## MAKING AI EASY

BY MAKING SOFTWARE INTELLIGENT

Q2 FY2023 Earnings August 2023



## **Our Mission**

Turning AI into ROI by Making Software Intelligent





## Key Remarks for 2023 Q2



Our momentum has further accelerated from last quarter. FY23 Q2 revenue YoY growth rate accelerated to 42% from 32% in Q1. This was boosted by (1) continuous expansion of E-commerce, (2) strong growth in the US & EMEA markets, (3) improved seasonality in Digital Content<sup>(1)</sup> and (4) deeper reach into the Korean Digital Content<sup>(1)</sup> market.



The margin has also improved. Gross margin expanded to 51.3% with a 45% YoY gross profit growth rate, driven by positive effects from algorithm experiments starting from FY23 Q1. We expect further improvements of gross margin to continue in the following quarters.



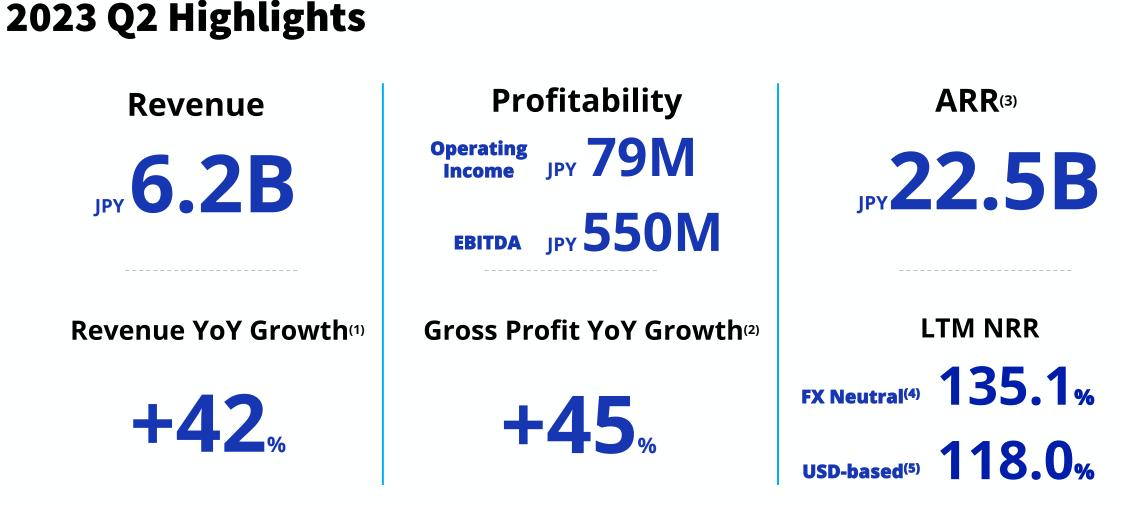
**Both operating income and net income turned positive**, ahead of our schedule. Our operating margin reached 1.3%, net profit achieved 1.9%, and EBITDA margin hit 8.9%, demonstrating strong operating leverage despite continuous investments in S&M for growth acceleration and R&D to drive product innovation.



All of our business metrics have maintained a healthy trend, reaching 1,504 customers with a 22% increase YoY. We have also achieved 16.5% YoY increase in quarterly ARPC. This growth was mainly fueled by the healthy expansion of existing customers with LTM NRR of 135.1%<sup>(2)</sup> due to our continuous ROI-driven approach.



We believe that our data moat, combined with the synergy between the creative power of generative AI and the effective decision-making provided by predictive AI, will further strengthen our competitive advantage. This enables us to generate more opportunities for upselling and cross-selling and establish a solid foundation for future growth.



(1) Revenue Growth from FY22 Q2 to FY23 Q2.

(2) Gross Profit Growth from FY22 Q2 to FY23 Q2.

(3) ARR is conducted as the sum of the per-solution ARR. (i) For AIQUA, AiDeal, AIXON, BotBonnie and AIRIS, which are offered on a subscription basis, we calculate ARR as of a certain date as the monthly recurring revenue converted in JPY during the one-month period ending on such date, multiplied by 12. (ii) For CrossX, we calculate ARR as of a certain date as the average of monthly recurring revenue converted in JPY during the six-month period ending on such date, multiplied by 12. (ii) For CrossX, we calculate ARR as of a certain date as the average of monthly recurring revenue converted in JPY during the six-month period ending on such date, multiplied by 12. (ii) For CrossX, we calculate ARR as of a certain date as the average of monthly recurring revenue converted in JPY during the six-month period ending on such date, multiplied by 12.

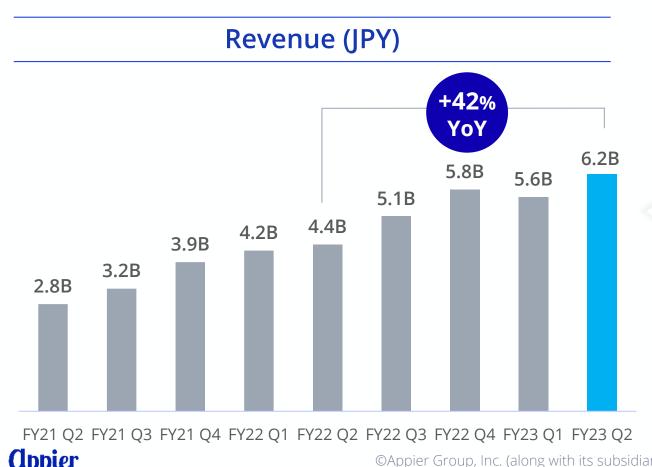
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## **Revenue Trends**

FY23 Q2 revenue YoY growth was driven by existing customer expansion, especially in E-commerce and Digital Contents, and new customers from regions and verticals with high growth potential, such as Digital Content in Korea and in US & EMEA.



#### **Incremental Revenue**



- Strong expansion continues from ROI-driven customers in E-commerce sectors
- Improved seasonality in Digital Content

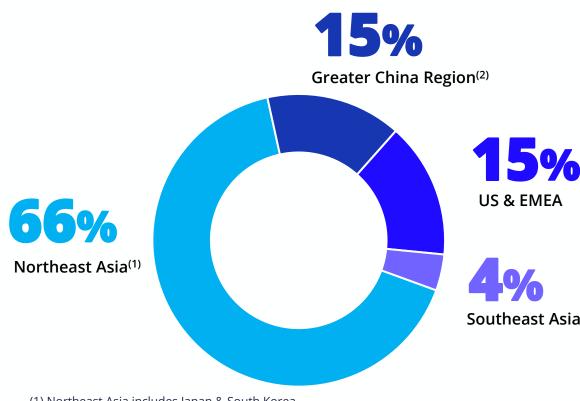
54% from New Customers<sup>(2)</sup>

- Growing customer traction in Korea and US & **EMEA**, especially Digital Content vertical
- **Continuous strategic focus on larger** enterprise customer acquisition

(1)"Existing Customers" refers to customers acquired before FY22 Q3. (2)"New Customers" refers to customers acquired from FY22 Q3 to FY23 Q2.

# Diverse Revenue Base: Multiple regions demonstrate continuous growth momentum

#### FY23 Q2 Revenue % by Region



(1) Northeast Asia includes Japan & South Korea(2) Greater China Region includes Taiwan, Hong Kong & China

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Over 50% YoY revenue growth with vertical penetration in Digital Content and existing customer expansion in E-Commerce

#### GCR

Recovery of business momentum particularly in TW and CN outbound business

#### US & EMEA

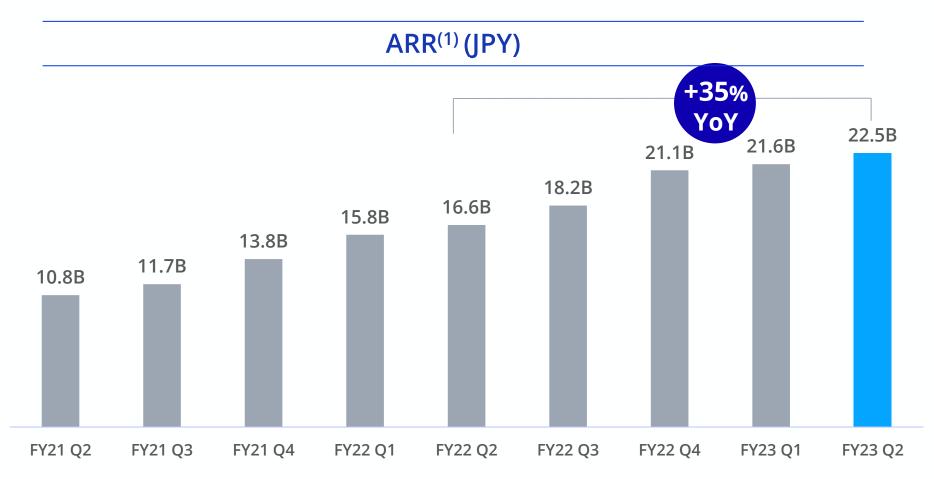
Continuous growth momentum with a 78% YoY revenue growth. Revenue contribution has increased to 15% from 12% a year ago

#### SEA

Continue to focus on key account strategy until the markets get more mature

## **Annual Recurring Revenue Quarterly Trends**

• Our recurring revenue currently constitutes over 95% of our total revenue.

