

FY ending February 2021 Third Quarter Financial Results Presentation

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Company profile

Company Name Location Date of Establishment	VisasQ Inc. 4-7-7 Aobadai, Meguro-ku, Tokyo Sumitomo Fudosan Aobadai Hills 9F March 2012
Business content	Operation of knowledge platform specialized in business fields
Representative director and CEO Number of executives and	Eiko Hashiba 139 (as of November 2020)
employees Number of shares VC ownership ratio	Total number issued shares 8,759,050 (After fully diluted: 9,343,600) Total for each company (shareholding ratio: 10.95 %)

*The above-mentioned shareholding ratio is calculated by dividing the number of shares held in the share register on August 31, 2020 by the total number of issued shares.



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Management Team



Representative director and CEO Eiko Hashiba

After graduating from the University of Tokyo, she worked at Goldman Sachs Securities and L'Oréal Japan, and then studied at MIT where she obtained an MBA. She launched VisasQ after spending five years in a buyout investment at Unison Capital, a domestic investment fund.



Director and CFO Toru Yasuoka

After graduating from the University of Tokyo, he worked for JP Morgan. Then he joined Unison Capital, a domestic investment fund, where he was involved in buyout investment for 14 years and realized improved value as a director at the investee companies. At VisasQ, he oversees all corporate operations.





Executive Officer and General Manager of the FIG Business Division Yurika Imuta

After graduating from Keio University, she worked in internal auditing at JP Morgan Securities in New York and Tokyo for eight years, and then was in charge of marketing in the Asset Management Department. She joined VisasQ in January 2016, and after leading the systemization as General Manager of the Business Division, she became the executive officer in charge of compliance, and now oversees the FIG Business Division.

Executive Officer and VisasQ Development Group Head Yoshiyuki Tanaka

After graduating from Tokyo Institute of Technology, he joined Dai Nippon Printing Co., Ltd., where he was engaged in the research and development of natural language processing technology and launching photo sharing SNS. After that, he worked as a project manager for native application development at GREE, and then joined VisasQ in April 2017. Oversees system development for "VisasQ".



VPoE Yoshiyuki Tsurukai

After graduating from a vocational school, he gained experience at a number of independent Slers as an engineer and project manager. After that, he became a development executive officer at Willgate, engaging in product development with a focus on organizational management. He joined VisasQ in January 2020.









After completing graduate school at the University of Tokyo, he spent

overseas, and then joined VisasQ. He is responsible for expanding the

Goldman Sachs for many technology companies both domestic and

roughly 19 years being involved with M&A/financing advisory services at

Director and COO Hidetoshi Uryu

core business "VisasQ" and overseas expansion.

After graduating from Waseda University, he worked at Sumitomo Corporation in chemical trading and then at a recruiting and personnel consulting company, whereafter he joined VisasQ in July 2015. After being tasked with launching various services such as recruitment and CS, he was tasked with overseeing all services for business corporations.

Executive Officer and PF Business Division General Manager Takeshi Shichikura

After graduating from Hitotsubashi University, he was involved in regional economic surveys and long-term financing for medium-sized and large companies at the Development Bank of Japan, and venture investment at DBJ Capital. He joined VisasQ in May 2016 and became head of the FIG business division, whereafter he was tasked with overseeing the PF Business Division.



Executive CEO's Office, VisasQ lite Business Yu Miyazaki Officer Division General Manager

He joined Recruit HR Marketing, starting in sales and new business development, and then working as a manager of the Corporate Planning Division of Recruit Holdings and Recruit Jobs. He joined VisasQ in March 2019, and he is now the General Manager of the CEO's office. From December of the same year, he also starting serving as the general manager of the VisasQ lite division.



