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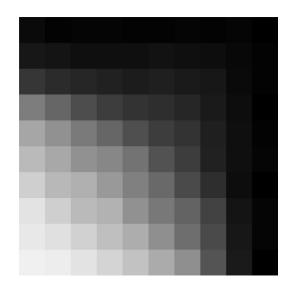
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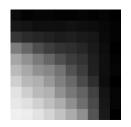
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Financial results for the year ended 30 June 2023

August 20, 2023





Medium Term Management Plan "BE GLOBAL 2028"

Review of Medium Term Management Plan BE GLOBAL 23

- Sales and profits continued to increase during the mid-term plan period (13 consecutive years of revenue growth and 8 consecutive years of profit growth), both operational and financial KPIs were achieved, and sales and operating profit nearly doubled during the midterm plan period.
- However, the business model transformation targeted in the strategic KPIs was not achieved.

		FY6/18 Result	FY6/23 Target	FY6/23 Result			
Operational KPI	Net Sales (¥bn)	12.1	18~ <mark>22</mark>	21.4		Achieved both net sales and operating income medium term targets, with net sales growing	
	Operating Income (¥bn)	1.6	3.1~ <mark>3.8</mark>	3.2		1.8x, and operating income 2x during the plan.	
Strategic	Recurring Sales Ratio (%)	33	70	35		Recurring sales grew from ¥4.0bn in FY6/18 to ¥7.6b in FY6/23, but the recurring sales ratio	
KPI	Sales Growth + OPM (points)	28.5	40 or more	29.9		failed to grow, and the business model was not transformed.	
Financial	ROE (%)	24.5	20 or more	22.2*	_	Achieved medium term targets for both ROE	
KPI	Dividend (¥)	12	15 or more	15		and dividend.	

^{*} FY6/19-FY6/23 average, new revenue recognition standard applied from FY6/22. FY6/23 actual 18.3%.

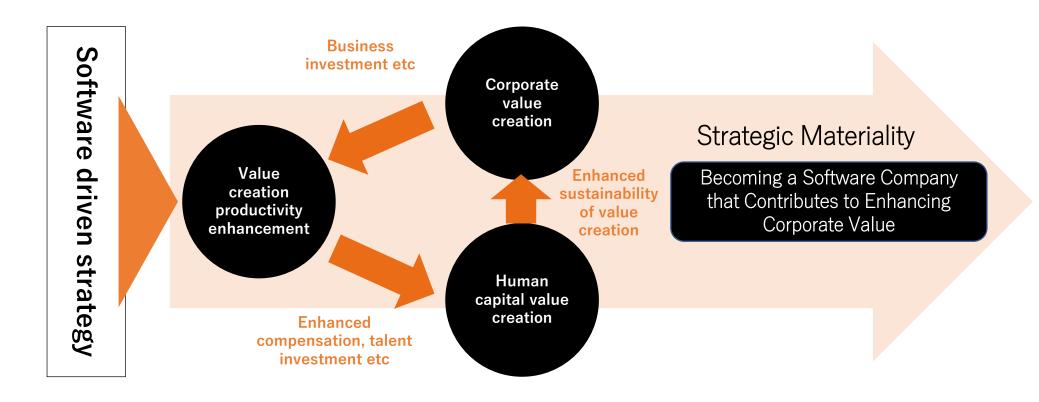
Avant Group Philosophy

- The policy change was made in the middle of the previous medium-term plan "BE GLOBAL 2023", in which the strategic materiality "Becoming a Software Company that Contributes to Enhancing Corporate Value" was verbalised.
- Softwear driven strategy developed in the process of considering the new BE GLOBAL 2028 medium-term plan.



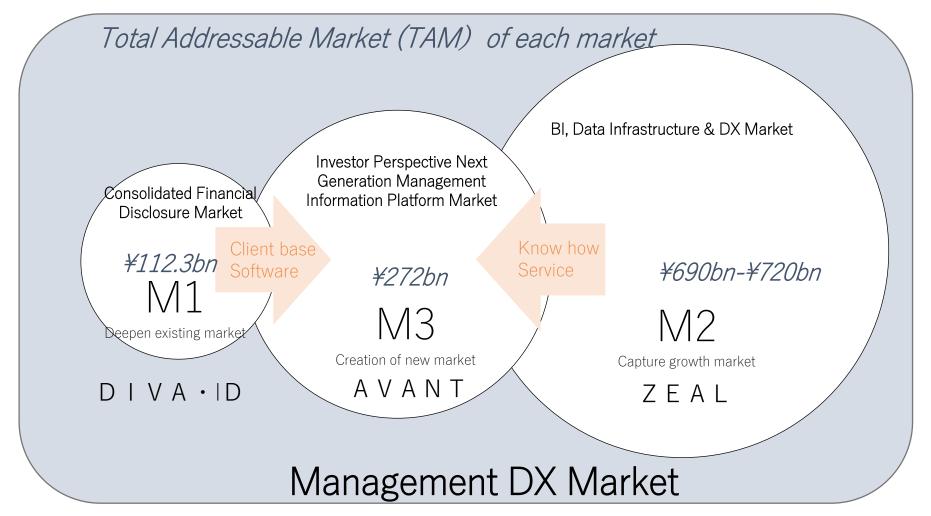
Value Creation Spiral Targeted in BG28 (BE GLOBAL 2028)

Realize the strategic materiality of "Becoming a Software Company that Contributes to Enhancing
Corporate Value" through a value creation spiral starting from the improvement of value creation
productivity (measured by operating profit per employee) brought about by the software-driven
strategy that leads to the creation of human capital value and corporate value



BG28 Focus Markets

• Positioning in the management digital transformation (DX) market for companies where enhancing corporate value is a serious issue.



