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Corporate Name: SOMPO JAPAN INSURANCE INC.
Name of Representative: Masatoshi Sato, President and CEO
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Corporate Name: NIPPONKOA Insurance Co., Ltd.
Name of Representative: Makoto Hyodo, President and CEO
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Announcement of Share Exchange Plan and of Business Plan

SOMPO JAPAN INSURANCE INC. (President and Chief Executive Officer: Masatoshi Sato) (“SOMPO JAPAN”) and NIPPONKOA Insurance Co., Ltd., (President and Chief Executive Officer: Makoto Hyodo) (“NIPPONKOA”) (collectively, the “Parties”) entered into the Memorandum of Understanding for business integration on March 13, 2009, and the Share Exchange Agreement on July 29, 2009. SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA hereby announce that the Parties resolved to authorize the Share Exchange Plan, the Business Integration Agreement and the Business Plan for the New Group at meetings of respective boards of directors today and the Parties have executed the Business Integration Agreement.

The business integration is subject to shareholder approval at a shareholders’ meeting of each Party and to regulatory approvals.

I. Summary of Share Exchange

1. Share Exchange Schedule

Execution of the Memorandum of Understanding for business integration (date of board of directors resolution):	March 13, 2009
Execution of the Share Exchange Agreement (date of board of directors resolution):	July 29, 2009
Date of public notice of record date of extraordinary shareholders’ meetings to approve the share exchange plan (“Extraordinary Shareholders’ Meetings”):	October 16, 2009
Date of preparation of the Share Exchange Plan and execution of the Business Integration Agreement (date of board of directors resolution):	October 30, 2009
Record date of Extraordinary Shareholders’ Meetings:	October 31, 2009
Date of Extraordinary Shareholders’ Meetings:	December 22, 2009 (tentative)
Delisting date:	March 29, 2010 (tentative)
Effective date of share exchange:	April 1, 2010 (tentative)
Date of registration of joint holding company’s incorporation:	April 1, 2010 (tentative)
Listing date of joint holding company’s shares:	April 1, 2010 (tentative)

The above delisting date was set in accord with notices of “Abolishment of T+4 Settlement and Trading Suspension for a Predetermined Period” issued by Japanese stock exchanges. If T+4 settlement is not abolished as currently scheduled, the delisting date will be March 26, 2010 (tentative).

This schedule may be changed by mutual consultation of both Parties if any unavoidable complications arise in the course of the above procedures.

2. Allotment of Shares in Connection with Share Exchange (Share Exchange Ratio)

	SOMPO JAPAN	NIPPONKOA
Share Exchange Ratio	1	0.9

1. One share of common stock of the joint holding company will be allotted for each share of common stock of SOMPO JAPAN, and 0.9 shares of common stock of the joint holding company will be allotted for each share of common stock of NIPPONKOA. However, the Share Exchange Ratio may be changed through mutual consultation of both Parties if there are material changes in any of the conditions upon which the ratio was determined.

2. New shares to be issued by the joint holding company (tentative): 1,722,802,230 shares of common stock
The number of shares to be issued by the Joint Holding Company was calculated based on the total number of outstanding shares of the Parties as of March 31, 2009. In principle, the Parties plan to cancel their treasury stock holdings by one day before the share exchange's effective date. The number of new shares to be issued by the joint holding company consequently may differ from the above total. The number of shares to be issued could also change if equity warrants issued by either of the Parties are exercised.

3. Joint holding company's stock trading unit: 1,000 common shares

4. With respect to the basis of calculations related to the share exchange, the calculation process, and the Parties' relationships with the parties that performed the calculations, there have been no changes from the content of the press release dated July 29, 2009.

3. Treatment of Equity Warrants and Warrant Bonds of Wholly Owned Subsidiaries

Holders of equity warrants issued by the Parties will be issued new equity warrants by the joint holding company in exchange for their existing warrants. Warrant exchange ratios will be determined based on the existing warrants' terms and the share exchange ratio. Neither of the Parties has issued any outstanding warrant bonds.

4. Treatment of Treasury Stock Holdings of Wholly Owned Subsidiaries

In principle, the Parties plan to cancel their treasury stock holdings by one day before the share exchange's effective date.

5. Matters Related to Joint Holding Company's Listing Applications

The Parties plan to apply to list the newly established joint holding company's shares on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and Osaka Securities Exchange effective April 1, 2010. Because the Parties will become wholly owned subsidiaries of the joint holding company as a result of the share exchange, the Parties plan to delist their shares effective March 29, 2010. SOMPO JAPAN will delist from the Tokyo, Nagoya, and Fukuoka Stock Exchanges and Osaka and Sapporo Securities Exchanges and NIPPONKOA will delist from the Tokyo and Nagoya Stock Exchanges and Osaka Securities Exchange in accord with the exchanges' respective regulations.

6. Profile of Holding Company to Be Established through Share Exchange

(1) Company name	NKSJ Holdings, Inc.		
(2) Head office	26-1 Nishi-Shinjuku 1-chome, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo		
(3) Planned corporate officer appointments	Chairman and co-CEO	Makoto Hyodo	Currently NIPPONKOA, President & CEO
	President and co-CEO	Masatoshi Sato	Currently SOMPO JAPAN, President and CEO
	Director (outside director)	Akira Genma	Currently Shiseido Company, Limited, Senior Advisor
	Director (outside director)	Tsunehisa Katsumata	Currently The Tokyo Electric Power Company, Incorporated, Chairman of the Board of Directors
	Director (outside director)	Seiichi Asaka	Currently NSK Ltd., Chairman of the Board
	Director (outside director)	Sumitaka Fujita	Currently ITOCHU Corporation, Special Advisor
	Director (outside director)	Yoshiharu Kawabata	Lawyer
	Director	Yasuhide Fujii	Currently NIPPONKOA, Director & Managing Executive Officer
	Director	Yuichi Yamaguchi	Currently NIPPONKOA, Director & Managing Executive Officer
	Director (outside director)	George Olcott	Currently CAMBRIDGE Judge Business School, Senior Fellow
	Director	Kengo Sakurada	Currently SOMPO JAPAN, Director, Managing Executive Officer
	Director	Hiroyuki Yamaguchi	Currently SOMPO JAPAN, Director, Managing Executive Officer
	Auditor (outside auditor)	Koichi Masuda	Certified Public Accountant
	Auditor (outside auditor)	Makiko Yasuda	Lawyer
	Auditor (outside auditor)	Motoyoshi Nishikawa	Currently NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION, Advisor
Auditor	Atau Kadokawa	Currently NIPPONKOA, Auditor	
Auditor	Jiro Handa	Currently SOMPO JAPAN, Auditor	
(4) Nature of business	Management of P&C insurance companies, life insurance companies, and other companies controlled as subsidiaries pursuant to the Insurance Business Law, and other operations incidental thereto		
(5) Capital stock	¥100 billion		
(6) Fiscal year-end	March 31		
(7) Net assets	To be determined		

