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Q1 FY24/3 Earnings Report

Foodison, Inc.

Ticker: TSE Growth 7114

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FY24/3 Q1 Financial Highlights

Financial Highlights

Revenue (Y/Y growth rate)

1,474MM (+22.3%)

Growth Profit (Y/Y growth rate)

519MM (+14.2%)

EBITDA (1) (Y/Y growth rate)

41 MM (-16.4%)

Key Business Metrics				
Company	BtoB Commerce			
OPEX Ratio ⁽²⁾ (Y/Y Increase) 32.3 % (-1.3pts)	Q1 Active Users ⁽³⁾ (Y/Y growth rate) 3,854 (+17.4%)			
Ad Expenditure Ratio (Y/Y Increase) 1.9% (+0.3pts)	Q1 ARPU ⁽⁴⁾ (Y/Y growth rate) 98 K (+11.1%)			

¹⁾ EBITDA = Operating income + depreciation and amortization, hereinafter referred to as "EBITDA"

OPEX refers to Operating Expenditure which is calculated by subtracting depreciation and amortization expenses from SG&A.

³⁾ Refers to the number of users who placed at least one order each month. Figures are quarterly averages of monthly Active Users

⁴⁾ ARPU (Average Revenue Per User) refers to the average monthly revenue per active user

FY24/3 Q1 Business Highlights

Amid the positive impact of the thriving restaurant industry, BtoB Commerce lead the overall revenue growth. Active users and ARPU have remained strong despite the post-COVID-19 benefits o Revenue: 1.474MM JPY (Y/Y +22.3%) BtoB Commerce Revenue: 1,138MM JPY (Y/Y +30.4%) Active Users: 3.854 Users (Y/Y +17.4%) **Financial** o ARPU: 98,422 JPY (Y/Y +11.1%) **Highlights** Downward trend in gross profit margin has stopped and is showing signs of improvement Gross Margin: 35.2% (Q/Q +1.0pts) EBITDA decreased Y/Y due to increase in personnel costs, New Fulfilment Center Establishment(1) costs and advertising-to-sales ratio by 0.3pts (Y/Y), as planned in the annual forecast EBITDA: 41MM JPY (Y/Y-8MM JPY) Preparations for New FFC Establishment to strengthen BtoB and BtoC Commerce capacity are on track for August A new sakana bacca store opened in Tokyo Station in April **Business Highlights** • HR continues to prioritize recruitment as a critical initiative, and the plan on track. However, since nurturing new hires takes time, their contribution to performance is expected to be more significant in the latter half of the year Focus on successful FFC launch and to rapidly maximize the performance New store openings of BtoC Commerce involves patiently seeking favorable properties and carefully assessing them without Outlook being overly hasty The restaurant and retail industries are both experiencing a shortage in staff, and the demand remains strong. HR will continue

to focus on executing its recruitment plan

FY24/3 Q1 Financial Results

- Revenue showed steady growth, with Y/Y growth of +22.3%
- EBITDA decreased by 8MM JPY Y/Y due to increase in personnel costs, New FFC Establishment costs and advertising-to-sales ratio by 0.3pts (Y/Y)

(MM JPY)	FY2023 Q1 (April-June 2023)	FY2022 Q1 (April-June 2022)	Y/Y
Revenue	1,474	1,205	+22.3%
BtoB Commerce	1,138	873	+30.4%
BtoC Commerce	240	228	+5.6%
HR	95	102	-7.4%
Gross Profit	519	455	+14.2%
Gross Profit Margin	35.2%	37.7%	-2.5pts
Operating Profit	37	44	-17.0%
EBITDA	41	49	-16.4%
Ordinary Profit	37	48	-22.7%
Net Income	30	47	-36.0%

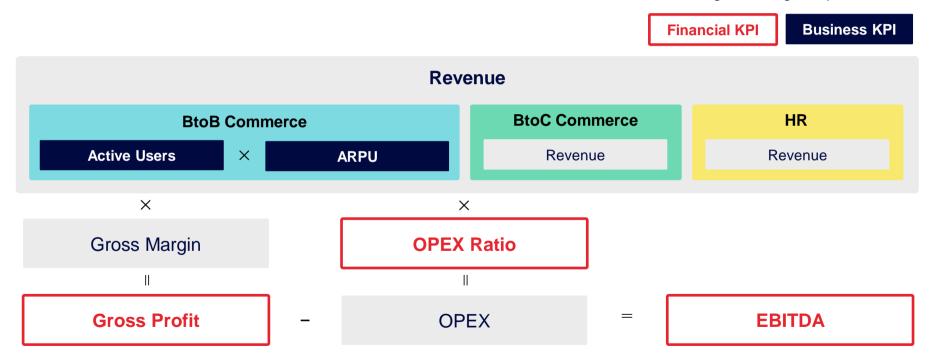
FY24/3 Q1 Actual vs Forecast

- All financial metrics have progressed as planned
- Due to the expected recording of New FFC Establishment investments in first half of the fiscal year, there will be a significant profit bias between the first and second half
- In Q2, an extraordinary profit of 41 MM JPY is expected to be recorded due to the acquisition of facilities for New FFC Establishment

