## Full Year, Fiscal Year Ending March 2018

# Financial Results



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## Our vision & mission



Vision

Become the leading internet firm in Japan

Mission

Create new value through continued challenges and contribute to society

### **Our Business**



Aim to nurture businesses by investing intensively in Ad Technology Segment and High Growth Businesses within Content Segment Continue to invest in Investment Segment and utilize cash effectively

Ad Technology Segment \*1 **Content Segment Stable Growth Businesses High Growth Businesses %3 Investment Segment** 

- \*1 "Advertising Segment" has been renamed "Ad Technology Segment" from FY2017.
- \*2 "Smartphone Content Business" has been renamed "High Growth Businesses," which includes KiRAMEX CORPORATION from FY2017.
- \*3 "Other Content Business" has been renamed "Stable Growth Businesses," which excludes KiRAMEX CORPORATION from FY2017.

## Our Business-In Detail





### Ad Technology Segment



adstir

Video ad distribution platform

SSP

### **Content Segment**

### **High Growth Businesses**











KIRAMEX



Games

Apps for mobile carriers

Smarprise, Inc.

Fogg, inc.

KIRAMEX CORPORATION ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc. \* (Formerly Goroo, Inc.)

### **Stable Growth Businesses**



TREIS, inc.



International Sports Marketing Co., Ltd.

### **Investment Segment**



Investment business of UNITED, inc.



Venture United, inc.

Goroo, Inc. has been renamed ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc. from October 2, 2017.

# 1. Financial Highlight





# Financial Highlights for FY2017 (Year Ended March 31, 2018)



Consolidated Sales: Flat YoY as sales growth in Ad Technology Segment slowed in H2 FY2017 Consolidated Operating Income: Up 18% YoY mainly led by Content Segment and Investment Segment

Overall

Consolidated

Sales: ¥ 14,444 million (YoY down 1%)

Operating Income: ¥ 1,648 million (YoY up 18%)

Net Income: ¥849 million (YoY down 8%)

Ad Technology Segment Sales: ¥ 7,753 million (YoY down 6%)

Operating Income: ¥ 569 million (YoY down 50%)

 Sales from continuing businesses grew by 7% but operating income declined by 47% YoY (excluding discontinued Agency Business)

Segments

Content Segment Sales: ¥ 5,785 million (YoY up 4%)

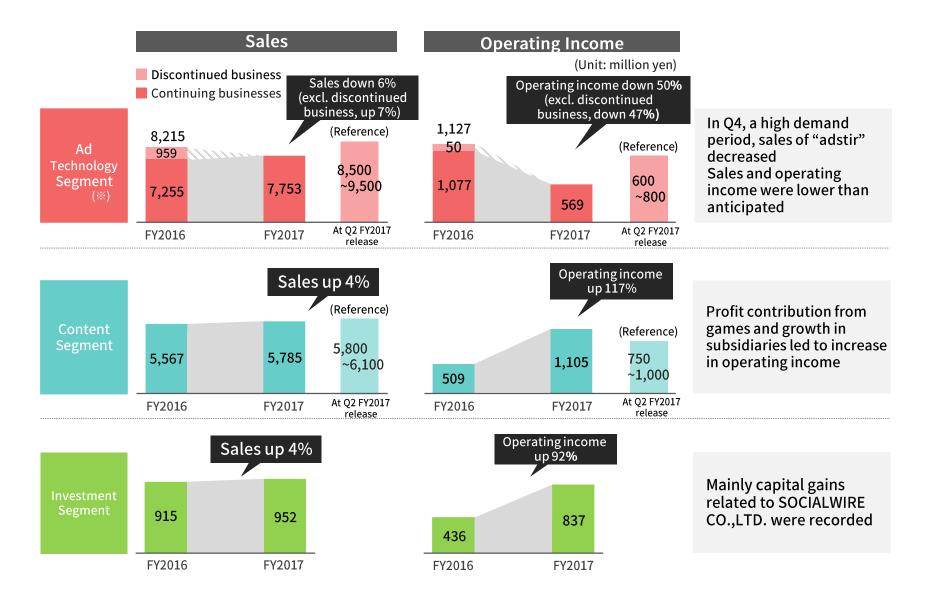
Operating Income: ¥1,105 million (YoY up 117%)

Investment Segment Sales: ¥ 952 million (YoY up 4%)

Operating Income: ¥837 million (YoY up 92%)

# Comparison with FY2016: FY2017 Sales and Operating Income by Segment





<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Advertising Segment" has been renamed "Ad Technology Segment" from FY2017 due to withdrawal from Agency Business in FY2016

## Consolidated P/L Statement FY2017



Gross Profit: Up 20% YoY led by profit contribution from games and growth in subsidiaries in Content Segment SG&A Expenses: Up 20% YoY mainly due to increase in HR expenses following increase in the number of employees and amortization of goodwill of ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc.