(8) Total assets	To be determined
(9) Exchanges where shares to be listed	Tokyo Stock Exchange, Osaka Securities Exchange
(10) Independent auditor	ERNST & YOUNG SHINNIHON LLC
(11) Stock transfer agent	Daiko Clearing Services Corporation

※Directors and auditors excluding chairman and president are written in the above list according to the date of birth respectively.

7. Accounting Treatment

The share exchange is classified as an acquisition under applicable accounting standards for business combinations. The transaction will accordingly be accounted for by the purchase method. The amount of goodwill to be recognized from the share exchange has yet to be determined.

II. Business Plan for New Group

1. Group Management Targets

The Group's 5-year (FY2014-end) management targets are as follows.

	FY2009 (projected)	FY2014 (targets)	
	Adjusted profits	Adjusted profits	Share of total
Adjusted consolidated profits	¥28.0 billion	¥160.0 billion	100%
Domestic P&C insurance business ¹	¥19.0 billion	¥90.0 billion	56%
Domestic life insurance business ²	¥9.0 billion	¥50.0 billion	31%
Overseas insurance business ³	¥3.0 billion	¥16.0 billion	10%
Financial services & other businesses ³	¥(3.0) billion	¥4.0 billion	3%

	FY2009 (projected)	FY2014 (target)
Adjusted consolidated ROE ⁴	1.6%	7%

1. The domestic P&C insurance business's adjusted profits are sum totals of SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA's respective non-consolidated profits, calculated as follows.

Domestic P&C insurance business's adjusted profits = net income + provisions to catastrophic loss reserves (after tax) + provisions to price fluctuation reserves (after tax) - gains/losses on securities sales and securities valuation losses (after tax) - extraordinary items

2. The domestic life insurance business's adjusted profits are sum totals of SOMPO JAPAN Himawari Life Insurance Co., Ltd.'s and NIPPONKOA Life Insurance Co., Ltd.'s respective profits, calculated as growth in embedded value (EV) net of capital account transactions (e.g., equity issuance) and changes in EV attributable to interest rate movements.

3. Overseas insurance, financial services and other businesses' adjusted profits are net income as reported in financial statements.

4. Adjusted consolidated ROE = adjusted consolidated profits ÷ (consolidated net assets (excluding life insurance subsidiaries' net assets) + catastrophic loss reserves (after tax) + price fluctuation reserves (after tax) + life insurance subsidiaries' EV)

All values in the denominator are the average of the fiscal-year opening and closing balances.

2. Synergies and Plans for Major Businesses

(1) Domestic P&C Insurance Business

In integrating their operations, the Parties will enhance their competitiveness in the P&C insurance business by boosting operating efficiency, offering high-quality products and services that meet customers' needs, and steadily executing the following initiatives.

- (i) Substantially reduce costs by unifying products, back-office processes, and IT systems.
- (ii) Maximize quality from the customer's perspective through the Retail Business Model Reform Project (PT-R) and the most advanced IT systems in the industry.
- (iii) Reduce operating costs through such means as joint use of infrastructures and joint placement of orders.
- (iv) Increase profits by sharing and improving the Parties' know-how.

Through these initiatives, the Parties aim to realize synergies of around ¥30 billion by fiscal 2012 and around ¥50 billion by fiscal 2014, the fifth year following the business integration.

<Synergies as of FY2014>

Domestic P&C insurance business		
Effects of cost reduction by unification of products, back-office operations, and IT systems	Effects of cost reduction through joint use of infrastructure and joint placement of orders, etc.	Effects of increase of profits by sharing and improving know-how
Around ¥34 billion	Around ¥3 billion	Around ¥13 billion

*The above figures are pretax-basis synergies projected to be realized in fiscal 2014 (relative to fiscal 2009). The business integration is also projected to result in one-time costs totaling ¥60 billion over approximately the first five years after business integration.

(2) Domestic Life Insurance Business

The Parties' life insurance subsidiaries (SOMPO JAPAN Himawari Life Insurance Co., Ltd., and NIPPONKOA Life Insurance Co., Ltd.), which are both currently on growth trajectories by offering products that meet customers' needs, aim to merge within two years after the business integration.

The Parties aim to increase their life insurance subsidiaries' embedded value* by ¥50 billion per year in fiscal 2014 by strategically deploying their new group's management resources and offering compelling products and services to a broader market by virtue of the business integration.

*Embedded value is the sum total of a life insurer's net asset value and the present value of future profits from in-force insurance policies.

(3) Overseas Insurance Business

The Parties will pursue business expansion, mainly through M&As, in overseas insurance markets with promising growth prospects, capitalizing on their human resources and strengthened financial foundation following the business integration.

(4) Asset Management Business

To strengthen their new Group's asset management operations, the Parties' asset management subsidiaries (Sompo Japan Asset Management Co., Ltd., and Zest Asset Management Limited) will aim to merge by a target date of fiscal 2010.

The Parties also aim to further boost their investment returns, increase their asset management know-how, and strengthen their asset management capabilities by transferring to a new asset management subsidiary their respective front-office operations that manage SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA's portfolios of securities held as pure investments.

Additionally, the Parties will endeavor to reduce strategic-holding stocks on an ongoing basis and improve management of strategic-holding stocks by using individual stock valuations provided by the new asset management subsidiary and other sources as one of the criteria for investment decisions.