	Q1	First-Half Forecast (Disclosed May 15, 2023)		Full-Year Forecast (Disclosed May 15, 2023)	
(MM JPY)	Actual	Forecast	vs Actual	Forecast	vs Actual
Revenue	1,474	2,992	49.2%	6,541	22.5%
Operating Profit	37	45	82.2%	164	22.5%
Ordinary Profit	37	43	86.0%	167	22.2%
Net Income	30	69	43.5%	172	17.4%

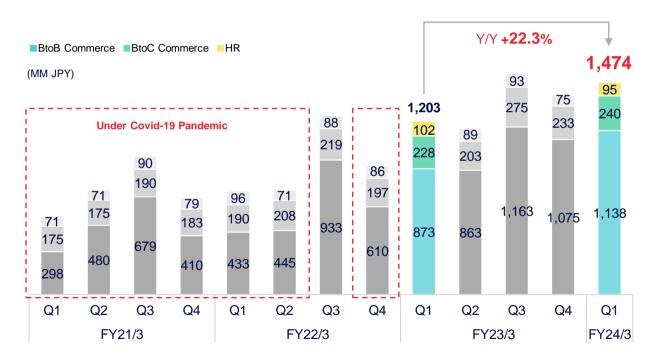
Business Model

• The value creation is evaluated based on gross profit, OPEX ratio, and EBITDA and the business growth is evaluated by Active Users and ARPU in BtoB Commerce. For the immediate term, the most critical KPI is the growth of gross profit



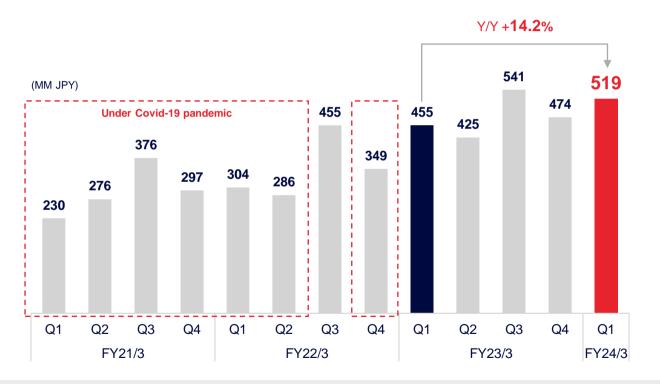
Consolidated Revenue

- BtoB Commerce leads the growth with +30.4% (Y/Y)
- HR falls -0.7% (Y/Y) behind due to delay in recruitment plan from the previous fiscal year



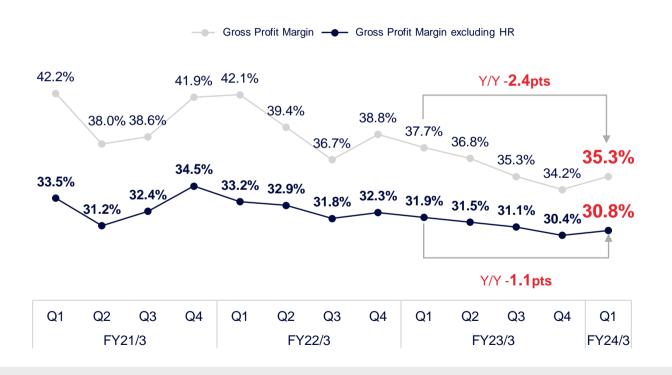
Consolidated Gross Profit

Gross profit has been steadily progressing, with a 14.2% growth (Y/Y), despite being affected by a decrease in HR revenue



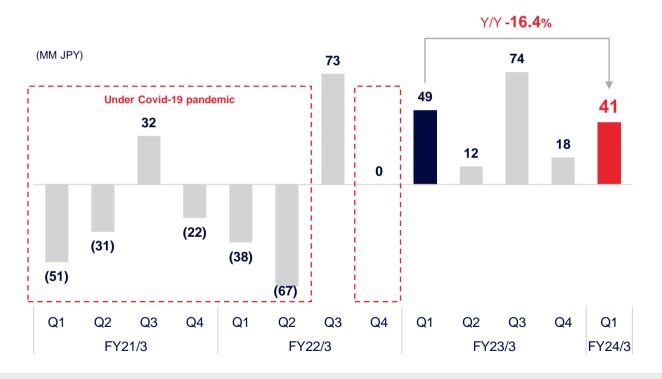
Consolidated Gross Profit Margin

Downward trend in gross profit margin has stopped and is showing signs of improvement



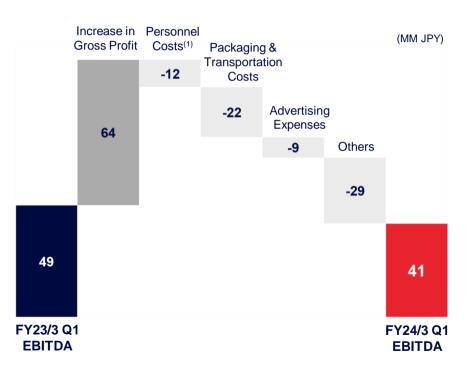
Consolidated EBITDA

■ EBITDA decreased by 16.4% (Y/Y) due to increase in personnel costs, New FFC Establishment costs and advertising-to-sales ratio by 0.3pts (Y/Y)



