Based on the data as of Feb. 2022 Mar. 4, 2022

CRESCO LTD. (4674 TSE 1st Section)

Overall Management Indicator

Spring Capital Co., Ltd.

Score (50 as average in all companies) 60 70 (All 29 sectors) Score From the Top Ranking 30 40 50 Overall Management 59.7 12.8 % 445 among 3472 Indicator (OMI) 30 40 50 70 60 Major 4 Categories Composing "Overall Management Indicator"

Growth Potential	54.5	29.1 %	1009 among 3472	******
Asset & Capital Profitability	62.0	8.6 %	300 among 3472	********
Sales Profitability	55.2	21.8 %	756 among 3472	*********
Sound Dividend Payout Ratio	57.9	17.8 %	619 among 3472	********

(In the Sector)	Score	From the Top	Ranking
Overall Management Indicator	59.7	33.4 %	154 among 461
Growth Potential	54.5	51.8 %	239 among 461
Asset & Capital Profitability	62.0	23.6 %	109 among 461
Sales Profitability	55.2	41.4 %	191 among 461
Sound Dividend Payout Ratio	57.9	29.3 %	135 among 461

Growth Potential Sound Dividend Payout Ratio

Asset & Capital Sales Profitability

··· Within the Top 30%

Overall Management Indicator 3472 Companies in 29 Sectors Distribution Chart (Orange: the Company)

(right axis: no. of companies)

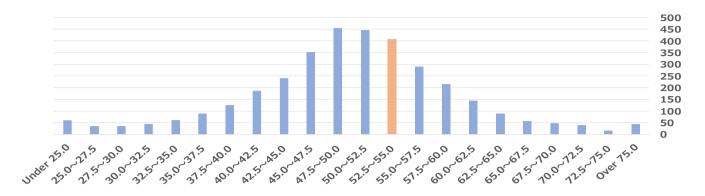


Accounting Period	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Reference Date	May 2016	May 2017	May 2018	May 2019	May 2020	May 2021
No. of companies	3238	3326	3372	3408	3366	3472
Ranking	255	308	335	451	416	471
From the Top	7.9 %	9.3 %	9.9 %	13.2 %	12.4 %	13.6 %

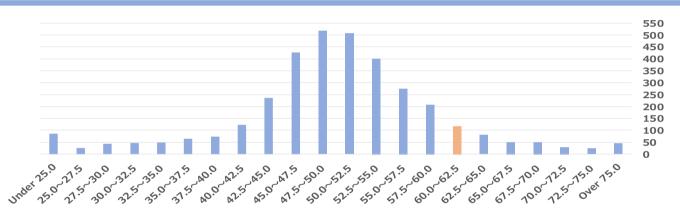


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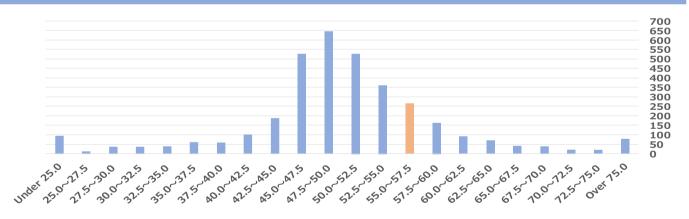
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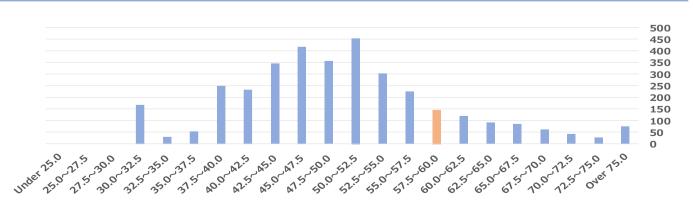
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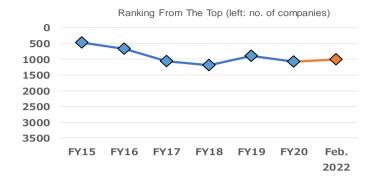


