Third Quarter, Fiscal Year Ending March 2025

# Financial Results

**February 6, 2025** 



United, Inc.

(TSE Growth: code 2497)

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operating
performance

 We revised upward our full-year consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 2025, as the core Investment and Education businesses are expected to exceed the plan.

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#### Investment

 We expanded the number of investment projects, investing in 36 companies in cumulative Q3 (vs. full-year target of 30 companies).

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#### Investee company dely inc. was listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Growth Market.

#### Education

We completed the share transfer of Bestco Co., Ltd., which operates in the area of private tutoring.

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#### **Personnel Matching**

We have increased sales by 33% YoY by expanding the personnel referral and designer-focused matching businesses.

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#### **Ad Tech/Content**

Fogg, inc.'s online lottery RAFFLE expanded.
 As of the end of the third quarter, Fogg, inc. had grown to surpass the previous fiscal year's full-year sales.

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#### Revision of Consolidated Earnings Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 2025\*1 and Earnings Progress

We have upwardly revised our full-year consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 2025 due to the following factors:

Investment: A secondary offering of shares held by the listing of investee company dely inc. following its stock exchange listing

Education: Start of consolidation of Bestco Co., Ltd. from Q4\*2.

	Previously announced forecast (A) (millions of yen)	Forecast announced this time (B) (millions of yen)	Change (B-A) (millions of yen)	Q3 results (cumulative) (millions of yen)	Progress rate
Sales	9,400–10,300	11,400–11,700	2,000–1,400	9,415	80%-83%
Operating profit	2,000–2,500	2,700-3,000	700–500	3,125	104%–116%
Ordinary profit	2,000–2,500	2,600–2,900	600–400	3,071	106%–118%
Net income*	1,150–1,500	1,450–1,700	300–200	1,915	113%–132%

<sup>\*</sup> Refers to net income attributable to owners of parent

<sup>\*1</sup> For details, refer to the "2025年3月期通期連結業績予想の修正に関するお知らせ/Notice Regarding Revision of Consolidated Earnings Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 2025" published on November 21, 2024. \*2 For details, refer to the "株式会社ベストコの持株会社である株式会社グローバルアシストホールディングスの株式取得(子会社化)に関するお知らせ/Notice Regarding the Acquisition of Shares (Making a Subsidiary) of Global Assist Holdings Co., Ltd., the Holding Company of Bestco Co., Ltd." published on November 21, 2024.

#### Financial Highlights of the First Nine Months of FY03/25

Sales and profit declined due to fewer securities sold in the Investment business compared with Q3 FY03/24. Driven by top-line growth, the Personnel Matching business achieved sales growth and a smaller operating loss YoY, while the Ad Tech/Content business saw YoY increases in both sales and profit.

Consolidated
Operating performance
Operating profit

Operating profit

Sales

\$9,415 million (-13% YoY)

\$3,125 million (-37% YoY)

#### **Core Businesses**

Investment	Sales Operating profit	¥4,861 million (-24% YoY) ¥4,062 million (-31% YoY)
Education (Reclassified Brewus, Inc. under the Education business from Q3)	Sales Operating profit	¥847 million (-37% YoY) -¥331 million (-¥257 million YoY)
Personnel Matching	Sales Operating profit	¥494 million (+33% YoY) -¥118 million (+¥240 million YoY)

#### **Earnings Drivers**

Ad Tech/Content

Sales

¥3,214 million (+21% YoY)

Operating profit

¥238 million (+4% YoY)

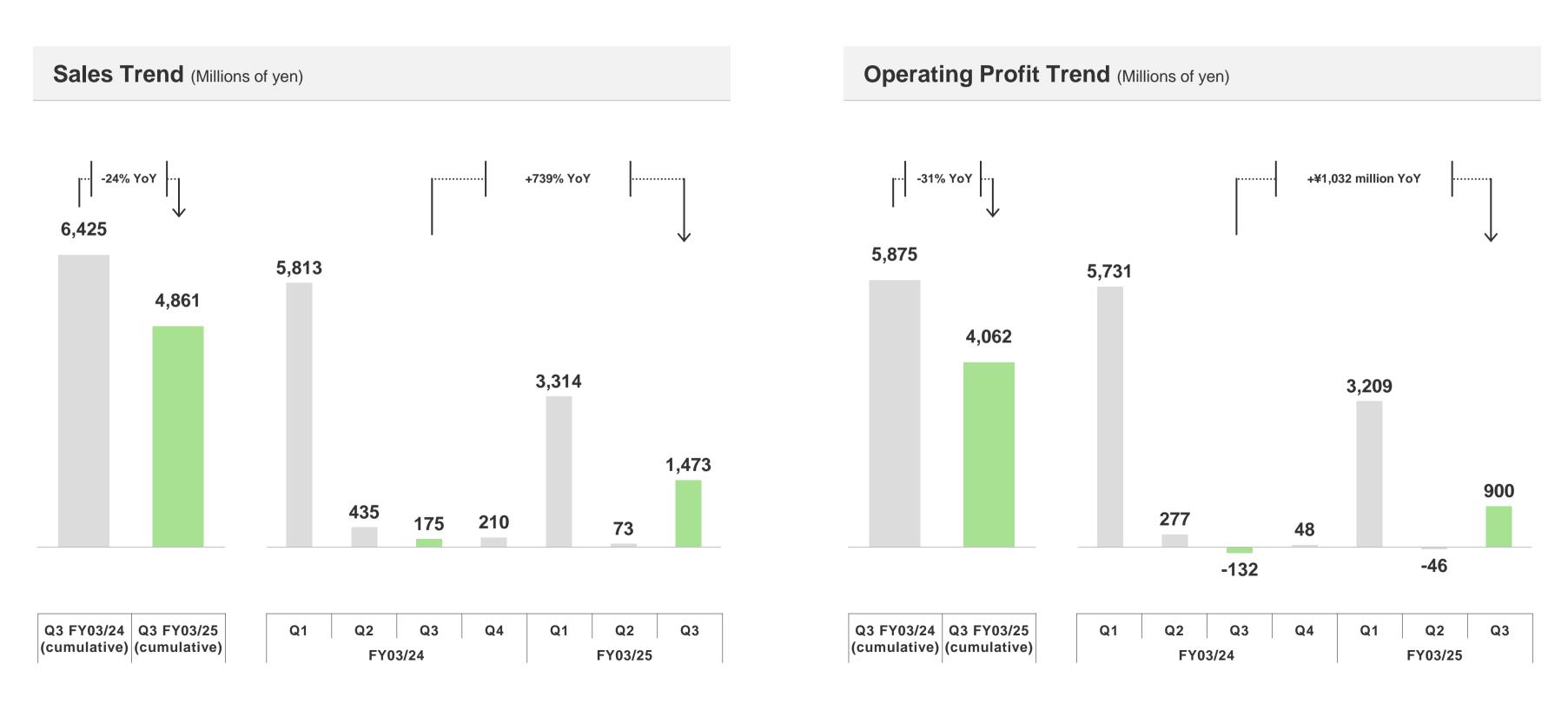
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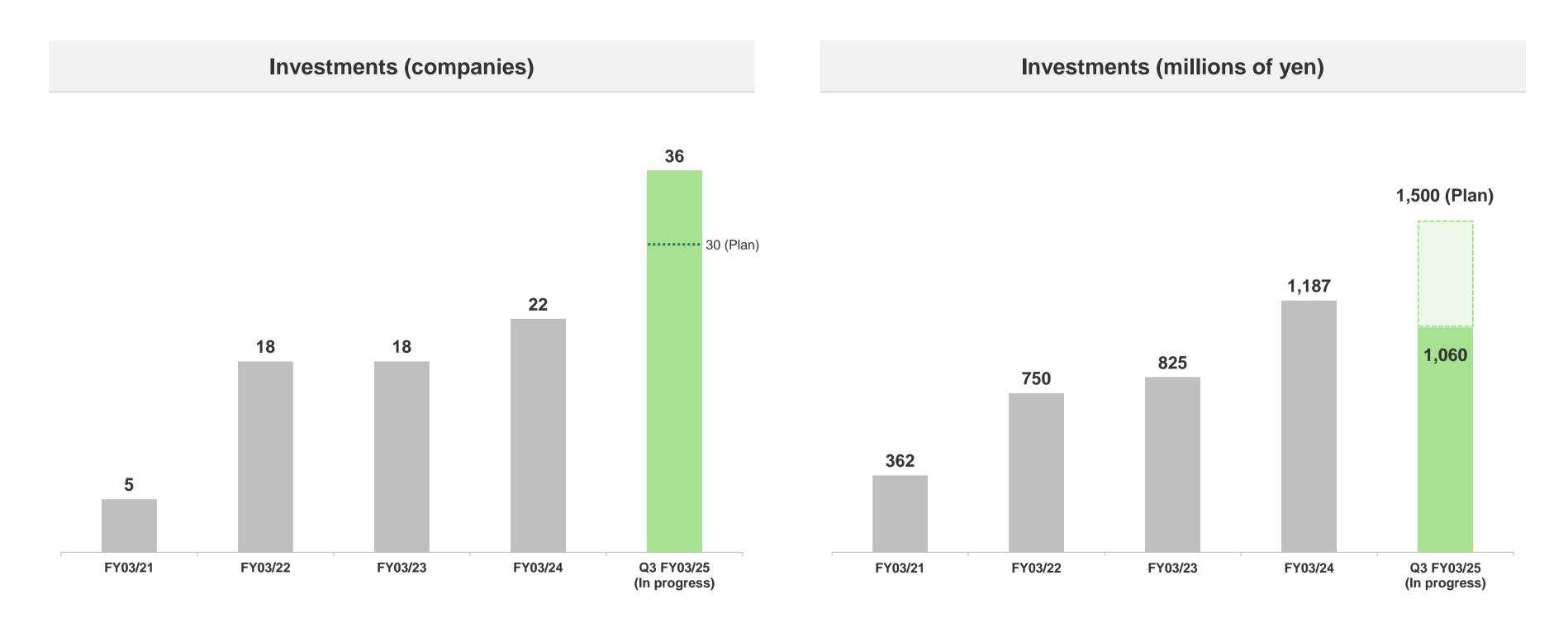
# **Investment Business**

