# **Annual Report Briefing**

**ITOCHU** Corporation

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### **Highlights and Scope of Annual Report 2020**



# Key highlights (Editorial Policy)

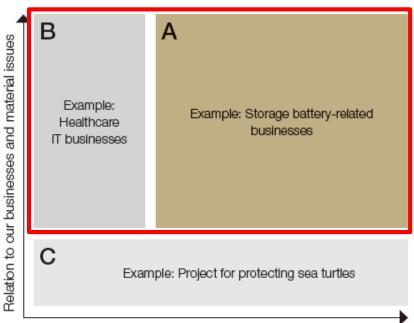
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- ✓ Created from the standpoint of investors in particular (standpoint of investment decisions)
- ✓ Revised the Group corporate mission to "Sampo-yoshi"
- ✓ Presented management's approach to pursuing "all the priorities," rather

than "a single expedient"

## <u>Scope</u>

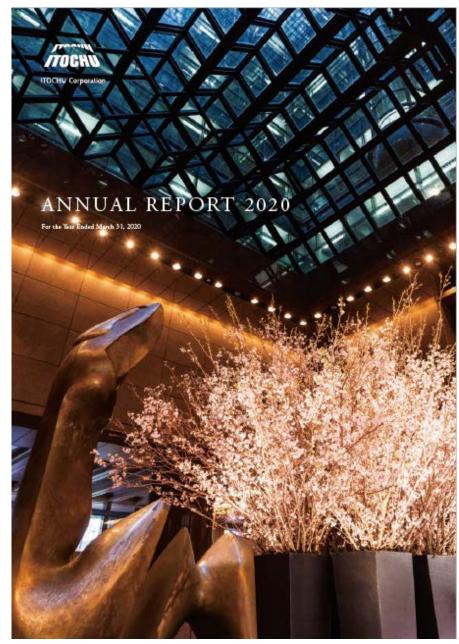
✓ Organized the correlation of the Company's businesses
 & material issues, and financial & non-financial capital





## **Thoughts Behind the Cover Page's Design**





Represented ITOCHU's management posture and endeavors to return to our founding spirit of "Sampo-yoshi," without forgetting to always be thankful and bright-hearted, like a blooming cherry tree, amid these uncertain times.



# **Highlights of the CEO Message**



✓ Business from the customer's (market-oriented) perspective

✓ New Group corporate mission "Sampo-yoshi"

- ✓ Advantages in the non-resources sector
- ✓ Demonstrate our "true business power"
- ✓ Returning to the basics ("earn, cut, prevent" principles)
- ✓ Commitment-based management (to always fulfill our promises)



### **Highlights of the COO Message**







In the context of CEO message, focused more on the followings:

- ✓ Discussions and initiatives by the Management Committee
- ✓ Evolution of ITOCHU's business model, while looking beyond the pandemic
- ✓ Company's efforts to sustainably improve corporate value



# **Changes in CEO Message**



### 2018

2019

2020

Customize tailored to consumers

Market-oriented perspective

Business from the customer's perspective

Reinvention of businesses

Evolution to "a new vision of what a trading company can achieve"

New corporate mission "Sampo-yoshi"

Stable profit that does not depend on resources

Highly resilient to economic fluctuations

Advantages in the non-resources sector

Taking on challenges no matter how daunting

Catch the waves and transform changes into business opportunities

Demonstrate our "true business power"

No time to be complacent

Remain true to our merchant principles

Returning to the basics ("earn, cut, prevent" principles)

Learning through reflection

Turning words into accomplishments

Commitment-based management



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finalessly focus on business from the "customer's

The pandemic presents a similar obligation, People across Japan are striving to avoid risks, and yet we have customers navigating hazards to fulfill their duty to deliver daily essentials to people. Many of our partners in the ITOCHU Group are working hard on the front lines in retail and other areas. I have even heard stories of partners who have practiced smiling while wearing a mask in front of the mirror to ensure that customers will be able to tell they are smiling. We compete by providing finely tuned services. I did not feel that we could live up to our "vision" as a merchant if only ITOCHU employees were working from home. To be clear, the "workstyle reforms" we are carrying out are not simply for the "pursuit of efficiency."

We do, however, fully reward our employees' best efforts. The aforementioned flower display provides an example. The thought behind this was that flowers can instartly brighten people's day, providing inspiration without any words. We also prepared various provisions and provided every employee with special benefits so they could get a quick start when the state of emergency was lifted. Temporary staff, dispatched personnel, and employees of subsidiaries that complement functions of ITOCHU received the benefits as well. We also provided a modest bonus with a message to security guards and cleaners.

Supported by many people, ITOCHU is, I believe, a merchant with the ability to perceive various viewpoints and create shared value for all sides. This was precisely the business ideal our founder pursued more than 160 years ago.

#### Our Unwavering Ideal — "Sampo-yoshi"

I was approached by a person rather advanced in years at a meeting I attended last year. He thanked me because the ITOCHU shares he purchased have increased in value eightfold while dividends have risen significantly. As a manager,



A red carpet and chany blossome in full bloom welcome new hire

this was music to my ears and, simultaneously, a moment that heightened my awareness of the importance of fulfiling my fiduciary responsibilities related to share price and sharpholder returns.

Amid recent concerns of rapid economic deterioration, some people are saying companies should prioritize financial soundness, employment, and social contribution while scaling down shareholder returns. However, I intend to continue focusing on steadily raising dividends every year regardless of the situation.

We have numerous priorities to pursue. We could focus on specific stakeholders, economic or social value, or short-term results or steppingstones for medium- to longterm growth. The words of our founder, Chubel Itoh I, provide insight. The modern interpretation of "Sampoyosh" (good for the seller, good for the buyer, and good for society) is not to choose "a single expedient" based on the situation, but rather to unflacolnoly pursue "all the priorities," ( Page 28 Dialogue: "Sampo-yosh" and ITOCHU)

Since ITOCHU's founding in 1856, the spirtt of "Sampoyosh" has steadily underpinned the Company. On the other hand, each time the head of the Company changed, the overarching goal that encompasses "Sampo-yosh" has been expressed using different words, making it gradually harder to precisely understand what we are aiming for and how to achieve it. Therefore, in April 2020, we went back to basics, making the Group corporate mission the simplest and clearest expression: "Sampo-yoshi." At the same time, we reestablished "I am One with infinite Missions" as our corporate Guideline of Conduct to realize "Sampo-yosh\"."