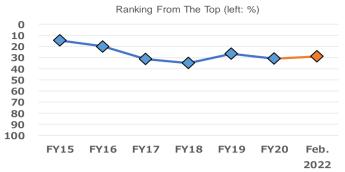


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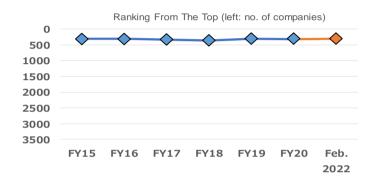
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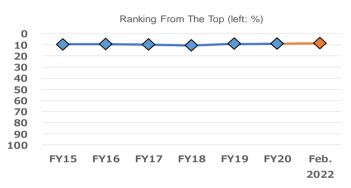
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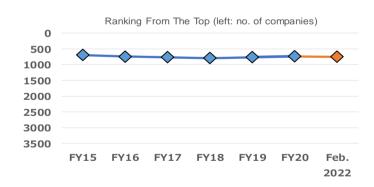


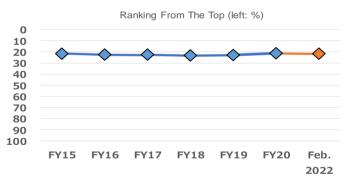
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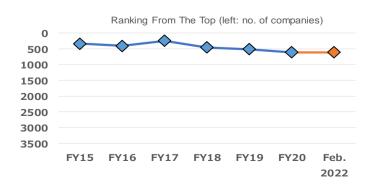


Sales Profitability Historical Chart





Sound Dividend Payout Ratio Historical Chart







Management Indicators Ranking Quintile Chart (All Categories)

	From the Top 80% ~ 100%	From the Top 60% ~ 80%	From the Top 40% ~ 60%	From the Top 20% ~ 40%	From the Top within 20%
【 Overall Management Indicator】★					*

[Major 4 Categories] ····☆	From the Top 80% ~ 100%	From the Top 60% ~ 80%	From the Top 40% ~ 60%	From the Top 20% ~ 40%	From the Top within 20%
[Growth Potential]				☆	
[Asset & Capital Profitability]					☆
[Sales Profitability]				☆	
[Sound Dividend Payout Ratio]					☆

Growth Potential - Intermediate Categories ···• ■	From the Top 80% ~ 100%	From the Top 60% ~ 80%	From the Top 40% ~ 60%	From the Top 20% ~ 40%	From the Top within 20%
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Management Indicators Ranking Quintile Chart (All Categories) Continued

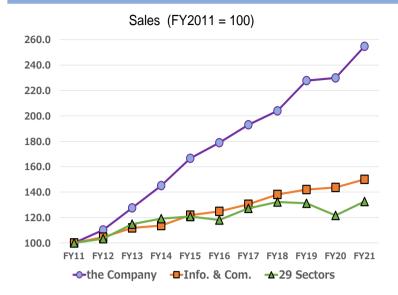
Asset & Capital Profitability - Intermediate Categories · · · ● < Minor Categories > · · · ◎	From the Top 80% ~ 100%	From the Top 60% ~ 80%	From the Top 40% ~ 60%	From the Top 20% ~ 40%	From the Top within 20%
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Management Indicators Ranking report Average of Management Indicator Scores by Sector