Following the IPO of investee company dely inc., we participated in the offering and sold all shares held in the company. Due to the nature of the Investment business, quarterly performance fluctuates significantly depending on the timing of securities sales and other factors.



#### **Investment Business: FY03/25 Progress**

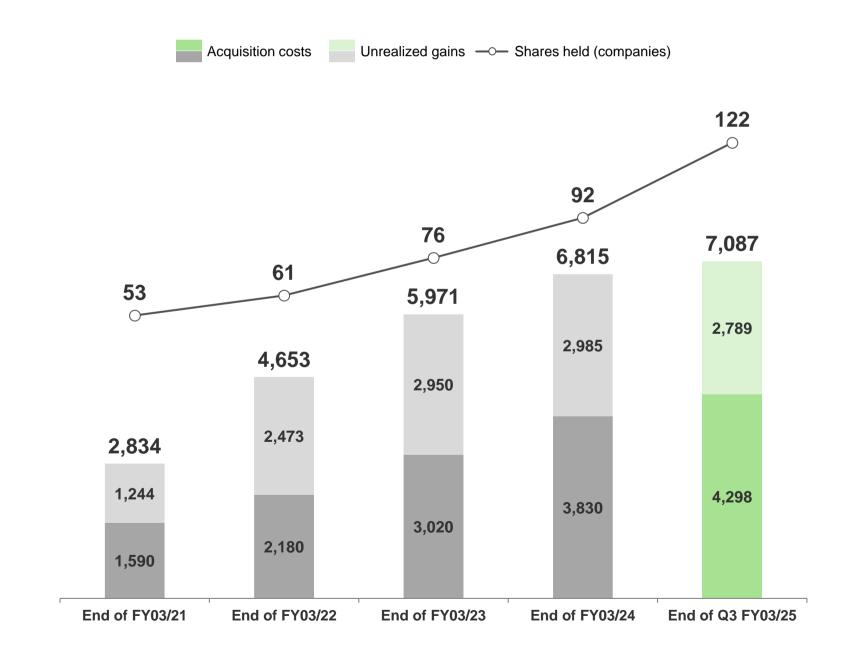
We invested approximately ¥1.1 billion in 36 companies as of end-Q3. The number of investments is ahead of the full-year plan (30 projects).



<sup>\*</sup>Equivalent in scale to a fund of over ¥5.5 billion (if invested over 3 years)

At end-Q3 FY03/25, we held unlisted shares in 122 companies with a market value of ¥7.0 billion.

#### Value of Unlisted Shares Held (millions of yen)\*



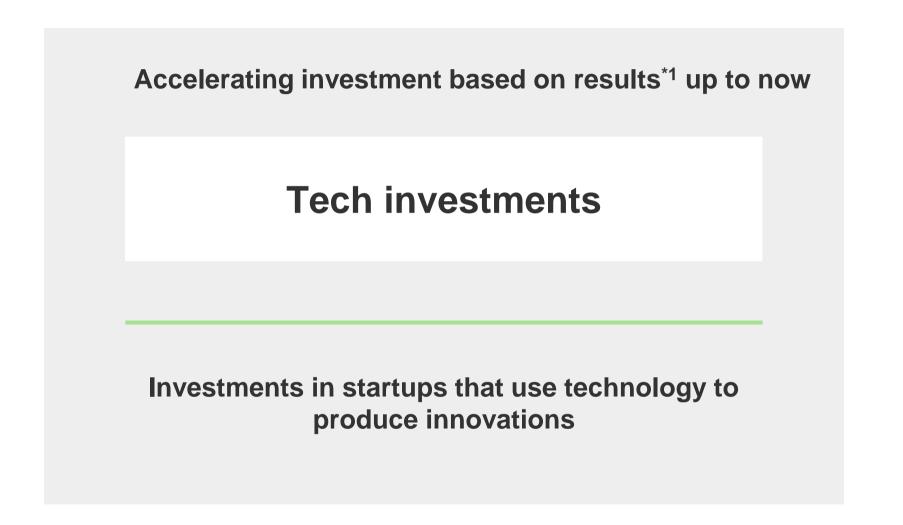
#### **Breakdown of Operational Investment Securities**

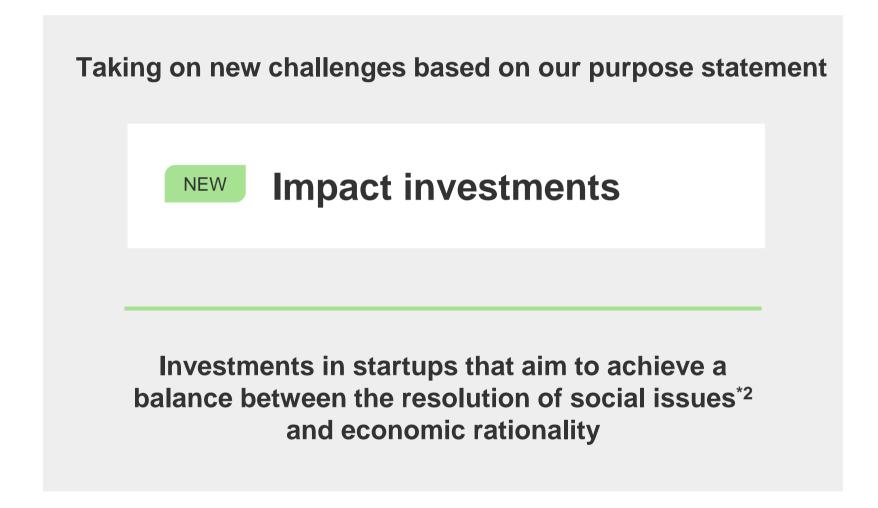
	Investee Companies	As of December 31, 2024 (amount on BS)
Listed shares	<ul> <li>•Mercari, Inc.</li> <li>•Wonder Planet, Inc.</li> <li>•CyberBuzz, Inc.</li> <li>•Socialwire Co., Ltd.</li> <li>•Excite Holdings Co., Ltd.</li> <li>•Interworks Confidence Inc.</li> </ul>	Approx. ¥1.0 bn
Unlisted shares	122 companies	Approx. <b>¥4.2</b> bn
LP investments	46 funds	Approx. <b>¥1.7</b> bn

<sup>\*</sup>Calculated based on the latest reports from issuers.