BG28 Outlook

- As a B2B software growth company, grow the business by increasing value creation productivity, tripling net income on a doubling of sales, for a net income CAGR of at least 25%.
- The business plan is based on the plans of each operating company and aims to achieve this through organic growth.

	FY6/23	FY6/24	FY6/28	5yr chg/avg
Net Sales	¥21.4bn	¥24bn	¥40-45bn	2x
Operating Income (OI)	¥3.28bn	¥3.85bn	¥9-11bn	3x
OPM	15.4%	16.0%	20-24%	+5-9pts
Net Income	¥2.09bn	¥2.5bn	¥6-7bn	3x/CAGR 25%
OI/person	¥2.4mn	¥2.4mn	¥3.5-4.3mn	1.5x
Software Gross Profit	¥2.13bn	¥2.17bn	¥6.0-6.5bn	3.0x
ROE	18.3%	19.3%	20% or more	Avg 20%
DOE	4.9%	5.3%	8% or more	Avg 7%
Dividend	¥15	¥19	¥51 or more	3.4x

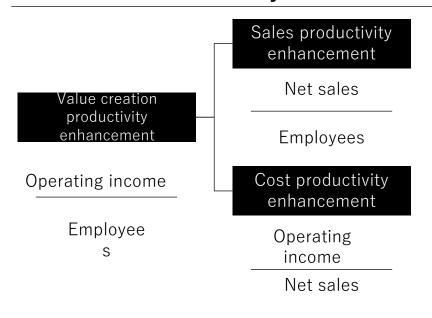
Software Driven Strategy Benefits and Value Creation Productivity Enhancement

• 3 benefits of software driven strategy (1. Greater sales portion from high margin software, 2. enhanced software margins and 3. higher service profit margins) enhance value creation productivity and drive profit growth.

Software Driven Strategy Benefits

FY6/23 FY6/28 Profitability Service Software Sales weight Sales weight Sales weight

Value Creation Productivity Enhancement



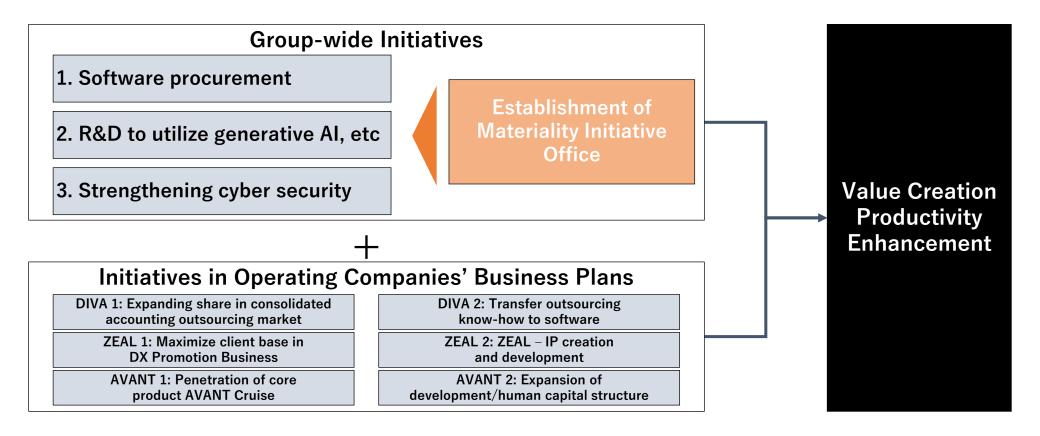
= 1 - CoGS ratio - SG&A ratio

Main In-house Software

DIVA LCA related	DivaSystem LCA	Top domestic share for consolidated accounting and consolidated settlement systems
	DivaSystem □x3-Advance	Strengthening governance and automating consolidated accounts settlement by visualizing detailed data of group companies.
	> DivaSystem FBX	Application for group budget management, forecast management, etc.
	AVANT Cruise	Integrated financial and non-financial management platform to enhance corporate value
AVANT Cruise	X AVANT SMD	Consolidated cost and multi-axis revenue management system that supports earning power
& other	AVANT Compass	Business Management BI for immediate use of management information of your and other companies
	Mart Chart	Group management dashboard for strategy and scenario development