(5) Risk Consulting (Management) Business

To improve their consulting and new service development capabilities in response to growing, increasingly diverse risks, the Parties' risk consulting (management) subsidiaries (Sompo Japan Risk Management Inc. and NK Risk Consulting Co., Ltd.) aim to integrate by early in fiscal 2010.

As the largest risk consultancy affiliated with a P&C insurer, the new company will seek to offer the highest-quality services, peace of mind, and new solutions to customers.

(6) Other Businesses

The Parties will collaboratively utilize their business infrastructure and accumulated know-how in other businesses such as healthcare, defined contribution (DC) pension plans, and environmental businesses.

The Parties will also pursue an optimal group culture conducive to synergies among other subsidiaries.

Background and Objectives and Basic Principle of Business Integration

I. Background and objectives of business integration

In the face of the declining birthrate and aging society – the significant challenges Japan faces in the medium to long-term period – as well as of increased risks associated with depopulating society, deteriorating global climate changes, and in response to the diversified consumer demands amidst the individual's lifestyle changes, companies are urged to take proper actions and contribute to social safety and to customers' sense of security.

Based on this shared perspective, SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA decided to establish a “new solution service group which provides consumers with security and service of the highest quality and contribute to social welfare” (the “New Group”), while sharing as a unitary group the strengths nurtured through 120 years of their respective histories.

II. Management's vision and the New Group's aspirations

1. The group which seeks to provide the highest-quality security and service

SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA will further strengthen the product development, the claims handling capacity, and the IT capability while providing an increasing number of customers with the security and service of the highest quality through the combined distribution channels of the group.

2. The group with focus on its business in Japan

SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA will focus on their business in Japan and enhance the brand value of the Parties in Japan as well as by sharing the business platform, improve the group management efficiency and further bolster their competitiveness.

3. The group which provides a broad range of solutions friendly to the society and the environment

SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA will seek to provide a broad range of solutions to people's lives and corporate activities in the areas of health, medical care and environment that transcend the conventional framework of insurance business. By maintaining proactive communications with various stakeholders, SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA will seek to fulfill their corporate social responsibility (CSR) and aim to achieve a sound balance between the environment and the business management through adoption of measures designed for global warming.

4. The group which seeks to maximize the shareholder value

SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA will seek to maximize their shareholder value by efficiently allocating the management resources to business areas with growth potential including the life insurance business, the overseas insurance business and the asset management business and improving business efficiency in the group, and will aim to realize fair and sustainable return to their shareholders. SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA will also further strive to achieve transparency in corporate governance and seek to establish brand recognition for the group underpinned by profitability, growth potential, trust and soundness.

5. The group with a free, vigorous, open and energetic corporate culture

SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA will use their know-how and revitalize the organization through the provision of opportunities for employee interactions at various levels and regions as well as joint learning opportunities. SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA aim to build up a group where agents and employees can feel satisfied with their work and grow together as the best partners.

6. The group independent from the influence of any corporate or financial group

As an independent group, SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA will establish equal and friendly relationships with any corporate or financial group.

III. Basic principle of business integration

1. Perspective of customers

SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA will make all the value judgments from the “customers’ perspective” and pursue the best business practices.

2. Emphasis on speed

SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA will place emphasis on speed with the aim to quickly realize the effects of the growth strategy, the business integration and the business alliance.

3. Independent group from any corporate or financial group

SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA will establish equal and friendly relationships with any corporate or financial group as an independent New Group, with an understanding that the Parties will continue to operate under the joint holding company.

4. Equal spirit

After the integration, the New Group will abide by the spirit of equality between the Parties.

5. Enhancement of corporate value

Subject to the above, SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA will expeditiously and aggressively implement measures to boost the corporate value of the entire New Group.

General Information on Parties

Corporate Name	SOMPO JAPAN INSURANCE INC.	NIPPONKOA Insurance Co., Ltd.
Line of Business	Non-life insurance	Non-life insurance
Date of Incorporation	February 12, 1944	October 1, 1944
Date of Establishment	1888	1892
Location of Head Office	26-1, Nishi-Shinjuku 1-chome, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo	7-3, Kasumigaseki 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Title and Name of Representative	President and Chief Executive Officer Masatoshi Sato	President and Chief Executive Officer Makoto Hyodo
Capital (as of March 31, 2009)	¥70 billion	¥91.2 billion
Total Number of Issued Shares (as of March 31, 2009)	987,733 thousand shares	816,743 thousand shares
Net Assets (consolidated) (as of March 31, 2009)	¥594.9 billion	¥345.4 billion
Total Assets (consolidated) (as of March 31, 2009)	¥5,913.3 billion	¥3,089.5 billion
End of Fiscal Year	March	March
Number of Employees (consolidated) (as of March 31, 2009)	19,572	9,501
Major Shareholders and Shareholding Ratios (as of March 31, 2009)	<p>Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust account) (6.77%)</p> <p>Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd (Trust account 4G) (5.59%)</p> <p>The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust account) (5.42%)</p> <p>State Street Bank and Trust Company (4.69%)</p> <p>The Dai-ichi Mutual Life Insurance Company (4.14%)</p> <p>Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (3.27%)</p>	<p>State Street Bank and Trust Company (8.76%)</p> <p>Longleaf Partners Fund (7.80%)</p> <p>Nippon Express Co., Ltd. (4.35%)</p> <p>Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust account 4G) (4.22%)</p> <p>Mellon Bank NA Treaty Client Omnibus (2.71%)</p> <p>The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. (2.67%)</p>
Relationship between Parties	No material capital, personal or business relationship exists among the Parties, nor is any of the Parties a related party (“ <i>kanren tojisha</i> ”) vis-à-vis one another.	
Number of Agents (as of March 31, 2009)	49,430	29,857
Network in Japan (as of July 1, 2009)	Branch offices (109), sub-branch offices of the sales section (537); claims handling and service offices (265)	Branch offices (79), sub-branch offices of the sales section (415); claims handling offices (183)

Number of Overseas Offices (as of July 1, 2009)	93 offices in 29 countries	26 offices in 17 countries
URL	http://www.sompo-japan.co.jp	http://www.nipponkoa.co.jp

(Financial Results for the Previous Three Years)

(Data below listed in ¥100 millions, except per share data)

Consolidated basis	(1) SOMPO JAPAN INSURANCE INC.		
	March 31, 2007	March 31, 2008	March 31, 2009
Fiscal year ended			
Ordinary income	19,015	18,941	17,679
Net premiums written	13,866	13,687	13,081
Ordinary profit	1,105	940	(1,440)
Net income	619	596	(667)
Net income per share (yen)	62.93	60.57	(67.75)
Dividends per share (yen)*	16.00	20.00	20.00
Net assets per share (yen)	1,476.81	1,086.86	602.30

* Dividends per share are on a non-consolidated basis.

