

Improving DENSO's Corporate Value

- (1) Sustainability management
- (2) Financial strategy to improve ROE

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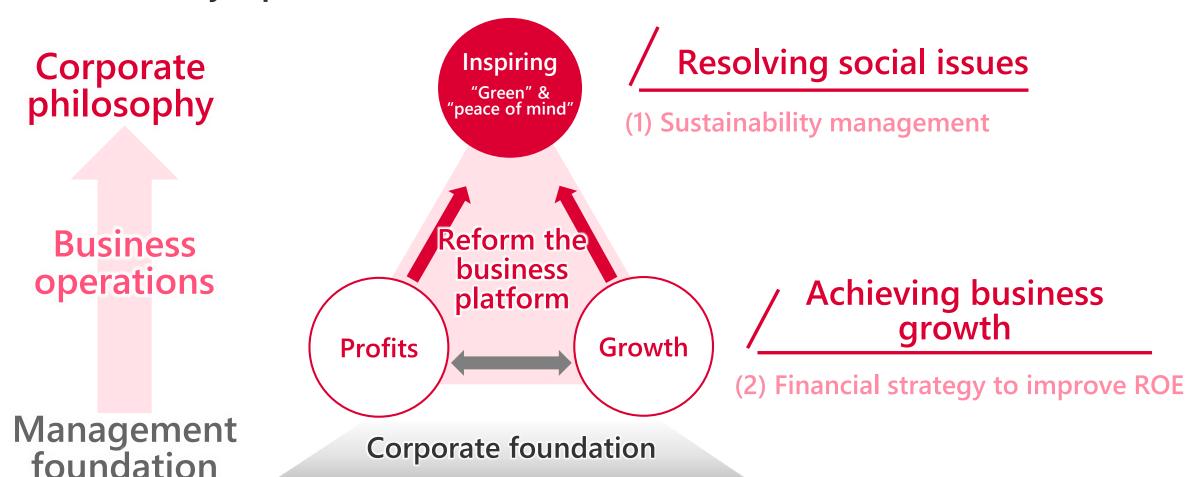
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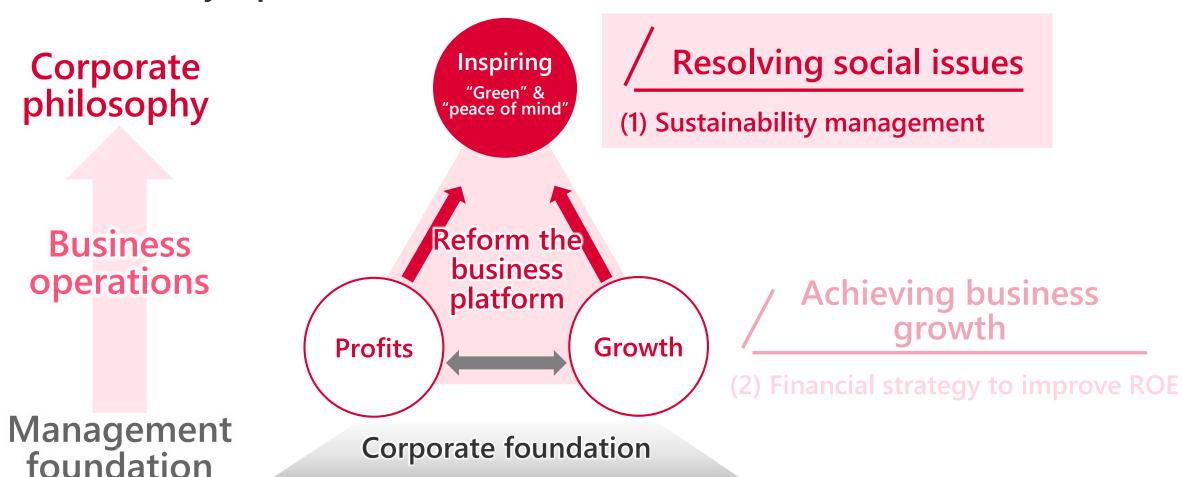
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# (1) Sustainability management

Green strategy

Achieve carbon neutrality by 2035

Peace of Mind strategy

Become a leading provider of "Peace of Mind" to society

Corporate foundation
Support the business strategy to become an inspiring company

Maximize the value proposition of "Green" and "Peace of Mind" based on the solid corporate foundation and help create a sustainable society



### "Green" and "Peace of Mind" strategies

#### **Green** strategy Peace of Mind strategy Become a leading provider of Achieve carbon neutrality by 2035 "peace of mind" to society Main results Main results Goal Goal (Apr. 2021-Mar. 2022) (Apr. 2021-Mar. 2022) **Elimination** Achieve freedom of Release of GSP3 (an active safety • CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Manufact mobility with no of traffic product) Achieve complete carbon plants: -48% traffic accident Revenue from ADAS: 320 billion neutrality at our plants accident uring (compared to FY2012 level) fatalities yen fatalities Release of a thermal management Cumulative production product for battery electric Comfortable Create peaceful, of over 20 million Contribute to the vehicles (BEVs) comfortable spaces inverters spaces (high-efficiency eco heat pump **Mobility** electrification of cars to Revenue from system) released reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions electrification: 550 Agriculture: Conclusion of a billion yen Establish a society comprehensive agreement on Support for where people food and agriculture with a local Contribute to a carbonworking are supported and government Energy neutral society by Adopted by the Green their potential is Factory automation (FA): Release Innovation Fund people capturing and reusing use nurtured of COBOTTA PRO (a collaborative $CO_2$ robot)

Steady progress in maximizing the "Green" and "Peace of Mind" values



### **Corporate foundation**

### **Corporate foundation**

Support the business strategy to become an inspiring company

### Sustainability KPIs (non-financial KPIs)

Goal

- Instill the practice of sustainability management
- Meet stakeholders' expectations

Results

Establishment of KPIs for material issues (materiality)

