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Basic
Information

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[Established]	Mar-83	[Industry]	Retail	[Fiscal Year End]	Mar. 31		
[Representative]	Kazuho Takahashi	[Date of Birth]	18-Jan-53	[Officer Responsible for Disclosure]	Managing	Director Ichiro	Yamauchi
[Complimentary Goods for Shareholders]	YES	_	YEN(estimate)	[Trading Unit (share)]	100	[Market Value (million yen)]	66,973
[Dividend Yield]	2.9	%		[Interim Dividends]	YES		
[Shareholder Yield]	_	%		[Up/Down Ratio (high price)]	-35.5	[PER Estimate]	16.5
[Real Yield]	_	%		[Up/Down Ratio (low price)]	444.7	[PBR (x)]	2.03

Company Features VT Holdings Co, Ltd specializes in the automobile dealer business focusing on Honda and Nissan. The company adopts a growth strategy through M&A activities and stock-type business model.

Settlement of Accounts Information

	Net Sales		Ordinary Inc	ome	Earnings	Dividends per	Ordinary
Settlement Period	(Growth Rate)		(Growth Rat	e)	per Share	Share	Income
	(JPY 1 Million)		(JPY 1 Millio	n)	(JPY)	(JPY)	Margin
FY3/13	118,317		7,659		44.9	10.0	6.5%
FY3/14	132,682	12.1%	9,976	30.3%	46.3	12.3	7.5%
FY3/15	136,376	2.8%	7,434	-25.5%	39.4	14.0	5.5%
FY3/16	146,468	7.4%	7,603	2.3%	34.8	18.0	5.2%
FY3/17* KCR	174,297	19.0%	8,018	5.5%	40.3	18.0	4.6%
FY3/18* KCR	209,156	20.0%	10,458	30.4%	51.5	21.0	5.0%

Investment Opinion

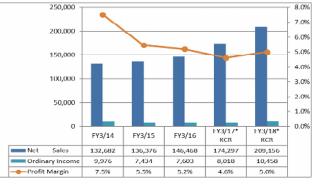
# **Overall Rating**

\*KCR Estimate

+2 BUY



**Target Share Price** 



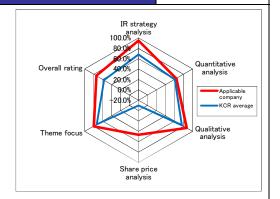
One-year chart

**778 YEN** 

**Current Share Price** 

**561 YEN** 

KCR Inc. assigns an overall rating of +2 (BUY) to VT Holdings Co., Ltd. (TOKYO: 7593) and continues its buy recommendation (which is given to a share whose price is expected to outperform the current one by 10% within a year).KCR Inc. made the overall rating decision considering that the company is rated 3.9% above the KCR average in quantitative analysis and 10.9% above average in qualitative analysis. The company's share price has been hovering 56.7% below the average price while the company's IR strategy is 27.0% above average. Meanwhile, the company's theme focus is 2.0% above average. Considering that the company's overall rating is 17.0% above average, KCR Inc. sets a target price of 778 yen.



	IR strategy analysis	Quantitative analysis	Qualitative analysis	Share price analysis	Theme focus	Overall rating
Applicable company	95.0%	63.9%	86.8%	46.5%	80.0%	74.2%
KCR average	68.0%	60.0%	75.9%	-10.2%	73.0%	57.2%
Difference	27.0%	3.9%	10.9%	56.7%	7.0%	17.0%

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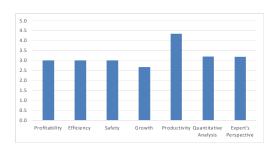
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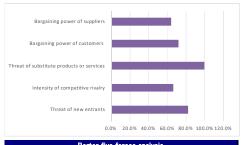
 
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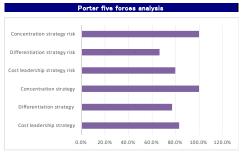
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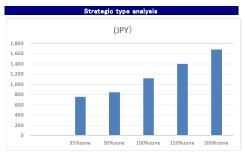












	Share price rating									Reference Stock Prices	
	Overall F						Overall Rating				
Quantitative	Analysis Rat	ing					***	Chart & Th	neme focus		
Profitability	Efficiency	Safety	Growth	Productivity	Quantitativ e Analysis	Expert's Perspective	3.2	Evaluation Index		dex Overall Rating	Total Evaluation
***	***	***	***	****	***	***	Evaluation Index	80.0%	4 In	dex Overall Rating	Index
3.0	3.0	3.0	2.7	4.3	3.2	3.2	63.9%			***	74.2%
Qualitative A	nalysis Ratir	ng			-		03.9%	X X X X 74.2%			
Overall rat	ting				****						
Strategy ra	ating			85.5%	****		Consistency	100.0%	****	Cost leadership strategy	83.3% ★★★★★
Threat of r	new entrant	S		82.5%	****		Important point	100.0%	****	Differentiation strategy	77.3% ★★★★
Intensity of	sity of competitive rivalry 66.7% ★★★ Plannin			Planning ability	90.0%	****	Concentration strategy	100.0% ★★★★★			
Threat of substitute products or services 100.0% ★★★★			Purposefulness	100.0%	****	Cost leadership strategy risk	80.0% ★★★★★				
Bargaining power of customers 72.2% ★★★			Top Management	97.1%	****	Differentiation strategy risk	66.7% ★★★★				
Bargaining	power of s	uppliers		64.3%	****	•	Company analysi	95.8%	****	Concentration strategy risk	100.0% ★★★★

Share price rating	(Peer compa	ny estimate)	(Peer comp	any estimate)	(JASDA	Q estimate)	
Theoretical Stock Price	PSR Ap	proach	PER	&PBR	PE	R&PBR	Overall Rating
****	***	**	**	***	*	***	****
-40.2%	-67	.0%	-4	8.2%	1	17.9%	-46.5%
Reference Stock Prices	35%zone	50%zone	100%zone	150%zone	200%zone		Comments
(JPY)	757	842	1,122	1,403	1,683		The KCR overall r
Reference Market Value	20%zone	50%zone	100%zone	200%zone		="	quantitative, qualit
(JPY 1 Million)	80,367.3	100,459.1	133,945.5	200,918.3	-		index percentage
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IR Strategy Analysis	Total	Evaluation
****	Score	Index
***	285	95.0%

rating report summarizes the results of IR strategy, litative and share price analyses, gives a total evaluation index percentage to companies by taking their overall scores, balance, share price charts and theme focus into consideration, and finally rates companies on a scale of 1 to 5. KCR Inc. sets target share prices of companies in an investment opinion report.