EBITDA Change Analysis

vs FY23/3 Q1



Increase in Gross Profit

Increase in Active Users and ARPU of BtoB Commerce

Increase in SG&A

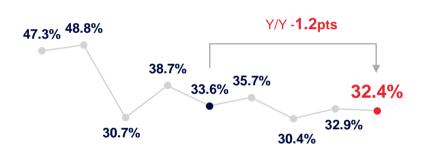
- Increase in personnel costs due to increased shipment volume
- Increase in packaging and transportation costs due to increased shipment volume
- Increase in advertising expenses
- Increased New FFC Establishment investment, transaction fees, consumables costs and taxes and duties

Personnel costs include salaries and allowances, bonuses, executive remuneration, and statutory welfare expenses

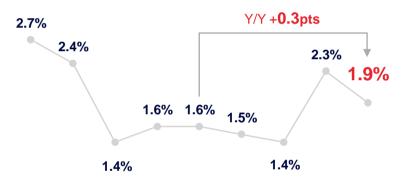
Company | OPEX Ratio and Advertising / Sales Ratio

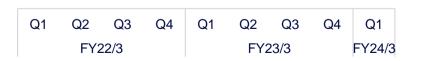
- Increased occupancy rate due to increased sales, lead to decrease in OPEX ratio by 1.2 pts (Y/Y)
- In anticipation of capacity increase with the New FFC Establishment, the advertising-to-sales ratio for user acquisition increased by +0.3pts (Y/Y)

OPEX Ratio



Advertising-to-Sales Ratio

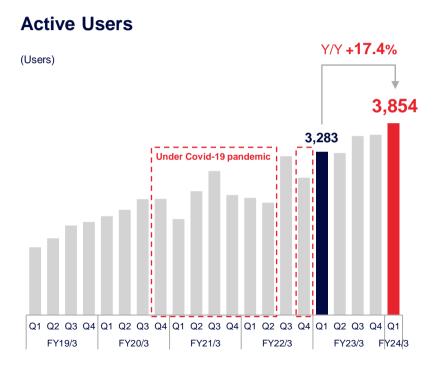


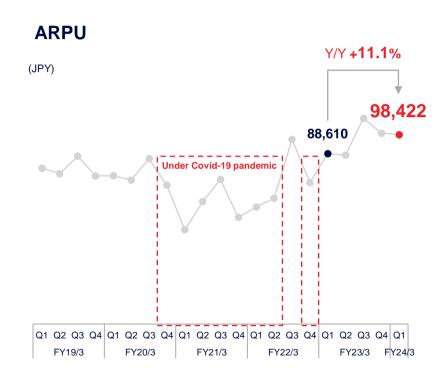




BtoB Commerce | Active Users and ARPU

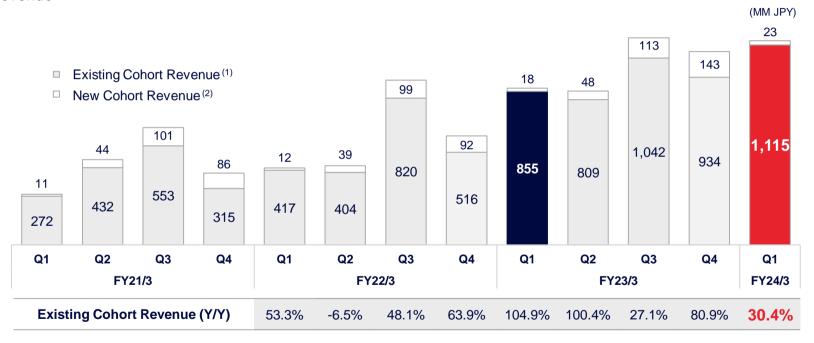
Active users and ARPU have both grown steadily





BtoB Commerce | Revenue by Cohort

• The growth rate of existing cohort revenue was 30.4%, which was at the similar growth rate of overall BtoB Commerce revenue



^{1) &}quot;Existing Cohort Revenue" are the sum of quarterly sales generated by users enrolled before the previous fiscal year

^{(2) &}quot;New Cohort Revenue" are the sum of quarterly sales brought by newly registered users in the same fiscal year as the year of enrollment

Balance Sheet

■ The balance sheet remains healthy with equity ratio of 66.8%

(MM JPY)	FY2023 Q1 (June 30, 2023)	FY2022 Q1 (June 30, 2022)	(Y/Y)	FY2022 Q4 (March 31, 2023)	(Q/Q)
Current Assets	2,801	1,625	72.4%	2,857	-2.0%
Cash and Deposits	2,191	856	156.0%	2,235	-2.0%
Non-Current Assets	159	154	3.2%	159	0.0%
Total Assets	2,961	1,780	66.3%	3,017	-1.9%
Current Liabilities	482	797	-39.5%	563	-14.4%
Short-term Debt	0	384	-100.0%	0	-
Current portion of Long-term Debt	38	36	5.6%	38	0.0%
Non-Current Liabilities	499	545	-8.4%	510	-2.2%
Total Liabilities	982	1,343	-26.9%	1,073	-8.5%
Total Stockholders' Equity	1,978	437	352.6%	1,943	1.8%
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	2,961	1,780	66.3%	3,017	-1.9%
Capital Adequacy Ratio	66.8%	24.6%	+42.3pts	64.4%	+4.4pts

Assets	Liabilities / Stockholders' Equity (MM JPY)	
	Current Liabilities 482	
	Non-current Liabilities 499	
Cash and Deposits 2,191	Stockholders' Equity 1,978	
Other Current Assets 622		
Non-current Assets 159		

Company Overview

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.

