <b>A</b>	End - Mar. 2023 <b>B</b>	Change <b>B - A</b>
Liquidity reserves	1,367.6	1,156.5	1,356.6	+200.0

\* Surplus funds at hand for cash management purpose operated with high liquidity method including BOJ current account balance, JGBs, U.S. government bonds and call loans

### Foreign currency investments/funding

(million U.S. dollars)

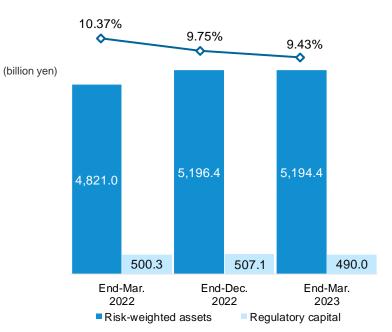


## **Capital adequacy ratio (preliminary)**

- The consolidated capital adequacy ratio (domestic standard) remained adequate at 9.43% as of March 31, 2023 (preliminary basis)
  - The CET1 (Common Equity Tier 1) ratio was approximately 7.4%

#### **Domestic standard**

(billion yen)	End-Mar. 2022 <b>A</b>	End-Dec. 2022	End-Mar. 2023 <b>B</b>	Change <b>B - A</b>
Capital adequacy ratio	10.37%	9.75%	9.43%	-0.94 %
Regulatory capital (A - B)	500.3	507.1	490.0	-10.2
Instruments and reserves (A)	523.7	531.0	512.9	-10.7
Shareholders' equity	481.0	483.4	471.8	-9.1
Other	42.6	47.5	41.1	-1.5
Regulatory adjustment (B)	23.3	23.8	22.8	-0.4
Risk-weighted assets	4,821.0	5,196.4	5,194.4	+373.4
Credit risk assets	4,245.7	4,555.3	4,558.1	+312.4
Market risk assets	407.8	470.1	478.4	+70.6
Operational risk assets	167.4	170.9	157.7	-9.6



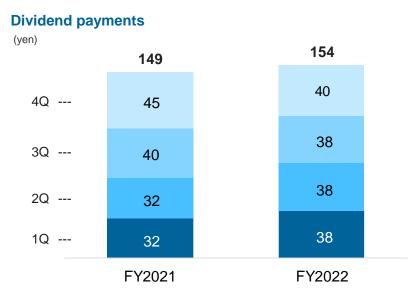
Capital adequacy ratio

## **Dividends**

- The FY2022 full-year dividend is 154 yen per common share, the same level as the initial dividend forecast, as the customerrelated business continued to perform strongly and the capital adequacy ratio is maintained at an adequate level of 9.43%. The fourth quarter dividend is 40 yen per common share
- The FY2023 full-year dividend forecast is 154 yen per common share, the same level as FY2022, based on the policy of stable shareholder returns while maintaining financial strength

	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Full-year
Current forecast (FY2023)					154 yen
Dividend payment (FY2022)	38 yen	38 yen	38 yen	40 yen	154 yen
Dividend payment (FY2021)	32 yen	32 yen	40 yen	45 yen	149 yen

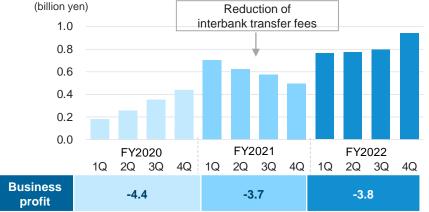
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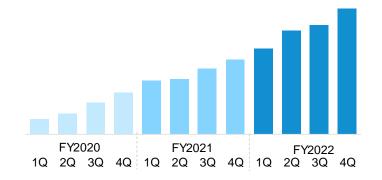
## **GMO Aozora Net Bank (GANB)**

- GANB's business including domestic transfer transactions, debit cards, and corporate loans performed well, with net revenue exceeding, and business profit in line with the plan for FY2022. GANB aims to reach profitability in FY2024
- The number of corporate accounts grew to approximately 77,000, with the number of applications for the month of March at an alltime high
- The number of "Simple Embedded Finance Services" contracts has progressed almost as planned. The number of contracts for a
  new product released in November last year to support streamlining of transfer operations and promotion of business DX also
  remained strong, especially in the real estate and reuse industries

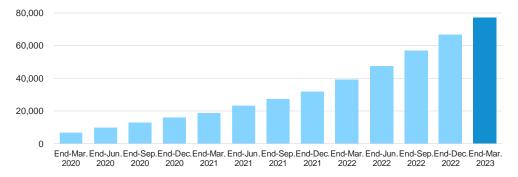




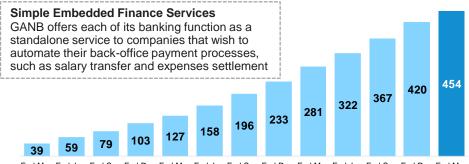
Number of transfer transactions



#### Number of corporate accounts



#### Number of "Simple Embedded Finance Services" contracts



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## **Aozora Group companies**

	FY2021			FY2022		
(billion yen)	Net revenue	Business profit	Net income	Net revenue	Business profit	Net income
Aozora Bank (non-consolidated)	88.2	42.2	29.8	44.3	-1.6	-8.1 <sup>*</sup>
GMO Aozora Net Bank	2.3	-3.7	-3.9	3.2	-3.8	-4.1
Aozora Loan Services	1.6	0.2	0.0	1.3	-0.0	0.0
Aozora Securities	4.3	2.7	1.9	0.9	-0.5	-0.4
Aozora Investment Management	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.5	0.3
Aozora Real Estate Investment Advisors	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
ABN Advisors	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Aozora Corporate Investment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1
Aozora Asia Pacific Finance	0.7	0.2	-0.3	0.7	0.1	0.1
Other subsidiaries	6.0	4.0	3.5	6.9	4.7	3.2
Total of consolidated subsidiaries	16.3	3.7	1.3	15.4	1.3	-0.4
Consolidated, non-consolidated difference (billion yen)						
Profit attributable to owners of parent		-	35.0			8.7
Non-consolidated net income		-	29.8			-8.1
Difference			5.1			16.8

\* The Bank recorded an extraordinary loss of 11.0 billion yen as losses on the valuation of equities of subsidiaries and affiliates in non-consolidated financial statements

## **Review of the previous Mid-term Plan "Aozora 2022"**

- Aozora launched its Strategic Investments Business in FY2021 with a focus on equity investments, environmental finance, recovery finance and M&A advisory as growth businesses, in addition to existing leveraged finance and real estate finance businesses as key sources of revenue. Customer-related business driven by Aozora's Strategic Investments Business has continued to grow
- Net revenue and net earnings both increased in FY2020 and FY2021. However, earnings significantly declined in FY2022 mainly due to the loss-cut taken on a portion of unrealized losses in the securities portfolio in financial market-related business as well as review of the sales policy of structured bonds in retail business
- Going forward, Aozora will continue to expand its customer-related business focused on Aozora's Strategic Investments Business, as well as
  restructure the securities portfolio in financial market-related business and transform the structure of its retail business