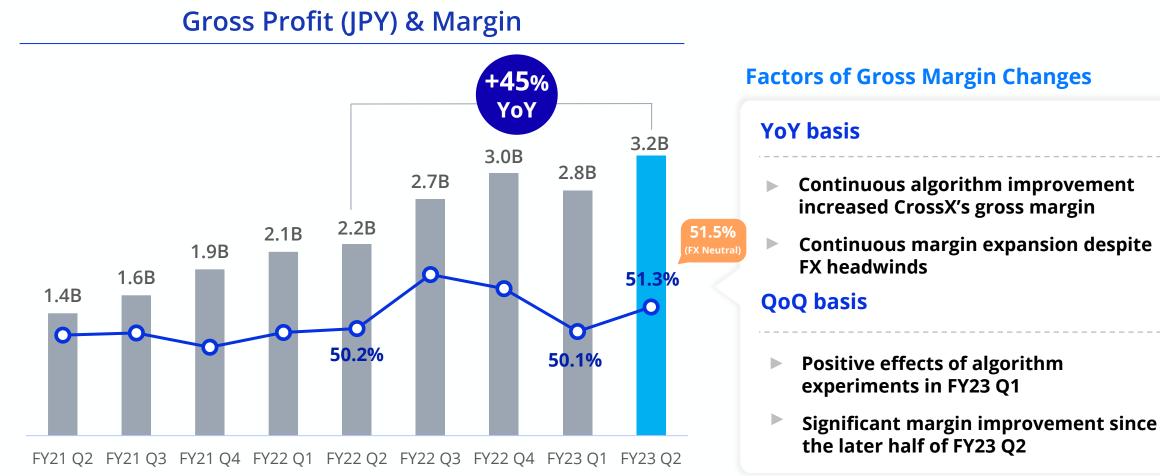


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## **Gross Profit**

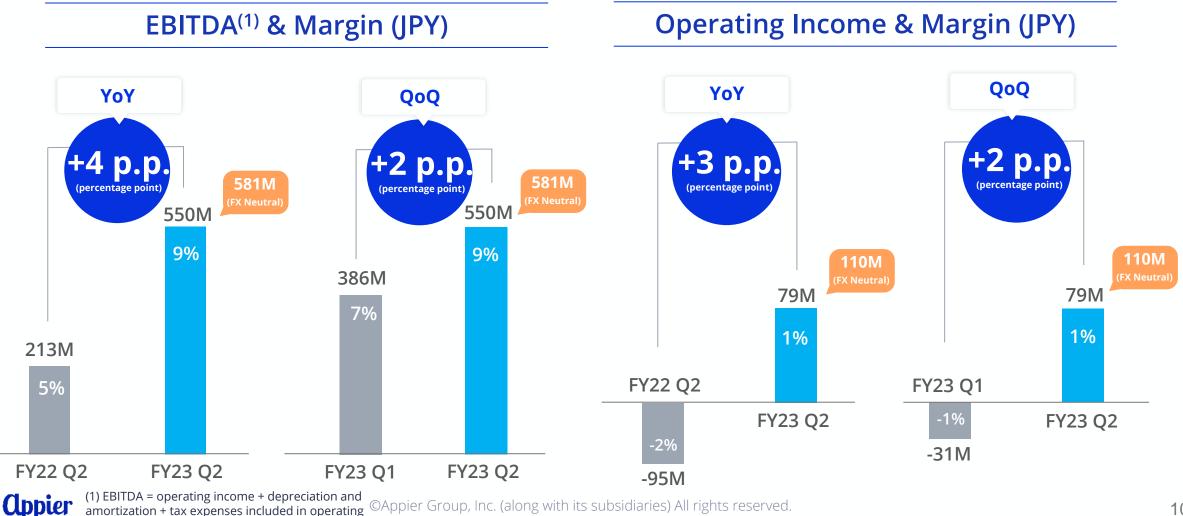
- Gross margin improved to 51.3% (FX-neutral 51.5%), increasing by 1.1 p.p. on a YoY basis and 1.2 p.p. on a QoQ basis.
- The gross margin improvement, largely propelled by ongoing algorithm refinement, has brought us closer to our FY23 target, with our gross margin reaching 53% in June.



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## **EBITDA & Operating Income**

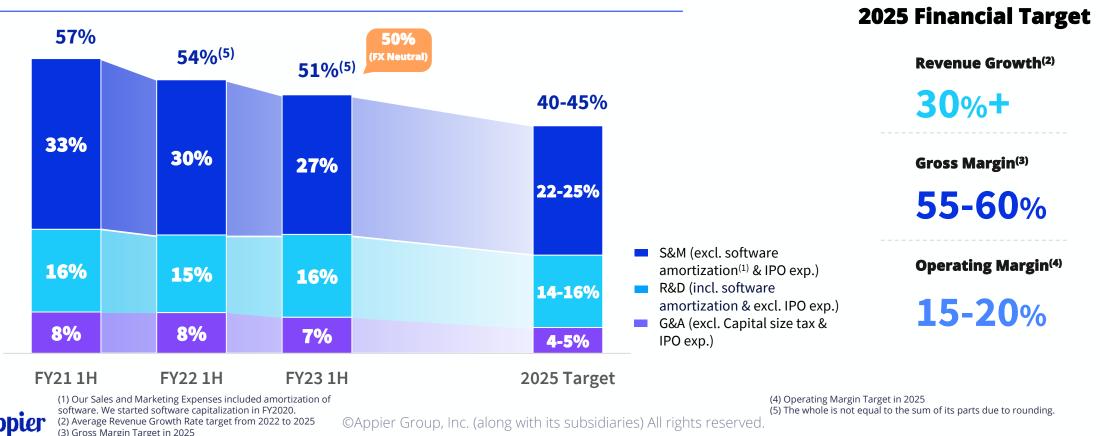
Despite a lower profitability seasonality in Q2 and FX headwinds, we improved the profitability significantly on both YoY and QoQ bases, due to gross margin expansion and strong operating leverage. We expect the positive trend to continue going forward.



(1) EBITDA = operating income + depreciation and amortization + tax expenses included in operating ©Appier Group, Inc. (along with its subsidiaries) All rights reserved. expenses

## **OPEX Structure**

- S&M expense has consistently shown robust leverage, driven by productivity improvement and increased scale, and this trend is expected to continue into FY23 2H.
- R&D expenses increased due to the investment in algorithm development and product enhancements, which will contribute to our corporate core value, maintaining a healthy level to the ratio to revenue.
- G&A expense-to-revenue ratio declined as investment in corporate function enhancement gradually normalized.

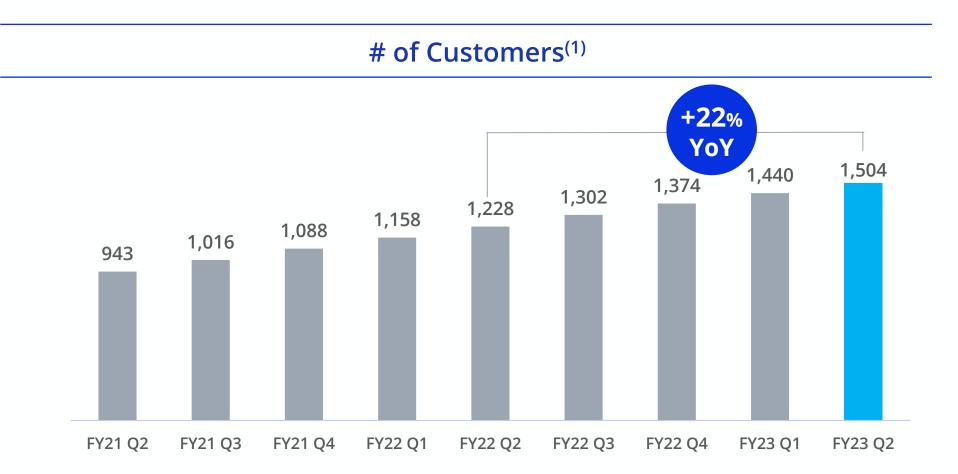


#### Historical OPEX Structure & 2025 Margin Target (% Revenue)



## **Quarterly Customer # Trend**

• New customers in FY23 Q2 were mainly from the Digital Content, E-Commerce and Consumer Brands & BFSI verticals (39%, 22% and 22% of total new customers respectively).

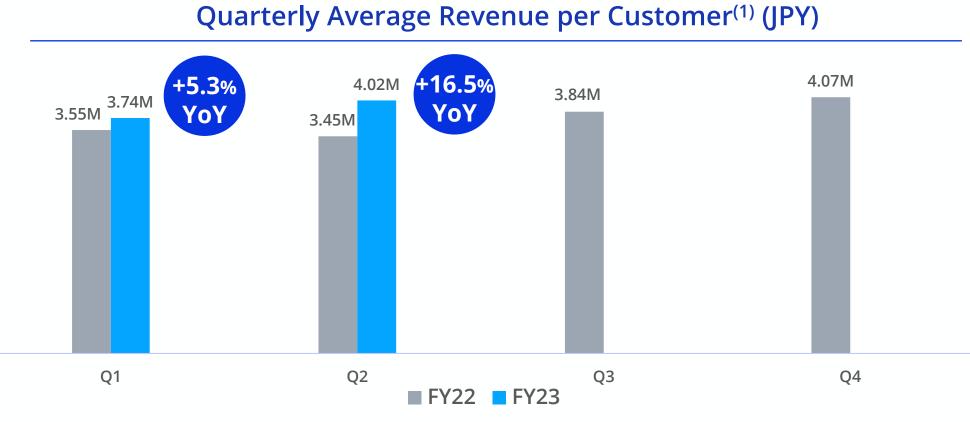


(1) "Customer" refers to a corporate group that has one or more active contracts for our solutions, excluding paid or unpaid trial, demo use and customers acquired through business acquisitions. Such corporate group is counted as a separate "customer" with respect to each solution it uses.