History

- March 2012 Established walkntalk Co., Ltd.
- December 2012 'VisasQ' beta version operation started
- October 2013 'VisasQ' officially released
- November 2014 Changed trademark to 'VisasQ'
- December 206 Entrusted with comprehensive support project for the Teijin "One Teijin Award" (The first project of the current VisasQ project)
- April 2017 Inauguration of dedicated overseas response team "VQ Global"
- January 2018 Launched "VisasQ expert survey", a web survey for BtoB
- February 2018 Received the Female Entrepreneur Award (Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Award) at the 4th "Japan Venture Awards"
- June 2018 Selected as a "J-Startup" company by the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry
- June 2019 "VisasQ web exhibition" release
- August 2019 Full support format "VisasQ", self-matching format "VisasQ lite", English name of the service changed to "VQ" to strengthen global support
- December 2019 Established a representative office in the Republic of Singapore
- January 2020 Began providing a team plan in the self-matching format "VisasQ lite"
- April 2020 Established a local corporation "VisasQ SINGAPORE PTE. LTD" in the Republic of Singapore
- December 2020 "VisasQ board" released

Business performance

Expanding competitive advantage as Japan's leading knowledge platform

Achieved high growth in the current fiscal year and strengthened our position as the largest player in Japan



※ Corrected value based on '業績予想の修正に関するお知らせ' dated January 14, 2021

What is VisasQ?

Japan's leading knowledge sharing platform, which is specialized in business areas
 Matching short-term trading called "spot consulting = 1 hour interview" with technology x advanced operation



Requester: Advice/Survey needs Matching achievement **Cumulative total of approx. 80,000**. As of the end of December 2020 Utilize multiple external knowledge Even busy people can take advantage

Utilize multiple external knowledge with high hourly unit price

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of their spare time

VisasQ interview business model

• VisasQ's core service, where matching is fully supported by VisasQ staff

- Create a list of advisor candidates for each request
- Conduct a screening questionnaire in advance to achieve highly accurate matching
- Support for schedule adjustment on the interview date





The value of a 1-hour interview

- Provides persuasive primary information
- A way to gather extensive, pinpoint information from reports and documents
- The ease and opportunities afforded by just one hour



Excerpts from case interviews

Experiences from hearing the live voices of people with industry experience:
"Persuasive", "feels real", "like you are actually there"
Experiences from carrying out a 1-hour interview:
"Unlike reports, you can dig deeper through interactive discussion"
"I met someone with a strong influence in the

industry" "Relatively affordable for spot consulting"

Experiences from using VisasQ:

"You can reduce the costs, which include the time that would otherwise be required to physically meet up with someone who has the information you are looking for"

How it is used in financial institutions

- PE funds and hedge funds were the first to actively use it.
- Advances in implementation in asset management companies to secure proprietary research methods.
- Also driven by policies to strengthen the ability to make proposals for engagement investments and ESG investments.



(Reference) Interview example

• You can see the disclosed projects in VisasQ lite <u>https://service.visasq.com/</u>

調査や インタビュー	
専門的な アドバイス 60	
調査や インタビュー	
調査や インタビュー	

Diverse advisors who participate because it is "one hour"

Advocating for new opportunities for individuals from the dawn of "work style reform"
 Over 100,000 people have registered in Japan across all industries and occupations



*Derived as of September 30, 2020. Excludes withdrawn subscriptions as of the end of each month. "Number of domestic registrants" is the total number of people registered on our Japanese website. Domestic registrants are divided into individuals who provide knowledge (advisors) and individuals who request this (requesters using VisasQ lite. This also includes individuals who belong to a corporation that has signed a contract to use VisasQ lite and are registered under the contract.). Any registrant can act as an advisor in the full support format "VisasQ" and the self-matching format "VisasQ lite", and can use the "VisasQ lite" as a requester.

Adequate and good quality advisor base

• Compared to the existing expert network, VisasQ has many registrants and the target audience is broad, so it is possible to cover a wide range of industries and operations.



Mechanisms that increase the value of the platform

- Increased number of advisors x Increased number of matchings = Improvement in data quality and quantity
 Improvement of platform value: "Finding the desired knowledge quickly and reliably"
 A virtuous cycle that leads to more requests
- Creating a database of advisor knowledge leads to **high barriers to entry**



Service developed based on knowledge database

- Knowledge data base is source of VisasQ's added value
- New products will be developed while continuing to offer VisasQ interviews as core service.