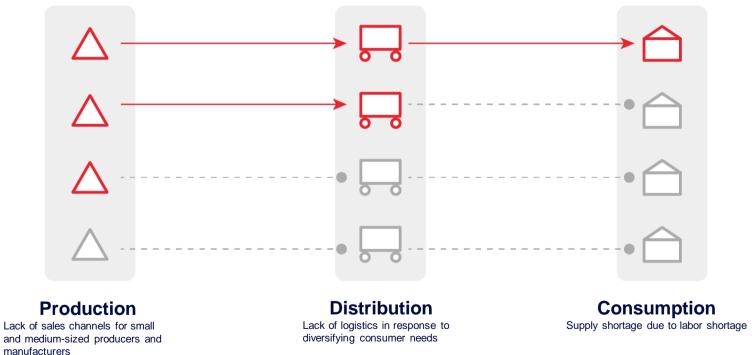
The food culture that Japan is proud of has only begun.

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The Challenges Faced by the Food Industry

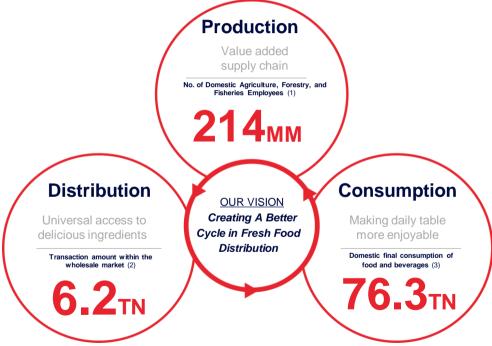
The food industry, which is at the core of our daily lives, has been experiencing a shift in balance due to change in the environment



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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



⁽¹⁾ Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, March 2023 "Labor Force Survey"

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

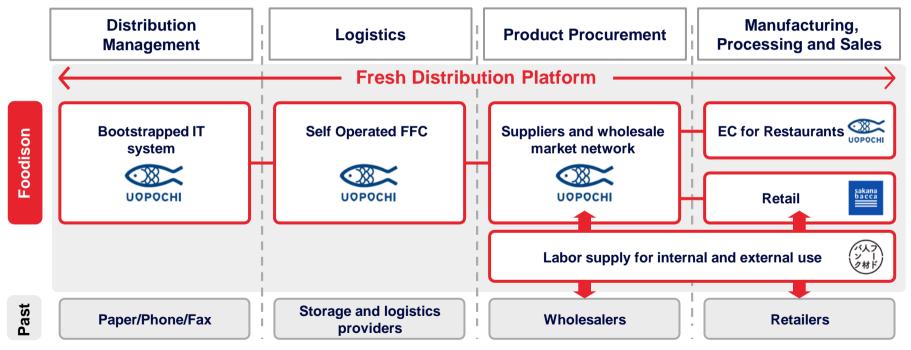
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, October 2017 "About the distribution structure including wholesale markets"

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

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



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

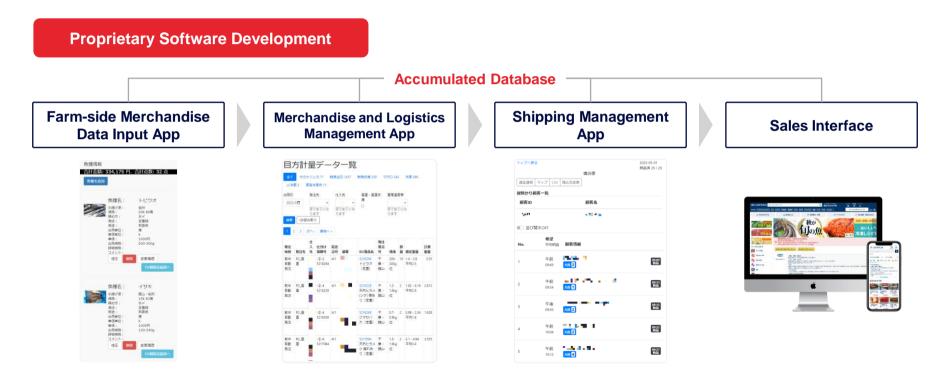
The proprietary distribution functions within wholesale markets enables fast procurement and delivery



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

Analog and Complex Distribution Structures

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



Regulated Market

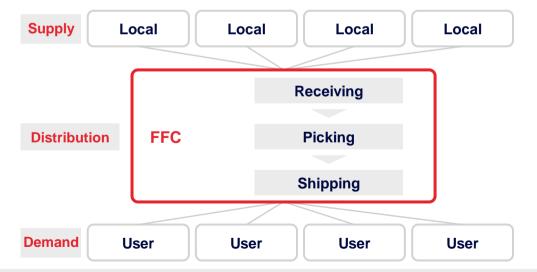
We have obtained various permits and licenses to operate in the Tokyo Central Wholesale Market and have secured space for large-scale shipping operations at the Ota Market

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

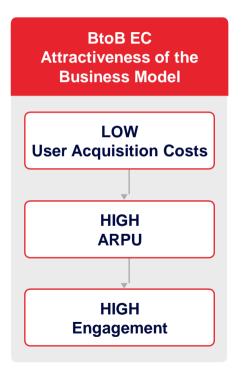
With the demand and supply spread across the country, large-scale FFC that is connected to the market provides competitive advantage



