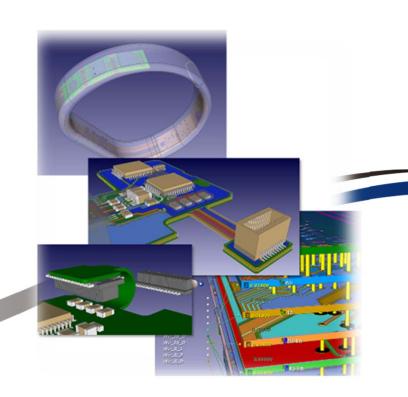


# **Progress and Outlook of Medium-term Business Plan**

(April 2022 - March 2025)

**December 15, 2023** 



#### **ZUKEN Inc.**

**Tokyo Stock Exchange, Prime Market** Securities code: 6947



# **Summary of Progress and Outlook**



#### Assessment at the Mid-point of the Three-year Plan and Future Actions

#### **Growth Strategy (1)**

Engineering DX Proposition by Model-Based Development (MBSE/MBD)

- Successful development of a wide range of industries
- Expansion of applicable business domains through diversification of industries and purposes
- The challenge is to secure human and development resources

#### **Growth Strategy (2)**

Consulting-Driven Customer Engagement to Enlarge Business Scope and Value

**Considers application of generative AI** 

- Strong DX demand in Japan supports the growth
- Strong orders for wire harness design data management
- Started collaboration with nVent HOFFMAN in North America

#### **Earning Power**

Expedite our Sales DX and Maintain Decent Pricing Level for Products and Services

- **■** Price revisions
- CR-5000BD updates scheduled to end in December 2026
- More use of a digital sales platform

- Strong IT investments in the manufacturing sector will continue → Many DX ideas, including existing products centered on MBSE
- Continue substantial technology/product development investments for medium/long-term growth and consider measures for hiring and retaining people

- Speed up the shift to CR-8000
- Increase operating margin by revising prices of maintenance and other services



### **Topics** Two New Products to Meet the DX Needs of Electrical Designers

Autonomous Intelligent Place and Route
An optional function for the CR-8000

Autonomous Intelligent Place and Route
Al技術を活用した自動配置/配線ブラットフォーム

Basic Brain

図研による学習済み特徴DBを利用
したAl自動配置・配線

Dynamic Brain

設計の特性毎に特徴DBを作成し、設計データを学習させることができるAl自動配置・配線

Autonomous Brain

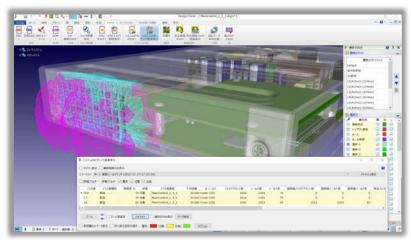
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配線設計を繰り返し実行し、設計

を最適化する自律的な自動設計

- Started with an automatic wiring placement and routing capability using a pre-trained model by Zuken
- Plan to make upgrades to create a system able to learn on its own the characteristics of designs of users and then determine autonomously the best possible wiring configuration

Started selling 3D EMC Adviser, the industry's first electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) verification tool that combines electrical and mechanical factors



PCB designers can perform tests for electromagnetic noise using conditions very similar to those of the actual product by importing 3D data of the enclosure, harness, and connector into CR-8000 Design Force.

Solutions that contribute to handing down the exclusive design expertise of individual companies as well as improving the productivity of design





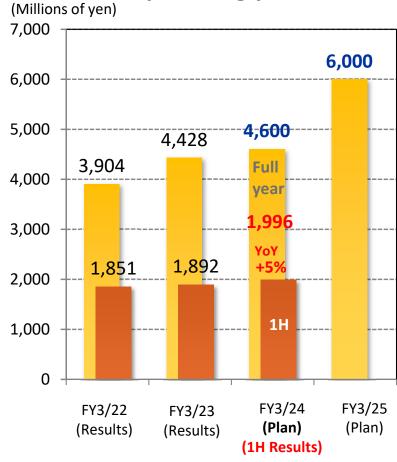
# First Half Results of the Second Year and Outlook



