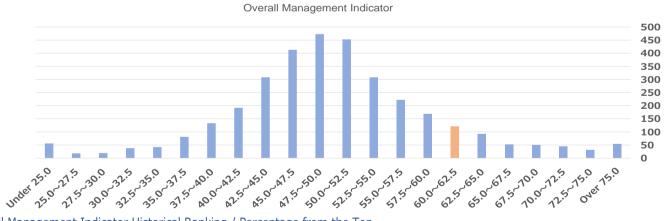
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(All 29 sectors)	Score From the To	op Ranking	Score (50 as average in all companies) 30 40 50 60 70
Overall Management Indicator (OMI)	62.4 9.8 %	329 among 3372	*****
Major 4 Categories Compo	osing "Overall Manage	ment Indicator"	30 40 50 60 70
Growth Potential	52.7 31.6 %	1064 among 3372	*********
Asset & Capital Profitability	62.6 9.5 %	321 among 3372	***************************************
Sales Profitability	54.9 22.9 %	772 among 3372	*****
Sound Dividend Payout Ratio	64.8 7.5 %	254 among 3372	*****
(In the Sector)	Score From the To	op Ranking	OMI
Overall Management Indicator	62.4 20.1 %	80 among 398	0 20
Growth Potential	52.7 42.0 %	167 among 398	Growth
Asset & Capital Profitability	62.6 20.4 %	81 among 398	Potential 980 Payout Ratio
Sales Profitability	54.9 37.7 %	150 among 398	
Sound Dividend Payout Ratio	64.8 15.6 %	62 among 398	Asset & Capital Sales Profitability Profitability
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Overall Management Indicator 3372 Companies in 29 Sectors Distribution Chart (Orange: the Company)

(right axis: no. of companies)



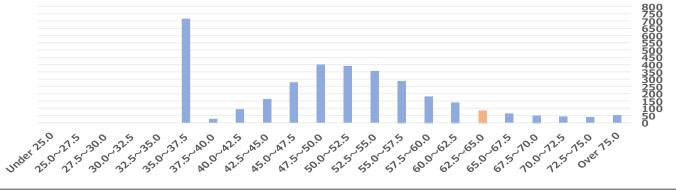
Overall Management Indicator Historical Ranking / Percentage from the Top

Accounting Period	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Reference Date	May 2013	May 2014	May 2015	May 2016	May 2017	May 2018
No. of companies	3292	3279	3220	3238	3326	3372
Ranking	368	477	314	255	308	335
From the Top	11.2 %	14.5 %	9.8 %	7.9 %	9.3 %	9.9 %

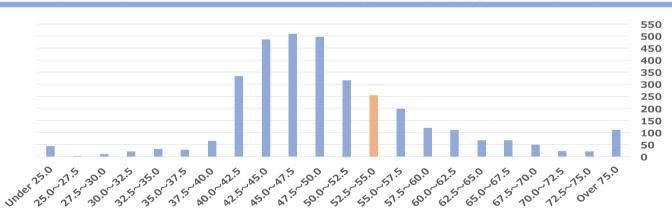


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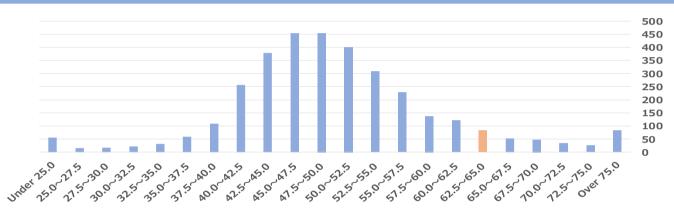




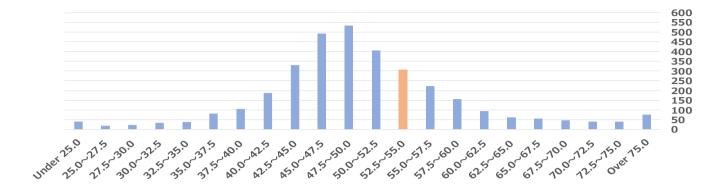
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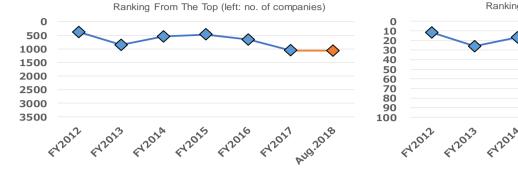