We give to society "what is required to the right person and in the right manner." We do this by, for example, delivering safe and secure products from Japan to consumers in China, or by helping improve the lives of indonesia's citizens through geothermal power. "Enriching lives" through business in this way is how we provide social value based on "Sampo-yosh"." In doing so, we earn profit in proportion to the value we add. This mindset aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the concept of Creating Shared Value (CSV). I hope you can see how properly executing a profitable plan which leverages our strengths, like the storage battery business we are currently engaging in, is one of our "infinite Missions." (-> Page 62 initiatives and Systems Supporting Sustainable Growth)

#### Merchants Are Diligent

I am a bit of a "worrier." I have taked before about how cautious I am. I inevitably imagine the worst-case scenario, act to avoid it, and take one step forward only after reflecting on the history and actions leading up to that point and again ruminating on the situation. I am now reflecting on

After World War II, ITOCHU dove headfirst into expanding into non-textile businesses with the aim of diversifying



Sessoral flowers welcome guests to the ground-floor lobby (June 1-28)

its businesses. A huma and according petween our abilities and ... general trading companies associated with the former zalbetsu industrial groups. To overcome this, we took a big gamble; we acquired shares of TOA Oil Co., Ltd., invested in state-of-the-art refineries, and concluded long-term charter contracts with oil tankers. These actions were based on the observation that oil was almost 100%. imported and the hypothesis that since reserves were pradicted to be in gradual decline, quickly acquiring crudy oil would present a major business opportunity. However, the 1970s were visited by two oil shocks. The hypothesis was ruthlessly shattered when we fixed our buying price high and the selling price plummeted, leading to Juge losses.

At the time, our judgment of resource: was not as acute as those of other general trading companies associated with the former za/be/su industrial groups. We relied only on a hypothesis, and only "acured "products" without securing stable buyers in heavy industry. It was an idea. solely based on a "product-oriented perspective." It was similar to real state investments during Japan's economic bubble where people rode the bandwagon based on the hypor lesis that prices could "only go up." With the collapse the bubble, losses cascaded. Even now, I can clearly recall that time. ITOCHU was pushed to the edge by the disposal of out of favor resources.

I believe it is extremely dangerous to make large investments relying on the hypothetical alone. This applies to the "Fourth Industrial Revolution" also, where Artificial Intelligence (Al) and other digital technologies are developing rapidly. A revolution does not guarantee that every related business will steadily grow. We must avoid investing

We have to conduct business with the realization that we are merchants. To achieve the same level as general trading companies associated with the former zarbatsu industrial groups, which have prime assets in the resource sector, we naturally decided to compete in fields where we have an advantage, namely the non-resource sector, which is centered on consumer-related businesses. We do not have a "large chunk" of resource businesses that can generate hundreds of billions of yen in profit, but if we practice "spear-like" management and hit key points

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#### Serve as ToC



We will work to maintain supply chains in each field by steadily carrying out operations and contribute to the stability of society as a whole.

with pricision, we can complete sufficiently et an if each business transaction is small. We diligently and routinely on iduct business that pic uses our customers, playing close attention to any subtle of langes in order to fine-tune our policies. The FYE 2020 results proved the true val. e of this profit-making mindset an approach unique to ITOCHU. (-b Page 52 Business Results for FYE 2020)

#### Keeping Our Promises

In the 11 years after the global financial crisis, he global economy had continued to expand. This left ine worded that blowback could not be too far off. During the summer break in August last year, I decided to ad ance the semiannual business strategy meeting which is usually held in early Cotober by one month, holding ... in early September. At that meeting, we enacted county measures for worstcase scenarios, focusing on the "plevent" and "out" principles, which went into effect as of that day. Six months after, the threat materialized as the totally unforeseen COVID-19 pandemic. Still, IT, CHU was unshaken.

In FYE 2020, consolidate 3 net profit exceeded V500.0 billion for the second conrecutive year, and we achieved record-high profits for the fourth year in a row. Although it is unfortunate we did not seize back the top spot, we were the No. 1 general treating company in terms of core profit, which proves our gurning power. ROE was an industryleading 17.0%, and our net debt-to-shareholders' equity ratio (NET DER) decreased to its best level ever. The price of ITOCHI is a verse set 22 ranged highs during the year. (+ Page 40 CFO Interview)

Armo this narsh environment, other general trading companies had revised their forecasts downward and recorded lower profit. ITOCHU stood alone in achieving our initial plan like any other year by leveraging our robust earnings base that is strategically positioned across different fields to steadily build up profits, enabling us to pay the recordhigh dividends we promised in the beginning of the year. This reassures me as a leader. To each and every Group employee, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks for

I strongly believe that "we should always stand firmly

Regarding the upgrade of business models through venture investments or by using new technologies, we have completed the development of forward-looking foundations and the identification of key Inklas. From FYE 2021, we will enter a phase where we strive to attend business. under the initiative of our Division Companies cemes a on mobility, power, and retail businesses. In particular, he power field combined the downstream fields of nextgu eration power and storage batteries and established the new Power & Environmental Solution Division, Our brand c. storage batteries equipped with Ai functions has sold a cumus two total of roughly 30,000 units across Japan as of Marc. 31, 2020, glving it the No. 1 share in Japan on a capacity hasis. Our strengths in this area include our sales network and a business foundation that has evolved over more than a our ade. We are steadily expanding our business by taking tus solventage of our investees handling a variety of next-gener. for businesses, such as Sunnova Energy International Inc., 24W Trohnologies Inc., and Shenzhen Pandpower Co., Ltr. ( Page 80 Realizing Our "Sampo-yosh" Philosophy through the Largest Multifaceted Development in Japan)

Amid the current crisis, which has been called the greatest since World War II, let us recall the words of President John F. Kennedy during the Cuban Missile Crisis: "In the Chinese language, the word 'orisis' is composed of two characters, one representing danger and the other, opportunity." For example, COVID-19 is obviously spurring retailers to more quibity move online and fostering greater online engagement with customers of services. During this time, the ITOCHU Group has also launched new Initiatives, such as HOREN NO MADOGUCHI (an insurance agency with walk-in stores) starting online consultations. Even during the COMD-19 crisis, we will continue to precisely sense changes in customers and industry structure, attune our senses to the seeds of change, and seize good opportunities.