## **Quarterly Average Revenue per Customer**

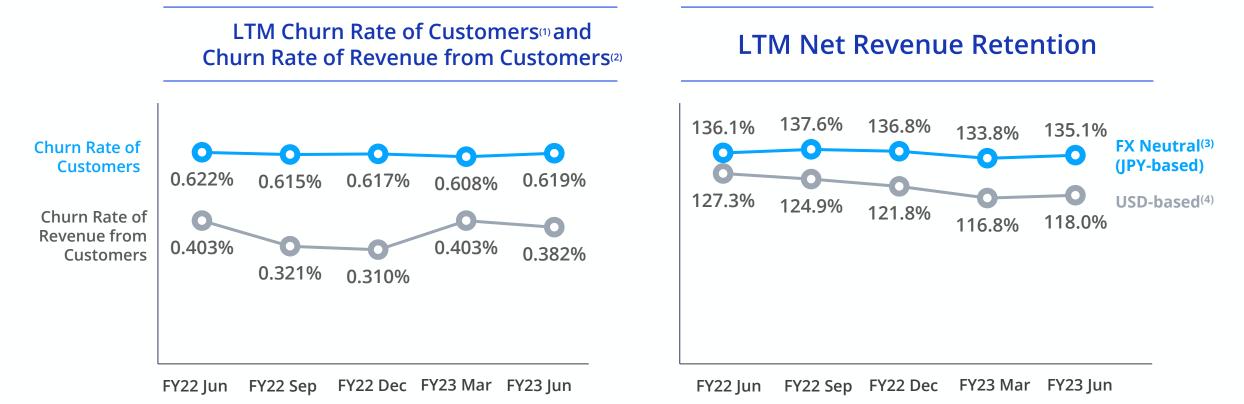
• The YoY growth rate of ARPC expanded in FY23 Q2, mainly driven by healthy expansion of existing customers with better seasonality of Digital Content and continuous strategic focus on large enterprise customer acquisition.



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## Improving churn rate & solid LTM NRR prove the stickiness of our customers to our solutions

• The strong USD appreciation in the last 5 quarters enlarged the gap of USD-based and JPY-based NRR while the pace of expansion for existing customers remained within a healthy range.



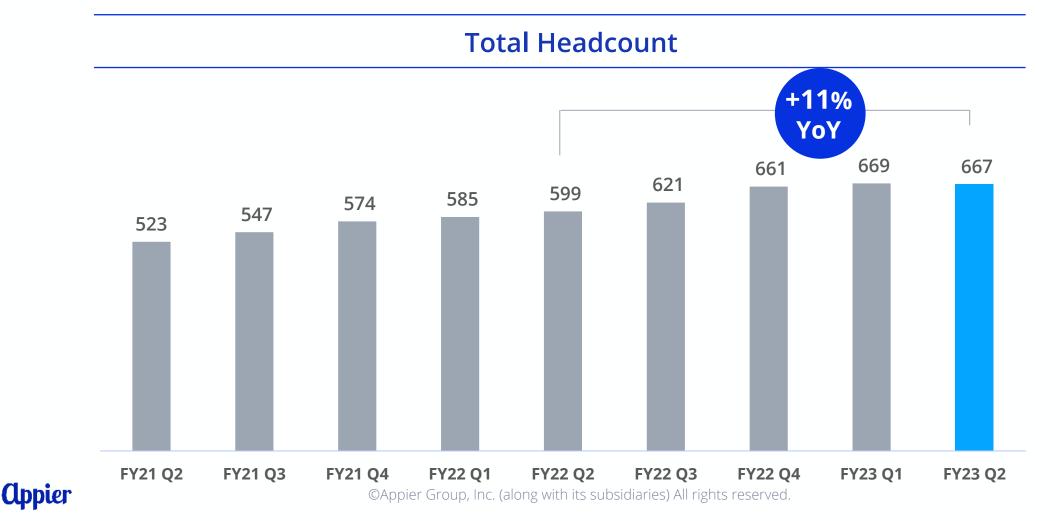
(1) Churn Rate of customers = The number of customers that terminated their relationship with us during the month divided by the number of all customers as of the end of the month.

(2) Churn Rate of Revenue from customers = Revenue calculated in U.S. dollars from customers that terminated their relationship with us during the month, divided by revenue calculated in U.S. dollars from all customers
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(5) Above calculation does not include BotBonnie's and Woopra's customers. CAPPier Group, Inc. (along with its subsidiaries) All rights reserved.

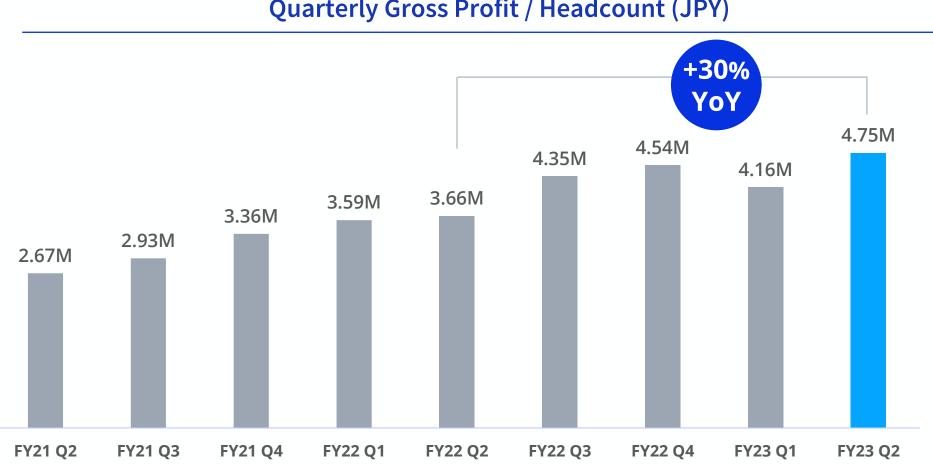
# Hiring to scale our opportunities & continuous investment in new talents

• The hiring pace of key commercial and engineering roles is on track, with the hiring momentum for other teams set to increase in FY23 2H.



## **Productivity Improvement**

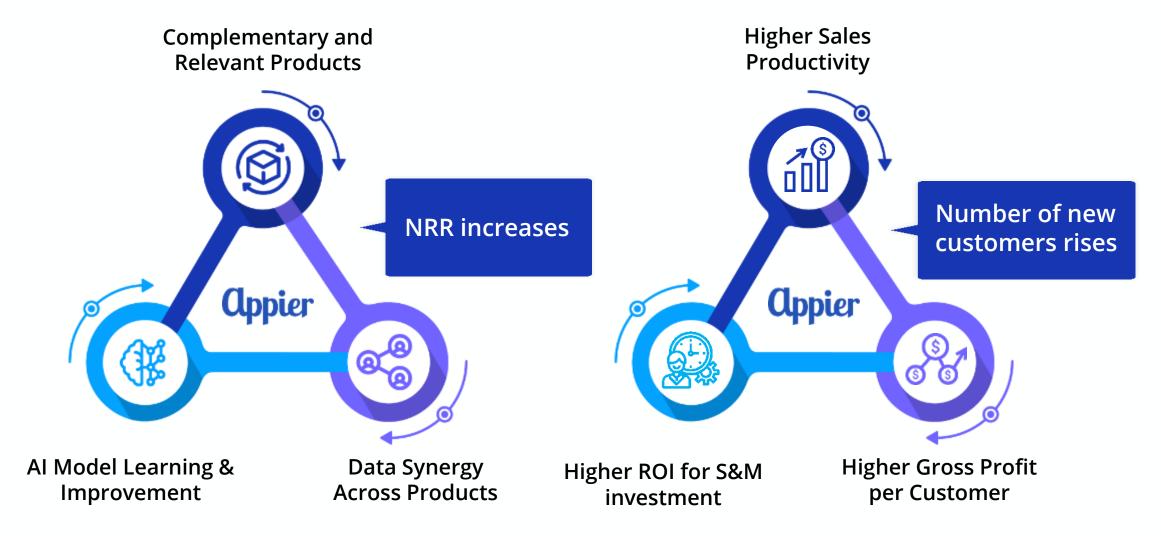
Our productivity per headcount has reached a historical high. ٠



#### **Quarterly Gross Profit / Headcount (JPY)**

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## **Appier's Strong Network Effects Drive Platform Value**



