Second Quarter, Fiscal Year Ending March 2019 Financial Results

October 31, 2018



United, Inc. (TSE Mothers, code 2497)



Vision

# Become the leading internet firm in Japan



Mission

Create new value through continued challenges and contribute to society



### Our Business-In Detail

Ad Technology **Business** 







new

new





"Bypass" DSP

"VidSpot" Video ad distribution platform "adstir" SSP

"ADeals" App specialized ad distribution platform

"HaiNa" Ad network

**Game Business** 



"Crash Fever"



"CocoPPa Play"



"Tokyo Conception"



TriFort. Inc. \* became subsidiary since

**Content Business** 

### **High Growth Businesses**



Smarprise, Inc.

KIRAMEX

Kiramex

CORPORATION



Fogg, inc.



ALAN•PRODU CTS. Inc.

### **Stable Growth Businesses**



TREIS, inc.



International Sports Marketing Co., Ltd.

Apps for mobile carriers

Investment **Business** 



Investment business of UNITED, inc.

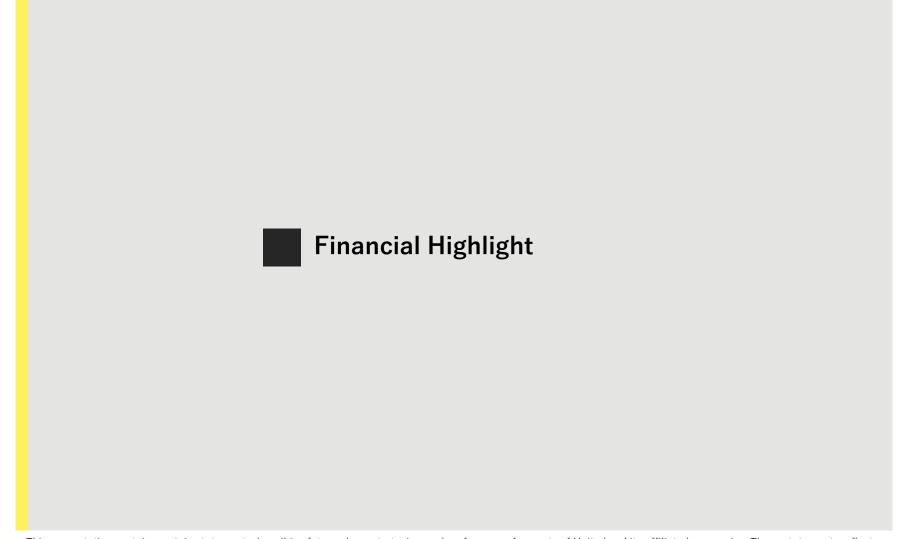


Venture United, inc.

**Other Business** 



COINAGE, Inc.



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### Financial Highlights H1 FY2018

Renewed record high consolidated profit in H1 Pursued up-front investment in each business by utilizing profit from Investment Business, and will continue to do so through FY2018

| Overall  | Consolidated              | Sales: 18,858 million yen (YoY up 173%) Operating Income: 12,219 million yen (YoY up 1,186%) Net Income: 8,080 million yen (YoY up 1,327%) |  |
|----------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Segments | Ad Technology<br>Business | Sales: 3,001 million yen (YoY down 21%) Operating Income: -32 million yen (YoY down 421 million yen)                                       |  |
|          | Game Business             | Sales: 799 million yen (YoY down 11%) Operating Income: 78 million yen (YoY down 73%)  |  |
|          | Content<br>Business       | Sales: 2,044 million yen (YoY up 6%) Operating Income: 1 million yen (YoY down 100%)   |  |
|          | Investment<br>Business    | Sales: 13,044 million yen (YoY up 4,463%) Operating Income: 12,905 million yen (YoY up 5,054%)   |  |
|          | Other Business            | Sales: - million yen (YoY – million yen)  Operating Income: -127 million yen (YoY down 127 million yen)                                    |  |

\*UNITED

### Consolidated P/L Statement H1 FY2017

| (million yen)                                | FY2018 H1 | FY2017 H1 | YoY     |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Sales  | 18,858    | 6,899     | +173%   |
| Gross Profit                                 | 14,326    | 2,401     | +496%   |
| SG&A expenses                                | 2,106     | 1,451     | +45%    |
| Operating Income                             | 12,219    | 950       | +1,186% |
| Ordinary Income                              | 12,206    | 944       | +1,192% |
| Net Income attributable to owners of parents | 8,080     | 566       | +1,327% |
| Extraordinary profit and loss                | △324      | △4        | -       |
| (Valuation loss on investment securities)    | △174      | -         | -       |
| (Expense for office expansion)               | △142      | -         | -       |
| Taxes etc.                                   | △3,802    | △374      | -       |