Operating Income: Down 8% YoY as corporate tax etc. increased due to the application of tax effect accounting

(Unit: million yen)

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	FY2017 (12 months)	FY2016 (12 months)	YoY %
Sales	14,444	14,595	△ 1%
Ad Technology Segment	7,753	8,215	△ 6%
Content Segment	5,785	5,567	+4%
Investment Segment	952	915	+4%
Others	- △46	- △ 101	-
Adjustments		△101	12004
Gross Profit	4,829	4,040	+20%
Ad Technology Segment	1,250	1,768	△ <b>29</b> %
Content Segment	2,716	1,698	+60%
Investment Segment Others	872 △4	573	+52%
Adjustments	$\triangle$ 6	_	-
SG&A expenses	3,180	2,644	+20%
Operating Income	1,648	1,395	+18%
Ad Technology Segment	569	1,127	△ 50%
Content Segment	1,105	509	+117%
Investment Segment	837	436	+92%
Others	△72	_	-
Headquarter Expense	△790	△677	-
Ordinary Income	1,626	1,425	+14%
Net Income attributable to owners of parents	849	923	△8%
Extraordinary profit and loss	△4	△96	-
Taxes etc.	△773	△404	-



Dividends paid based on our dividend policy "targeting consolidated dividend payout ratio of approx. 20%"

## **Details of Annual Dividends**

	FY2017		FY2	016
	Year-end	Interim	Year-end	Interim
Record date	Mar.31, 2018	Sep.30, 2017	Mar.31, 2017	Sep.30, 2016
Dividend per share	2.00 yen	5.00 yen	8.00 yen	0.00 yen
Annual dividend per share	7.00 yen		8.00	yen
Total annual dividends	160 million yen		183 mil	lion yen
Total annual EPS	36.94 yen		40.10	ĝ yen

## 2. Business Review FY2017





## 1 Ad Technology Segment



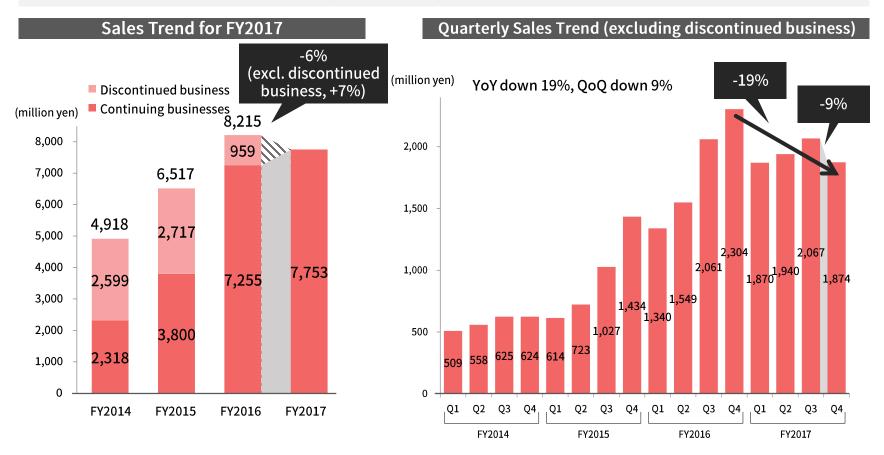
## Ad Technology Segment: Sales Trend



## FY2017 Sales (excluding discontinued business) up 7% YoY

Up 7% YoY: In Q4, a high demand period, sales of "adstir" decreased. The growth of "VidSpot" was weaker than anticipated

Down 9% QoQ: Sales decreased mainly as ad delivery unit price of "adstir" dropped



Note 1: "Advertising Segment" has been renamed "Ad Technology Segment" from FY2017 due to withdrawal from Agency Business inFY2016.