#### (billion yen) Profit attributable to owners of parent Business profit Net revenue 103.0 95.7 96.5 59.5 47.8 42.3 42.6 35.0 28.9 28.1 2.5 8.7 FY2020 FY2021 FY2019 FY2022

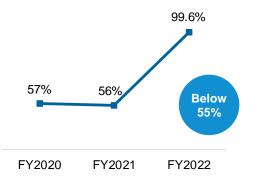
				(billion yen)
Net revenue by business group*1	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Customer-related business*2	64.6	60.9	68.9	69.3
Retail business	8.6	5.7	8.0	2.8
Market-related business	22.4	29.8	25.9	-12.6

\*1 Management accounting basis

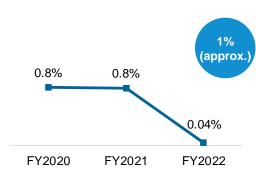
\*2 Excluding retail and financial market-related businesses

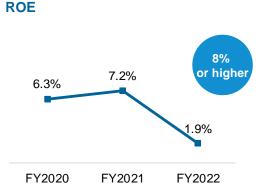


**Earnings** 









\* Business profit including gains/losses on equity method investments

## **Progress of Aozora's Sustainability Targets**

### Promoting Aozora's Strategic Investments Business

### **Realizing "Financial Inclusion"**

Growth Support for Venture Companies

	FY2021-FY2030	Results as of Mar. 31, 2023
	Targets	Mar. 31, 2023
Number of venture-related	100	46
investments:	transactions	(+34)
GMO Aozora Net Bank Small businesses & start-ups:	200,000 account openings	<mark>62</mark> К (+38К)

 Contributing to Regional Communities through Business Recovery

	FY2021-FY2025	Results as of
	Targets	Mar. 31, 2023
Number of business recovery	100	64
fund-based transactions:	transactions	(+43)

### **Promoting "Industrial Transition"**

 Investments Designed to Support Structural Transformation
 FY2021-FY2025

	FY2021-FY2025	Results as of
	Targets	Mar. 31, 2023
Number of equity investments with	100	77
a primary focus on engagement:	transactions	(+44)

- (Note) 1. Aozora partially revised its Sustainability Targets as it developed the new Mid-term Plan "Aozora 2025" (please see pages 53-54).
  - 2. Results recorded starting from April 2021. Parentheses denote FY2022 results

### **Response to Climate Change**

Sustainable Financing Amount

FY2021-FY2030 Targets Results as of Mar. 31, 2023

### Total: 1 trillion yen

Includes environmental financing of **700 billion yen** 

(+250 billion yen)\* 350 billion yen\*

400 billion ven\*

(+210 billion yen)\* \* Approximate figures

CO2 Emissions as a Business Entity

By FY2030	By FY2050*	FY2022
Targets	Targets	Results
<b>50%</b> reduction	0 (net zero)	To be disclosed in the Annual
(compared to FY2020)	*Or as early as possible	Report (late July)

Amount of Project Financing for Coal-fired Power Plants

By FY2040	Results as of
Targets	Mar. 31, 2023
<b>0</b> (zero)	<b>27.5</b> billion yen (-1.7 billion yen from Mar. 31, 2022)

## Protecting and Providing for the Next Generation

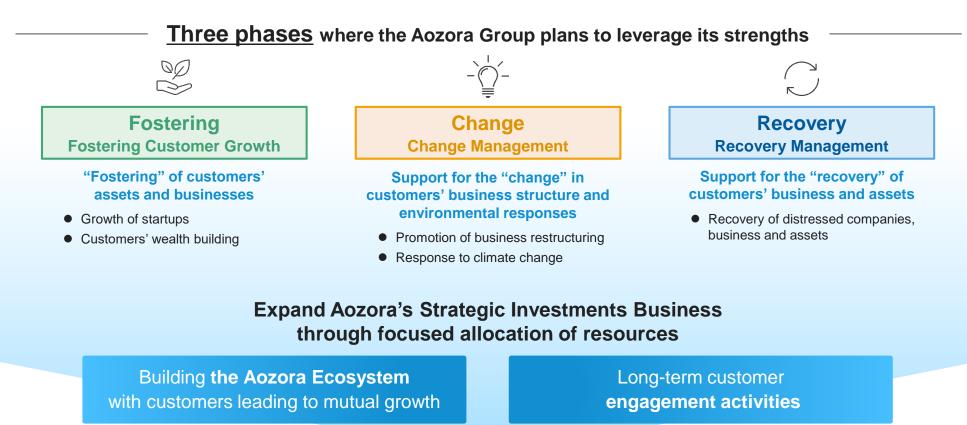
Business/Asset Succession Consulting

	FY2021-FY2025 Targets	Results as of Mar. 31, 2023
Number of consulting contracts:	1,800	<b>562</b> (+248)



## Goals under the new Mid-term Plan "Aozora 2025"

The three years of the "Aozora 2025" are expected to be a period of historic change in the environment



Aozora Mission: Contribute to the development of society through the creation of new value-added financial services

Contribute to the growth of all stakeholders including society, customers, shareholders and employees by creating distinctive and value-added services tailored to customers in a rapidly changing environment

# Outline of the new Mid-term Plan "Aozora 2025" Aozora 2025

### - Fostering, Change and Recovery -

3. Investments in Human Capital

**Capital policy** 

5. Promoting Aozora Sustainability

### 2. Aozora's Platform Business

4. Promoting Digital Transformation (DX)

	Capital efficiency	ROE: 8% (medium- to long-term target: 10%)	
Financial KPIs (final fiscal year)	Financial strength	Capital adequacy ratio: 9% or higher	
	TTOULOUVILY	Business-related profit*1 per employee: 20 million yen	
	Funding efficiency	Business-related profit RORA*2: 1.3%	
	Earnings	Profit attributable to owners of parent: 37.0 billion yen	