(Reference) List of services <u>Content</u>

<u>Client</u>

<u>Take</u> <u>Rate</u>

Full support	ビザスク interview ビザスク project ビザスク expert survey ビザスク ************************************	Face-to-face interviews / teleconferencing in 1 hour units Full support by VisasQ members Supporting an internal business proposal system while utilizing the knowledge of an advisor Online questionnaire survey in specific areas of BtoB Support from a wide range of advisers with flexible time settings "Call for ideas" solicited from all registered advisors External directors matching	Business corporations Professional firms (Consulting companies and financial companies) Overseas clients	Over 60%	Depends on service or case
Self	ビザスク lite	Face-to-face interviews / teleconferencing in 1 hour units Self-matching on the web	Private Startups etc.		30%

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The core business "VisasQ interview" is steadily growing

Company-wide transaction value breakdown and expansion of new products
 We are expanding our contribution with new product groups that utilize the database



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Main focal point activity items for the fiscal year ending February 2021

- Proactively invest in advertising expenses to increase the number of new corporate client accounts
- For existing customers, aim to increase the Transaction value per account

Business corporations	 Proactively invest in advertising expenses to acquire new customers
Professional firms (Consulting companies & financial corporations)	 Promote utilization with existing customers and carry out horizontal deployment to other departments Bolster sales to hedge funds, securities companies, regional banks, etc.
Overseas clients	 Local subsidiary established in Singapore (April 2020) Expand with introduction of Japanese advisors as core value
Overall	 VisasQ expert survey, VisasQ lite acceleration

Increase customers in the domestic market Expand reach to business corporations

Increase usage amount per company by leveraging reach to customers with high R&D expenses
 Consider introducing new plans and aim to increase the number of customer companies by expanding our company's reach



*1 "Companies with high R&D expenses" Source: Development expense ranking: Compiled by our company based on published financial statements and securities reports of each company (Toyo Keizai Online survey)

*2 Our company's use of spot consulting: Customers with usage history pertaining to "VisasQ interview" between March 2017 and February 2020 at companies with the highest R&D expenses *3 Spot consulting annual Transaction value associated with companies with the highest R&D expenses in the fiscal year ending in February 2020 (Reference) Used by a wide variety of major business corporations

Some of the companies introduced



Increase the number of customers in the domestic market **Penetration into professional firms**

Professional firms have a large budget for information services.
 O Consulting firms: Increase the number of users by expanding divisions/departments
 O Finance: Increase the number of accounts by giving priority to major companies



Increase the number of overseas clients

Accelerate overseas expansion while capturing OUT-IN and IN-OUT needs.

Established a local subsidiary in Singapore in April 2020. Established an organization of 8 people through local hiring, etc.



*For details, please refer to "Capital and business tie-up with DeepBench" dated July 14

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Long-term impact of the new coronavirus (client side)

Corporate R&D budgets and new business budgets are stable after bottoming out despite the recession



Major companies will increase R&D investment even in the poor conditions presented by the new coronavirus situation. We learned that of the companies that have disclosed their research and development expenses for fiscal 2020, **about 80** percent are planning to spend more than what they spent in fiscal **2019**. Increases were noticeable for pharmaceuticals and electronic parts. 60% of companies will curtail their capital investment in response to the immediate decrease in demand, but it is crucial to plant seeds for the medium- and long-term.

We looked into the 143 companies of the Nikkei 225 with fiscal years ending in March and December that announced their latest financial results. 32 companies revealed their R&D plans, of which 26 are expected to exceed the previous year. <u>The average annual ratio of companies with</u> <u>budget increases is 60 to 70%; 26 out of 32 are higher than this.</u>

Business activities refrained from due to the impact of the new coronavirus (multiple answers) Sales and related activities 40.9% Advertising and other promotional activities 23.3% Recruitment of mid-career and other personnel with 18.7% potential Internal welfare activities 18.1% Recruitment of new graduates 16 19 Creation of new business 15.5% Research and development activities 0.70 Enhance of IT equipment and facilities 6.2% Internal personnel management and talent Monthly SaaS service such as database operation and 2 1% administrative tools Nothing special 10.0% 15.0% 20.0% 25.0% 30.0% 35.0% 40.0% 45.0%

Nihon Keizai Shimbun, June 12, 2020

· R&D expenses: 80% said "increase," Capital investment: 60% said "decrease"

Released on May 27, 2020 by Astamuse Co., Ltd.