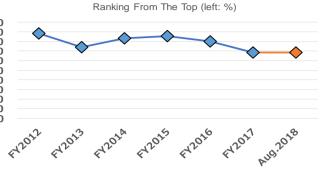
Management Indicators Ranking Report

Distribution of All Companies in Major 4 Categories

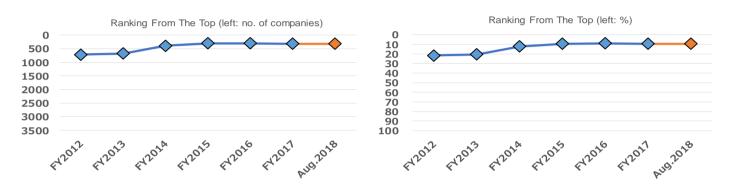
Management Indicators Ranking Report Historical Ranking of Major 4 Categories

Growth Potential Historical Chart

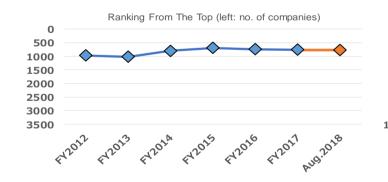




Assset & Capital Profitability Historical Chart

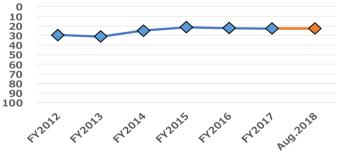


Sales Profitability Historical Chart



Sound Dividend Payout Ratio Historical Chart

Ranking From The Top (left: %) Ranking From The Top (left: no. of companies) 0 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500 AU9.2018 AU9.2018 FY2016 FY2017 FY2012 FY2015 FY2017 FY2012 FY2013 FY201A FY2016 FY2015 FY2013 FY201



Ranking From The Top (left: %)

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Management Indicators Ranking Quintile Chart (All Categories)

	From the Top				
	80% ~ 100%	60% ~ 80%	40% ~ 60%	20% ~ 40%	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]				Å	
[Asset & Capital Profitability]					\$
[Sales Profitability]				Å	
[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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(This Term)			•		
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< Net Profit Growth Rate >				Ø	



Management Indicators Ranking Quintile Chart (All Categories) Continued

Asset & Capital Profitability - 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%
< Minor Categories > $\cdots $ \odot					
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Sales 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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Sound Dividend Payout Ratio - 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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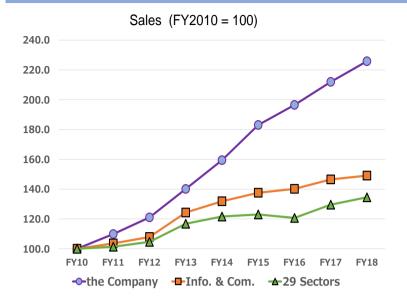
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Average of Management Indicator Scores by Sector