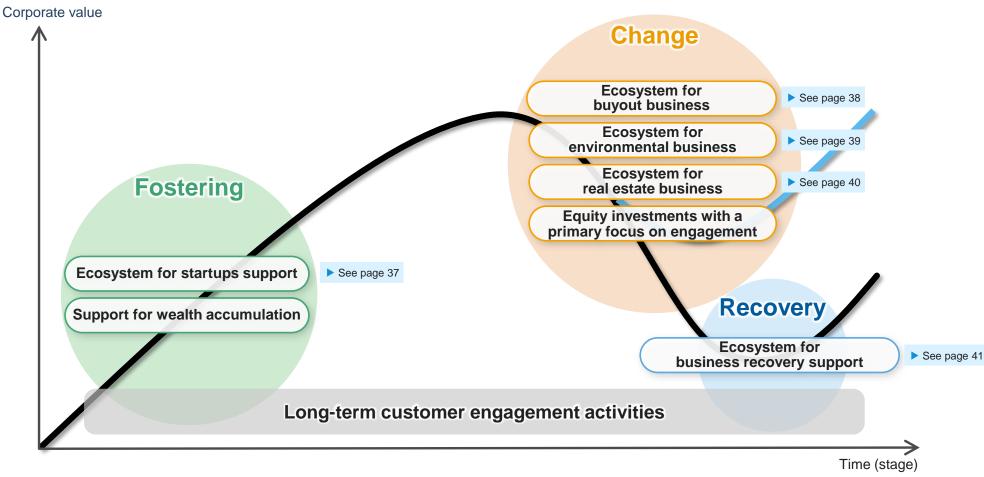
\*1 Business profit + Gains/losses on stock transactions, \*2 (Business profit + Gains/losses on stock transactions)/Risk-weighted assets

Maintain a capital policy which aims to sustain a proper balance among "stable shareholder returns", "strategic investments" and "financial strength"

- Capital adequacy ratio (domestic standard) of 9% or higher, ROE of 10% in the medium- to long-term while maintaining a proper balance with financial strength
- Focus on Aozora's Strategic Investments Business through focused allocation of capital to business areas with higher growth and earnings potential
- Aim to increase the annual dividend per common share to 158 yen based on a 50% dividend payout ratio for FY2025, the final year of the Mid-term Plan
- · Maintain dividend payments on a quarterly basis

## **1. Aozora's Strategic Investments Business**

Promote long-term engagement with customers through investment and financing activities, ranging from debt to equity, in three phases (Fostering/Change/Recovery) where the Aozora Group plans to leverage its strengths, and create the Aozora Ecosystem\* with customers for mutual growth



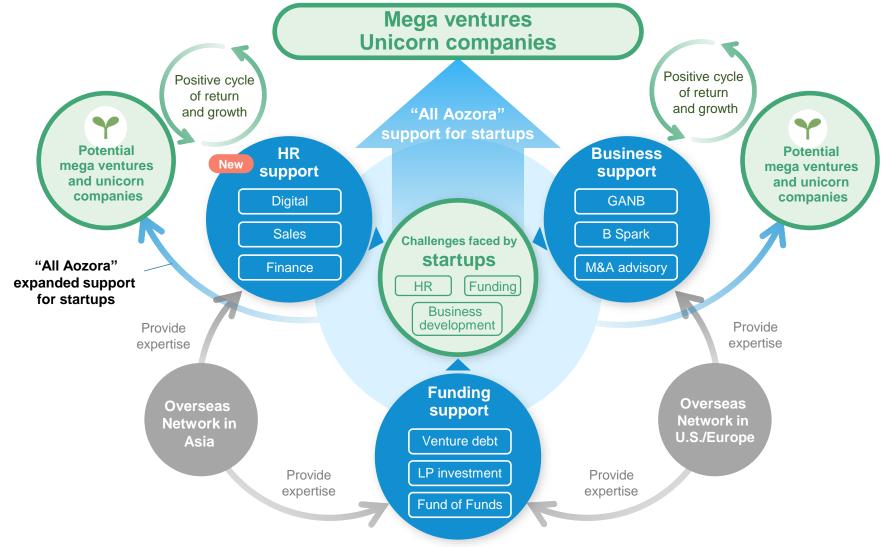
\* The Aozora Ecosystem refers to an ecosystem where the Aozora Group and its customers and business partners perform their assigned roles, or work as a unit, to pursue the business development of customers at each phase of growth.

# 1-(1) Aozora Ecosystem

		"Aozora 2025" Key Points
Fostering Support for startups	Foster startups by providing products and services that support their funding, business and human resources Funding: Support at each growth phase mainly through venture debt-based investments/loans Business: Aozora Group's total support for business expansion and enhanced corporate value HR: Human resource support	<ul> <li>Enhance engagement with startups to support their growth</li> <li>Establish the use of venture debt as a key funding source</li> <li>Double the number of staff</li> </ul>
Change	Provide solutions, ranging from information service to support for exit	
Buyout business	transactions, to promote industrial transition through business restructuring and succession Support customers' business transition, including business selection and concentration	<ul> <li>Establish position as a leading bank by investing in private equity funds, mainly related to LBO finance</li> <li>Contribute to the development of sound</li> </ul>
	approach, mainly through leveraged finance, equity investments via private equity funds and M&A advisory services	buyout markets through syndications
Environmental business	Promote Green Transformation (GX) initiatives aimed at realizing a decarbonized society Contribute to the realization of a decarbonized society by providing project finance for renewable energy, sustainable finance and other solutions for customers working on climate change initiatives	<ul> <li>Promote the development of new power sources and encourage broader use of transition energy</li> <li>Create and increase investment and financing opportunities through syndicated loans with regional financial institutions</li> </ul>
Real estate business	In addition to investments and loans, provide a wide range of services and products of the Aozora Group and its business partners Contribute to the sustainable growth and development of society and economy by offering the Aozora Group's wide-ranging services/products, including debt, equity and business matching	<ul> <li>Provide new, convenient and multifaceted financial services corresponding to the changing real estate market by utilizing real estate tech and responding to SDGs</li> </ul>
Recovery		
Support for business recovery	Provide solutions tailored for each phase of the business cycle in order to address local issues through recovery management Support customers' business/asset recovery through the use of recovery finance and Aozora Loan Services' loan servicing as well as M&A advisory services and other solutions	<ul> <li>Make investments in overseas business recovery claims</li> <li>Strengthen cooperation with RFIs, law firms, and other partners to promote support for business recovery and provide solutions such as M&amp;A advisory for exit from restructuring processes</li> </ul>

# 1-(1) Aozora Ecosystem — Support for startups

# Foster startups by providing knowledge and services that support their funding, business and human resources



# 1-(1) Aozora Ecosystem — Buyout business

Provide solutions, ranging from information service to support for exit transactions, to promote industrial transition through business restructuring and succession

**Establish position** 

as a leading bank

#### **M&A** information

- Capturing selling and buying needs
- · Providing information gathered from private equity funds
- · Information gathering at domestic and overseas offices
- Providing information gathered from domestic group companies, such as ABN Advisors
- Collaboration with overseas partners, including Vietnam-based OCB
- Business succession consulting

#### **Equity investments**

- LP investments in private equity funds
- Direct and indirect investments through target funds
- Backup support for management seeking a nonsponsored MBO

#### **LBO** finance

LBO/MBO finance

New

New

- HoldCo loans, mezzanine finance
- Risk control through syndication/securitization

#### **Transition support**

- Growth and reorganization support via roll-ups (additional acquisition)
- · Acting as FA at the time of sale or purchase of business
- Equity investments with a primary focus on engaging with corporates that acquired businesses from private equity funds