We are also monitoring the effect of COVID-19 overseas. By thoroughly managing risks and polishing our existing businesses, our "earn, out, prevent" principles will serve as a base. Through the "earn" principle, we strive to expand our business through collaboration with powerful partners. For example, the Energy-from-Waste (EfW) project in Serbia. started construction in FYE 2020, and it is a collaborative initiative with SUEZ S.A., a major French company for water and environmental utilities. Annually 340,000 tons of waste, equivalent to 88% of the waste emitted by the city of

Belgrade, is incinerated to produce electricity and supply heat. This is Serbia's first large-scale Public Private Partnership (PPP) using project finance. The project is of paramount importance to the Serbian government, which aims to meet the European Union (EU)'s waste disposal standards and join the EU. ITOCHU also operates similar E. " facilities in the United Kingdom, Leveraging the business developerant and operational know-how we have cultivated to date, we will consume with strong partners in each region and business field to enhance we availty of our projects, thereby making steady progress ( Page 59 Viewing Environmental Issues as Business Opportunities)

#### Aiming to Sustainably Enhance Corporate Value

To achieve major accomplishments with very few employeas relative to other general trading companies on a nonconsolidated basis, ITOCHU has rolled out its distinctive advanced measures to enhance every employee's produc-1Mby. Specifically, we have made operations more efficient by going paperless for meetings and applications and by utilizing IT including robotic process automation (RPA). We also promoted workstyle reforms through the "Morning-Fooused Working System" and "Dress-down Days," as well as health management through such measures as "Support Measures for Balancing Cancer Care and Work."

Going toward, by providing apportunities for advancement as a "strict but rewarding company," ITOCHU will continue to onsure its employees can truly experience growth and feel the appeal of creation, through outbrating new oustomers and developing business models on their own.

In April 2020, to achieve further growth as we adapt to the rapid changes in the business environment in the industries that we are facing and to establish values that resonate with the strengths that set ITOCHU apart, we amended our corporate mission to be "Sampo-yosh)," our management phibsophy that has been in place since our founding, which also aligns with the principles behind the SDGs. We will continue to increase the unified strength of the entire Group as we aim to enhance our corporate value.

Going forward, we will work reliably to support the diligent efforts of our subsidiaries, affiliates, and customers even amid the COVID-19 crisis. We will work to maintain supply chains in each field by steadily carrying out operations and contribute to the stability of society as a whole.



### **Key Points of CAO Message**



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#### Aims and contents of the revision of Group corporate mission

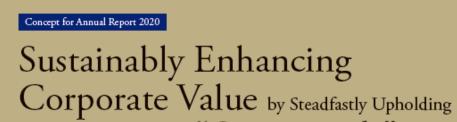
- ✓ As a company that is the originator of "Sampo-yoshi," revised its corporate mission to the most important word ingrained in employees
- ✓ As "Sampo-yoshi" is a philosophy leads to pursuing SDGs, aim to increase awareness of it when developing and creating businesses
- ✓ Can be a compass for our employees to carry on with business during the pandemic





#### **Information Design from Perspective of Making Investment Decisions**





Our Unwavering Ideal, "Sampo-yoshi"

Taking "inherited strengths" and the "earn, cut, prevent" principles as our driving force, we will realize our short-term targets, lay steppingstones for medium- to long-term value creation, and maintain the initiatives and systems supporting sustainable growth. Rather than choosing "a single expedient," we will unflaggingly pursue "all the priorities" — this is the approach for sustainable increase in corporate value (total capital) as merchants upholding unwavering ideal of "Sampo-yoshi."

# Perspective of making investment decisions

Driving Force for Sustainable Value Creation (Total capital)

Corporate Value

Created Value

Cost of Capital — Growth Rate

Initiatives and Systems
Supporting Sustainable Growth
(Reduce cost of capital)

Achievement of Short-Term Targets (Steady results)

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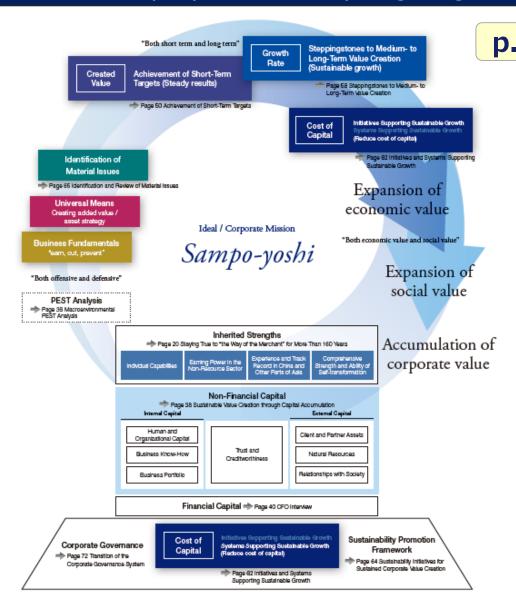


### **Update of "Merchant" Business Model**



Illustrated balancing economic and social value centered on "Sampo-yoshi" as recycling diagram

2019 version **OUR BUSINESS MODEL** The "Merchant" Business Model With a management philosophy rooted in the sampo yoshi ideal, we strive to respond flexibly to the social needs of the changing times. By promoting and expanding the financial and non-financial capital we have honed and accumulated over time, we will build a foundation for sustainable growth and enhance corporate value. Strategies Looking to the Medium to Long Term Reinvention of Business / Initiatives in Chinese and Other Asian Markets ROE that exceeds cost of capital: Maintain 13% or higher Steady Achievement of Short-Term Targets Strengthen Earning Stakeholder Trust / management Continuously Enhancing Financial and Non-Financial Capital resources Three Strengths Asset Strategies Added Value Individual capabilities Pursuing asset efficience Non-Financial Capital Internal Management Resources Synergy among Group companies and comprehensive strength Continuously Organizational assets expand Trust and creditworthiness Financial Capital comporate External Management Resources Client assets (customers / suppliers Natural resources Relationships with society Sampo Yoshi Reduce cost of capital shareholders' equity Corporate Governance (⇒ Page 74)



