M&A advisory firm targeting mainly SMEs

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[9236 Japan M&A Solution Sector: Services]

| Fiscal Year | Net sales | YoY | Operating profit | YoY | Ordinary profit | YoY | Profit | YoY | EPS | BPS | DPS |
|-------------|-----------|-------|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | (mn yen) | (%) | (mn yen) | (%) | (mn yen) | (%) | (mn yen) | (%) | (yen) | (yen) | (yen) |
| Oct.2021 | 342 | 139.1 | 38 | - | 47 | - | . 31 | - | 26.9 | 173.4 | 0.0 |
| Oct.2022 | 434 | 27.0 | 60 | 58.3 | 61 | 28.3 | 3 43 | 35.4 | 36.2 | 209.5 | 0.0 |
| Oct.2023 | f 706 | 62.7 | 150 | 150.0 | 144 | 136.1 | 101 | 134.9 | 84.2 | - | 0.0 |

Note: Non-consolidated basis. Figures for the fiscal year ending Ocotober 2023 is the company's forecasts. It conducted 1:2,000 stock split on January 1, 2022. Per share indicies are adjusted retroactively.

Providing M&A Advisory Services to SMEs

Japan M&A Solution provides M&A advisory services mainly for small and medium-sized companies.

Major M&A advisors tend to target large-scale projects. However, Japan M&A Solution differentiates itself from the competition by building a structure that allows it to handle projects with minimum closing fees of around 5 million yen.

A Focus on Intermediary Support

Japan M&A Solution offers two types of advisory services: an intermediary service that provides agency and advice to both prospective sellers and buyers, as well as an FA service that contracts and supports either the prospective seller or buyer. A large part of net sales comes from its intermediary services.

A Feature is Not Dedicating Extensive Time to Acquire Projects

Many major M&A advisory firms spend a lot of time and effort to find sellers. In contrast, Japan M&A Solution is actively responding to small and medium-sized projects that are not handled by the major advisory firms, making it easier to acquire these projects with relatively moderate competition.

Many of its projects involve referrals from partner companies. At the time of its founding, most of its partners were professional specialists and businesses. Recently, however, an increasing number of its partners are financial institutions, and now a large proportion of new advisory contracts and deals are made through financial institutions. As of the end of July 2023, Japan M&A Solution has partnered with 61 financial institutions, accounting for only about 13% of overall partners. However, in the first three quarters of fiscal year ended October 2023, about 55% of new advisory contracts and 61% of deals have come through referrals from financial institutions.

Since referrals from partners constitute its main business, Japan M&A Solution's advisors do not need to make sales calls, which is a common practice for advisors at other firms to sell their services and acquire new contracts. This allows the company to focus its resources on its original M&A advisory business, which is one reason its advisors become proficient more quickly.

Japan M&A Solution(9236 TSE Growth)

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Financial Statements

| Statement of income | Fiscal Year | Oct.2021 | | Oct.2022 | | Oct months to Jul.2023 | |
|--|-------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| | | (mn yen) | (%) | (mn yen) | (%) | (mn yen) | (%) |
| Net sales | | 342 | 100.0 | 434 | 100.0 | 528 | 100.0 |
| Cost of sales | | 176 | 51.5 | 214 | 49.5 | 280 | 53.1 |
| Gross profit | | 165 | 48.5 | 219 | 50.5 | 247 | 46.9 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | | 127 | 37.2 | 158 | 36.5 | 123 | 23.3 |
| Operating profit | | 38 | 11.2 | 60 | 14.0 | 124 | 23.6 |
| Non-operating income | | 9 | - | 0 | - | 0 | - |
| Non-operating expenses | | - | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| Ordinary profit | | 47 | 14.0 | 61 | 14.1 | 122 | 23.3 |
| Profit before income taxes | | 47 | 14.0 | 61 | 14.1 | 122 | 23.3 |
| Net profit | | 31 | 9.3 | 43 | 10.0 | 80 | 15.2 |

| Balance sheet | Fiscal Year | Oct.2021 | | Oct.2022 | | Jul.2023 | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Dalarios Griost | | (mn yen) | (%) | (mn yen) | (%) | (mn yen) | (%) |
| Current assets | | 245 | 86.0 | 227 | 72.0 | 374 | 83.8 |
| Cash and deposits | | 241 | 84.7 | 221 | 70.0 | 337 | 75.7 |
| Accounts receivable-trade | | 3 | 1.1 | 0 | 0.3 | 29 | 6.6 |
| Inventories | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-current assets | | 39 | 14.0 | 88 | 28.0 | 72 | 16.2 |
| Property, plant and equipment | | 1 | 0.5 | 12 | 4.1 | 11 | 2.7 |
| Intangible assets | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments and other assets | | 38 | 135 | 75 | 24.0 | 60 | 13.5 |
| Total assets | | 285 | 100.0 | 316 | 100.0 | 446 | 100.0 |
| Current liabilities | | 77 | 27.2 | 65 | 20.7 | 115 | 25.8 |
| Accounts payable - trade | | 3 | 1.4 | 7 | 2.2 | 23 | 5.3 |
| Non-current liabilities | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net assets | | 207 | 72.8 | 251 | 79.3 | 331 | 74.2 |
| Owners' equity | | 207 | 72.8 | 251 | 79.3 | 331 | 74.2 |

| Statement of cash flows | Fiscal Year | Oct.2021 | Oct.2022 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| | | (mn yen) | (mn yen) |
| Cash flows from operating activities | 1 | 79 | 31 |
| Depreciation | | 1 | 1 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | 1 | -51 |
| | | | |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | 25 | - |
| Dividends paid | | - | - |
| Net increase in cash and cash equiv | alents | 105 | -19 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 241 | 221 |

Note: Non-consolidated

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