# FOOD'ISON

**Business Plan and Growth Potential** 

June 2023 Foodison, Inc.

#### **OUR MISSION**

## Changing the World's Food Experience More Enjoyable

# Creating A Better Cycle in Fresh Food Distribution

The food industry is immense.

From production to wholesale, distribution, retail, and consumers, the population involved is the highest of all industries.

That is why there are countless challenges that can be seen locally. The players are highly specialized, but there is no role to optimize the overall. We tend to blame someone else for this. That's why nothing changes. Foodison, takes a bird's eye view of it.

By becoming the conductor of the huge orchestra of the food industry, we will draw out the potential of professionals and create a new circulation in the fresh food distribution.

Imagine a world where you can source a variety of ingredients from all over Japan with just one fingertip.

Imagine a world filled with aspiring craftsmen passionate about working for food.

Imagine a world where the first taste of an unknown fish reaches your dining table.

The food culture that Japan is proud of has only begun.

FOOD ISON



Company Name Foodison, Inc.

Founded April 1, 2013

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**Group Company** Foodison Ota Corporation

(Wholly-owned subsidiary and a wholesaler in Ota Market)

No. of Employees 234<sup>(1)</sup>

**COMPANY OVERVIEW** 

As of end of March, 2023, consolidated figures including temporary employees

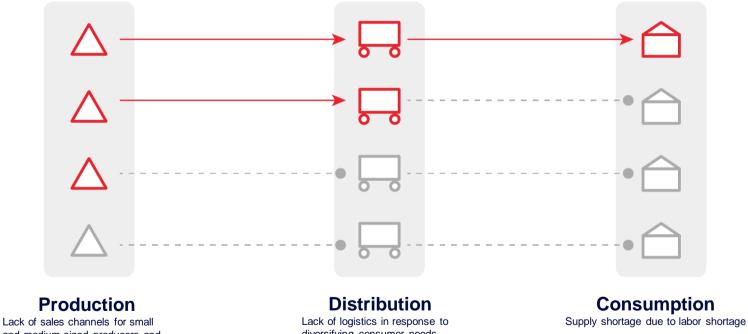
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## **BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT**

## The Challenges Faced by the Food Industry

The food industry, which is at the core of our daily lives, has been experiencing a shift in balance due to change in the environment

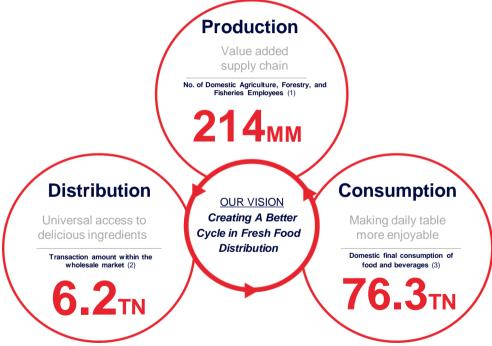


and medium-sized producers and manufacturers

diversifying consumer needs

## **Updating Fresh Food Distribution as a Platformer**

Updating fresh food distribution, which has lagged in the use of information technology, to a digital-centric distribution system to realize a world where a wide variety of food products can be enjoyed



<sup>1)</sup> Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, March 2023 "Labor Force Survey"

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Fiscal Year 2023 "Wholesale Market Data Collection"

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, October 2017 "About the distribution structure including wholesale markets"

## **Regulatory Easing in Food Distribution**

The legal reform brings tailwinds for EC businesses utilizing wholesale markets

## Reform in the Wholesale Market Act (June 2020)

#### Aim of the Legal Reform

To promote the rationalization of food distribution and ensure a fair trading environment for fresh food and other products

#### **Major Changes**

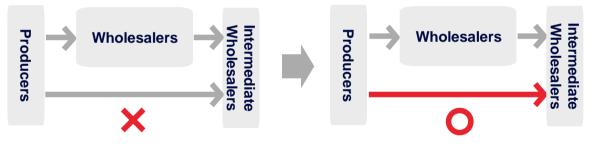
- Abolition of the prohibition of direct transactions between producers and intermediate wholesalers
- Abolition of the requirement for consistency between the flow of payment and logistics

#### **Before**

Direct transactions between producers and intermediate wholesalers within the market have been generally prohibited, serving as a constraint for utilizing market distribution

#### After

Intermediate wholesalers can now directly purchase from shippers

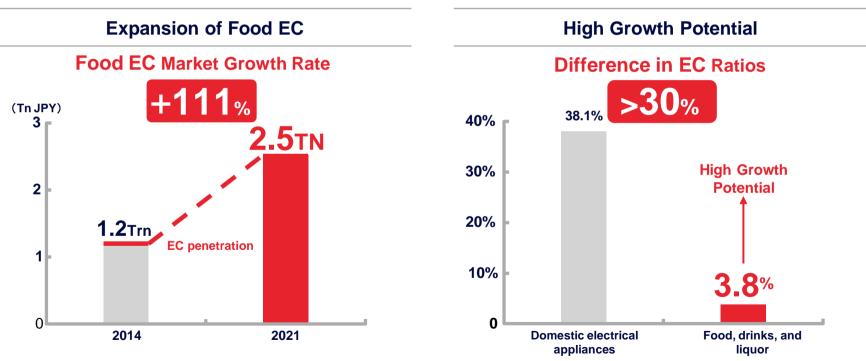




**Tailwind for EC businesses** 

## Food EC market in Japan is Entering a Growth Phase

The E-Commerce (EC) ratio in the food industry was 3.8% in 2021, which is lower compared to other categories, indicating a high growth potential for the EC market



<sup>(1)</sup> E-commerce market size and e-commerce ratio refer to the "FY2021 E-Commerce Market Survey" and the "FY 2014 Infrastructure Development for Informatization and Servitization of Japan's Economy and Society (E-Commerce Market Survey)" by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Graphs are prepared by the Company.

## **BUSINESS SUMMARY**





Connecting local suppliers nationwide for the best encounters between food ingredients and chefs

## осні Uopochi

#### **BtoB Commerce** Food EC for restaurants

"Uopochi" is a procurement service for restaurants primary focusing on fresh food. Our own logistics base in the Ota wholesale market connects information and logistics to ensure smooth procurement of fresh fish and other food ingredients.