### Medium-term Sales/Earnings Targets and 1H FY3/24 Results



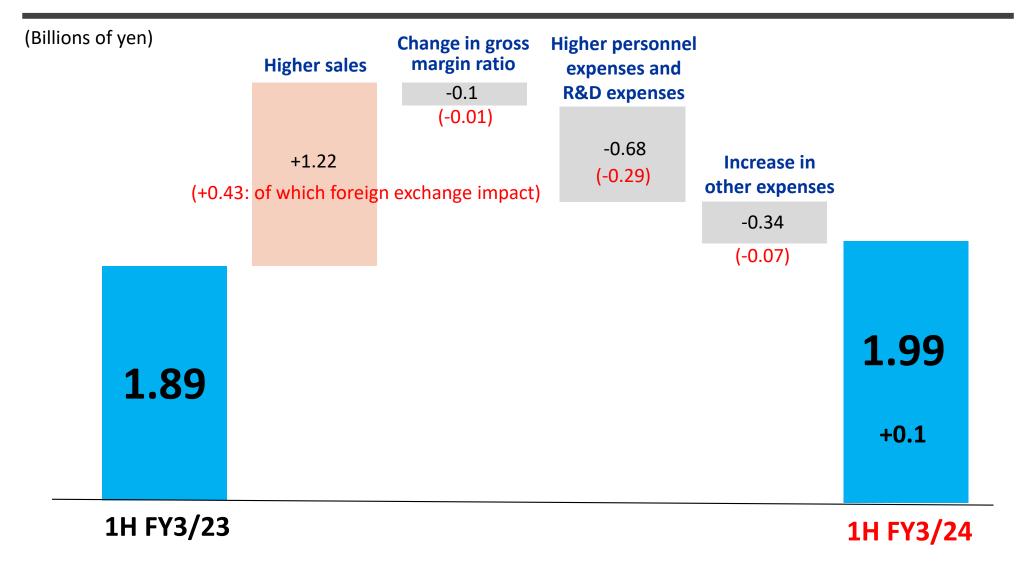




Record-high 1H sales and operating profit
Results were consistent with the plan at the mid-point
of the three-year plan



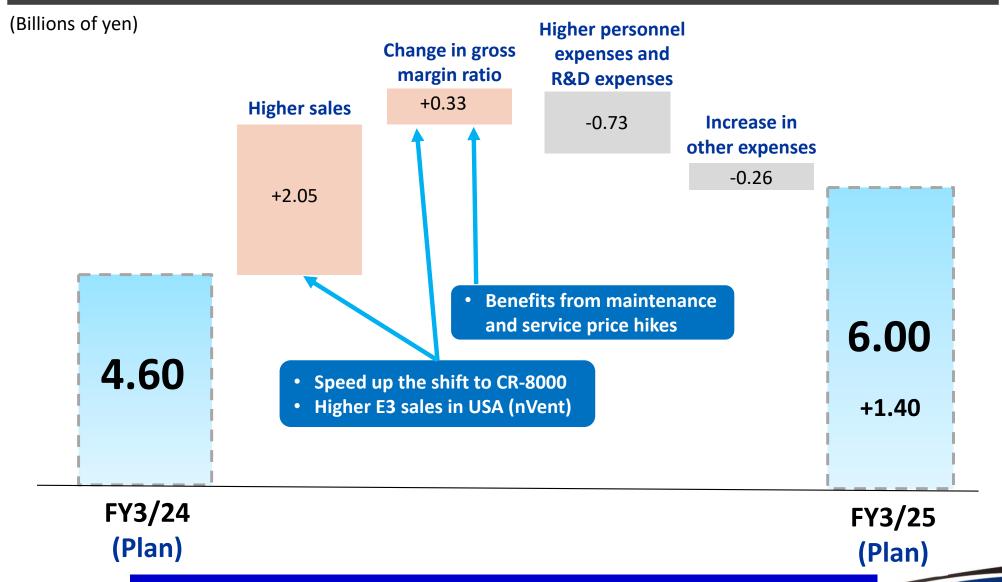
### **Change in 1H FY3/24 Operating Profit**



Average exchange rates in 1H FY3/23 were 134 yen/USD and 139 yen/EUR. Average exchange rates in 1H FY3/24 were 141 yen/USD and 153 yen/EUR.