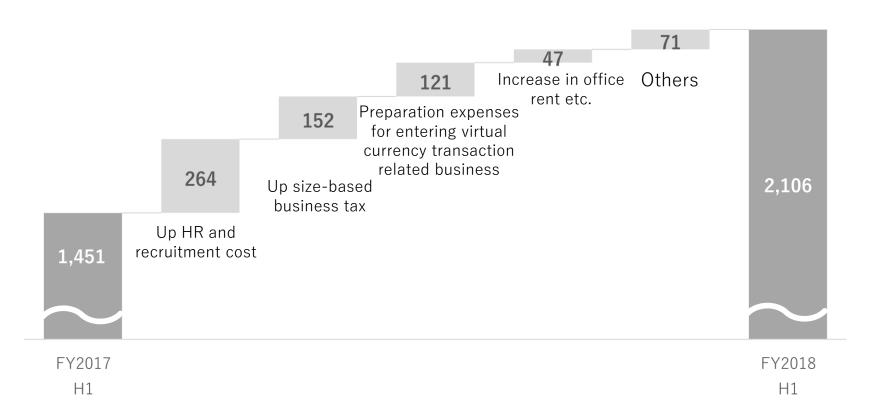
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### H1 Consolidated SG&A Expenses Comparison

### Major reasons for increase in SG&A Expenses:

Expanding employee numbers in group companies (up ¥175 million), new graduates (up ¥53 million), up-front investment such as preparation expenses for entering virtual currency transaction related business

(million yen)



### **Consolidated Balance Sheet for H1 FY2018**

Current Assets such as cash and deposits increased compared to end of FY2017, mainly due to capital gain related to Mercari's IPO and partial sales of invested shares Able to invest in focused strategic priorities in mid-term management plan (see page 32)

| (million yen)                       | End of Q2 FY2018 | End of Q4 FY2017 | Difforonce |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
|                                     | (Sept. 30, 2018) | (Mar. 30, 2018)  | Difference |
| Current Assets                      | 60,944           | 10,598           | +50,346    |
| (Cash & Deposits)                   | 16,186           | 5,576            | +10,610    |
| (Operating investment securities) * | 42,499           | 2,994            | +39,505    |
| Non Current Assets                  | 1,929            | 2,195            | △265       |
| Total Assets                        | 62,873           | 12,793           | +50,080    |
| Current Liabilities                 | 6,214            | 2,503            | +3,711     |
| Non Current Liabilities             | 11,881           | 8                | +11,873    |
| (Deferred tax liabilities) 💥        | 11,877           | 1                | +11,875    |
| Total Liabilities                   | 18,096           | 2,511            | +15,584    |
| Net Assets                          | 44,777           | 10,281           | +34,495    |
| (Unrealized gains on securities) *  | 27,531           | 492              | +27,038    |

X Impact on market valuation of invested stocks: Increase in Current Assets (operational investment securities), Non-current Liabilities (deferred tax liability), and Net Assets (valuation difference on available-for-sale securities)



**Business Review** 



### Ad Technology Business: Sales and Operating Income Trends

Sales: up 5% QoQ as new product "ADeals" began to take off Gross margin: Improved margins of "VidSpot" and "adstir"

### **Quarterly Sales Trend (Continuing Businesses)**

#### (million yen) ■ App Install Ad ■ Web Ad 2,304 $Q \circ Q + 5\%$ 2,067 2,061 1,870 1,940 1,874 1,463 = 1,538 1.549 1,340 2Q 3Q 4Q 2Q 3Q 4Q 2Q 1Q 1Q 1Q FY2016 FY2017 FY2018

#### Quarterly Gross Margin Trend (Continuing Businesses)



### Ad Technology Business: Strategy

Plan to deploy products in various areas and increase sales for overall Ad Technology Business Aim to improve profitability through vertical integration and leveraging existing system resources by businesses

**Supply Side Demand Side** ∧ Deals App Install Ad App specialized Advertisers and ad distribution platform **VidSpot** Video ad distribution platform <u>a</u> adstir Bypass agencies Web Ad SSP DSP Ad network



### Ad Technology Business: Roadmap

App installation ad business: Focus on sales growth Web ad: Achieve stable profit contribution

