

Results Briefing For FY3/2020

Executive Summary



After solid business growth in the first half, the second half was affected by a reactionary drop in demand after the consumption tax hike and the impact of COVID-19. Nonetheless, both full-year revenue and profit increased.

- Revenue in all businesses rose in the first half (+15.1% YoY), led by Kakaku.com, in which revenue was boosted by rush demand ahead of the consumption task hike. First-half profit also exceeded our target, increasing sharply by 16.1% YoY.
- A decline in revenue in Kakaku.com's shopping and advertising businesses due to the reactionary drop in demand following the consumption tax hike was offset by revenue growth in Tabelog's restaurant promotion business and the new media and solutions/finance business. As a result, revenue growth remained on target in Q3, with +10.4% YoY.
- Revenue growth slowed in all businesses in 4Q (+5.2% YoY) owing to the impact of COVID-19. Q4 operating profit declined by 6.7% YoY due to the concentration of expenses related to increasing office floor space, recruitment, and advertising.

Earnings forecasts for FY3/2021

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Operating Results and Financial Position

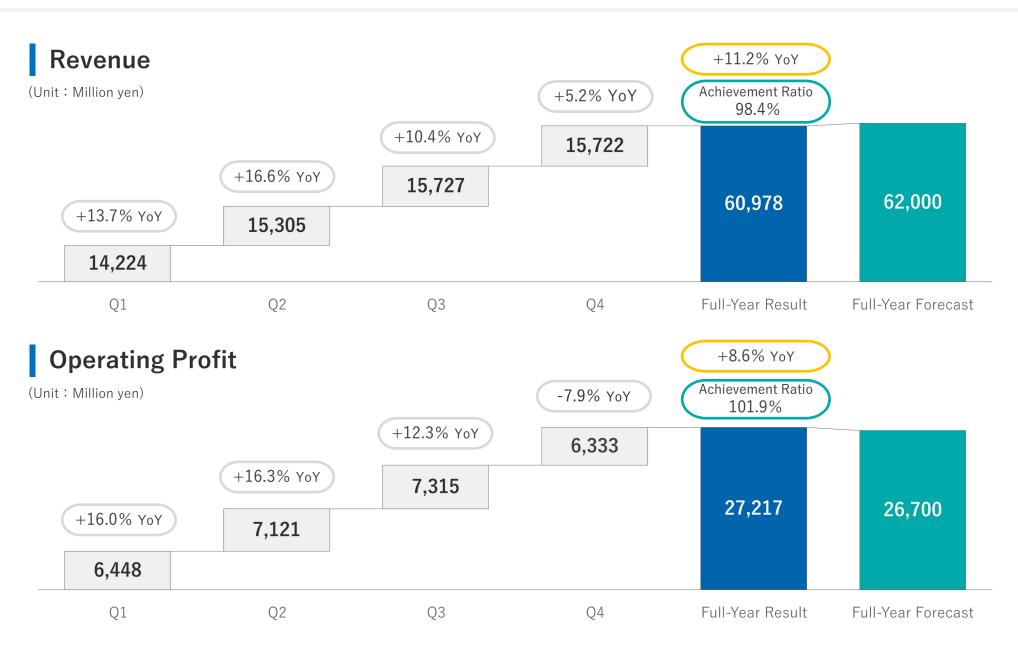
Operating Results and Financial Position



	4 Q			Full-Year					
	FY19/3	FY20/3		FY19/3		FY20/3			
(Unit : Million yen) Result Result YoY		Result	Forecast	Result	YoY	Achievem ent Ratio			
Revenue	14,948	15,722	+5.2%	54,832	62,000	60,978	+11.2%	98.4%	
Operating Profit OP Margin	6,873 46.0%	6,333 40.3%	-7.9%	25,070 45.7%	26,700 43.1%	27,217 44.6%	+8.6%	101.9%	
Profit Before Income Taxes	6,791	6,085	-10.4%	24,839	26,500	26,619	+7.2%	100.4%	
Profit Attributable to Owners of the Parent Company	4,618	4,369	-5.4%	16,697	18,000	18,348	+9.9%	101.9%	