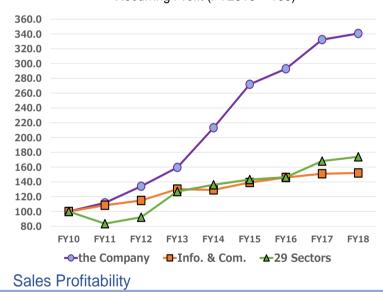
	Number of companies	Overall Management Indicator	Ranking	Growth Potential	Ranking	Asset & Capital Profitability	Ranking	Sales Profitability	Ranking	Sound Dividend Payout Ratio	Ranking
Fishery, Agriculture & Forestry	11	46.4	25	45.9	28	47.7	23	46.7	26	49.8	15
Mining	6	47.8	18	47.6	22	46.2	25	51.3	10	49.5	18
Construction	174	49.5	13	48.7	16	51.6	5	48.6	17	49.7	17
Foods	127	47.4	23	48.3	18	47.8	20	47.1	24	49.4	19
Textiles and Apparels	53	46.0	26	46.5	27	44.3	27	47.7	22	50.6	9
Pulp and Paper	26	44.3	28	45.8	29	44.8	26	45.9	27	47.5	27
Chemicals	210	51.5	5	50.0	10	50.4	8	52.9	5	51.4	3
Pharmaceutical	62	45.3	27	47.2	24	42.2	29	48.6	18	49.1	20
Oil and Coal Products	11	52.8	4	53.7	2	51.5	6	51.5	9	50.7	7
Rubber Products	19	51.2	7	48.9	13	51.4	7	53.6	2	50.5	10
Glass and Ceramics Products	58	49.7	9	51.1	7	47.9	19	51.8	8	48.5	23
Iron and Steel	47	48.0	17	50.1	9	46.6	24	48.4	20	49.0	21
Nonferrous Metals	35	49.6	11	51.6	5	49.2	10	49.0	15	48.6	22
Metal Products	91	48.1	16	48.4	17	48.4	15	49.9	14	48.3	25
Machinery	230	51.3	6	51.0	8	49.8	9	53.0	3	50.3	12
Electric Appliances	249	49.7	10	49.1	12	48.5	14	50.3	13	51.5	1
Transportation Equipment	94	47.6	21	47.7	21	48.0	18	47.5	23	50.1	14
Precision Instruments	50	50.8	8	51.2	6	48.5	13	52.1	6	50.6	8
Other Products	103	47.6	20	46.7	26	47.7	21	48.5	19	50.8	6
Electric Power and Gas	23	49.2	14	49.7	11	47.7	22	48.9	16	51.4	2
Land Transportation	64	47.6	22	46.9	25	48.2	16	50.6	11	48.4	24
Marine Transportation	14	43.9	29	47.7	20	42.5	28	47.1	25	45.4	29
Air Transportation	5	49.5	12	47.4	23	54.3	3	50.4	12	47.2	28
Warehousing and Harbor Transportation	38	48.5	15	48.8	15	48.7	12	47.9	21	50.3	11
Information & Communication	398	52.9	3	52.6	4	53.0	4	53.0	4	49.7	16
Wholesale Trade	312	47.8	19	48.9	14	48.0	17	45.4	29	50.8	5
Retail Trade	342	46.7	24	48.1	19	48.7	11	45.6	28	47.8	26
Real Estate	122	56.3	1	55.4	1	55.6	1	56.5	1	50.3	13
Services	398	53.6	2	52.7	3	54.3	2	52.1	7	51.0	4
All Sectors	3372	50.0		50.0		50.0		50.0		50.0	



Growth Potential



Recurring Profit (FY2010 = 100)



Operating Profit ROS (%) 15.0 14.0 13.0 12.0 11.0 10.0 9.0 8.0 7.0 6.0 5.0 4.0 3.0 2.0 FY10 FY11 FY12 **FY13 FY14** FY15 FY16 FY17 **FY18** -Info. & Com.

Sales Change (yoy, %)

the Company Info. & Com. 29 Sectors

FY2011	9.9	3.6	1.4
FY2012	10.2	4.1	3.2
FY2013	15.7	15.2	11.6
FY2014	13.8	6.1	4.1
FY2015	14.8	4.3	1.1
FY2016	7.4	1.9	-1.9
FY2017	7.9	4.5	7.4
FY2018	6.5	1.8	3.8
FY2010-FY2018			
8 Term Average	10.7	5.1	3.8
FY2013-FY2018			
5 Term Average	10.0	3.7	2.9