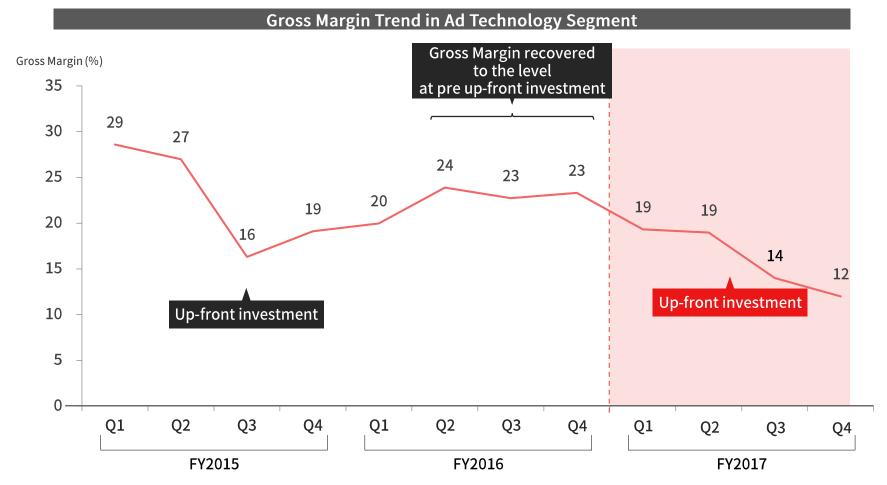
Note 2: In the quarterly sales trend graph, quarterly sales figures up to FY2016 were based on sales of the former "Ad-Tech Business" (our own ad platform and external DSP portion in Agency Business) in Q1 FY2017 result presentation. However, those figures are based on sales of "Ad Technology Segment" (our own ad platform only) in this presentation. Such a change is made in order to make sales trend for continuing businesses clear.

## Ad Technology Segment: Gross Margin Trend



Since Q1 FY2017, undertook up-front investment, mainly expanding video ad inventory for "VidSpot"

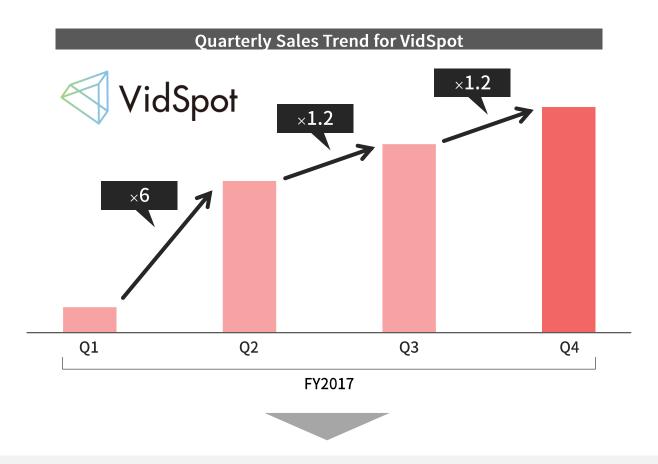
Additionally dropping ad delivery unit price in "adstir" led to decrease in profit margin



Note: In the graph, gross margin figures up to FY2016 were based on gross margin of the former "Ad-Tech Business" (our own ad platform and external DSP portion in Agency Business) in Q1 FY2017 result presentation. However, those figures are based on gross margin of "Ad Technology Segment" (our own ad platform only) in this presentation. Such a change is made in order to make gross margin trend for continuing businesses clear.



Sales of "VidSpot" steadily increased but growth rate was lower than anticipated



Aim to grow sales driven by ad effectiveness improvement through expansion of video ad inventory and enhanced matching technology

## Ad Technology Segment: Medium-term Business Strategies



Overall Business Strategy: Enhance existing products and develop new products aiming to become No1 domestic ad tech player

#### **Products**

### **Medium-term Business Strategies**

Supply-Side



"adstir," an SSP: Maintain the position as a domestic leading SSP. Continue to grow by diversifying ad formats including video and in-feed ads, and by offering new solutions etc.

**Demand-Side** 



Strive to secure inventories of video ad media, particularly major media, and continuously promote initiatives for ad improvement



Conduct measures to raise ad effectiveness, such as enhancing ad distribution algorism and utilizing data

**New Products** 

Planning New products Leverage accumulated knowledge, operational knowhow and technologies from existing products to plan and develop new products

Note: "Supply-Side" is a service for publishers to maximize their revenue and profit.

"Demand-Side" is a service for advertisers and advertising agencies to place ads.