Business Area

**Service Description** 

FY2017

FY2018 H1

FY2018 H2

App Install Ad



Up-front investment period

Improve margin

Maximize profit

Growth focus



**Taking off** 

Increase sales

Web Ad
Profit focus



Primary source of sales & profit

Stable profit contribution

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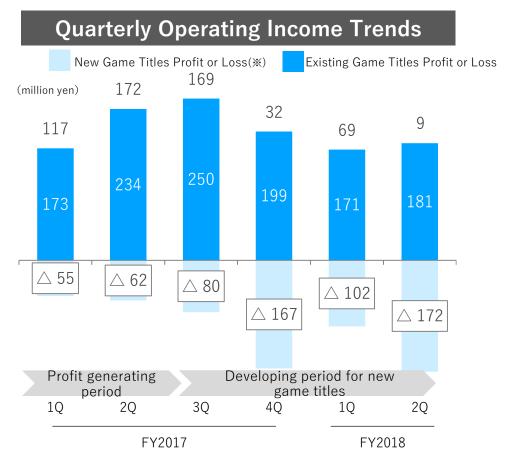
Grow by using adstir inventory

### Game Business: Sales and Operating Income Trends

Sales up 4% QoQ despite release of new title "Tokyo Conception" delayed to Q3 Plan further sales growth post Q3 as TriFort, Inc. became a consolidated subsidiary

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







### Game Business: New Game Title



## "Tokyo Conception"

Released on Oct. 23

Genre: 3D action RPG OS: Android™ and iOS

Price: Basically free (Offers In-App Purchases)

### Undertook several pre-release promotions in order to attract fans in advance of release

#### **Twitter**



Proactive communication with users by using Twitter official account

#### **Events**



Official ambassador (%) and press events

Scheme users are able to spread app
 in advance of release

#### **Auditions**



Auditions for vocalists for title song, voice actors and character models through CHEERZ and SHOWROOM

#### Collaboration



Collaboration with Virtual YouTubers (Fuji Aoi, Tokino Sora)

With Over 100K DL, positive initial response



### Game Business: TriFort, Inc. Becoming Subsidiary

Acquired ownership of TriFort, Inc, which has an extensive track record regarding development and operation of game apps specializing in social gaming and smartphones, as subsidiary

### **Acquisition Overview**

#### TriFort, Inc.

Representative: CEO Shintaro Otake

No of employees: 178 (end of Sept. 2018)

Business description: Development and operation of

smartphone apps and web services

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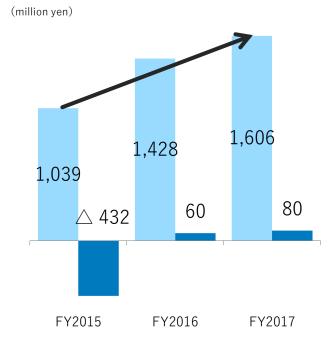
Acquisition cost: about ¥3,615 million

% of voting rights held after acquisition: about 75.0%(\*)

Transfer date: Oct. 11, 2018

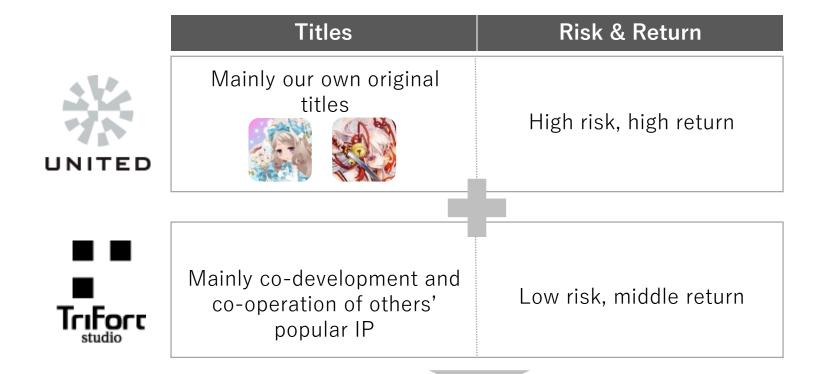
\*\*United has an option to purchase the remaining 25% under earnout method in order to wholly own TriFort, Inc.