Equity investments

## Promotion of industrial transition

M&A

information

through business restructuring and succession

LBO finance

# Transition support

# 1-(1) Aozora Ecosystem — Environmental business

## Promote Green Transformation (GX) initiatives aimed at realizing a decarbonized society

#### **Finance** New business Project finance for renewable energy Financing for new technologies and New (e.g. solar, offshore/onshore wind, areas of renewable energy Promote **GX** rechargeable battery, biomass) New • Promoting the development of new Transition finance (Green Transformation) power sources and encouraging broader use of transition energy Sustainability-linked loans Realize a New • Creating environment-related funds Financing for green buildings Decarbonized Collaboration with environment-related consulting firms Society ESG Support Framework **Local Community** Global New • Building a next-generation power Originating and participating in overseas network "Smart Grid" project finance

- Providing investments and loans through syndication and securitization
- Providing information and coordinating affiliated companies
- Offering investment products to retail customers

Achieve "Aozora's Sustainability Targets" Support for customers' business

Leveraging know-how in overseas

transitions in Asia

investments and loans

## 1-(1) Aozora Ecosystem — Real estate business

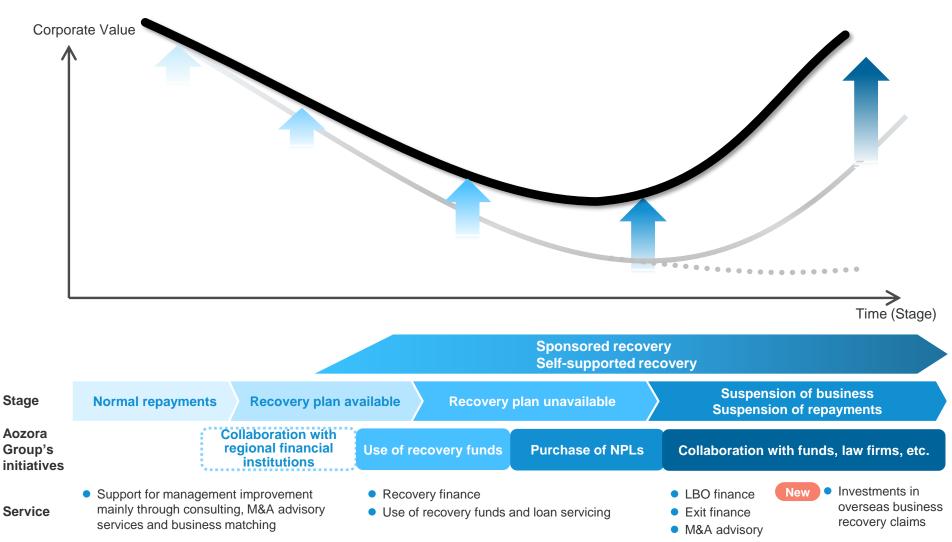
# In addition to investments and loans, provide a wide range of services and products of the Aozora Group and its business partners



Real estate-related corporate loan

# 1-(1) Aozora Ecosystem — Support for business recovery

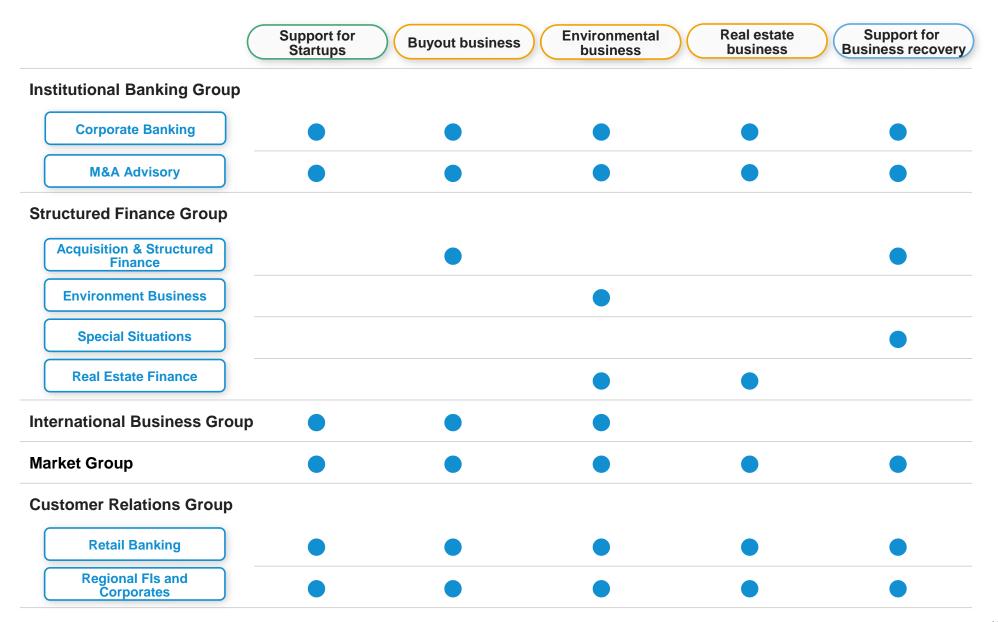
Provide solutions tailored for each phase of the business cycle in order to address local issues through recovery management



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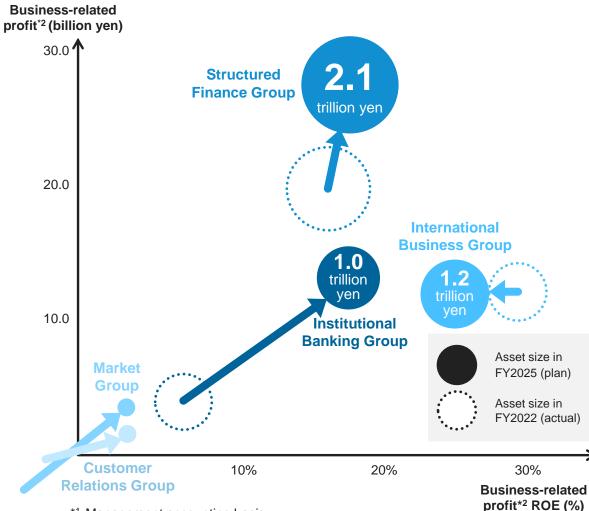
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# 1-(2) Business groups building the Aozora Ecosystem



# 1-(2) Mid-term financial targets by business group

## Financial targets by segment<sup>\*1</sup>



\*1 Management accounting basis

\*2 Business profit + Gains/losses on stock transactions

#### **Institutional Banking Group**

Increase profitability significantly while maintaining the asset levels by generating higher returns on equity investments, expanding M&A business and exploring other business opportunities through our equity investments with a primary focus on engagement

#### **Structured Finance Group**

Increase earnings by further expanding the scale of businesses while maintaining high profitability, mainly in buyout finance and business recovery support where Aozora can leverage its strengths

#### **International Business Group**

Maintain policy of carefully originating investments and loans given unstable conditions in overseas economies and markets. Profit margins, which are already at a high level, are expected to decline slightly