Quarterly Consolidated Revenue and Operating Profit



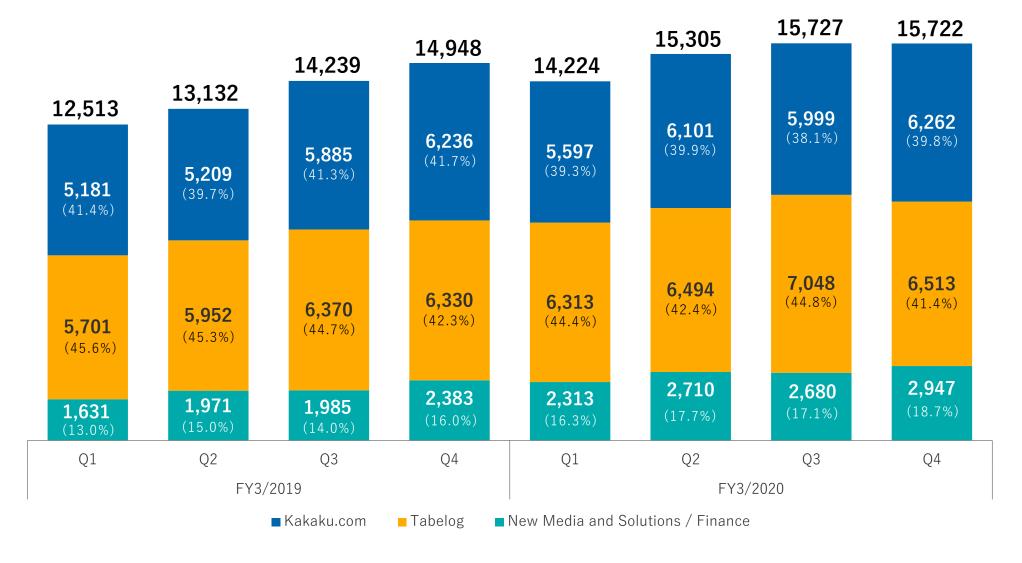


Quarterly Consolidated Revenue by Business



(Unit: Million yen)

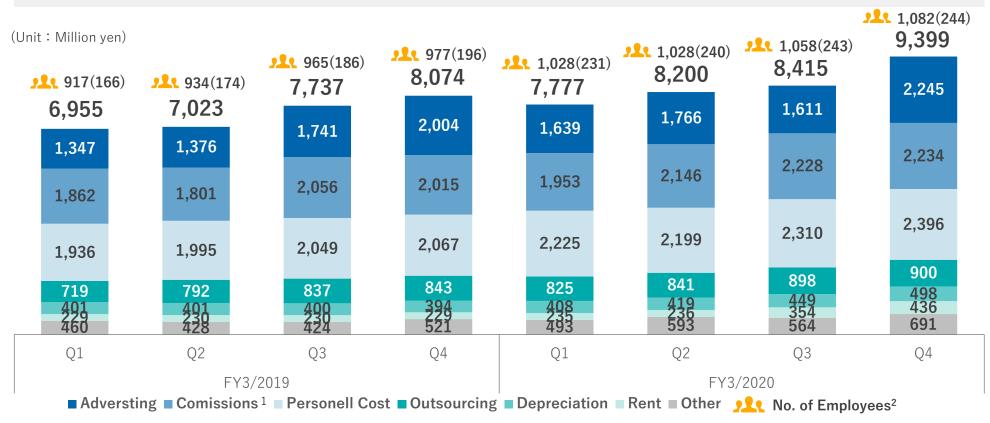
^{*}Figures in () are sales ratios



Quarterly Consolidated Operating Expenses



• Alongside TV commercials and other advertising costs, rent and office supplies expenses owing to increased office floor space were concentrated in Q4.



Note:

^{1.} Commissions = Various commissions paid + Advertising agency commissions

^{2.} The number of regular employees, with the average number of temporary employees for each quarter shown separately in parentheses.