### Sales and Operating Income Trends



### **Enhancing Game Business**

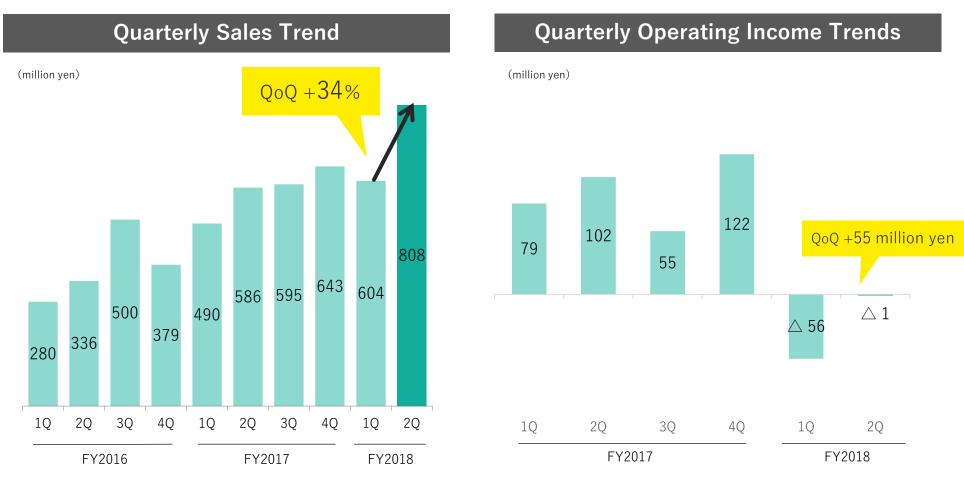
In addition to developing our own titles -a high risk and high return model- add low risk and middle return businesses to our business portfolio, in order to mitigate volatility of overall game business



Complementing each other mitigates volatility of overall game business

### Content Business - High Growth Businesses: Sales and Operating Income Trends

Sales up 34% QoQ driven by strong performance of KiRAMEX Prepare for launching new businesses within each business and initiate the transformation of each business portfolio





### **Content Business - High Growth Businesses: Update and Actions of each Business**

| Group Companies               | Update of Q2  |       | FY2018 Forecast     |  |
|-------------------------------|---|-------|---------------------|--|
| Croup Companies               | Opuate of Q2  | Sales | Operating<br>Income |  |
| KIRAMEX  KIRAMEX  CORPORATION | Update Good sales for corporate training in H1  Action Extend related services to "Tech Academy," a major product                               | 71    | 7                   |  |
| Smarpr!se Smarprise, Inc.     | Rethink business model of "SMART GAME," as iTunes affiliate program ended in October Strengthen HR and prepare to launch several new businesses | 7     | 7                   |  |
| ALAN PRODUCTS, Inc.           | Opdate Sales drop of "Hair Labo," a major service  Restructure organization with mainly younger staff in order to launch new businesses         | 7     | 3                   |  |
| Fogg<br>Fogg, Inc.            | Update Upward sales trend of related services to "CHEERZ"  Action Continue to focus on developing "CHEERZ" and related services                 | 7     | 7                   |  |

### Content Business: New Business

ALAN•PRODUCTS, Inc. acquired RAPS Inc. operating "MIROR," Japan's largest class C2C fortune telling service, as subsidiary Aim to grow this business as one of Alan's new businesses

### Features of "MIROR"

- C2C matching fortune tellers and users
- 24 hour availability through chats and phones
- More than 200 fortune tellers

### **Company Overview**

#### RAPS Inc.

Founded in Jan 27, 2017

Representative: CEO Tatsuya Wadasaki

No of employees: 15 (including part time and

contracted staff)

Description: Development and operation of

smartphone apps and media





### **Investment Business: Sales and Operating Income Trends**

## Q2 sales: ¥142 million as funds' investment profit was recorded Operational investment securities as at end of Q2 FY2018: ¥42,499 million

X Operational investment securities related to Mercari: ¥39,427 million (% of voting rights held: 7.4%). As at Sept 30, 2018.



#### **Breakdown of Operational Investment Securities**

|                         | Invested<br>Companies                 | As at Sept 2018<br>(amount on BS) |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Listed<br>shares        | Mercari, inc.<br>SOCIALWIRE CO., LTD. | Approx. ¥39.9 Bn                  |
| Private<br>shares       | More than 50 companies                | Approx. ¥1.3 Bn                   |
| Invested<br>funds as LP | Approx. 20 funds                      | Approx. ¥1.2 Bn                   |

### **Investment Business: Investment Portfolio**

Expect sales and profit contribution from existing investment and proactively explore new investment targets

### **Directly Invested Start-ups**







### Invested Funds as LP





**FY2018 Forecast** 

### FY2018 Forecast

Expect record high sales and operating income Effectively using capital gain related to Mercari and regard FY2018 as up-front investment period toward achieving mid-term management plan "UNITED 2.0"

Forecast (million yen)