#### Market Group

Work to regain earnings power by reconstructing the securities portfolio during the new Mid-term Plan while controlling risk

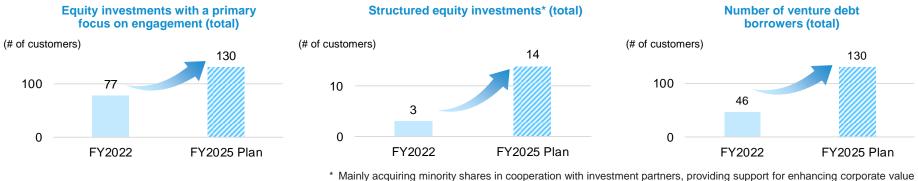
#### **Customer Relations Group**

Improve efficiency and profitability by transforming the business model and realize its functions as the base of Aozora's platform businesses

# 1-(2) Institutional Banking Group

## **Corporate Banking**

- Support the enhancement of customers' corporate value by promoting equity investments with a primary focus on engagement based on in-depth conversations with, and proposals to, our customers
- Provide financial, business and human resources supports and services needed by startups for their growth
- Improve profitability by promoting M&A advisory, derivatives, business succession, business recovery, digital transformation, decarbonization and other related businesses that lead to solutions for both customers and society



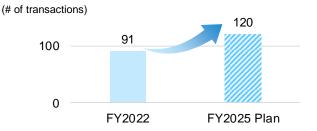
\* Mainly acquiring minority shares in cooperation with investment partners, providing support for enhancing corporate value in tandem with investees' owner/management, and receiving returns in the form of capital gains and dividend

## **M&A Advisory**

- Increase the number of closed deals and expand revenues by enhancing sourcing capabilities in M&A business through hiring of experts as well as collaboration mainly with M&A boutiques that have a focus on a specific region, sector or expertise.
- Focus on providing solutions to the business succession issues of small business owners and SMEs as well as invigorating regional economies by collaborating mainly with regional financial institutions across Japan to work together on business succession M&A initiatives



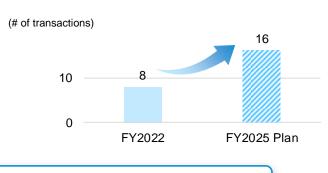
#### Number of M&A contracts (business succession M&A)



# 1-(2) Structured Finance Group (1/2)

## **Acquisition & Structured Finance**

- Promote the transformation and restructuring of industries through LBO and M&A finance for business selection and concentration, privatization, as well as business restructuring, succession and recovery
- Establish Aozora's position as a leading bank by further improving its status in the LBO market, and enhance its syndication capabilities for risk control



#### LBO loan arrangement (MLA)

#### LBO loan outstandings\*



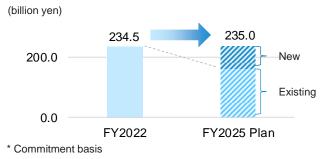
## **Environment Business**

- Continue to work on domestic and overseas project finances and work with regional financial institutions to expand syndicated loans
- Support customers' GX promotion and develop a new source of revenue from innovative technologies and areas with growth potential by integrating our knowledge and expertise regarding domestic and overseas project finance



#### Amount of environmental finance syndications

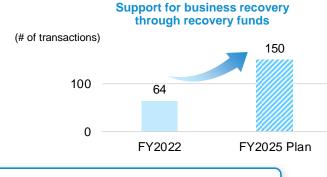
## Domestic renewable energy finance and overseas project finance outstandings\*



# 1-(2) Structured Finance Group (2/2)

## **Special Situations**

- Strengthen relationships with our business partners, including regional financial institutions and law firms, to capture business recovery support needs of regional financial institutions and corporates, and for assets adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as promote DIP finance
- Support the realization of customers' business revitalization plan and proceed with collection from existing investments that have completed business recovery. Actively engage in consultation with financial institutions on support for business recoveries and advance new investments in business recovery claims



#### Investments in business recovery claims



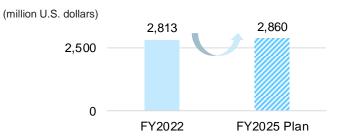
## **Real Estate Finance**

- Develop real estate-related financial services through providing sustainable finance that contributes to SDGs as well as leveraging technologies
- Identify domestic transactions that have growth potential and stable cash flow and continue disciplined portfolio management
- For overseas assets, prioritize collection in FY2023, mainly commercial real estate office loans. Cautiously consider the timing of new lending opportunities under the changing real estate market environment, while strengthening risk control including portfolio rebalancing



\* Total of real estate non-recourse loans and bonds

#### Overseas real estate non-recourse loan outstandings

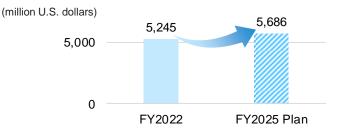


# 1-(2) International Business Group

## **International Business**

- Improve portfolio quality through disciplined portfolio management responding to changing market conditions, which include selective origination of North American and European corporate loans with attractive risk-return as well as flexible rebalancing
- Support OCB's growth by capturing the needs of Japanese customers doing business in Vietnam and introducing OCB's financial services to them, as well as capture growth opportunities in the Vietnamese economy through existing equity method investments

#### **Overseas corporate loan outstandings**



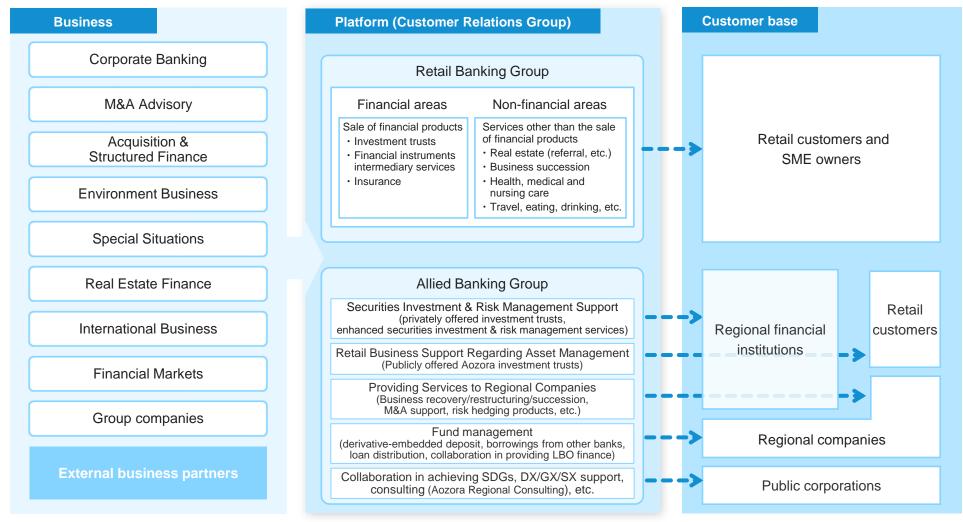
# 1-(2) Market Group

### **Financial Markets**

- Restructure the Bank's securities portfolio that is more resilient against downside risks by while carefully identifying risks and expanding risk control methods including hedging instruments, given potential recession risks
- Provide products that meet customer needs, such as hedging instruments against multiple risks, provide sales support to customer relations divisions, and manage positions appropriately to ensure stable derivative related income