Reference
Average of Management Indicator Scores by Sector

	Number of companies	Overall Management Indicator	Ranking	Growth Potential	Ranking	Asset & Capital Profitability	Ranking	Sales Profitability	Ranking	Sound Dividend Payout Ratio	Ranking
Fishery, Agriculture & Forestry	11	50.7	8	51.5	7	50.1	8	49.8	17	50.1	13
Mining	6	47.8	22	46.8	23	48.8	21	54.6	2	44.7	28
Construction	168	50.6	9	49.3	15	51.9	3	50.0	15	50.8	7
Foods	122	49.8	14	49.2	17	49.4	14	49.3	20	51.7	2
Textiles and Apparels	54	44.1	28	44.2	28	43.3	28	45.3	26	49.3	17
Pulp and Paper	26	47.1	24	49.1	18	47.7	22	49.8	16	44.7	27
Chemicals	210	51.9	4	50.4	13	51.1	5	53.2	5	51.6	3
Pharmaceutical	60	48.2	19	51.5	8	44.1	27	48.9	22	49.6	16
Oil and Coal Products	11	52.5	2	52.8	3	50.1	9	51.1	11	53.4	1
Rubber Products	18	48.8	17	45.9	25	49.9	11	52.0	6	50.0	14
Glass and Ceramics Products	57	49.4	15	49.3	16	49.8	12	51.9	7	47.9	19
Iron and Steel	44	47.8	23	50.6	12	47.3	24	49.4	19	45.7	26
Nonferrous Metals	33	49.1	16	51.6	5	49.2	16	48.4	23	47.5	22
Metal Products	93	48.0	20	47.8	21	49.1	17	50.4	12	47.3	23
Machinery	227	50.2	13	49.0	20	49.9	10	51.8	8	50.6	9
Electric Appliances	240	51.4	5	52.1	4	50.2	7	51.7	9	50.2	12
Transportation Equipment	89	45.8	25	45.0	26	46.7	25	47.5	24	48.4	18
Precision Instruments	49	50.7	7	50.8	10	49.3	15	51.6	10	50.6	8
Other Products	109	50.3	11	50.6	11	49.0	18	50.1	14	51.0	6
Electric Power and Gas	24	47.9	21	46.1	24	48.9	19	49.5	18	49.8	15
Land Transportation	66	45.0	27	44.8	27	47.5	23	45.2	27	47.3	24
Marine Transportation	12	51.2	6	52.9	2	49.7	13	54.7	1	46.9	25
Air Transportation	5	34.4	29	38.6	29	37.3	29	32.5	29	43.1	29
Warehousing and Harbor Transportation	40	50.3	12	51.5	6	51.1	6	50.1	13	47.8	20
Information & Communication	461	54.2	1	55.0	1	53.6	1	53.3	3	50.6	10
Wholesale Trade	313	48.7	18	49.1	19	48.9	20	47.5	25	50.4	11
Retail Trade	330	45.7	26	47.3	22	46.5	26	45.2	28	47.8	21
Real Estate	136	52.5	3	51.3	9	52.4	2	53.3	4	51.2	4
Services	458	50.5	10	49.5	14	51.5	4	49.3	21	51.1	5
All Sectors	3472	50.0		50.0		50.0		50.0		50.0	

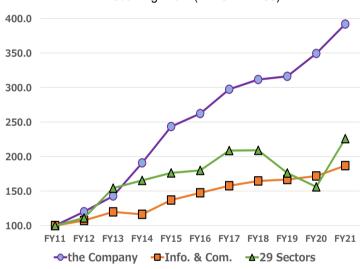
Growth Potential



Sales Change (yoy, %)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2012	10.2	4.5	3.4
FY2013	15.7	7.0	11.1
FY2014	13.8	1.7	3.8
FY2015	14.8	7.2	1.4
FY2016	7.4	2.4	-2.3
FY2017	7.9	4.5	7.8
FY2018	5.7	5.9	3.9
FY2019	11.7	2.8	-0.7
FY2020	0.9	1.2	-7.3
FY2021	10.8	4.4	9.0
FY2011-FY2021			
10 Term Average	9.8	4.1	2.9
FY2016-FY2021			
5 Term Average	7.3	3.7	2.4

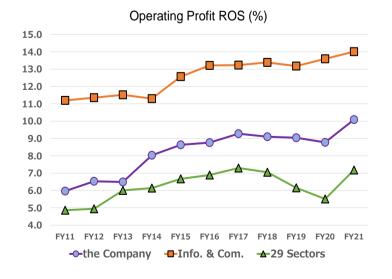
Recurring Profit (FY2011 = 100)



Recurring Profit Change (yoy, %)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2012	20.0	7.4	11.1
FY2013	18.9	11.5	38.9
FY2014	33.7	-3.0	7.2
FY2015	27.5	17.8	6.6
FY2016	7.7	7.7	2.1
FY2017	13.5	6.9	15.9
FY2018	4.8	4.4	0.2
FY2019	1.5	1.3	-15.7
FY2020	10.5	3.1	-11.4
FY2021	12.2	8.7	44.8
FY2011-FY2021			
10 Term Average	14.6	6.4	8.5
FY2016-FY2021			
5 Term Average	8.4	4.8	4.7