Viewpoint	t ※The term of	f validity: 1 year		
	Rating	Total Evaluation Index		
+1	Strong Buy	80%~100%~	Upside potential is 20% or more within a year.	****
+2	Buy	60%~80%	Upside potential is 10% or more within a year.	***
+3	Neutral	40%~60%	tial is less than 10% or downside is less than 10% within a year	***
+4	Sell	20%~40%	Downside potential is 20% or more within a year	**
+5	Strong Sell	~0%~20%	Downside potential is 11% or more within a year	$\star$



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#### Ongoing Growth through M&A as a Global Auto Dealer

Company Profile and History

VT Holdings Co., Ltd., is an auto dealership holding company located in Aichi Prefecture. Operating mainly as an auto dealer handling Nissan and Honda vehicles, the Group is engaged in auto-related businesses including used car exports and rental cars.

VT Holdings' core growth strategy is M&A. The goal of the company's listing was to engage in M&A to achieve growth. The year after listing and every year since, they have engaged in M&A boasting an extremely high growth rate.

Approximately 54% of overall net sales comes from VT Holdings' six main subsidiaries: Honda Cars Tokai, Nagano Nissan Auto Sales, Shizuoka Nissan Auto Sales, Mikawa Nissan Auto Sales, Nissan Satio Saitama, and Nissan Satio Nara, approximately 39% of which was from Nissan-affiliated dealers. In recent years, the company is focusing efforts on overseas M&A amid the rapid advance of globalization, increasing the ratio of overseas dealers. [See Figure 1] In addition to auto dealer businesses, VT Holdings operates Trust Co., Ltd. (3347, listed on the 2nd section of TSE), as a subsidiary engaged in used car exports whose subsidiary, J-net, is engaged in the rental car and lease business. The company also owns MG Home Co., Ltd. (8891, listed on the 2nd section of TSE), which markets condominiums mainly in the Tokai area.



#### A Business Model with Three Strategies

There are three major strategies for VT Holdings' business growth model. The first is an M&A strategy, which they have aggressively carried out since their stock listing. The second is a high base profit cover ratio. The third is a stock-type business model. They aim to rapidly achieve high growth and stable profit with these three strategies.

Features and Strengths

While the M&A strategy is the source of VT Holdings' growth, rapid monetization of acquired companies is another feature. Base profit cover ratio is expressed by gross profit made from all sales, with the exception of new car sales, divided by SGA. This ratio is an index indicating how much the profit from divisions excluding new cars can cover the sales, general, and administrative expenses. When the ratio exceeds 100%, companies do not fall into the red even if no new cars are sold. The average ratio of VT Holdings' main dealers in the second quarter of the fiscal year ending in March 31, 2017 was 109.8%, indicating they are not greatly affected by new car sales. Also, approximately 40% of gross profit is from the service division. Regarding the improvement of service-related revenue, the company adopts a stock business model where the source of earnings is derived from the number of cars owned, rather than new car sales. Thus, increasing the number of cars that the VT group deals with leads to a higher earnings ratio. As a result, there is a large gap between overall VT Group operating income margin and the industry average.

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#### Achieved New Record High Net Sales in Second Quarter, Revised Earnings Forecast

Latest Performance In the second quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017, VT Holdings achieved new record high net sales. M&A involving Shizuoka BMW (commenced sales in April 2016) and Wessex Garage Holdings (became a subsidiary in May 2016) contributed substantially to this achievement. In terms of the earnings forecast announced on June 13, 2016, reflecting the impact of the Mitsubishi fuel efficiency data scandal, the suspension on sales of Nissan DAYZ and DAYZ ROOX was lifted earlier than expected, which along with other factors led to an upward revision to profit forecasts. At the same time, net sales remained nearly the same due to a decline caused by the yen conversion of overseas sales, which were affected by the stronger ven.

In the second quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017, net sales were ¥73,469 million (+1.9% YoY), operating income was ¥3,042 million (-19.2% YoY), ordinary income was ¥3,046 million (-18.6% YoY) and net income was ¥1,690 million (-10.2% YoY).

The main cause of the decline in income was the substantial impact of the Mitsubishi Motors fuel efficiency data scandal, which caused the Nissan Motor Company, a destination for VT Holdings vehicles, to stop selling two of its light vehicle models from April to June. As a result, the number of new and used cars sold was 36,753 (+1.3% YoY). Car-related business net sales were ¥71,072 million, (+2.7% YoY) and operating income was ¥3,205 million (-17.2% YoY). In the housing-related business, net sales were lower at ¥2,325 million (-16.3% YoY), however, operating income increased to ¥94 million (+49.0% YoY).

#### Full-Year Plans Revised Upwards, Early Resolution of Fraud Impact

Future Outlook

On November 9, 2016, an upward revision was made to the full-year earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. VT Holdings expects net sales of ¥174.0 billion (+18.7% YoY), operating income of ¥7.5 billion (-1.5% YoY), ordinary income of ¥7.5 billion (-1.3% YoY) and net income of ¥4.0 billion (-2.2% YoY). Net sales are expected to increase 4.2% and operating income is expected to be 11.9% higher than the initial forecast.

In addition to the contribution to full-year earnings from M&A involving the acquisition of auto dealer group holding company Master Automocion, S.L. (Spain) on October 3, 2016, the suspension of sales in the first half of the fiscal year due to the Mitsubishi Motors fuel efficiency data scandal, for which VT Holdings had estimated a 30% drop in sales in the second half of the fiscal year, was resolved earlier than expected when sales resumed in July.

KCR is certain VT Holdings will achieve record-breaking full-year consolidated net sales amid accelerating overseas M&A. In terms of profit, the early resolution of the Mitsubishi scandal, along with strong sales of new model Selena in its core Nissan business and the popular Honda Freed, which is a new model anticipated to be highly profitable, underpin expectations that VT Holdings will be able to achieve profit levels exceeding company forecasts. For these reasons, KCR expects net sales of ¥174,297 million, operating income of ¥8,018 million, ordinary income of ¥8,018 million and net sales of ¥4,811 million. KCR also suggests a dividend increase given these strong earnings expectations.

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#### Domestic Sales Decline as Car Owners Increase, Overseas Development Accelerates

Market **Environment** 

According to a domestic auto dealer industry group, compared to 2015, the number of new cars sold in 2016 declined 1.5% to 4,970,260 cars falling short of the 5,000,000 mark for the first time in five years. Although a high number of new models with engine displacement over 660cc were registered, they were unable to compensate for the drop in light vehicle sales. Light vehicles accounted for 34.7% of new vehicle sales, the lowest level in the past ten years.