Specific examples

Main KPIs	
Green	<ul> <li>CO<sub>2</sub> from plants</li> <li>Popularization of electrification products</li> </ul>
Peace of mind	<ul> <li>Popularization of ADAS products</li> </ul>
Corporate foundation	<ul> <li>Local employees in leadership roles at overseas bases</li> <li>Women in management positions</li> </ul>

Main results (Apr.2021–)

- Establishment of sustainability KPIs
- Reforms to officer compensation system
- Formulation of human rights policy and implementation of human rights due diligence

### Mechanism for attaining the KPIs

Leadership k management t

ction by employees

Goal

- Give incentives to improve corporate value over the medium to long term
- Give incentives from the viewpoint of stakeholders

Results

Introduction of sustainability KPIs in the evaluation of executive compensation

Goal

Change behavior by developing a sense of ownership in sustainability management

Results

Embedding of sustainability management in global operations

Specific examples

- Individuals: Visualization of the link between personal targets and SDGs
- Global: Assignment of sustainability leaders in respective regions

Accelerate changes in behavior based on "Sustainability KPIs" and "Mechanisms for attaining the KPIs"



### External evaluations and commendations for initiatives

### Main SRI/ESG investment indices

MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes Constituent

**2022** CONSTITUENT MSCI JAPAN ESG SELECT LEADERS INDEX





Japan



FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index



# Long-term credit rating

Rating agency

R&I

S&P

Moody's

(as of December 15, 2022)

Rating

**AAA** 

A+

**A2** 

# Evaluation of IR activities

ディスクロージャー 2021年度 優良企業



Silver Award of the WIC Japan Integrated Report Award



Integrated Report Award 2022

### **Evaluations in Japan and overseas**







Energy Conservation Grand Prize Award for 12 consecutive years



First runner-up prize of DNIA "ASEAN Energy Award 2021" (Indonesia)



34 gold medals in total at the WorldSkills Competition



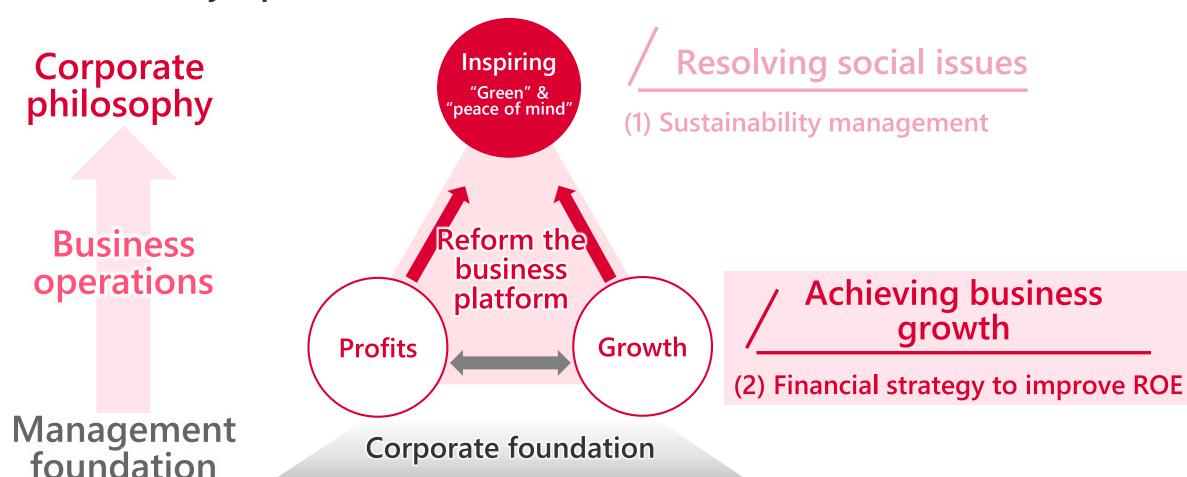
"Industrial Waste Management Award" (Platinum level) granted to SDM/SKD for seven consecutive years (Thailand)



Our business operations have been highly evaluated and commended by many entities in Japan and overseas



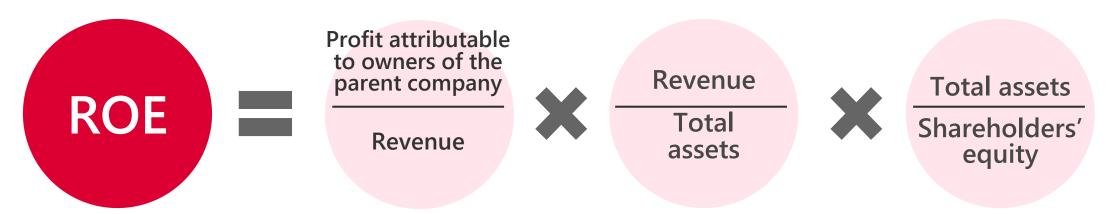
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### (2) Financial strategy to improve ROE



