## **PROFILE**

Founded in 1950 and based in Shizuoka Prefecture, Star Micronics Co., Ltd. has consistently based its growth on its expertise in precision processing and assembly. The Company's first business was components for wristwatches. This underpinned successful entries into markets for machine tools, printers and electronic buzzers. Today's Star Micronics has four core elements: components, mainly micro audio components; special products, mainly printers; machine tools, mainly CNC automatic lathes; and precision products, mainly wristwatch parts, HDD parts and other components.

A global organization, Star Micronics has manufacturing and sales bases in Europe, North America, Asia and other parts of the world. As of February 2009, there were 6\* Japanese and 16 overseas consolidated subsidiaries. The total workforce numbered about 7,700.

Star Micronics constantly aims to be a global-facing business group that targets growth fields and regions, while at the same time seeking to fulfill its corporate social responsibility and increase corporate value.

\*On March 1, 2009, the number of Japanese consolidated subsidiaries changed from six to four due to the merging of subsidiaries.

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