Sales Profitability

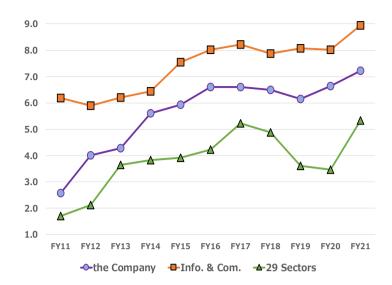


Operating Profit ROS (%)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2011	6.0	11.2	4.9
FY2012	6.5	11.4	4.9
FY2013	6.5	11.5	6.0
FY2014	8.0	11.3	6.1
FY2015	8.6	12.6	6.7
FY2016	8.8	13.2	6.9
FY2017	9.3	13.2	7.3
FY2018	9.1	13.4	7.1
FY2019	9.0	13.2	6.1
FY2020	8.8	13.6	5.5
FY2021	10.1	14.0	7.2
FY2011 – FY2021			
11 Term Average	8.2	12.6	6.2
FY2017-FY2021			
5 Term Average	9.3	13.5	6.6



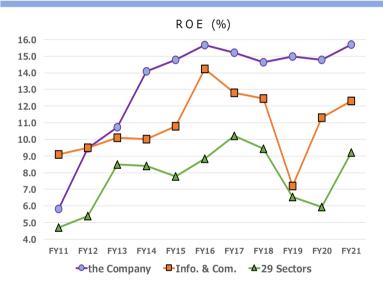
Net Profit ROS (%)



Net Profit ROS (%)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2011	2.6	6.2	1.7
FY2012	4.0	5.9	2.1
FY2013	4.3	6.2	3.6
FY2014	5.6	6.4	3.8
FY2015	5.9	7.6	3.9
FY2016	6.6	8.0	4.2
FY2017	6.6	8.2	5.2
FY2018	6.5	7.9	4.9
FY2019	6.2	8.1	3.6
FY2020	6.6	8.0	3.5
FY2021	7.2	8.9	5.3
FY2011 – FY2021			
11 Term Average	5.6	7.4	3.8
FY2017-FY2021			
5 Term Average	6.6	8.2	4.5

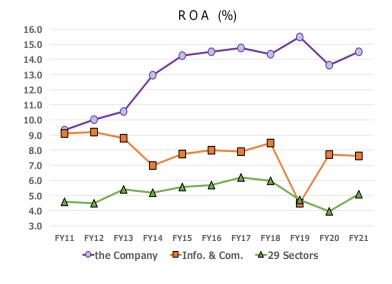
ROE



ROE (%)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2011	5.8	9.1	4.7
FY2012	9.5	9.5	5.4
FY2013	10.7	10.1	8.5
FY2014	14.1	10.0	8.4
FY2015	14.8	10.8	7.8
FY2016	15.7	14.2	8.8
FY2017	15.2	12.8	10.2
FY2018	14.6	12.5	9.4
FY2019	15.0	7.2	6.5
FY2020	14.8	11.3	5.9
FY2021	15.7	12.3	9.2
FY2011 – FY2021			
11 Term Average	13.3	10.9	7.7
FY2017-FY2021			
5 Term Average	15.1	11.2	8.3

ROA



ROA (%)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2011	9.3	9.1	4.6
FY2012	10.0	9.2	4.5
FY2013	10.6	8.8	5.4
FY2014	13.0	7.0	5.2
FY2015	14.3	7.7	5.6
FY2016	14.5	8.0	5.7
FY2017	14.8	7.9	6.2
FY2018	14.3	8.5	6.0
FY2019	15.5	4.5	4.7
FY2020	13.6	7.7	3.9
FY2021	14.5	7.6	5.1
FY2011 - FY2021			
11 Term Average	13.1	7.8	5.2
FY2017-FY2021			
5 Term Average	14.5	7.2	5.2

Valuation Data, Profitability Indicators and Ranking

Valuation and Market Data as of Mar. 4, 2022

Closing Price	1,816.0	Since last year High	2,294.0	11/4	4/2021	
PER (estimated)	12.02	Since last year Low	1,241.0	1/19	9/2021	
PER (actual)	14.51	6-Month % Change	-7.8 %	(TOPIX)	-8.5 %	
PBR (actual)	1.81	12-Month % Change	26.4 %	(TOPIX)	-2.1 %	
Dividend Yield (forecast)	2.42 %	12-Month Historical Volatility	34.7 %	(TOPIX)	16.8 %	
EV/EBITDA	6.53					
PSR (forecast)	0.87					
PSR (actual)	0.96					
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Profitability Indicators and All-Company Rankings as of Feb. 2022.