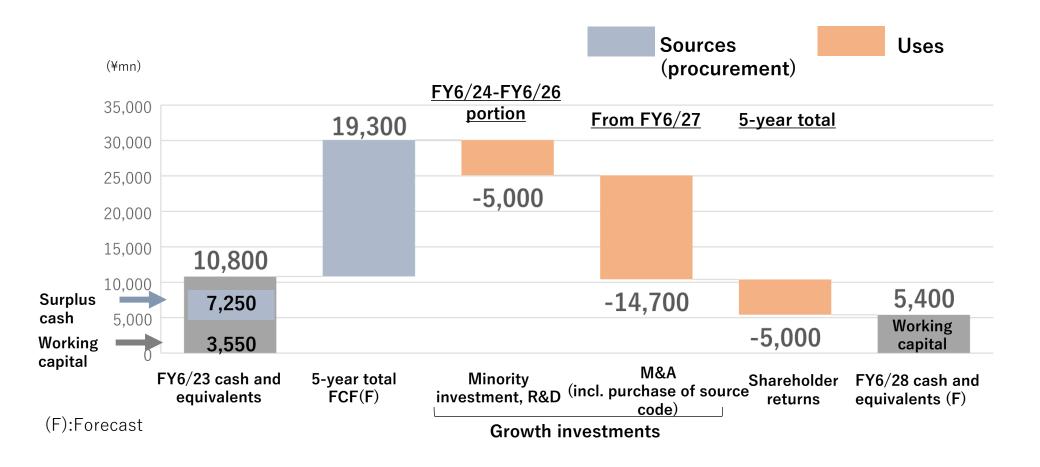
Initiatives for Value Creation Productivity Enhancement

• In addition to the measures implemented by each operating company, establish a new Materiality Initiative Office to promote the enhancement of value creation productivity throughout the Group, and implement the Group's strategic investments.



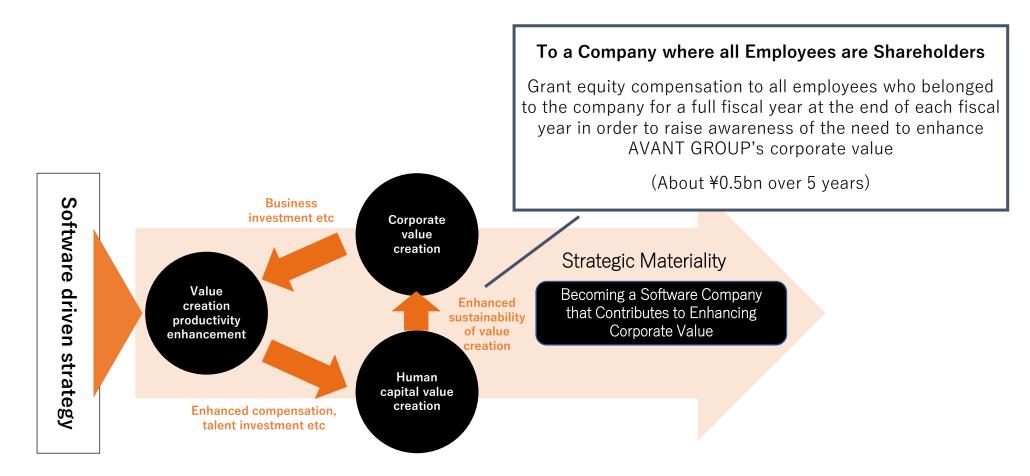
Capital Allocation

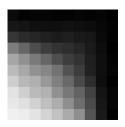
 Assuming ¥20bn for growth investments and ¥5bn for shareholder returns (dividends) over the 5-year period of the medium-term management plan.



Toward the Realization of a Value Creation Spiral

Strengthening the spiral of human talent value creation to corporate value creation by making all employees shareholders





Financial reports

Results Highlights

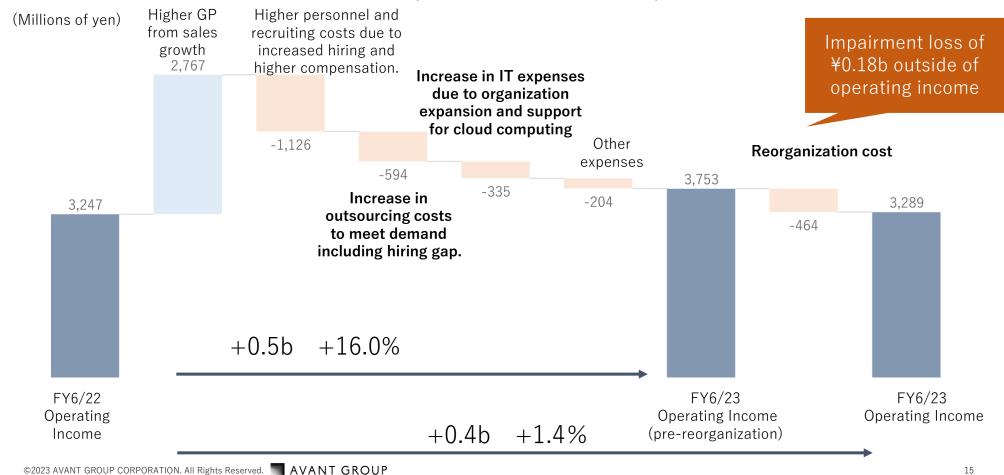
- Net sales increased 6.5% in the fourth quarter and 14.5% for the full year, despite a decline in the Group Governance business in the fourth quarter.
- Gross profit and operating income decreased in the fourth quarter on a non-consolidated basis due to a decline in gross profit margin due to additional personnel for growth and restructuring costs. Full-year increase rate is small, but profit growth is achieved.
- Net sales are below forecasts, but operating and net income exceed forecasts.