Target for 2025

Over 10%

**Continuous improvement of ROIC** 

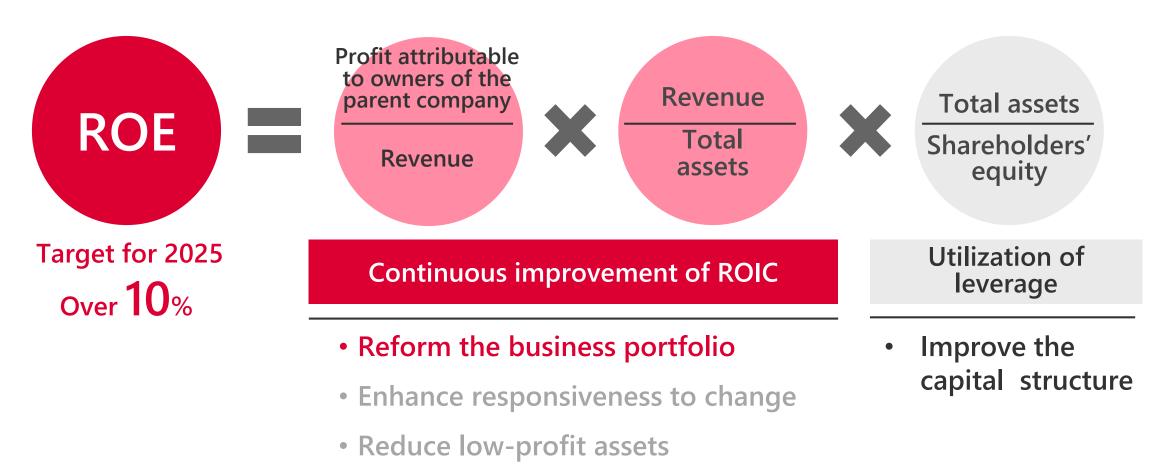
- Reform the business portfolio
- Enhance responsiveness to change
- Reduce low-profit assets

Utilization of leverage

Improve the capital structure

Improve ROIC and use leverage to create corporate value

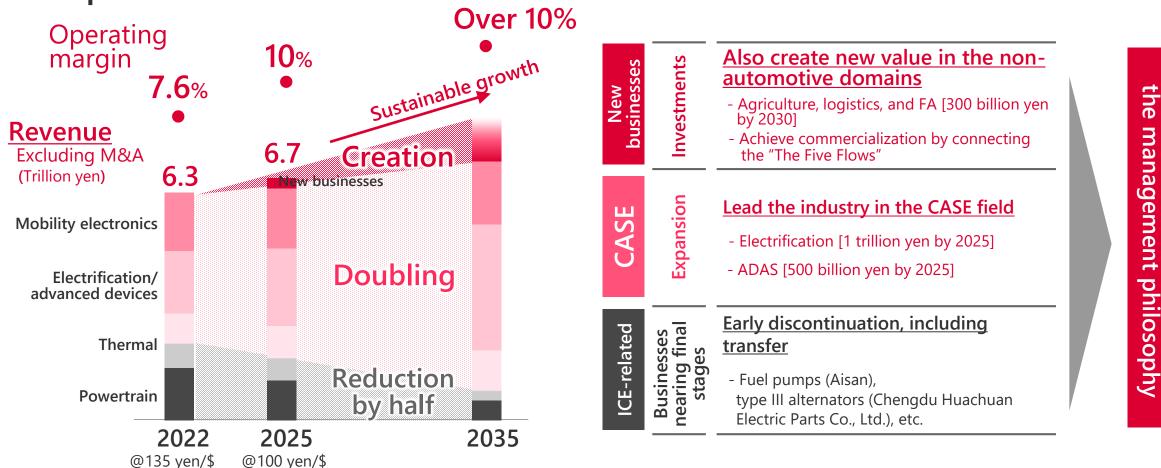
# (2) Financial strategy to improve ROE



### Improve ROIC and use leverage to create corporate value



Growth strategy that ensures a balance between management philosophy and profits

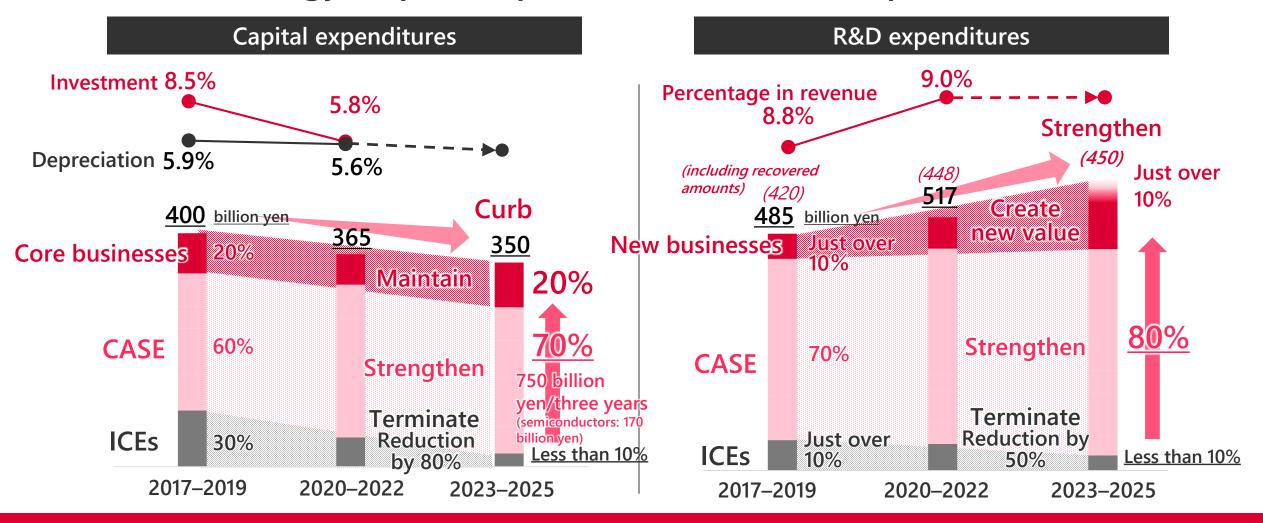


Reduce internal combustion engines (ICEs) by half and double the new business and CASE domains by reforming the portfolio