(29 sectors excluding financials) (calculated by Spring)

Fiscal Year		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Accounting Period		2017/03	2018/03	2019/03	2020/03	2021/03	2022/03
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Est.
No. of Companies		2467	3512	2512	2410	3651	3628
No. of Companies		3467	3312	3512	3418	3031	3020
Sales	Y mil	30,893	33,328	35,230	39,337	39,706	44,000
Ranking		1683	1637	1636	1459	1417	1376
Operating Profit	Y mil	2,707	3,091	3,207	3,556	3,484	4,440
Ranking		1275	1254	1232	1068	983	1011
Recurring Profit	Y mil	3,078	3,492	3,658	3,712	4,101	4,600
Ranking		1186	1190	1183	1055	936	1014
Net Profit	Y mil	2,042	2,202	2,285	2,421	2,634	3,180
Ranking		1180	1214	1182	998	914	995

^{*} Percentage from the Top is not calculated for this section to exclude company size effects.

%	8.8	9.3	9.1	9.0	8.8	10.1
%	6.7	7.3	7.2	5.9	5.5	7.2
	925	892	901	823	879	834
%	26.7	25.4	25.7	24.1	24.1	23.0
%	10.0	10.5	10.4	9.4	10.3	10.5
%	6.7	7.4	7.2	6.1	5.9	7.8
	784	760	772	798	713	838
%	22.6	21.6	22.0	23.3	19.5	23.1
%	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.2	6.6	7.2
%	4.3	5.2	4.9	3.5	3.5	5.3
	811	903	900	854	816	860
%	23.4	25.7	25.6	25.0	22.4	23.7
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ROE / ROA / Dividend Payout Ratio / DOE / Ranking

ROE, ROA, Dividend Payout Ratio, and DOE Indicators and Rankings as of Feb. 2022. (29 sectors excluding financials) (calculated by Spring)

Fiscal Year Accounting Period		2016 2017/03	2017 2018/03	2018 2019/03	2019 2020/03	2020 2021/03	2021 2022/03
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Est.
ROE	%	15.7	15.2	14.6	15.0	110	15.7
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29 Sectors	%	8.8	10.2	9.4	6.5	5.9	9.2
Ranking		521	605	584	533	492	563
No. of Companies		3438	3493	3507	3509	3615	3593
Percentage from the Top	%	15.2	17.3	16.7	15.2	13.6	15.7

^{*} ROE is an important indicator, calculated as net profit / equity (* shareholders' equity), that measures the final profit secured using shareholders'

As the average of term-end equity of 2 terms is used as the denominator, companies posting zero or negative equity during the relevant terms are

ROE for the latest quarter is calculated using estimated net profit for this term and shareholders' equity as of the end of the previous term and of the latest quarter.

ROA	%	14.5	14.8	14.3	15.5	13.6	14.5
29 Sectors	%	5.7	6.2	6.0	4.7	3.9	5.1
Ranking		304	321	315	279	337	342
No. of Companies		3450	3540	3512	3522	3644	3627
Percentage from the Top	%	8.8	9.1	9.0	7.9	9.2	9.4

^{*} ROA is calculated as Earnings before Interest and Taxes (operating profit + interest revenue + dividend income and interest on securities) / total assets. It is justifiable for a company to expand its business by financial leverage using debt, if the company's ROA exceeds the company's financing cost (e.g. cost of issuing 10-year corporate bonds = 2%).

Interest coverage ratio shown on P11 indicates the ratio of Earnings before Interest and Taxes to financial expenses (interest and discount expenses), with 10 times regarded as ideal.

If the interest coverage ratio holds a sufficient level with a high ROA and Profit Ratio of Sales, a company has no problem in financing aggressively.

As the average of term-end equity of 2 terms is used as the denominator, companies unable to be measured with the same standard are excluded.