**Core Users** 

**Small and Medium-sized Restaurants** 

#### **Problem**

Limited resource

Have to go to the market in the morning to select supplies

Desire for high-quality ingredients and rare food items

#### **Value Proposition**

- Easy ordering with smartphone
- Delivery from the market to the door
- Accepting orders until 3AM, with delivery as early as the next day
- Orders for the next day can be placed from 3:30 pm
- Detail information about products provided by professional buyers
- A variety of fresh fish procured direct from all over Japan

## Unique Positioning as an EC Operator with Access to Wholesale Market

Holding a FFC base within the wholesale market and building an e-commerce around it provides unique advantage because of its superiority in product procurement and logistics







Adding a touch of excitement and adventure to dishes at home

### sakana bacca

**BtoB Commerce** 

The seafood store always has something new to discover

"sakana bacca" is a modern style seafood store with a focus on high-quality fish from nationwide, high design, and product planning. Currently expanding to 9 stores in Tokyo.

**Core Users** 

**Local Consumer** 

#### **Problem**

Unsatisfied with the freshness and product lineup of fish at supermarkets

The difficulty of cooking fish, even if you want to eat it

There are limited opportunities for learning and experiencing about food and ingredients

#### **Value Proposition**

- Direct from the market
- Variety of fresh seafood that can only be found in a specialty store
- Easy-to-understand explanations by professionals
- Events focused on enhancing the food experience
- Promotion of private brands in collaboration with producers and suppliers







Aspiring to make the job of the food industry a desirable career, making specialized skills available to everyone

### **Food Talent Bank**

HR

#### A recruitment agency for the food industry

Strong understanding of the industry and are able to make the best match for talented individuals

**Core Users** 

Restaurants, supermarkets, food factories, etc.

#### **Problem**

The database of major staffing companies is mainly focused on office workers

When talking to recruitment agents, they don't understand the level of skill required

Recruitment channels only target part-time workers

#### **Value Proposition**

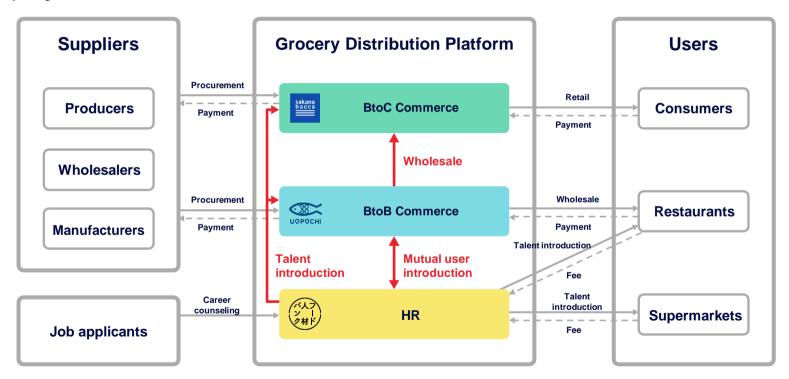
A database specialized in the food industry

Agents with a high level of understanding of the industry

Introduction of regular employment in the food industry

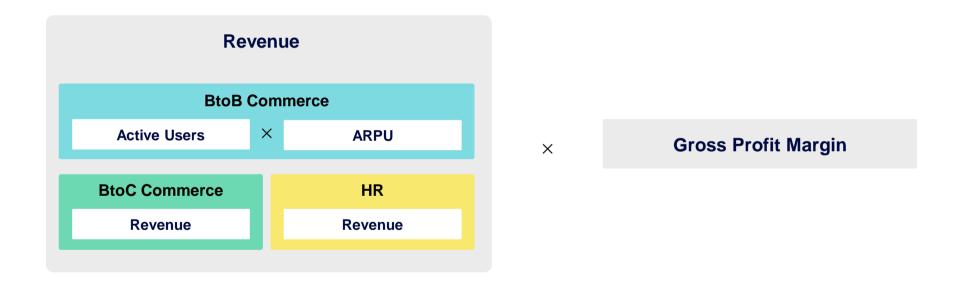
## **Business Diagram**

With a focus on BtoB Commerce, we aim to cover a wide range of the food industry, allowing each service to organically create synergies



### **Business Model**

We evaluate our business growth by gross profit and KPIs are Active Users and ARPU of BtoB Commerce and overall gross profit margin

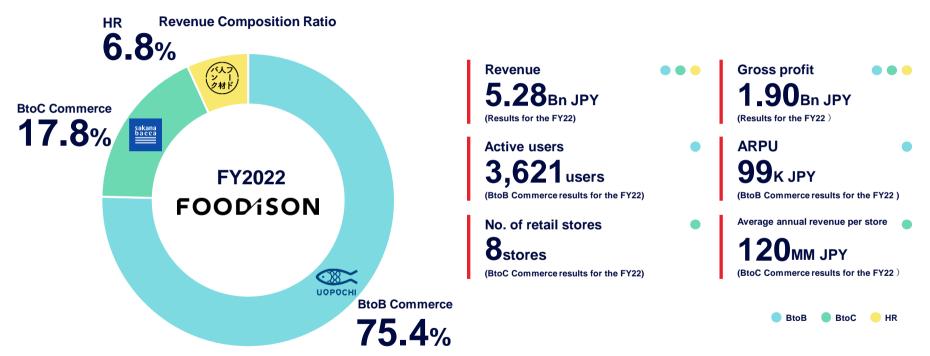


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ARPU (Average Revenue Per User) refers to the average monthly revenue per active user

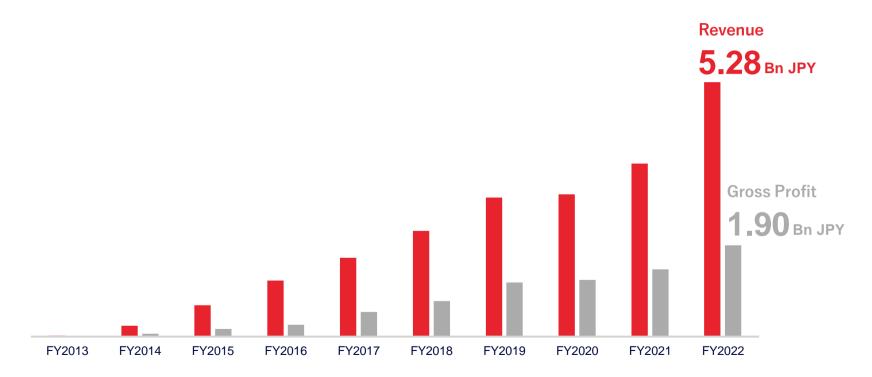
## **Financial Summary**

Business portfolio mainly consisted of BtoB Commerce service



### **Revenues and Gross Profit since Establishment**

Since founding in 2013, we have expanded our platform and achieved 10 consecutive years of revenue growth