CO<sub>2</sub> emissions/zero traffic o

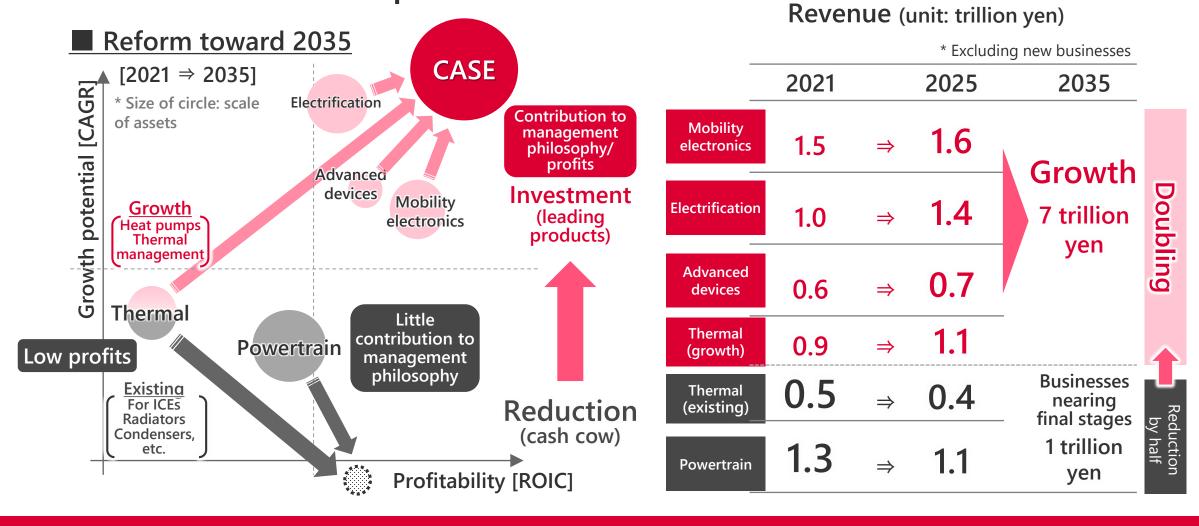
# Resources strategy (capital expenditures and R&D expenditures)



Shift investments from ICE to "Green" and "Peace of Mind"



### Reform of the business portfolio



Boldly shift to CASE to achieve management philosophy, growth, and profits



#### Management philosophy **CASE** domain (electrification) Green Contribute to electrification of vehicles and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions Technology development **Product deployment** Sales (growth potential) (energy management) (sales expansion of electrification products) Status of sales **Product** 2021 2025 2030 **Growth beyond** expansion cts produced units) Japanese-affiliated the market 3,100 **Inverters** companies: 10 12,000 19,000 European/U.S. (Just under (Percentage of companies: 6 (30%)(50%)BEVs) 10%) Chinese companies: 8 1 trillion yen Number of products (unit: 1,000 un Japanese-affiliated **Thermal** companies: 6 Double 250 2,800 5,400 European/U.S. management companies: 5 Chinese companies: 3 Japanese-affiliated Power supply 550 billion yen companies:8 3,900 12,700 7,600 European/U.S. systems Thermal management companies: 1 (BMUs) Chinese companies: 1 Control

Offer an extensive product lineup to cope with progress of electrification and expansion of BEVs

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**Products** 

2035

Inverters [high electric mileage]

Power supply systems (BMUs)

[improvement in electric mileage]

Thermal management products [energy transfer]



Power supply

**Electric drive** 

2021

Progress of electrification

2025

2030

**Expansion of BEVs** 

**BEVs** 

✓ Extended driving range

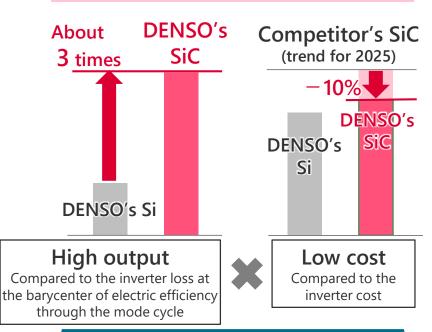
√ Comfortable spaces

√ Faster charging

### **CASE** domain (electrification)







Proprietary semiconductor structure, double-sided cooling technology

Extend the driving range by 20% (compared to using an electric heater)

#### **Thermal management products**

Utilization of waste heat



Utilize waste heat of inverters, etc. ⇒ Extend the driving range

Battery temperature adjustment



During rapid charging [cooling]

⇒ Reduce the charging time

When starting a vehicle in winter [heating] ⇒ Smooth start

Transfer of thermal energy across subsystems

Extend the driving range by 7% (compared to a competitor)

Power supply systems (BMUs)

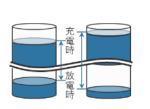


Improve by 50% from the current level

Downsizing Increase the cabin space

Downsize by 15% from a competitor Added
value
Meet the "3Rs"
requirements

Increase the degradation estimation accuracy by 5%



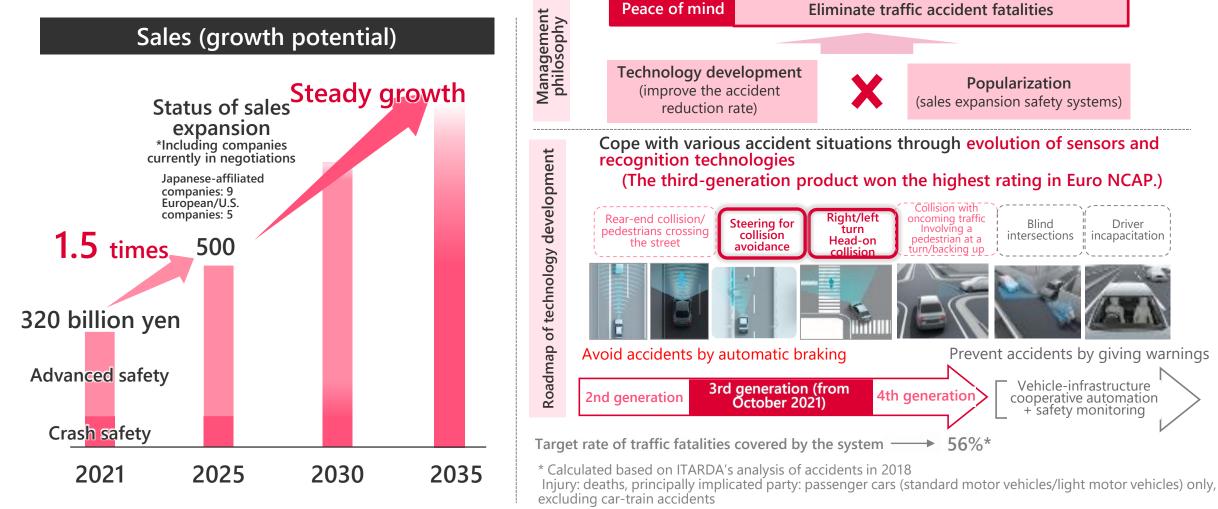




Safe and highly efficient battery control

Properly meet the demand for BEVs based on energy (electricity and heat) management technology