Recurring Profit Change (yoy, %)

the Company Info. & Com. 29 Sectors

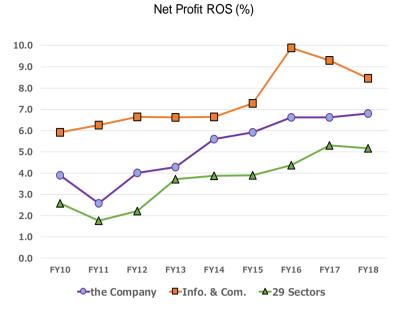
FY2011	11.7	8.4	-16.5
FY2012	20.0	6.0	10.4
FY2013	18.9	13.3	37.8
FY2014	33.7	-0.8	7.1
FY2015	27.5	7.7	5.2
FY2016	7.7	4.9	2.3
FY2017	13.5	3.4	14.9
FY2018	2.5	0.7	3.5
FY2010-FY2018	40.0	5.4	7.0
8 Term Average	16.6	5.4	7.2
FY2013-FY2018			
5 Term Average	16.4	3.1	6.5

Operating Profit ROS (%)

th	e Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2010	5.2	12.6	6.0
FY2011	6.0	12.8	5.0
FY2012	6.5	13.0	5.1
FY2013	6.5	12.6	6.1
FY2014	8.0	11.0	6.2
FY2015	8.6	12.1	6.7
FY2016	8.8	13.2	7.0
FY2017	9.3	13.8	7.3
FY2018	9.2	14.1	7.4
FY2010 – FY2018 9 Term Average	7.6	12.8	6.3
FY2014-FY2018			
5 Term Average	8.8	12.8	6.9



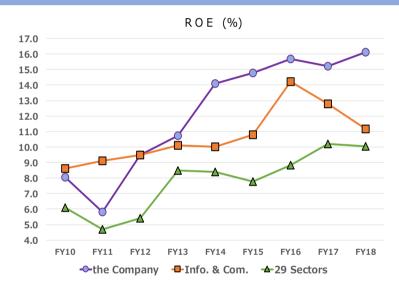
Sales profitability Comparison / Net Profit ROS **ROE / ROA Comparison**



Net Profit ROS (%)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2010	3.9	5.9	2.6
FY2011	2.6	6.3	1.8
FY2012	4.0	6.6	2.2
FY2013	4.3	6.6	3.7
FY2014	5.6	6.7	3.9
FY2015	5.9	7.3	3.9
FY2016	6.6	9.9	4.4
FY2017	6.6	9.3	5.3
FY2018	6.8	8.4	5.2
FY2010 - FY2018	-		
9 Term Average	5.1	7.4	3.7
FY2014-FY2018	3		
5 Term Average	6.3	8.3	4.5

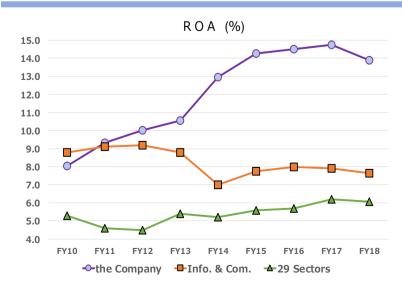
ROE



ROE (%)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2010	8.1	8.6	6.1
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	16.1	11.2	10.1
FY2010-FY2018	8		
9 Term Average	12.2	10.7	7.8
FY2014-FY2018	3		
5 Term Average	15.2	11.8	9.1

ROA



ROA (%)

	the Company	Info. & Com.	29 Sectors
FY2010	8.0	8.8	5.3
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	13.9	7.6	6.1
FY2010-FY2018			
9 Term Average	12.0	8.2	5.4
FY2014-FY2018	14.1	77	5.7
5 Term Average	14.1	7.7	5.7



