**Nanahoshi Management** Japan Shareholder Proposals Report 2023





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Summary

# We aim to introduce excellent activism opportunities in the Japanese equity market for investors outside Japan.

By being a shareholder activist and shareholder activism outsourcing provider, we, Nanahoshi Management, contribute to the equity market in Japan.

#### The scope of this Report

We have gathered the results of the resolution data and processed them. The scope is the annual general meetings held in June 2023. The past data from 2020 are primarily based on other data sources specified in every slide. We carefully reviewed all the data but don't guarantee the data's completeness or accuracy. Please find the disclaimer on page 14 before using this Report.

#### About us

Nanahoshi Management started its activist strategy investment in September 2022. We disclosed our activist campaign to YSK (2812) and successfully executed appropriate shareholder rights, including exercising the rights to propose resolutions to YSK this June. Please find more on page 12.

Summary

Adj. hld	Adjusted holdings are the proposing shareholder's # of shares divided by the total votes cast (favour, against, abstentions, and votes in attendance). The total votes cast are estimated by # of votes in favour divided by % of votes in favour. Please note that the denominator of this calculation is not all the voting rights because the total votes cast are smaller than the total voting rights.
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AoA	Articles of Association
DOE	Dividend on Equity (Dividend per share divided by Book value per share)
ND in adj hld column	Not Disclosed. The data in the column is the number acquired from the company's document, the proposing shareholder's document, or a reasonable estimation of the exact holdings at the record date of the end of March from public filings. Therefore, if the shareholder's latest large holding filing was 7.32%, which is obligated for 5% holding and every 1%pt change, on 20th March 2023, the column is ND though at least >6.32% can be confirmed.
Votes in favour percentage	Most companies report this percentage. If % of against votes against is reported instead of the votes in favour percentage, the percentage of votes in favour is recalculated by votes in favour divided by the estimated total votes cast. See page 10 and 11.

#### Useful links regarding the AGM season in Japan

#### RE: Pre-AGM 2023 summary and historical number of shareholder proposals

- Shareholder Proposals Hit Record in Japan in Quest for Returns (Bloomberg, By Hideyuki Sano and Yasutaka Tamura, 20 June 2023)
- 粉糾必至!「2023年株主総会」の注目企業と争点(2023.6.24,東洋経済オンライン,山田雄一郎)

#### RE: Past AGM analysis

- Shareholder Meetings in Japan June 2022 (Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, SuMi TRUST ENGAGEMENT SQUARE, August 2022) see. P.22
- Japan 2022 Proxy Season (White & Case LLP, 27 December 2022)
- 勝てたのは6%、2022年「株主提案の勝敗」全リスト(2022.7.25,東洋経済オンライン,山田 雄一郎,東洋経済 株主総会取材班)

#### RE: Results of resolutions at AGMs provided with Excel files

• 「機関投資家の議決権行使結果」円谷昭一研究所

#### RE: The rule of a shareholder proposal in Japan

• Filing a shareholder proposal in Japan(PRI)

#### RE: The calculation of the percentage of votes in favour

• 「外国人投資家の実像とディスクロージャー・IR」(プロネクサス総合研究所研究所レポート2014第8号)8頁 円谷昭一教授

Ranking

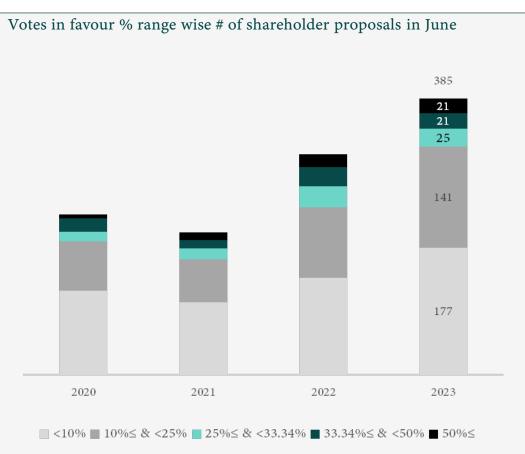
#### 2023 shareholder proposals in a nutshell