(Data below listed in ¥100 millions, except per share data)

Consolidated basis	(2) NIPPONKOA Insurance Co., Ltd.		
	March 31, 2007	March 31, 2008	March 31, 2009
Fiscal year ended			
Ordinary income	10,004	9,754	9,491
Net premiums written	7,128	6,986	6,638
Ordinary profit	281	177	(30)
Net income	158	89	99
Net income per share (yen)	19.81	11.63	13.15
Dividends per share (yen)*	7.50	7.50	8.00
Net assets per share (yen)	962.55	711.58	458.09

* Dividends per share are on a non-consolidated basis.

(Data below listed in ¥100 millions)

Consolidated basis	(Reference) Sum of the two companies ((1) + (2))		
	March 31, 2007	March 31, 2008	March 31, 2009
Fiscal year ended			
Ordinary income	29,020	28,695	27,170
Net premiums written	20,995	20,674	19,720
Ordinary profit	1,386	1,118	(1,470)
Net income	778	686	(567)

(Forecast)

(Data below listed in ¥100 millions, except per share data)

	SOMPO JAPAN INSURANCE INC.	NIPPONKOA Insurance Co., Ltd.
Fiscal year ending	March 31, 2010 Forecast for the full fiscal year	March 31, 2010 Forecast for the full fiscal year
Ordinary income	17,980	8,900
Ordinary profit	590	220
Net income	320	130
Net income per share (yen)	32.50	17.27
Dividends per share (yen)*	20.00	8.00

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Share Exchange Plan and Business Plan for Establishing Joint Holding Company

SOMPO JAPAN INSURANCE INC.



NIPPONKOA Insurance Co., Ltd.



October 30, 2009

1. Summary of Share Exchange Plan

2. Business Plan of the New Group

【Note】

The Share Exchange is subject to the fulfillment of terms and conditions relating to the Share Exchange, including shareholder approval at extraordinary shareholders' meeting of each Party, regulatory notices and approvals stipulated by applicable Japanese and foreign laws, and absence of any other event that could be materially detrimental to the Share Exchange.

1. Summary of Share Exchange Plan

2. Business Plan of the New Group

(1) Objectives of Business Integration

Establish a “new solution service group which provides customers with security and service of the highest quality and contributes to social welfare”

Basic principle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Making all value judgments from the “customers’ perspective” and pursuing best business practices ○ Placing an emphasis on speed with the aim of quickly realizing the results of our growth strategy, business integration and operational alliance ○ Establishing equal and friendly relationships with any corporate or financial group as an independent New Group, with the understanding that the Parties will continue to operate under the Joint Holding Company ○ Maintaining a spirit of equality between the Parties ○ Expeditiously and aggressively implementing measures to boost the corporate value of the New Group as a whole
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<New Group’s Aspirations>

Provide the highest-quality security and service	Further strengthen the product development, the claims handling capacity, and the IT capability while providing an increasing number of customers with the security and service of the highest quality through the combined distribution channels of the group
Focus on business in Japan	Focus on business in Japan and enhance the brand value of the Parties in Japan as well as by sharing the business platform, improve the group management efficiency and further bolster their competitiveness
Provide a broad range of solutions friendly to the society and the environment	Provide a broad range of solutions to people’s lives and corporate activities in the areas of health, medical care and environment that transcend the conventional framework of insurance business Fulfill corporate social responsibility (CSR) and aim to achieve a sound balance between the environment and the business management through adoption of measures designed for global warming by maintaining proactive communications with various stakeholders
Maximize the shareholder value	Maximize shareholder value by efficiently allocating the management resources to business areas with growth potential including the life insurance business, the overseas insurance business and the asset management business and improving business efficiency in the group, and aim to realize fair and sustainable return to their shareholders Further strive to achieve transparency in corporate governance and seek to establish brand recognition for the group underpinned by profitability, growth potential, trust and soundness
Free, vigorous, open and energetic corporate culture	Use know-how and revitalize the organization through the provision of opportunities for employee interactions at various levels and regions as well as joint learning opportunities Aim to build up a group where agents and employees can feel satisfied with work and grow together as the best partners
Independent from the influence of any corporate or financial group	Establish equal and friendly relationships with any corporate or financial group as an independent group

(2) Share Exchange Schedule

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March 29, 2010 (tentative)	Delisting date on the Sapporo Securities Exchange and Fukuoka Stock Exchange (SOMPO JAPAN)
April 1, 2010 (tentative)	Date of registration of Joint Holding Company's incorporation
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(3) Share Exchange Ratio

◆ Share Exchange Ratio

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◆ Treatment of Treasury Stock Holdings of Wholly Owned Subsidiaries

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(4) Profile of NKSJ Holdings

(1) Company name	NKSJ Holdings, Inc.
(2) Head office	26-1 Nishi-Shinjuku 1-chome, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo
(3) Nature of business	Management of P&C insurance companies, life insurance companies, and other companies controlled as subsidiaries pursuant to the Insurance Business Law, and other operations incidental thereto
(4) Capital stock	100 billion yen
(5) Fiscal year-end	March 31
(6) Net assets	To be determined
(7) Total assets	To be determined

(5) Structure of the New Group

NKSJ Holdings Inc.