However, passenger car ownership in the domestic market rose, increasing 16.5% since 2011 due to increasing long-term vehicle ownership and other factors.

VT Holdings is building an earnings structure that is not dependent on new car sales, so it is important to focus on the fact that more than new car sales, car ownership is basically indicative of a bigger impact to earnings.

To compensate for the domestic market environment, the company is proactively engaged in M&A for growth. Although there are no accurate statistics for the domestic car dealer market, the market size can be approximated by multiplying the average vehicle purchase cost by the number of vehicles sold. Based on various statistics, the new car dealer market is estimated to be worth approximately ¥11 trillion and the used car market is estimated at approximately ¥2 trillion, resulting in a domestic market scale of approximately ¥13 trillion. The company currently accounts for only 1% of market share,

## Medium-term Management Plan

#### Emphasizing Growth to Quickly Achieve Targeted Consolidated Net Sales of ¥200.0 Billion

VT Holdings has not announced a medium-term management plan. This is because the company's business model is based on an M&A strategy for growth, thus there are a significant number of unknown elements. However, the company is positioned to proactively pursue M&A in overseas markets and intends to achieve its target of ¥200.0 billion in consolidated net sales as quickly as possible.

At the same time, the company aims to achieve high earnings efficiency with management targets focused on steady growth through business scale expansion and a stable financial foundation.

#### **Extremely Strategic with High Barriers to Entry**

Unlike manufacturers, the auto dealer industry is not subjected to technical innovation risks and will never disappear in the future. According to unique judgment scores by KCR Inc., based on Michael Porter's theory of competitive advantage, VT Holdings was rated 73.1%, considerably high, in an industry environment analysis within a five forces analysis, with 83% in the threat of new entrants category, 67% in the intensity of competitive rivalry category, 100% in the threat of substitute products or services category, 72% in the bargaining power of customers category, and 64% in the bargaining power of suppliers category. Furthermore, the company was rated 86.9%, exceptionally high, in a strategic model analysis, with 83% in the cost leadership strategy category, 77% in the differentiation strategy category, and 100% in the concentration strategy category. The future risk of VT Holdings' business model was 82.2%, exceptionally low. Meanwhile, VT Holdings was rated 97.5% in a management balance analysis and 96.4% in top management and company analyses. The company's qualitative strategy rating was 85.5% and qualitative overall rating was 86.8%, with its strategy level judged as exceptionally high. (See P. 9: KCR-Qualitative Analysis Report)

Qualitative Analysis Scores

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#### 20-Fold Sales Increase and 33-Fold Ordinary Income Increase since Public Listing

President's **Biography** 

Kazuho Takahashi, the current president, representative director, and founder of VT Holdings Co., Ltd., was born in January 18, 1953 and is now 63 years old. In 1972, he started working for Aichi Hino Motors Co., Ltd. In 1978, he left his previous company and founded a used car sales company. In 1983, he founded VT Holdings as its president to start an auto dealer business. Since the company's public listing in 1998, the business has expanded through aggressive M&A. From its public listing until now, VT Holdings has achieved a 20-fold increase in sales and a 33-fold increase in ordinary income.

#### **ROE and Productivity at High Level Compared to Comparable Companies**

Quantitative Analysis Scores Although VT Holdings is accompany specializing in managing auto dealers, comparing the company with car dealers of the same business type in the capital market may inaccurately reflect their growth potential. This is because other car dealers do not focus on an M&A strategy, which is the core of VT Holdings in their business models, and dealers are mainly affiliated with manufacturers, many of whom accept low growth rates and revenue. Therefore, it is better to compare VT Holdings with other companies that adopt an M&A strategy for their growth to analyze finance and stock prices of VT Holdings, even if their business types are different.

In conducting VT Holdings' financial analysis, KCR Inc., chose to compare the company with IDOM Inc. (7599, listed on the 1st section of TSE) in the auto-related industry and two enterprises that adopt an M&A strategy for their growth models: Nidec Corporation (6594, listed on the 1st section of TSE) and Colowide Co., Ltd. (7616, listed on the 1st section of TSE).

Companies that adopt M&A as their main growth strategies are generally likely to have a high debt ratio (safety index) and low capital adequacy ratio. VT Holdings had a debt ratio of 184.2% and a capital adequacy ratio of 34.4% in the last quarter, which might appear to be a level low of safety. However, this is common among companies that adopt M&A as a growth strategy. The three companies mentioned above have a debt ratio of 219.5% and a capital adequacy ratio of 37.1% on average in the last quarter, which indicates that VT Holdings' safety level is high. Furthermore, VT Holdings ROE last fiscal year was 12.5% compared to 8.0% average for the aforementioned three companies, indicating extremely high profitability. (See P. 10: KCR-Qualitative Analysis Report)

#### Comprehensive Theoretical Stock Price of ¥1,049, Continues to be Undervalued

Share Price Analysis Scores According to a theoretical share price valuation carried out by KCR, VT Holdings' shares are undervalued at 1,089 yen, which is below the theoretical price, calculated by a comparable peer company analysis, and also undervalued at 937 yen, given the average theoretical stock price. Moreover, they are undervalued at 1,698 yen, given the average PSR valuation of similar companies, undervalued at 1,082 yen, given the average EPS & PBR valuation of similar companies, overvalued at 476 yen, given the average EPS & PBR valuation of the market, and the company's shares are judged undervalued at 1,049 year, given the total average valuation of the four. Therefore, the company's current share price, 561 yen, is considerably undervalued.

(See P. 8: KCR-Share Price Analysis Report)

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#### Expecting Dividend Payout Ratio Above 40%, Full-Year Dividend of 16 Yen

IR Strategy and Shareholder Return

VT Holdings' IR activities were rated on a scale of one to five as follows: 5 in IR offline score, 5 in IR online score, 4 in IR tool score, 5 in IR fair disclosure score, and 5 in IR strategy score, totaling 95.0% with a general rating of 285 points. (See page 19: KCR-IR Strategy Analysis Report)

This indicates that the company implements a significantly high level of IR activities and that they attach weight to measures toward shareholders and investors.

The company is also proactive in its shareholder return initiatives and plans to continue providing dividends with a target consolidated dividend payout ratio 40% or higher. For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017, the company is planning to provide a regular full-year dividend of 16 yen per share.