YoY

**Consolidated Sales Forecast** 

26,900~29,100

 $+86\% \sim +101\%$ 

Consolidated
Operating Income
Forecast

10,000~11,000

 $+507\% \sim +567\%$ 

### FY2018 Forecast by Segment

| Ad Technology<br>Business | Up-front investment: launch of "ADeals," a new product Sales: $7,000\sim7,600$ million yen YoY: $\triangle10\%\sim\triangle2\%$ Operating Income: $0\sim300$ million yen YoY: $\triangle100\%\sim\triangle47\%$  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Game Business             | Up-front investment: Promotion of "Tokyo Conception" and development of new game titles(**) Sales: $2,800\sim3,900$ million yen YoY: $+56\%\sim+118\%$ Operating Income: $\triangle300\sim50$ million yen YoY: $\triangle790$ million yen $\sim$ $\triangle440$ million yen                    |
| Content Business          | Up-front investment: Recruiting talents for new service development for high growth businesses and M&A Sales: $4,200\sim4,500$ million yen YoY: $+5\%\sim+13\%$ Operating Income: $\triangle650\sim\triangle450$ million yen YoY: $\triangle863$ million yen $\sim$ $\triangle663$ million yen |
| Investment<br>Business    | Sales: 13,100~13,200 million yen YoY: +1,276%~1,286%<br>Operating Income: 12,800~12,850 million yen YoY: +1,428%~1,434%  |
| Other Business            | Up-front investment: COINAGE's preparation expenses for entering virtual currency transaction related business Sales: — million yen YoY: —% Operating Income: $\triangle 400 \sim \triangle 350$ million yen YoY: $\triangle 327$ million yen $\sim \triangle 277$ million yen                 |

※ Plan to release on Q4 FY2018



**Interim Dividend** 

### Interim Dividend

Increase interim dividend (per share) to 24.0 yen
Maintain consolidated dividend payout ratio of 20% (including both interim and term end dividends)

| Outline of Interim dividend       |                |               |                |                       |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|
|                                   | FY2017         |               | FY2018         |                       |
|                                   | Interim        | Term end      | Interim        | Term end (E)          |
| Record date                       | Sept. 30, 2017 | Mar. 31, 2018 | Sept. 30, 2018 | Mar. 31, 2019         |
| Dividend per share                | ¥5.0           | ¥2.0          | ¥24.0(%)       | Not yet<br>determined |
| Dividend per<br>share<br>(Annual) | 18.9%          |               | 20.09          | % (E)                 |

X Policy for interim dividend

Assume consolidated dividend payout ratio of 20% maintained Taking into account up-front investment etc. in H2, determine dividend per share of 24.0 yen with the guideline of 50% of lower end of FY2018 forecast EPS



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### **Quantitative Target**

**FY2021 Operating Income (before amortization)** 

## Challenging target ¥10 billion

Committed target ¥5 billion

(Excluding capital gain related to Mercari)

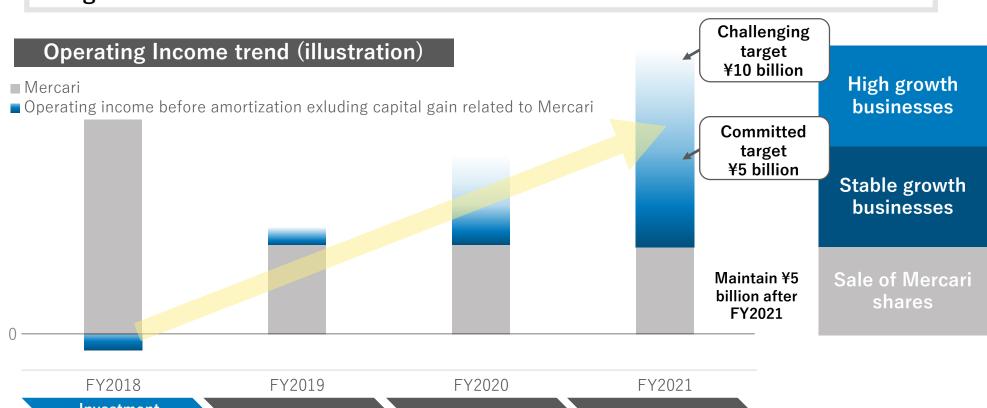
### **Qualitative Target**

Realize our vision by establishing and leveraging UNITED Empowerment Platform (UEP)

Roadmap Toward Achieving Mid-term Quantitative Target (before amortization)

Source: Mid-term management plan

Toward achieving mid-term target, actively invest in high growth businesses by using cash in hand



Investment Period

Prioritize up-front investment proactively instead of pursuing short-term profit Focusing Period