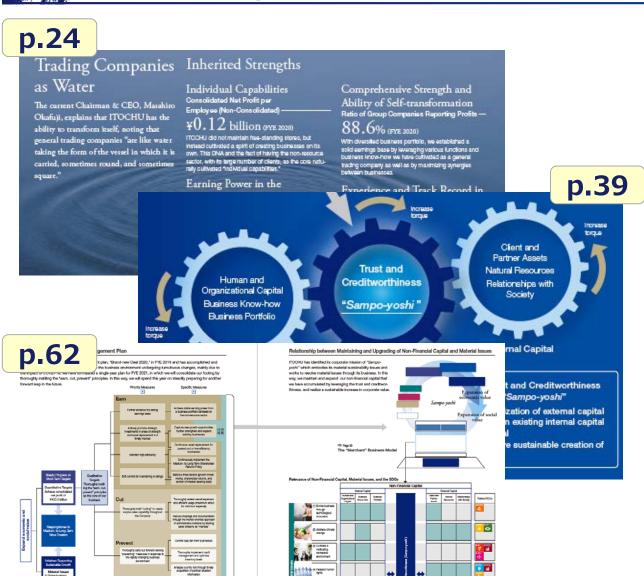


### Focusing on Both Short Term and Medium to Long Term



Growth Rate

Cost of Capital |



Redefined "trust and creditworthiness" as core non-financial capital of "Sampo-yoshi."

Emphasized the balance between the midto long-term direction we should aim for, and the short-term results that guarantee its realization, based on the inherited "strengths."

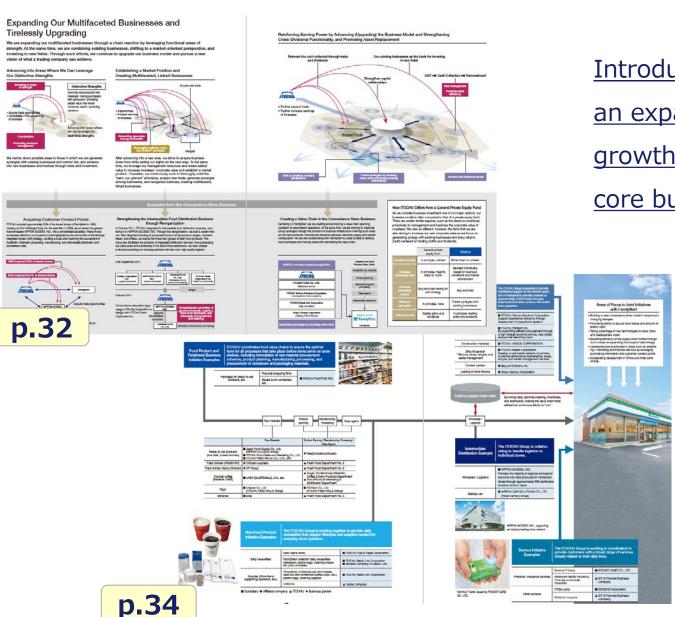
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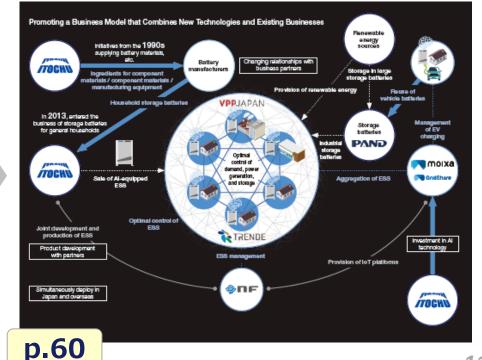
#### More Examples of Building Value Chains through Singular to Multifaceted Business Development



Cost of Capital



Introduced storage batteries-related business, an expanding multifaceted business in the potential growth field, in addition to FamilyMart, one of our core businesses.





### **Key Points of CFO Message**



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- ✓ Unshakable focus on the financial and capital strategies, and growth investment policy
- ✓ Aim to sustainably increase EPS by expanding profits in principle.
- ✓ Disclose information in a timely manner and engage in highly trustworthy conversations

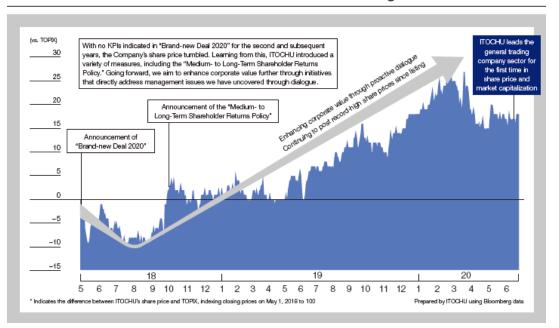
#### Achieve High ROE While Balancing Three Factors Concept for Enhancing Corporate Value Shareholder Returns Dividend **EPS ROE** Number Enhancing shareholders Gradually increase Profit growth + Share buybacks Maintain high efficiency equity Establish the foundation of sustainable growth Positive Core Free Cash Flows NET DER after deducting Sustainable improvement from a medium- to long-term perspective shareholder returns Gradually increase dividend payout ratio Gradually increase dividend payout ratio, targeting up to approx. 30%. Medium- to Long-Term Control of Interest-Shareholder Returns Policy Growth Investments More actively execute share buybacks Bearing Debt Actively and continuously execute share buybacks, while considering the level of share price and cash flow availability.



## **Management's Emphasis on Dialogue**



ITOCHU's Share Price Performance vs. TOPIX after Announcing "Brand-new Deal 2020"\*



With the cooperation of sell-side analysts, comments are made about issues to address.