#### **Investment Business: Strategy for FY03/25**

We will increase the number of investment projects and amount invested to generate repeatable profits. Investments will be made in two categories: Tech investments and impact investments. Investments using our own funds enables us to flexibly invest in business domains that require time for growth



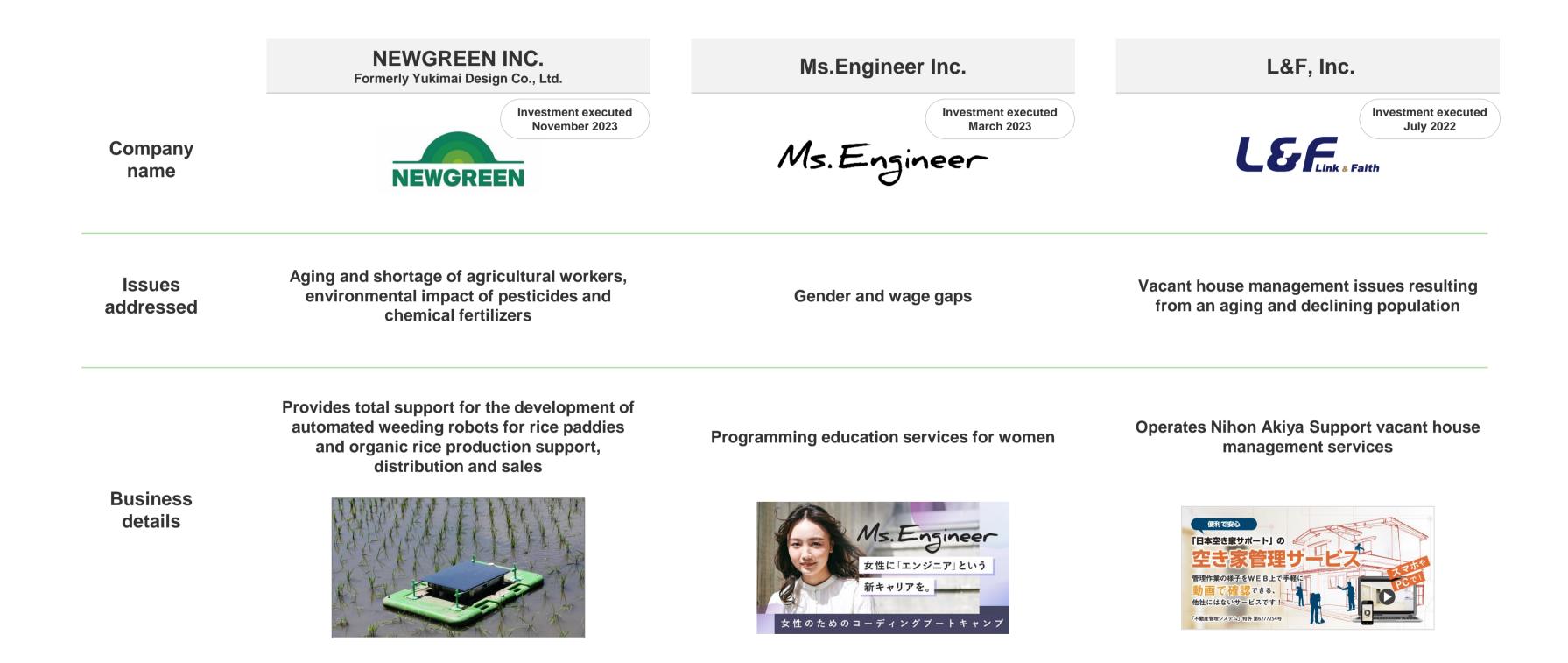


<sup>\*1</sup> Since January 2013, the investment multiple has been 6.8 times, (the net multiple of domestic VC funds established in 2013 was 2.2 times [Source: Fifth edition of the benchmark for measuring the performance of domestic VC funds, Japan Venture Capital Association])

<sup>\*2</sup> Social issues Japan will face before the rest of the world, including a super-aging society, urban concentration, and uniform education.

#### **Investment Business: Impact Investment Example**

#### Making investments as lead investor, providing hands-on support to increase value.



#### We made new investments in 8 companies\* in Q3 FY03/25.



AgeWellJapan inc.

November 2024

Established	January 2020
Representative	Madoka Akagi
Business	Provision of well-being services for seniors



IRORI, Co., Ltd.

October 2024

Established	December 2022	
Representative	Kohei Fukuzaki	
Business	Development and operation of "Crafty," a business social media platform for creators	



hootfolio Co., Ltd.

December 2024

Established	August 2024
Representative	Kenta Kasahara
Business	Development and operation of "causal analysis," an Al for causal relationship analysis



RemitAid Inc.

November 2024

Established	August 2022
Representative	Yudai Ogawa
Business	Development and operation of RemitAid, an overseas payment platform



Alyawmu Co., Ltd.

October 2024

Established	November 2020
Representative	Hiroaki Hatanaka
Business	Operation of a Hometown Tax payment portal site utilizing digital content

#### wowwe

wowwe, Inc.

November 2024

Established	December 2011
Representative	Masatoshi Mushika
Business	Eyelash salon business

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<sup>\*</sup>This is not a complete list.

#### **Investment Business: New Listing of Investee Company**

Investee company dely inc. was listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Growth Market on December 19th.\* We participated in the offering and sold all shares held in the company.

Amount recorded from the sale of shares held in the offering

Sales : ¥1,433 million

Operating profit: ¥1,111 million



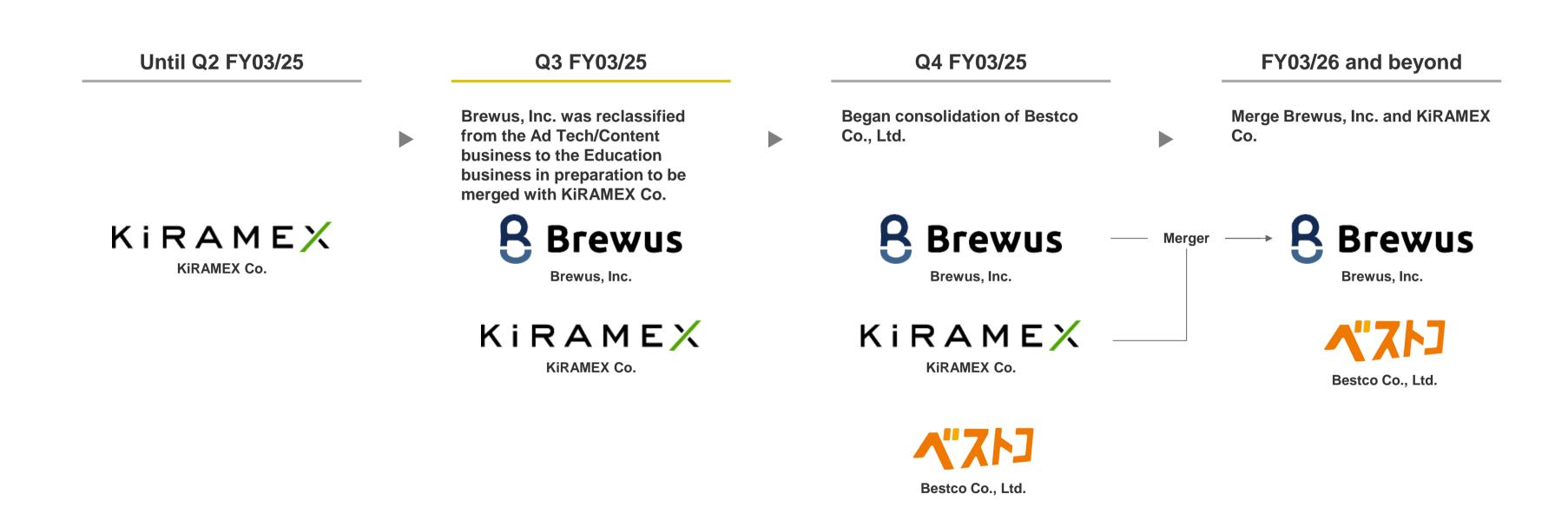
Outline of dely inc.				
Established	April 2014			
Representative	Yusuke Horie			
Business	<ul> <li>Planning, operation, and development of:</li> <li>the recipe video platform Kurashiru,</li> <li>the shopping support app Kurashiru Reward,</li> <li>the lifestyle media TRILL, etc.</li> </ul>			

<sup>\*</sup> For details, refer to the "<u>(開示事項の経過)営業投資有価証券の売却による売上及び利益の計上に関するお知らせ</u>/(Progress of Disclosure) Notice Regarding Recording of Sales and Profits from the Sale of Operating Investment Securities" published on December 11, 2024.

# **Education Business**

#### **Changes in the Composition of the Education Business**

The composition of the Education business will change following the business integration\*1 of Brewus, Inc. and KiRAMEX Co. and the consolidation\*2 of Bestco Co., Ltd.