Breakdown of Expenses FY3/2020 Q4: [Rent] Rent for new office space in Shibuya 192m, [Other] Recruiting 66mn, Server maintenance 37mn, Supplies Expenses (due to office expansion) 111mn.



Operating Results and Operational Progress by Business

Operating Results by Business



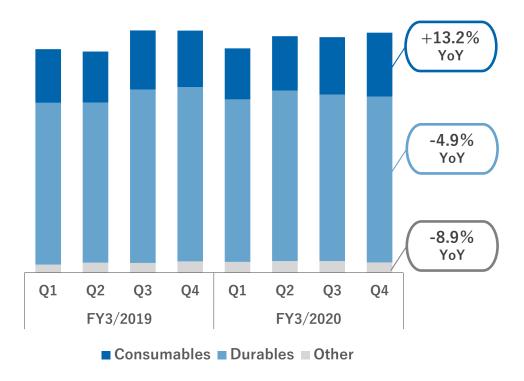
(Unit: Million yen)		Q4 Revenue	YoY	Full-year Revenue	YoY
		6,262	+0.4%	23,960	+6.4%
Valsalii aan	Shopping	2,391	-0.8%	9,328	+0.8%
Kakaku.com	Service	2,796	+8.0%	10,046	+14.1%
	Advertising	1,075	-13.0%	4,585	+3.0%
		6,513	+2.9%	26,369	+8.3%
-	Restaurant Promotion	5,344	+5.3%	21,509	+12.6%
Tabelog	Premium Memberships	549	-19.1%	2,337	-19.1%
	Advertising	620	+7.6%	2,522	+7.0%
		2,947	+23.7%	10,649	+33.6%
New Media and Solutions / Finance	New Media and Solutions	2,306	+22.2%	8,426	+34.8%
	Finance	640	+29.5%	2,223	+29.3%

Kakaku.com's Operational Progress



 Although the shopping business was seeing a recovery from the reactionary downturn following the rush demand triggered by the consumption tax hike and the PC category continued to show strong results, revenue in decreased in Q4 because consumers refrained from purchasing new home appliances and events/leisure-related products due to the impact of COVID-19.

Shopping: Revenue



Shopping: Changes in customer referrals in core product categories (Q4)

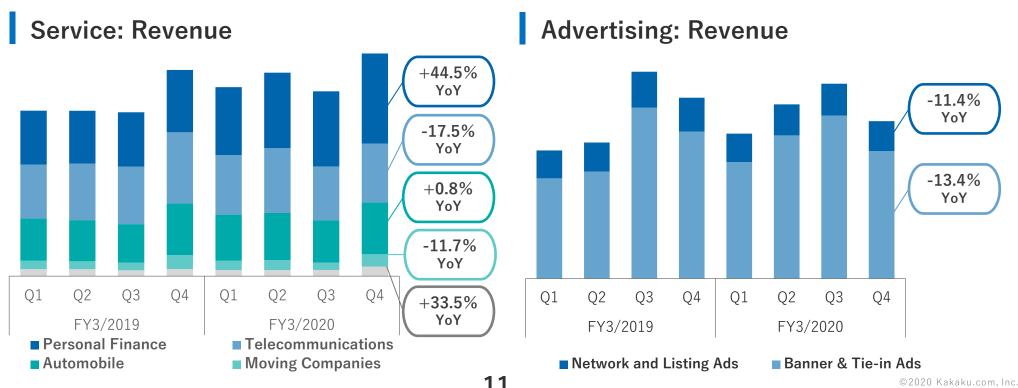
Product Category	YoY
Desktop PCs	+37.2%
Laptops	+34.1%
PC Monitors/LCD Displays	+7.0%
Washing Machines	-5.5%
Rice Cookers	-9.0%
Microwave Ovens / Ovens	-10.1%
Vacuum Cleaners	-18.8%
Digital Single Lens Cameras	-22.3%

Example of core products in Q4, with an increase/decline in customer referrals of at least 5%.

Kakaku.com's Operational Progress



- Despite a drop in traffic and applications for overseas Wi-Fi rentals owing to the impact of COVID-19, revenue in the service business continued to increase due to brisk demand for credit cards and card loans in the personal finance category.
- Revenue declined in the advertising business due to cancellations or postponements of advertising placements as a result of delayed sales launches for some products manufactured in China.