### **CASE** domain (ADAS)



Contribute to eliminating traffic fatalities through technology advancement and spread of products



Driver

### **CASE** domain (ADAS)

### Competitive advantages

Sensor performance

Detect objects over a wider range to cope with pedestrians/bicycles abruptly crossing the street

**DENSO** 128° Vision sensor Example of a vision sensor Competitor Bicycle crossing the street 103° Millimeter-20 km/r wave sensor Competitor Wide-angle image Meeting the most rigorous assessment conditions (one's own vehicle: 10 km/h × bicycle: 20 km/h)

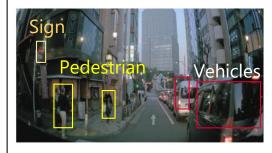
Expand the detection area outside the driver's visual angle

Image recognition technology

Achieve high-speed processing of widerange image data to improve detection performance

-Old: Identify objects

Individually check against the dictionary (storage data)



Recognition of pedestrians, bicycles, vehicles, etc. as obstacles

New: Understand the situation

Al learns the entire image (deep learning).



Urban area, a man and a woman crossing the street

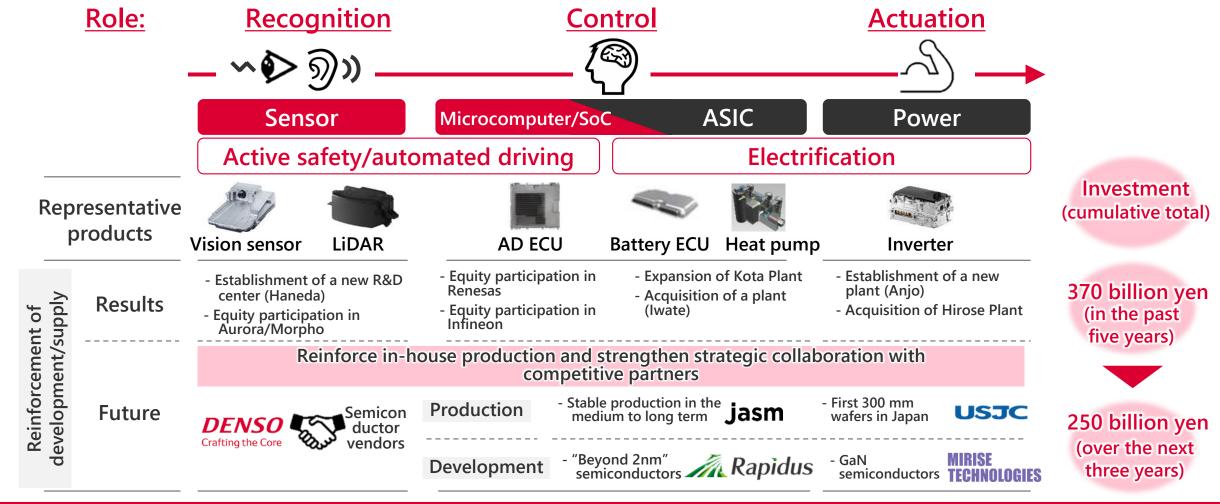
→ Risk estimation based on mutual relationship

Apply to sign detection and next-generation automated driving technologies

Continue to deliver "Peace of Mind" and safety to people by using proprietary technologies that meet present and future requirements



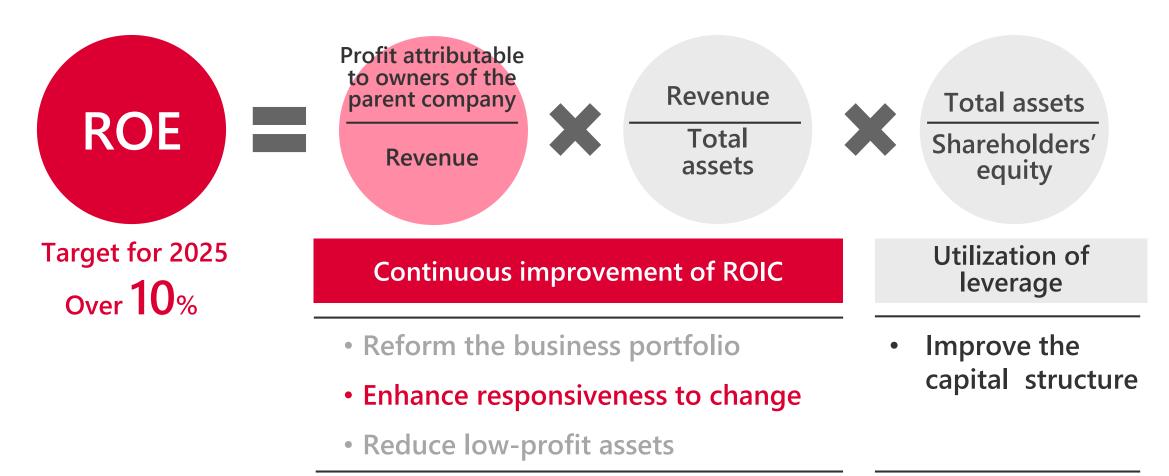
### Semiconductor strategy that underpins the CASE domain