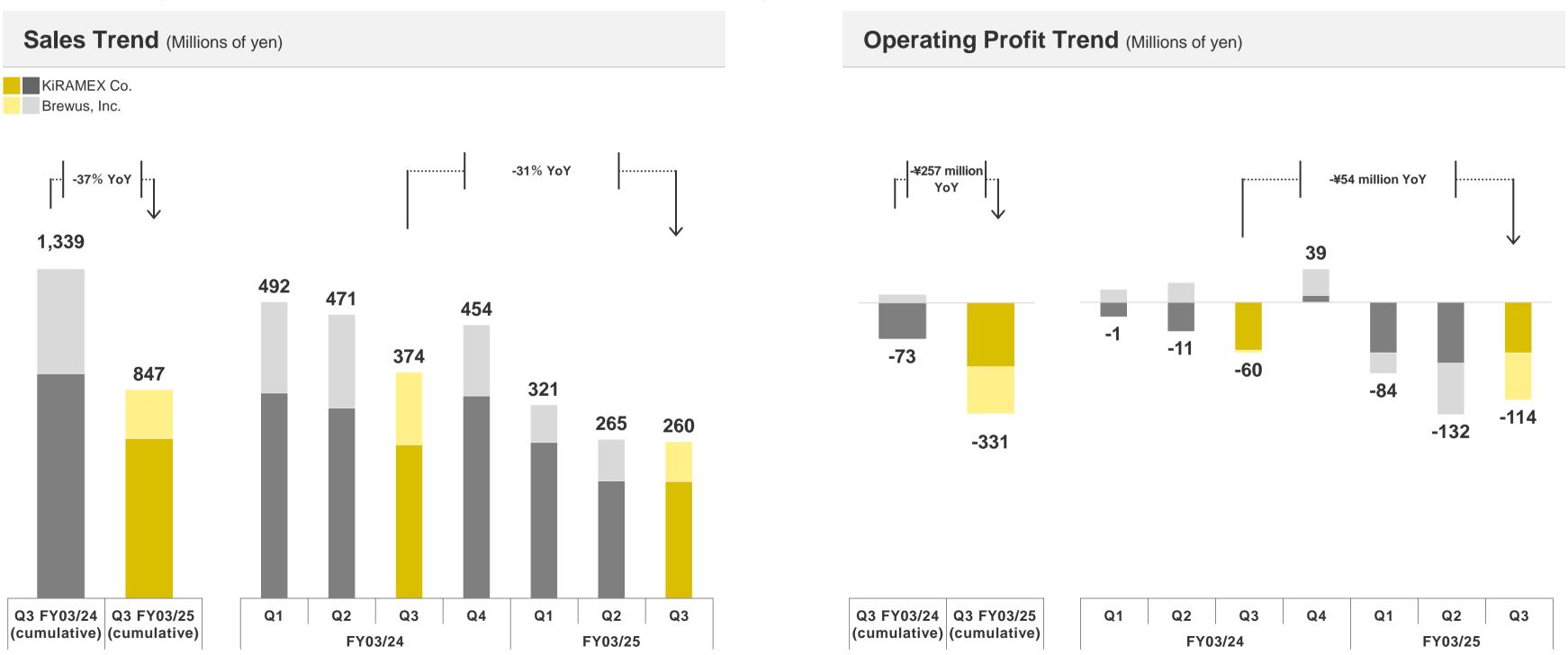
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#### **Education Business: Sales and Operating Profit**

Sales declined and operating losses widened YoY due to a decrease in development projects at Brewus, Inc. and a decline in the number of students enrolled in the Tech Academy at KiRAMEX Co.

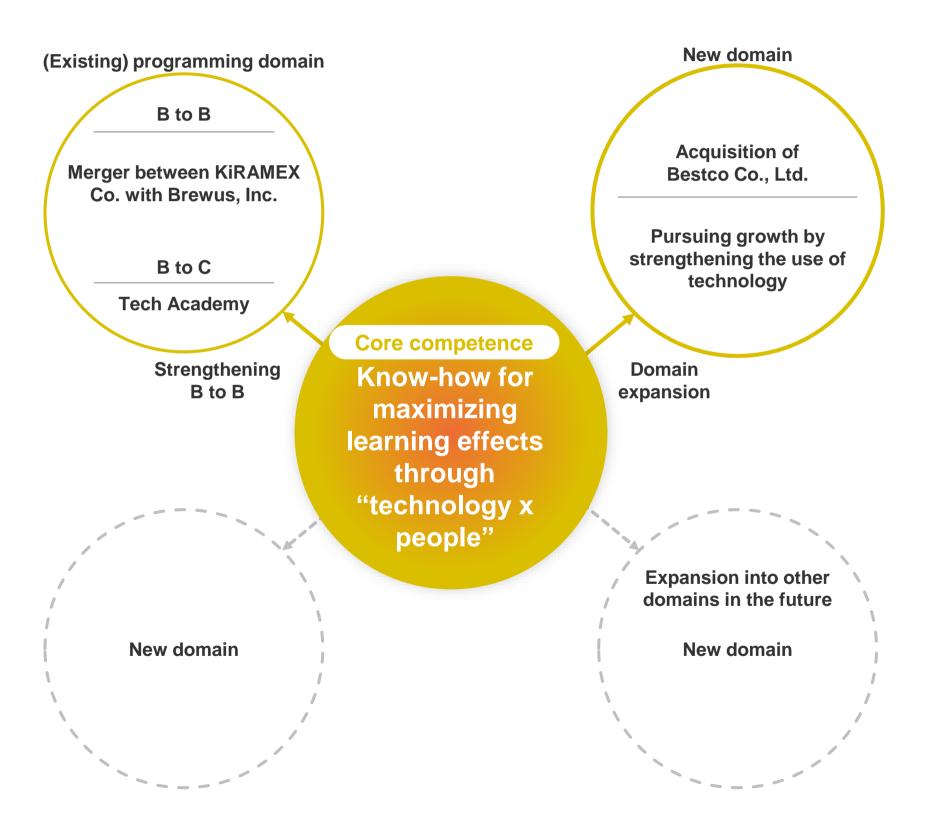
Going forward, we anticipate renewed growth driven by synergies from the business integration of Brewus, Inc. and KiRAMEX Co., as well as the consolidation\* of Bestco Co., Ltd.



<sup>\*</sup> Sales recognition starting from Q4 FY03/25

#### **Education Business: Future Growth Strategy**

We are expanding operations, with know-how for maximizing learning effects through 'technology x people" as a core competence. We will grow by strengthening the existing programming domain and expanding into new domains.



#### Education Business: Strengthening Existing Domains; Merger of KiRAMEX Co. and Brewus, Inc.

We have merged Brewus, Inc. with KiRAMEX Co. (both consolidated subsidiaries) to strengthen B2B operations. We initiated collaborations to strengthen the operational structure for sales and development.

# Brewus, Inc. Consolidated subsidiary in the Ad Tech/Content business Develops apps for smartphones Strengths in the latest technologies such as Al, AR/VR, IoT, and live streaming systems















