Inside Corporate VC - The case of Omron Ventures-

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2006 - 2009



2009 - 2011



McKinsey&Company

Johnson-Johnson



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Some recent articles

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There's a Fad for Corporate VCs in Japan.

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Establishment of Japan Airlines Innovation Fund

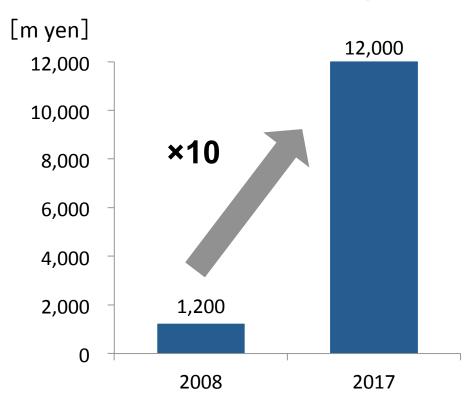
JAL JAPAN AIRLINES

Tokyo, April 2 (CVC) unit, H fast-growing i

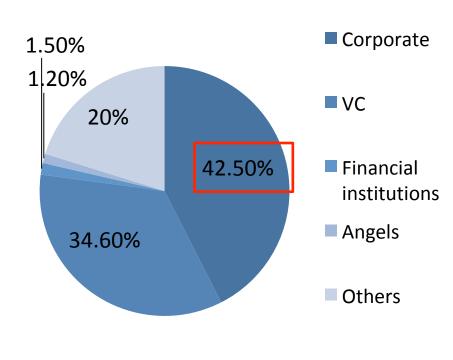
JAL Group today established a Corporate Venture Capital Fund (CVC) firm called Japan Airlines Innovation Fund. The company will look to invest in startup companies around the globe to *create new values that are one step ahead of its competitors in the industry*, which was a target raised in JAL's Medium Term Management Plan - 2018.

Corporate plays a big role in venture investment

CVC investment in Japan



Venture investment by players



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Landscape of VC market in Japan

Members of Japanese VCA

The past (-2010)

Independent VCs Global Corporations (2010 - 2016)

Large corporations (circa 2017. 2018)







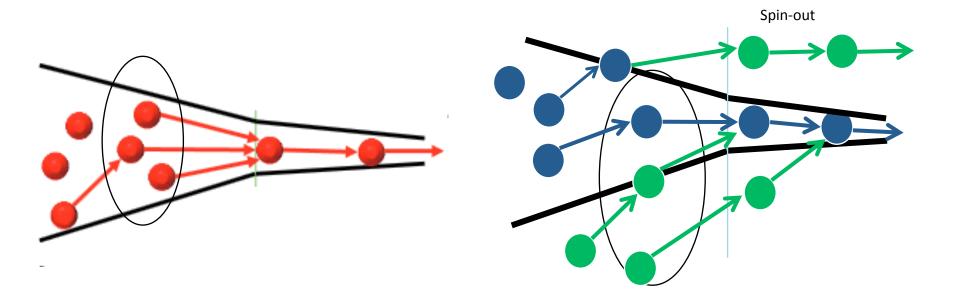
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JVCA Morphed into "open innovation community"

What is Open Innovation? Why is Open Innovation needed?

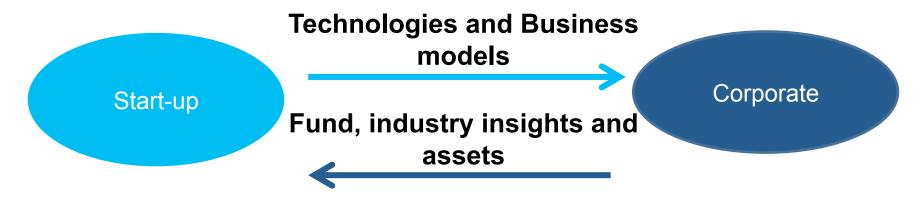
Closed Innovation

Open Innovation



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Advantage to use CVC



- Achieve product/service launch
- Speed up the business development
- Get Potential licensees/ customers
- Add the credibility
- Get the international market opportunities

- Speed up the new product launch
- Obtain the cutting-edge market knowledge and dynamics
- Nurture entrepreneurial spirit internally
- Get the international and/or new market opportunities

Typical pitfalls of CVC

Startups

- Corporate can be a big competitor
- Cultural difference
- Difference in decision making process