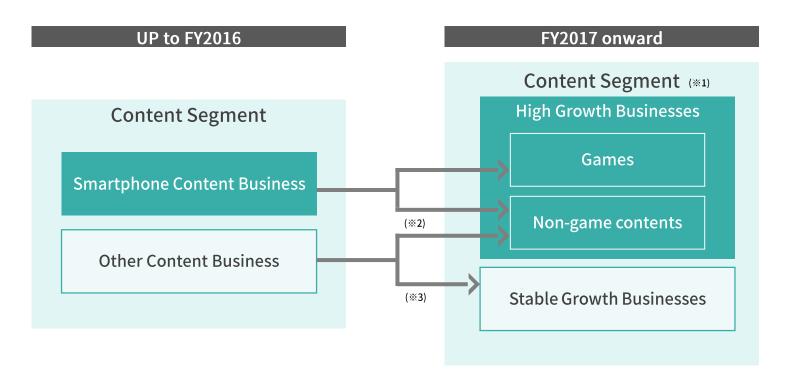
## Content Segment



## Content Segment: Change in Business Classification



Up to FY 2016: Content business, focusing particularly on smartphone apps, expanded by setting "Smartphone Content Business" as core business FY2017 onward: Investing aggressively in a broad range of high growth potential businesses under our "High Growth Businesses"



- **%1** Details of "High Growth Businesses" and "Stable Growth Businesses" are shown on page 5.
- \*2 Major services of "Games" and "Non-game contents" are shown on page 34.
- \*3 KIRAMEX CORPORATION, formerly in "Other Content Business," is reclassified in "Non-game contents" within "High Growth Businesses."

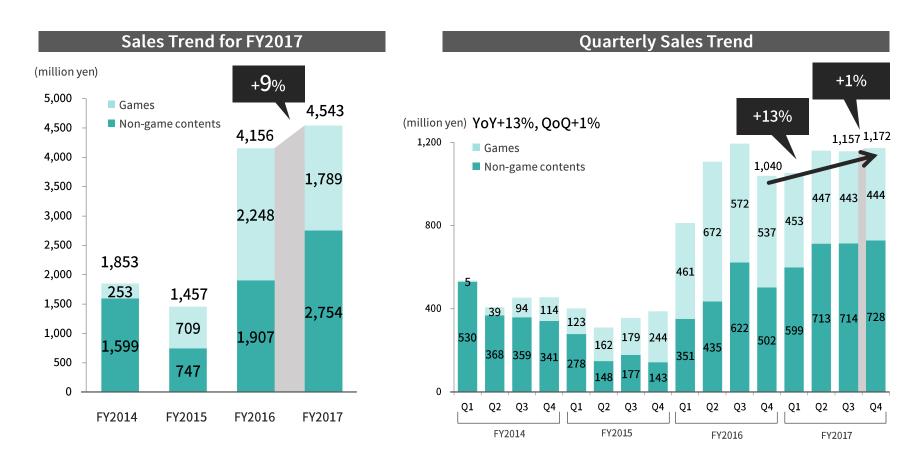
## High Growth Businesses in Content Segment: Sales Trend



### FY2017 Sales up 9% YoY

Up 9% YoY: Each business in Non-game contents grew YoY

Up 1% QoQ: Games maintained sales level and predominantly Smarprise, Inc. increased sales



Note: "Smartphone Content Business" and "Other Content Business" have been renamed "High Growth Businesses" and "Stable Growth Businesses" respectively since FY2017. KIRAMEX CORPORATION, formerly in "Stable Growth Businesses," is reclassified in "High Growth Businesses."

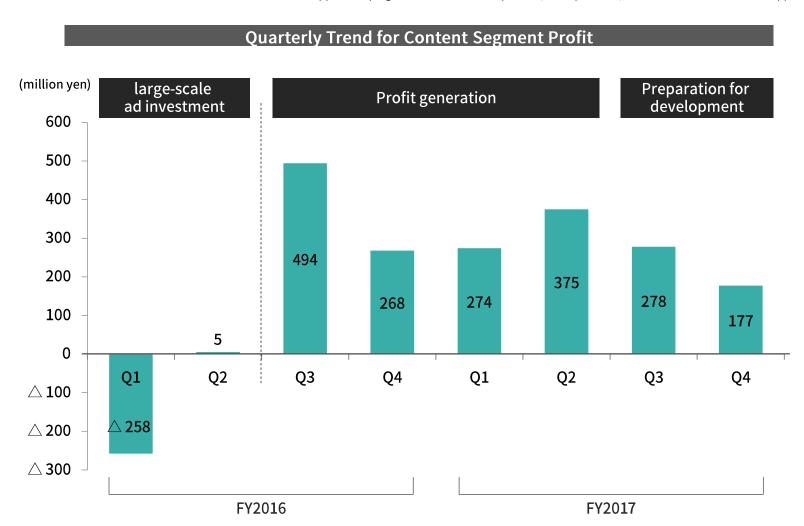
## High Growth Businesses in Content Segment: Segment Profit Trend