#### **KiRAMEX Co. IT training**

IT training provided to 900+ companies

#### [Past clients]



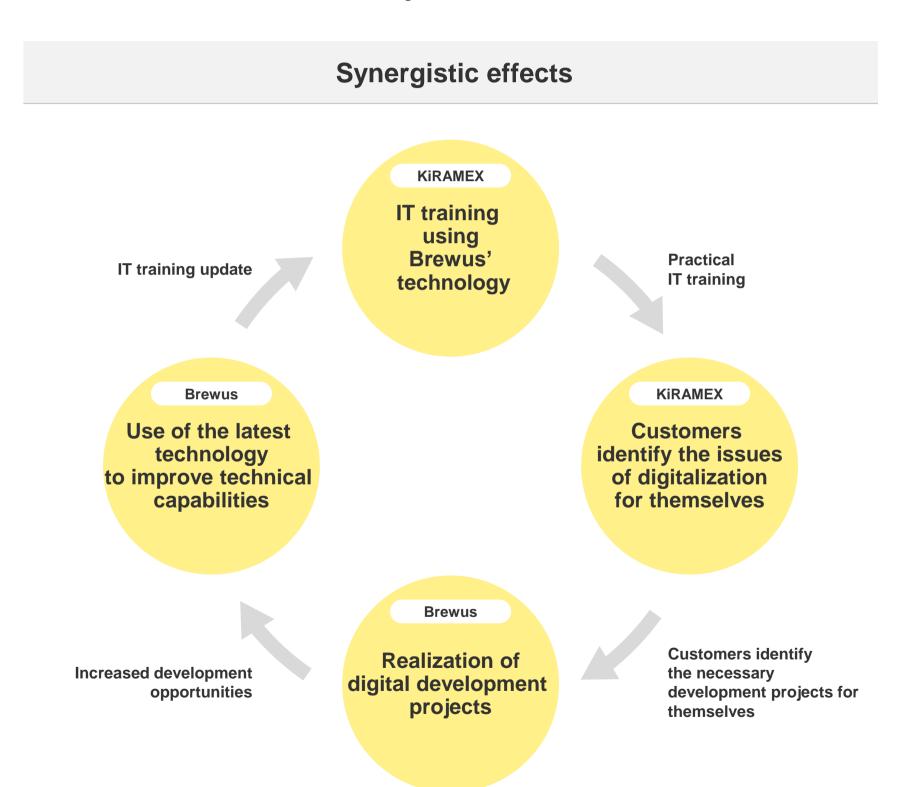




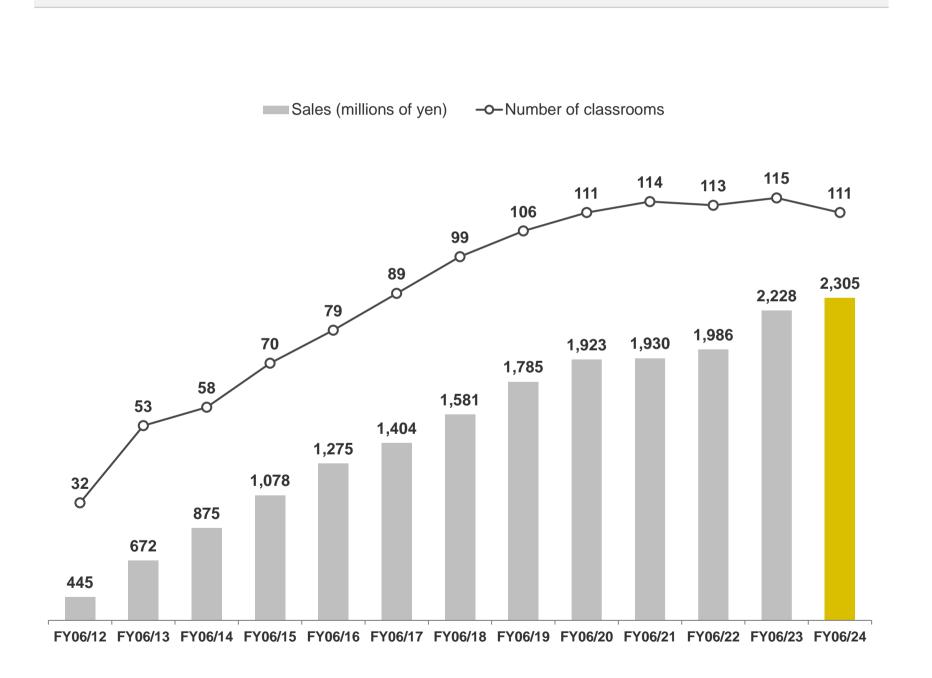








Bestco Co., Ltd. is expanding the number of classrooms mainly in the Tohoku area, and has been increasing sales for 13 consecutive terms since its establishment.



**Business scale** 

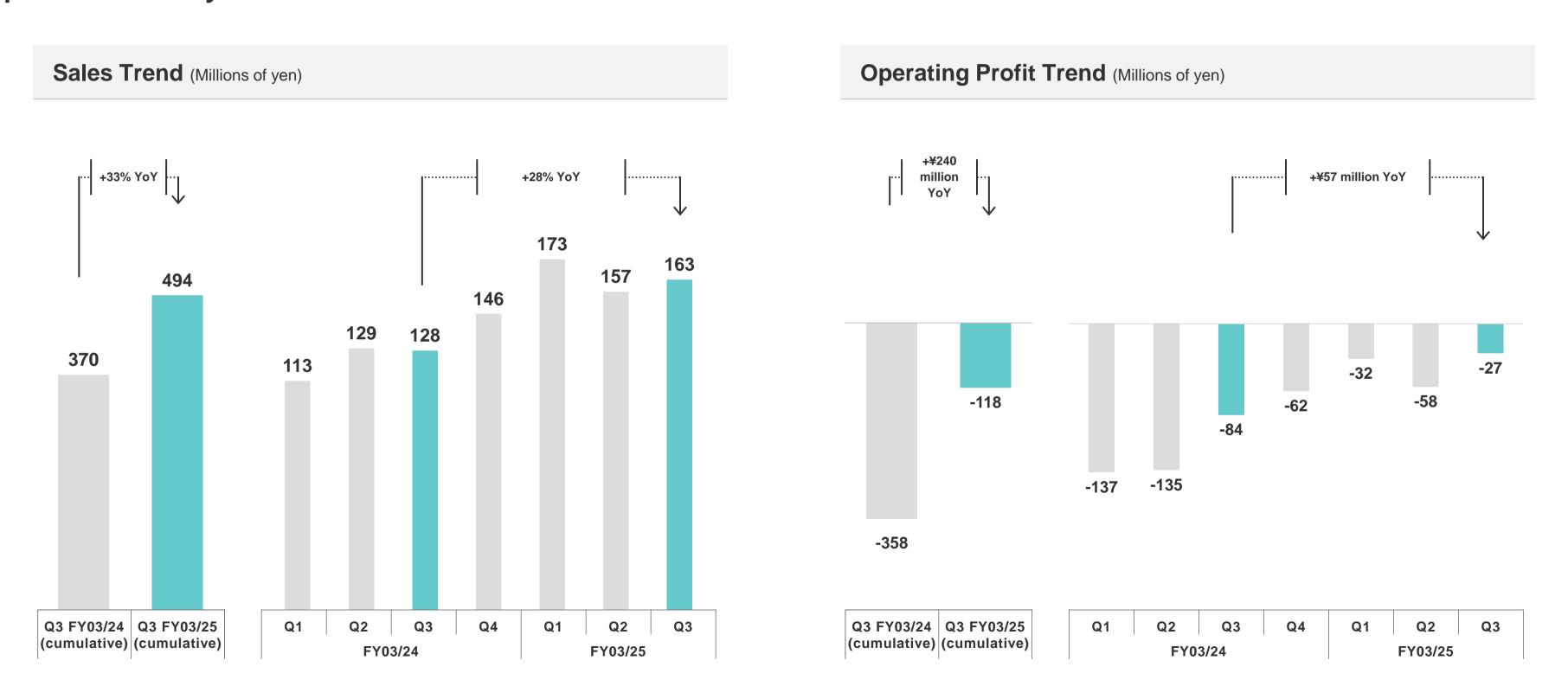
#### **Competitive advantage**

# Digital utilization

- ✓ Provides education services that do not rely on the quality of instructors through the development of proprietary digital teaching materials
- ✓ Provides an environment in which students can continue learning, leveraging a learning app to manage study plans
- Efficient classroom openings/ Classroom management
- ✓ Achieves an efficient classroom-opening strategy by concentrating on suburban areas and reducing start-up costs
- ✓ Streamlined classroom operations through standardizing academic administration and digital utilization

# Personnel Matching Business

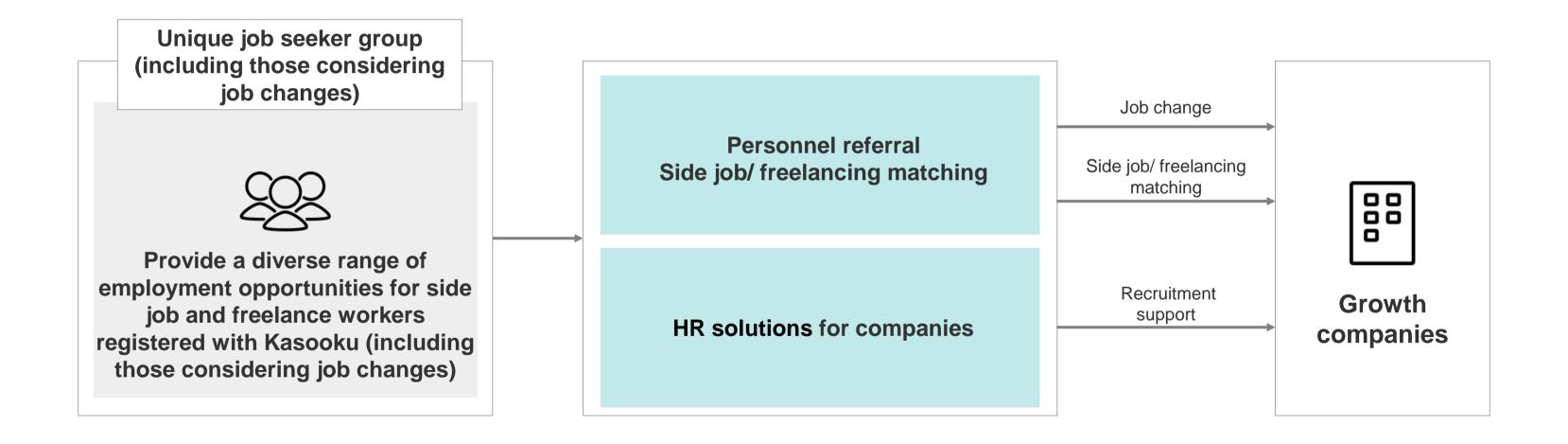
We have increased sales by 33% YoY by expanding the personnel referral and designer-focused matching businesses. Operating loss narrowed YoY because, in addition to the above, goodwill impairment losses were recorded in the previous fiscal year.



#### **Personnel Matching Business: Strategy for FY03/25**

By offering diverse employment opportunities to job seekers, we will build a unique pool of job seekers, including those considering a job change.