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Valuation Data, Pro	ofitability Ind	icators and	Ranking			Sept.14, 2018 Spring Capital Co., Ltd.	
Valuation and Market Data	a as of Sept.14	, 2018					
Closing Price	3,185	S	ince last year H	1/2	5/2018		
PER (estimated)	14.42	S	ince last year L	OW	2,530	8/1	3/2018
PER (actual)	15.82	6-	Month % Chan	ge	- <mark>8.5</mark> %	(TOPIX)	-0.8 %
PBR (actual)	2.33	12	2-Month % Cha	nge	-16.7 %	(TOPIX)	5.9 %
Dividend Yield (actual)	2.26 %	12	2-Month Historie	cal Volatility	46.3 %	(TOPIX)	13.4 %
EV/EBITDA	7.72						
PSR (forecast)	0.98						
PSR (actual)	1.05						
Profitability Indicators and A (29 sectors excluding finar		0	n Business Resu	Ilts Announced b	y the Company		
Fiscal Year		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Accounting Period		2014/03	2015/03	2016/03	2017/03	2018/03	2019/03
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	
No. of Companies				Actual 3443		Actual 3512	Est
	Y mil	Actual	Actual		Actual		Est 3512
No. of Companies	Y mil	Actual 3365	Actual	3443	Actual 3467	3512	Est 3512 35,500
No. of Companies Sales	Y mil Y mil	Actual 3365 22,028	Actual 3363 25,063	3443 28,775	Actual 3467 30,893	3512 33,328	Est 3512 35,500 1624
No. of Companies Sales Ranking		Actual 3365 22,028 1895	Actual 3363 25,063 1808	3443 28,775 1742	Actual 3467 30,893 1683	3512 33,328 1637	Est 3512 35,500 1624 3,280
No. of Companies Sales Ranking Operating Profit Ranking		Actual 3365 22,028 1895 1,430 1575	Actual 3363 25,063 1808 2,013 1383	3443 28,775 1742 2,484 1287	Actual 3467 30,893 1683 2,707 1275	3512 33,328 1637 3,091 1254	Est 3512 35,500 1624 3,280 1246
No. of Companies Sales Ranking Operating Profit	Y mil	Actual 3365 22,028 1895 1,430	Actual 3363 25,063 1808 2,013	3443 28,775 1742 2,484	Actual 3467 30,893 1683 2,707	3512 33,328 1637 3,091	Est 3512 35,500 1624 3,280 1246 3,580
No. of Companies Sales Ranking Operating Profit Ranking Recurring Profit	Y mil	Actual 3365 22,028 1895 1,430 1575 1,676	Actual 3363 25,063 1808 2,013 1383 2,240	3443 28,775 1742 2,484 1287 2,857	Actual 3467 30,893 1683 2,707 1275 3,078	3512 33,328 1637 3,091 1254 3,492	Est 3512 35,500 1624 3,280

Operating Profit ROS	%	6.5	8.0	8.6	8.8	9.3	9.2
All Companies	%	5.5	5.7	6.2	6.7	7.3	7.4
Ranking		1120	888	906	925	892	895
Percentage from the Top	%	33.3	26.4	26.3	26.7	25.4	25.5
Recurring Profit ROS	%	7.6	8.9	9.9	10.0	10.5	10.1
All Companies	%	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.7	7.4	7.4
Ranking		971	833	721	784	760	773
Percentage from the Top	%	28.9	24.8	20.9	22.6	21.6	22.0
Net Profit ROS	%	4.3	5.6	5.9	6.6	6.6	6.8
All Companies	%	3.4	3.6	3.6	4.3	5.2	5.1
Ranking		1144	889	862	811	903	792
Percentage from the Top	%	34.0	26.4	25.0	23.4	25.7	22.6



ROE / ROA / Dividend Payout Ratio / DOE / Ranking

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ROE, ROA, Dividend Payout Ratio, and DOE Indicators and Rankings Based on Business Results Announced by the Company (29 sectors excluding financials) (calculated by Spring)

		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Accounting Period		2014/03	2015/03	2016/03	2017/03	2018/03	2019/03
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Est.
ROE	%	10.7	14.1	14.8	15.7	15.2	16.1
29 Sectors	%	8.5	8.4	7.8	8.8	10.2	10.1
Ranking		892	552	536	521	605	497
No. of Companies		3329	3340	3421	3438	3493	3507
Percentage from the Top	%	26.8	16.5	15.7	15.2	17.3	14.2

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

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 excluded.