Moved into the profit generating period since Q3 FY2016 after conducting large-scale ad campaigns for "Crash Fever" in Q1 and Q2 FY2016

Since Q3 FY2017, segment profit decreased as investment in development for newly releasing game shifted into full swing

Note: Since app developing cost is recorded as expenses (not capitalized), those costs occurred before app release.



## **Newly Releasing Game Title**



## Original game title for smartphones "Tokyo Conception"

Release: to be released in Summer 2018, Start pre-registration from May 8, 2018 App overview: 3D RPG with simple usability, allowing everybody to easily enjoy exhilarating battle



## Non-Game Contents in Content Segment: Growing Businesses



#### **KIRAMEX CORPORATION**



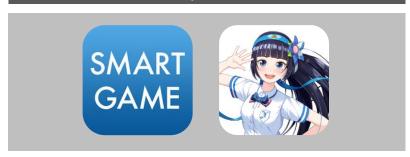
Operates "TechAcademy," e-learning for programming and app development

### ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc.



More than one million monthly users Operates "Hair Labo," a comprehensive information website related to hair issues etc.

### Smarprise, Inc.



Plans and operates the following services: "SMART GAME," a Japan's largest class platform service related to in-app purchases, which gives users points equivalent to a proportion of in-app purchases; virtual YouTuber "Fuji Aoi" (\*)

Fogg, inc.



Operates "CHEERZ," an app for cheering idols with idols' photos
More than 1,000 idols are participating

subscribers: 90k as of May 7, 2018

## **Content Segment: Medium-term Business Strategies**



# Games Potential for Exceptional Growth

Aim for exceptional return by striving to develop new game titles and produce major hit



**Crash Fever** 



CocoPPa Play



**Tokyo Conception** 



New game title

# Non-games Sales and Profit Base

Aim for ever-increasing growth by sequentially delivering new services in addition to existing services











## Investment Segment





Annual sales increased by 4% due to capital gains relate to SOCIALWIRE CO.,LTD. The amount of operational investment securities as of the end of FY2017: ¥2,994 million Continue new investments in seed and early stage ventures and expect sales and profit contribution from the investment portfolio





## 3. Outlook FY2018







# Planned to increase in both consolidated sales and operating income in FY2018

- 1. Investment Segment
- 2. New game title planned to be released in H1 FY2018
- 3. Cryptocurrency exchange related business

Considering the aforementioned and other factors, it is difficult to produce rational full-year forecast at this point, particularly since their impact on sales and profit is significant. Therefore no FY2018 forecast is disclosed.



FY2018 forecast will be disclosed once we are able to rationally produce a forecast



# FY2018: Aggressively accelerate measures in each segment to achieve mid-term business growth

Ad Technology Segment

- Enhance existing products
  - Develop new products responding to market needs

**Content Segment** 

- Continuously release new game titles
- Up-front investment in each non-game business

Investment Segment

- Establish as a core business by strengthening HR

**Others** 

- Launch Cryptocurrency exchange related business
- Extend business portfolio through both M&A and producing new businesses in-house