## Proposals other than the elections of candidates are approved

- AVI successfully passed their proposals at the AGM of NC Holdings (6236)

#### AVI's proposals recording >50% votes in favour

	Votes in favour			
Resolution type	percentage	threshold		
Enable shareholders to approve the distribution of surplus	69.56%	66.67%		
2 Distribution of surplus (Dividend)	61.58%	50%		
Remuneration (Performance-Based Stock & Restricted Shares)	58.01%	50%		
4 Number of Directors	56.71%	66.67%		
Policy against Large-Scale Purchases of Share Certificates	56.59%	66.67%		
6 Limit third-party allocation of shares	56.41%	66.67%		



Note(1): the # of  $\geq$  50% resolutions other than elections of candidates are 0, 1, 1, and 6 from 2020 to 2023, respectively.

- The resolution in 2021 was to disclose the cost of equity for Uniden HD (which is not listed now) by Lim Advisors. The votes in favour percentage was 53.91%, but the threshold was 66.67% (not approved).
- The resolution in 2022 was to distribute the surplus, gaining 97.19% in favour. The company submitted the exact resolution as the shareholder; therefore, this is both the shareholder and company proposals.

Note(2): the # of resolutions is counted on a candidate basis. If the proposals of an election of candidates are for three candidates, the number of resolutions is three, not one.

#### Resolutions with top votes in favour list

#### AVI, DSG1 and YFO passed their proposals

- Sixteen candidates are approved as directors and a statutory auditor

Ranking

- Despite the majority percentage of votes in favour, 3 proposals (11, 12, and 13) were not approved as the threshold was 66.67%

List of $\geq 50\%$ votes in favor	Vote	es in favour	賛成票		
Shareholder 提案株主	Proposed company 提案を受けた会社	Types of resolutions 株主提案の種類	Percentage 割合	Threshold 基準	o/w ajd. hld 調整後保有割合
1 Asset Value Investors	NC holdings (NCホールデ、ィンク ゙ス 6236)	Enable shareholders to approve the distribution of surplus	69.56%	66.67%	22.25%
2 Daring Savvy Growth 1 (DSG1)	FVC (フューチャーベンチャーキャピタル 8462)	Mr Sawada (Director)	62.93%	50%	34.63%
3 Daring Savvy Growth 1 (DSG1)	FVC (フューチャーベンチャーキャピタル 8462)	Mr Maruono (Director)	62.85%	50%	34.63%
4 Daring Savvy Growth 1 (DSG1)	FVC (フューチャーヘンチャーキャヒ。タル 8462)	Mr Ito (Director)	62.82%	50%	34.63%
5 Daring Savvy Growth 1 (DSG1)	FVC (フューチャーベンチャーキャピタル 8462)	Mr Iida (Director)	62.74%	50%	34.63%
6 Daring Savvy Growth 1 (DSG1)	FVC (フューチャーヘ゛ンチャーキャヒ゜タル <b>8462)</b>	Mr Gamo (Director)	62.65%	50%	34.63%
7 Daring Savvy Growth 1 (DSG1)	FVC (フューチャーベンチャーキャピタル 8462)	Mr Kim (Director)	62.55%	50%	34.63%
8 Daring Savvy Growth 1 (DSG1)	FVC (フューチャーヘンチャーキャヒ。タル 8462)	Mr Kubo (Director)	62.50%	50%	34.63%
9 Asset Value Investors	NC holdings (NCホールデ ィンク ス 6236)	Distribution of surplus (Dividend)	61.58%	50%	22.25%
10 Asset Value Investors	NC holdings (NCホールデ゛ィンク゛ス 6236)	Remuneration (Performance-Based Stock & Restricted Shares)	58.01%	50%	22.25%
11 Asset Value Investors	NC holdings (NCホールデ゛ィンク゛ス 6236)	Number of Directors	56.71%	66.67%	22.25%
12 Asset Value Investors	NC holdings (NCホールデ ィンク ス 6236)	Policy against Large-Scale Purchases of Share Certificates	56.59%	66.67%	22.25%
13 Asset Value Investors	NC holdings (NCホールデ ィング ス 6236)	Limit third-party allocation of shares	56.41%	66.67%	22.25%
14 Yamauchi No. 10 Family Office	TOYO Const. (東洋建設 1890)	Mr Matsuki (Director)	56.09%	50%	27.92%
15 Yamauchi No. 10 Family Office	TOYO Const. (東洋建設 1890)	Mr Kato (Director)	54.83%	50%	27.92%
16 Yamauchi No. 10 Family Office	TOYO Const. (東洋建設 1890)	Mr Okada (Director)	53.83%	50%	27.92%
17 Yamauchi No. 10 Family Office	TOYO Const. (東洋建設 1890)	Mr Natori (Director)	53.83%	50%	27.92%
18 Yamauchi No. 10 Family Office	TOYO Const. (東洋建設 1890)	Mrs Nonaka (Statutory auditor)	53.52%	50%	27.92%
19 Yamauchi No. 10 Family Office	TOYO Const. (東洋建設 1890)	Mr Yoshida (Director)	52.19%	50%	27.92%
20 Yamauchi No. 10 Family Office	TOYO Const. (東洋建設 1890)	Mr Tosaka (Director)	51.16%	50%	27.92%
21 Yamauchi No. 10 Family Office	TOYO Const. (東洋建設 1890)	Mr Uchiyama (Director)	50.59%	50%	27.92%