Corporate

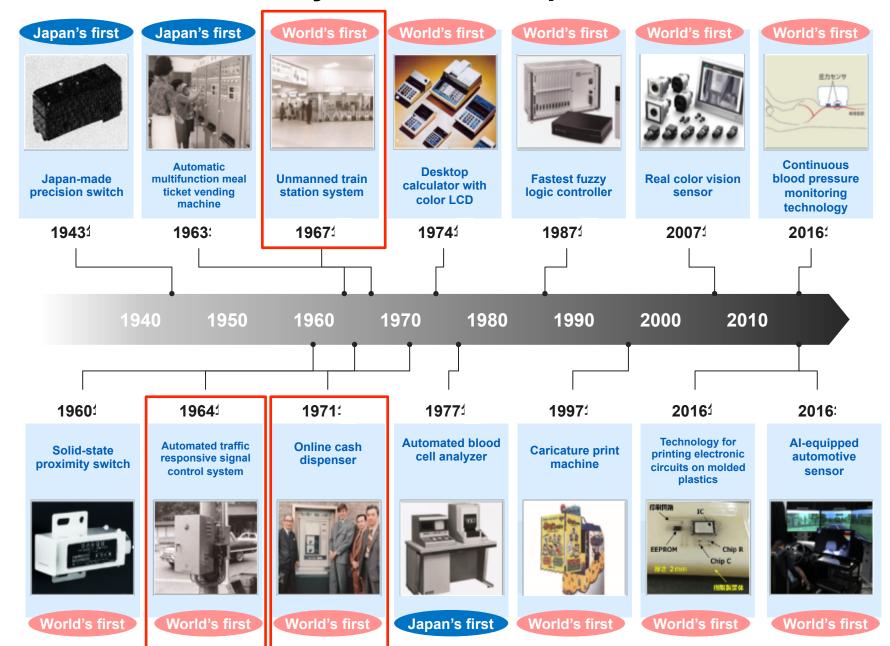
- Innovator's Dilemma
- "Not invented here" syndrome
- Longer time for decision making

Some difficulties especially in Japanese market

- Decision making process: unanimous agreement often required
- Japanese don't say "we can" unless they have 100% confidence
- Not accustomed to diversity of thought and behavior

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History of Omron Corporation



Global Market Leader in Blood Pressure Monitors

Created a new market by spreading the "Culture to monitor the blood pressure at home"