## 4. Reference Material

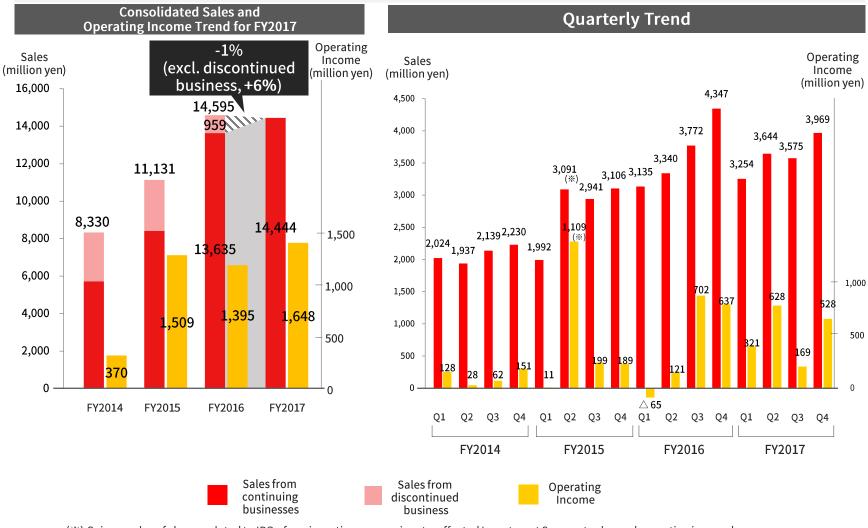




## **Consolidated Sales and Operating Income Trend**



# Consolidated sales declined by 1% YoY (up 6% for continuing businesses, excluding discontinued business) and operating income grew by 18% YoY



<sup>(\*)</sup> Gain on sales of shares related to IPO of our investing companies etc. affected Investment Segment sales and operating income by ¥1,274 million and ¥1,231 million respectively.

# Consolidated P/L Statement Q4 FY2017 (Three Months Ended March 31, 2018)



SG&A Expenses: Up 10% QoQ due to moving expenses following subsidiary's business expansion Operating Income: Up 211% QoQ due to capital gains in Investment Segment etc.

(Unit: million yen)

	FY2017 Q4	FY2017 Q3	QoQ %	FY2016 Q4	YoY %
Sales	3,969	3,575	+11%	4,347	△ 9%
Ad Technology Segment	1,874	2,067	△ 9%	2,306	<b>△19%</b>
Content Segment	1,493	1,470	+2%	1,443	+3%
Investment Segment	614	51	+1,084%	599	+2%
Others	-	-	-	-	-
Adjustments	△13	△14	-	△3	-
Gross Profit	1,433	993	+44%	1,473	△ 3%
Ad Technology Segment	224	296	<b>△ 24%</b>	536	△ 58%
Content Segment	619	692	<b>△ 10%</b>	633	<b>△ 2%</b>
Investment Segment	596	7	+7,731%	303	+97%
Others	riangle1	△2	-	-	-
Adjustments	△5	0	-	1	_
SG&A expenses	905	824	+10%	836	+8%
Operating Income	528	169	+211%	637	<b>△ 17%</b>
Ad Technology Segment	54	125	<b>△ 57%</b>	377	△ 86%
Content Segment	177	278	△ 36%	268	△ 34%
Investment Segment	588	riangle1	-	209	+181%
Others	△44	△28	-	-	-
Headquarter Expense	△247	△203	-	△218	-
Ordinary Income	520	161	+222%	690	△ 25%
Net Income attributable to owners of parents	264	18	+1,332%	428	△ 38%
Extraordinary profit and loss	△0	0	-	△7	-
Taxes etc.	<b>△25</b> 5	△143	-	△253	-

## Consolidated Balance Sheet for Q4 FY2017



- Current Assets

  Down ¥174 million mainly due to decrease in operational investment securities (down ¥207 million)
- Current Liabilities
   Down ¥254 million mainly due to decrease in deferred tax liabilities (down ¥90 million)

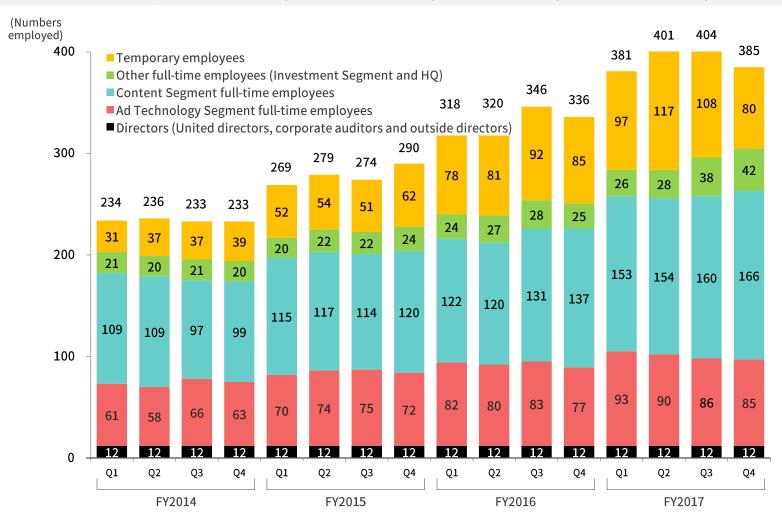
(Unit: million yen)