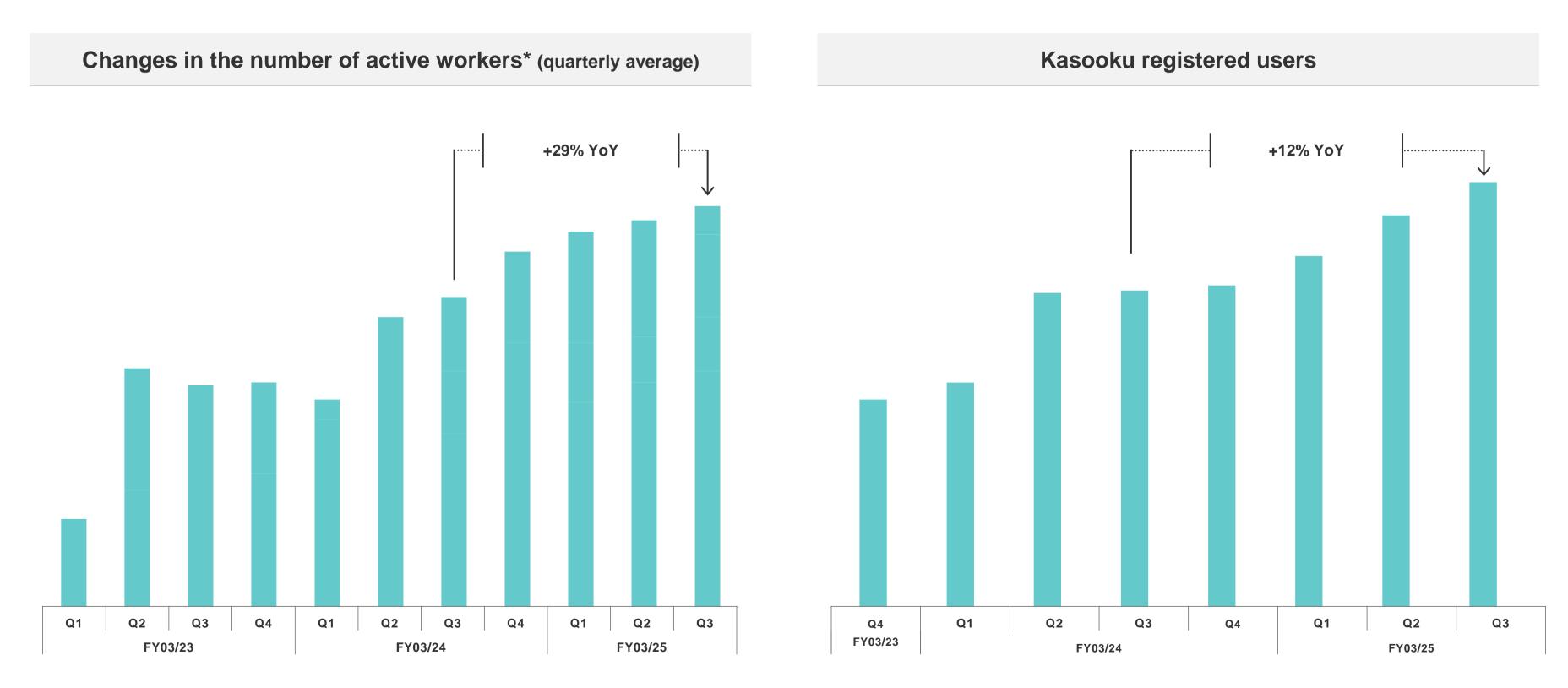
We will strengthen monetization by offering multifaceted services to meet the recruitment needs of growing companies.



#### Personnel Matching Business: Increase the Number of Active Workers and Expand Job Seeker Group

The number of active workers increased through business growth.

The number of Kasooku registered users increased, and unique group of job seekers expanded.

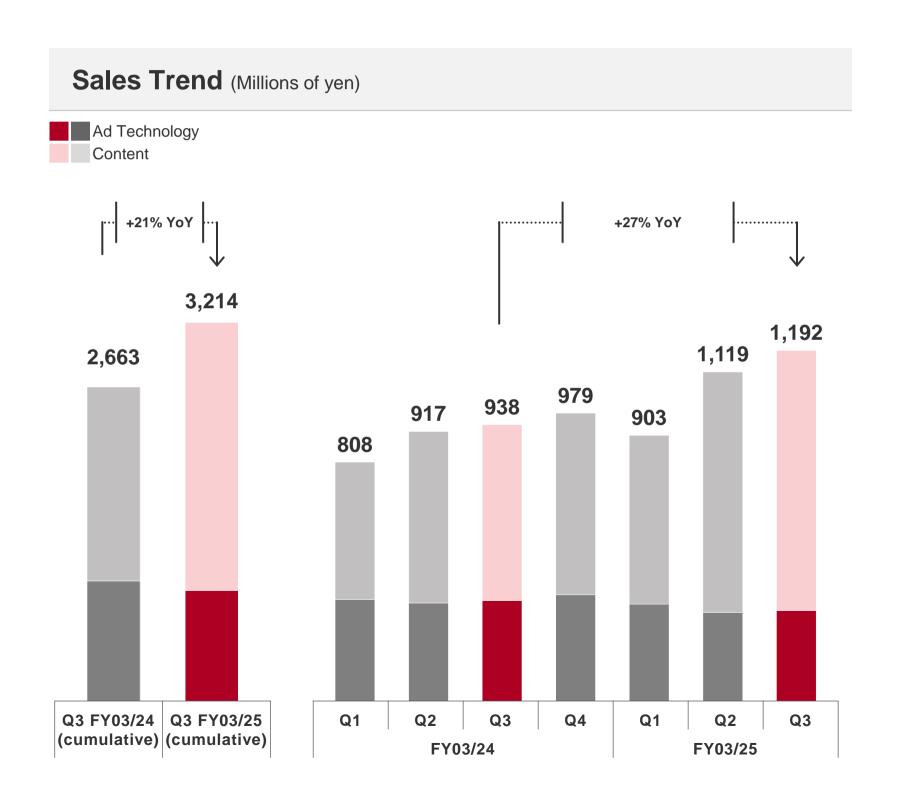


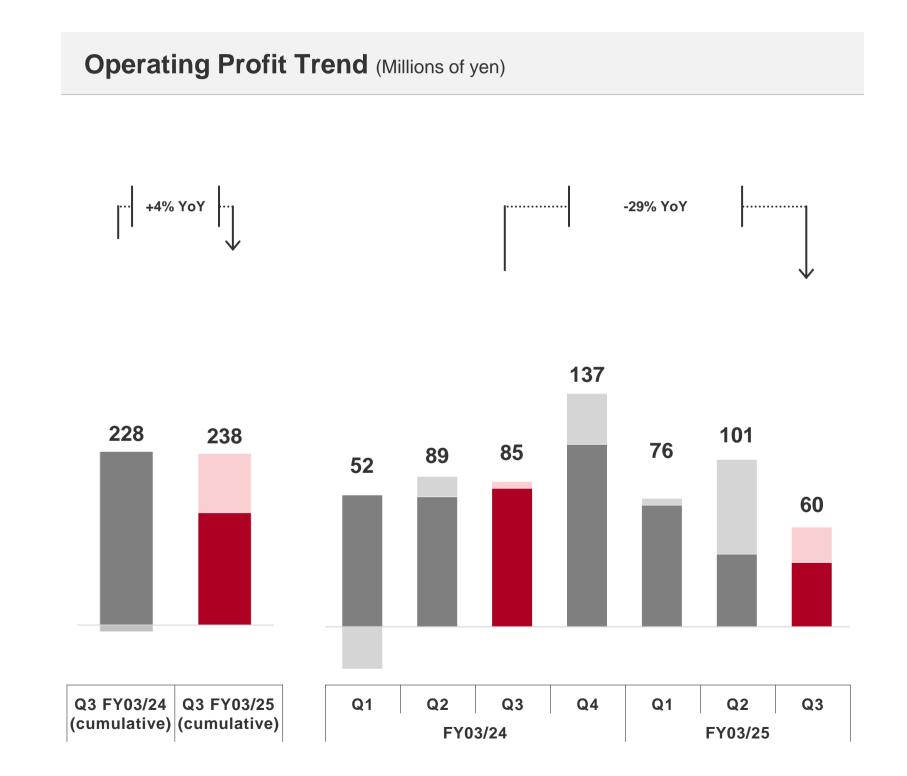
<sup>\*</sup>The number of people registered with any of the Personnel Matching companies and who have worked as side-job workers or freelancers, and those who changed their jobs through personnel referral services.

# Ad Tech/Content Business

We generated consistent profits across the segment.

