INTRODUCTION

Sojitz attaches importance to the role of its integrated report as a communication tool to help a wide range of readers understand its business activities and business model. The Integrated Report 2019 has been compiled based on the International Integrated Reporting Framework proposed by the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC), with the theme of maximizing “two types of value”: “value for Sojitz” and “value for society,” and an awareness of the connectivity between the use of our management resources and the creation of business functions. In addition, we have endeavored to edit this report to enable stakeholders to gain a better understanding of the Company through the visualization of the strengths Sojitz has cultivated to the present day.

The Cover of This Report
The front/back covers represent Sojitz’s commitment to realizing steady growth through Medium-term Management Plan 2020, as well as its continued efforts to promote further growth by creating value through new ideas. Sojitz promises to pursue sustainable growth through a process that begins with confronting questions (represented visually by a question mark) that are then brought to life as new business (shown as an exclamation mark).

Note on Forward-Looking Statements
The information about future performance (forward-looking statements) in this integrated report is based on information available to management at the time of its disclosure. Accordingly, readers are advised that actual results may differ from forward-looking statements due to a wide variety of factors including, but not limited to, conditions in the Company’s principal overseas and domestic markets, economic conditions, and changes in foreign currency exchange markets.

Priority Initiatives
United Nations Global Compact
Sojitz signed the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) to clarify our ideals in its global operations, including respect for the environment and human rights through businesses that comply with international standards as well as the laws of countries and regions. The UNGC calls for companies to exercise leadership as members of the international community and pursue sustainability through their businesses. Sojitz joined the UNGC in 2009. We support the 10 principles of the UNGC in the areas of human rights, labor, the environment, and anti-corruption, and practice these principles through our business activities.
The Guidance for Collaborative Value Creation
Sojitz agrees with the Guidance for Collaborative Value Creation issued by Japan’s Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. We consult the Guidance for Collaborative Value Creation in all our IR activities, including this Integrated Report, with the objective to receive evaluation of our corporate values through constructive dialogue with investors and shareholders.

Sustainable Development Goals
The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) call for the resolution of 17 worldwide priority social issues by 2030. Under the leadership of the United Nations, the goals were adopted in 2015 by 193 member nations. Given the medium- to long-term expectations stakeholders have for the resolution of these issues, Sojitz took the SDGs into account when clarifying the Group’s CSR Focus Areas (current key Sustainability Issues) (materiality).

Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
Climate change is a major issue in international society, one which Sojitz is emphasizing as a management issue. We endorse the proposals of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), and are making efforts to disclose the impact of climate change on our business activities and to implement specific measures to overcome it.