(Millions of yen)

	FY6/23	YoY Variance		FY6/23	YoY Variance		vs Forecast	
	Q4	Yr earlier	% chg	110/23	Yr earlier	% chg	Forecast	% Achieve
Net Sales	5,236	4,916	6.5%	21,424	18,703	14.5%	21,800	-1.7%
Cost of Sales	3,173	2,686	18.1%	12,028	9,782	23.0%	_	1
Gross Profit	2,063	2,230	-7.5%	9,395	8,921	5.3%	_	_
GPM	39.4%	45.4%	-6.0pt	43.9%	47.7%	-3.8pt	_	_
SG&A	1,695	1,606	5.5%	6,106	5,674	7.6%	_	_
Operating Income	368	624	-41.0%	3,289	3,247	1.3%	3,100	6.1%
OPM	7.0%	12.7%	-5.7pt	15.4%	17.4%	-2.0pt	14.2%	1.1pt
Net Income	223	472	-52.8%	2,094	2,045	2.4%	2,030	3.2%
NPM	4.3%	9.6%	-5.4pt	9.8%	10.9%	-1.2pt	9.3%	0.5pt
EBITDA	492	711	-30.8%	3,737	3,582	4.3%	_	1
EBITDA margin	9.4%	14.5%	-5.1pt	17.4%	19.2%	-1.7pt	_	_

FY6/23 Operating Income Bridge (YoY)

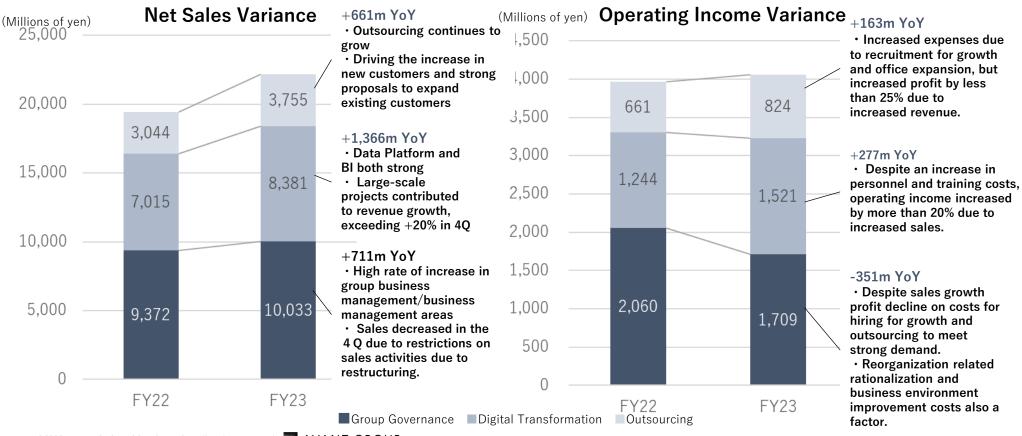
- Despite an increase in recruitment-related expenses, outsourcing expenses, and IT expenses, the rate of increase in operating income before restructuring costs exceeded the rate of increase in sales.
- Operating income and net income increased only slightly due to the impact of restructuring costs of ¥0.46b in cost and SG&A expenses and ¥0.18b in impairment losses.



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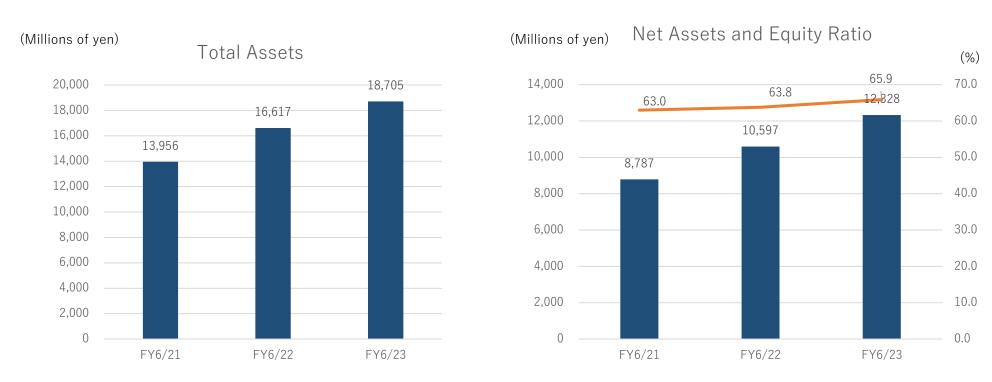
Results by Business Segment (Factors)

- Net sales increased in each segment. Group governance saw a decrease in sales in the fourth quarter due
 to restrictions on sales activities due to organizational restructuring, resulting in limited full-year revenue
 growth.
- Group governance includes an increase in personnel and outsourcing costs, as well as product
 restructuring triggered by restructuring. Although profit decreased due to increased costs due to
 environmental improvements, the outsourcing business and outsourcing business increased profits due to
 higher sales that exceeded the increase in costs.



Financial Condition Trends

- Due to sales growth and profit structure, total assets and net assets are steadily accumulating.
- On the other hand, since we are able to operate with cash flow from operating activities without relying on borrowing, etc., and the debt ratio is declining, the equity ratio continues to be on an upward trend, although dividends are increasing year by year.



Effective from the beginning of the first quarter of FY6/22, the "Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition" (ASBJ Statement No. 29, March 31, 2020) and others have been applied.