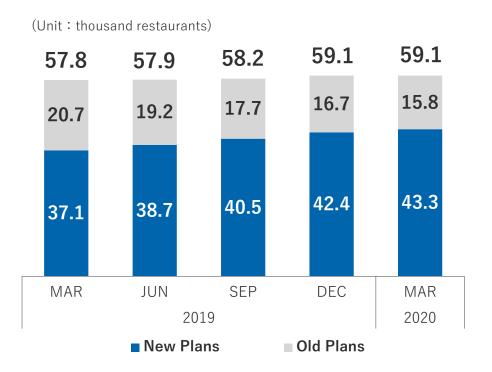


Tabelog's Operational Progress

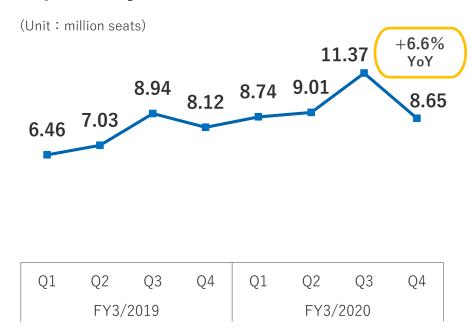


- The number of fee-paying restaurants rose only slightly because of a slowdown in new sign-ups.
- Growth in YTD cumulative online reservations slowed due to the impact of COVID-19.

Number of fee-paying restaurants



Number of seat reservations (quarterly total)

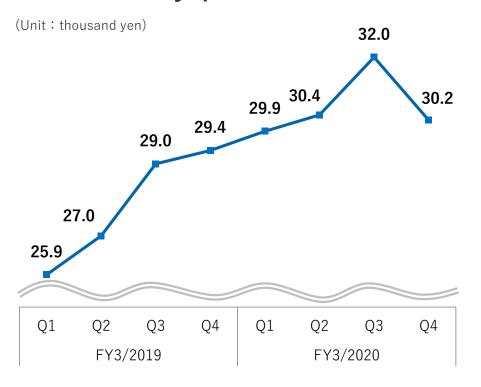


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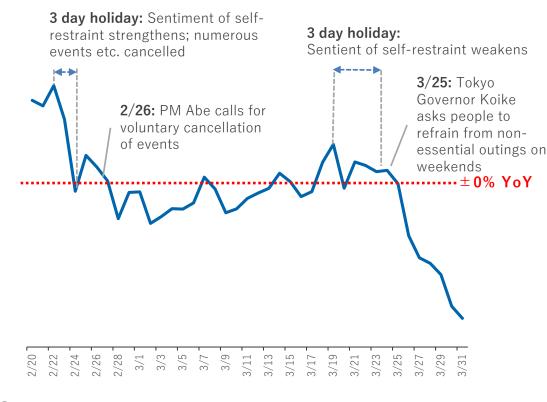


- Revenue per restaurant was \(\frac{4}{30}\),200, growing only slightly year-on-year, due to the slowdown in online reservations.
- Online reservations dropped sharply from late February as people refrained from going out due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Average monthly revenue per restaurant by quarter



Online Reservations (February/March)

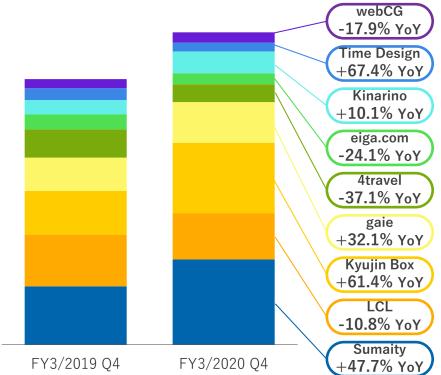


New Media and Solutions / Finance's Operational Progress



• Even though revenue from travel-related services has declined because of a drop in reservations owing to the impact of COVID-19, revenue grew in the new media and solutions/finance business due to strong results for Kyujin Box, Time Design, Sumaity and Kakaku.com Insurance.