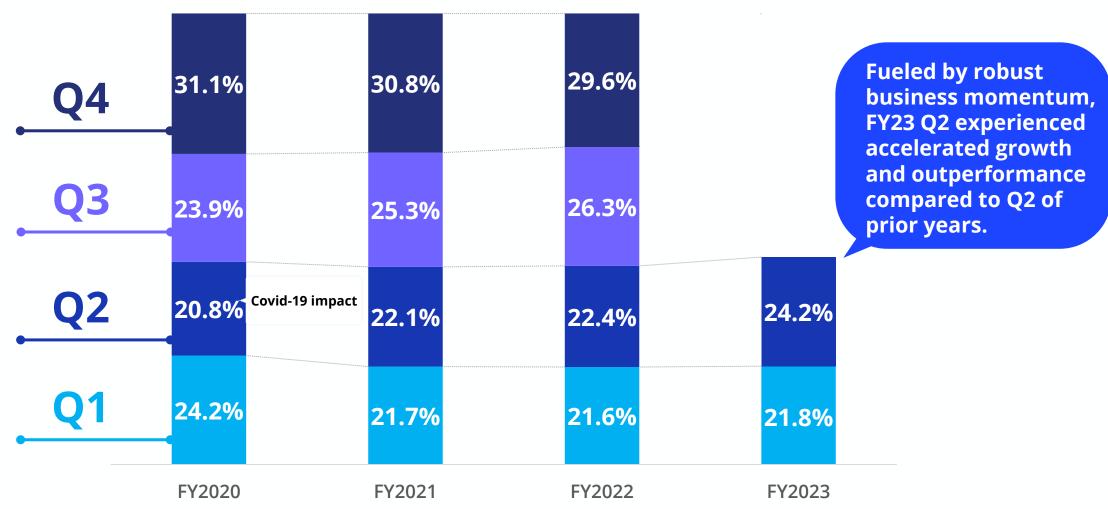
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## **Quarterly Seasonality**

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#### **Quarterly Revenue Breakdown**



## 2023 1H Overview & 2023 Guidance

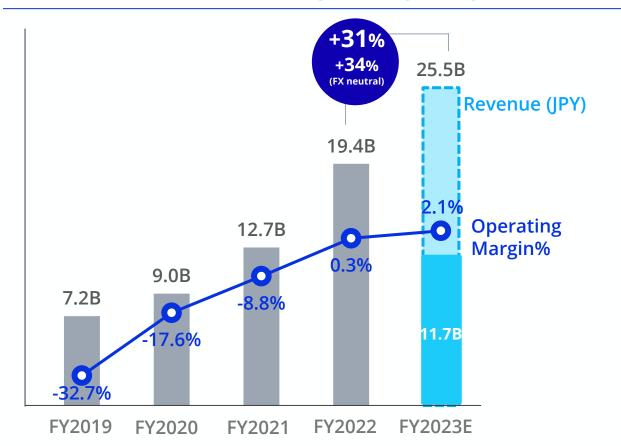
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- Our FY23 1H results exceeded FY2023 with our ongoing commitment to achieve sustainable and profitable growth through our core values of turning AI into ROI and seize business opportunities with agility.
- We expect the growth momentum of revenue to persist throughout FY23 2H as our ongoing business development in key verticals, E-commerce and Digital Content, as well as key geos, Korea and US & EMEA, continue to fuel our growth.

	2023 1H	YoY	2023 Guidance	YoY	Highlights
Revenue	11.7 Bn	+37%	25.5 Bn	+31% +34% (on an FX neutral basis)	<ul> <li>Continuous geo and vertical expansion such as Digital Content in Korea and the expansion in US &amp; EMEA</li> <li>Continuously strong NRR due to the demand of ROI-driven solutions from customers</li> <li>Al trends enhance customer acceptance of our key differentiators</li> </ul>
Gross Profit	<b>5.9 Bn</b> 50.	7% <b>+39%</b>	<b>13.5 Bn</b> 53.0%	+35%	<ul> <li>Algorithm accuracy improvement compared to the previous year</li> <li>Significant improvement in later half of Q2, driven by positive effects from algorithm experiments in Q1</li> </ul>
Operating Income	<b>0.05 Bn</b> 0.4	•% <b>+1.5 p.p.</b>	<b>0.54 Bn</b> 2.1%	<b>+1.8 p.p.</b>	<ul> <li>Increasing business efficiency &amp; sales productivity</li> <li>Strategic R&amp;D spending on new products and features for an hanging comparate core values.</li> </ul>
EBITDA	<b>0.94 Bn</b> 8.0	% <b>+2.4 p.p.</b>	<b>2.34 Bn</b> 9.2%	+2.2 p.p.	<ul> <li>enhancing corporate core values</li> <li>Utilized most budget of JPY 60M forward-looking investment for corporate function enhancement in1H</li> </ul>
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## 2023: A year of balancing Growth & Profitability for the financial target in 2025

Revenue (JPY) & Operating Margin%



#### Growth

- Further Penetration into each region
- Well Balanced Vertical Expansion
- Up-sell & cross-sell via product synergy

### **Profitability**

- High productivity for both Sales and R&D
- Algorithm enhancement
- Strong operating leverage with efficiency

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## **Business Growth Outlook: Robust Customer Base**



### **Return-Driven Solution**

#### More recession-proof

- We provide predictable returns on customers' marketing spending.
- Our solutions provide direct revenue or profit impact in over 80% of our customers.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Party Data Trend & Higher AI Awareness

#### **Continuous business expansion**

- 1<sup>st</sup> party data is the key to cope with increased privacy restrictions that accelerates our business expansion, especially in US & EMEA
- Increased awareness of AI underscores our product value and drives our business growth

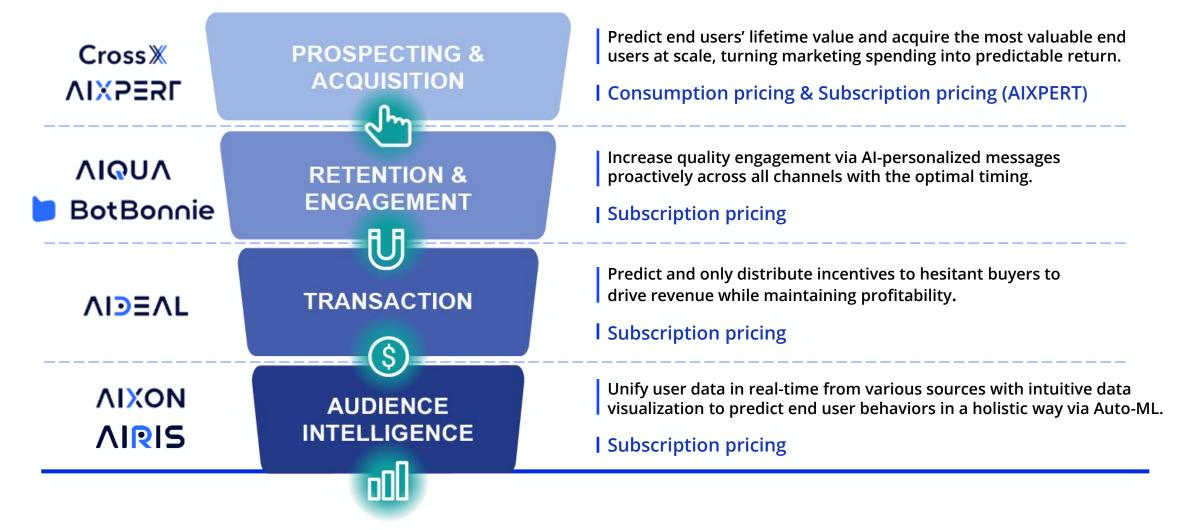
#### Large Enterprise Customers & Diversified Verticals

#### **Higher business resilience**

- Customers with more than ¥10B annual revenue have contributed to over 90% of our revenue.
- Having two strong vertical growth engines in E-commerce and Digital Content, with a large TAM for each, allows us to cope with dynamic and uncertain macro environments

