



Sumitomo Corporation

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The environment surrounding us is at a historic turning point, and combined with complex and rapid changes, is becoming harder to navigate. Under such circumstances, the Sumitomo Corporation Group is also facing a tipping point.

Under the Medium-Term Management Plan 2026 announced in May 2024, we will implement reforms with no exceptions—including our organizational structure, business portfolio, human resource measures, and decision-making system—to seek greater heights and achieve considerable and sustainable growth. Together with our many business partners, clients, and other stakeholders, we will enhance our competitive advantages in businesses and become a corporate group with "No.1 in Each Field".

We will achieve sustainable growth through addressing social challenges, while adhering to the Sumitomo Corporation Group's Management Principles and Activity Guidelines and the timeless values of Sumitomo's Business Philosophy which serve as our basis. We hope you look forward to witnessing the continual evolution of the Sumitomo Corporation Group as we realize our Corporate Message "Enriching lives and the world".

Shingo Ueno

President and Chief Executive Officer

The origin of Sumitomo



Detail information

The origin of Sumitomo can be found in "Monjuin Shiigaki (Founder's Precepts)", a document in which Masatomo Sumitomo, the founder of the Sumitomo family, described how a merchant should conduct business. In its early days, Sumitomo prospered from the trade of copper and other goods.

Sumitomo's history dates back to its founder, Masatomo Sumitomo (1585 – 1652), who opened a book and medicine shop in Kyoto in the 17th century.

Masatomo left his teachings in the form of the "Founder's Precepts", in which he expounds concisely the points in conducting business. His precepts still serve as the foundation of the "Sumitomo's Business Philosophy."

At the beginning, the Founder's Precepts call on us to "Not only in matters of business but in all situations, make efforts with deepest gratitude in every aspect" as well as to refine ourselves to develop a trustworthy character rather than just pursuing money-making endeavors. In the main text, the precepts emphasize the importance of honesty, prudence, and sound management. Sumitomo became involved in the business of refining copper from the time of Tomomochi Sumitomo (1607 – 1662), the adopted second-generation head of the family. That move was rooted in a refining technology for extracting silver from copper known as "Nanban-buki (Western Refining)", which was developed in the 16th century by Riemon Soga (1572 – 1636), Tomomochi's biological father. The history of the business spans about 430 years. Carrying on founder Masatomo's business philosophy, Tomomochi expanded the business from Kyoto to Osaka, and disclosed the Nanban-buki technology to other copper refiners. Sumitomo thus came to be looked up to as the head family of Nanban-buki, and Osaka subsequently became the center of the copper refining industry in Japan.



Sumitomo's original copper refining method



"Monjuin Shiigaki", as stated by Masatomo



Wooden statue of Masatomo Sumitomo
(1585 - 1652)

[Sumitomo Historical Archives]



Detail information

Sumitomo's Business Philosophy

The basis of the Sumitomo Corporation Group's Management Principles and Activity Guidelines is Sumitomo's Business Philosophy, which has been passed on through the generations for 400 years since the founding of the Sumitomo Group.

Sumitomo's Business Philosophy has been refined through many generations based on the Founder's Precepts "Monjuin Shiigaki," which Masatomo Sumitomo (1585-1652), the founder of the Sumitomo family, wrote and handed on to describe how a merchant should conduct business. The basic points of Sumitomo's Business Philosophy have been passed on in the form of the two articles of the Business Principles.

Business Principles

- Article 1. Sumitomo shall achieve strength and prosperity by placing prime importance on integrity and sound management in the conduct of its business.
- Article 2. Sumitomo shall manage its activities with foresight and flexibility in order to cope effectively with the changing times. Under no circumstances, however, shall it pursue easy gains or act imprudently.



Sumitomo Corporation Group's Corporate Mission Statement

Sumitomo Corporation Group's Corporate Mission Statement, consisting of the Management Principles and the Activity Guidelines, is the fundamental and ultimate value standard of the Group.