(1) Non-consolidated before FY2015, Consolidated after FY2016



#### **COMPANY HIGHLIGHT**

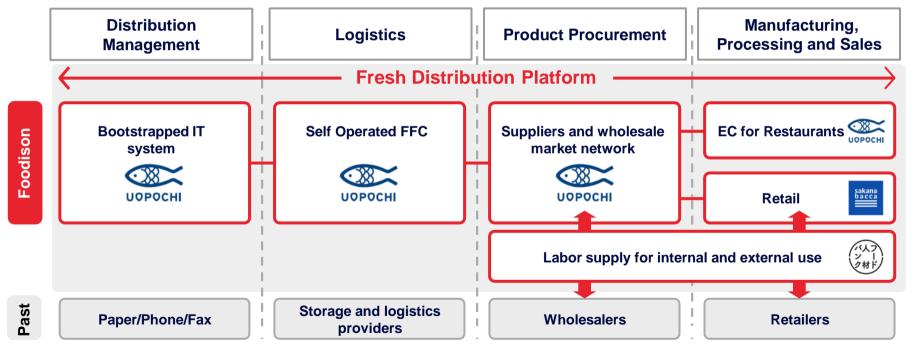
- 1 A Seamless Platform Connected from Upstream to Downstream
- 2 Access to Fresh Wholesale Markets and Strong Supplier Network
- 3 High Barriers to Entry for Digital Transformation in Fresh Food Distribution
- 4 Attractive Business Model and Growth Potential

#### **COMPANY HIGHLIGHT**

# A Seamless Platform Connected from Upstream to Downstream

## **Establishing a Fresh Food Distribution Platform on Uopochi**

Current fresh food distribution systems were designed before AI and the Internet were invented, and more convenient distribution systems can be realized by utilizing the latest technologies. We built a system that integrates distribution functions that have been divided into different branches of industry in a single integrated system to improve productivity



## **Competitive Advantage**

We have developed each function independently and has a competitive advantage in each function

# Distribution Management

# DX and high-efficiency management

- System network connecting with local producers and marketers
- Proprietary distribution management system
- Sales Management System
- Mechanism to minimize inventory loss

#### Logistics

## Courteous and speedy delivery

- FFC built within the central wholesale market
- Unique delivery network that enables same-day delivery

#### **Product Procurement**

## Broad procurement capabilities

- Procurement network with more than 70 areas and longtail products
- Various licenses to operate in the market

# Manufacturing, Processing and Sales

## High sales force and brand

- User database of more than 20,000 stores
- Hedged sales credit risk
- Conveniently located store in the station
- Good branding

#### **Past**

Analog and inefficient management

Logistics dependent on third party

Market-centric procurement

Difficult to differentiate and inefficient

#### **COMPANY HIGHLIGHT**

# **Access to Fresh Wholesale Markets** and Strong Supplier Network



## Access to the Fresh Markets and Nationwide Unique Network of Suppliers

Building a strong network of local suppliers based on our own distribution functions to provide reliable value

#### **Access to the Fresh Wholesale Markets**

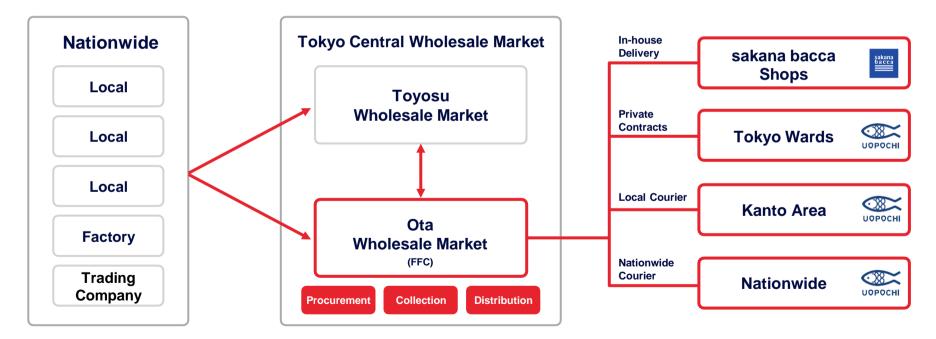
The proprietary distribution functions within wholesale markets enables fast procurement and delivery



# **Nationwide Unique Network of Suppliers** Listing Frequency More than 70 local regions None **X**As of May, 2023

## A Unique Distribution Platform Connecting to the World's Largest Fresh Market

Through our unique network with production areas and manufacturers nationwide and our network within wholesale markets, we have a well-balanced and robust product procurement foundation. By cooperating with the optimal delivery method, it enables to construct a service that efficiently delivers a diverse range of food categories with quality freshness



## **Productivity Improvement by Integrating Operations and Technology**

Build highly productive logistics by developing and implementing systems and equipment tailored to product characteristics

In-house picking system



Automatic weighing device

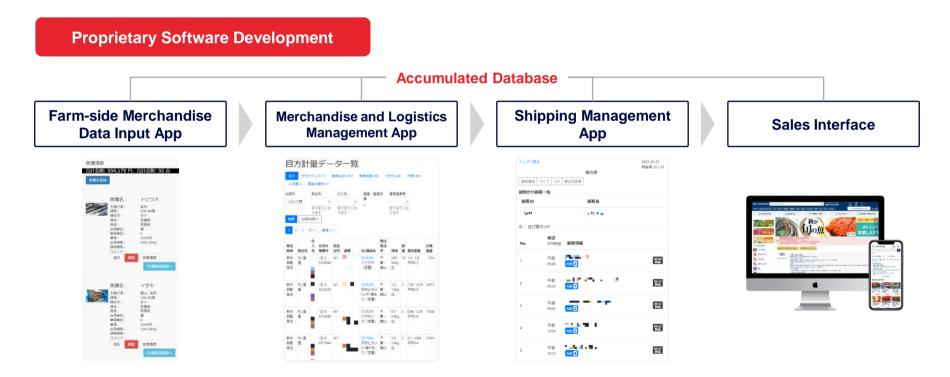


#### **COMPANY HIGHLIGHT**

# High Barriers to Entry for Digital Transformation in Fresh Food Distribution

## **Analog and Complex Distribution Structures**

Overcame barriers to entry for applying digital transformation in fresh distribution by developing proprietary software



## Fresh E-commerce Requires Special Software Requirements

Fresh E-commerce requires unique features that are not necessary for general E-Commerce because of the short expiration dates and paid by weight practice

	General EC	Fresh EC
Frequency of Item Information	<b>LOW</b> When necessary	<b>High</b> Daily
Order Frequency	<b>LOW</b> Every few days to months	<b>High</b> Every 1-2 days
Storage Types	Few Room temperature	Many Chilled/Frozen/Room
Duration	Long	Short
Price	Listed Price	Paid by weight

#### **Software Requirements**

- 1 Daily data updates
- 2. Connectivity in sales data and operations
- 3. UX that improves users' operational efficiency