#### Issues the Company Recognizes It Needs to Address through Dialogue

Steppingstones to
Medium- to LongTerm Value Creation

Initiatives and
Systems Supporting
Sustainable Growth

Specific results of collaboration with CITIC and CP Group
Prompt execution of the share buybacks already announced, for 35 million shares or ¥70.0 billion (both upper limits)

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Created Value 1

Cost of Capital 👃



Explained our emphases on dialogue with the market in the context of "learning through reflections," because our share price fell after the previous medium-term management plan was unveiled.



Yasuhiro Narita

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Joined Nomura Securities Co., Ltd. in 1998.
After being in charge of the shipping, land
transport, and housing equipment sectors, tock charge of the trading company sector

in 2006. In the current position since 2015.

#### Steadily Moving Forward — Can ITOCHU Break through to Reinvention?

The general trading company business model is changing from a trading-oriented model to one based on business investment, and in recent years the Company has turned toward a strategy of augmenting business value by contributing actively to investees' businesses. With peer companies struggling with low levels of profitability due to large investments and across-the-board investments, ITOCHU is focusing on consumer-related businesses—an area of expertise. The Company also focuses carefully on the profitability of investees via thorough cost management, therefore realizes steady profit growth and high profitability. While advances in information technology present general trading companies with good opportunities to create new businesses, such advances also pose the risk of making existing businesses obsolete. Reinventing its businesses in response to consumer needs and using its investment in CITIC as a lever to access China's massive internal demand pose issues, as well as growth opportunities. We will be monitoring the situation.



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In 2007, joined Morgan Stanley Securities Co.,

in 2007, Joined Morgan Stanly MUFG Securities Co., Ltd., (now Morgan Stanly MUFG Securities Co., Ltd.). After being assigned to the steel sector for approximately five years, in charge of the trading company sector since 2012. In the current position since 2013.

#### Already Means Not Yet

In its dialogue with the stock market, I give the Company high marks for the way top management took this input seriously. However, ITOCHU still needs to surmount a number of issues. In the short term, it needs to complete share buybacks. In the medium to long term, it needs to clarify its growth strategy, including the creation of synergies with CTIC, as well as further moves on climate change. Notably, low cash returns from CTIC are one reason the stock market is discounting ITOCHU's shares. At present, we believe ITOCHU can maintain high ROE in FYE 2025, but I would like to see management set its sights even higher, at some "market expectation +." If it can present a growth-oriented solution, ITOCHU may be able to change the way its shares are valued, stepping outside the framework of a general trading company.



### **Information about COVID-19**

digitalization in client industries, and have steadily

promoted initiatives to evolve and transform our existing



We explain COVID-19's impact on our operating performance and management policies, as well as status of initiatives.

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How has COVID-19 affected ITOCHU's consolidated business performance, management strategies, and business model?

Our initial plan of consolidated business performance for FYE 2021 called for consolidated net profit of ¥400.0 billion. This incorporates a direct downward impact from COVID-19 of roughly 10%, excluding such impacts as falling resource prices. In addition, we set a higher-than-

business models. It is said that COVID-19 would rapidly accelerate changes in purchasing methods and preferences, as well as the digital shift. That said, the basic TOCHU shared information about policies to address COVID-19 and measures to

prevent infection with Outside Directors in a timely manner. As an Outside Director of ITOCHU, I tried to provide more practical opinions and advice based on the experience and knowledge I have gained through my involvement in healthcare over many years.

ITOCHU established an internal COVID-19 countermeasures headquarters in January 2020, just as the number of infections was beginning to increase. Headed by the CAO, the headquarters have been focusing on thoroughly implementing the infection protection measures necessary to sustain business operations as well as on such areas as reinforcing the testing system. From my perspective as a medical sector professional, these measures appear prompt and appropriate.

Leading corporate management in an environment affected by COVID-19 requires striking a balance between curtailing infection risk and minimizing the impact on business activities. I look forward to continuing in my role of working in tandem with the internal management team to develop and maintain an environment in which executives and employees can concentrate on their work with peace of mind.



Masatoshi Kawana

Outside Director

Mr. Kawana served as Vice President of Tokyo Women's Medical University Hospital, in addition to other positions, where he gained a high level of experience in hospital management and advanced knowledge of medical care.

He assumed a position as member of the Board of Directors at ITOCHU in June 2018. He contributed to the further development of governance at ITOCHU as a member of the Governance and Remuneration Committee in FYE 2020. He used his expertise to provide many useful proposals and suggestions in the fields of health management and medical care-related business. p.56



Explained the impact of COVID-19 on earnings and businesses, a topic of strong interest among markets.

Outside Director with advanced medical knowledge made comments from the perspective of "health management" practice.

Impacts on consolidated business performance, management strategies, and business model?

Response to stakeholders?

Changes in workstyles and human resource strategies?



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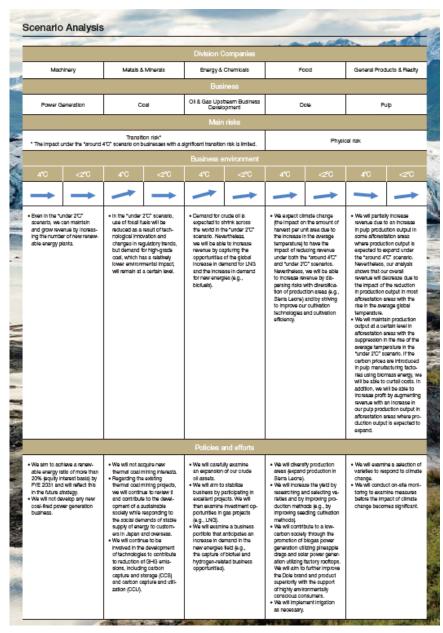
Examples of initiatives took to sustain business?

A change in ESG awareness?



#### **Scenario Analysis of Climate Change's Impact on Individual Businesses (Environment)**





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Disclosed results of scenario analysis on consumer sector businesses including Dole and pulp businesses, focusing on the effects of "physical risks" in the event of an increase in global temperatures and changes in climate.

Reposted the action policy on the existing coal-related business released on Feb 2019.



