

# Key Actions in the Initial Public Offering Process

### **PRE-REGISTRATION**

#### **Commence Due Diligence**

Choose <u>Datasite</u> to create the virtual due diligence library to facilitate the discovery and research needed throughout the lifecycle of the IPO.

#### Select Underwriters, Financial Printer, Stock Exchange, etc.

Employ <u>Toppan Merrill</u> as your financial printer. Our seasoned team will provide expert guidance at every step in the process where you need our services.

#### Establish and Optimize Investor Relations Responsibilities

Consult the Toppan Merrill shareholder communications advisory team for support in building an effective proxy and ESG communications program.

#### Complete the Preparation of Audited Financial Statements

Select <u>Toppan Merrill Bridge</u> platform to facilitate the drafting of your audited financial report, that can be utilized during the entire IPO process and prepare you for post-IPO SEC periodic reporting.

#### Review and Update Corporate Governance, Policies and Structure

Choose the <u>Toppan Merrill SOX Automation</u> platform to proactively demonstrate SOX compliance and risk mitigation before your IPO, showing commitment of transparency and accuracy to your potential investors.

#### Prepare and Submit Initial Confidential Registration Statement and Exhibits with the SEC

Engage <u>Toppan Merrill</u> customer service to: Provide composition services. Facilitate the working group drafting sessions. Prepare the registration statement and exhibits. EDGARize and file with the SEC.

## **REGISTRATION PERIOD**

# Respond to SEC Comments and Amend Registration Statements Until Effectiveness

Continue utilizing <u>Toppan Merrill</u> composition, EDGAR filing, print and distribution services.

#### Secure Stock Exchange Listing Approval, Select Transfer Agent

Consult with the <u>Toppan Merrill proxy advisory team</u> for best practices

on communicating to shareholders post-IPO.

#### Conclude and Execute Corporate Governance Policies and Structure

Continue building the <u>Toppan Merrill SOX Automation</u> platform to maintain efficiency, transparency and predictability within your SOX program.

File Form 3's with the SEC

Begin utilizing <u>SEC Connect</u> to process Section 16 filings.



Meet with Toppan Merrill design and advisory team to seek support in drafting <u>ESG reporting</u> and future proxy statements.

#### **Roadshow Preparation and Execution**

Benefit from <u>Toppan Merrill's</u> dedicated project management service team to deliver a preliminary prospectus to investors.

#### Go Effective, Price the Offering and File Final Prospectus

Leverage <u>Toppan Merrill</u> solutions to finalize the SEC registration process, and manage ongoing SEC compliance.



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