'70s

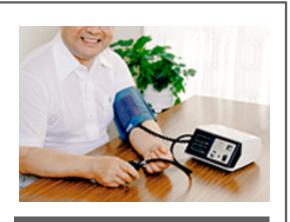
'80s

Present

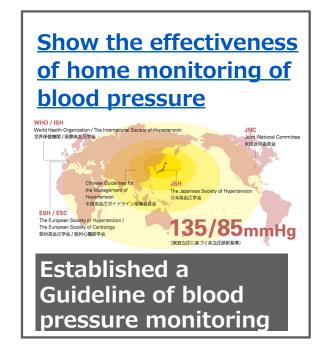
No one monitors blood pressure at home

Created home monitoring device with clinicians

Over 200 million units sold

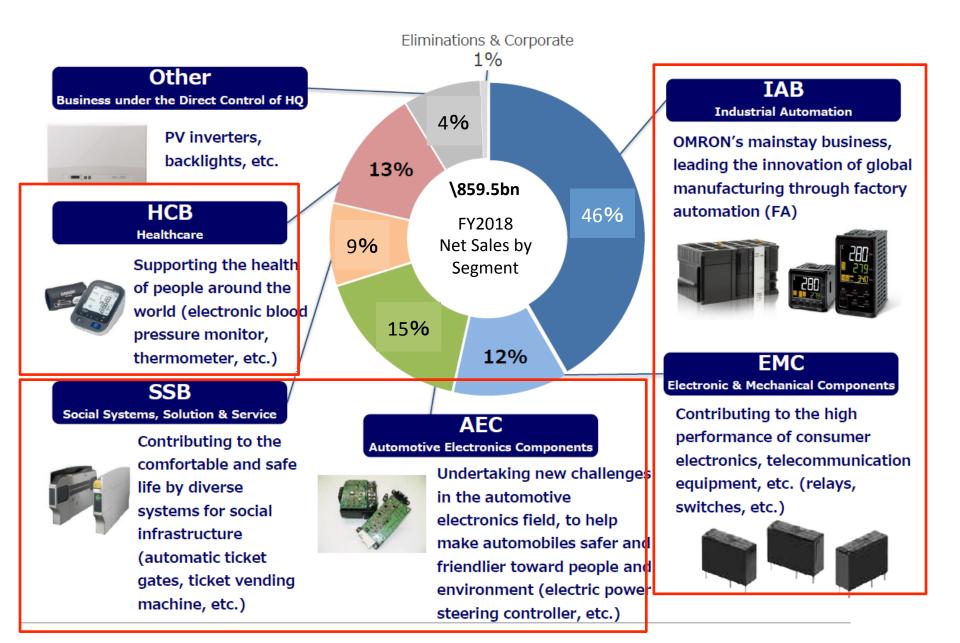


First Home BP monitor HEM-77



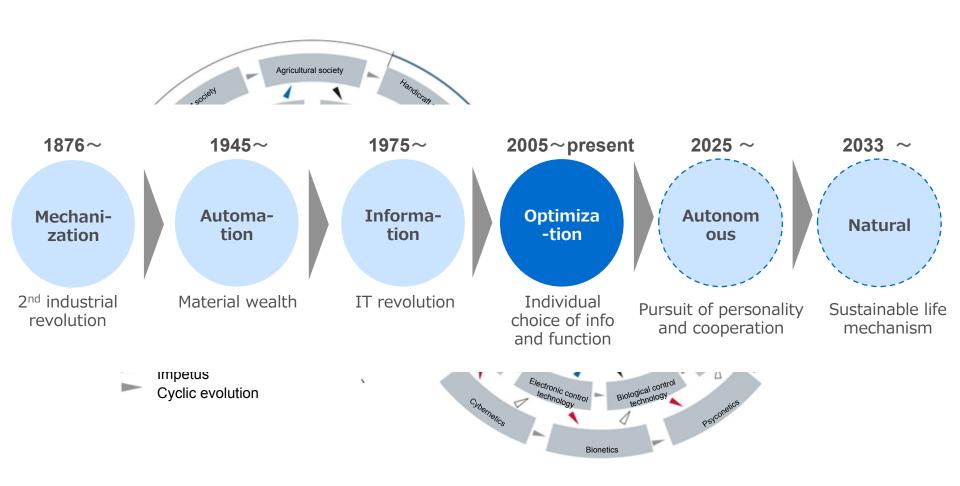


OMRON's Business Segments



What navigate corporate strategy

"SINIC Theory" devised by Kazuma Tateishi in 1970

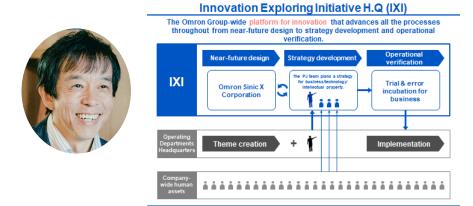


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To avoid pitfalls

Independent organization

Innovation Exploring Initiative HQ



Future designing Institution



Small but diverse Team

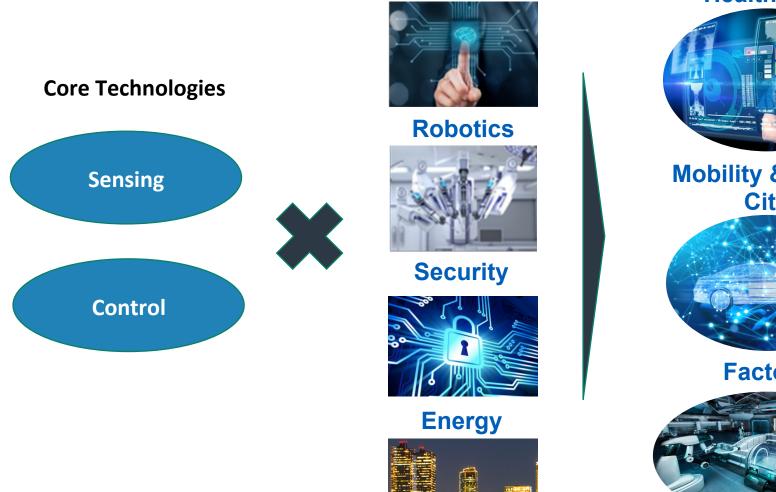


Fast decision making

One investment committee

Investment strategy

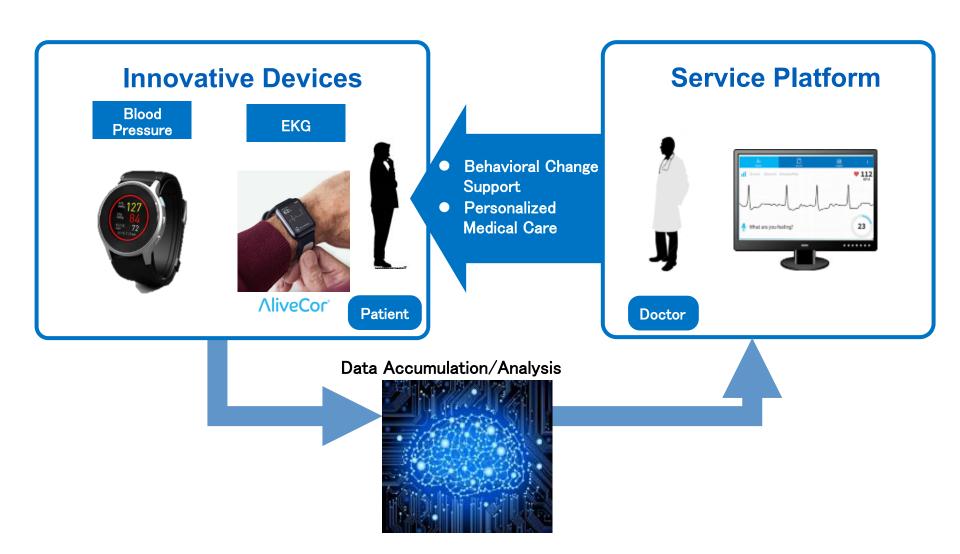
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Diagnostic/Treatment Customized for Each Patient

Innovative devices and service platform enabling personalized medical care to achieve "zero cardiovascular events"





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