New Media and Solutions: Revenue



Impact of COVID-19 in March

Travel	Travel reservations and overseas Wi-Fi rental applications decreased, as people refrained from outings.
Entertainment	Eiga.com and Gaie were effected by low site traffic and a decrease in advertising placements due to delays in the screening of new movie titles.
Recruiting	Traffic slowed temporarily owing to the impact of the emergency closure of schools.
Real Estate	No significant impact as of March.

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New Media and Solutions / Finance's Operational Progress

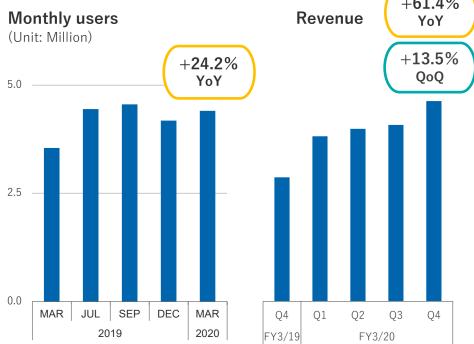


- Kyujin Box revenue increased, reflecting improvement in the conversion rate and cost per customer referral.
- Even though applications for overseas travel insurance declined sharply due to the impact of COVID-19, Kakaku.com Insurance commission revenues rose as a result of increased online applications for life and non-life insurance.

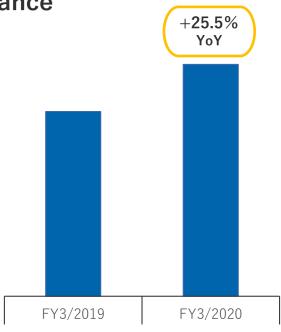
Kyujin Box: Monthly users and quarterly revenue

Monthly users

Revenue +61.4%
YoY



Kakaku.com Insurance: Online applications for life and non-life insurance





Business Impact of COVID-19

Current situation of our businesses



• Changes in consumer behavior as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, and the declaration of a nationwide state of emergency by the Japanese government, are having a considerable impact on the Group's businesses.

Market Environment

E-Commerce

- Increase in e-commerce site users.
- Concentrated demand for daily necessities and products related to teleworking and staying at home.

Food and Drink

- Sharp drop in users of restaurants as well as an increase in restaurant closures, owing to the state of emergency declaration and government request to refrain from operating.
- Increase in takeaways, deliveries, and ordering from home as consumer behavior shifts from eating out to ready-made meals and cooking at home.

Travel

- Continuous sharp decline in inbound, outbound, and domestic travelers owing to worldwide immigration restrictions and as people refrain from outings in Japan.
- Increase in temporary closures of hotels and traditional Japanese inns and suspension of highway bus services and flights due to the state of emergency declaration.

Entertain ment

 Increase in users on video streaming sites as more people stay at home. Ongoing closures of cinemas and delays in new movie releases.

Other

• Delays in document processing and examination procedures etc. due to an increase in teleworking.

Current situation of our businesses

- Customer referrals continue to increase for infection-control products like masks and disinfectant/antiseptics, teleworking items (PCs, webcams, monitors, Wi-Fi routers, printers, etc.), and products related to staying at home, such as game consoles and software, furniture, dumbbells, refrigerators, and freezers.
- Decrease in online reservations caused by the state of emergency declaration is spreading across Japan and gathering momentum.
- Surge in the number of registered restaurants on Tabelog posting information about take-out orders, as well as the number of restaurants signing up for the Tabelog Takeout app.
- Sharp drop in bookings at Time Design and LCL due to travel cancellations.
- Applications for overseas Wi-Fi rentals on 4travel and Kakaku.com, have fallen to almost zero.
- Advertising placements from distributors continue to decline on Eiga.com and at Gaie.
- Delays in the issuing of credit cards and conclusion of insurance policy contracts.