Domestic P&C insurance business

SOMPO JAPAN

Saison Automobile and Fire

NIPPONKOA

Sonpo 24

Domestic life insurance business

Life insurance subsidiary

SOMPO JAPAN DIY Life

Overseas business

Overseas subsidiaries, etc

Other businesses

Asset management business

※Merge SJAM and ZEST

Risk consulting business

※Integrate SJRM and NKRC

Healthcare business

Environmental business

Defined contribution pension plan business

Other businesses

SJAM: SOMPO JAPAN Asset Management
ZEST: Zest Asset Management
SJRM: SOMPO JAPAN Risk Management
NKRC: NK Risk Consulting

SOMPO JAPAN Himawari Life

※Merge life insurance subsidiaries

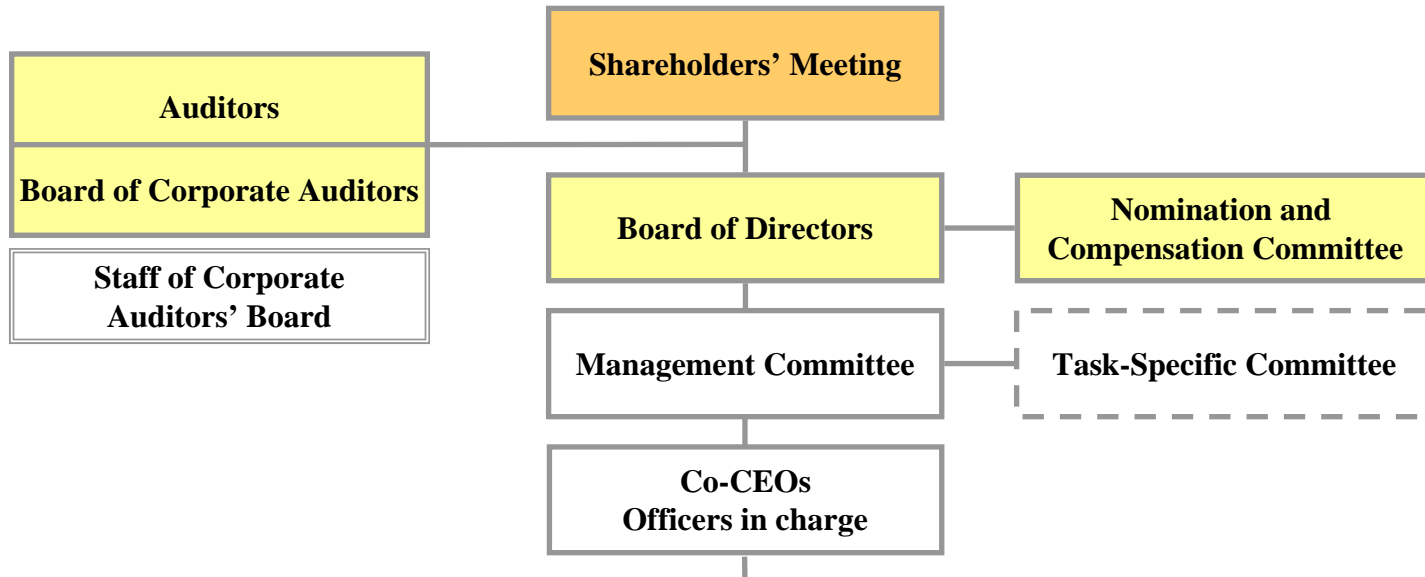
NIPPONKOA Life

Note: The above does not reflect the structure as of April 1, 2010 when the New Group will start.

(6) Business Strategy

<p>Domestic P&C insurance business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Parties have chosen an arrangement for business integration in which the Parties will coexist under the umbrella of the Joint Holding Company to prevent negative effect by merger. The Parties will aim to maximize business integration synergy quickly. ➤ The New Group will make use of its post-integration position and strengths. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Top-level P&C insurance share in approximately half of the prefectures in Japan -Strong sales base supported by exclusive, specialized professional agents -Competitive edge based on financial institutions-related agents, which are primary regional banks ➤ The Parties will seek to enhance operational efficiency and quality by sharing and standardizing their business platforms, including products, back office operations and IT systems. The Parties will seek to provide high quality service that meet needs of customers by taking the customers' perspective into account.
<p>Domestic life insurance business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Parties' life insurance subsidiaries (SOMPO JAPAN Himawari Life Insurance Co., Ltd., and NIPPONKOA Life Insurance Co., Ltd.) aim to merge within two years after the business integration. ➤ The Parties will strategically deploy management resources in life insurance business which are both currently on growth trajectories by offering products that meet customers' needs ➤ The Parties will seek to offer compelling products and services to a broader market by virtue of the business integration. ➤ The Parties will seek to reinforce sales promotion and improve service quality by shifting human resource and sharing know-how.
<p>Overseas business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Parties will pursue business expansion, mainly through M&As, in overseas insurance markets with promising growth prospects, capitalizing on their human resources and strengthened financial foundation following the business integration.
<p>Asset management business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Parties' asset management subsidiaries (SOMPO JAPAN Asset Management Co., Ltd., and ZEST Asset Management Limited) will aim to merge by a target date of fiscal 2010. ➤ The Parties aim to further boost their investment returns, increase their asset management know-how, and strengthen their asset management capabilities by transferring to a new asset management subsidiary their respective front-office operations that manage SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA's portfolios of securities held as pure investments. ➤ The Parties will endeavor to reduce strategic-holding stocks on an ongoing basis and improve management of strategic-holding stocks by using individual stock valuations provided by the new asset management subsidiary and other sources as one of the criteria for investment decisions.
<p>Other businesses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Parties' risk consulting (management) subsidiaries (SOMPO JAPAN Risk Management Inc. and NK Risk Consulting Co., Ltd.) aim to integrate by early in fiscal 2010. ➤ The Parties will collaboratively utilize their business infrastructure and accumulated know-how in other businesses such as healthcare, defined contribution (DC) pension plans, and environmental businesses.