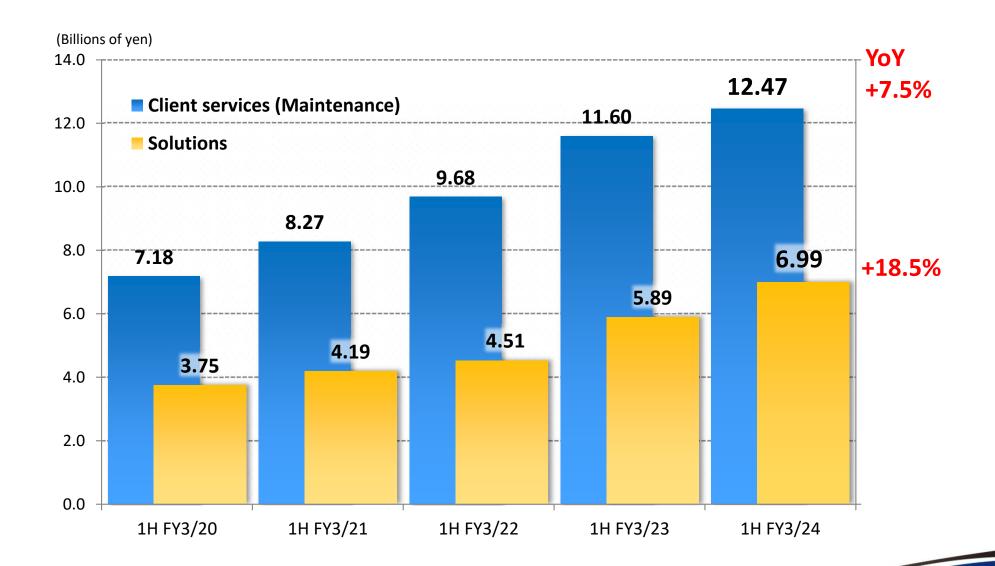
### The Earning Goal in the Plan's Final Year



Achieving the sales plan will be the key to reaching the earnings goal



### Order Backlog at the End of the First Half





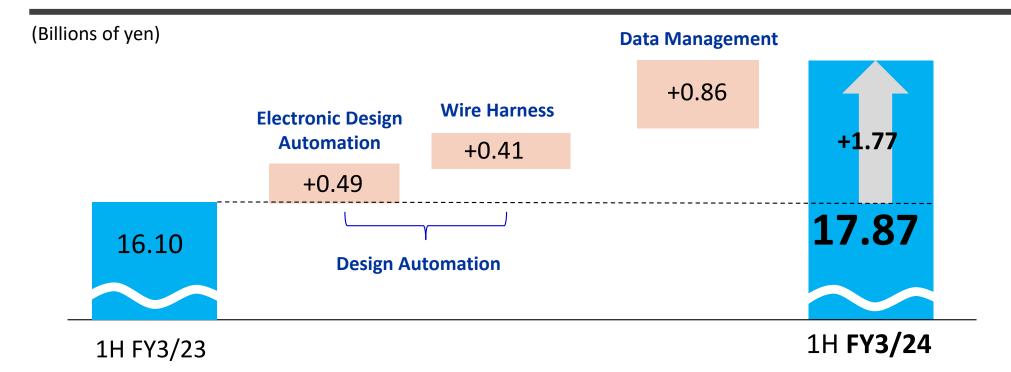
### **Major Products of Each Category**

#### **Major Products Product Categories Used in Financial Reports Design Automation Printed Circuit Board** CR-8000 Design Force CR-8000 DFM Center design solutions **Printed Circuit Board** (EDA) CR-8000 Design Gateway Circuit design solutions E3.series/E3.infinite Wire harness Cabling Designer series DS-2 series **Data Management GENESYS** IT solutions **FortiGate** PreSight/visual BOM Divided among the above categories Client services\*



<sup>\*</sup>Client services are recurring revenue from the maintenance and updates of licenses.