#### **Report Summary**

Summary

OVT Holdings' core activities are in the automotive business, centered on auto dealers that handle mainly Nissan and Honda vehicles. In recent years, the company has aggressively engaged in overseas M&A and is accelerating global development.

O In October 2016, the company acquired the M Automocion Group (approximately ¥19.5 billion in annual sales), an auto dealer in Spain also engaged in auto-related businesses, as a subsidiary through M&A.

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NIDEC CORPORATION		A	IDOM Inc.		В
Net Sales	1,200,000 (JPY 1 Million)	Estimate	Net Sales	243,500 (JPY 1 Million)	Estimate
Ordinary Income	133,000 (JPY 1 Million)	Estimate	Ordinary Income	7,100 (JPY 1 Million)	Estimate
Net Income	100,000 (JPY 1 Million)	Estimate	Net Income	4,100 (JPY 1 Million)	Estimate
Shareholders' Equity	725,437 (JPY 1 Million)	Current	Shareholders' Equity	38,304 (JPY 1 Million)	Current
Number of Shares Issued	298,142,234 (thousand shar	€ Current	Number of Shares Issu	106,888,000 (thousand shares	Current
Share Price	10,495 YEN	Current	Share Price	664 YEN	Current
Market Value	3,129,003 (JPY 1 Million)	Current	Market Value	70,974 (JPY 1 Million)	Current
Price to Sales Ratio	4,025 (JPY 1 Million)		Price to Sales Ratio	2,278 (JPY 1 Million)	
Earnings Per Share	335 YEN		Earnings Per Share	38 YEN	
Book-value Per Share	2,433 YEN		Book-value Per Share	358 YEN	
Share price/PSR	2.61 (X)		Share Price/PSR	0.29 (X)	
PER	31.29 (X)		PER	17.31 (X)	
PBR	4.31 (X)		PBR	1.85 (X)	
Stock Yield	3.20%		Stock Yield	5.78%	
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Net Sales	240,310 (JPY 1 Million)	Estimate			
Ordinary Income	6,547 (JPY 1 Million)	Estimate	The KCR share price analysis report rates	s how overvalued/	undervalued the
Net income	2,393 (JPY 1 Million)	Estimate	share price of the covered company is. Th		
Shareholders' Equity	34,261 (JPY 1 Million)	Current	the average theoretical stock price using		
Number of Shares Issued	75,284,041 (thousand share	€ Current	a net asset approach, an earnings return r		
Share Price	1,904 YEN	Current	approach, and a DCF method based on pe		•
Market Value	143,341 (JPY 1 Million)	Current	value is also determined by a rate of diver	0	
Price to Sales Ratio	3,192 (JPY 1 Million)		which PER and PBR of the market and inc	•	
Earnings Per Share	32 YEN		more negative the rate is, the more under	valued the compa	ny s snare is.
Book-value Per Share	455 YEN				
Share price/PSR	0.60 (X)			Comparable Peer	Company Analysis
PER	59.90 (x)			Average	1,088.98
PBR	4.18 (X)			Maximum	1,158.70
Stock Yield	1.67%			Minimum	1,049.43

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			Share Price*	EPS*	BPS*	Calculated Price
Α	В	С	4,354	135.2	1,082	1,095
Α	В		5,580	186.9	1,396	1,052
Α		С	6,200	183.6	1,444	1,159
	В	С	1,284	35	407	1,049

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	****	Considerably Undervalued				
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	***	Standard				
8	**	Overvalued				
	*	Considerably Overvalued				

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Overall rating
Strategy rating
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Bargaining power of suppliers 100.0% \*\*\*\*

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Automobile

144.3% ★★★★ Company analysis determines the competitive intensity and therefore attractiveness of an industry

157.1% KCR Average CAA Strategic type determines a strategic model and judges its balance analysis Industry environment analysis
Target Sector
Automob Strategic model analysis 86.9% KCR Average

ector /	Automob	ile dealer industry	
		Economies of scale	10
		Product differentiation	5
		Capital requirements	5
Threat of	New	Switching costs of suppliers	10
Entran	its	Access to distribution channels	10
		Cost advantages independent of scale	6
		Governmental and legal barriers	10
		Expected retaliation	10
Subtotal	80	83%	66
		Number of rival companies	10
		Growth speed	5
		Scales of fixed and stock costs	10
		Differentiation	0
Intensit		Customer retention	10
competitive	rivalry	Expansion of supply capacity	10
		Heterogeneous strategy	0
		Fruit of strategic results	5
		Exit barriers	10
Subtotal	90	67%	60
Threat of sul	bstitute	High profit company of Gulliver	10
products or a		Low-priced with same performance	10
Subtotal 20		100%	20
		Force down prices	10
		Number of potential customers	10
		Percentage of customer costs	5
Bargaining	power	Differentiation(buyer needs)	5
of custo	mers	Buyer switching costs	0
(buver		Wealthiness	5
(buyon	٠,	Backward integration possibility	10
		Essentiality	10
		Buyer information availability	10
Subtotal	90	72%	65
		Oligopolization	5
Bargaining power		Possibility of substitutes and products' changes	10
		Importance of customers	10
		Essentiality	0
of suppl	iers	Number of rival companies	5
		Supplier switching costs	10
		Possibility of forward integration	5
Cubtatal	70	64%	45
Subtotal Total	350	73%	256
I otal	330	/370	230

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	Lowest price in the industry	5
	Low-cost structure	10
	Gross margin ratio	10
	Capital investment	5
	Process technology	10
Cost leadership	Distribution costs	10
strategy	Financial power	5
	Financing capability	5
	System completeness	10
	Cost control and system	10
	Authority and responsibilities	10
	Contingency fee system	10
Total 120	83%	100

	Product design	0
	Brand image	10
	Technology	5
	Product features	10
Differentiation	Customer service	10
	Distribution network	10
strategy	Marketing capabilities	10
	R&D capabilities	0
	Experience level	10
	Imagination	10
	Talent matching system	10
Total 110 77%		85

	Investment in specific targets	10
Concentration	Investment in specific products	10
strategy	Investment in specific areas	10
	Investment in specific segments	10
Total 40	100%	40

61.4%

l	70	64%	45		
I	350	73%	256		
analyzes the strategic level from the following four viewpoints					

	Innovation possibility by other companies	10
Cost leadership	Price reduction by rivals	10
· ·	Product improvement	10
strategy risk	Marketing improvement	10
	Cost inflation effects	0
Total 50	80%	40