	End of Q4 FY2017 (Mar. 31, 2018)	End of Q3 FY2017 (Dec. 31, 2017)	Difference
Current Assets	10,598	10,772	△174
(Cash & Deposits)	(5,576)	(5,510)	(+66)
Non Current Assets	2,195	2,121	+74
Current Liabilities	2,503	2,758	△254
Non Current Liabilities	8	9	△1
Net Assets	10,281	10,126	+155

## Number of Consolidated Employees and Directors



Number of consolidated employees (incl. temporary employees) and directors increased by 49 YoY (+15%) Increase was mainly from enhancing recruitment of engineers and designers in Content Segment



## High Growth Businesses in Content Segment: Major Services



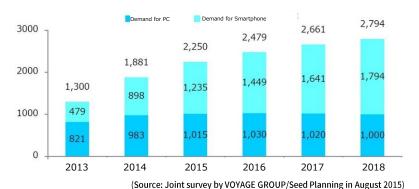
Games	Native Social Game Apps	Crash Fever	"Smash! Pop☆RPG" game app Joint business with Wonderplanet, Inc., one of our investment portfolio companies
		CocoPPa Play	Dressing-up avatar app operated solely by United since March 2016
		Tokyo Conseption	Planned release Summer 2018
		? New game title	Planned release Q4 FY2018
	In-app Purchase Platform	SMART GAME GAME (Smarprise, Inc.)	Platform service related to in-app purchases in iOS apps, which gives users points equivalent to a proportion of in-app purchases
	Idol Cheering Apps	CHE CHEERZ (Fogg, Inc.)	App for cheering female idols Also offer app for cheering male idols, "CHEERZ for JUNON" Start to provide to NTT docomo's "Sugotoku-Contents"
Non- Game Contents	EdTech	TechAcademy (KiRAMEX CORPORATION)	Offer online learning for programming, design etc.
	vertical media	ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc. (Formerly Goroo, Inc.)	Offer vertical media businesses
	Other	Apps for mobile carriers	Provide in-house developed apps to NTT docomo's "Sugotoku-Contents" and au's "Smart Pass"



### Our Ad Tech Business with unique features is continuously growing

#### Feature 1: Specializing in the smartphone segment, a growing market

< Estimate/forecast of programmatic market size by device (unit: 100 million yen) >



### **Advantages**

#### DSP 「Bypass」

- Accumulation of knowhow on bidding & CPA optimization logic in smartphone DSP
- Quick adjustment to new distribution technique in smartphone DSP

#### SSP [adstir]

- The largest-scale inventory of smartphone ads in Japan acquired from the early stage of the start of the services ahead of other companies
- Quick adjustment to advertising format unique to smartphone

### Feature 2: Open platform strategy

We have DSP and SSP within the company and have direct contact with both advertisers and publishers.

### **Advantages**

- Functions can be developed/improved from multiple viewpoints including opinions of advertisers and media
- Trials and effect validation of new functions can be quickly completed internally

### Feature 3: Open platform strategy

Connection with external SSP & DSP has been proactively promoted for our DSP & SSP since the service launch in April 2012.

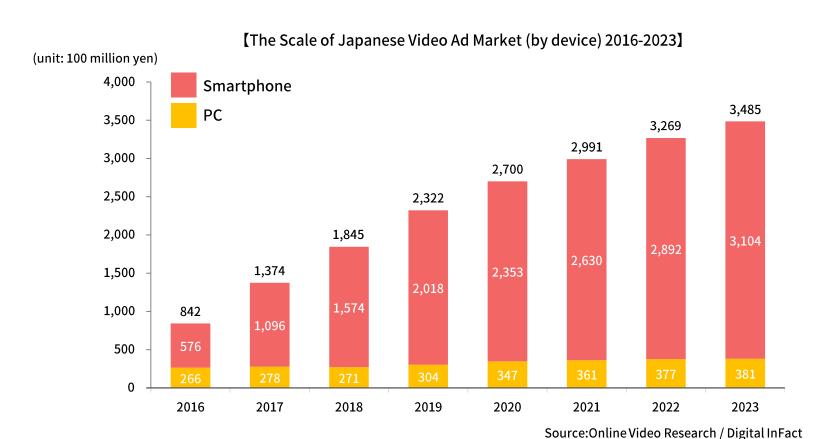
#### **Advantages**

- DSP & SSP grew as products by winning in fierce market competition
- Both market expansion and competitor increase can be used advantageously
- → Example: New competitor entry in DSP segment leads to the scale expansion of SSP

