History of Daiichi Sankyo-Path to the Merger

Daiichi Sankyo was born out of the merger of Sankyo Co., Ltd., and Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., two drug discovery-oriented companies with histories spanning roughly a century.

From the 1980s onward, both companies proceeded to expand their operations globally while developing and launching new products. Pravastatin, levofloxacin and olmesartan became blockbuster drugs* on the global market.

* New drugs whose annual peak sales exceed ¥100 billion (or \$1 billion).

Meanwhile, these companies maintained a strong presence for a long time in the Japanese market through their honest and trustworthy sales activities.

The two companies' histories of placing focus on science, expanding global business from early phases and progressing as Japan's leading companies have led to creating the current Daiichi Sankyo.

History of Sankyo

Sankyo started its journey by commercializing compounds created through its fermentation, extraction of biological materials from plants and animals, and other biotechnologies such as taka-diastase, adrenaline and orizanin. In the years that followed, it built upon its biotechnology research to create numerous antibiotic drugs.

Another innovative pharmaceutical developed by applying Sankyo's biological fermentation technologies was pravastatin, a early statin compound that was created by Sankyo and that revolutionized medicines in the world as an antihyperlipidemic agent.

As for organic synthesis technologies, this company created loxoprofen and olmesartan, both best-in-class drugs.



1899

1902

agent to be extracted

successfully

name: Adrenalin), the world's first adrenal cortex hormone

Founded as Sankyo Shoten through a joint investment by businessmen Matasaku Shiobara (pictured to the left), Shotaro Nishimura, and Genjiro Fukui and launched digestive enzyme taka-diastase



1910

Dr. Umetaro Suzuki, who became Sankyo's scientific adviser, made the world's first discovery of vitamin B1 (orizanin) in rice bran and established a foundation for the theory of vitamins



1913

Changed company name from Sankvo Shoten to Sankvo Co.. Ltd., and appointed Dr. Jokichi Takamine as its first president



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1986

Launched loxoprofen (Product name: Loxonin), an anti-inflammatory analgesic



Launched pravastatin (Product name: Mevalotin), a globally groundbreaking antihyperlipidemic agent

1989



2002

Launched global product olmesartan (Product names: Olmetec and Benicar), an antihypertensive agent (Japanese launch took place in 2004)

History of Daiichi Pharmaceutical

Daiichi Pharmaceutical began its advance by using its organic synthesis technologies to realize the domestic production of salvarsan, a pioneering chemotherapeutic drug.

This company also commercialized tranexamic acid, which is once again garnering attention for its antiplasmin effects (hemostasis and antiinflammatory effects), and succeeded in developing and launching ticlopidine, which opened the door for antiplatelet therapies in the cardiovascular field.

Levofloxacin, which could be seen as a masterpiece in the field of synthetic antibacterial agents, left a mark on the history of not only Japan but also the entire world with its broad spectrum of antibacterial activity.



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Founded as Arsemin Shokai by Dr. Katsuzaemon Keimatsu production of *salvarsan*, a reatment for syphilis, which was a common disease in Japan at that time



1918

Changed company name to Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., and appointed Seinosuke Shibata as its first president



1921

Launched adrenaline (Product name: Bosmin), a vasoconstriction, hemostasis and asthma medicine that became its longest-lasting product



1965

Launched tranexamic acid (Product name Transamin), an antiplasmin medicine



1981

Launched ticlopidine (Product name: Panaldine),



Launched levofloxacin (Product name: Cravit), a broad-spectrum oral antibacterial agent



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Launched ofloxacin (Product name: Tarivid), a broad-spectrum oral antibacterial agent



2005

Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd., established through merger of Sankyo Co., Ltd., and Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd

2007

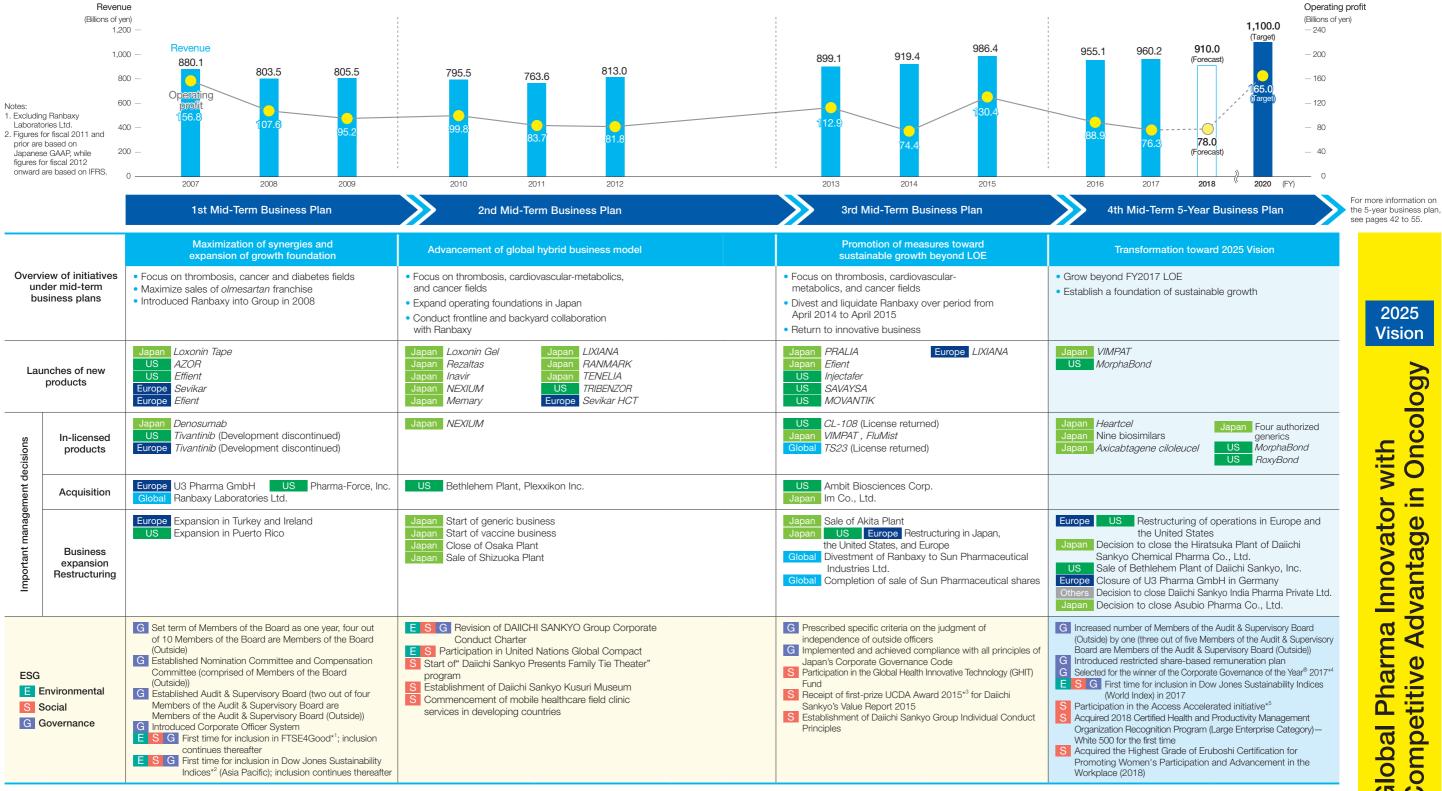
Start of new Dajichi Sankvo Group

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History of Daiichi Sankyo-Road After the Merger

Carrying on the century-long strength in science & technology forged by its predecessors, Daiichi Sankyo continues its quest to create innovative pharmaceuticals. We have been successful in growing olmesartan and edoxaban, the fruits of our predecessors' efforts and expertise in science & technology, into major global products. The ADC* franchise, which will be key to the future of Daiichi Sankyo, is also built upon these strengths using the biotechnologies of Sankyo in the antibody portion of these drugs and the synthesis technologies of Daiichi Pharmaceutical in the linker and drug payload portions.

Moreover, we are committed to maintaining a corporate governance structure that always fits with the times as we build upon our global systems together with our robust, global pool of talent. In Japan, the honest and trustworthy activities of our medical representatives have continued to be highly appreciated for a long time. As a result of that, our domestic pharmaceutical revenue claimed the No. 1 spot for two consecutive years since fiscal 2016. Looking ahead, we will further strengthen our presence in Japan by furnishing wide-ranging responses to diverse medical needs through our four businesses of innovative pharmaceuticals, generic, vaccine and over-the counter (OTC) related businesses.



* Antibody Drug Conjugate

2025 Vision

Oncology Pharma Innovator with <u>_</u> Advantage Competitive Global

^{*1} Index compiled by FTSE Russell recognizing companies that engage in responsible corporate activities

^{*2} Index compiled by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC and RobecoSAM AG recognizing companies that exhibit sustainability

^{*3} Award for communication design

^{*4} An award for companies hosted by the Japan Association of Corporate Directors, which supports corporations that have achieved and maintained

^{*5} Initiative through which pharmaceutical companies work together with The World Bank Group and the Union for International Cancer Control to improve non-communicable diseases prevention, diagnosis, and treatment options in low-income and lower-middle income country