Strategically cover all the domains based on in-house production and collaboration with partners



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### Improve ROIC and use leverage to create corporate value

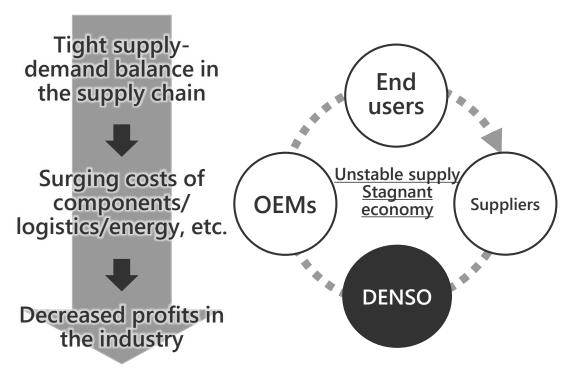


### Recognition of the current situation and ideal situation in the automotive industry

# Recognition of the current situation [negative direction/negative cycle]



**Ideal situation [positive direction/positive cycle]** 



Proper transfer of costs to customers across the supply chain

Reduction in expenses

End users

Stable supply

Vibrant economy

Suppliers

Suppliers

Decreased competitiveness/stagnant economic cycle in the industry

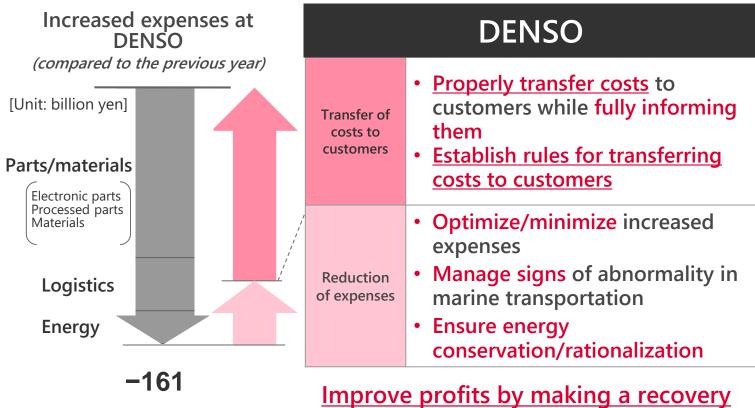
Increased competitiveness/smooth economic cycle in the industry

Contribute to increased competitiveness and smooth economic cycle in the automotive industry

### Specific efforts to enhance responsiveness to change

### Basic policy

Increase profits in response to worsening external conditions by "reducing expenses" and "transferring costs to customers"



### **Automotive industry**

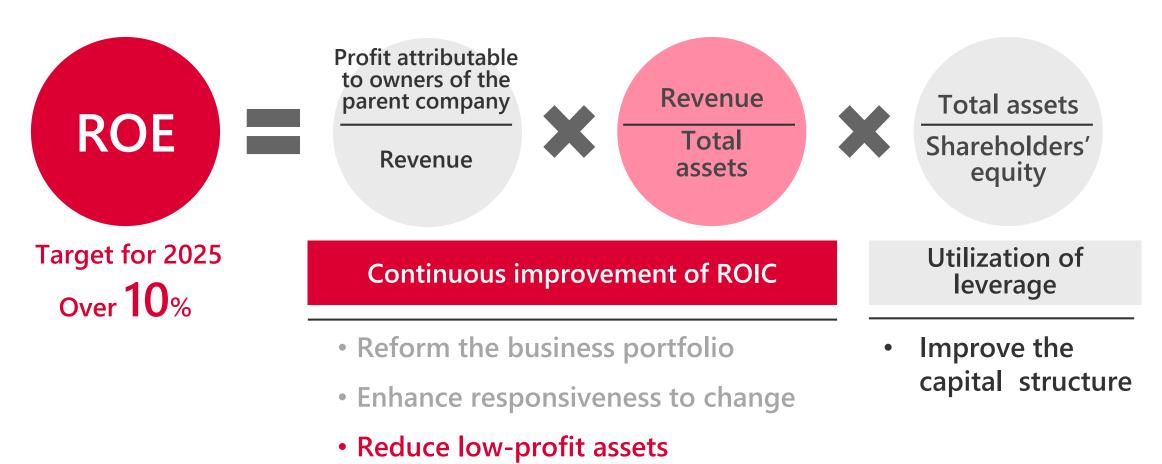
- Achieve a <u>positive</u> turnaround to promote transfer of costs to customers across the supply chain
- **Change business practices** [discount/inventory storage policy/design concept]

Change the workstyle in the industry

Improve profits and change the workstyle in the industry



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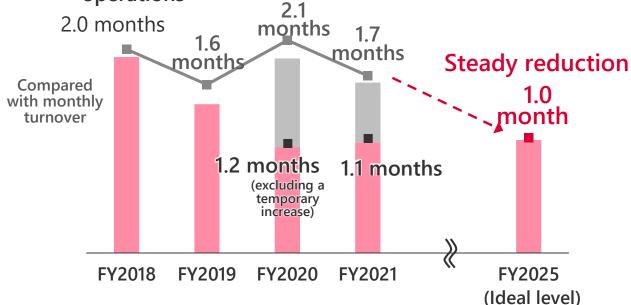


### Cash on hand/cross-shareholdings

#### Cash on hand

Target: 1.0 month (compared with monthly turnover) (further reduction after attaining the previously announced target of 1.1 months)

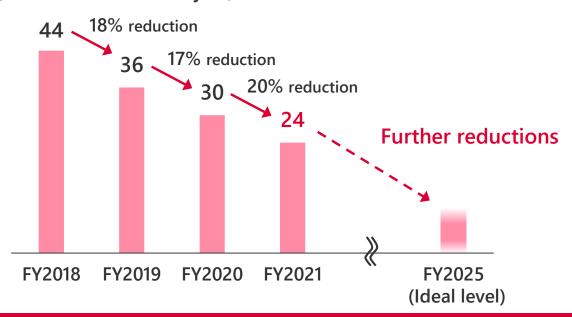
Minimization of cash on hand required for business operations