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	%	10.6	13.0	14.3	14.5	14.8	13.9
29 Sectors	%	5.4	5.2	5.6	5.7	6.2	6.1
Ranking		526	364	317	304	321	358
No. of Companies		3351	3355	3427	3450	3540	3512
Percentage from the Top	%	15.7	10.8	9.3	8.8	9.1	10.2

* 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	%	34.1	29.1	33.0	30.5	35.5	
29 Sectors	%	29.2	31.2	33.8	30.1	27.4	
Ranking		764	1075	813	1032	595	
No. of Companies		3365	3220	3238	3438	3525	
Percentage from the Top	%	22.7	33.4	25.1	30.0	16.9	

* 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	%	3.7	4.1	4.9	4.8	5.4	
29 Sectors	%	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.9	
Ranking		352	289	214	287	212	
No. of Companies		3365	3220	3238	3438	3493	
Percentage from the Top	%	10.5	9.0	6.6	8.3	6.1	

* 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 are excluded.



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Simplified Fact Sheet

Review of Financial Indicators and Financial Soundness based on Business Results

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

Fiscal Year		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Lates
Accounting Period		2014/03	2015/03	2016/03	2017/03	2018/03	Quarte
Data Source		Securities Report	Financial Resu				
Current Ratio	%	230.7	238.0	255.1	293.3	284.8	322.
Fixed Assets Ratio	%	68.3	59.6	59.2	54.7	57.9	57.
Equity Ratio	%	59.5	60.8	63.3	66.9	62.6	65.
Debt Ratio	%	67.2	63.8	57.9	49.5	59.8	53.
D/E Ratio	%	6.3	2.9	1.9	1.5	9.1	8.
Interest Coverage Ratio	Multiple	311.0	714.3	1,323.5	2,902.0	1,104.0	Calc. only at year-e
Financial Leverage	Multiple	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.
CF from Operating Activities	Y mil	960	1,681	1,543	1,144	2,174	
CF from Investing Activities	Y mil	-466	178	-1,287	-505	-179	
CF from Financing Activities	Y mil	-757	8	-286	-604	-606	
(Cash and Cash Equivalents)	Y mil	(3,633)	(5,504)	(5,470)	(5,503)	(6,892)	
(EBITDA)	Y mil	(1,818)	(2,378)	(3,025)	(3,265)	(3,701)	

Review of Financial Soundness as of Sept.14, 2018

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	%	146.8	136.6	Lower of A or B	136.6	Higher	322.8	Positive
Fixed Assets Ratio	%	137.3	161.4	Higher of A or B	161.4	Lower	57.7	Positive
Equity Ratio	%	41.4	41.1	Lower of A or B	41.1	Higher	65.2	Positive
Debt Ratio	%	135.1	131.4	Higher of A or B	135.1	Lower	53.3	Positive
D/E Ratio	%	142.0	138.5	Higher of A or B	142.0	Lower	8.2	Positive

Corporate Information as of Sept.14, 2018

Ticker Code	4674							
Company Name	CRESCO LTD.	CRESCO LTD.						
Head Office	Shinagawa Intercity	Shinagawa Intercity A-tower 25th-27th Floor, 2-15-1 Kounan, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 108-6026 JAPAN						
Stock Listings	The Tokyo Stock Exc	change, First Section						
TSE Industrial Sector	Information & Comn	Information & Communication						
Investment Unit	100 shares							
Minimum Investment	318,500	President	Hiroyuki Nemoto					
Date of Listing	7/23/1997	Paid-in Capital (The end of last quarter)	2,514 mil yen					
Date of Establishment	9/9/1948	Market Capitalization	38,220 mil yen ranked 1,346 of 3,713 companies					
Accounting Period	March	25-Day Average Trading Value	118 mil yen ranked 1,381 of 3,713 companies					
Floating Stock Ratio	11.2%	Market Cap as of March-end 2018	42,720 mil yen ranked 1,295 of 3,713 companies					
Major Shareholder Ownership	78.1%	Average Trading Value in FY2017	181 mil yen ranked 1,398 of 3,713 companies					



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