Ranking

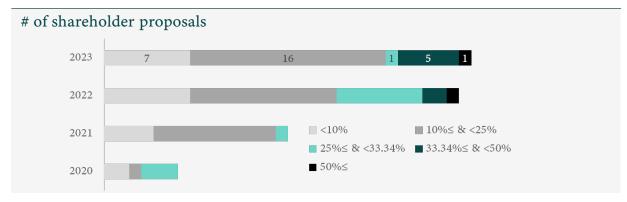
#### Distribution of surplus (Dividend)

### The # of 33.34-50% votes in favour increased in 2023

- AVI ranked as #1 and #4. One of them was approved, with 61.58% in favour
- 3 proposals in the top 15 list requesting dividends equal to a particular DOE despite most focusing on a certain payout ratio

#### Top 15 votes in favour list (threshold: 50%)

		Votes i	in favour		
	Shareholder	Proposed company	Target Dividend	Percentage	o/w ajd. hld
1	Asset Value Investors	NC Holdings (NCホールデ・ィング ス 6236)	payout ratio 70%	61.58%	22.25%
2	VARECS	Technomedica (テクノメディカ 6678)	payout ratio 100%	41.36%	ND
3	ESG Inv. Partnership	MEG (宮地エンジニアリング 3431)	payout ratio 70%	38.84%	9.10%
4	Asset Value Investors	SK Kaken (エスケー化研 4628)	payout ratio 30%	35.14%	ND
5	Capital Gallery	Yotai (ヨータイ 5357)	no reference	33.60%	4.70%
6	Strategic Capital	Tachi-s (タチエス 7239)	DOE 6%	33.38%	11.70%
7	Silchester	Obayashi (大林組 1802)	payout ratio 50%+a	26.00%	2.31%
8	Strategic Capital	KYOKUTO KAI. (極東開発工業 7226)	Max [p/o ratio 100%, DOE 8%]	24.41%	6.45%
9	Not Disclosed	GIGA PRIZE (ギガプライズ 3830)	payout ratio 30%	23.19%	ND
10	Silchester	The Bank of Kyoto (京都銀行 8369)	50% of core NI + a	23.00%	6.86%
11	Not Disclosed	Shinnihon corp (新日本建設 1879)	no reference	22.57%	ND
12	Individual	Hyakugo Bank (百五銀行 8368)	payout ratio 50%	21.86%	0.01%
13	Strategic Capital & NAVF	Bunka Shutter (文化シヤッター 5930)	payout ratio 100%	21.47%	9.05%
14	Not Disclosed	TOHOKUSHINSHA (東北新社 2329)	no reference	19.12%	ND
15	Nanahoshi Management	YSK (焼津水産化学工業 2812)	DOE 10%	19.01%	0.64%