Cashflow Trends

- In the fourth quarter, operating CF was significantly positive due to the receipt of accounts receivable (decrease in accounts receivable) and advance payments for new contracts (increase in contract liabilities) due to the completion of previous contracts, resulting in a significant increase in the cumulative negative through the third quarter.
- Purchase of source code from Metapraxis and increase of office floor space (acquisition of property, plant and equipment and increase in deposit deposits), increase cash in investment CF and annual increase in cash

(Millions of yen)

	FY6/23	YoY Variance			
	Q 4	Yr earlier	% chg		
Operating CF	2,269	1,642	626		
Investment CF	△ 121	△ 85	△ 36		
Free CF	2,147	1,557	590		
Financial CF	△ 4	△ 4	0		

FY6/23	YoY Variance				
1 10/23	Yr earlier	% chg			
2,175	3,026	△ 851			
△ 795	△ 398	△ 396			
1,379	2,627	△ 1,247			
△ 507	△ 433	△ 73			

Earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

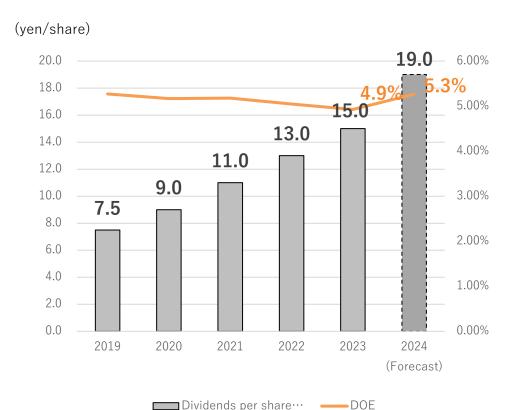
- In the fiscal year ending June 2023, we landed at almost the same level as the earnings forecast, achieving increased sales and profits.
- For the fiscal year ending June 2024, sales are expected to increase by 12% year-on-year to 24,000 million yen. Operating income and net income are expected to increase at a rate greater than the rate of increase in sales due to the effect of increased sales and the reduction of the burden of restructuring costs incurred in the fiscal year ending June 2023.

(Millions of yen)

	FY6/23 (Actual)	FY6/24 (Forecast)	Variance	Chg
Net Sales	21,424	24,000	2,576	12.0%
Operating Income	3,289	3,850	561	17.1%
ОРМ	15.4%	16.0%	ı	-
Net Income	2,094	2,500	406	19.4%

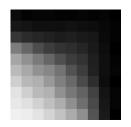
Shareholder Returns

- DOE for the fiscal year ending June 2023 is expected to be 4.9%, significantly higher than the average of 3.1% for companies listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (12 months).
- For the fiscal year ending June 2024, the dividend per share will be significantly increased, and the DOE is expected to be 5.3%.



< Our shareholder return policy >

- Dividends are an important part of our shareholder return policy
- Avant aims to maintain if not grow the dividend by focusing on indicators such as dividend on equity (DoE) which is less impacted by fluctuations in annual earnings.
- The Company's DOE will always exceed the average of all companies listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and will aim to achieve 8% within the period of the new medium-term management plan.



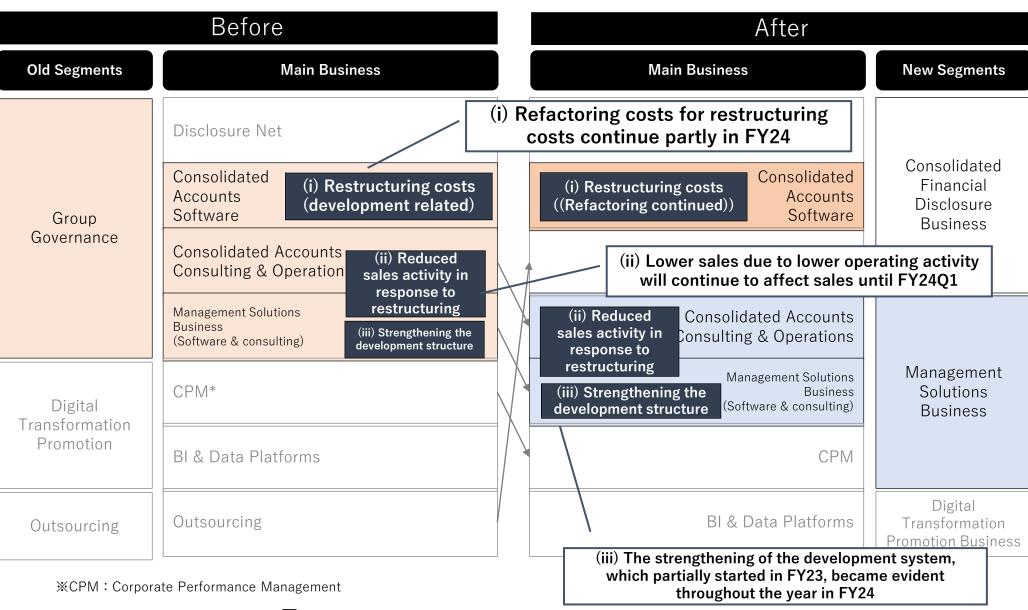
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Segment Recombination