# 2. Aozora's Platform Business

Provide Aozora's broad financial and non-financial services and expertise tailored to the characteristics and needs of retail and regional financial institution customers by collaborating with Group companies and external business partners

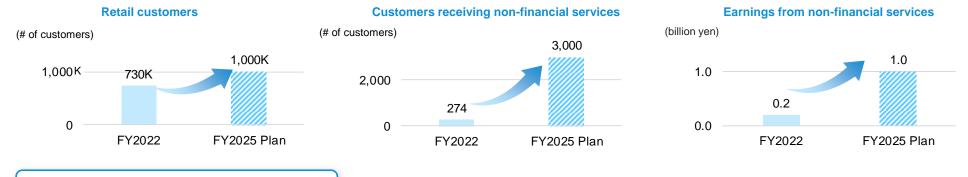


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# 2-(1) Customer Relations Group

## **Retail Banking**

- Shift from a business model based on fees and commissions from financial product sales to a platform business based on providing solutions for the diverse needs of customers
- Serve as a platform covering retail customers, ranging from asset formation generations to affluent individuals, as well as SME owners and provide financial and non-financial services that meet customer needs through sales activities combining consultancy and digital marketing as well as expanding non-financial services



## **Regional FIs and Corporates**

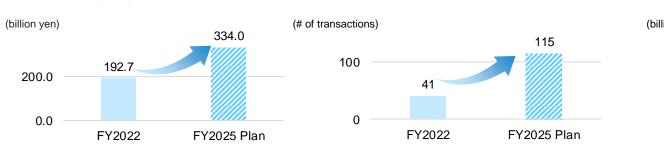
**Publicly offered Aozora investment trusts** 

sold through regional financial institutions

• Serve as an enhanced platform covering financial institutions across Japan, regional corporates and public corporations. Aim to increase the AUM of publicly offered Aozora's investment trusts that are provided to regional financial institutions for their retail customers, as well as collaborate with other business groups to promote our syndicated loans, distribution of Aozora's loans and business recovery support

LBO and environmental finance syndications

• Strengthen engagement with regional banks that need to respond to the changing financial and economic environment



## Purchased amount of business recovery claims



# 3. Investments in Human Capital

Increase investments in human capital by 2 billion yen over the next three years in order to provide attractive rewards and opportunities for skill development by employees willing to take on new challenges, as well as hire mid-career professionals. Realize "Fostering", "Change" and "Recovery" in the Aozora Group's working environment

### **Evaluations and rewards**

Payment of attractive rewards based on merit-based personnel evaluation and compensation

### Human resources

Resource redeployment within the Aozora Group through retention of key employees in the focus areas of business, flexible personnel reshuffle and productivity enhancement

## **Organization**

An organization where each individual is conscious of "career autonomy" and realizes self-driven career development

## Workplace environment

A work environment where Group officers and employees can take on challenges, grow and perform with a sense of unity, and where both ease and satisfaction of work can be achieved

#### **Career development**

- Placing career consultants
- Broader business experience within the Group (training, short-term trainee, e-learning, etc.)
- Business experience outside the Group (Mushashugyo program, Executive MBA, postgraduate school enrollment, etc.)
- Support for self-development and reskilling

### Flexible resource transfer

- Strategic personnel changes in response to the business environment
- Job Support Program (in-house side jobs)
- Effective use of HR-Tech (skill, experience, career orientation, personnel assessment data and talent management)

### Hiring mid-career professionals

- Hiring mid-career professionals in key business areas
- Focus areas of business, including DX and cybersecurity
- Building an attractive reward system
- Hiring of alumni

# 4. Promotion of DX (Digital Transformation)

Secure the Aozora Group's competitive advantage and enhance its corporate value by transforming its business (products and services) and corporate culture through the use of wide-ranging information assets (data) and digital technologies

## 4 initiatives for DX

# Proper management, accumulation and use of diverse information assets (data)

- · Reorganize the information asset management system
- Secure and maintain data quality that meets usage purposes, and ensure efficiency in data extraction and use

#### **DX talent development**

- Transfer key personnel driving DX to business divisions
- Raise awareness of DX literacy among Aozora officers/employees

#### **Open communication**

- · Introduce business chat apps and expand online conference tools
- · Grant access rights by project, and ensure faster information sharing

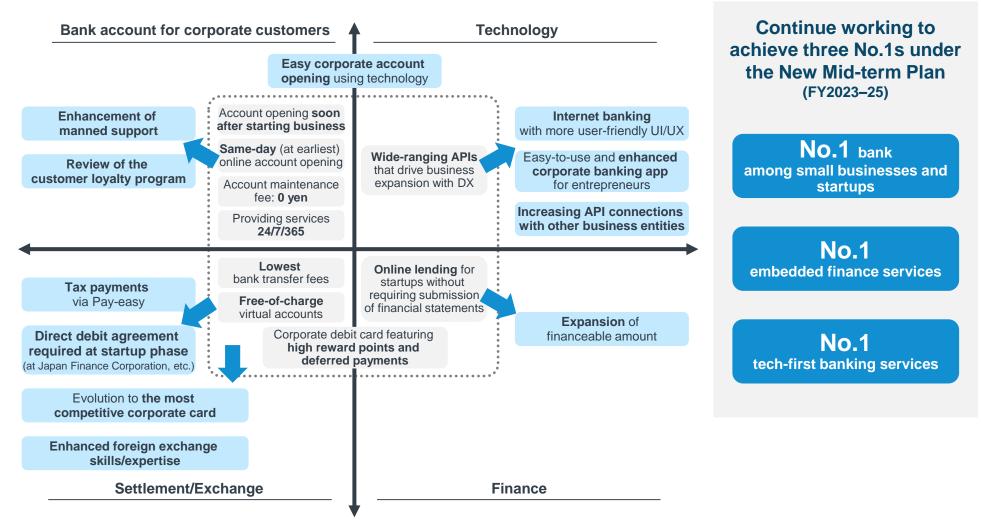
### System improvement

- Streamline operations and share duties regardless of employees' working place through digitalization
- Improve stability through enhanced information linkage and loose coupling of the overall system