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

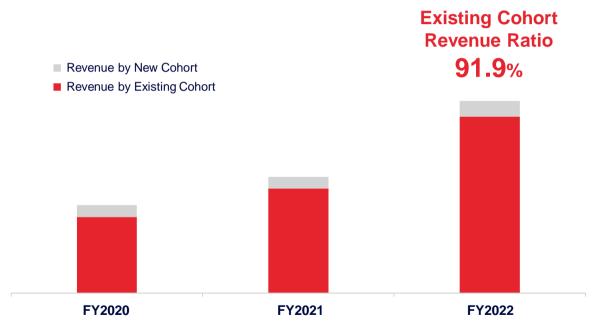
Features of Bto0	C and BtoB EC	BtoC EC	BtoB EC
Typical examples		Mall Type	Self Operated
Product Category		Wide Home appliances, clothes, etc.	Narrow Food, tools, etc.
ARPU	Purchase Frequency	Low When necessary	High Always required
ARPU	Unit Price	Low Personal use	High Business use
Maukatina Caat	New user acquisition	High High competition	Low Low competition
Marketing Cost	Existing users	High Need to stimulate	Minimal Business demand



User Engagement is High, and Existing Cohort is Driving Growth

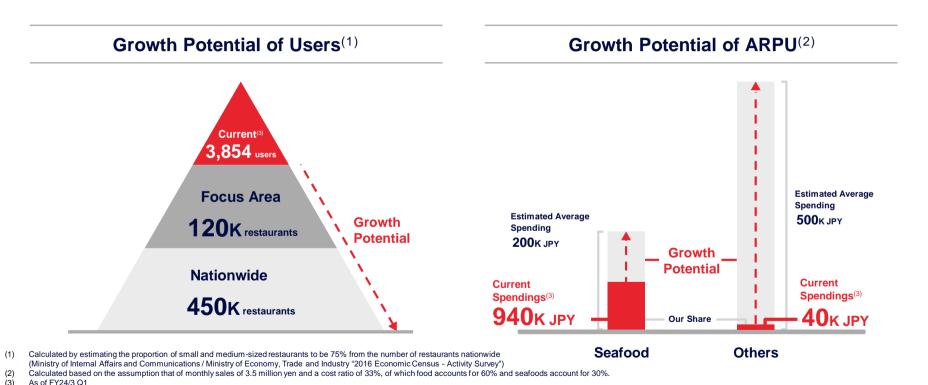
Revenue has been expanding year by year due to the perceived convenience and gained trust from customers

BtoB Commerce | Revenue by Cohort



Growth potentials of KPIs in BtoB Commerce

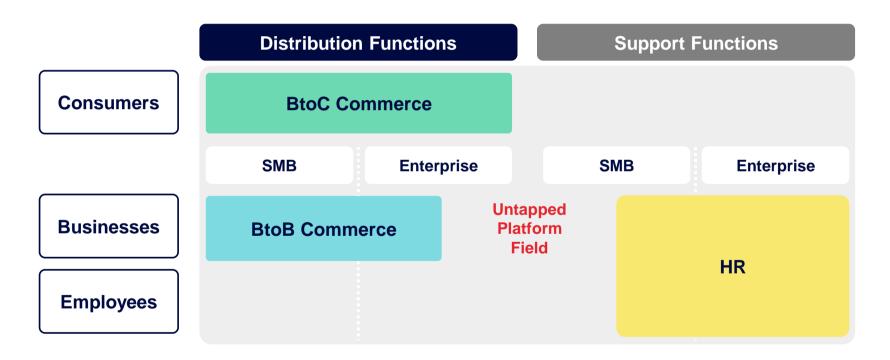
There is ample room to expand the tail end of BtoB Commerce users and ARPU