	Before			After				
Old Segments Corporation		Main Business		Main Business	Corporation	New Segments		
	ID	Disclosure Net		Disclosure Net	ID			
Group	Former DIVA	Consolidated Accounts Software		Consolidated Accounts Software	DIVA	Consolidated Financial Disclosure Business		
Governance		Consolidated Accounts Consulting & Operations		Outsourcing				
		Management Solutions Business (Software & consulting)		Consolidated Accounts Consulting & Operations	AVANT	Management Solutions Business		
Digital Transformation	ZEAL	CPM*	V.	Management Solutions Business (Software & consulting)				
Promotion		BI & Data Platforms		СРМ				
Outsourcing	FIERTE	Outsourcing		BI & Data Platforms	ZEAL	Digital Transformation Promotion Business		

****CPM**: Corporate Performance Management

Relationship between segments and special factors



Appendix : Company Profile

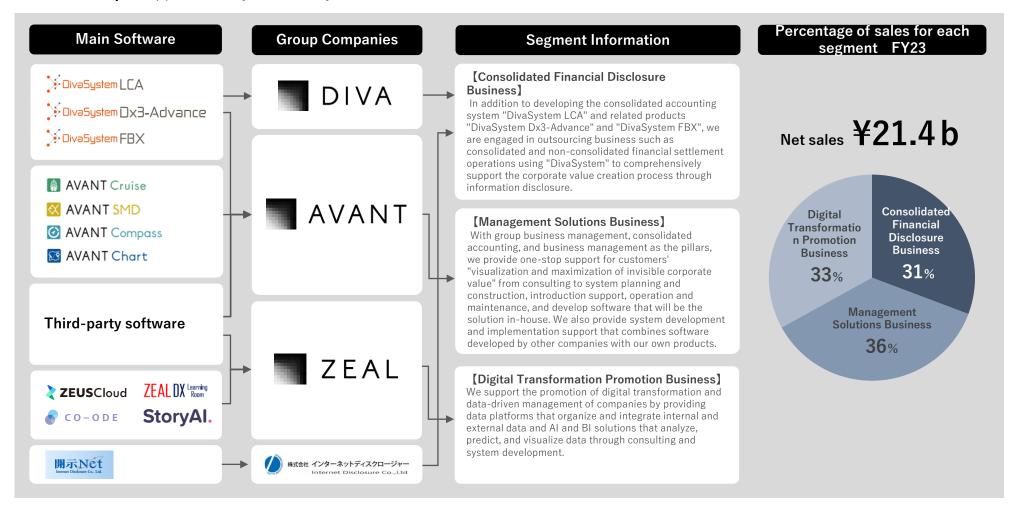
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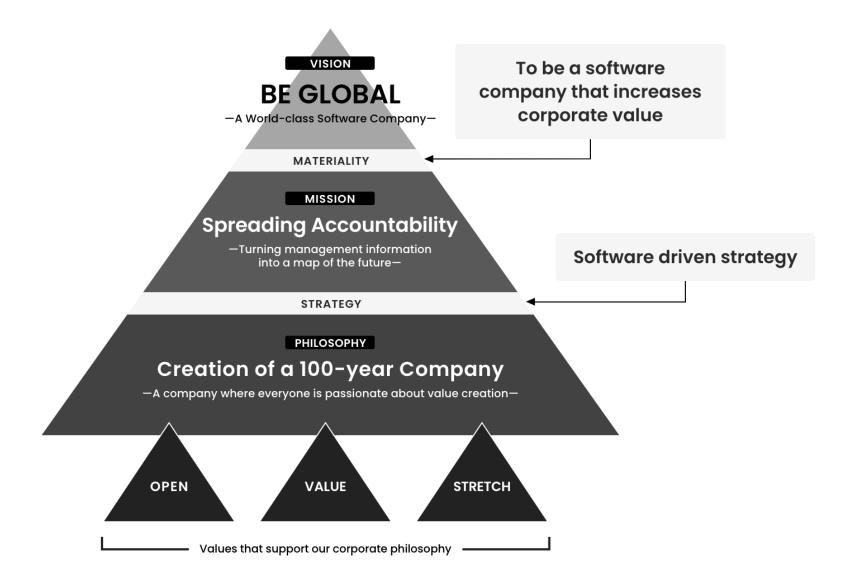
Inception: May 26, 1997