Coexistence of loss making and profitable businesses.
Continue to invest in high growth businesses

**Growth Period** 

Significant profit growth in several businesses

Aim to maximize profit at every business and achieve the target

**Harvest Period** 

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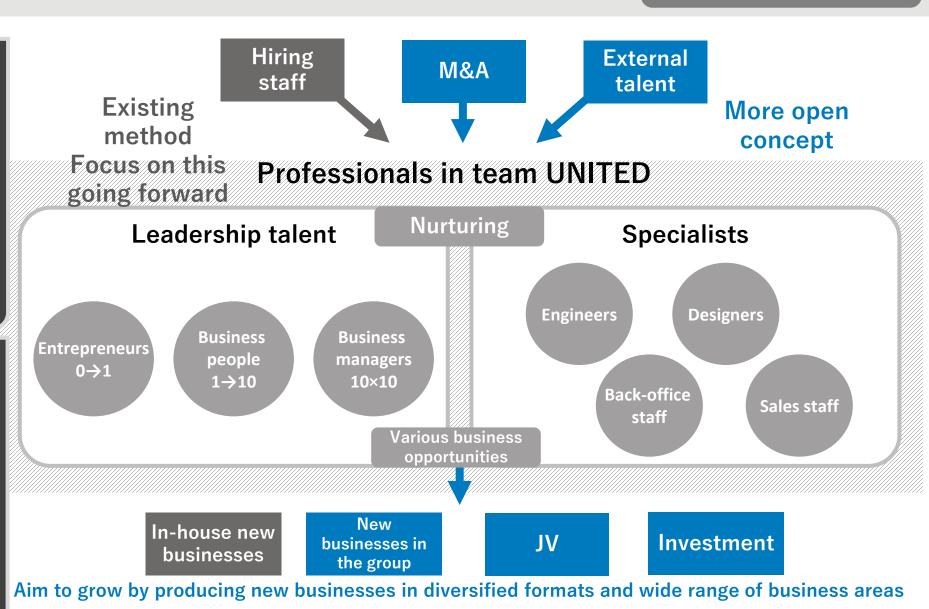
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### **Establish UNITED Empowerment Platform (UEP)**

## UEP is the platform with entrepreneurs, business people, managers and specialists, allowing UNITED to grow as a team

Gather diversified talents: entrepreneurs who start business from scratch; business people who can grow business seed; managers who can manage 10 different established businesses; and specialists such as engineers, designers, back-office staff etc. Those people demonstrate their potential in various ways. Aim to establish the platform allowing individuals and organizations to grow through internet business.







### Major strategic priorities:

- Active M&A
- **■**Enhance new business creation
- Accelerate growth of existing businesses

During the current mid-term management plan, thoroughly invest in the aforementioned priorities under UNITED2.0 slogan and achieve a new trajectory of growth

### TriFort, Inc. Becoming Subsidiary



Acquired ownership of TriFort, Inc, which has an extensive track record regarding development and operation of game apps specializing in social gaming and smartphones, and anticipate the following role under the UEP

### Organization with Comprehensive Developing Capability

- Game creator organization with more than 170 diversified skilled staff
- Wealth of experiences: various involvement of hit titles; multiple co-development and cooperation projects with major publishers
- Continuously accumulate planning, development and operational know-how

#### Strengthening existing businesses

## Contribution to existing games

- Obtain co-development projects with famous IP and major publishers
- Accumulate further know-how via development experiences and increase success rate of game titles

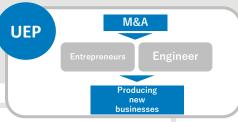
### Producing new businesses

## New business production leveraging technologies

- Planning and development of promising new Al related business in progress
- Continuous creation of new businesses leveraging comprehensive developing capability



### ALAN•PRODUCTS's acquisition of RAPS Inc. and Glasspod, Inc.



## With ALAN•PRODUCTS's representative Hanabusa's network, anticipate the following role under the UEP

- ✓ Quick launch of various new businesses and sales and profit contribution to Content Business
- ✓ Leveraging network with younger entrepreneurs and start-ups, explore M&A opportunities and access professional talents
- **▼**Current movement

### RAPS Inc. Becoming Subsidiary

 With product managers who experienced product launch and growth, new business creation is strength

### Glasspod, Inc. Becoming Subsidiary

- CEO Kawanishi experienced CTOs at several start-ups and involved in new business development
- Become CTO of ALAN•PRODUCTS

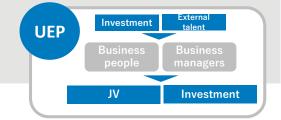
Entrepreneurs 0→1

**Engineers** 

Acquire people with leadership and expect growth as new business within the group