(7) Corporate Governance (Management Structure)



Corporate Planning	Corporate governance, Business strategy, Capital policy, IR, CSR, PR	Corporate Legal	Corporate legal Shareholders' meeting
Corporate Management	Management of business plan and integration effect Management, support and internal control for group companies	Compliance	Compliance promotion
IT Planning and Administration	Integration of IT system and back office operations Governance of IT system	Risk Management	Risk management
Human Capital and General Affairs	Human capital strategy and management General affairs	Internal Audit	Internal audit
Accounting	Consolidated financial reporting, IFRS, Tax		

※Left: Name of department
Right: main roles in relation to group management

(8) Corporate Governance (Directors and Auditors)

Directors	Number of directors: 12 (including 6 outside directors) The term of office of directors is one year.
Auditors	Number of auditors: 5 (including 3 outside auditors)

Directors	
Chairman and co-CEO	Makoto Hyodo
President and co-CEO	Masatoshi Sato
Director (outside director)	Akira Genma
Director (outside director)	Tsunehisa Katsumata
Director (outside director)	Seiichi Asaka
Director (outside director)	Sumitaka Fujita
Director (outside director)	Yoshiharu Kawabata
Director	Yasuhide Fujii
Director	Yuichi Yamaguchi
Director (outside director)	George Olcott
Director	Kengo Sakurada
Director	Hiroyuki Yamaguchi

Auditors	
Auditor (outside auditor)	Koichi Masuda
Auditor (outside auditor)	Makiko Yasuda
Auditor (outside auditor)	Motoyoshi Nishikawa
Auditor	Atau Kadokawa
Auditor	Jiro Handa

Compensation
<p>Compensation of inside directors is composed of basic salary, performance pay compensation and stock compensation type stock option.</p> <p>Inside directors' performance is judged by adjusted ROE and net asset value per share, etc.</p>

※Directors and auditors excluding chairman and president are written in the above list according to the date of birth respectively.

1. Summary of Share Exchange Plan

2. Business Plan of the New Group

(1) Business Environment

Outlook for business environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Declining birthrate, aging and depopulating society in Japan-Economic and population growth in emerging countries-Increase in risks due to global climate change and warming-Diversification of needs in conjunction with changes in lifestyles
Domestic P&C insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Automobile ownership projected to decline slightly from its current level-Housing starts projected to grow modestly from FY2008 level-Insurance needs projected to grow, mainly for new types of coverage, as risks become increasingly diversified and complex
Domestic life insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-The third-sector market, mainly the medical insurance, projected to grow
Overseas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Insurance markets projected to grow, mainly in emerging countries
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Demand for defined contribution pension plans, asset management, healthcare services, etc., projected to grow in response to societal changes-Progress in global standardization of accounting and risk management standards
Assumption for business plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-The business plan is based on the assumption that the matters will stay around the current levels: Stock prices: Nikkei225 ¥10,000 Interest rates: 10-year JGB 1.35% Foreign exchange: ¥98/\$1, ¥130/€

(2) Management Target

Adjusted consolidated profits	Breakdown	FY2009 (projection)	FY2014 (target)	<p>【Domestic P&C insurance】 net income + provisions to catastrophic loss reserves (after tax) + provisions to price fluctuation reserves (after tax) - gains/losses on securities sales and securities valuation losses (after tax) - extraordinary items</p> <p>【Domestic life insurance (subsidiaries)】 growth in embedded value (EV) -net of capital account transactions (e.g., equity issuance) - changes in EV attributable to interest rate movements</p> <p>【Overseas, financial services and others】 net income as reported in financial statements</p>
	Domestic P&C insurance	¥19 billion	¥90 billion (56%)	
	Domestic life insurance	¥9 billion	¥50 billion (31%)	
	Overseas	¥3 billion	¥16 billion (10%)	
	Financial services and others	¥(3) billion	¥4 billion (3%)	
	Total	¥28 billion	¥160 billion (100%)	
Adjusted consolidated ROE		1.6%	7%	※ () = proportion of composition

$$\text{Adjusted consolidated ROE} = \frac{\text{adjusted consolidated profit}}{\text{consolidated net assets (excluding life insurance subsidiaries' net assets) + catastrophic loss reserves (after tax) + price fluctuation reserves (after tax) + life insurance subsidiaries' EV}}$$

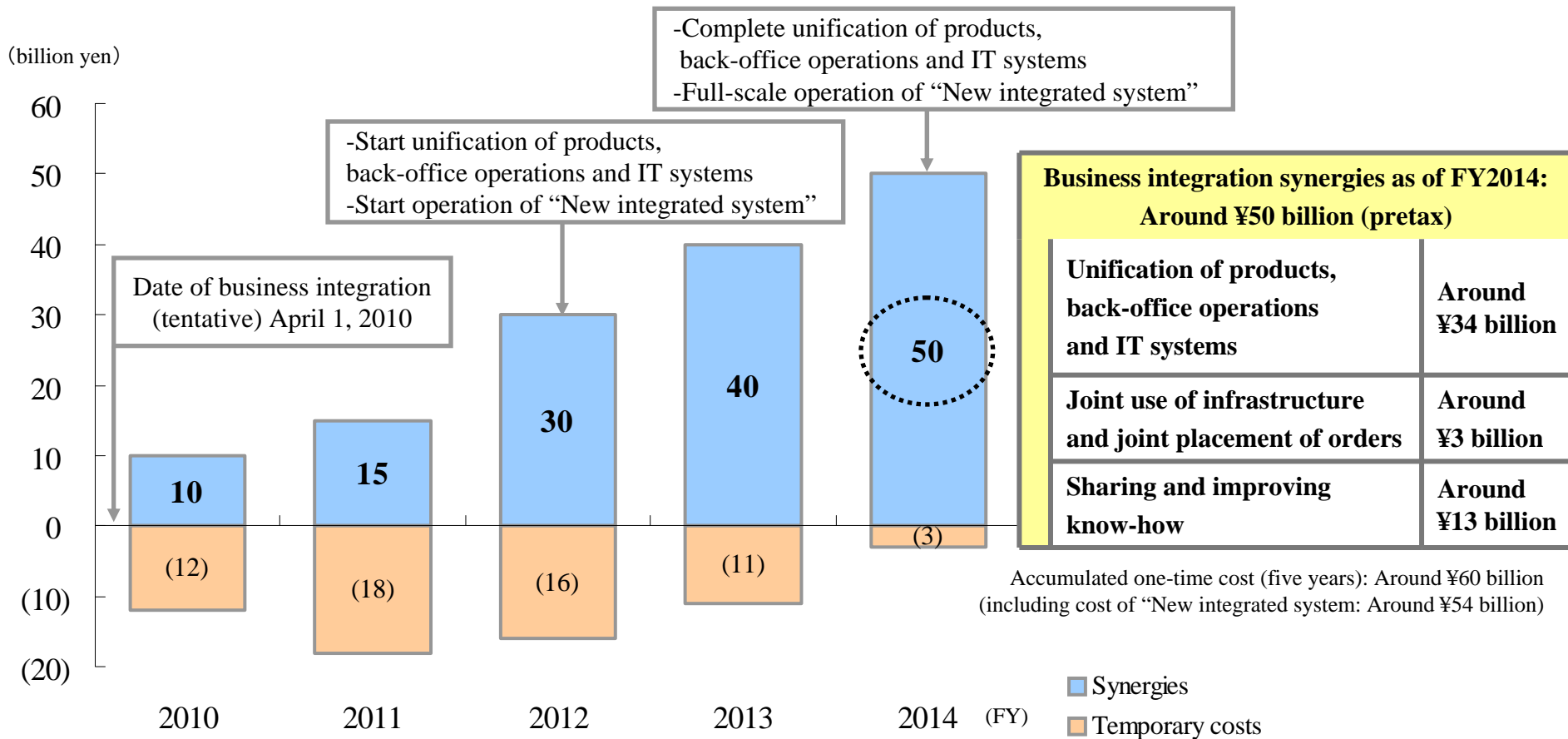
※All values in the denominator are the average of the fiscal-year opening and closing balances