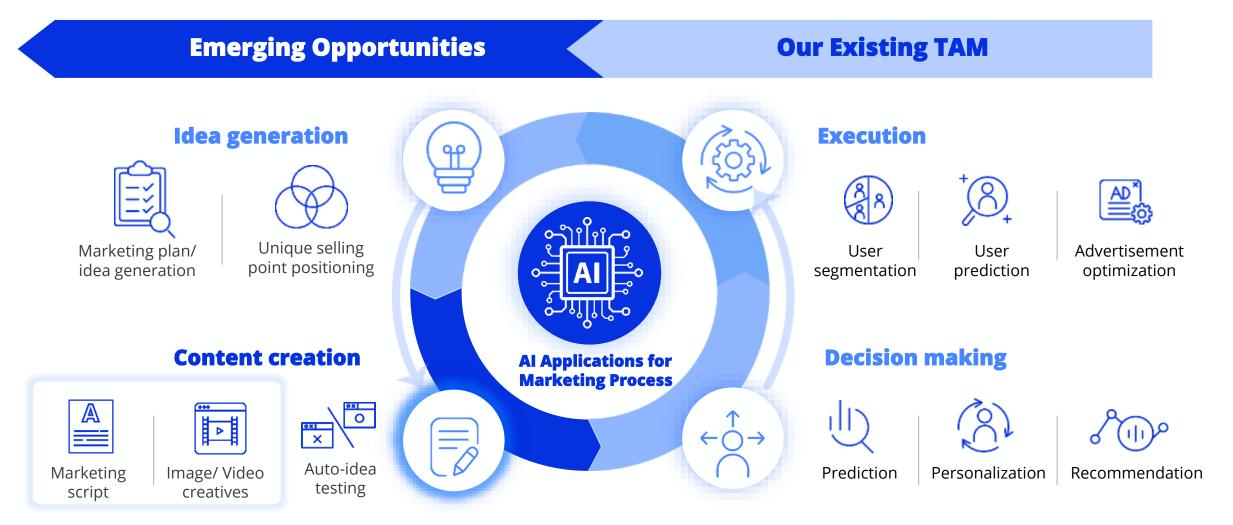


## **Comprehensive AI-Powered Solutions Across the Funnel**



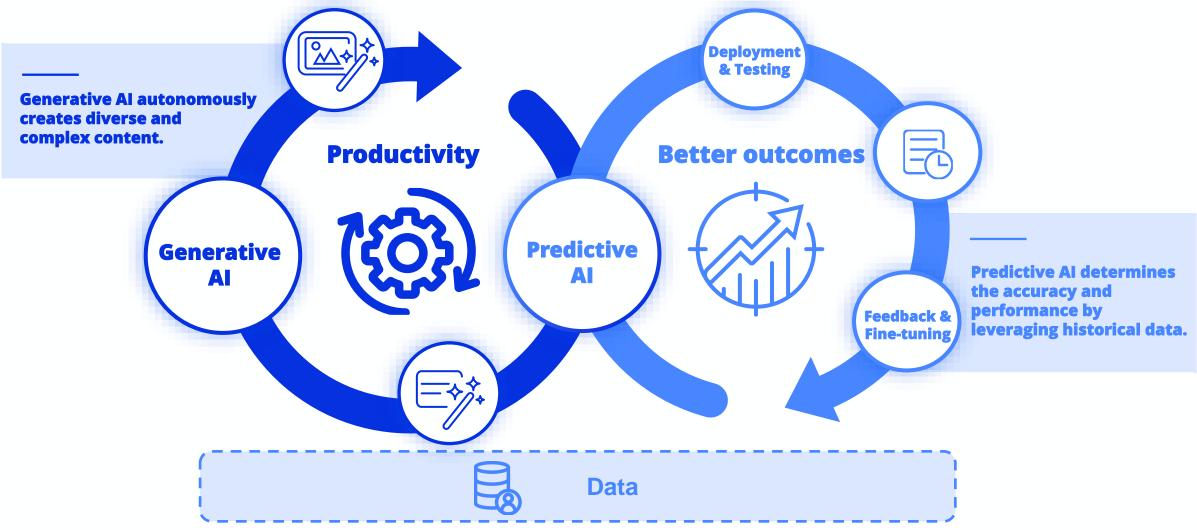
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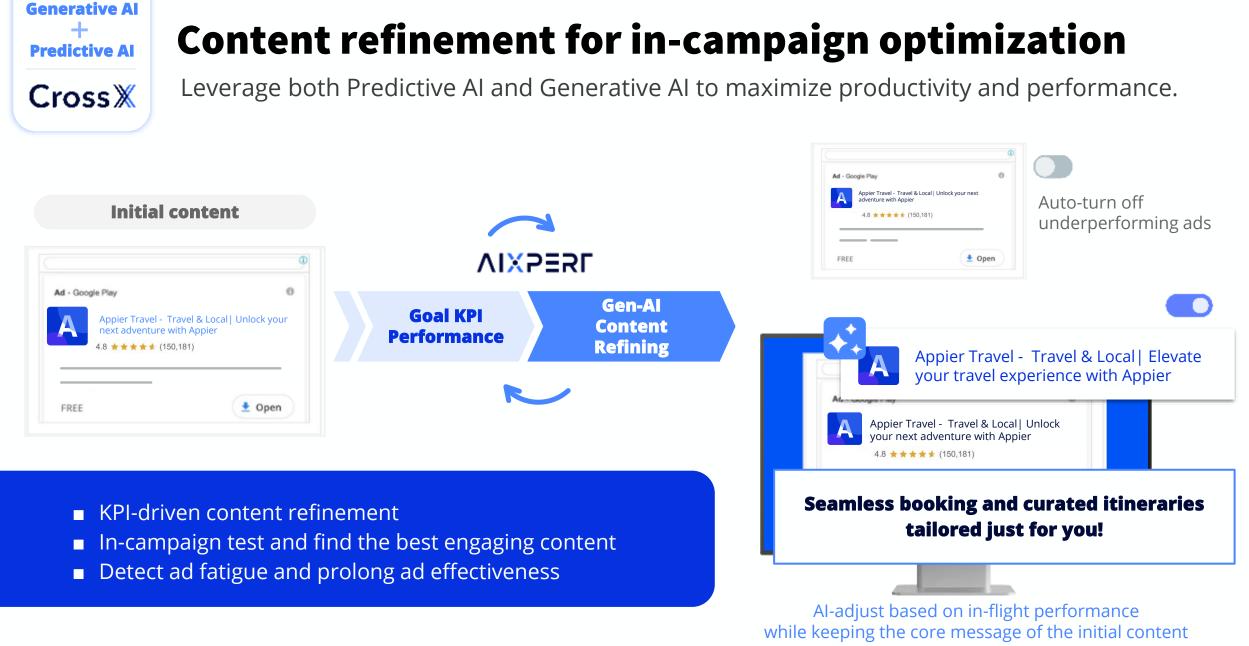
# Generative AI: Enlarge our TAM from decision making to content creation



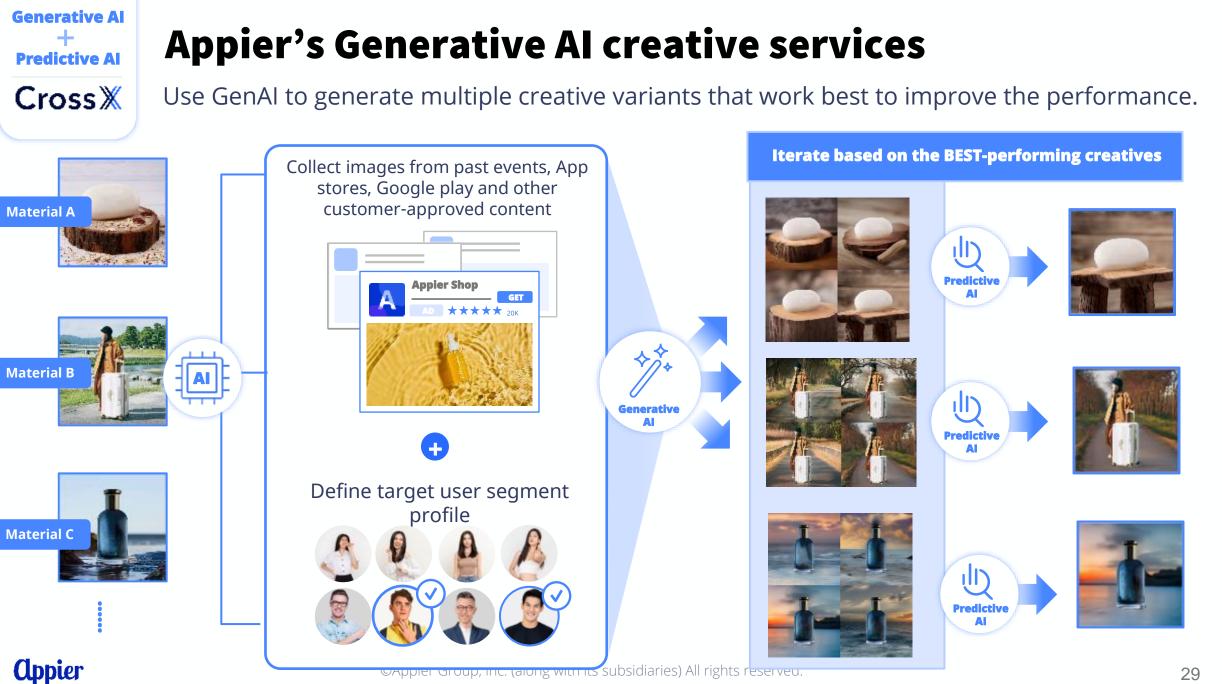
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## Combine the strength of generative and predictive AI to create the best outcome in marketing scenarios





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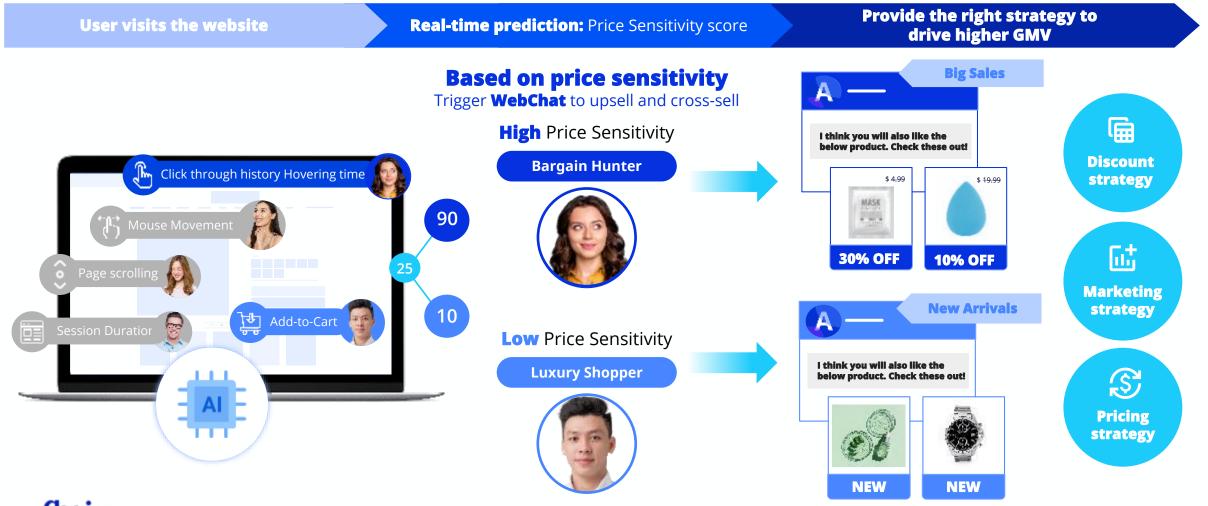


New Development

**AIRIS** 

## Unlock business upside with the right strategy

Tailored different sales events to different users based on their price sensitivity.