Growth Strategy

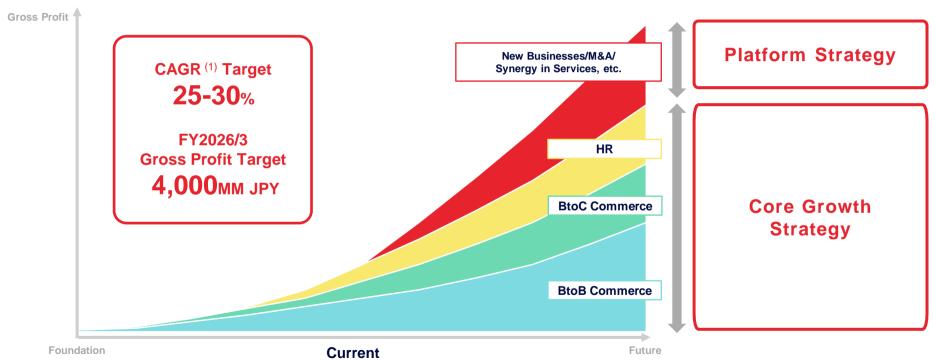
General Concept of Our Platform Growth

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

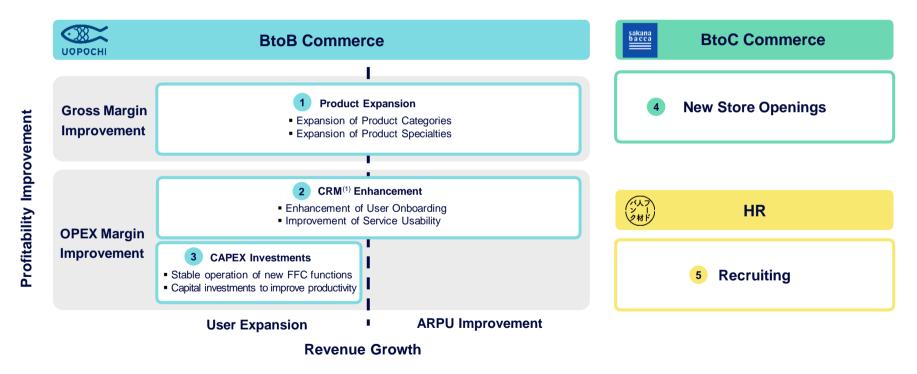
We will ensure the growth of existing services through Core Growth Strategy, and accelerate growth through Platform Strategy that aims to build a long-term platform



(1) CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate

Core Growth Strategy

Our growth strategies are centered in improving usability

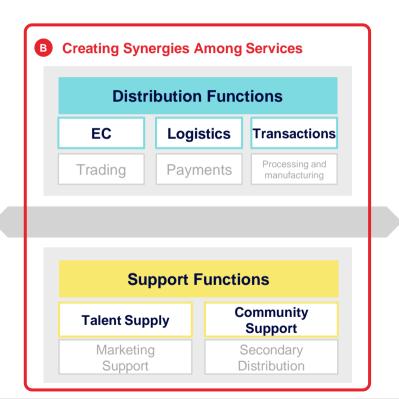


¹⁾ CRM (Customer Relationship Management) is a series of initiatives aimed at building, maintaining, and improving good relationships with users

Platform Strategy

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







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

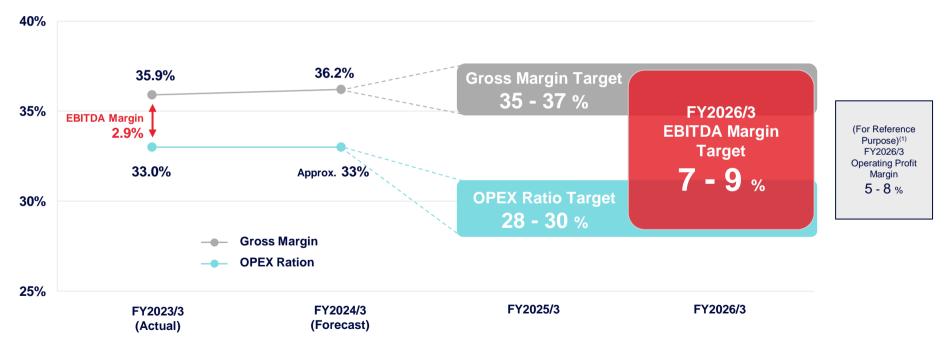
OPEX Ratio

Free Cash Flow Growth Metric

EBITDA

Mid-term Revenue Structure Image

In FY24/3, the OPEX ratio is expected to remain at the same level as the previous year due to New FFC Establishiment. However, from FY25/3, the OPEX ratio is expected to improve again and the profit margin is expected to increase



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

APPENDIX

COMPANY OVERVIEW
Founded April 1, 2013

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Founder and CEO Tohru Yamamoto

Headquarter Ken Media Building 5F, 3-3-7, Kachidoki, Chuou-ku, Tokyo
Group Company Foodison Ota Corporation
(Wholly-owned subsidiary and a wholesaler in Ota Market)

No. of Employees 234(1)

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





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

н 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





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

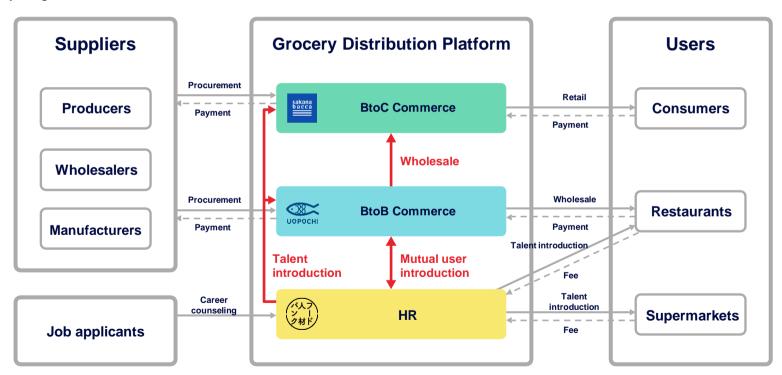
A database specialized in the food industry

Agents with a high level of understanding of the industry

Introduction of regular employment in the food industry

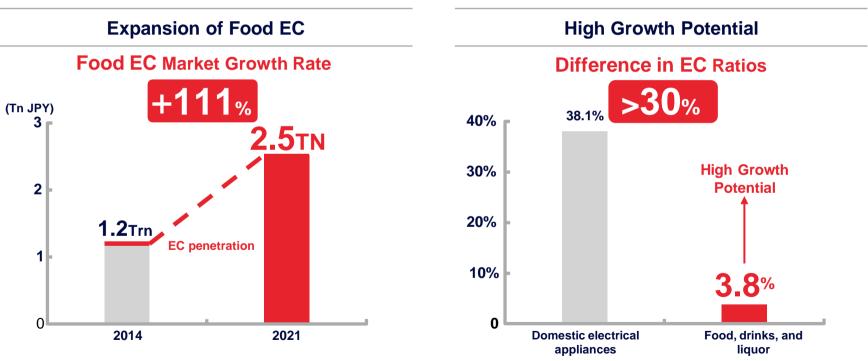
Business Diagram

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



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



⁽¹⁾ 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.