Representative: Tetsuji Morikawa, President and Group CEO

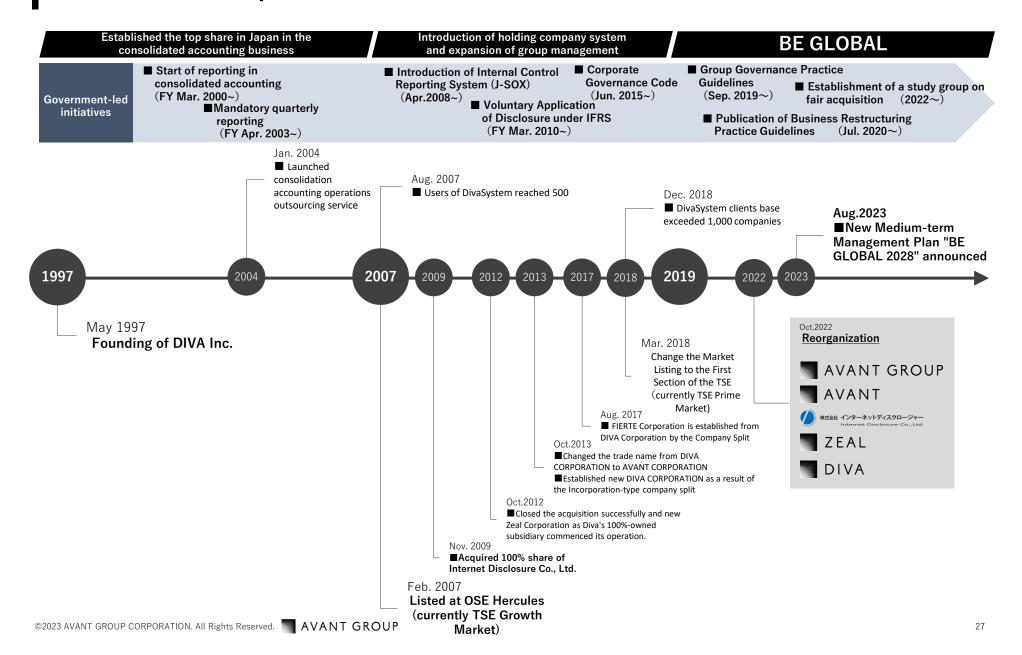
Market Cap: Approximately 55 billion yen (TSE Prime, 3836)



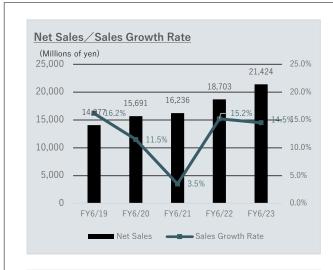
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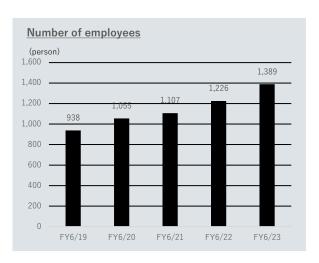
The Avant Group Moves to the Next Five Years to Realize BE GLOBAL

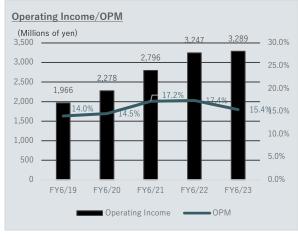


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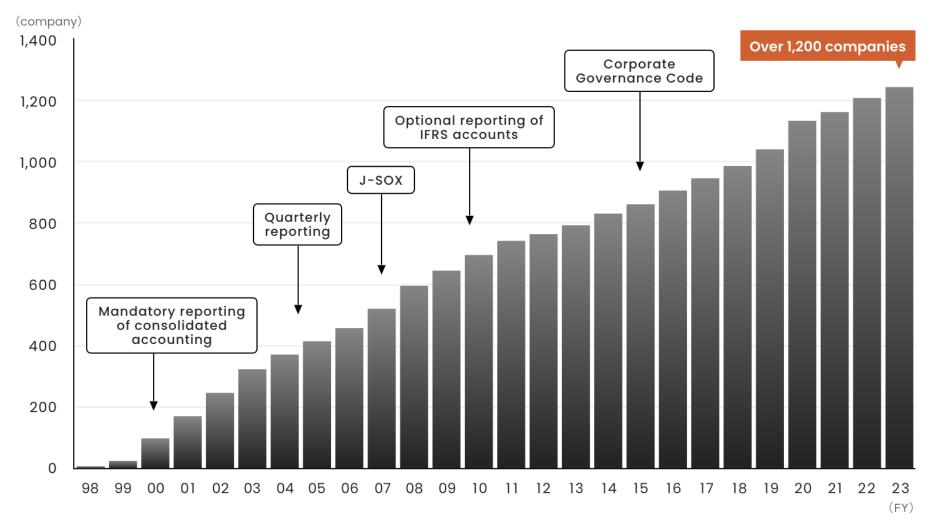






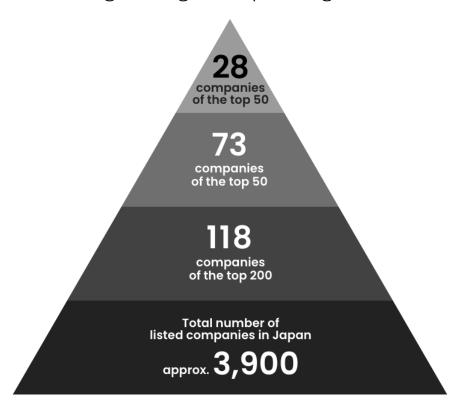
Trends in companies that have introduced Avant Group Software Product

With the tightening of disclosure regulations, consolidated accounting system LCA leads the number of introductions.