<Definition of business>

①Domestic P&C insurance	Sum of SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA (non-consolidated)
②Domestic life insurance	Sum of SOMPO JAPAN Himawari Life and NIPPONKOA Life
③Overseas	Overseas subsidiaries
④Financial services and others	Saison Automobile and Fire, Sonpo 24, SOMPO JAPAN DIY, Financial services, Healthcare, etc.

(3) Business Integration Synergies

Business integration synergies in FY2014 (Five years after integration):
¥50 billion (pretax) ※compared to FY2009 (projection)



(4) Specific Measures to Create Synergies

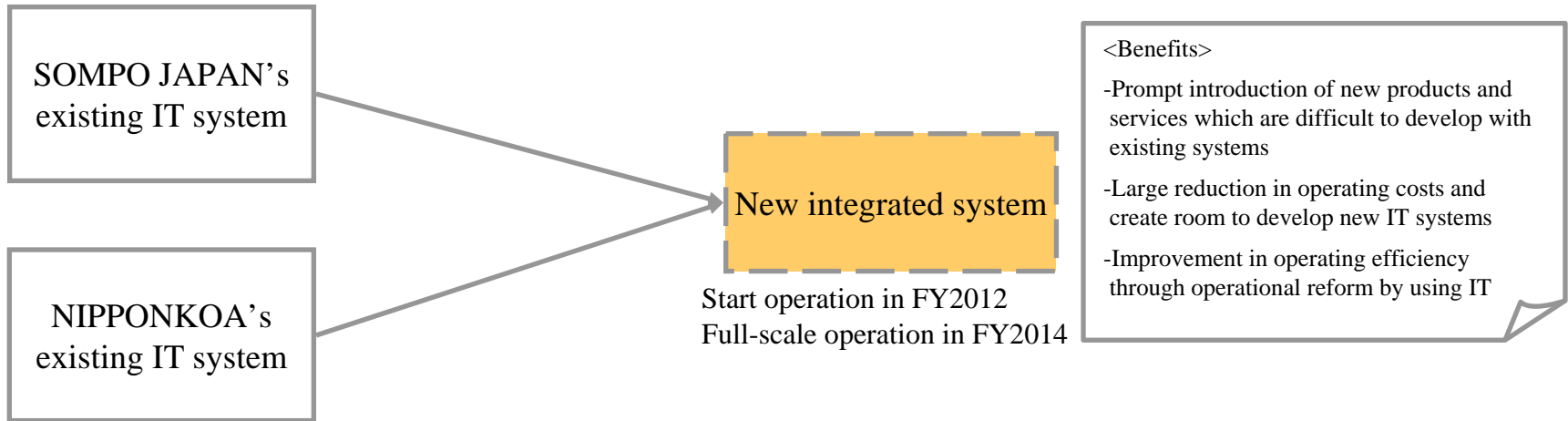
	Initiatives	Main measures	Synergies	
			FY2012	FY2014
Unification of products, back-office operations and IT systems	IT system integration and structural reform	Integration of all IT systems, complete foundational and structural upgrade of IT systems	Around ¥9 billion	Around ¥21 billion
	Standardization and unification of administrative processes	Standardization and unification of sales office processes (e.g., agents' online procedures, transition to cashless procedures)	Around ¥7 billion	Around ¥13 billion
	Other	Integration of customer centers' core IT systems		
Joint use of infrastructure and joint placement of orders	Sharing of printed materials, joint placement of orders, co-occupancy of real estate	Reduction in number of printed items, joint placement of orders of supplies, copy paper, etc., co-occupancy of offices, shared use of IT system backup centers	Around ¥3 billion	Around ¥3 billion
	Other	Co-occupancy of overseas offices, joint operation of claims processing subsidiaries, integration of compulsory automobile liability insurance back-office operations		
Sharing and improving know-how	Joint implementation of PT-R	Joint implementation of SOMPO JAPAN's retail business model reform project (PT-R)	Around ¥11 billion	Around ¥13 billion
	Loss prevention know-how	Loss prevention through joint eco-safety driving initiative		
	Integration of risk consulting services	Integration of risk consulting services		
	Other	Sharing of life insurance sales know-how, improvement in customer centers' productivity		
Total			Around ¥30 billion	Around ¥50 billion