## **Regulated Market**

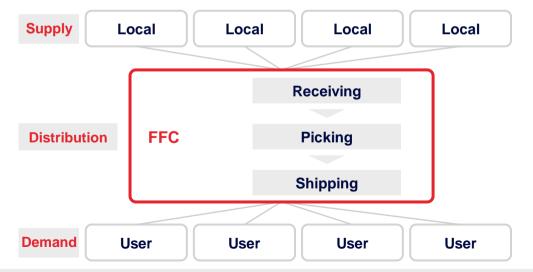
We have obtained various permits and licenses to operate in the Tokyo Central Wholesale Market and have secured space for large-scale shipping operations at the Ota Market

#### **Obtained licenses to enter wholesale market**

- Wholesale business license within the market
- Auction participation license
- Seafood manufacturing permitted facilities in the market

#### Securing large-scale FFC directly connect to the market

With the demand and supply spread across the country, large-scale FFC that is connected to the market provides competitive advantage



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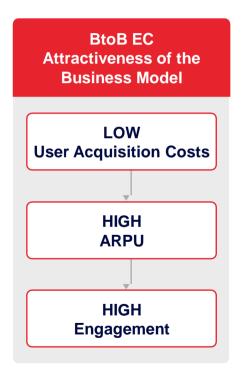
# **Attractive Business Model** and **Growth Potential**



#### Characteristics and Attractions of BtoB EC Business Model

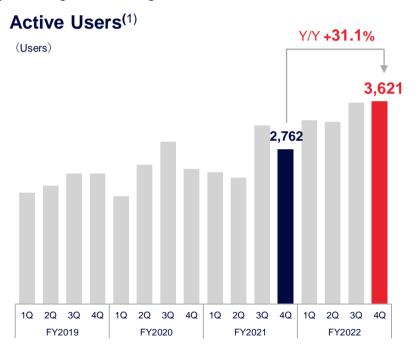
Due to the higher unit price in BtoB EC, efficiency and cost savings are high, and there is a high level of engagement given the demand is for business purposes. Therefore, it is important to ensure service quality

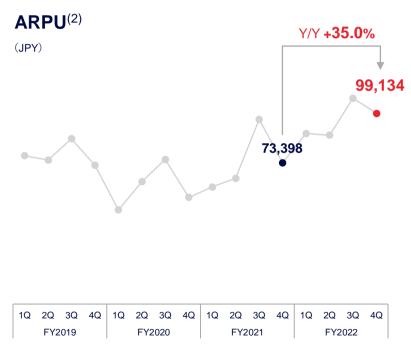
Features of BtoC and BtoB EC		BtoC EC	BtoB EC
Typical examples		Mall Type	Self Operated
Product Category		Wide  Home appliances, clothes, etc.	Narrow Food, tools, etc.
ARPU -	Purchase Frequency	Low When necessary	High Always required
	Unit Price	Low Personal use	High Business use
Marketing Cost	New user acquisition	High High competition	Low Low competition
	Existing users	High Need to stimulate	Minimal Business demand



## **BtoB Commerce | Active Users and ARPU**

The performance of Q4-FY21 was adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which subsequently resulted in significant growth during Q4-FY22





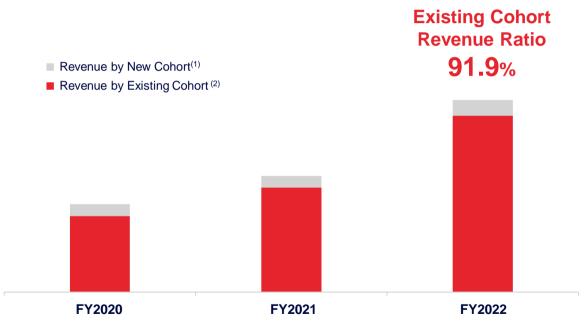
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## **User Engagement is High, and Existing Cohort is Driving Growth**

Revenue has been expanding year by year due to the perceived convenience and gained trust from customers

### **BtoB Commerce | Revenue by Cohort**

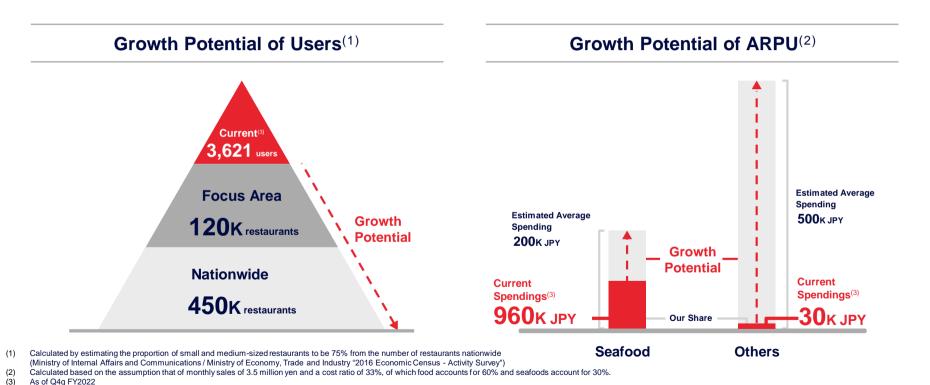


<sup>1)</sup> Revenue by New Cohort refers to the total revenue generated by newly registered users in the newest fiscal year

<sup>(2)</sup> Revenue by Existing Cohort refers to the total revenue generated by users who registered before the previous fiscal year

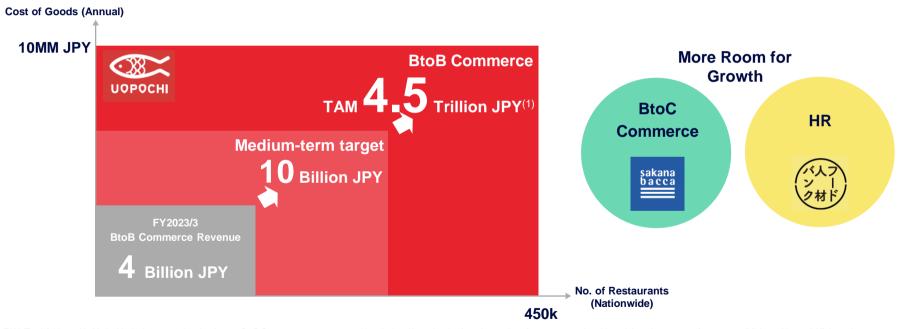
#### **Growth potentials of KPIs in BtoB Commerce**

There is ample room to expand the tail end of BtoB Commerce users and ARPU



### Market Opportunities Expand as We Gain Market Share

There are approximately 450,000 restaurants nationwide, indicating ample room for expansion in BtoB Commerce alone. By further expanding into BtoC Commerce and establishing support functions such as HR services, there is significant potential to increase revenue and build upon the existing foundation