### **Changes in 1H Sales by Product Category**



#### **Electronic Design Automation**

- Continuation of the shift to CR-8000 in Japan
- Sales increased in the automotive electronics sector in South Korea
- Official announcement of planned CR-5000BD end of support

#### **Wire Harness Design**

- Strong demand for manufacturing equipment in Europe, USA and Japan
- Showing a recovery in the aircraft, railroad, and automobile sectors
- Factory DX demand in Japan continues

#### **Data Management**

- Large volume of IT investments for engineering process updates triggered by the enterprise IT system overhaul
- Strong performance of data management for wire harnesses
- Demand for security products is continuing



### **1H Sales and YoY Change by Product Category**

Sales (Millions of yen)	1H FY3/23	1H FY3/24	YoY change	YoY change (%)
Design Automation	9,664	10,572	+908	+9.4%
(of which WH Design)	(3,236)	(3,652)	+416	12.9%
Data Management	6,439	7,306	+867	13.5%
Total	16,103	17,879	+1,776	11.0%



### **Reference: 1H Sales by Solution Category in Financial Reports**

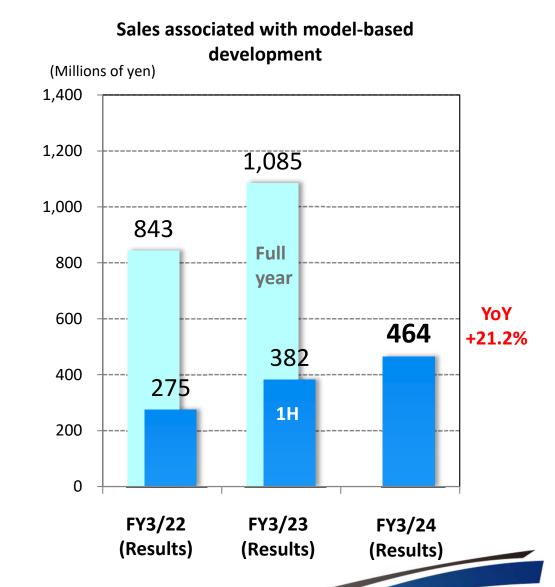
Sales (Millions of yen)	1H FY3/23	1H FY3/24	YoY change		
Printed Circuit Board design solutions	1,939	2,183	+244	Design Automation	
Circuit design solutions	3,374	3,802	+427		
IT solutions	3,611	4,053	+441	Data Management	
Client services	7,177	7,838	+660	Client services are divided into	
Total	16,103	17,879	+1,776	the above two categories	



### **Growth Sector (1) Sales Associated with Model-based Development**

#### Overview

- Steady growth of the MBSE business in Japan (industries, business domains)
- Expect higher demand from the defense and related sectors in Japan
- GENESYS-CR: Increasing interest among current users of CR products in the management of electronic design requirements
- Need to recruit more people and increase technology/product development expenditures as MBSE activities encompass a broader range of business sectors