KCR Averag

Future inspection analyzes risks for future threats

a	nalysis		
		External and management environments	10
	Consistency	Corporate and business strategies	10
		Management strategy and functions	10
	analysis	Management functions	10
		Short term and future	10
	Total 50	100%	50

Differentiation	Other companies' brand-name products	0
	Changes of customer needs	10
strategy risk	Imitation	10
Total 30	67%	20

	Business domain, market & products	10
Important point	Dynamic business resources	10
	Static business resources	10
analysis	Company's strength	10
	Narrowing	10
Total 50	100%	50

Concentration	End of cost advantages	10
	End of specific needs	10
strategy risk	Subdivision of specific targets	10
Total 30	100%	30

	Goal achievement	10
Planning ability	Planning from long-term viewpoints	5
	Short-term and long term planning	10
analysis	Downward revision	10
	Planning flexibility	10
Total 50	90%	45

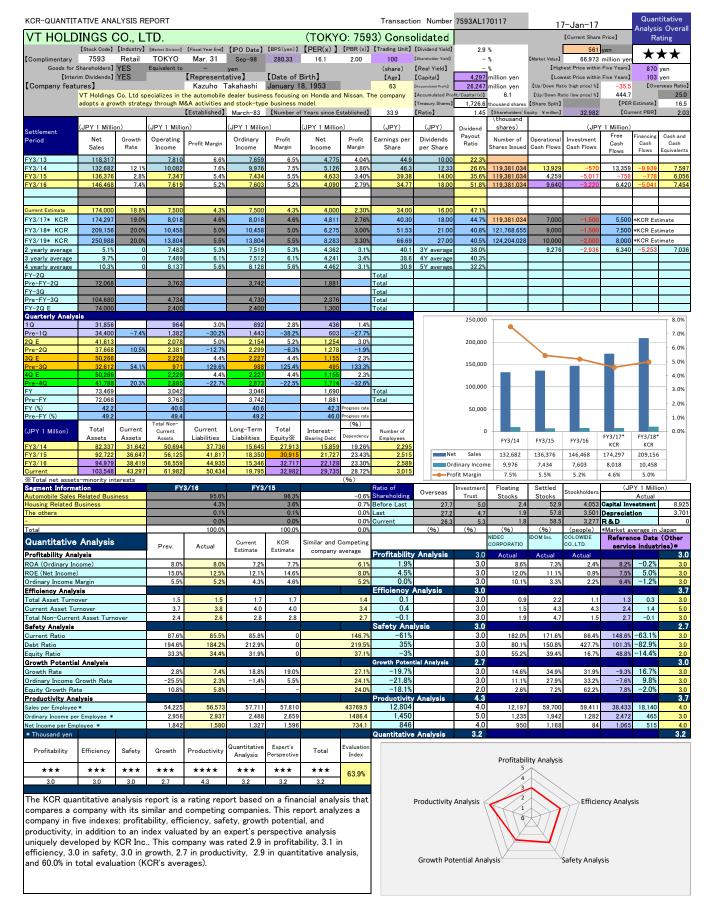
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96.4%	KCR Ave	rage	91.2%	
	Top management	Management	stance	165
	Total 170	97%		165

	Strategic domain	10
Purposefulness	Company policy, management philosophy & CSR	10
	Stage of company purposes	10
analysis	Company aims and management strategies	10
	Company aims and employees	10
Total 50	100%	50

	Company	anaiysis	nead office, corporate culture	110
	Total	120	96%	115
e a	analysis repo	rt convert	s qualitative information to figures th	rough a
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Strategic level
Exceptionally strategic
Considerably strategic
Strategic
Strategically weak
Lacking Strategy 80~100% **\*\*\*** 40~60% ★★★ 20~40% ★★ 0~20% ★

The KCR qualitative matrix analysis using 132 unique judgement scores assessed by KCR Inc. and rates competitiveness of a company based on Michael Porter's theory of competitive advantage. The more starts are given, the higher the competitiveness is. This analysis evaluates future outlook of a company, which does not appear in a quantitative analysis. This company was rated as follows; 64.0% in a industry environment analysis, 78.9% in a strategic model analysis, 61.4% in a risk analysis, 91.1%, in a management balance analysis, and 91.2%, in a top management and other analyses with a total rating of 75.9%.



KCR-EXPERT'S PERSPECTIVE ANALYSIS REPORT

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This report details three expert evaluations. With 16 items from expert's perspectives, it analyzes whether or not a company's shares are undervalued and whether or not the company is worth investing for a medium-to-long term.



VT HOLDINGS CO., LTD.

(TOKYO: 7593) Consolidated

17-Jan-17

Total Score 10.7

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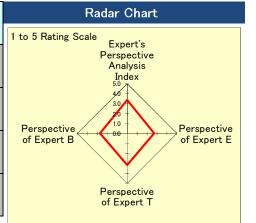
KCR Average

VT Holdings Co, Ltd specializes in the automobile dealer business focusing on Honda and Nissan. The company [Company Feature] adopts a growth strategy through M&A activities and stock-type business model.

■Main Basic Data						ÆEstimate is basically a cor	mpany plan. Asset is current.
Capital (JPY 1 Million)	Accumulated Profit (JPY 1 Million)	Current Share Price (YEN)	Shareholders' Equity (JPY 1 Million)	Number of Shares Issued (thousand shares)	BPS (YEN)	Operational Cash flows (JPY 1 Million)	Investment Cash flows (JPY 1 Million)
4,297	26,247	561	32,982	119,381.0	280	9,640	-3,220
Total Assets (JPY 1 Million)	Interest- Bearing Debt (JPY 1 Million)	Dividends Per Share (YEN)	Dividend Payout Ratio	Established	Highest Price within Five Years (YEN)	Lowest Price within Five Years (YEN)	Up/Down Ratio (High Price)(%)
103,548	29,735	16	47.1%	March-83	870	103	-35.5
*Net Sales (JPY 1 Million)	*Operating Income (JPY 1 Million)	*Ordinary Income (JPY 1 Million)	*Net Income (JPY 1 Million)	*EPS (YEN)	*ROE (Net Income)	*ROA (Ordinary Income)	Equity Ratio
174,000	7,500	7,500	4,000	34.00	12.1%	7.2%	31.9%
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Accumulated Profit/Capital (x)	PBR (x)	*PER (x)	Dependence of Interest- Bearing Debt	Dividend Yield (%)	Number of Years since Established	Up/Down Ratio (Low Price)(%)	Free Cash Flows (JPY 1 Million)
6.1	2.0	16.5	28.7%	2.9	34	444.7	6,420
5.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	5.0	5.0	1.0	5.0
Ordinary Income Margin	Industry	Simple Arithmetic Average (YEN)	Number of Shares Issued (thousand shares)	Market Value (JPY 1 Million)	Negative News	EPS	ROE
4.3%	Retail	56.1	1,193,810	66,973	Increases both in sales and profits	Increasing trend	12.1%
0.0	3.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	5.0	5.0