## The growth of the video ad market



The scale of the video ad market has been expanding and is forecasted to reach ¥270 billion in 2020, approx. 87% of which will be video ads for smartphones



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## About "VidSpot"



"VidSpot" is a video ad distribution platform for mobiles Aim to optimize advertising effectiveness for advertisers as well as to maximize revenue and profit for media

### Features of "VidSpot"

### 1. Ad Optimization Technology

 High matching accuracy between ads and ad spaces, led by ad optimization technology accumulated by "Bypass," a DSP

### 2. Abundant Video Ad Inventories

- Secure diversified video ad inventories, leveraging connected partners of "Bypass," a DSP and "adstir," an SSP
- With our knowledge of video ads, acquire video ad spaces of premium media such as "LINE LIVE"

### **Video Ad Distribution Flow**

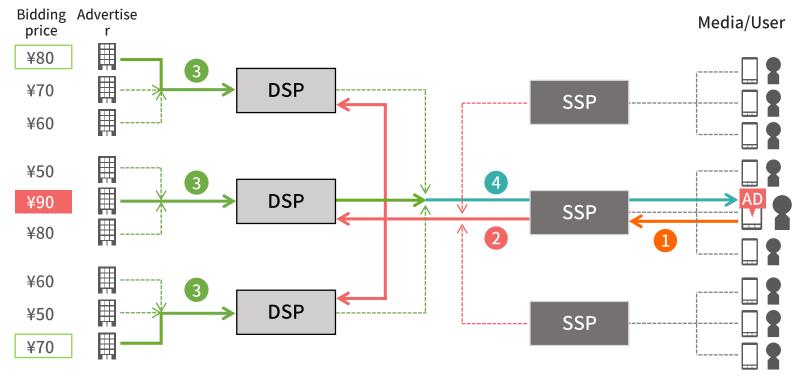


## Flow of RTB Advertisement



### Flow of RTB Advertisement Transaction until Closing [(1) to (4) below take place within 0.05 second]

- 1. Impression occurs
- 2. Through SSP, device (browser) information such as frame size and user ID is sent to DSP as a bid request
- 3. Based on information of the bid request, an auction takes place at a preset price within DSP, selecting the advertiser with the highest bidding price
- 4. The advertiser with the highest bidding price among DSPs wins the bidding and their ad is displayed



## **Advantages for advertisers**

Able to efficiently place ads for each impression only to users they wish to display ads

Advantages for media
Able to offer ad space for bidding to
multiple advertisers and maximize
profits

## **UNITED'S Strengths**



### 1. Business development in growing areas

Ad Technology and Content businesses focusing on growing smartphone field are our core businesses

### 3. Leveraging M&A

Companies who joined the United group through M&A grow their businesses, contribute to revenue and profit, and integrate into the organization

E.g.: Smarprise, Inc., KiRAMEX, CORPORATION, and ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc.

### 2. Nurturing new businesses

Start up new subsidiaries through "U-START," our start-up support system aiming to produce and nurture new businesses

E.g.: Fogg, inc., COINAGE, Inc.

## 4. Identifying promising start-ups

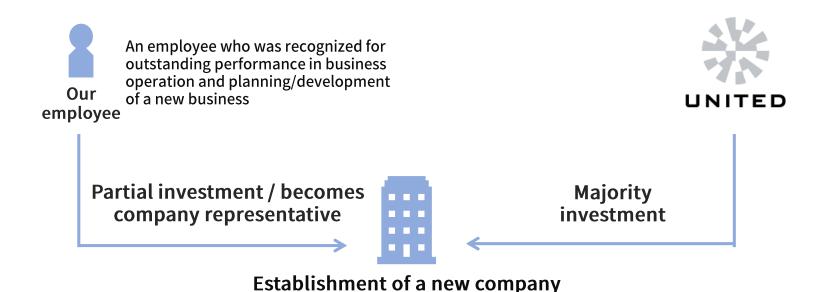
Gain investment opportunities for promising start-ups through extensive network of personal contacts, especially senior management contacts

## Our Unique Personnel System "U-Start "



Our start-up support system ("U-START") began as an organizational approach to continuously produce promising new businesses since April 2013 "U-START" allows employees with high entrepreneurial spirit who demonstrated outstanding performance to start new business ventures partially with their own investment

### "U-START," our start-up support system



(Our consolidated subsidiary)