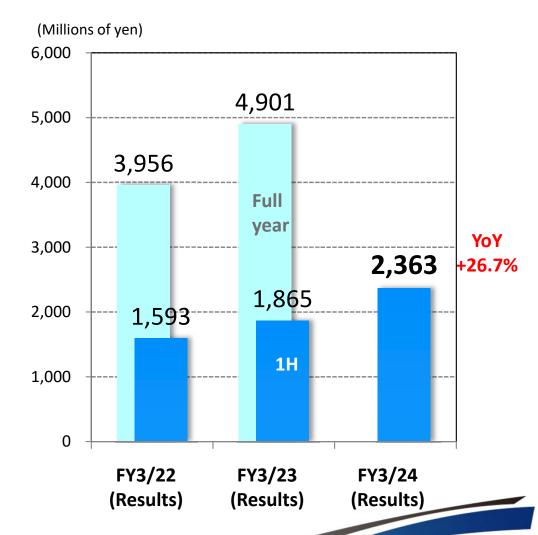


### **Growth Sector (2) Consulting-driven Customer Engagement Business Sales**

#### Overview

- In Japan, DX investments are strong in all industries. The installation and upgrades of ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) systems are creating a large volume of IT expenditures for design and manufacturing operations.
- Investments in wire harness design data management are increasing for companies in the manufacturing equipment sector as the demand for labor-saving and automation measures grows (Europe, Japan).
- Anticipate demand for more rigorous management of the procurement of electronic components to build resilient supply chains and meet the requirements of decarbonization and other initiatives.

#### PDM business sales

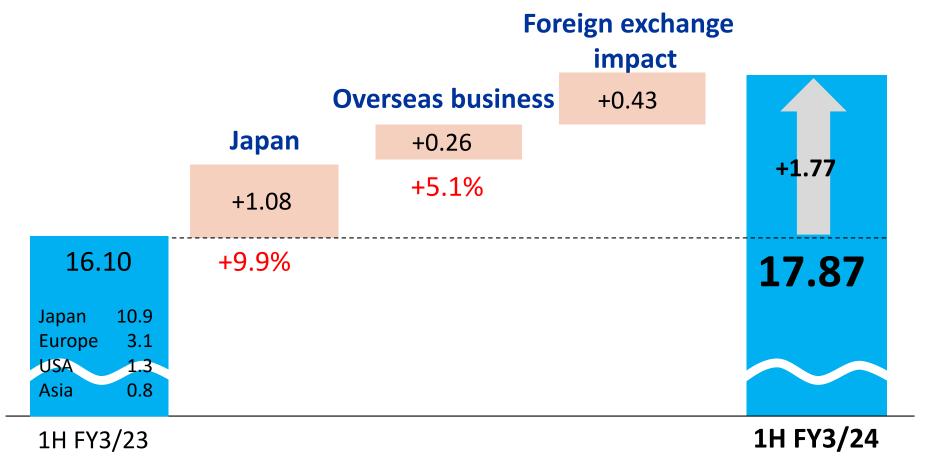




### **Change in First Half Sales by Region**

(Billions of yen)

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# Change in Sales Rankings of Primary Client Industries in Japan (except client services)

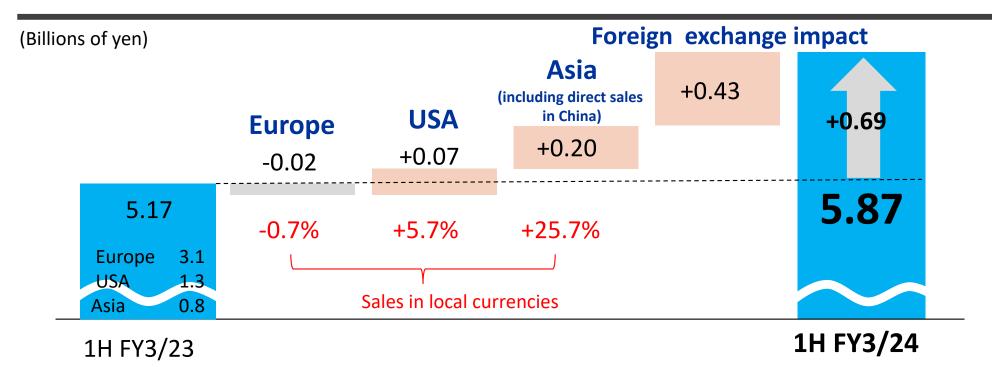
1H FY3/24	FY3/23	FY3/22	FY3/21
1. Office equipment	Automobiles	Vehicle electronics	General electrical machinery
2. Vehicle electronics	Electronic components	General electrical machinery	Communications equipment
3. General electrical machinery	Office equipment	Automobiles	Electronic components
4. Electronic components	Vehicle electronics	Office equipment	Office equipment
5. Automobiles	Inspection equipment	Construction machinery	Consumer products
6. Consumer products	Vehicle electronics	Industrial machinery	Vehicle electronics
7. Automobiles	Automobiles	Office equipment	Consumer products
8. General electrical machinery	Electronic components	Consumer products	Consumer products
9. Vehicle electronics	Automobiles	Construction machinery	Automobiles
10. Communications equipment	Construction machinery	Consumer products	Automobiles