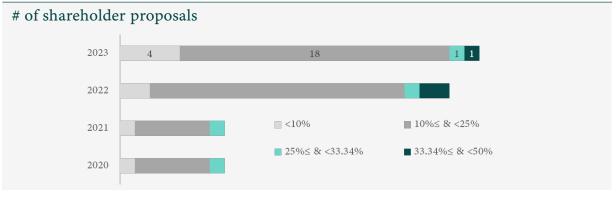
#### Share buyback

# 10 % of share outstanding / retained earnings are targeted

Nippon Active Value
 Fund, Longchamp and
 Dalton account for 6 of
 the top 15

#### Top 15 votes in favour list (threshold: 50%)

		Votes i	in favour		
	Shareholder	Proposed company	Target indicator	Percentage	o/w ajd. hld
1	Nippon Active Value Fund	Hokuetsu (北越コーポレーション 3865)	10% of shares outstanding	37.83%	ND
2	Nippon Value Investors	Nippon Seiki (日本精機 7287)	10% of retained earnings	31.67%	ND
3	TK1	NisshinHD (日神HD 8881)	no reference	24.22%	1.29%
4	Longchamp	TODA (戸田建設 1860)	10% of shares outstanding	23.76%	ND
5	Nippon Active Value Fund	Ishihara Chemical (石原ケミカル 4462)	10% of shares outstanding	22.10%	5.96%
6	Individual	Hyakugo Bank (百五銀行 8368)	no reference	21.95%	0.01%
7	Nippon Active Value Fund	MEISEI (明星工業 1976)	10% of shares outstanding	21.91%	5.13%
8	Not Disclosed	Shinnihon corp (新日本建設 1879)	no reference	21.83%	ND
9	Nippon Value Investors	NETUREN (ネツレン 5976)	10% of retained earnings	21.62%	ND
10	Nippon Active Value Fund	Bunka Shutter (文化シヤッター 5930)	10% of shares outstanding	21.38%	ND
11	Nippon Active Value Fund	VITAL KSK (バイタルKSK 3151)	10% of shares outstanding	20.50%	ND
12	HIDESHOU	Mitsui M&S (三井金属鉱業 5706)	no reference	20.25%	0.07%
13	Silchester	The Bank of Kyoto (京都銀行 8369)	no reference	20.00%	6.86%
14	Not Disclosed	North Pacific Bank (北洋銀行 8524)	Total Return Ratio 55%	16.53%	0.01%
15	TK1	YAGI (ヤギ 7460)	no reference	16.31%	ND



Ranking



#### Other distribution of surplus-related proposals

Proposals that enable shareholders to approve some capital allocation (dividends\*, cancellations of treasury shares) gained significant votes in favour

- AVI passed the proposal, and Not Disclosed shareholders marked >30% in favour

Shares distribution in kind (distribution of the cross-shareholdings, a.k.a strategically held shares) stand out for this AGM season

- Such a proposal is a brand-new approach to solving cross-shareholding issues, particularly for a company holding on to a massive amount of a particular stock

Top 10 votes in favour list (threshold: 50% or 66.67%)

	Description of the resolution							
	Shareholder	Proposed company	Target indicator	Percentage	o/w ajd. hld			
1	Asset Value Investors	NC Holdings (NCホールデ、ィンク ス 6236)	Enable shareholders to approve the distribution of surplus	69.56%	22.25%			
2	Individual	Ahresty (アーレスティ 5852)	Enable shareholders to approve the distribution of surplus	33.98%	2.25%			
3	Not Disclosed	Suruga Bank (スルガ銀行 8358)	Enable shareholders to approve the distribution of surplus	31.82%	0.03%			
4	Asset Value Investors	SK Kaken (エスケー化研 4628)	Enable shareholders to approve the cancellation of treasury shares	25.84%	ND			
5	Hibiki Path Advisors	Japan Pure Chemical (日本高純度化学 4973)	Set DOE 5% policy in AoA	23.83%	ND			
6	Strategic Capital	Tachi-s (タチエス <b>7239</b> )	Shares distribution in kind	23.76%	11.70%			
7	Nanahoshi Management	YSK (焼津水産化学工業 2812)	Unable the board solely to approve the distribution of surplus	20.56%	0.64%			
8	Not Disclosed	SHINTO PAINT (神東塗料 4615)	Enable shareholders to approve the distribution of surplus	19.80%	0.13%			
9	Individual	Maruhachi Securities (丸八証券 8700)	Enable shareholders to approve the distribution of surplus	17.10%	1.71%			
10	Individual	Ahresty (アーレスティ 5852)	Set 1% of equity capital for share buyback policy in AoA	15.75%	2.25%			