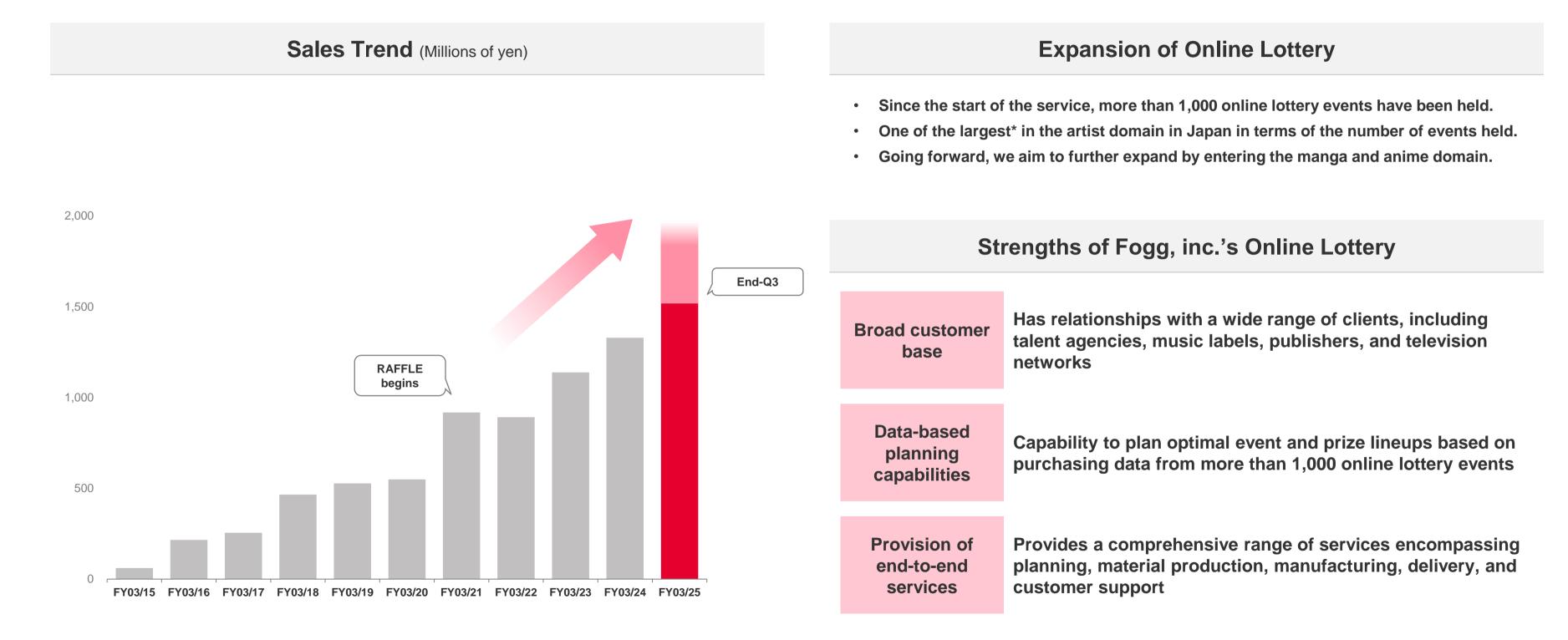
Overall segment sales and profit increased YoY (vs. cumulative Q3 FY03/24) due to the expansion of Fogg, inc.'s online lottery RAFFLE.





#### Content Business: Growth of Fogg, inc.

The online lottery RAFFLE expanded, and as of end-Q3 FY03/25, sales had exceeded the full-year sales of the previous fiscal year.



\*Source: Fogg, inc.

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### Consolidated P/L Statement for Q3 FY03/25 (Cumulative)

(Millions of yen)	Q3 FY03/24 (cumulative)	Q3 FY03/25 (cumulative)	YoY (%)
Sales	10,786	9,415	-12.7%
Gross profit	7,429	5,506	-25.9%
SG&A expenses	2,466	2,381	-3.4%
Operating Profit	4,963	3,125	-37.0%
Non-operating profit	26	32	+25.5%
Non-operating expenses	16	85	+407.3%
Ordinary Profit	4,972	3,072	-38.2%
Extraordinary profit	23	22	-3.6%
Extraordinary losses	610	50	-91.7%
Profit before income taxes	4,385	3,044	-30.6%
Net Income*	2,675	1,906	-28.8%

# Consolidated P/L Statement for Q3 FY03/25, by Business

(Millions of yen)	00 5700/04	00 EV00/05	Difference		
(Willions of yell)	Q3 FY03/24	Q3 FY03/25	YoY (Amount)	YoY (%)	
Sales	1,616	3,089	+1,473	+91%	
Investment	175	1,473	+1,298	+739%	
Education	374	260	-114	-31%	
Personnel Matching	128	163	+35	+28%	
Ad Tech/Content	938	1,192	+253	+27%	
Other	-1	-1	-0		
Gross Profit*1	366	1,369	+1,002	+273%	
Investment	-84	950	+1,035	-	
Education	101	57	-44	-44%	
Personnel Matching	37	57	+20	+55%	
Ad Tech/Content	313	303	-9	-3%	
Other	-1	-0	+0		
SG&A Expenses	772	816	+44	+6%	
Operating Profit	-405	552	+957	-	
Investment	-132	900	+1,032	-	
Education	-60	-114	-54		
Personnel Matching	-84	-27	+57		
Ad Tech/Content	85	60	-25	-29%	
Other	-213	-266	-52		
Ordinary Profit	-406	552	+959	-	
Net Income*2	-405	277	+682	-	

<sup>\*</sup> Cost of sales for each business mainly includes advertising, outsourcing, and personnel expenses

#### Consolidated B/S Statement

(Millions of yen)	End of FY03/24 (March 31, 2024)	End of Q3 FY03/25 (December 31, 2024)	Difference
Current assets	24,379	21,309	-3,069
Cash & deposits	12,985	12,880	-104
Operating investment securities	7,836	7,102	-734 *
Non current assets	2,365	3,207	+841
Amortization of goodwill	76	565	+488
Total assets	26,745	24,516	-2,228
Current liabilities	2,063	2,418	+355
Non-current liabilities	1,141	201	-939
Deferred tax liabilities	1,089	65	-1,023*
Total liabilities	3,204	2,620	-584
Net assets	23,540	21,896	-1,643
Unrealized gain on securities	914	26	-888 *

Unrealized gain on securities -¥921 million

<sup>\*</sup>Of this amount, the impact of revaluation (mark-to-market) and disposal of operational investment securities (listed shares) were as follows:

Operational investment securities -¥1,340 million

Deferred tax liabilities -¥375 million

# Maximize willpower and accelerate the betterment of society.

People who push themselves forward.

Businesses that move society forward.

The betterment of society is driven by people and businesses with willpower.

Strong willpower is the source of energy that changes society for the better.

UNITED will maximize this energy and willpower.

We will provide knowledge and opportunities to people with willpower.

We will provide funds and know-how to businesses with willpower.

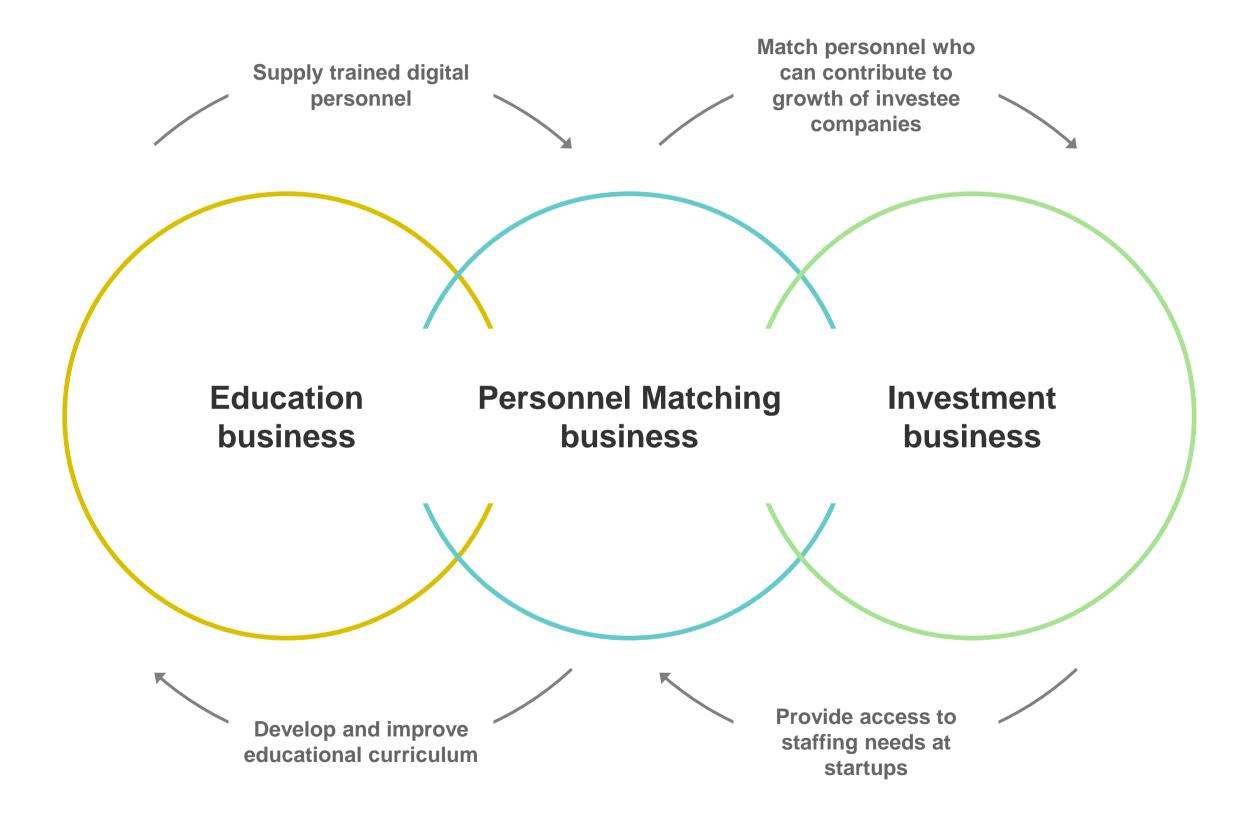
And when both parties meet, their mutual growth will spark even further growth.