**Engineering IT investments in a broad range of industries continued** 



#### **Change in First Half Overseas Sales**

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#### **Europe**

- Sales decreased because of a large order in the previous fiscal year, but the volume of sales and orders for the E3.series and DS-E3 remained high.
- Sales are recovering in the railroad and vehicle electronics categories.

#### **USA**

- Mainly time-based license revenue, a stable source of sales
- Strong sales to manufacturers of semiconductor production equipment and other industrial machinery; the aerospace sector is recovering
- Delay in the start of sales through nVent HOFFMAN, anticipating an upturn in the second half

#### **Asia**

- Large volume of orders from major customers in South Korea that manufacture automotive components
- In China, investments by Japanese companies are declining but there are positive investments by Chinese electric vehicle and vehicle electronics manufacturers



### **Outlook for Business Categories (KSF)**

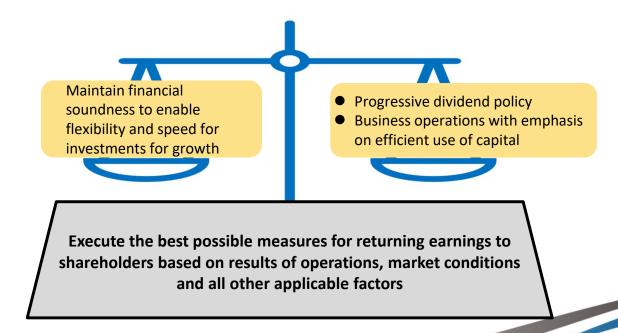
- 2027 end of support for SAP products (ERP) = IT infrastructure update demand at companies = Positive effects in the PLM/PDM sectors too, resulting in the outlook for IT investments to remain strong
  - More efficient development/business processes (labor saving, automation)
  - Provide ideas for data management solutions to meet customers' needs involving the green transformation (carbon footprint, etc.) by strengthening component data management, increasing the resilience of procurement activities, and making other improvements
- Announcement of end-of-service timing for older products, addition of new optional functions and other actions to speed up the shift to the CR-8000
- Get the business through nVent HOFFMAN off the ground in North America
- MBSE: Continuing investments to make GENESYS even more competitive and appealing