### **Cross-shareholdings**

DENSO sold holdings of <u>20 companies</u> in the past three years

 Generation of cash by further reductions (FY2021: 54.6 billion yen)



Steadily reduce low-profit assets and improve asset efficiency



### Global inventories

# Basic policy

- Secure the necessary inventories required for stable production across the supply chain and build a solid BCP
- Continuously reduce and optimize inventories in line with dissipation of operating environment factors (FY2023: 800 billion yen, 1.6 months compared with monthly turnover)

Concept of inventory management: determination of the target level for different types of inventories

**Temporary** inventories

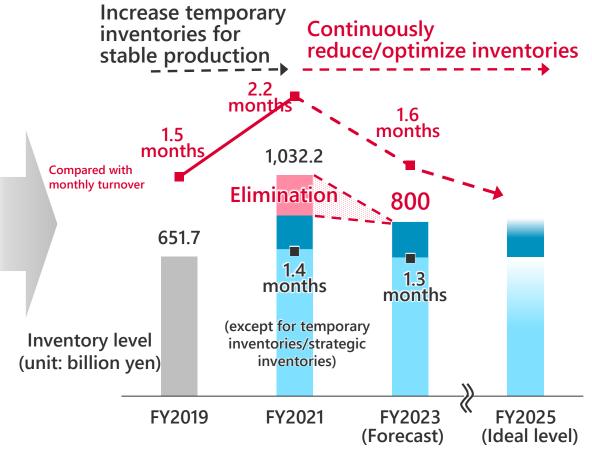
In response to logistics disruptions and other operating environment factors ⇒ Eliminate temporary inventories by quickly reflecting the operating environment factors

Strategic inventories

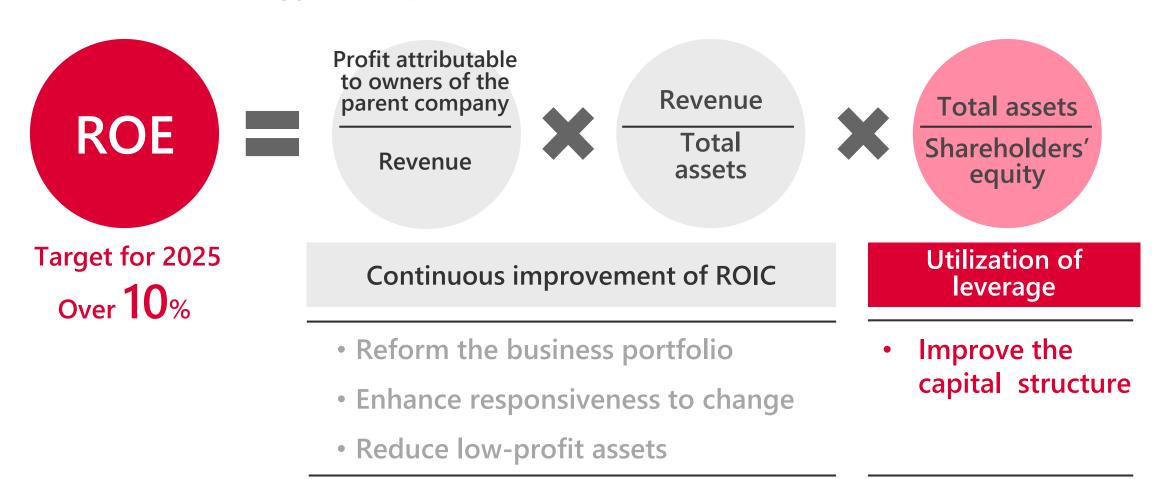
**Secure** strategic inventories as necessary to hedge against natural disaster risks and against tight supply-demand balance for electronic components and other items

Standard inventories

Retain standard inventories as necessary for stable supply



# (2) Financial strategy to improve ROE



### Improve ROIC and use leverage to create corporate value



### Improvement of capital structure (utilization of financial leverage)

# Basic policy

- Improve the capital structure to maintain a balance between efficiency and safety based on a target for shareholders' equity ratio of <u>50% or more</u> (FY2021: 57.8%)
- Maximize ROE by improving profits while curtailing capital increases

#### **Approaches**

# Utilization of borrowings

- Invest for growth, such as M&A, by harnessing the additional financing capacity over 1 trillion yen
- Continuously issue foreign currencydenominated corporate bonds to diversify/strengthen the funding platform

# Shareholder returns

- Dividend level
   <u>Make stable and long-term improvements</u>

   <u>from DOE 3.0%</u>
- Strengthen flexible acquisition of treasury
   stock based on the targeted capital structure and theoretical stock price

### Progress of efforts

September 2022 balance of bonds and loans: Over 1 trillion yen

(FY2020: 850 billion yen)

- FY2021: <u>Issuance of DENSO's first U.S. dollar-denominated bonds</u>
- FY2021: DOE 3.1% (165 yen/share) (FY2020: DOE 3.0%, 140 yen/share)
- Acquisition of treasury stock: over <u>100 billion yen for</u> <u>two consecutive years</u>

(FY2017/2018: over 30 billion yen, FY2019/2020: no acquisition)