# **GANB's business strategy**

# Next-generation tech-first bank designed to support startups and DX



# 5. Promotion of Aozora Sustainability (1/2)

Aozora's Sustainability Targets					
	Results		Tarç		
	FY2022	FY2025	FY2030	FY2040	FY2050
Target 1: Investments Designed to Support St	ructural Transformation				
Growth Support for Venture Companies					
Number of venture-related investments	Total: 46 transactions	s ·····>> 130			
GMO Aozora Net Bank Small businesses & startups	Total: 62K account openings > 200K				
Contributing to Regional Communities through Business Recovery					
Number of business recovery fund-based transactions	Total: 64 transactions	s <b>&gt; 150</b>			
Investments Designed to Support Structural Transformation					
Number of equity investments with a primary focus on engagement	Total: 77 transactions	s ·····> 130			

т	Target 2: Response to Climate Change							
	Sustainable financing amount	Total: 400 billion yen (approx.)>1 trillion yen by FY2027						
	$^{igsim}$ Includes environmental financing of	Total: 350 billion yen (approx.)						
	Becoming Carbon Neutral							
	CO2 emissions as a business entity (Scope 1 & Scope 2, compared to FY2020)	Emission: To be disclosed in the Annual Report (late July)						
ew	CO2 emissions in the investment and loan portfolio (Scope 3: Category 15)	Emission: To be disclosed in the Annual Report (late July)						
	Amount of project financing for coal-fired power plants	Outstanding: 27.5 billion yen						

# 5. Promotion of Aozora Sustainability (2/2)

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Aozora's Sustainability Targets					
Abzora 5 oustainability rangets	Results		Tar	gets	
	FY2022	FY2025	FY2030	FY2040	FY2050
Target 3: Retail Banking Platform					
Business/asset succession consulting Number of consulting contracts*	Total: 492 transact	tions> <b>1,000</b>			
Number of customers receiving non-financial services	274 customers	> 3,000			

\* Both results and targets were revised as Aozora reclassified some items under this category into the new targets set in the new Mid-term Plan "Aozora 2025".

New	Target 4: Diversity & Inclusion (diversity of core personnel)						
	Percentage of female managers / female deputy managers	13.3% / 37.3%					
	Percentage of male employees taking childcare leave	91%> 100% by FY2027					
	Percentage of non-Japanese managers	2.8% > 3% or higher at any time					
	Percentage of mid-career managers	49.6%					



# **Mid-term financial targets**

## Key performance indicators

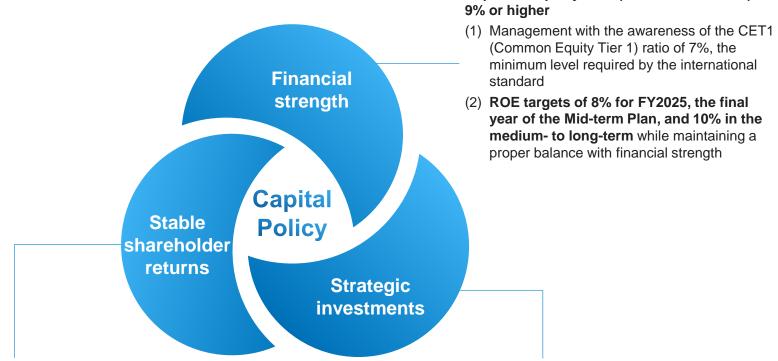
		FY2021 (results)	FY2022 (results)	FY2025 (targets)
Capital efficiency	ROE	7.2%	1.9%	8% (medium- to long-term: 10%)
Financial strength	Capital adequacy ratio	10.4%	9.4% (preliminary basis)	9% or higher
Productivity	Business-related profit <sup>*1</sup> per employee	19 million yen	4 million yen	20 million yen
Business Group Earnings	Business-related profit <sup>*2</sup> RORA	1.1%	0.2% (preliminary basis)	1.3%
Earnings level	Profit attributable to owners of parent	35.0 billion yen	8.7 billion yen	37.0 billion yen

\*1 Business profit + Gains/losses on stock transactions, \*2 (Business profit + Gains/losses on stock transactions)/Risk-weighted assets



# **Capital policy**

# Maintain a proper balance among "stable shareholder returns", "strategic investments" and "financial strength"



- 1. In principle, shareholder returns through dividends based on net earnings
- 2. Stable shareholder returns while maintaining financial strength
- 3. Aim to increase the annual dividend to 158 yen per common share at a payout ratio of 50% by achieving the earnings target for FY2025, the final year of the Mid-term Plan
- 4. Maintaining dividend payments on a quarterly basis

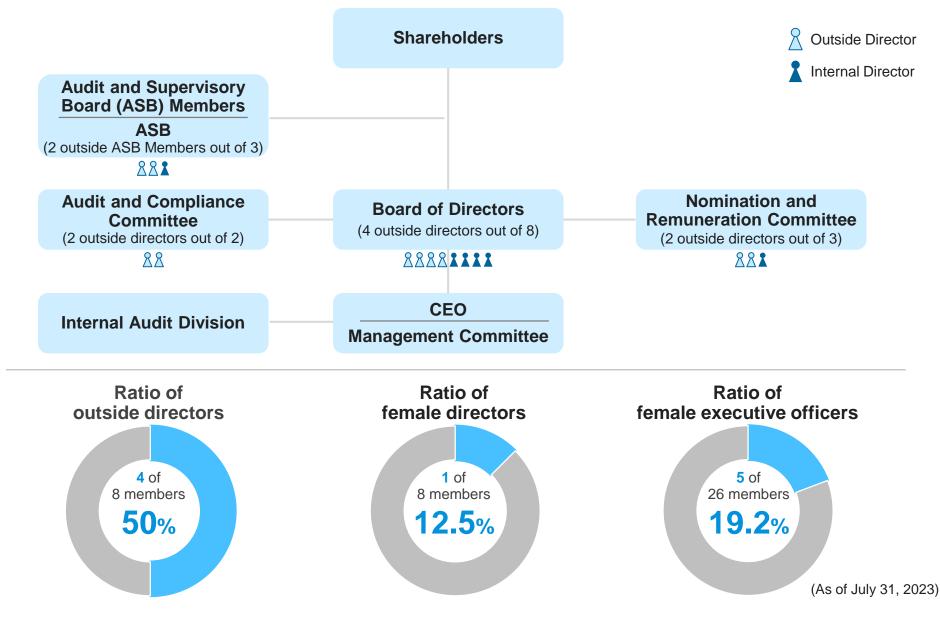
1. Focus on Aozora's Strategic Investments Business by deploying capital mainly to business areas with growth potential

1. Capital adequacy ratio (domestic standard) of

2. Support for the enhancement of customers' corporate value through equity investments with a primary focus on engagement