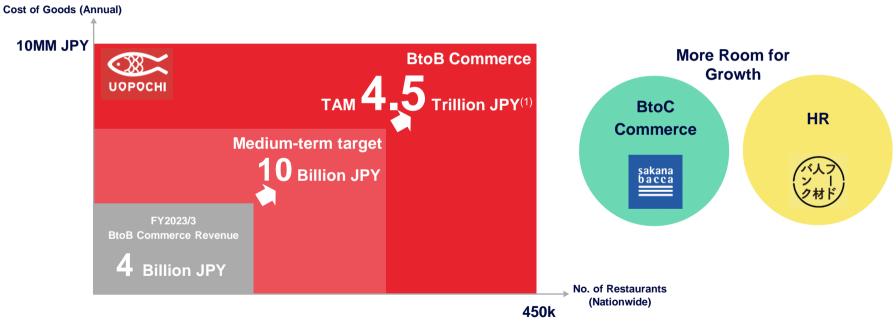
Unique Positioning as an EC Operator with Access to Wholesale Market

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



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



⁽¹⁾ 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").

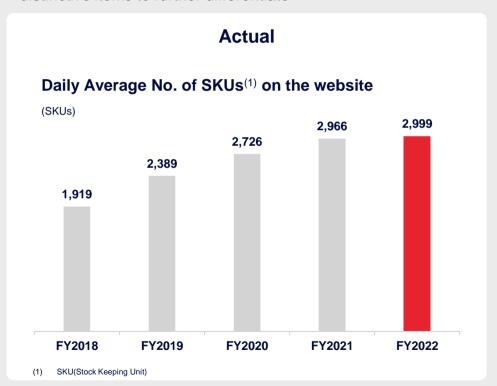
The calculation formula is as follows: Number of restaurants nationwide 450,000 × Total sales (income) per establishment: Approximately 31.73 million yen × Cost ratio of general restaurants 33% (estimated by the Company)

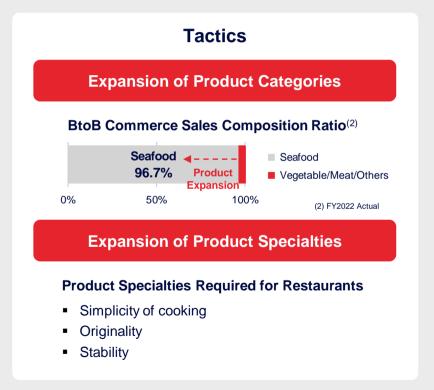
GROWTH STRATEGY

Core Growth Strategy in Detail

Core Growth Strategy | 1 Product Expansion

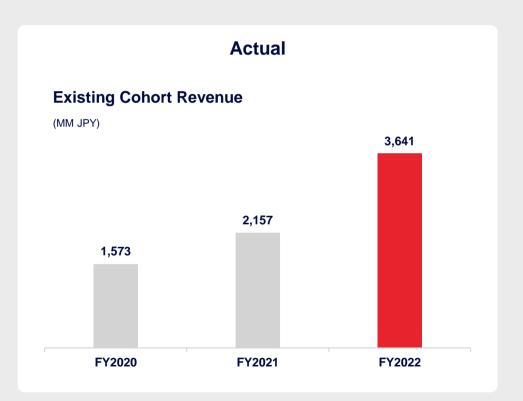
Expand vegetable and meat products from a focus on seafood products, and enhance our product offerings with unique and distinctive items to further differentiate

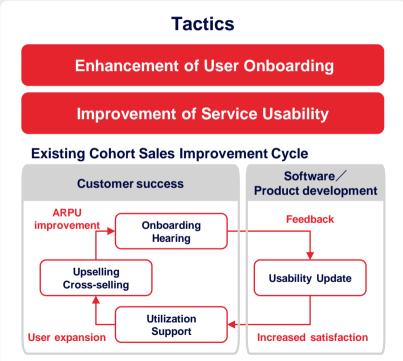




Core Growth Strategy | 2 CRM Enhancement

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

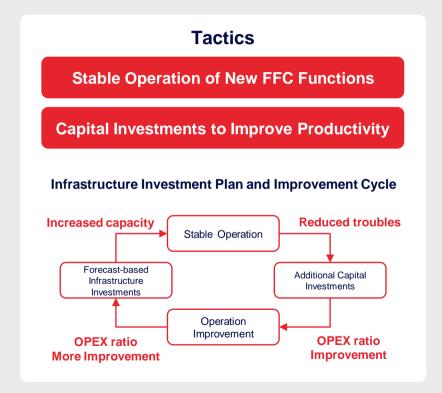




Core Growth Strategy | 3 CAPEX Investments

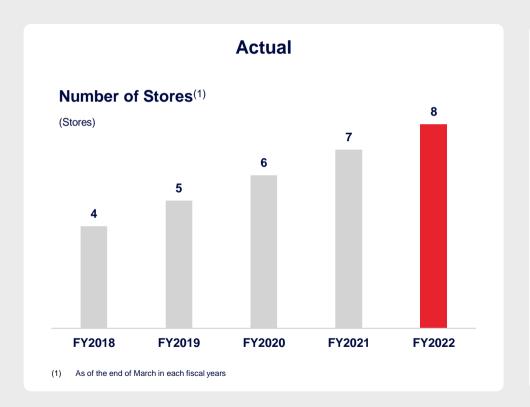
Expand new FFC functions to improve productivity over the medium to long term