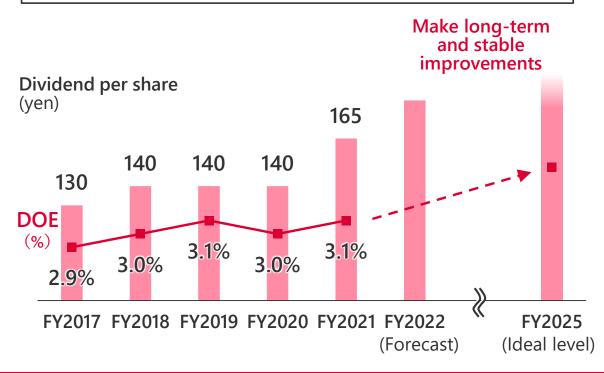
\*DOE: Dividend on Equity



### Shareholder return policies

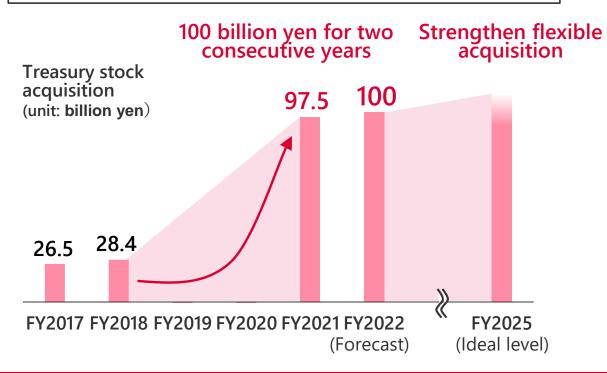
#### Dividends

Make stable and long-term improvements in the dividend level from DOE 3.0%



### Acquisition of treasury stock

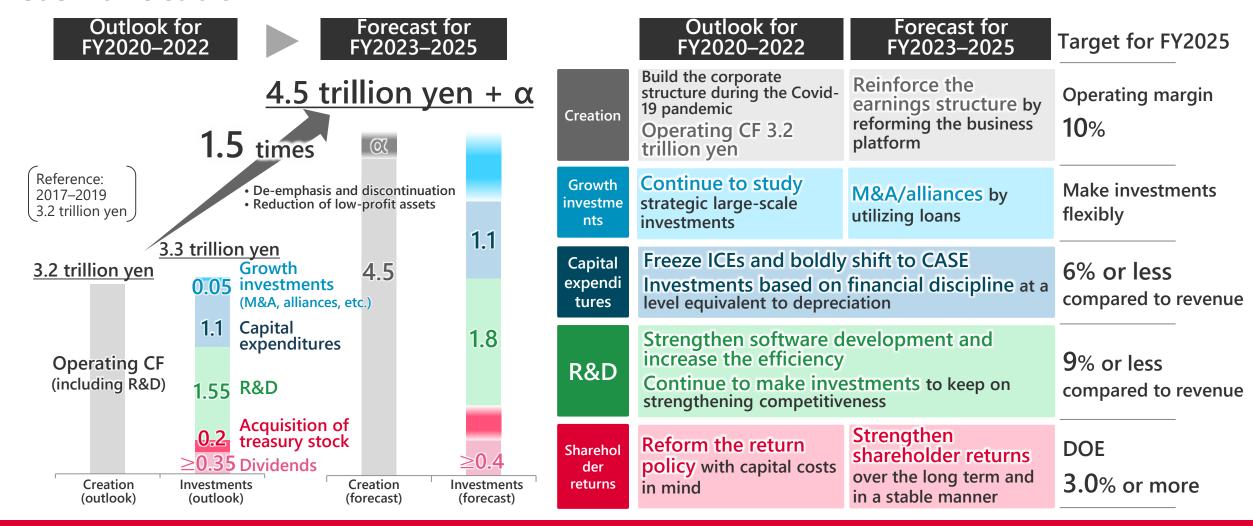
Strengthen flexible acquisition based on the targeted capital structure and theoretical stock price



Increase shareholder returns, considering "Shareholder returns + Increased share prices > Cost of shareholders' equity"



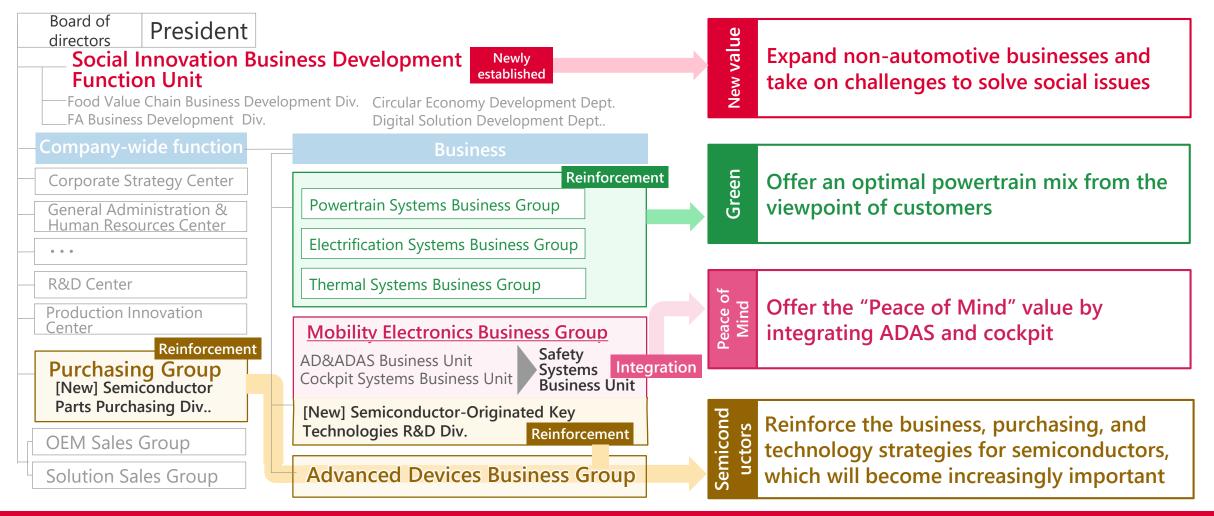
### Cash allocation



# Maximize ROE by continuously improving ROIC and utilizing leverage



# Organizational structure to implement the strategy (January 2023)



Reform the organizational structure to realize the strategy based on management philosophy



We contribute to solving social issues through our business growth



# DENSO Crafting the Core