Tabelog's initiatives



Supporting restaurants

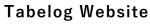
- Reinforcing our system for handling inquiries from restaurants
- Gathering and providing information to restaurants regarding government assistance measures
- Providing information about Tabelog's initiatives, such as takeout
- Providing Tabelog's restaurant promotion services for free and other flexible contract-related measures

Responding to takeout demand



Listing of restaurants offering takeout

 Expanding information on takeout services being offered (e.g. [Takeout available today], takeout menu)





Dedicated Takeout App

- Providing a framework for ordering and payment
- Expanding the area of coverage for Tabelog Takeout



FY3/2021 Earnings Forecast and Business Strategy Going Forward



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Business Strategy Going Forward



• Aiming to grow monthly users on group-wide basis and increase New Media and Solutions/Finance businesses' share of total revenue to 20%.

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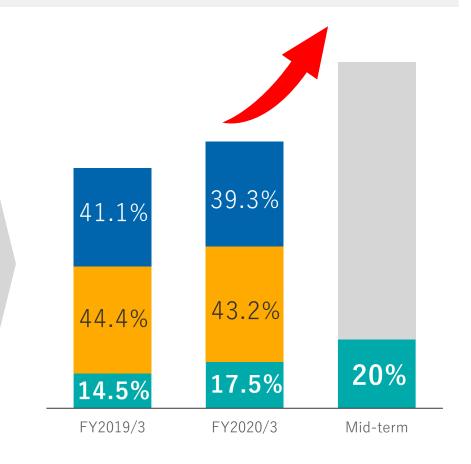
- Gauge consumer needs, expand and optimize business portfolio, enhance content
- Leverage big data and cutting-edge Al technology

Tabelog

- Boost number of reservations, including phone reservations, and increase proportion of online reservations
- Optimize restaurant search and reservation functions

New Media and Solutions/Finance

 Expand usership by enhancing content of existing businesses and make aggressive investments according to the growth stage of each service.



Management Index and Financial Strategy



Management Index

Targeting 40% ROE

Approach to profit growth

Realize stable profit growth through business expansion and optimal resource allocation.

Approach to allocation of management resources

Growth investment

- Invest in human resources in process of expanding existing businesses and creating new ones.
- Invest in researching, developing and commercially deploying leading-edge technologies.
- Engage in M&A and make minority investments to expand the business portfolio and expedite growth.

Shareholder returns

- Leave enough funds necessary for the operation of existing businesses and investments for growth at hand, and return excess retained earnings to shareholders.
- Continue to pay dividends (twice a year) and buy back shares (flexible).

Financial Indices



	JGA		JGAAP	AAP			IFRS		
	FY2013/3	FY2014/3	FY2015/3	FY2016/3	FY2017/3	FY2018/3	FY2019/3	FY2020/3	FY2021/3
ROE ¹	38.0%	40.4%	41.7%	45.2%	44.5%	45.7%	45.1%	44.0%	
Dividend per share (yen)	35	12.5	16	21	28	32	36	40	
Total dividend (100 million yen)	20	28	35	46	61	68	75	83	
Payout ratio	28.1%	30.9%	32.5%	35.2%	41.1%	43.3%	45.2%	45.3%	TBD
Acquisition cost of treasury stock (100 million yen)	53	0	81	50	42	108	30	80	TBD
Total return ratio ²	103.1%	30.9%	106.7%	73.2%	69.3%	112.2%	63.1%	88.8%	

Note:

^{1.} ROE = Profit attributable to owners of the parent company / (Total net assets – Stock options – Non controlling assets) x 100, %

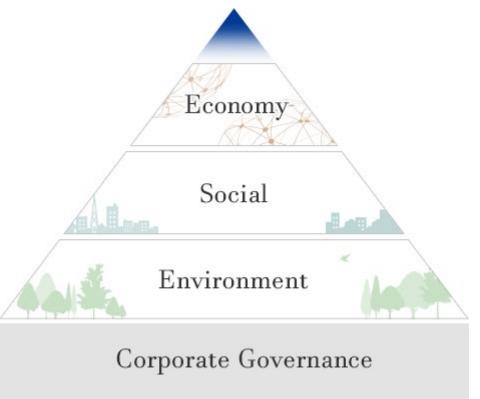
^{2.} Total return ratio= (Total dividend + Acquisition cost of treasury stock) / Profit attributable owners of the parent company x 100, % Acquisition cost of treasury cost does not include fees or other expenses paid the Tender Order Agent.