#### **Initiatives to Increase Sustainability in the Value Chain (Society)**



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#### Food Supply Chain in the COVID-19 Pandemic



Our supply chain is growing more wideranging and complex as our business domains expand, making it more important to manage risks in raw materials procurement and in our supply chains related

to human rights, working environment, and other aspects. For example, in the Food Company, we are promoting sustainable purchasing activities over the long term, mainly in upstream businesses such as palm oil, marine products, dairy products, fresh meat, and coffee. These efforts include participation in international certification organizations and initiatives to increase the procurement ratio of

certified prox Group Company Fact-Finding Investigations

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We have continued to conduct on-site visits and surveys in Group companies since 2001 to prevent environmental pollution. We visited and surveyed two Group companies in FYE 2020, working with external experts upon consideration for the environmental and social risks of each company. (We completed investigations into a total of 285 offices as of the end of March 2020.)

In these investigations, we conduct wide-ranging inspections such as the factory and warehouse facilities, the situation of drainage to rivers, compliance with environmental laws and regulations, consideration for labor safety and human rights, and communication with the local community in addition to holding a Q&A session with management. We also identify problems and present preventative measures, and check to see whether the situation has been corrected afterwards.

In January 2020, we visited and surveyed Dole Philippines Inc., which manufactures canned pineapple. Based on the insights of an external expert with detailed knowledge of local laws and regulations, we carefully checked the status of soil pollution, waste, and compliance with laws and regulations to confirm that these are being managed properly.

We also confirmed that the company is actively engaged in on-site biomass power generation and making donations to local schools, among other activities.



In addition, at food manufacturing plants, which are po-

transparency across the entire supply chain even under the

COVID-19 environment, For example, since January 2015. we have had a food safety management team in China,

and have regularly dispatched Japanese experts to sites

there. From a perspective of preventative management,

we have conducted regular plant audits in accordance with

international standards, and fostered communication with

our business partners' plants. In addition to reducing the

risk of accidents and issues arising, these initiatives also

helped us to get a timely grasp of the status of suppliers

infection prevention management systems and operating

status during the COVID-19 crisis, which enabled us to

avoid any interruption in the supply chain. Furthermore,

preliminary preparation of crisis response manuals through

sitioned in the midstream section of the supply chain, we

have made use of our existing initiatives for increasing

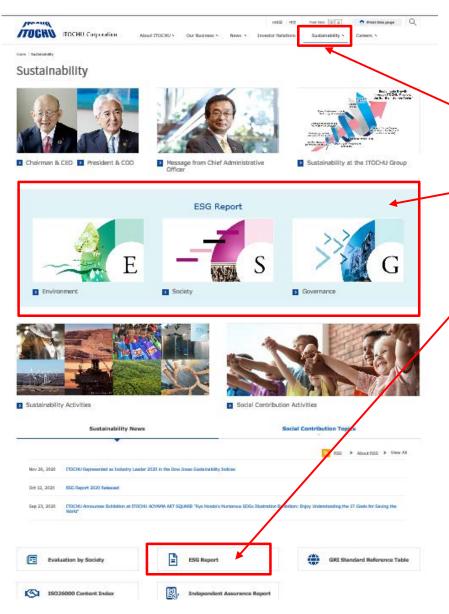
<u>Introduced efforts to improve the</u> sustainability of the value chain in response to growing interest in the spread of COVID-19.

Explained the implementation of human rights due diligence that goes further than existing supply chain management.



## **Comprehensive Disclosure of ESG Information**





#### **ESG** Report

"ESG Report" can be downloaded from the sustainability section of ITOCHU's website.



(PDF ver.: published once a year in Aug or Sep)

Disclosed a comprehensive compilation of

ESG-related information.



#### **ESG Report: Promoting Sustainability in Accordance with Businesses and Functions**



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### Sustainability Action Plan

Address Climate Change (Contribute to Realization of Low-Carbon Society)

Risks	Opportunities
Transition risk	
<ul> <li>Reduction in demand for fossil fuels due to business restrictions on greenhouse gas emissions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase in renewable energy and other business opportunities which will contribute to alleviating climate</li> </ul>
Physical risk	change  Retention and acquisition of customers by strengthening
Damage to business due to the increase in abnormal weather (e.g., droughts, flooding, typhoons and hurricanes)	supply structures that can adapt to abnormal weather