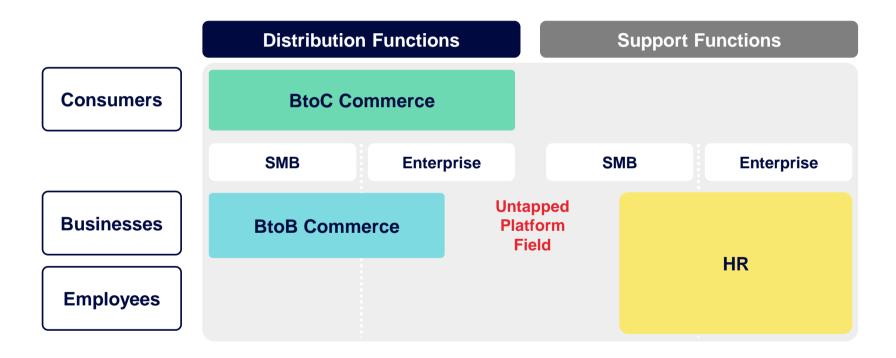
<sup>(1)</sup> TAM (Total Addressable Market) is the largest market size that our BtoB Commerce can capture, and is calculated by estimating from the number of restaurants nationwide and the sales amount of restaurants (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications / Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry "2016 Economic Census - Activity Survey").

The calculation formula is as follows: Number of restaurants nationwide 450,000 × Total sales (income) per establishment: Approximately 31.73 million yen × Cost ratio of general restaurants 33% (estimated by the Company)



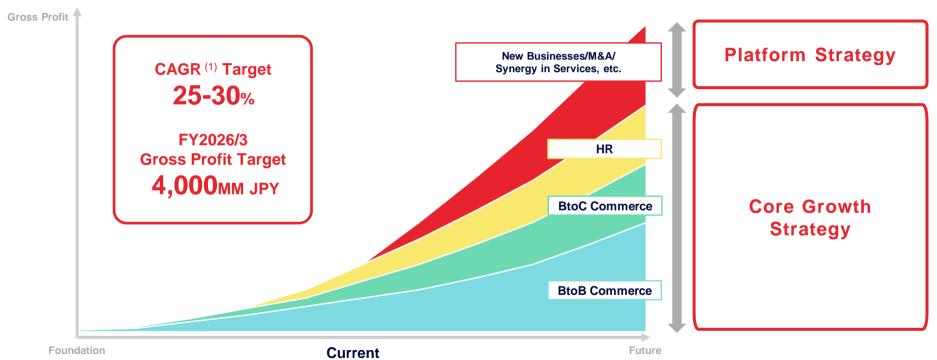
# **General Concept of Our Platform Growth**

We intend to expand the scope of our platform in the long term by building distribution and support functions



# Mid to Long-term Growth Image

We will ensure the growth of existing services through Core Growth Strategy, and accelerate growth through Platform Strategy that aims to build a long-term platform



(1) CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate

# **Approach to Mid to Long-term Corporate Value Creation**

We aim to improve corporate value by maximizing long-term free cash flow (EBITDA expansion) through the expansion of gross profit and the improvement of OPEX (1) ratio

#### **3 Financial KPIs to Maximize Free Cash Flow**

**Profit Growth Metric** 

**Gross Profit** 

Operating Leverage Improvement Metric

OPEX Ratio

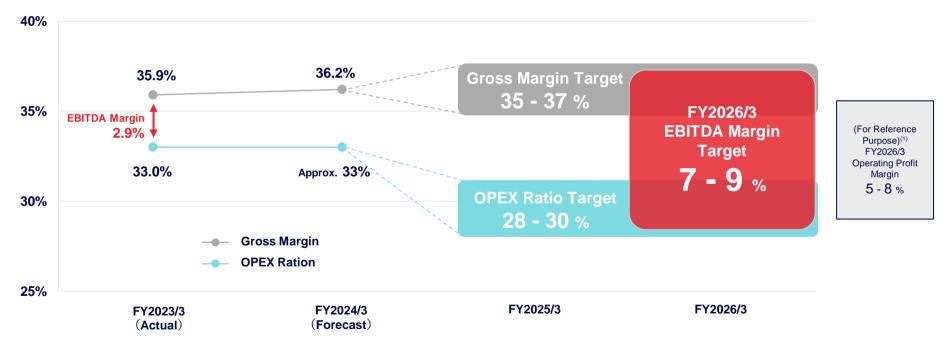
**Free Cash Flow Growth Metric** 

**EBITDA** 

(1) OPEX = Operating Expenditure: The expense remaining after deducting depreciation from operating expenses. The OPEX ratio is the ratio of OPEX to revenue.

### Mid-term Revenue Structure Image

In FY2024/3, the OPEX ratio is expected to remain the same as the previous year due to the expansion of the FFC. However, from FY2025/3, the OPEX ratio is expected to improve again and the profit margin is expected to increase



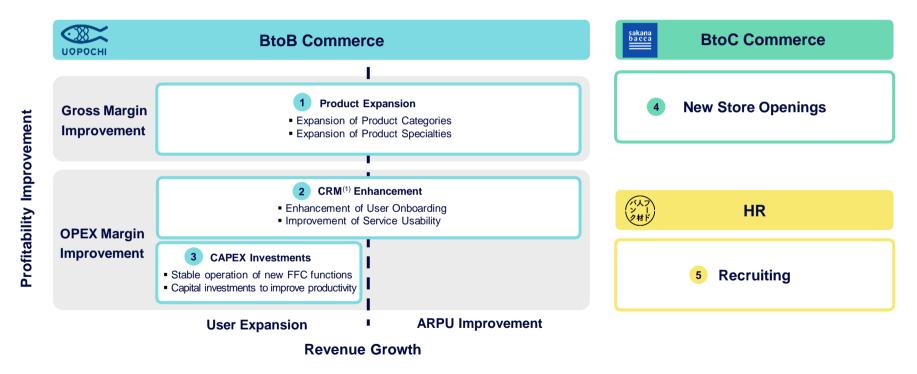
<sup>(1)</sup> Since EBITDA is our Financial KPI, EBITDA margin is an associated indicator and Operating Profit margin is shown for reference purpose only

#### GROWTH STRATEGY

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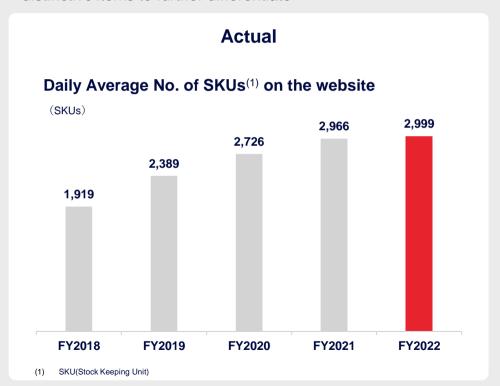
Our growth strategies are centered in improving usability