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## **Engaging users with Generative & Predictive AI for a personalized** end-to-end journey



Enhance user engagement by delivering personalized messages, tailored through

#### **Customer Service**

Engage with customer inquiries using Al-generated responses for a more efficient and personalized interaction. BotBonnie

#### **Transaction**

710IS

Utilize AI to intelligently assist in pricing and coupon strategies, delivering personalized and creative solutions in real-time.

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### **Turning Al into ROI**

Our enhanced product synergies mean data synergies for our customers. Our improved AI brings extra ROI to our customers. With these principles, we continue delivering value to our customers in all kinds of environments.







## Appendix



## **Founder-led Management of AI & Business Leaders**

#### Founders



**Dr. Chih-Han Yu** Chief Executive Officer

Stanford University Harvard University



#### **Koji Tachibana** Senior Vice President of Finance Head of Japan

**Business leadership** 

DeNA, NOMURA, METI

#### Awards and Recognitions



**7** world champions in data mining contests <sup>(1)</sup> (2008 - 2020) CBINSIGHTS ai.100 2017 | 2018 Al100 CB Insights (2017, 2018)



Joe Su

Chief Technology Officer

Harvard University





**Magic Tu** Senior Vice President, Sales for APAC

HTC, Synopsys



**Dr. Winnie Lee** Chief Operating Officer

Stanford University Washington University



**Dr. Joe Chang** Chief Strategy Officer

McKinsey & Company, IQVIA



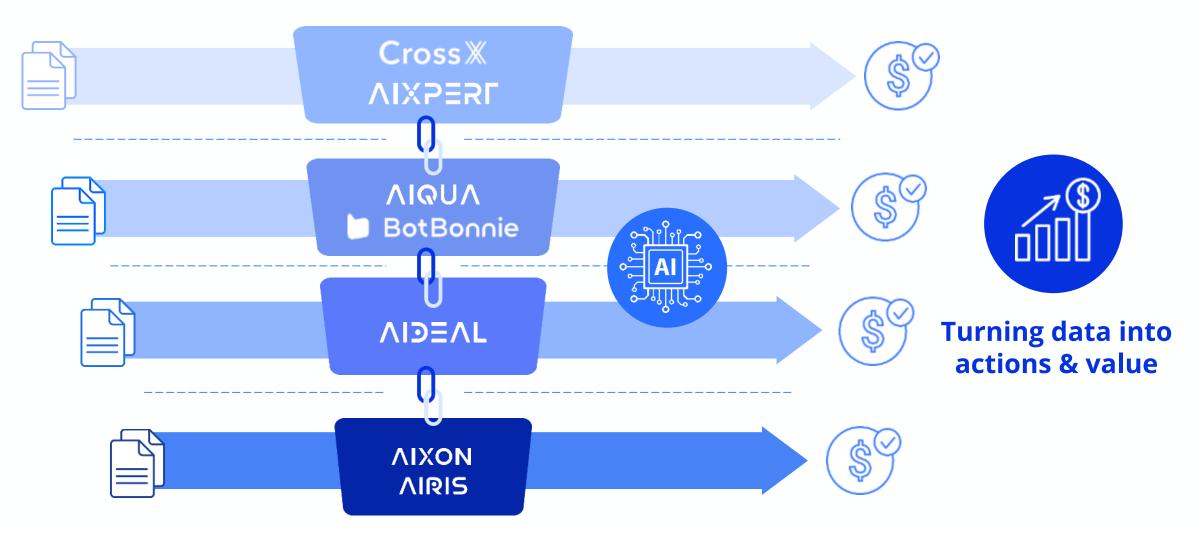
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Cool Vendor in Al Gartner (2017)

(1) Championships on which Appier employees were part of the winning team

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## **Turning Al into ROI**

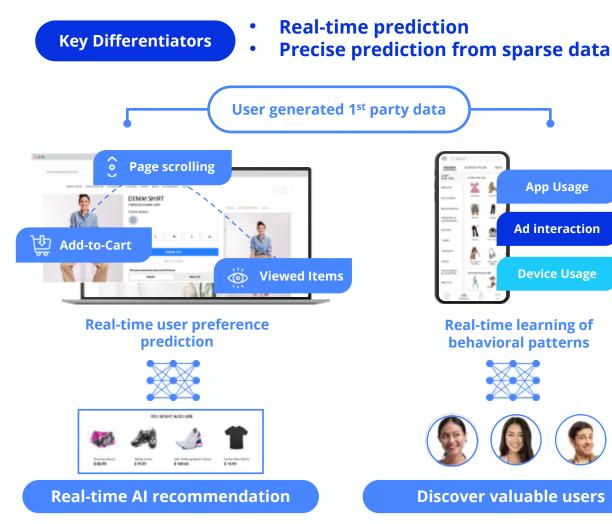


#### Solving data fragmentation via solution synergies

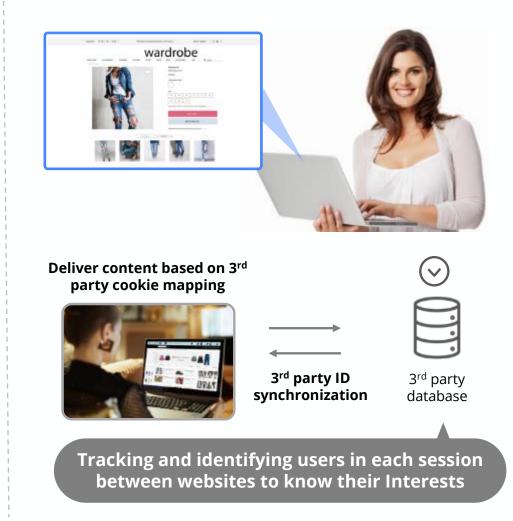
# Al is the key component in the 1st party data world

### With Only 1st Party Data

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### With 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Data



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CrossX enables businesses to use Machine Learning and Deep Learning to predict users' lifetime value and acquire the most valuable end users at scale, allowing businesses to turn marketing spending into predictable returns.

Machine Learning and Deep Learning to Predict High Lifetime Value End Users Acquire The Most Valuable End Users at Scale

**Provide Predictable Returns** 





# $\Lambda$

AIQUA enables businesses to increase quality engagement with end users through AI-personalized messages proactively and effectively across all their own communication channels with the optimal timing.

Multichannel Messaging Al-Generated Messages Send Time Optimization

Proactive Actions with Predictive Segments

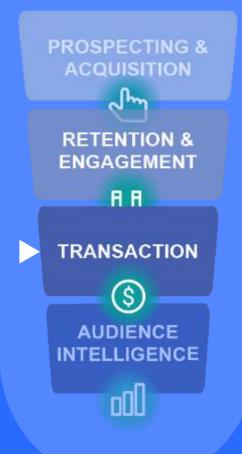


# BotBonnie

A conversational marketing solution built upon the most popular messenger platforms. Harness the full potential of your followers on LINE, FB Messenger, Instagram, WhatsApp, Website and Google Business Messages, etc.

Codeless instant messaging solution for marketers

Gamified prebuilt marketing kits to boost conversion with engaging customer experiences





# ΛΙϿΞΛΙ

AiDeal enables businesses to use Machine Learning and Deep Learning to predict hesitant buyers through user patterns and only distribute incentives to hesitant users to drive revenue while maintaining profitability.

Predict Purchase Intent with Machine Learning and Deep Learning Optimized Incentives with a Sense of Urgency

**Real-Time Analytics** 



# ΛΙΧΟΝ

AIXON enables businesses to utilize their own end user data from various sources to predict end user behaviors in a holistic view with Automated ML model building and without the hassle of building an entire AI technology stack in-house.