SDGs Argets	Issues to Address		Business Area	Commitment	Specific Approach	Performance Indicators	Degree of Progress
• •		Machinery Company	Overall power generation business	We will develop power plants with a good balance between renewable senergy power generation and conventional power generation, thereby contributing to the development of countries and regions in a sustainable manner that is optimized for each.	Pursue opportunities to invest aggresolvely in networks energy power generation through analysis of countries and regions.	PYE 2031: Target to achieve a renewable energy ratio more than 20% (equity inserest basis) and reflect this to the fluture strategy.	We achieved a renewable energy rate of 12.5% through capital dillanous with World Energy, which is a company in the U.K. that is involved in small-scale scale scale scale power periods and dischlour systems in non-receiptived areas such as Africa, and VPP Japan, which is a scale of the scale dischlour power to already of the power business in Japan.
•= ••	Taking counter- massures against classified charge	Machinery	Sales of passenger cars and commercial vehicles	We will achieve the eco- friendly mobility society by strengthening businesses of electric verticles (IVA), whiches with a reduced environmental impact, and those related.	Contribute to spread of exo- friendly vehicles by increasing business of eco- friendly and high-efficiency products, such as EVs, HVs, whiches with a reduced environmental impact, and related parts.	Expand sales of eco-friendly populates in response to the expanded linear of EVA, HVA, websites with a reduced revisionmental impact, and similar vehicles from automators as our business partners.	1) We have been pertigrating in a ernal electric truck demonstration experiment series abrushy 2019 in Japan.  2-year and experiment series abrushy 2019 in Japan.  2-year and experiment series abrushy 2019 in Japan.  2-year and experiment series abrushy 2-year and experiment series are series as series, and 2-titudesator Technology (Singuiste Meters an emerging electric velocide and experiment series).  3) We have invested in a nile sharing service carlied VI (2019). This is a conversion and confederate means of investigation and the same time, it also contributes executing the confederate means of investigation and the same time, it also contributes executing the confederate means of the same time, it also contributes executing the same time, it also contributes executing the same time, in the confederate means of the same time, it also contributes executing the same time, it also contributes executing the same time, it also contributes the same
= •		against climate	Metals & Minerals Company	Mining business     drivironmental business     Material-related business	We will realize stable enterpy supply as our social mission social mission social mission set white the responsibility white fully responsibility white fully environmental impact, at the will contribute to resouring pre-in-custs businesses related to the businesses related to th	a Continue to be invested in the development of the development of contribute to the reduction of greenhouse to the reduction of greenhouse gases entestors, including of contribution of greenhouse gases entestors, including distance and atomose (CDS) and carbon untitatation (CDI).	Contribution to the development of a low-carbon society by connecting to revidue greatly by connecting to revidue greatly considering to revidue greatly considering social revidue greatly considering social registering contribute and to law carbon society.  Introduce the development of the constraint of the constr
<b>•</b>	Taking counter- measures against climate change	Chemicals	Oil & Gas LNG (Uquefied Natural Gas) Projects	Development and production of natural resources with consideration in the reduction of greenhouse asses.	Partnering with experienced operators with high technical strength in the development and production of natural resources.	Pursuing apportunities to take part in LNG projects (i.e. LNG or natural gas emits less greenhouse gases than the other fossil fuels).	We are holding concrete discussions with regards to participation in new LNG projects.
•	Efforts to optimitly and conti- nuously supply renewable energy	Energy & Chemicals Company	Storage battery related power and environmental solutions	We will continue to statioly supply the storage batteries that are the key to the efficient and optimal utilization of renewable energy. We will aim to strengthen our storage battery business chair and establish a droular model through the battery recycling business in particular.	We will continue to sell storage batteries equipped with optimal charging/discharging software based on machine learning (49) and we will establish a recycling and reuse business with repurposed batteries from the	Number of storage batteries sold     Use of recycled and reused batteries	* because of new commitment, review will be conducted from the next fiscal year.

SDGs Targets	Issues to Address	Co	Business Area	Commitment	Specific Approach	Performance Indicators	Degree of Progress
7 ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::		Machinery Company	Overall power generation business	We will develop power plants with a good balance between renewable energy power generation and conventional power generation, thereby contributing to the development of countries and regions in a sustainable manner that is optimized for each.	Pursue opportunities to invest aggressively in renewable energy power generation through analyses of countries and regions.	FVE 2031: Target to achieve a renewable energy ratio more than 20% (equity interest basis) and reflect this to the future strategy.	We achieved a renewable energy rate of 12.5% through capital alliances with Winch Energy, which is a company in the U.K. that is involved in small-scale solar power generation and distribution systems in non-electrified areas such as Africa, and VPP Japan, which is a company involved in the solar distribution power business in Japan.

Each department formulates "sustainability action plans" for each business field as specific initiatives that contribute to the identified material issues. Set mid- to long-term goals and update progress every year. Incorporate more KPIs in near future.



### **ESG Report: Clean Tech Business**



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ITOCHU's Clean-tech Business

We engage in environmental clean-tech businesses that are projected have sustainable growth from a business perspective and are projected to contribute to society's shift toward decarbonization and circular economy. In doing so we employ a mid-to-long-term perspective in our business outlook and aim to leverage the latest technology

- 4. Energy Storage Systems (ESS) (P79-80)
   5. Water Infrastructure (P80-81)
   6. Green Buildings (P81-82)
- 7. Other Clean-tech Areas (P82-84)

#### Renewable Energy

neration efficiency. These include construction and refurbishment projects for all types of power plants worldwide, independent Power Producer (IPP) businesses, as well as the operation and maintenance of power plants. Within the business activities introduced above, we are proactively promoting power generation methods that leverage renewable energy sources such as geothermal, wind, solar, and biomass. We are aiming for a renewable energy ratio of over 20% (equity interest basis) by FYE 2031 from 12.5% in FYE 2020 within our overall power

ITOCHU will continue to proactively promote power generation businesses that utilizes renewable energy in and outside of Japan. This will allow us to contribute to global sustainability agreements that aim to create a decarbonized economy to mitigate dimate-related impacts.



Breakdown of ITOCHU's Total Generation in FYE 2020 and Breakdown Target for FYE 2031

	FYE 2020  Generation Capacity on Equity Interest Basis (MW)	FYE 2020 Ratio (%)	FYE 2031 (Target) Ratio (%)	
Wind	185			
Solar/PV Power	83			
Geothermal	83	12.5%	20%<	
Biomass	20			
Renewable Energy (Total)	369			
Natural gas	1,621			
Coal-fired power	955	87%	80%>	
Thermal Power (Total)	2,576			
Grand Total	2,945	100%	100%	



The Butendiek Offshore Wind Farm



<u>Introduced examples of active efforts in</u> business development in the environmental and clean tech fields, that contributes to the transformation of social structure from a mid- to longterm perspective, taking the environmental field as a business opportunity.

Saga-Ouchi Solar Power Plant



#### ESG Report: Sustainability of Value Chain Starting with Products MOCHIN



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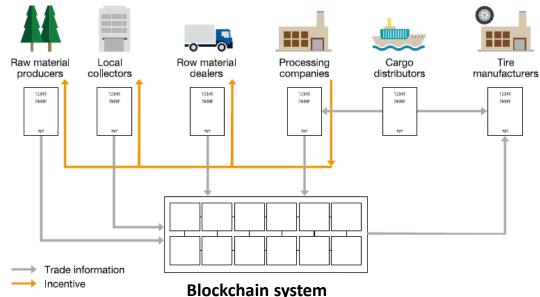
Sustainability in the Value Chain: Sustainable Procurement: Policies and Initiatives by Product Type

#### Resource Sourcing that Requires Forest Conservation Initiatives

ITOCHU handles each of the following commodities, which require careful consideration of forest conservation initiatives. In addition to the Sustainability Action Guidelines for Supply Chains, the following Procurement Policy establishes our approach to protecting and preserving natural forests our commitment to the sustainable use of natural resources. At minimum the Policy is subject to an annual review, with revisions made as necessary.