Sumitomo Corporation Group's Management Principles are a contemporary translation of Sumitomo's Business Philosophy, which was devised about 400 years ago, using simplified language and a clear structure, and rewritten from a more global perspective. The Activity Guidelines provide guidance on how each company as well as their executives and employees should behave as they conduct daily business activities to realize the Management Principles.

Corporate Vision

We aim to be a global organization that constantly stays a step ahead in dealing with change, creates new value, and contributes broadly to society.

Management Principles

〈Corporate Mission〉

To achieve prosperity and realize dreams through sound business activities

〈Management Style〉

To place prime importance on integrity and sound management with utmost respect for the individual

〈Corporate Culture〉

To foster a corporate culture full of vitality and conducive to innovation

Activity Guidelines

- To act with honesty and sincerity on the basis of Sumitomo's business philosophy and in keeping with the Management Principles
- To comply with laws and regulations while maintaining the highest ethical standards
- To set high value on transparency and openness
- To attach great importance to protecting the global environment
- To contribute to society as a good corporate citizen
- To achieve teamwork and integrated corporate strength through active communication
- To set clear objectives and achieve them with enthusiasm

Material Issues



Detail information

Material issues are a medium- to long- term commitment that goes one step further toward addressing key social challenges that the Group must undertake. The Group will achieve sustainable growth through addressing the social challenges.

Build resilient and prosperous society



We create a virtuous circle in which all people can enjoy physically and mentally enriched lives, and we can grow and develop together with local communities by stepping ahead in dealing with the needs of people in various countries and regions.

Respect human rights



Striving to respect the human rights of every stakeholder involved in our supply chain is the foundation of all corporate activities. We work to identify and to prevent or mitigate any adverse impact on human rights, as well as to ensure the safety and security of our stakeholders.

Overcome climate change



We work together with stakeholders to decarbonize society and promote the realization of a carbon-neutral and resilient society, while taking into consideration the characteristics of the respective industry and region.

Develop talent and promote DE&I



We recognize Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DE&I) as the core enabler for value creation, innovation and competitiveness. In order to create new value and innovation by allowing our diverse personnel to fully exercise their abilities in a variety of fields, we will promote the development and empowerment of human resources, which represent our most important management resources.

Preserve and regenerate natural capital



To achieve a world living in harmony with nature, we avoid or minimize the impact on natural capital caused by our business activities and go beyond preservation to also pursue regeneration and effective use of natural capital through the building of a circular economy and other measures.