<sup>1)</sup> CRM (Customer Relationship Management) is a series of initiatives aimed at building, maintaining, and improving good relationships with users

# **Core Growth Strategy | 1 Product Expansion**

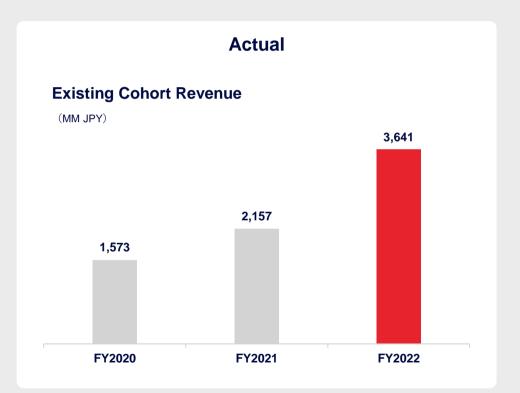
Expand vegetable and meat products from a focus on seafood products, and enhance our product offerings with unique and distinctive items to further differentiate

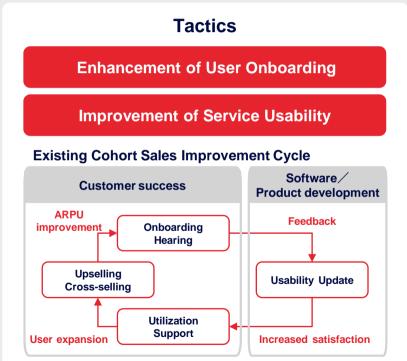




# **Core Growth Strategy | 2 CRM Enhancement**

We plan to continuously strengthen customer success and UI/UX to expand Active Users

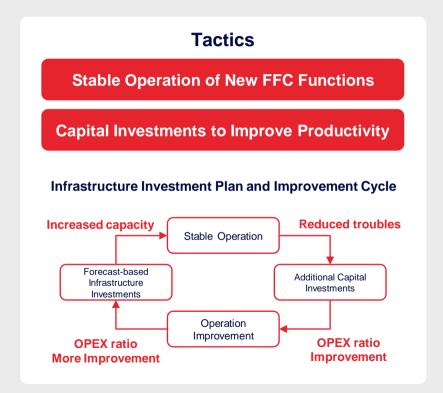




# **Core Growth Strategy | 3 CAPEX Investments**

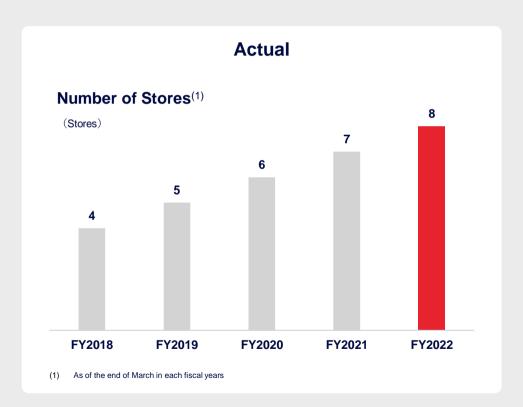
Expand new FFC functions to improve productivity over the medium to long term

	Actual								
2014	Establishment of FFC function in the Tsukiji Market								
2016	Opened FFC function in the Ota Market and started operation in two bases Tsukiji and Ota								
2018	With the relocation to the Toyosu Market from Tsukiji, the FFC function was opened in the Toyosu Market, and started operation in two bases Toyosu and Ota								
2019	In pursuit of efficiency, enhanced the FFC function in the Ota market and closed the Toyosu Market function. Started operation of one site in Ota								
2021	Opened in-house processing function in Ota Market								
2023	In order to increase shipping capacity, FFC functions will be expanded outside the Ota market and two bases will be put into operation								



# **Core Growth Strategy | 4 New store openings**

To open in-station stores with a focus on location conditions



# Tactics Open Stores in Good Terms

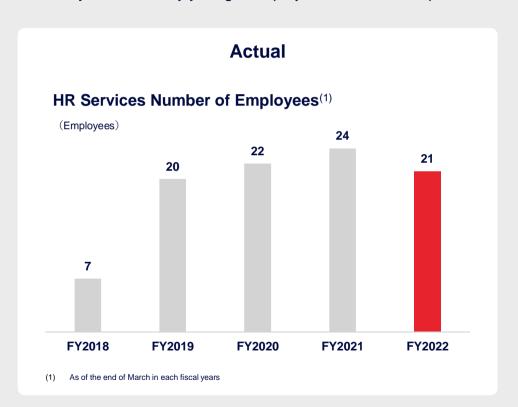
#### **Room for New Store Opening**

Area	Stations with more than 40,000 passengers <sup>(2)</sup>
Tokyo, Kanagawa, Chiba, Saitama	About 300 stations
Tokyo wards	About 150 stations
Tokyo wards close to residential area	About 90 stations

(2) Based on our research from the information published by each railway company

# **Core Growth Strategy** | **5** Recruiting

Actively recruit mainly younger employees and aim to expand the scale of the organization





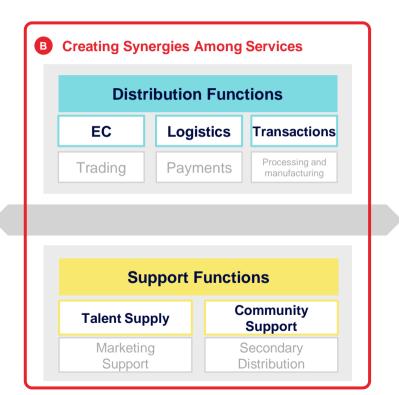
**GROWTH STRATEGY** 

# **Platform Strategy**

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We plan to expand distribution and support functions to provide services according to customer size, area, and product category







# Platform Strategy | A Attractive Product Development

We will work towards leveraging brands by enhancing our private labels products, with the expansion of the supplier network, the strengthening of product development capabilities, and private brand initiatives



Original Beer



Whitebait Snack

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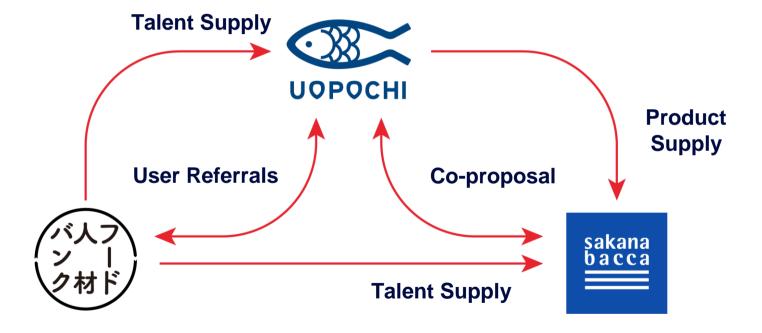