Data Unification and Auto-processing Scenario-based Prediction with Automated ML models

**Explainable AI** 





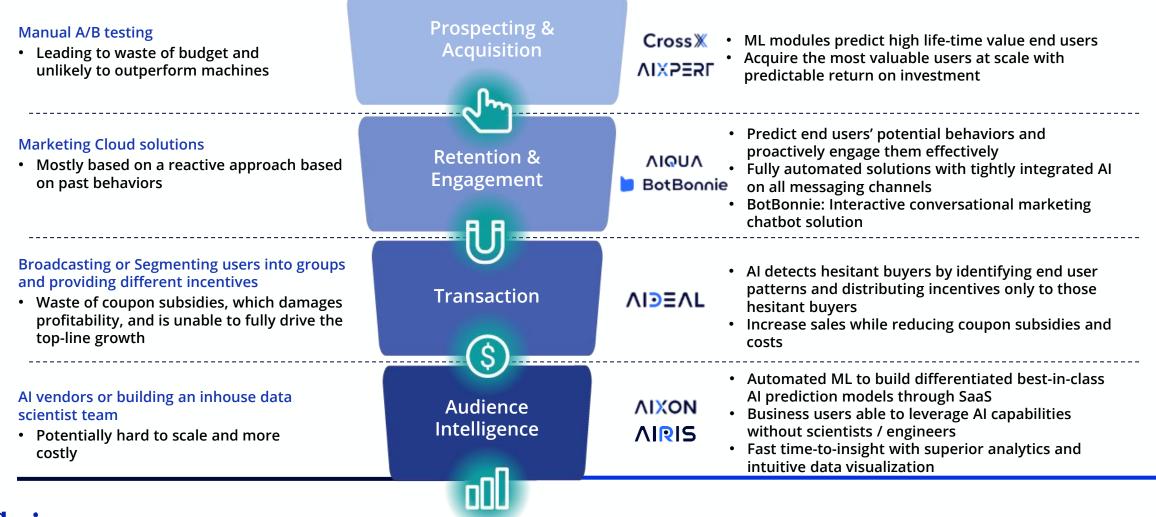
A fast time-to-insight AI CDP with superior analytics and intuitive data visualization. By building a robust 360° view of customers with 1st party data, businesses can easily visualize and measure the impact at every touchpoint, and predict the return before businesses make their investments.

Unify your data seamlessly with Customer 360° Fast Data-to-Visualization Fast Data-to-Prediction

# **Why Appier Wins**

### **Existing Solutions**

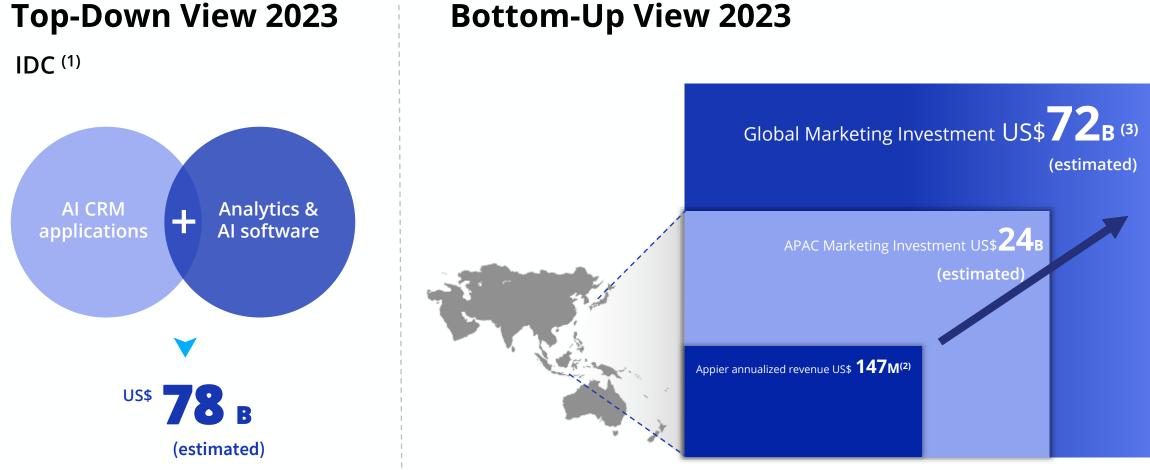
### Why Customers Choose Appier



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# **Massive Market Opportunity**

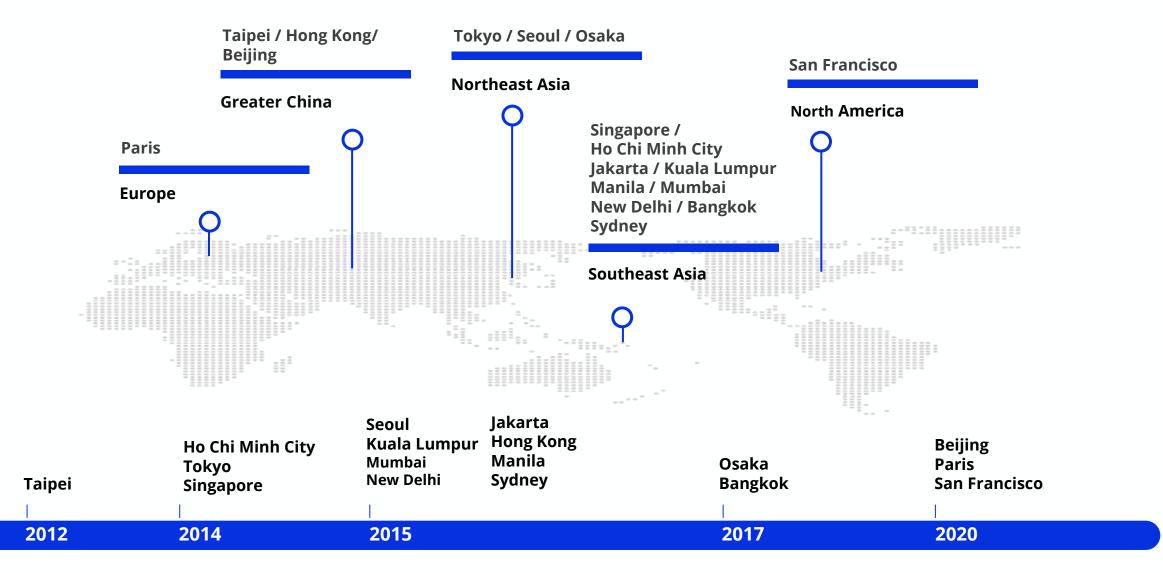


(1) Source: IDC Semiannual Artificial Intelligence Tracker, 2H 2020 (July 2021)

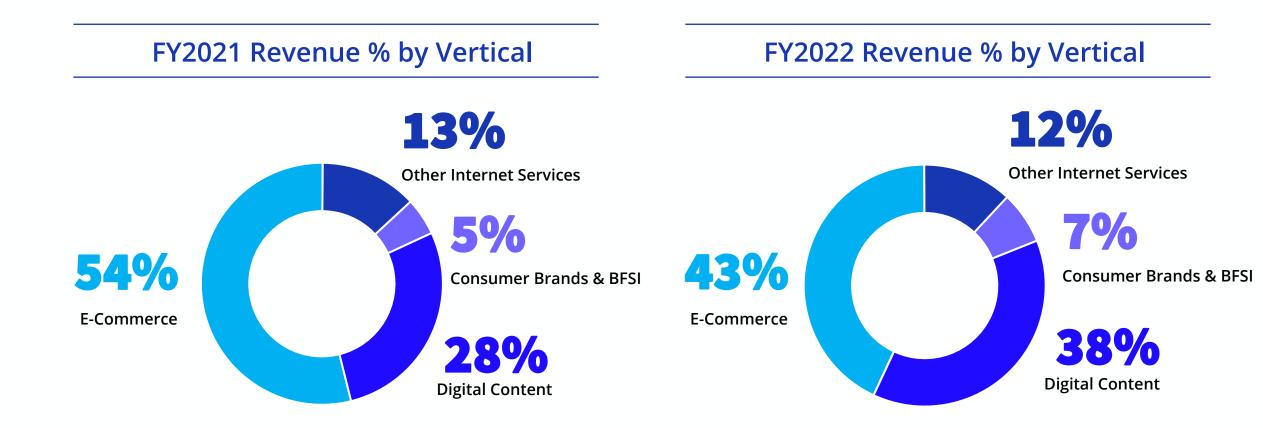
(2) Annualized revenue= FY22 revenue in JPY / exchange rate 131.64

(3) Calculation is based on internal estimation. In terms of APAC marketing investment, we have around 3% market share in EC, 2.5% in digital content and 1% in others. EC accounts for 30% of marketing investment and digital content providers accounts for 20%. Thus, we roughly have 1.9% market share of APAC marketing investment. APAC marketing investment accounts for around one third of global marketing investment.