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

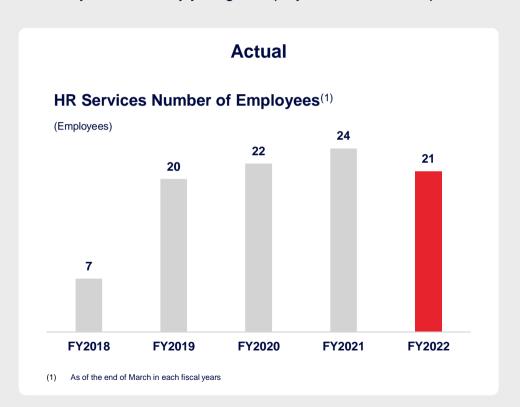
Room for New Store Opening

Area	Stations with more than 40,000 passengers ⁽²⁾
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 in Detail

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

SAKANA TO ALE



Whitebait Snack

PARI PARY

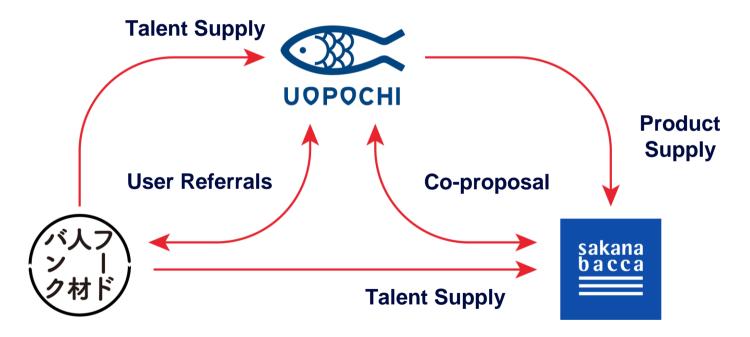


Collaboration with a legacy seaweed manufacturer

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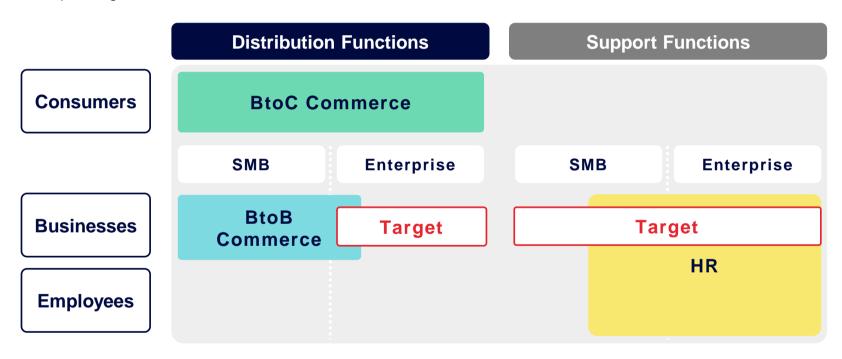
Platform Strategy | B Creating Synergies Among Services

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



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

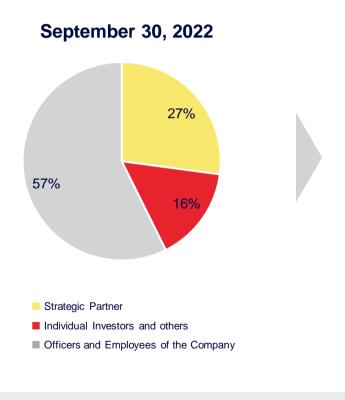
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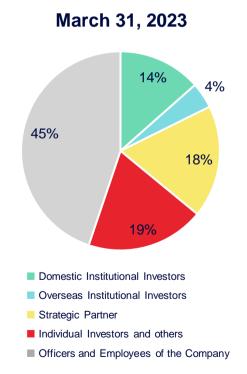
- After working at KEYENCE Co., Ltd., as a business manager and new business development at SMS Co., Ltd., he served as an outside director of Benesse Holdings, Inc. in 2014, and was appointed as a non-executive director of Benesse Holdings Co., Ltd. in 2021.
- An independent director of Foodison since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

Quarterly Performance Trends

	FY21/3				FY22/3				FY23/3				FY24/3
(MM JPY)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Revenue	544	726	974	709	723	725	1,241	902	1,205	1,155	1,533	1,385	1,474
BtoB Commerce	298	480	679	410	433	445	933	610	873	863	1,163	1,075	1,138
BtoC Commerce	175	175	190	183	190	208	219	197	228	203	275	233	240
HR	71	71	90	79	96	71	88	86	102	89	93	75	95
Gross Profit	230	276	376	297	304	286	455	349	455	425	541	474	519
EBITDA	-51	-31	32	-22	-38	-67	73	0	49	12	74	18	41
Operating Profit	-52	-34	29	-25	-40	-70	70	-2	44	7	69	14	37
Revenue Growth Rate	-	-	-	-	32.7%	-0.3%	27.4%	27.0%	66.8%	59.3%	23.5%	53.5%	22.3%

Shareholder composition





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