Collaboration with a legacy seaweed manufacturer

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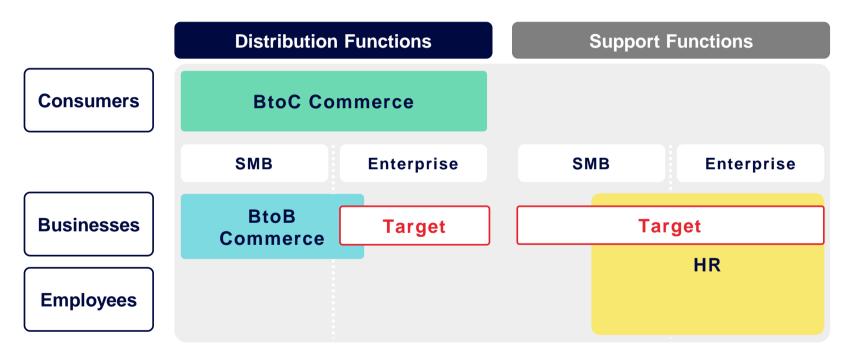
# Platform Strategy | B Creating Synergies Among Services

As we expand each service, there is increased potential to create synergies, and we aim to take those advantage of opportunities to improve productivity



# Platform Strategy | © Expansion of Services for Businesses

While keeping a wide range of options such as expanding existing businesses, developing new businesses, and M&A, we will focus on expanding services for businesses



# **FY2023 Forecast**

#### FY2022 Full-Year Actual vs Forecast

- Revenue, operating profit, and recurring profit are slightly above the forecast
- Net income has exceeded forecast due to the inclusion of a corporate tax adjustment of +16MM JPY

	Full Year	Forecast (Disclosed 2/13/23)	Actual vs Forecast	Reasons for Change
(MM JPY)	Actual	Forecast	Change %	
Revenue	5,279	5,200	+1.5%	Active Users and ARPU in BtoB Commerce have exceeded projections
Operating Profit	136	130	+4.6%	-
Ordinary Profit	139	130	+6.9%	-
Net Income	100	78	+28.2%	Corporate tax adjustment was recorded for anticipated deferred tax assets

#### **FY2023 Forecast**

- In the fiscal year ending March 2024 (FY2023), we forecast revenue of 6.5 Bn JPY, gross profit of 2.37 Bn JPY, and operating profit of 167 MM JPY
- New FFC Establishment, scheduled to open in Aug '23, will include a transaction to receive assets resulting in an extraordinary income of 41 MM JPY

	FY2022	FY2023					
(MM JPY)	Actual	Forecast	Y/Y Change	Y/Y (%)			
Revenue	5,279	6,541	+1,262	+23.9%			
<b>Gross Profit</b>	1,895	2,370	+474	+25.0%			
Gross Profit Margin	35.9%	36.2%	+0.3pts	-			
Operating Profit	136	164	+28	+20.1%			
Operating Profit Margin	2.6%	2.5%	-0.1pts	-			
Ordinary Profit	139	167	+28	+19.8%			
Net Income	100	172	+72	+72.0%			

### Results Explanation for FY2022 and Key Assumptions for FY2023

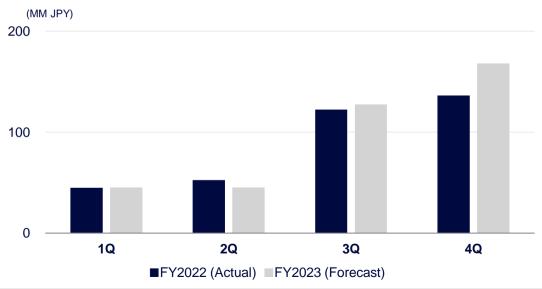
- Operating profit margin remains flat due to an increase in fixed costs associated with New FFC Establishment
- In order to accelerate long-term growth, we plan an increase in advertising expenses and recruitment expenses
- Growth rate in HR was limited in FY22 due to delays in hiring plans, but FY23 is expected to grow constantly, which is
  expected to improve gross profit margin by +0.3pts

		FY2022	FY2023				
(MM JPY)	Actual (Y/Y)	Explanation	Forecast (Y/Y)	Explanation			
Revenue	<b>5,279</b> (+46.9%)	(+) BtoB Commerce growth +1.5 Bn JPY	6,541 (+23.9%)	(+) BtoB Commerce growth +1 Bn JPY			
Operating Profit	<b>136</b> (-)	(+) Advertising expenditure -0.2pts (-) Increase in taxes due to capital increase 20MM JPY	164 (+20.1%)	<ul> <li>(+) Increased labor cost efficiency</li> <li>(-) Advertising expenditure +0.2pts</li> <li>(-) Increase in recruitment and education costs</li> <li>(-) FFC Opening and operating expenses</li> <li>(-) Increase in depreciation</li> </ul>			
Others	_	(-) Non-operating expenses IPO-related expenses 14MM JPY (+) Adjustment of corporate tax, etc. 16MM JPY	_	(+) Extraordinary profit:  Transfer of assets at the time of establishment of FFC 41 million yen			
Market Environment			_	that the pandemic will subside and stable an be expected			

### **FY2023 Operating Profit Progress Figure**

- In Q2, the contribution to earnings is expected to be small due to an increase in expenses associated with New FFC Establishment
- The contribution to profits is expected to be large as usual in Q3
- In Q4, the contribution was low in FY22 due to the recording of advertising and testing costs, but the contribution is expected to be higher in FY23

#### Figure of Cumulative Progress in Quarterly Operating Profit

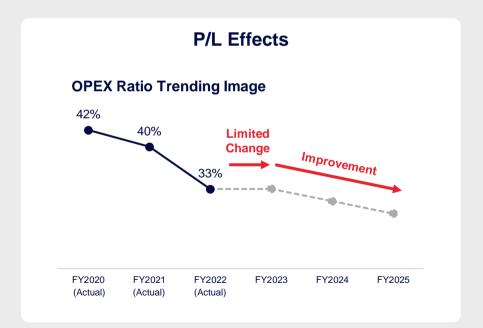


#### Effects of the New FFC Establishment

- As for functional effects, the number of SKUs is expected to increase due to the consolidation of decentralized warehouse functions, and the increase in space is expected to contribute to improving productivity and ARPU in the long term
- As for the P/L effects, the OPEX ratio will have limited change in FY23, but expected to improve again from FY24
- Given that the existing FFC function will remain, the risk in the event of a malfunction of the new FFC can be hedged