(5) New Group's IT System Integration and Structural Reform

Overview

- The New Group plans to unify its administrative processes and IT systems, and complete foundational and structural upgrade of IT systems
- With the upgraded IT systems, the Group aims to substantially reduce operating expenses through reduction of system operating costs and improvement in operating efficiency

Simultaneous execution of IT system integration and structural reform

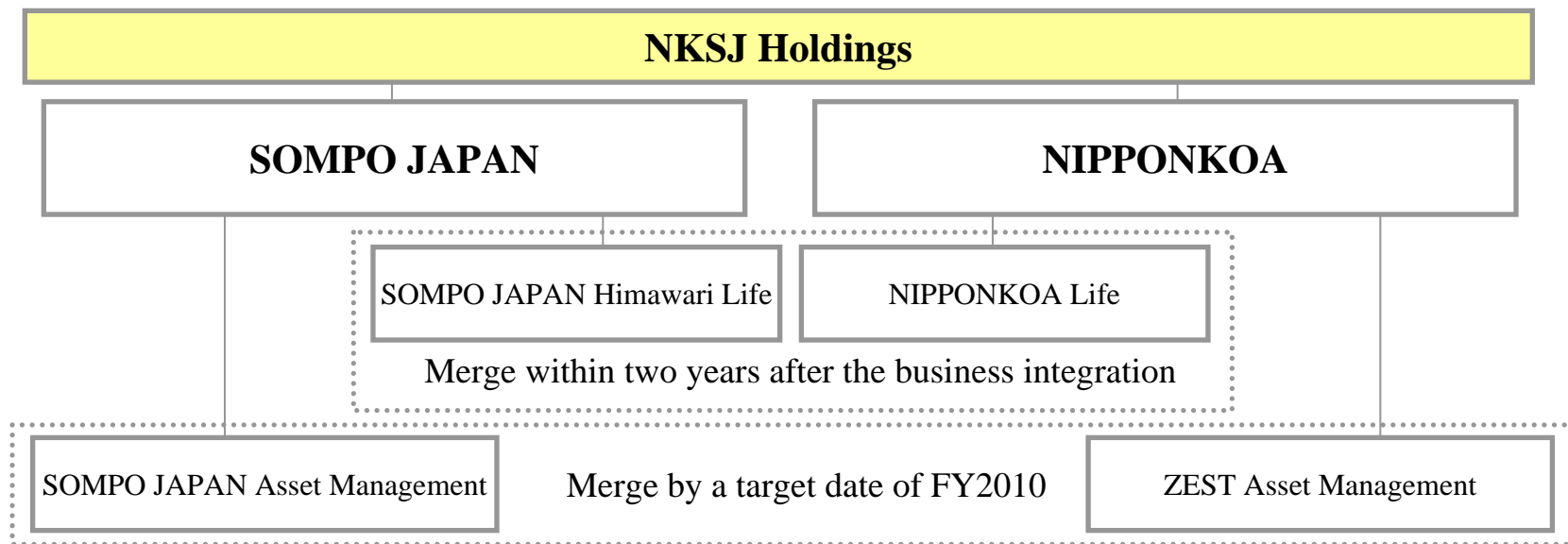


Costs and synergies by "New integrated system"	Costs	Around ¥54 billion (total of between FY2010 and 2014)
	Synergies	Around ¥21 billion per annum (in and after FY2014)

<Reference>

Unification of products, back-office operations and IT systems
 Costs: Around ¥60 billion
 (Total of between FY2010 and 2014)
 Synergies: Around ¥34 billion (FY2014)

(6) Life Insurance and Asset Management Business



Life insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aim to increase life insurance subsidiaries' embedded value by ¥50 billion per year in FY2014 by strategically deploying the New Group's management resources
Asset Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aim to further boost investment returns, increase asset management know-how, and strengthen asset management capabilities by transferring to a new asset management subsidiary their respective front-office operations that manage SOMPO JAPAN and NIPPONKOA's portfolios of securities held as pure investments ➤ Endeavor to reduce strategic-holding stocks on an ongoing basis and improve management of strategic-holding stocks by using individual stock valuations provided by the new asset management subsidiary and other sources as one of the criteria for investment decisions

(7) Overseas Business

Pursue business expansion in overseas insurance markets with promising growth prospects

- Capitalize on our financial foundation to be strengthened through the business integration.
- Pursue M&A in markets with favorable prospects for rapid growth and profitability (e.g., BRICs, ASEAN)

Recent milestones	SOMPO JAPAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Established Asian regional holding company in Singapore (September 2008)-Chinese subsidiary opened branch in Guangdong (February 2009)-Established insurance brokerage subsidiaries in Korea and Taiwan (April and May 2009)-Acquired equity stake in Brazilian insurer Maritima Seguros (July 2009)
	NIPPONKOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Established representative office in Moscow (October 2008)-Acquired equity stake in and strengthened business alliance with Thai insurer Navakij Insurance Public Co., Ltd. (March 2009)-Started operations of local subsidiary in Shenzhen, China (August 2009)

(8) Capital Policy

Basic policy	Aim to enhance corporate value by balancing the three imperatives of maintaining financial soundness, improving capital efficiency, and increasing shareholder payouts
Maintain financial soundness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Build an integrated risk management structure on a group basis, with a target credit rating of AA for the New Group (no need for increase in capital at present)-Continuously reduce strategic-holding stocks
Improve capital efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Allocate capital to investments in growth businesses (e.g., overseas M&A) while maintaining financial soundness-Use individual stock valuations provided by the asset management companies as one of the criteria for investment decisions of strategic-holding stocks-Strengthen asset management operations through such means as transferring pure investment operations to the asset management subsidiary
Increase shareholder payouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Payout of stable dividends as a basic policy and, where capital conditions permit, also utilize share buybacks as an instrument of shareholder returns-Target total shareholder returns equivalent to 50% of adjusted profits (excluding growth in life insurers' EV) <p>※Total shareholder returns: (Total amount of dividend + Total amount of share buybacks) / Adjusted profits (excluding growth in life insurers' EV) The indicator shows the proportion of shareholder returns on profits</p>

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