Expert's Perspectives	Score	Rating	KCR Average
Perspective of Expert E	2.3	**	3.1
Perspective of Expert T	2.9	***	3.3
Perspective of Expert B	2.3	**	3.1
Expert's Perspective Analysis Index	3.2	***	3.3



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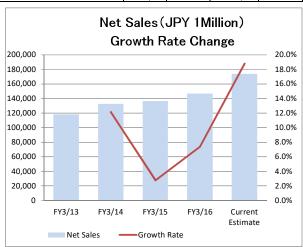
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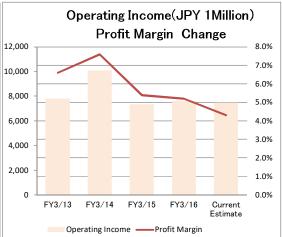
An investor who was once a company employee and later built assets of 3 billion yen through stock investments. This expert tends to place importance on low-price stock. An investor who built assets of 300 billion yen as an individual investor. This expert tends to place importance on medium-to-long term investment and receiving dividends.

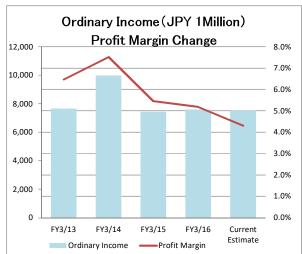
An internationally well-known investor who earned 5 trillion yen through stock investment. This expert tends to place importance on value investing and revenue

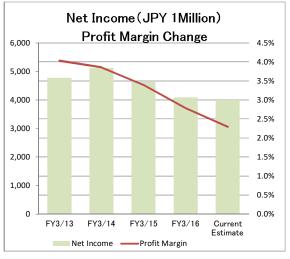
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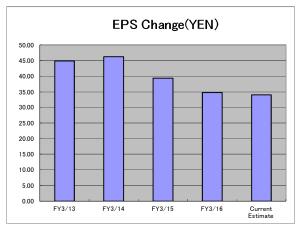
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Elemental Analysis	Net Sales	Growth Rate	Operating Income	Profit Margin	Ordinary Income	Profit Margin	Net Income	Profit Margin	EPS	Dividends per Share
FY3/13	118,317		7,810	6.6%	7,659	6.5%	4,775	4.0%	44.93	10.0
FY3/14	132,682	12.1%	10,082	7.6%	9,976	7.5%	5,126	3.9%	46.29	12.3
FY3/15	136,376	2.8%	7,347	5.4%	7,434	5.5%	4,633	3.4%	39.38	14.0
FY3/16	146,468	7.4%	7,619	5.2%	7,603	5.2%	4,090	2.8%	34.77	18.0
Current Estimate	174.000	18.8%	7.500	4.3%	7.500	4.3%	4.000	2.3%	34.00	16.0

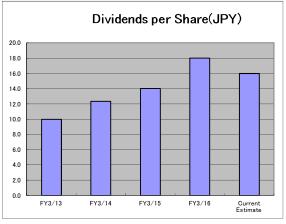




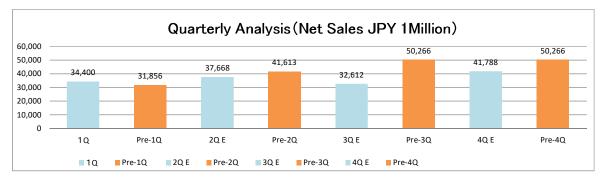


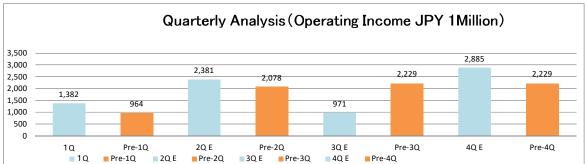


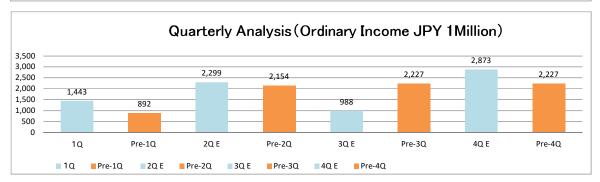


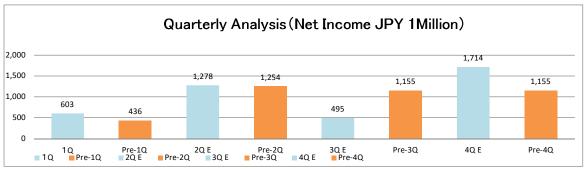


VT HOLDINGS CO., LTD.							(TOKY)	D: 7593)	Consol	idated
Quarterly Analysis	Net Sales	Growth Rate	Operating Income	Profit Margin	Ordinary Income	Profit Margin	Net Income	Profit Margin		
1Q	34,400	-7.4%	1,382	4.0%	1,443	4.2%	603	1.8%		
Pre-1Q	31,856	0.0%	964	3.0%	892	2.8%	436	1.4%		
2Q E	37,668	10.5%	2,381	6.3%	2,299	6.1%	1,278	3.4%		
Pre-2Q	41,613	0.0%	2,078	5.0%	2,154	5.2%	1,254	3.0%		
3Q E	32,612	54.1%	971	3.0%	988	3.0%	495	1.5%		
Pre-3Q	50,266	0.0%	2,229	4.4%	2,227	4.4%	1,155	2.3%		
4Q E	41,788	20.3%	2,885	6.9%	2,873	6.9%	1,714	4.1%		
Pre-4Q	50,266	0.0%	2,229	4.4%	2,227	4.4%	1,155	2.3%		