#### **Functional Effects**

	Inventory Features	Shipping Features
Ability	More than 300% vs Current	More than 200% vs Current
Effect	<ul><li>Inventory consolidation</li><li>Increased availability of SKUs</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Eliminate shipping capacity concerns</li> </ul>



# **Usage Status of Fundings Raised through Listing**

- Strong performance in FY2023/3 led to an early allocation of funds compared to the plan at the time of listing
- There are no plans to change the use of funds as initially planned

(MM JPY)

Use of Funds	Total Funding	Plan at Listing FY2023/3	Actual FY2023/3
FFC Expansion Expense	120	0	0
New Store Opening Expense of sakana bacca	60	0	0
Marketing Expense	158	5	20
Recruiting and Employment Expense	605	10	40
Debt Repayment	347	80	93
Working Capital Increase	135	50	94
Total	1,425	145	248

#### **Investment Policy**

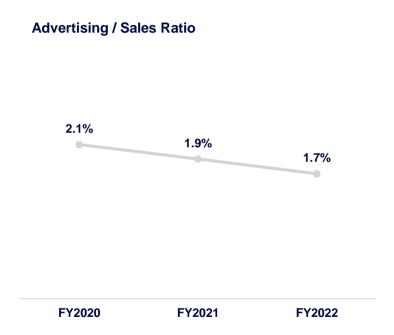
We aim to achieve sustainable improvement in profit margins and maximize long-term free cash flow with a disciplined investment policy

#### **Marketing Investment Policy**

- 1 | In principle, the Advertising / Sales Ratio will continue to be at the same level as in the past
- 2 | Assessing the web marketing market conditions

#### **Capital Investment Policy**

- Upfront investment sufficient for service growth
- 2 | Investments expected to improve OPEX ratios





# We have been working to achieve sustainable fresh food distribution since establishment

Implementing a wide range of environmental initiatives through our own platform

#### **Major Initiatives of ESG**

#### **Environment**

- Reuse of Styrofoam box
- De-plasticization initiatives
- Product development using underutilized fish

# Social

- Providing job experience opportunities to the local community
- Efforts to popularize fish consumption
- Providing a seafood distribution system that utilizes IT
- Supporting the reconstruction of disaster-stricken areas

#### Governance

- Sustainability Committee
- Promoting DEI<sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> DEI stands for Diversiy, Equity, and Inclusion, and is based on the idea that maximizing the diverse individuality of each employee in corporate management will lead to higher value creation for the company.



# **Environment**





# Increase the Number of Independent Directors of the Board of Directors<sup>(1)</sup>

 Increase the number of independent outside directors by one from FY23 and make half of the Board of Directors independent directors independent directors to create a more governing system

#### **Establishment of the Sustainability Committee**

- Establishment of the Sustainability Committee as an organization under the direct control of the Board of Directors
- Discuss company-wide DEI matters and formulate policies

(1) After approval at the 10th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders





#### **Risk Factors and Countermeasures**

We have described matters that we consider to be potential risks in our business operations. Please refer to the "Business Risks" section in the Securities Report for other risks. Please note that statements regarding future prospects in this document are based on our current judgment and do not cover all risks that may occur in the future. Additionally, we have also described matters that are outside of our control and may not necessarily be risk factors.

Category	Contents of Risk	Possibility of Occurrence	Degree of Impact	Timing of Occurrence	Countermeasure
Business Environment	Risk of food e-commerce market growth not progressing as expected	Moderate	High	Long	If such an event occurs, we will promptly take measures and respond.
Business	Risk related to the safety of food	Low	High	Medium	Enhancing HACCP and hygiene management systems based on laws and regulations
Business	Risk of system failure	Low	High	Medium	Strengthening system development and management systems
Business	Risk related to the seasonality of performance	Moderate	Mediocre	Medium	Planning based on seasonal factors
Business	Risk related to the new FFC establishment	Low	Mediocre	Short	Careful preparation and parallel operation with existing FFC
Business	Risk related to handling of personal information	Low	Mediocre	Short	Maintaining personal information protection system based on PMS
Business	Risk of business operations permission being revoked	Low	High	Short	Strengthening compliance system and enhancing relationships with industry stakeholders
Management/ Organization	Risk of securing and developing talented human resources not progressing as planned	Moderate	High	Medium	Actively recruiting and developing personnel.

HACCP(Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points) is a hygiene management method in which food and other business operators themselves grasp the hazards such as food poisoning bacteria contamination and foreign matter mixing, and manage the particularly important processes in order to remove or reduce those hazards from the raw materials receiving to the product shipment, in all processes, aiming to secure the safety of products.

P) PMS means "Personal Information Protection Management System" and is a mechanism for safely managing "personal information".

# **APPENDIX**

#### **Board of Directors**

#### **Representative Director and CEO**

#### **Tohru Yamamoto**

- Joined SMS Co., Ltd. in 2003, as a founding member, and served as a director of HR business and new business development
- Founder and CEO of Foodison since 2013

#### **Board of Director**

#### Itaru Tanimura

- Former Partner at McKinsey & Co.
- Founder and CEO of So-net M3 Inc. (currently M3, Inc.) since 2000
- An independent director of Foodison since 2015

#### **Board of Director and CFO**

#### **Naoki Naito**

- Joined Mizuho Corporate Bank (currently Mizuho Bank, Ltd.) in April 2006, where he was engaged in investment banking with a focus on M&A and structured finance
- Joined Foodison in 2016 and became a Board of Director and CFO in 2018
- MBA from Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

#### **Board of Director**

#### Hideaki Fukutake

- After working at KEYENCE Co., Ltd., as a business manager and new business development at SMS Co., Ltd., he served as an outside director of Benesse Holdings, Inc. in 2014, and was appointed as a non-executive director of Benesse Holdings Co., Ltd. in 2021.
- An independent director of Foodison since 2015

# **Corporate History**



# **Quarterly Performance Trends**

	FY2020				FY2021			FY2022				
(MM JPY)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Revenue	544	726	974	709	723	725	1,241	902	1,205	1,155	1,533	1,385
BtoB Commerce	298	480	679	410	433	445	933	610	873	863	1,163	1,075
BtoC Commerce	175	175	190	183	190	208	219	197	228	203	275	233
HR	71	71	90	79	96	71	88	86	102	89	93	75
Gross Profit	230	276	376	297	304	286	455	349	455	425	541	474
EBITDA	-51	-31	32	-22	-38	-67	73	0	49	12	74	18
Operating Profit	-52	-34	29	-25	-40	-70	70	-2	44	7	69	14
Revenue Growth Rate	-	-	-	-	32.7%	-0.3%	27.4%	27.0%	66.8%	59.3%	23.5%	53.5%

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