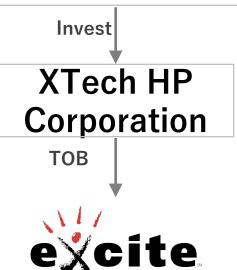
Acquire specialists and start new business production organization, "STUDIO ALAN"

### **Investment in XTech HP Corporation**



Invested in XTech HP, Inc. (SPC), which acquired Excite Japan Co., Ltd. through TOB Contribute to enhance Excite's company value through a potential business alliance





#### **Investment Overview**

Investment amount: about ¥799,994 K % of voting rights held after investment: about 14.2%

Transfer date: Oct 25, 2018

### XTech HP Corporation CEO Shinichi Saijo

Graduated from Faculty of Law, Waseda University and joined ITOCHU Corporation in 1996. Then joined CyberAgent, Inc in 2000 and held the post of Directors since 2004 and Senior Managing Director and COO since 2008. In 2013 co-founded WiL LLC as general partner, subsequently held position of Director at Coiney, Qrio's CEO and TriFort's Director.

In 2018, founded XTech Corporation and XTech Ventures, Inc.

### Overall Summary

## FY2018 is the investment period toward achieving mid-term management plan Solid progress made across various actions

#### **Active M&A**

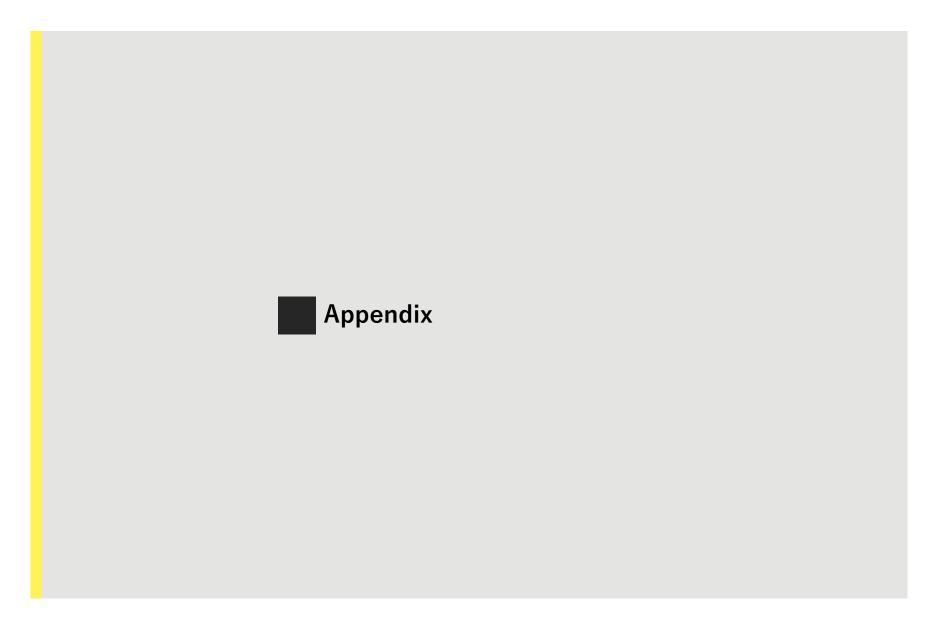
- ✓ Acquired TriFort, Inc as subsidiary
- ✓ Invested in XTech HP Corporation (SPC), which acquired Excite Japan Co., Ltd. through TOB

### **Enhance New Business Creation**

- ✓ Form organizational structures for new service launch in high growth businesses of Content Business
- ✓ ALAN•PRODUCTS's acquisition of RAPS Inc. and Glasspod, Inc. as subsidiary

### **Accelerate Growth**

- ✓ Focus on app install ad area in Ad Technology Business
- ✓ Strengthen Game Business portfolio with acquisition of TriFort, Inc.



### **Content Business: Change in Business Classification**

"Game Business" is separate from "Content Business" as an independent segment, since "games" and "contents" set their own growth strategies

**UP to FY2017** 

FY2018 onward

Content Segment

High Growth Businesses

Games

Non-game Contents

Stable Growth
Businesses

**Game Business** 

**Content Business** 

### **Content Business - High Growth Businesses: Major Services**



KIRAMEX CORPORATION

Operates "TECH ACADEMY," 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.



### **Content Business - High Growth Businesses: Major Services**

## Smarpr!se

Smarprise, Inc.