<sup>\*</sup> Company can enable the board of directors to determine the distribution of surplus without shareholders' approval if the company fulfils specific criteria (tenure of directors etc.). Therefore, such shareholder proposals substantially request to return the right to shareholders.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Though AoA states that both the board and shareholders can approve the distribution in theory, the board can choose whether to raise the resolution to the AGM in practice. As the board of YSK continues to determine the distribution by themselves, the shareholders cannot directly participate in the determination process, such as in YSK's case. Nanahoshi Management requested to let the board cannot solely determine the distribution.

#### Climate-related proposals

The # of climaterelated proposals doubled, marking a gradual increase to 14 in 2023, from 7 in 2022 and 3 in 2021, respectively

- The Proposal by Kyoto City marked a record-high favour percentage at 36.4%, followed by the proposal to Mizuho at 34% in 2020
- Asia Shareholder
   Action
   strengthened their
   presence

#### All the 14 proposals (threshold: 66.67%)

Ranking

	Description of the resolution				Votes in favour	
	Shareholder	Proposed company	Target indicator	Percentage	o/w ajd. hld	
1	Kyoto City	Kansai Elec. (関西電力 9503)	Disclose the transition plan and the risks & opportunities related to the medium- to long-term climate based on the scenario analysis up to 2050, which aligns with the Paris Agreement	36.40%	0.60%	
2	Amundi, HSBC AM and Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility	J-Power (電源開発 9513)	Formulate and disclose a plan to achieve science-based short/medium-term GHG emissions reduction targets aligned with the Paris Agreement in annual reports	21.20%	ND	
3	Osaka City & Kyoto City	Kansai Elec. (関西電力 9503)	Achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 including power generation in which renewable energy is set as the main power source (and contribution to achieving a zero-carbon Society)	21.00%	10.29%	
4	Asia Shareholder Action  SMFG (8316)  Issuing and disclosing a transition plan to align lending and investment portfolios with the Paris Agreement's 1.5 degree goal requiring net zero emissions by 2050		20.68%	ND		
5	Asia Shareholder Action	MitsubishiCorp (三菱商事 8058)	Adoption and disclosure of short/long term GHG emission reduction target alined with the Paris Agreement	19.84%	ND	
6	Asia Shareholder Action	Chubu Elec. (中部電力 9502)	Alignment of capital allocation with a net zero by 2050 pathway	19.60%	ND	
7	Asia Shareholder Action	Mizuho (みずほFG 8411)	Issuing and disclosing a transition plan to align lending and investment portfolios with the Paris Agreement's 1.5 degree goal requiring net zero emissions by 2050	19.00%	ND	
8	Asia Shareholder Action	MUFG (8306)	Issuing and disclosing a transition plan to align lending and investment portfolios with the Paris Agreement's 1.5 degree goal requiring net zero emissions by 2050	17.32%	ND	
9	Nanahoshi Management	YSK (焼津水産化学工業 2812)	Issuing and disclosing a transition plan while joining UN Race to Zero Campaign	15.16%	0.64%	
10	Kapitalforeningen MP Invest, Storebrand AM, APG AM	TOYOTA (トヨタ自動車 7203)	Annual review and report of the impact caused by climate-related lobbying activities and the alignment with the goals of the Paris Agreement	15.06%	ND	
11	Amundi, HSBC AM and Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility	J-Power (電源開発 9513)	Disclose how the remuneration policies facilitate the achievement of the science-based short- and medium-term GHG emissions reduction targets	15.00%	ND	
12	Asia Shareholder Action	MitsubishiCorp (三菱商事 8058)	Disclosure how to evaluate the consistency of each new material CapEx with a net zero GHG emissions by 2050 scenario	12.42%	ND	
13	Asia Shareholder Action	Tokyo Elec. (東京電力HD 9501)	Alignment of capital allocation with a net zero by 2050 pathway	9.86%	0.001%	
14	HIDESHOU	Mitsui M&S (三井金属鉱業 5706)	Announce initiatives in line with the Paris Agreement, considering risks & opportunities associated with climate change	8.72%	0.07%	