ROA for the latest quarter is calculated using estimated operating profit for this term and total assets as of the end of the previous term and of the latest quarter.

Dividend Payout Ratio	%	30.5	35.5	31.6	31.0	30.3	
29 Sectors	%	30.1	27.4	32.4	46.8	48.3	
Ranking		1032	595	1010	1190	1335	
No. of Companies		3438	3525	3579	3548	3651	
Percentage from the Top	%	30.0	16.9	28.2	33.5	36.6	

^{*} Dividend Payout Ratio is calculated as total dividend / net profit. It should be noted that it may differ from the figure announced by the companies calculated from profit per share according to the accounting principle.

Data for total annual dividend exceeding net profit and dividend of unprofitable companies are excluded from the rankings.

DOE	%	4.8	5.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	
29 Sectors	%	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.8	
Ranking		287	212	357	375	377	
No. of Companies		3438	3493	3507	3509	3615	
Percentage from the Top	%	8.3	6.1	10.2	10.7	10.4	

^{*} DOE, calculated as ROE times the dividend payout ratio, can be called the "true dividend payout ratio", and is closely tracked by global investors.

Its inverse (1 / DOE) equals the period (year) to recover shareholders' equity via the dividend.

As the average of term-end equity of two terms is used as the denominator, companies posting zero or negative equity during the relevant terms



Management Indicators, Cash Flow, and Financial Indicators Calculated by Spring based on Business Results Announced by the Company (million yen, %, multiple)

Fiscal Year Accounting Period		2016 2017/03	2017 2018/03	2018 2019/03	2019 2020/03	2020 2021/03	Latest Quarter
Data Source		Securities Report	Financial Results				
Current Ratio	%	293.3	275.8	277.9	298.9	280.7	339.7
Fixed Assets Ratio	%	54.7	61.2	56.3	53.3	52.7	49.1
Equity Ratio	%	66.9	62.6	63.6	60.4	64.2	68.3
Debt Ratio	%	49.5	59.8	57.2	65.4	55.7	46.4
D/E Ratio	%	1.5	9.1	6.2	15.8	9.8	8.3
Interest Coverage Ratio	Multiple	2,902.0	1,104.0	887.8	806.8	648.2	Calc. only year-end
Financial Leverage	Multiple	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5
CF from Operating Activities	Y mil	1,144	2,174	1,824	3,693	3,155	
CF from Investing Activities	Y mil	-505	-179	-1,238	2	-47	
CF from Financing Activities	Y mil	-604	-606	-1,278	-511	-1,479	
(Cash and Cash Equivalents)	Y mil	(5,503)	(6,892)	(6,201)	(9,384)	(11,015)	
(EBITDA)	Y mil	(3,265)	(3,701)	(3,856)	(3,962)	(4,372)	

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Comparison with average data of all companies in the TSE 29 industrial sectors (excluding 4 financial sectors) and with the sector

		A 29 sectors	B Sector	Standard Criterion	Standard Value	Desirable Value	The Company	Result
Current Ratio	%	147.0	110.9	Lower of A or B	110.9	Higher	339.7	Positive
Fixed Assets Ratio	%	141.4	194.7	Higher of A or B	194.7	Lower	49.1	Positive
Equity Ratio	%	40.2	33.5	Lower of A or B	33.5	Higher	68.3	Positive
Debt Ratio	%	142.9	187.0	Higher of A or B	187.0	Lower	46.4	Positive
D/E Ratio	%	153.3	204.0	Higher of A or B	204.0	Lower	8.3	Positive

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TSE Industrial Sector Information & Communication

Investment Unit 100 shares

Minimum Investment 181,600 President Hiroyuki Nemoto Date of Listing 7/23/1997 Paid-in Capital 2,514 mil yen Date of Establishment 9/9/1948 Market Capitalization 41,768 mil yen ranked 1,179 of 3,926 companies Accounting Period March 25-Day Average Trading Value 62 mil yen ranked 1,691 of 3,926 companies 7.4% Market Cap as of March-end 2021 37,099 mil yen ranked 1,354 of 3,858 companies Floating Stock Ratio Major Shareholder Ownership 78.4% Average Trading Value in FY2020 88 mil yen ranked 1,796 of 3,858 companies



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