#### **Capital Policies and Profit Distributions**

#### Actions to achieve management conscious of capital costs and stock prices

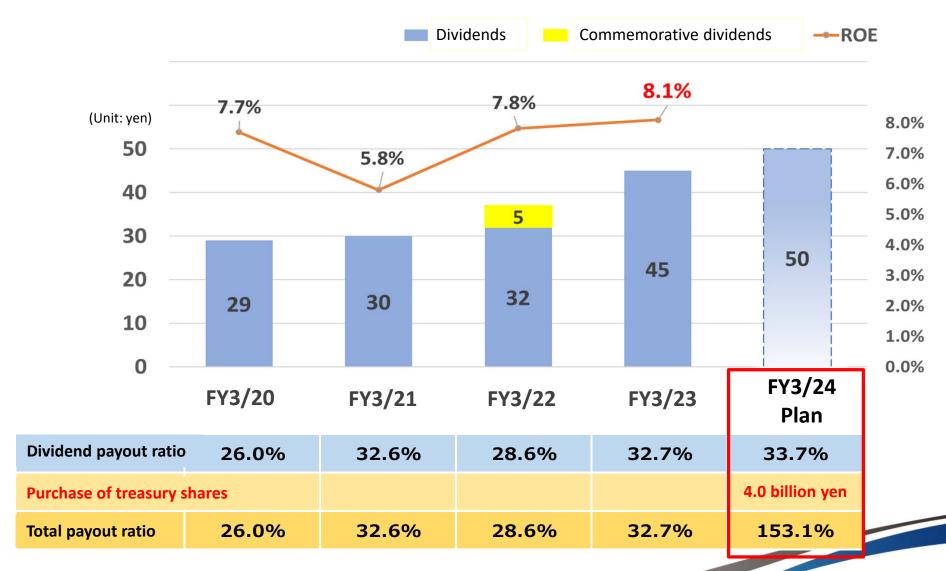
- ✓ Achieve steady business growth to aim for sustainable earnings growth and shareholder distributions
- ✓ Maintain financial soundness to enable flexibility and speed for investments for growth, including M&A
- ✓ Continue to adhere to the "progressive dividend policy" and, based on the above, implement measures to return profits to shareholders as appropriate, taking into account sales and profit forecasts and ROE.





### (Reference) Return on Equity and Shareholder Distributions

#### Consistent Growth of Dividends





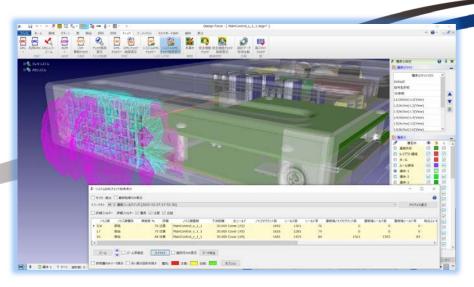
### (Reference) Stock Metrics and Sales and Earnings







## **Corporate Profile**



Zuken has started selling the 3D EMC Adviser, the industry's first electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) analysis tool that combines electrical and mechanical factors. (May 2023)

### **Corporate Profile**



#### **ZUKEN Inc.**

**Established:** December 17, 1976

**Capital:** 10,117,065,000 yen

**Employees:** 440 (non-consolidated)

1,591 (consolidated)

(As of September 30, 2023)

**Tokyo Stock Exchange, Prime Market** 

**Securities code: 6947** 

- A Japanese engineering software vendor with global presence
- More than 40 years of experience in the electronic design automation industry (Backed by a consistently sound financial position)
- In-house development of technologies along with the use of alliances,
   M&A and other measures to acquire new technologies quickly as needed