#### Rest of the shareholder proposals

#### Summary of the rest of shareholder proposals

Summary

				Votes i	n favour		
	#	Avg. %	<10%	10%≤ <25%	25%≤ <33.34%	33.34%≤ <50%	50%≤
Limit third-party allocation of shares	1	56%					1
Proposals regarding takeover defense	5	33%		2	2		1
Proposals regarding remuneration		20%	10	17	9	4	1
Disclosure of remuneration	17	22%	1	8	6	2	
Remuneration (Restricted shares)	9	20%	3	4		1	1
Remuneration policy in AoA	6	13%	4		2		
Set clawback policy	4	11%	1	3			
Other	5	23%	1	2	1	1	
Unwind cross-shareholdings	3	22%		2	1		
Forbid Advisor for ex-CEO	2	20%		2			
Disclosure of Cost of Capital	4	18%	1	1	2		
% of outside director in the board	12	16%	3	8		1	

Limit third-party allocation of shares proposed by AVI was not approved as it required 66.67% in favour

Takeover defense-related proposals and remuneration-related proposals (Disclosure of remuneration, set remuneration policy etc.) gained solid votes in favour

#### List of proposals regarding takeover defense

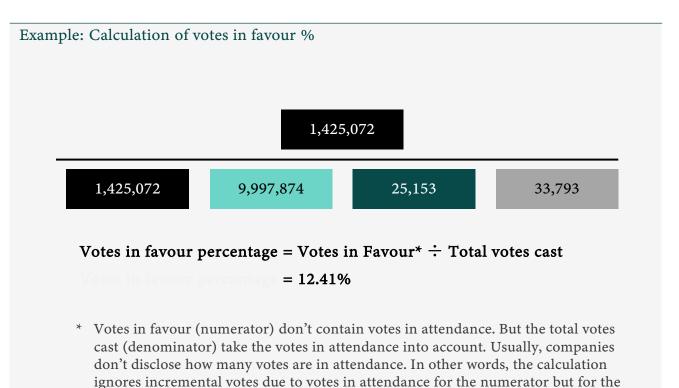
			Votes in fav	our		
	Shareholder	Proposed company	Target indicator	Percentage	Threshold	o/w ajd. hld
1	Asset Value Investors	NC Holdings (NCホールデ゛ィンク゛ス 6236)	Set takeover defense measure in AoA	56.59%	66.67%	22.25%
2	Unearth International	Oi Electric (大井電気 6822)	Abolition of takeover defense measures	32.15%	50%	23.95%
3	Nanahoshi Management	YSK (焼津水産化学工業 2812)	Abolition of takeover defense measures	27.01%	50%	0.64%
4	Kaname Capital	FUKUDA DENSHI (フクダ電子 6960)	Abolition of takeover defense measures	24.32%	50%	ND
5	Kaname Capital	FUKUDA DENSHI (フクダ電子 6960)	Set takeover defense measure in AoA	23.76%	66.67%	ND