Plans and operates the following services: "SMART GAME," Japan's largest platform service related to in-app purchases, which gives users points equivalent to a proportion of in-app purchases; VAR-YouTuber "Fuji Aoi" (more than 150K subscribers as at October 30, 2018)





Fogg, Inc.

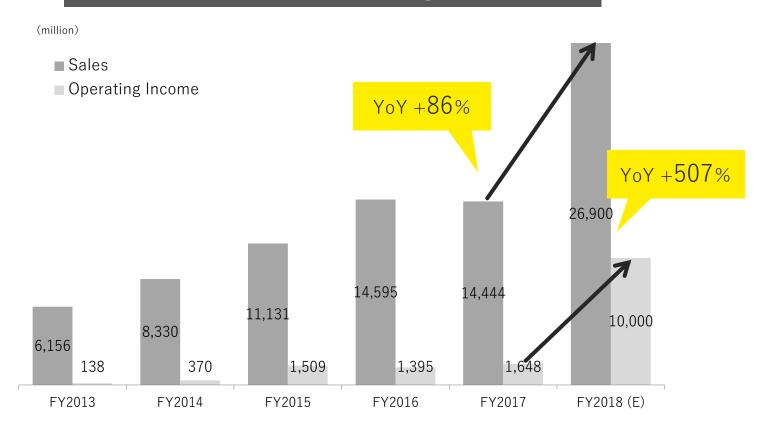
Operates "CHEERZ," an app for cheering idols with idols' photos and supporting favorite idols.

More than 1,000 idols are participating.



### **Consolidated Sales and Operating Income Trends**

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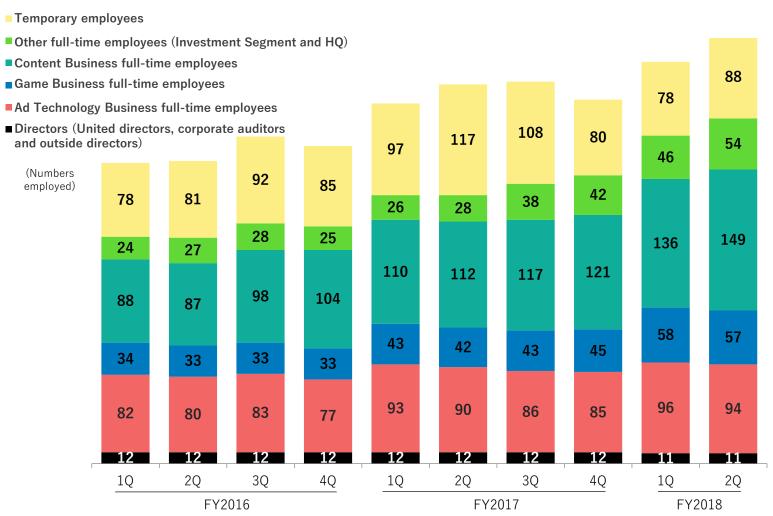


# Continuously focus on establishment of the UNITED team, leveraging accumulated network with ventures and acquisition know-how Obtain core talent and businesses for UNITED through M&A

|  | Acquisition of Ventures  | Acquisition of Mid-range Companies   |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Targets  | Ventures from seed to early stage  | Companies with the potential to increase company value by talent injection such as entrepreneurs, business people, business managers and specialists                           |  |
| Valuations   | Market value ¥0.1 Bn∼¥2 Bn   | Market value ¥2 Bn∼¥10 Bn  |  |
| Investment criteria                                      | <ul> <li>Companies with highly talented professionals</li> <li>Companies with the potential to grow through injection of talent and cash</li> <li>Expect to be profitable during mid-term management plan (based on operating income before amortization)</li> </ul> | With business synergy and, UNITED's management and internet business know-how, expect to be profitable in operating income before amortization during mid-term management plan |  |
| Reasons from<br>founders and<br>existing<br>shareholders | With reduced demand for financing and business management toward IPO, the potential for company growth and EXIT increase   | Increase company vale and EXIT   |  |
| UNITED's reason for acquisition                          | <ul> <li>Enter new business area</li> <li>Acquire entrepreneurs, business people and business managers</li> </ul>  | Enter new business area Strengthen existing business areas   |  |
| Acquisition format                                       | Using earnout deals which secure entrepreneurs and business managers to obtain potential upside and bring balanced risk and return for UNITED  |  |  |

### **Number of Consolidated Employees and Directors**

### Increase in H1 YoY, due to enhancing recruitment of group companies in Content Business



Note: Due to withdrawal from Agency Business in FY2016, employees of discontinued business included in "Ad Technology Segment"