#### Commodities Relevant to Forest Conservation

- Timber, timber products, raw materials for papermaking and paper products
- Natural rubber
- Palm oil

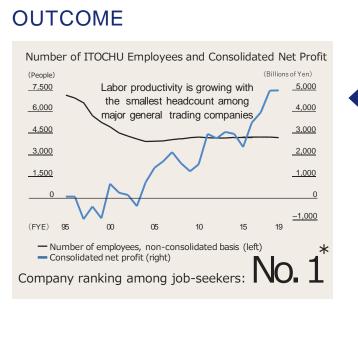


Disclosed Policies and initiatives to enhance sustainability, focusing on consumer sector related products such as products relevant to forest conservation, food and textile materials from the vast value chain of a trading company.



#### **Human Resources Strategy to Create a Positive Cycle (Society)**





Our Understanding of the Environment 2030 problem Labor shortage, more frequent job changes In 2030, a labor shortage of  $6.44\,$  million people\*

Explained the positive cycle of human resources strategies that boost "labor productivity" and enhance "corporate value."





### **Corporate Governance System at Listed Subsidiaries (Governance)**



Corporate Value 🛊





#### State of Governance Systems at Listed Subsidiaries

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ITOCHU requires that its listed subsidiaries (1) have independent outside directors for at least one-third of its directors, (2) establish independent advisory committees for their board of directors, and (3) have independent outside members for a majority on their audit & supervisory boards. At the listed subsidiaries shown below, governance systems have been put into place that mostly satisfy these requirements.

(As of July 1, 2020)

						(Fis 013day 1, 2020)
Division Company	Company name	(1) Ratio of indep Directors	endent outside o Outside directors	directors	(2) Advisory committees for the board of directors	(3) Ratio of independent outside audit & supervisory board members
Energy & Chemicals	ITOCHU ENEX CO., LITO.	5	3	38%	- Governance Committee	50% (2 out of 4 members)
	C.I. TAKIRON Corporation	5	3	38%	- Nomination / Remuneration Committee	50% (2 out of 4 members)
	ITOCHU-SHOKUHIN Co., Ltd.	6	3	33% (3 out of 9 directors)	- Governance Committee	50% (2 out of 4 members)
Food	Prima Meat Packers, Ltd.	3	**************************************	40%	- Management Advisory Committee	33% (1 out of 3 members)
ICT &	ITOCHU Techno-Solutions Corporation	4	**************************************	33% (2 out of 6 directors)	Nomination Committee     Remuneration     Committee     Governance Committee	50% (2 out of 4 members)
Financial Business	CONEIO Corporation	5	3	38% (3 out of 8 directors)	Nomination / Remuneration Committee - Governance Committee	50% (2 out of 4 members)
The 6th	FamilyMart Co., Ltd.*	8		33 % (4 out of 12 directors)	- Remuneration Committee	50% (2 out of 4 members)

Based on a high level of market interests in group governance, displayed a list of the state of governance structure at listed subsidiaries.















(Delisted in November 2020)

<sup>\*</sup> The ITOCHU Group announced on July 8 2020 a tender offer for shares in FamilyMart Co., Ltd. for the purpose of delisting the company.



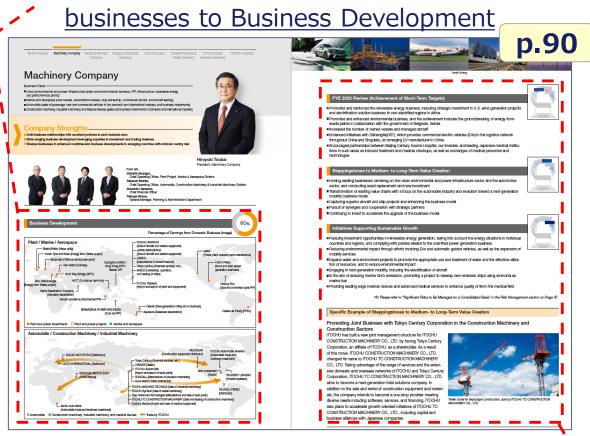
# **Enhancing Segment Information**



Added the ratio of non-current assets to total assets

Consolidated Net Profit & Core Profit p.84

Added the ratio of profits/losses in domestic



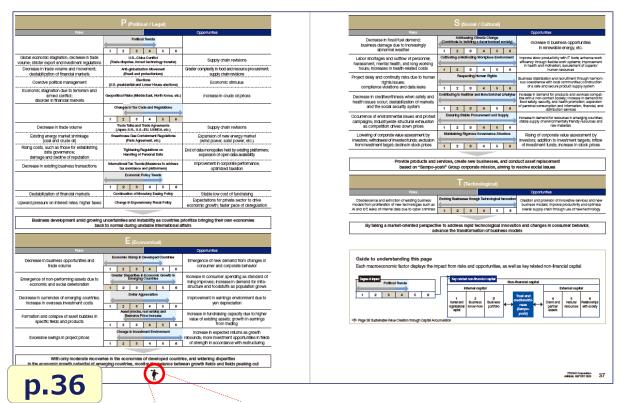
The initiatives of short-term and mid- to long-term perspectives that match with the entire report design



### Other Highlights



# Risks and opportunities of Macroenvironmental PEST Analysis are tied into non-financial capital



# The number of shares owned are disclosed, including Outside Directors and Executive Officers





A merchant continue to move steadily from its founding (1858)



# **Issues to Address in 2021 and Beyond**



- ✓ Presenting the concrete outcomes of collaboration with CITIC and CP Group, as well as of the delisting of FamilyMart
- ✓ Improving climate change-related initiatives and disclosures, including long-term CO2 reduction targets
- ✓ Introducing examples about specific initiatives in human rights due diligence
- ✓ Explaining the detailed discussions held by the Nomination Committee
- ✓ More substantive disclosures of the rationale for holding shares in listed Group companies.
- ✓ Formulating business investment process with more consideration paid to ESG factors

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