### **History**

December 1976	Established as Zukei Shori Gijutsu Kenkyusho Inc.	June 2009	Announced the release of "PreSight," a new product of PLM Solutions.
June 1978	Developed Japan's first CAD/CAM system "Create 2000" for the design of printed circuit boards.	May 2010	Concluded an equity alliance with Lattice Technology Co., Ltd., making Zuken the second-largest shareholder after Toyota.
November 1983	Established ZUKEN AMERICA Inc. (now ZUKEN USA Inc.) in the United States.	June 2011	Announced the release of "visual BOM" that integrated bill of materials technology with the ultra lightweight 3D format XVL.
January 1988	Developed a new CAD system "CR-3000."	October 2011	Announced worldwide the release of the "CR-8000," a new generation electronic device design platform.
October 1991	Registered in the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange as a first EDA corporation.	December 2014	Concluded a capital and business alliance with Toyo Business Engineering Corporation (now Business Engineering Corporation).
January 1992	Established ZUKEN EUROPE GmbH (now ZUKEN GmbH) in Germany.	March 2015	Established ZUKEN INDIA Pte. Ltd. in India.
January 1992	Established ZUKEN KOREA Inc. in Seoul.	July 2015	Took over YDC Corporation's CADVANCE business (CAD and PDM operations).
August 1992	Established ZUKEN SINGAPORE Pte. Ltd. in Singapore.	April 2016	The PreSight Division was spun off as Zuken PreSight Inc.
April 1994	Developed EDA vertical integration solution "CR-5000."	December 2017	Acquired all the shares of Alfatech Inc. (now Zuken Alfatech Inc.).
June 1994	Acquired all the shares of Racal-Redac Group (11 companies) of the United Kingdom.	August 2019	Acquired all the shares of Vitech Corporation (now Zuken Vitech Inc.) of USA.
September 1994	Moved up to the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.	October 2019	Established ZUKEN Modelinx Inc.
March 2000	Acquired all the shares of INCASES Engineering GmbH of Germany.	November 2021	Business Engineering Corporation became an equity-method affiliate following an additional investment by ZUKEN.
March 2002	Started provision of a wire harness design environment for the automotive industry.	April 2022	Stock listing was moved to the Prime Market because of the restructuring of the Tokyo Stock Exchange into new market segments.
June 2002	Established Shanghai Technical Center in Shanghai.		
February 2004	Announced the release of "ePLM Platform DS-2," a PLM solution specially designed for the electrical and electronics industries.		
August 2005	Established ZUKEN TAIWAN Inc. in Taiwan.		



May 2006

June 2007

Acquired all the shares of CIM-TEAM (now ZUKEN E3 GmbH) of Germany.

Released "V54EE" based on "Catia V5."

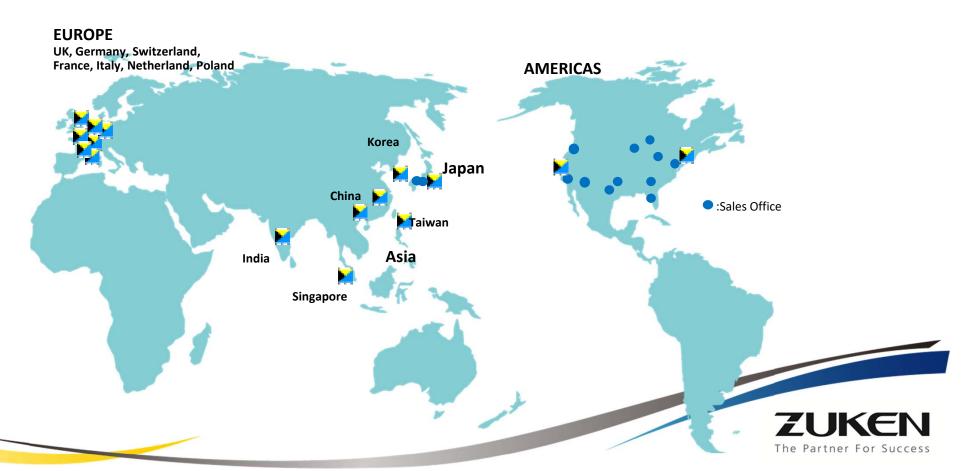
#### **Global Locations and Affiliates in Japan**

Head Office/Central Research Facility: Tsuzuki-ku, Yokohama

Locations in Japan: Yokohama, Osaka and Nagoya

Overseas Locations: 21 locations, including 6 R&D sites

7 (Zuken Tec Inc., Zuken Netwave Inc., Zuken Elmic Inc., Zuken PreSight Inc., Zuken Alfatech Inc., Zuken Modelinx Inc., Business Engineering Corporation)



#### **Zuken Group**



Zuken Tec

#### **Technology services**

(including support for modelbased development activities) Overseas subsidiaries
Europe
North America
Asia

MODELINX

Design/ manufacturing link

**Knowledge/Al** 



3D mechanical designs

**BIM** 







**Security** 

**Storage** 

**Telecommunications** 

**Embedded software** 







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