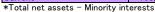


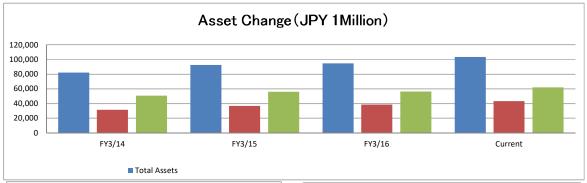


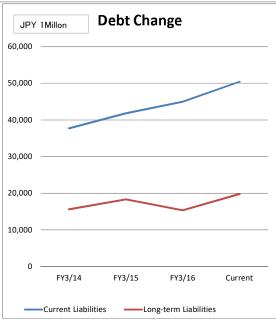


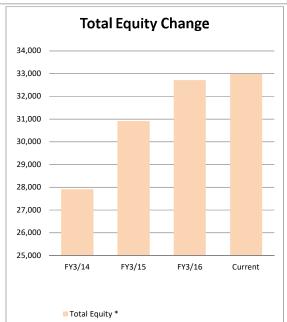


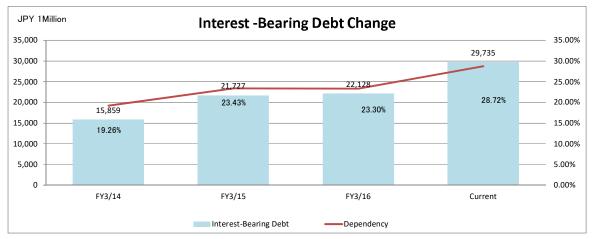
VT HOLDINGS CO., LTD.							(TOKY)	D: <mark>7593</mark> )	Conso	lidated
	Total	Current	Current	Current	Long-	Total	Interest-	Dependenc	Number of	
Asset Analysis	Assets	Assets	Assets	Liabilities	term	Equity *	Bearing Debt	У	Employees	
FY3/14	82,337	31,642	50,694	37,736	15,645	27,913	15,859	19.26%	2,295	
FY3/15	92,722	36,647	56,125	41,817	18,350	30,915	21,727	23.43%	2,515	
FY3/16	94,979	38,419	56,559	44,935	15,346	32,717	22,128	23.30%	2,589	
Current	103,548	43,297	61,982	50,434	19,795	32,982	29,735	28.72%	3,015	





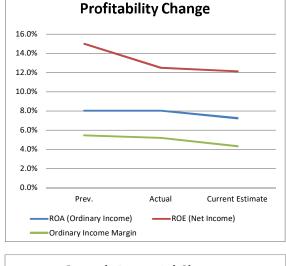


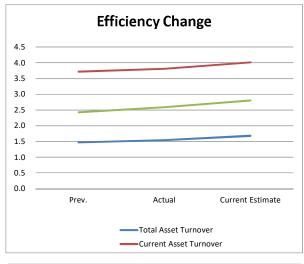


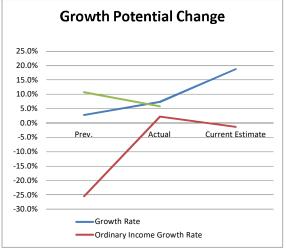


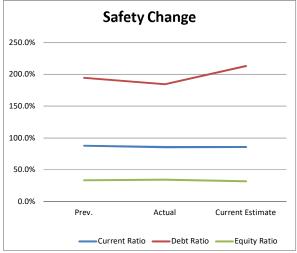
Financing Index Analysis			
Profitability Analysis	Prev.	Actual	Current Estimate
ROA (Ordinary Income)	8.0%	8.0%	7.2%
ROE (Net Income)	15.0%	12.5%	12.1%
Ordinary Income Margin	5.5%	5.2%	4.3%
Efficiency Analysis	Prev.	Actual	Current Estimate
Total Asset Turnover	1.5	1.5	1.7
Current Asset Turnover	3.7	3.8	4.0
Total Non-Current Asset Turno	2.4	2.6	2.8
Safety Analysis	Prev.	Actual	Current Estimate
Current Ratio	87.6%	85.5%	85.8%
Debt Ratio	194.6%	184.2%	212.9%
Equity Ratio	33.3%	34.4%	31.9%
Growth Potential Analysis	Prev.	Actual	Current Estimate
Growth Rate	2.8%	7.4%	18.8%
Ordinary Income Growth Rate	-25.5%	2.3%	-1.4%
Equity Growth Rate	10.8%	5.8%	
Productivity Analysis	Prev.	Actual	Current Estimate
Sales per Employee *	54,225	56,573	57,711
Ordinary Income per Employee *	2,956	2,937	2,488
Net Income per Employee *	1,842	1,580	1,327

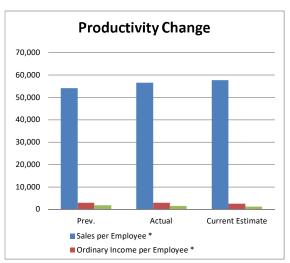
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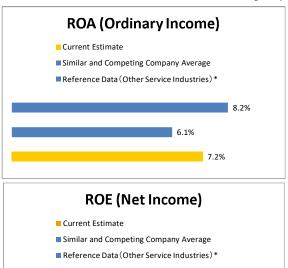




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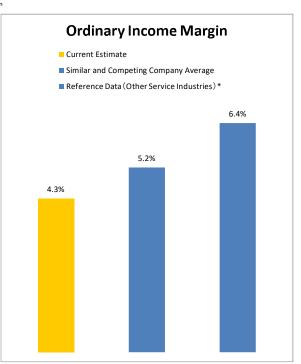
#### (TOKYO: 7593) Consolidated VT HOLDINGS CO., LTD. Reference Data (Other Service Current Competing Profitability Analysis Three Similar and Competing Companies Company Estimate Average 8.2% NIDEC CORPORATION ROA (Ordinary Income) (TSE First Section 6594) Consolidated ROE (Net Income) 7.5% IDOM Inc. 12.1% 8.0% (TSE First Section 7599) Consolidated Ordinary Income Margin 6.4% COLOWIDE CO.,LTD. (TSE First Section 7616) Consolidated

\*Market average in Japa



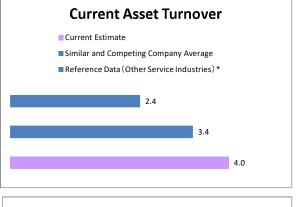
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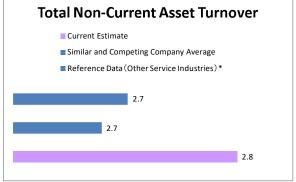
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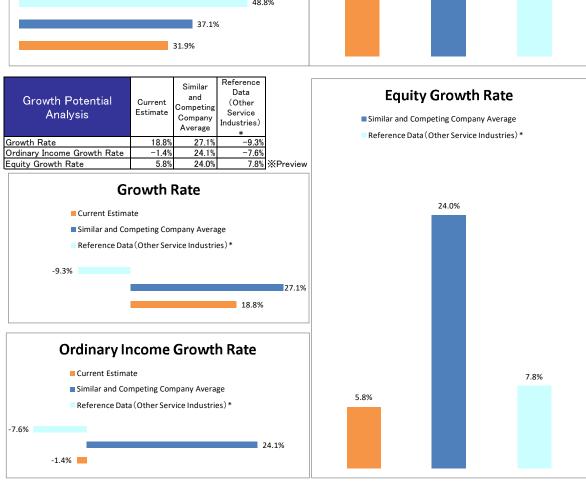