This cycle of growth will enrich society.

We will move society in a better direction faster with willpower.

We will maximize willpower and accelerate the betterment of society.

We will create synergies by strengthening collaboration of our core businesses.



#### FY03/25 Shareholder Returns and Shareholder Benefits

At the end of September, we present preferential points to shareholders of record holding 1,000 or more shares as of the end of March, in accordance with the number of shares held. The maximum total yield reached 7.52%, including the dividend yield of 5.96%, as of the end of January 2025.

#### **United Premium Yutai Club**



#### Shareholder benefit points (1 point≒1 yen)

Number of shares held	Benefit points at end-September	Benefit points at end-March	Annual preferential yield*	Total annual yield*
1,000 to 1,999	2,500 pt	2,500 pt	0.31~0.62%	6.28~6.59%
2,000 to 2,999	7,500 pt	7,500 pt	0.62~0.93%	6.59~6.90%
3,000 to 3,999	15,000 pt	15,000 pt	0.93~1.24%	6.90~7.21%
4,000 to 4,999	25,000 pt	25,000 pt	1.24~1.55%	7.21~7.52%
5,000 or more	25,000 pt	25,000 pt	1.24%	7.21%

#### Investment Business: Major Startup Investments

Post IPO	Middle to later stage		Seed to early stage				
<b>mercari</b>	Co cluster	Findy	NEWGREEN	₹tokuiten	Gotoschool inc.	L&F <sub>Link &amp; Faith</sub>	Ms. Engineer
Wongler Planet	Stockmark <b>&amp;</b>	Paytner	<b>Menťa</b> Rest	Hubble	LOMBY	デジタルクランプ	ര് KAERU
CyberBuzz	×∕\cialDesign	⑤ SOELU	₹ <b>71077</b> 13	CareFran	DRD4	ぴんぴんきらり	CUDOREX CRAWL YOUR FIELD
Social Wire Group	inglewood	SOCIAL INTERIOR	ireciri	Recept	MTU	ßookßase₡	Forward, inc. 株式会社フォワード
excite	Biophilia inc.	Jiroffe	REVORN Born to be tech revolution	<b>Pictoria</b>	<b>○</b> Coopel	Habitat	mightypiece
Confidence Interworks	Studyplus	TANP	⋒ミニイク <sub>*</sub>	тоиснярот	UTAITE	株式 ライトライト 会社	tokihana
	TOXT-F	ventus	xxxxnese	Live to Business	Anyplace	<b>™</b> OSIRO™	
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			Lisa Technologies lnc.	omeetcareer	Fairy Devices	Campingcar	PoliPoli

As of end-December 2024

We expect to record gains on distribution from the multiple external funds (46 in total) we invest in as an LP. These funds also serve as our source of new investment projects, as they allow us to reach out to over 1,000 startups.

#### Major Funds We Invest in as LP anri archetype\* INFINITY VENTURES Capital ventures **INCUBATE** coconala THE SEED Full Commit Partners SPIRAL VENTURES STARSHOT PARTNERS GENUINE **ACCORD VENTURES** HERO IMPACT CAPITAL basepartners









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#### **Core Businesses**

#### **Investment business**

**Business** 

Provision of capital and hands-on support to startups





#### **Education business**

Support for the digitization of companies, from IT training to development, and operation of tutoring schools for elementary to high school students.





KIRAMEX Co.

Brewus. Inc.

Consolidation started in January 2025



#### **Personnel Matching** business

Matching of talent (including freelancers, side-job workers, and those seeking job changes) in line with the needs of growing company



**UNITED Recruitment Inc.** 

**LIBASE** 

LIBASE Inc.

#### **Earnings Drivers**

#### Ad Tech/Content business

**Development and operation of** advertising products, media, and apps





**UNITED Marketing Technologies Inc.** 

Fogg, inc.

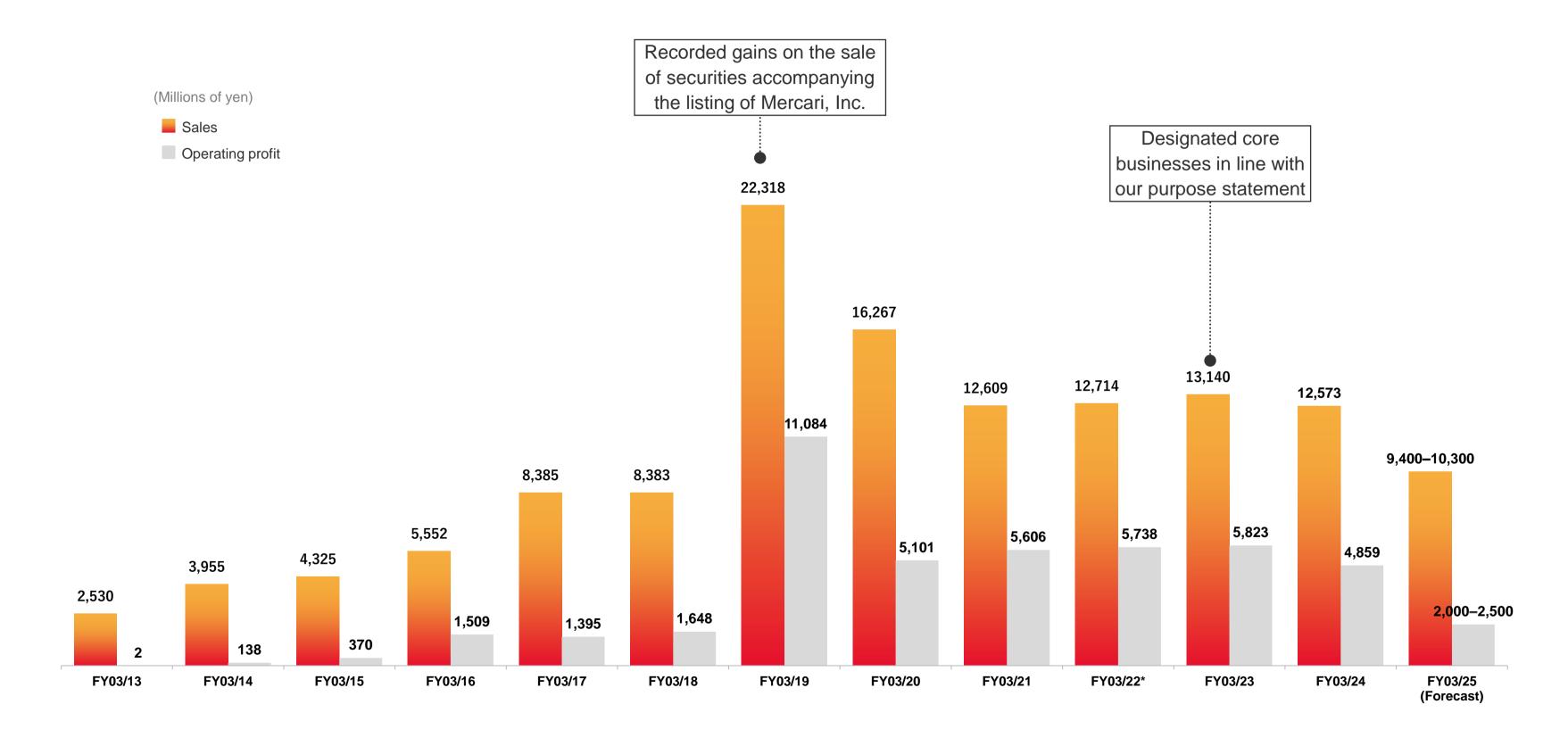


International Sports Marketing Co., Ltd.

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#### Sales and Earnings (FY03/13–FY03/25)



<sup>\*</sup>We adopted the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition (ASBJ Statement No. 29) and the ASBJ Guidance No. 30 (Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition) from FY21. In this document, we applied this standard to the past earnings of the Ad Technology business in order to make the comparison easier.

#### Number of Consolidated Employees and Directors

With the inclusion of Bestco Co., Ltd. in the consolidation, the number of employees in the Education business increased.