· [Corporate activities visible after lifting of the emergency declaration] Identify and concentrate on coronavirus damage. While refraining from "sales" and "advertising", "new business" and "research and development" will continue.

Long-term impact of the new coronavirus (advisor side)

With the widespread adoption of remote work, individuals are more actively involved in activities outside of their main job.





Has the impact of coronavirus changed your attitude to activities using VisasQ?

Released on August 7, 2020 by VisasQ

• More than 50% changed to "much more willing to use" or "more willing use" | Fact-finding / attitude survey about usage style / work style in the of era the new coronavirus.

Financial Results Highlight

In 3Q (Sep – Nov2020), Transaction value achieved +65.0% YoY growth

Deferred tax assets were recorded in 3Q due to strong business performance. Increased net income

			rd quarter ember 2020)	Year to Feb 2021 (March 202			fore	earnings cast forecast)
(Millions of yen)	This 3Q	3 (Septembe	ear (previous Q) r -November)19)	3Q Cumulative	Year-o (March-Nove		Forecast value	Progress
		Actual	Rate of change		Actual	Rate of change		
Transaction value	691	418	+65.0%	1,782	1,120	+59.0%	2,250	79.2%
Operating revenue	435	264	+64.8%	1,126	697	+61.5%	1,400	80.4%
Operating income	71	36	+95.9%	131	61	+114.9%	55	239.2%
Ordinary income	71	36	+94.9%	123	57	+114.5%	48	257.0%
Net income	76	43	+77.9%	127	54	+132.7%	36	355.4%

* previous forecast: Announced July 14, 2020.

Upward revision

The full-year earnings forecast has been revised upward. Current 4Q remains strong.

	fore	earnings cast forecast)
(Millions of yen)	Forecast value	Year-on- year
Transaction value	2,250	+43.4%
Operating revenue	1,400	+42.3%
Operating income	55	△23.0%
Ordinary income	48	△16.1%
Net income	36	△31.9%

* previous forecast: Announced July 14, 2020. New Forecast: Announced January 14, 2021

Factors for revision of earnings forecast

Factor ① Increased transaction volume in both core business and new product group
Factor ② Accelerate proactive investment for growth in the next fiscal year
Factor ③ Part of the excess profit is distributed to officers and employees as bonus.



Factor ① Expansion of transaction volume

Both core business and new products expand

Utilization of knowledge database contributed to the performance of new product groups progresses



Factor 1 - 2 VisasQ interview upside

For past trends , see 40page

The number of accounts has expanded as planned even under the new coronavirus. Acquisition cost is also declining Transaction volume per account is strong, despite significant progress in acquiring new clients



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Factor ② Accelerating investment against the backdrop of strong business performance

- Return on investment to acquire customers exceeds expectations, so additional advertising expenses will be added.
 - Large-scale online event for clients held in February
- Prepare for growth in the next fiscal year by advancing the hiring plan
- Advertising and recruitment costs are expected to be concentrated in 4Q (for progress, see p. 44)



* "Singapore investment": The amount obtained by deducting the expenses of the Singapore subsidiary from the contribution of operating revenue by the Singapore subsidiary in management accounting

Factor ③ Allocate a part of excess profit as a result to officers and employees

- If the earnings forecast is exceeded, part of the profit will be allocated to officers and employees as a bonus reserve.
 - Promote the retention and recruitment of talented people and lead to a growth cycle
- At present, it has a large impact on profits, so it is disclosed for the purpose of ensuring transparency to investors.

To growth next term !