Customer base of consolidated accounting system "LCA"

- More than 1,200 companies have sold *1
- FY2023 consolidated accounting software market share is 43.5% *2
- From institutional accounting to budget and management accounting, we support the strengthening of corporate governance



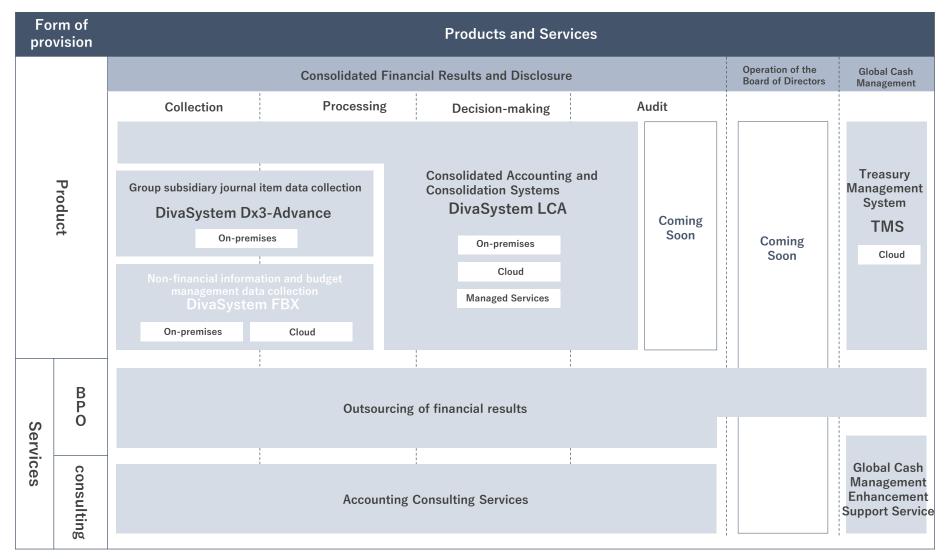
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As of the end of June 2023

X 2 Fuji Chimera Research Institute "Software Business New Market 2023 Edition" Consolidated Accounting Management Software Market Share

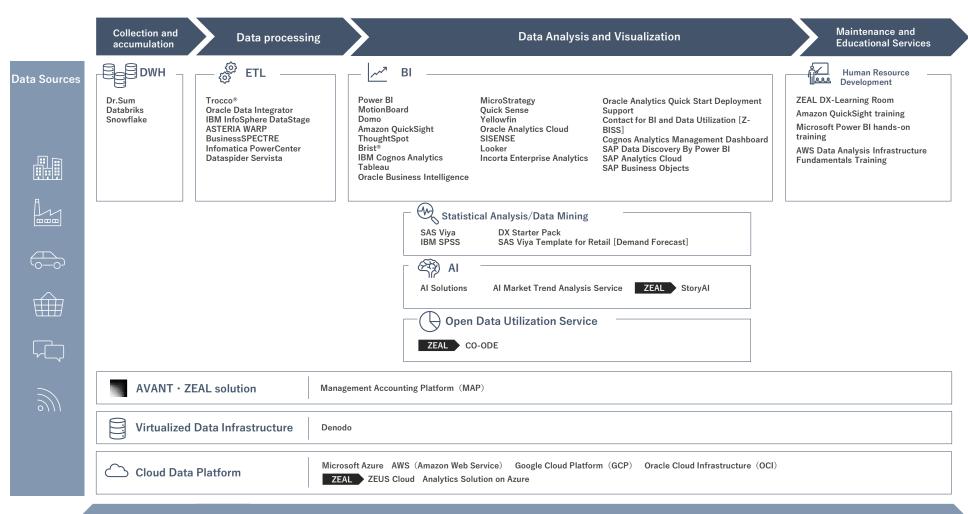
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Disclosure of consolidated financial results that leads to improvement of corporate value



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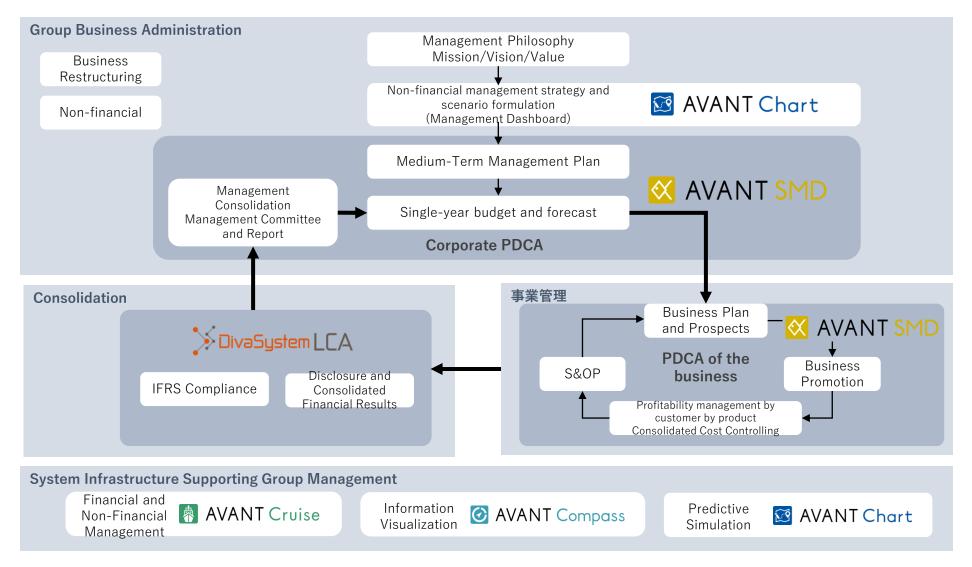


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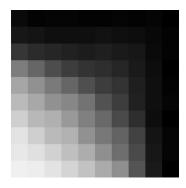
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