#### Calculation of votes in favour percentage

Summary

#### Total votes cast

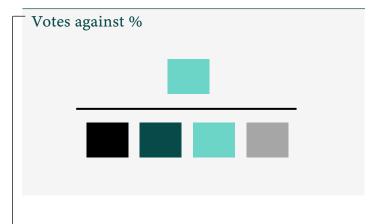




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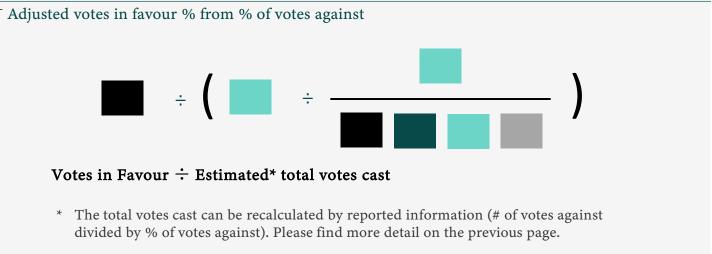
#### Calculation of adjusted % of votes in favour

Summary



Like-for-Like comparison requires adjusting those companies reporting only % of votes against.

- Due to not disclosing the # of votes in attendance, the adjustment is not simply done by 100% - % of votes against
- The adjustment is applied to 8 companies, including YSK (2812), proposed by Nanahoshi Management



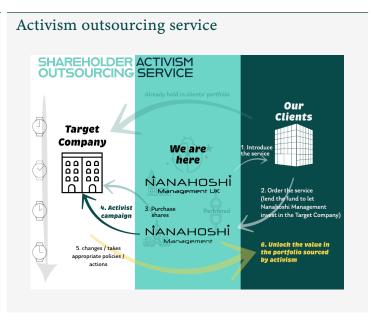
#### About us

- Shareholder activism outsourcing service <a href="https://nanahoshimgmt.co.uk/">https://nanahoshimgmt.co.uk/</a>
- Activist website campaign website (Optimize Yaizu) <a href="https://www.optimizeyaizu.com/">https://www.optimizeyaizu.com/</a>
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**Contact Form** 







#### Description of raw data available for request

Summary

We are happy to share the raw (pre-process) data below free of charge for those who are interested in our shareholder activism outsourcing service

Request the data

Ticker	Japanese name	English name	Resolutions (shareholder proposals)	Favour	Against	Absten tion	Favour %	Against %	EDINET	Notice of AGM	Recalculation of Favour % from Against %
2812	焼津水産化学工業	YAIZU SUISANKAGAK U INDUSTRY CO.,LTD.	第3号議案 剰 余金の処分の件	17,269	67,672	: 0	19.01	. 74.50	https://disclosure2.edinet- )fsa.go.jp/WZEK0040.aspx?S100R 3BV,,	https://www.nikkei.c om/nkd/disclosure/td nr/20230531589210/	yes
2812	焼津水産化学工業	YAIZU SUISANKAGAK U INDUSTRY CO.,LTD.	第5号議案 取 締役(監査等委 員である取締役 を除く)1名選 任の件	13,249	71,705	0	14.60		https://disclosure2.edinet- ofsa.go.jp/WZEK0040.aspx?S100R 3BV,,	https://www.nikkei.c om/nkd/disclosure/td nr/20230531589210/	yes
2812	焼津水産化学工業	YAIZU SUISANKAGAK U INDUSTRY CO.,LTD.	第6号議案 剰 余金の処分に係 る定款一部変更 の件	18,672	66,282	2 0	20.56	73.00	https://disclosure2.edinet- lfsa.go.jp/WZEK0040.aspx?S100R 3BV,,	https://www.nikkei.c om/nkd/disclosure/td nr/20230531589210/	yes
2812	焼津水産化学工業	YAIZU SUISANKAGAK U INDUSTRY CO.,LTD.	第7号議案 気候変動リスク対応に関する定款 一部変更の件	13,765	71,180	0	15.16		https://disclosure2.edinet- )fsa.go.jp/WZEK0040.aspx?S100R 3BV,,	https://www.nikkei.c om/nkd/disclosure/td nr/20230531589210/	yes
2812	焼津水産化学工業	YAIZU SUISANKAGAK U INDUSTRY CO.,LTD.	第8号議案 当 社株式の大規模 買付行為に関す る対応方針(買 収防衛策)廃止 を求める件	24,510	60,444	- 0	27.01		https://disclosure2.edinet- ofsa.go.jp/WZEK0040.aspx?S100R 3BV,,	https://www.nikkei.c om/nkd/disclosure/td nr/20230531589210/	yes

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