Efficiency Analysis	Current Estimate	Similar and Competing Company Average	Reference Data (Other Service Industries) *
Total Asset Turnover	1.7	1.4	1.3
Current Asset Turnover	4.0	3.4	2.4
Total Man-Current Asset Turns	2.0	2.7	2.7









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Productivity Analysis	Current Estimate	Similar and Competing Company Average	Reference Data (Other Service Industries) *
Sales per Employee *	57,711	43,769	38,433
Ordinary Income per Employee *	2,488	1,486	2,472
Net Income per Employee *	1,327	734	1,065

\*Market average in Japan

# Ordinary Income per Employee \*

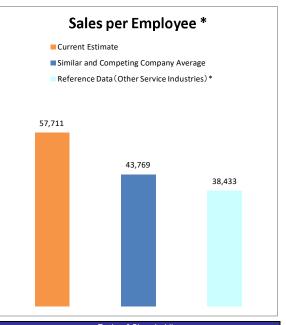
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# Net Income per Employee \*

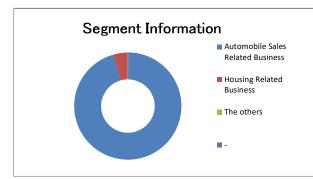
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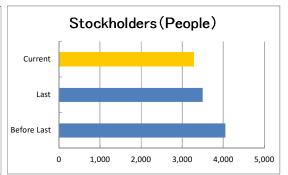
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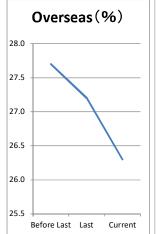


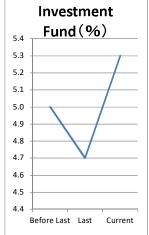
Segment Information	FY3/16
Automobile Sales Related Busin	95.6%
Housing Related Business	4.3%
The others	0.1%
-	0.0%
Total	100.0%

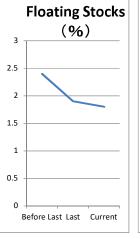
Ratio of Shareholding							
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(people)		
	Overseas	Investment Trust	Floating Stocks	Settled Stocks	Stockholders		
Before Las	27.7	5.0	2.4	52.9	4,053		
Last	27.2	4.7	1.9	57.8	3,501		
Current	26.3	5.3	1.8	58.5	3,277		

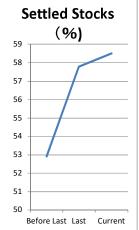












KCR-IR STRATEGY ANALYSIS REPORT Transaction Number 7593IR170117

17-Jan-17

## VT HOLDINGS CO., LTD.

(TOKYO: 7593) Consolidated [Stock Code] [Industry] [Market Division] [Fiscal Year End] [Zip Code] [Telephone Number] IR Overall Rating

7593

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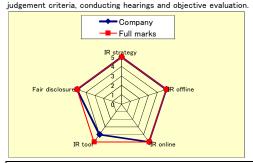
[Established] Mar-83

[Contact] Managing Director Ichiro Yamauchi
[Share Price] 561 yen

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nvestor Relations Strategy Analysis	Reference Data	Point	VT HOLD	INGS CO., LTD.
I. IR activities(10 points)				
1. In activities (10 points)	89.3%	10		1
I. IR system (10 points)				
IR Dedicated department	0.4.0%	10		
General affairs department	24.0%	4		
Planning department	23.0%	8		
Public relations department	17.0%	3		
Finance department		5		
Accounting department		3		
President's office		6 2		
The others		2		
. Management philosophy and operating style (50 points)				
Does top management perform IR activities?	83.6%	50		
YES		10		
Activities				
Top management participates in briefing sessions for investo	r 81.8%	10		
Top management gives individual interviews to analysts	67.6%	30		
. IR communication (80 points)		80		
Financial settlement briefings	77.7%	10		
Individual interviews	32.6%	10		
Overseas briefing sessions	15.9%	10		
For whom the above activities are conducted?	37.7%	10		
Analysts and institutional investors				
Individual investors Is disclosure made fairly?	13.4% Priority point	10 20		
IR roadshows	50.0%	10		
III Toddonomo	33,070			
. IR tools (20 points)		30		
Stockholder communication materials	89.6%	10		
English materials (annual reports etc.)	42.8%	20		
IR website (100 points)	97.5%	100		
Is there a web page that clearly states IR?	79.4%	10		
Top message	45.9%	10		
Annual securities reports	42.0%	10		
Statement of accounts	41.5%	10		
Monthly reports, stockholder communication materials & hand		10		
IR calendar	28.5%	10		
IR videos	23.8%	10		
E-mail magazines about IR	19.5%	10		
FAQ	14.6%	10		
English IR web page	19.4%	10		
. IR effect measurement (10 points)				
Conducting	84.3%	10		
Conducting	07.0/8	10		
. IR annual expenses (10 points)				
More than 5 million yen	24.0%	10		
otal		300		2
In carrying out this analysis, KCR Inc. places importance on fair dis	sclosure and uses it	s unique		

KCR Average 203 7 Viewpoint 68.0% Very good 270~ ★★★★ General rating 95.0% IR strategy 96.0% 69.4% Good 230~ \*\*\*\* 71.8% Standard 180~ ★★★ IR offline 100.0% 97.0% 66.7% 65.4% Below Standard 130~ 45.6% Inferior 80~ \*\* IR online IR tool 100.0% 70.3% Problematic 0~



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★★★★ = 'Strong Buy' recommendation

★★★='Buy' recommendation

★★★ = 'Neutral' recommendation

★★ = 'Sell' recommendation

★ = 'Strong Sell' recommendation

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Viewpoint	※The term	of validity: 1 year		
	Rating	Total evaluation index		
+1	Strong Buy	80%~100%~	Upside potential is 20% or more within a year.	****
+2	Buy	60%~80%	Upside potential is 10% or more within a year.	***
+3	Neutral	40%~60%	Upside potential is less than 10% or downside is less than 10% within a year	***
+4	Sell	20%~40%	DownsideUpside potential is 20% or more within a year	**
+5	Strong Sell	~0%~20%	DownsideUpside potentia is 11% or more within a year	*

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