(Reference) Correction of SG & A expenses

Cost ratio down on previous forecast even after accelerating investment and allocating results 96.0% 94.0% 59.7% 58.4% 1,430 (Millions of yen) 1,345 400 380 50 42 Transaction volume operating cost ratio 37 Rate for the operating income operating expense Proactive investment areas 98 other 119 Results distribution SNG investment Recruitment cost 782 Advertising expense 769 Personnel expenses 21/2 period

21/2 period Previous forecast 21/2 period New forecast

(Reference) Trends in Quarterly Results

Transaction volume continues to grow, and profitability steadily improves

Transaction volume forecast for 4Q is conservative due the reissue of the state of emergency.

Expect operating deficit to concentrate investment in 4Q (Ref p. 44)


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Transaction volume progress up to 3Q

Full-year earnings forecast revised upward

4Q is assumed to be somewhat conservative in consideration of the state of emergency



Progress in operating revenue through the third quarter

- Full-year earnings forecast revised upward
- 4Q is assumed to be conservative as with transaction volume



KPI: Increase in number of customers x high engagement = growth in transaction volume

- Plan to significantly increase the number of accounts through proactive marketing
- The "VisasQ interview transaction value per account" will level out due to growing new customers



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 * 4. "3Q result" is calculation of the last 9 month.

KPI Increase in the number of corporate client accounts

Grow with a wide customer base including business corporations, consulting and financial corporations, and overseas clients In fiscal year ending in February 2021, we expect a significant acceleration in the number of accounts, especially with business corporations

Trend in the number of corporate client accounts



KPI ② High customer engagement ①: Transaction volume per account

Increased due to increased frequency of use by customers and addition of new products
 Although the number of new customers of business corporations is increasing in the 21/2 period, it is expected that the transaction volume per account can be maintained. For future growth factors (see next page)



VisasQ interview transaction volume per account

KPI ② Supplement

High customer engagement ②: Annual growth in Transaction value per account

- "Transaction amount per account" grows with each passing period for newly acquired customers in each fiscal year
- New customer acquired in each year has been growing its "Transaction value per account" in each fiscal year



Proactive investment areas

- Investment progresses steadily until 3Q
- Advertising expenses will be concentrated in 4Q when client events are scheduled
- Continuing proactive recruitment against the backdrop of strong business performance
- Singapore is in its start-up period and costs are upfront

Advertising expenses





* "Singapore investment": The amount obtained by deducting the expenses of the Singapore subsidiary from the contribution of operating revenue by the Singapore subsidiary in management accounting

Balance sheet

- Implemented public offering of 693 million yen due to an IPO in March 2020.
- In operational terms, there has been no great structural change in the balance sheet

(Millions of yen)	2020/2	2020/11 (3Q)	Fluctuation		2020/2	2020/11 (3Q)	Fluctuation
Current assets	559	1,531	+972	Current Liabilities	358	560	+202
Cash and deposits	321	1,228	+907	Accounts payable	68	86	+18
Accounts receivable	202	265	+63	Interest-bearing debt	11	0	∆11
Other	36	38	+2	Pre-payments	140	249	+109
				Other	139	223	∆84
Fixed assets	88	161	+73	Fixed liabilities	190	190	±0
				Interest-bearing debt	190	190	±0
				Equity	99	943	+844
Total assets	648	1,693	+1,045	Total liabilities and equity	648	1,693	+1,045

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Towards the fiscal year ending February 2022

Return on proactive investment in this term through high growth in transaction volume
Continued proactive investment in the next fiscal year if the return on investment is as expected

Main initiatives for the next term

Transaction growt	Sustained growth of VisasQ interviews	 Sustain growth as a stable source of revenue Continue proactive expansion measures to business corporations 			
action volume growth	Expansion of new product group	 Promote new product groups by utilizing the knowledge database Multi-layered revenue sources by sowing seeds for future growth 			
=	Monetization and acceleration of overseas business	 Acceleration of overseas business centered on the Singapore subsidiary Establishment of small bases in other regions 			
Proactive nvestment	Marketing Investment	 Active expansion of marketing to business corporations 			
	Acquisition of human resources	 Proactive recruitment plan simultaneously with productivity improvement 			

(Reference) Stock information

● VC ownership ratio dropped from 15.7% to 11.0%

As of August 31, 2020 Other Institutional investors 0.6% 16.8% Individual investors 15.5% Founding members 56.1% VC 11.0%

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