Maintain and strengthen governance

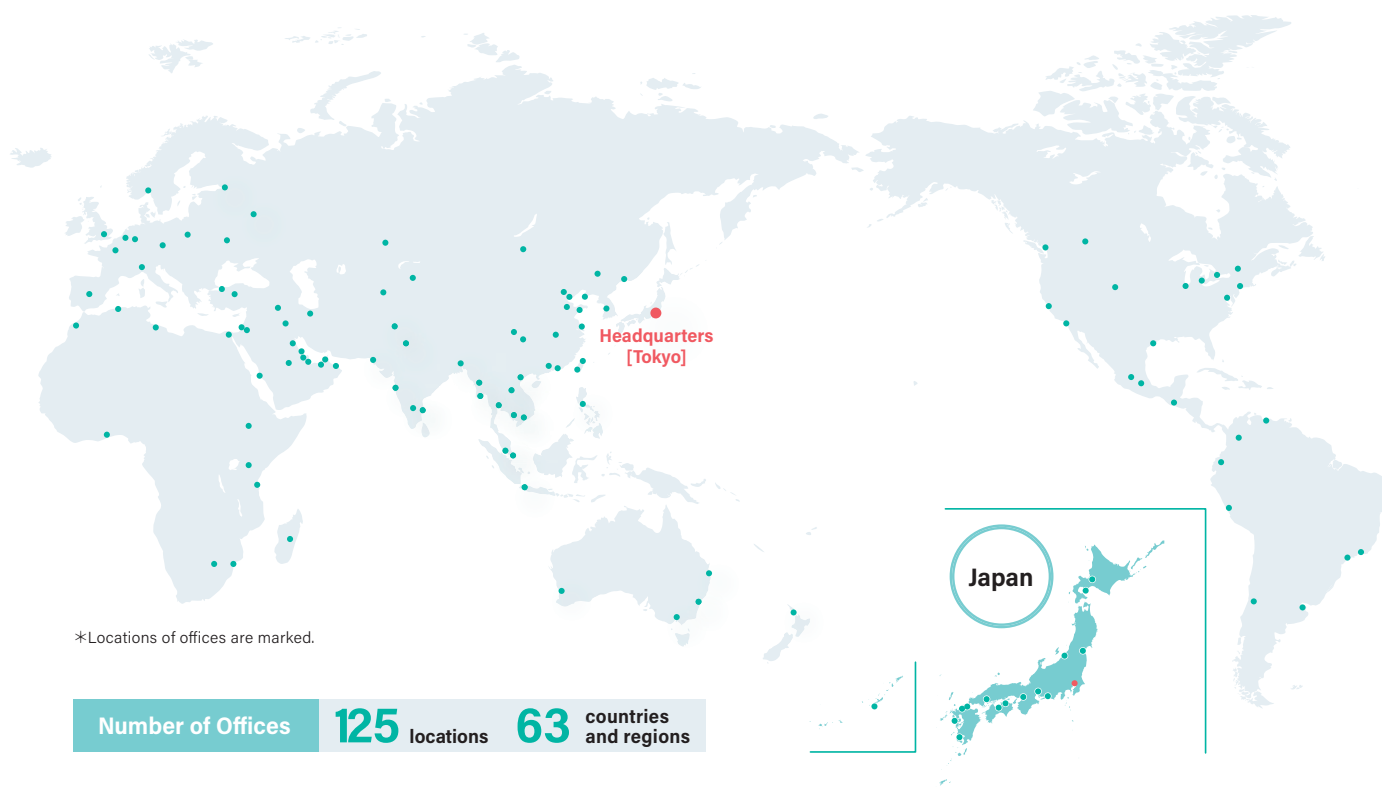


We will develop an autonomous Group management system that responds to changes in the business environment with agility, and maintain and strengthen our efficient, sound, and transparent governance system.

About Sumitomo Corporation

Global Network

as of September 30, 2024



Shareholders' Equity (equity attributable to owners of the parent)	US\$30.5billion
Net Income	US\$2.6billion
Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries and Associated Companies	893 (76countries and regions) <small>Consolidated Subsidiaries 638 (Japan:143 Overseas:495) Associated Companies 255 (Japan:53 Overseas:202)</small>
Number of Employees (Consolidated Base)	81,288
Corporate Evaluation	FortuneGlobal 500 <small>Sumitomo Corporation has been ranked in the Fortune Global 500, an annual list compiled and published by US Fortune magazine, for 30 years, as one of the global companies leading the world's development.</small>

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
The US Dollar amounts represent translations of Japanese Yen amounts at the rate of ¥151=US\$1.



Detail information

Based on nine "Groups" that concentrate the power of Sumitomo Corporation, we anticipate market changes and social needs in each business domain, and aim to improve corporate value by resolving social issues through value creation that transcends industry frameworks.



(as of April 1, 2024)

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We have become who we are today
by evolving with the times in unison with people and society.

We never pursue easy gains. Integrity and strong unity are
cherished principles from which we work to create value for society.

As we face a fast-changing world, we look toward the future with renewed anticipation
and reflect on the meaning of our mission.

To engage, commit and contribute.
To overcome challenges and come out ever stronger.
To cultivate the seeds of opportunity, bridge possibilities and create a better tomorrow.

We know that the passions of each individual create our indelible values.
But we also acknowledge that the power of many is far greater than the effort of one.

So we are united in all our will and determination.

We represent different regions, diverse cultures, and all walks of life.
Yet we know that the strength of unity begins with respect.
With this as our foundation, we aim to create a world never seen before.

Passion. Determination. Values.
These ideas we share universally together to achieve prosperity and realize dreams for all.

This is our enduring promise.



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