# **Corporate Governance**



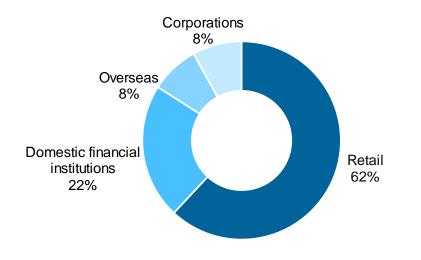
# **Management Oversight**

Board of Direc	ctors (as of June 22, 2023)						
> Mr. Kei Tanikawa	Representative Director and President, CEO	> Mr. Ippei Murakami	Former President and Representative Director, Nisshin Seifun Group Inc.				
> Mr. Koji Yamakoshi	Representative Director and Deputy President	≻ Ms. Sakie Tachibana	President and Representative Director, G&S Global Advisors Inc.				
➢ Mr. Hideto Oomi	Representative Director and Deputy President, Head of Institutional Business Promotion Group	Fukushima					
≻ Mr. Masayoshi Ohara	Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer, CRO	➢ Mr. Hideyuki Takahashi	Former Director and Deputy President, Group CFO, Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.				
		> Mr. Hideaki Saito	President and CEO, Japan Systems Co., Ltd.				
ASB members	as of June 22, 2023)						
> Mr. Satoshi Hashiguch	Standing ASB Member	> Mr. Toraki Inoue	Former Partner, Asahi & Co. (currently KPMG AZSA LLC)				
		≻ Mr. Junichi Maeda	Former Representative Senior Managing Direc The Hokkoku Bank, Ltd.				

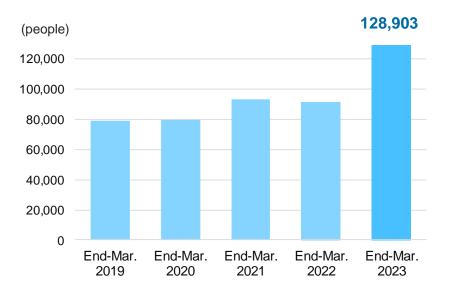
		Expertise of Directors and ASB Board Members							
	Name		Corporate Management	Banking and Finance	Financial Accounting	Legal, Compliance/ Risk Management	Global Affairs	IT/DX	Sustainability
		Kei Tanikawa	•	•		•			
	Internal	Koji Yamakoshi	•	•		•	•		
	Directors	Hideto Oomi	•	•			•	•	
Directors		Masayoshi Ohara		•		•			•
Directors	Outside	Ippei Murakami	•		•	•			
		Sakie Tachibana Fukushima	•				•		•
	Directors	Hideyuki Takahashi	•	•	•	•		•	
		Hideaki Saito	•	•			•	•	
	Standing ASB Member	Satoshi Hashiguchi		•		•	٠		
Members	Outside	Toraki Inoue	•		•	•	•		
	ASB Members	Junichi Maeda	•	•		•			

# **Shareholder Composition**

### Shareholder composition (as of March 31, 2023)



### Number of Aozora Bank's retail investors



# **Aozora at a Glance**

## Franchise

- Headquarters: 6-1-1 Kojimachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
- Total Assets: JPY 7,184.0 billion yen
- Credit Ratings: BBB+ / A- / A (S&P / R&I / JCR)
- Office Network:
  - Domestic: 20 offices nationwide
  - Overseas: New York, London, Shanghai, Singapore, Hong Kong

## Major Subsidiaries:

- GMO Aozora Net Bank, Ltd.
- Aozora Loan Services Co., Ltd.
- Aozora Securities Co., Ltd.
- Aozora Regional Consulting Co., Ltd.
- Aozora Investment Management Co., Ltd.
- Aozora Real Estate Investment Advisors Co., Ltd.

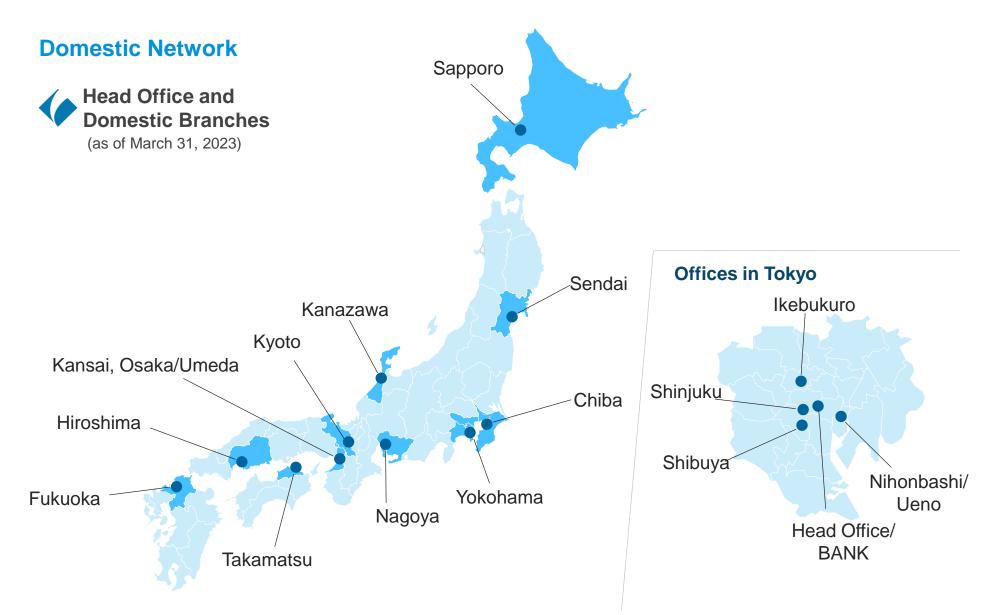
ABN Advisors Co., Ltd.

- Aozora Corporate Investment Co., Ltd.
- Aozora Asia Pacific Finance Limited
- Aozora Europe Limited
- Aozora North America, Inc.
- Full-time Employees: 2,442 (consolidated basis, as of March 31, 2023)

## **History**

- **1957:** Established as The Nippon Fudosan Bank, Limited
- **1977:** Changed name to The Nippon Credit Bank, Ltd.
- 1998: Temporarily nationalized
- 2000: Re-privatized
- 2001: Changed name to Aozora Bank, Ltd.
- 2006: Listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange
- **2012:** Announced Comprehensive Recapitalization Plan
- 2015: Early and full repayment of public funds
- 2017: Headquarters relocated to Chiyoda-ku, Kojimachi
- **2022:** Listed on the Prime Market segment of the Tokyo Stock Exchange following the restructuring of its market segments

# **Aozora Network**



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## **Overseas Network**

	Aozora Europe	(London)
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Shanghai Representative Office

Aozora Asia Pacific Finance (Hong Kong)

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Kasikorn Bank (Thailand)

Representative Office Registered in Singapore

OCBC Bank (Singapore)

Genesis Alternative Ventures (Singapore)

China Renaissance (China)

Aozora Bank

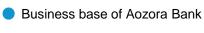
CTBC Financial Holding (Taiwan)

**BDO Unibank (Philippines)** 

Orient Commercial Joint Stock Bank (Vietnam)

Ho Chi Minh City Securities (Vietnam)

Bank Central Asia (Indonesia)



SVB Capital (US)

Business alliance partner

## Aozora North America (New York)

New York Representative Office

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