# Appier's global presence: 17 offices worldwide

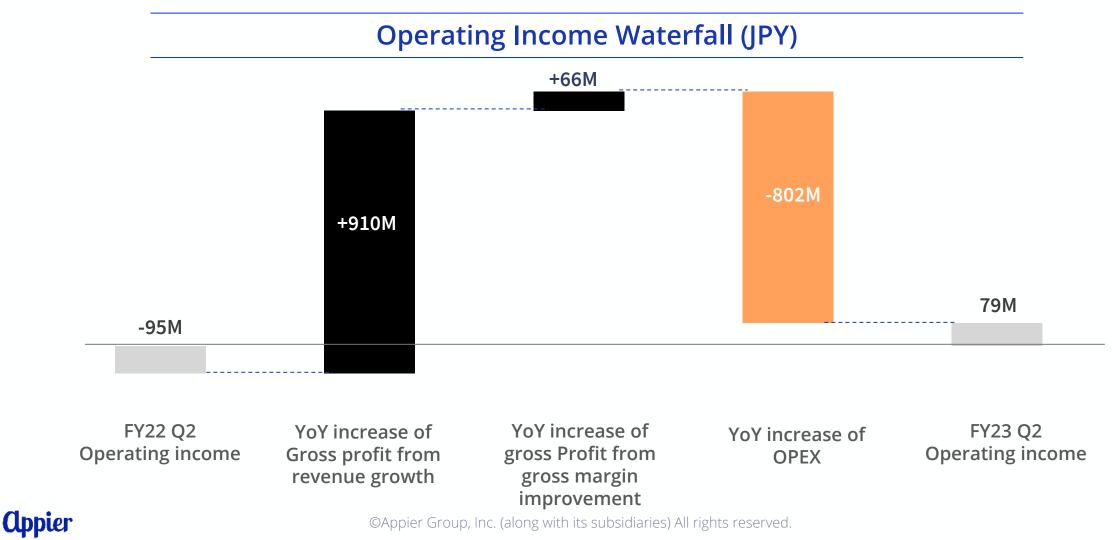


# Continuous growth momentum through vertical expansion along with diversified verticals & geo moderate business seasonality



# 2023 Q2 Operating Income YoY Change

We drive our bottom-line improvements steadily with higher sales productivity, higher NRR, higher gross margin, R&D excellence and better operation efficiency.



# **Capital Efficiency Management**



### Product Synergies with Efficient Go-to-Market Shorten S&M Payback Cycles

Systematic go-to-market strategy, better cross-sell synergies and bundle sale from product synergies lead to productive sales activities which further shorten the payback cycle of our S&M investment.



### High ROI Sales & Marketing Investment Driven by Large TAM

As our AI-driven solutions mainly target digitally-oriented larger enterprises and we have widened our TAM through geo and vertical expansion, we can leverage targeted account-based marketing (instead of mass marketing) to promote our solutions to customers efficiently, enabling us to manage S&M expenses with a high ROI.



### Efficient AI Technology Scaling through Cloud-based Platform

We deploy our AI technology across customers effectively via our cloud-based platform. This allows us to achieve a high operating leverage from R&D investment.

# **ESG Initiatives**



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# **Our Commitment**

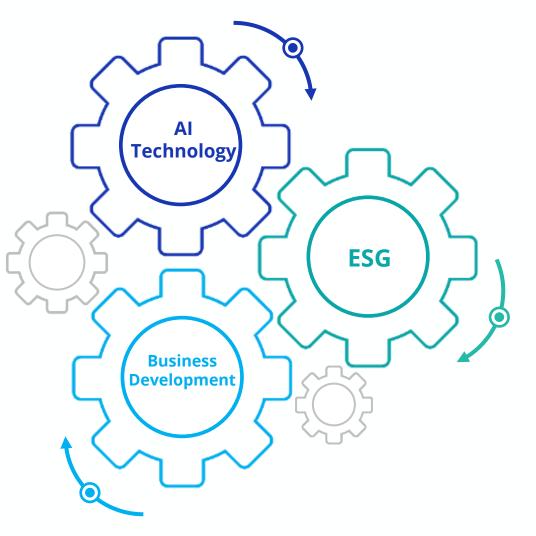


### **Embed ESG into Our Business**

Appier envisions a future where precise, automated, and proactive decision-making is made possible through enterprise software powered by AI.

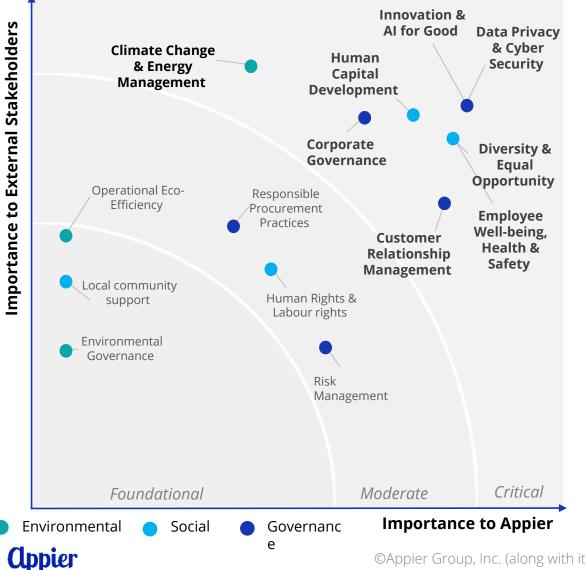
We believe ESG should be placed at the center of our focus on building a sustainable business and are determined to make commitments and to proactively engage our stakeholders in Appier's journey towards ESG excellence, as this is part of our vision for the future of our business.

We were awarded an "A" rating by MSCI ESG Research<sup>(1)</sup> and we will continue to improve towards ESG excellence.



(1) MSCI ESG Research provides MSCI ESG Ratings on more than 8,500 global public and a few private companies on a scale of AAA (leader) to CCC (laggard), according to exposure to industry-specific ESG risks and the ability to manage those risks relative to peers. MSCI ESG research is today known as one of the leading ESG rating agencies.

# **Defining ESG Priorities: Materiality Assessment**



### **Our Methodology**

We worked with a third party to identify priority sustainability issues based on external trends and stakeholder engagements including interviews with internal and external stakeholders.

# Our Environmental, Social & Governance Framework



### **Environment Greener Operation**

- Minimizing the impact of our operations: Green & sustainable office
- > Our AI solutions support smart working and contribute to our customers GHG reduction.



### Social Happier Crew

- Building a culture within our community that values long-term growth and sustainability
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I) as a core value
- > Building a skilled labor force to add value to the tech / Al industry



### Governance Security & Privacy Protection

- Policies in place to ensure good governance with involvement from top management.
- Certified under the ISO/IEC 27001:2013 standard to ensure digital security



### **TCFD Report Initiation**

### **Embracing Environmental Responsibility**

Introducing our TCFD report<sup>(1)</sup>, a testament to our unwavering commitment to environmental responsibility. Aligned with global climate efforts, this comprehensive disclosure transparently addresses both risks and opportunities.

As we move forward, sustainability remains a driving force, propelling innovation towards a greener future.



(1) Report link: https://www.appier.com/en/greener-operation-appier

### **Selected Financial Data**

#### **Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss**

(Millions of JPY)	2022 Q2	2023 Q2	YoY	2022 Q2	2023 Q2	YoY	2021	2022
	6 months	6 months		3 months	3 months			
Revenue	8,557	11,722	37%	4,360	6,170	42%	12,661	19,427
Cost of sales	(4,266)	(5,774)		(2,169)	(3,004)		(6,422)	(9,428)
Gross profit	4,291	5,948	39%	2,190	3,167	45%	6,239	9,998
Gross margin	50%	51%		50%	51%		49%	51%
Sales and marketing expenses	(2,838)	(3,731)		(1,491)	(1,954)		(4,322)	(6,394)
% of Revenue	33%	32%		34%	32%		34%	33%
Research and development expenses	(1,043)	(1,398)		(582)	(747)		(1,711)	(2,284)
% of Revenue	12%	12%		13%	12%		14%	12%
General and administrative expenses	(728)	(880)		(379)	(447)		(1,349)	(1,602)
% of Revenue	9%	8%		9%	7%		11%	8%
Other income	227	110		168	61		28	334
Other expenses	(2)	(1)		(1)	(1)		(2)	(2)
Operating Income	(92)	48		(95)	79		(1,117)	50
Finance income	41	257		25	135		43	213
Finance costs	(145)	(195)		(98)	(92)		(96)	(153)
Profit before tax	(195)	110		(168)	122		(1,170)	111
Income taxes	(38)	(29)		(19)	(7)		(8)	(90)
Profit for the year	(233)	82		(187)	115		(1,179)	21
EBITDA (excl. IPO related)	475	936		213	550		42	1,363
EBITDA margin	6%	8%		5%	9%		0%	7%
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# **Selected Financial Data**

#### **Consolidated Statements of Financial Position**

(Millions of JPY)	2020	2021	2022	2023 Q2
Cash and cash equivalents	1,635	6,561	3,804	5,150
Time Deposit	6,577	14,939	13,933	11,792
Other financial assets – current assets <sup>(1)</sup>	-	-	3,577	4,919
Substantial cash	8,212	21,500	21,313	21,860
Other current assets	1,834	2,984	4,050	4,768
Total current assets	10,046	24,484	25,363	26,629
Total non-current assets	2,348	6,722	10,576	12,195
Total assets	12,394	31,206	35,939	38,823
Total liabilities	4,726	8,370	9,737	10,027
Total equity	7,668	22,836	26,201	28,796

(1) Holding low-risk securities for fund management purposes.

#### **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(Millions of JPY)	2021	2022	2023 Q2
Cash flows from operating activities	-747	996	555
Cash flows from investing activities	-9,075	-3,772	552
Cash flows from financing activities	14,396	-520	-286
Ending balance of cash and cash equivalents	6,561	3,804	5,150

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