ESG initiatives



• We at Kakaku.com strive to be a part of people's daily lives. As such, we continue to contribute to economic development, as well as pursue social and environmental issues through our business activities.

LIFE with
-To become a part of people's daily lives-



Our initiatives

Economy: Contributing to the growth of the internet industry

- Strengthen data security in order to provide information safely
- Sponsor various initiatives in order to support IT development

Society: Creating a vibrant society

 Create a comfortable working environment for employees, in terms of both workplaces and organisation

Environment: Protecting our planet's environment

- Reduce the environmental impacts of our offices through sustainable procurement practices and energy conservation
- Support disaster-recovery efforts through NPOs



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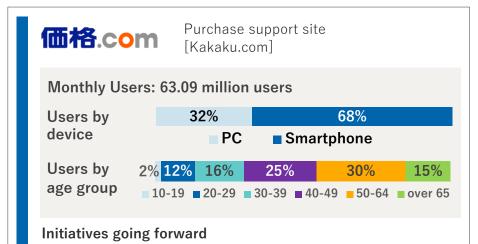
Business Divisions and Segments



		Shopping	Service	Advertising				
	Kakaku.com	Commission from registered shops, based on the number of clicks and sales performance.	Commission based on the number of contracts for personal finance and telecommunications etc.	Advertising revenue from banner and text ads, content and search based advertising.				
		【Clients】EC Malls and Shops, Electronics Retail Stores, etc.	【Clients】 Service Providers, etc.	【Clients】Consumer Electronics Manufacturers, etc.				
Inte		Restaurant Promotion	Premium Memberships	Advertising				
Internet Media	New Media and Solution / Finance	Monthly fees for promotional services for restaurants as well as commissions based on online reservations.	User fees for access to premium content.	Advertising revenue from banner and text ads, content and search based advertising.				
		【Clients】 Restaurants	【Clients】Users	【Clients】Beverage companies, etc.				
		New Media and Solution						
Finance		Revenue generated by sites and service, such as Kyujin-box, Sumaity, Kinarino, Bus Hikaku Navi operated by LCL, Inc or Dynamic package reservation system developed by Time Design Co., Ltd.						
		Finance Control of the Control of th						
		Commission from general insurance business for life insurances and non-life insurance, etc. operated by Kakaku.com Insurance, Inc.						

Kakaku.com Group Service Overview





Working to enhance user-friendliness by improving content with the use of Al. Aiming to increase number of users by improving the functionality of service categories that are currently in a growth stage.



Job classifieds site [Kyujin Box]

Initiatives Gong Forward

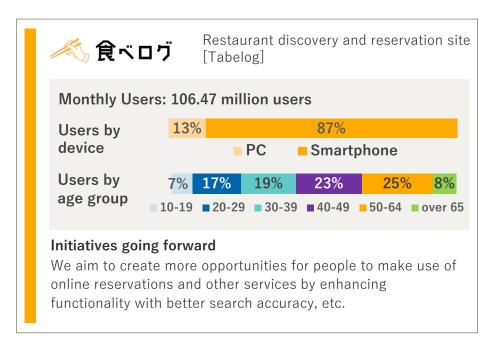
Making it easier for job seekers to find the right job from among the many listings by providing original content and improving the search function accuracy.



Insurance consulting service [Kakaku.com Insurance]

Initiatives Going Forward

Working to gain new policyholders and make switching between policies easier by expanding insurance products and improving chat functions.





Dynamic package reservation system [Time Design Co., Ltd.]

Initiatives Going Forward

Aiming to step up system linkage and increase partner hotels so users can book hotel & airline package deals on hotel websites.



Highway and overnight bus price comparison site [Bus Hikaku Navi]

Initiatives Going Forward

Aiming to increase number of users by providing more bus information.

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Kakaku.com Group Service Overview





Online residential real estate site [Sumaity]

Initiatives Going Forward

Working to expand scope of services by providing more property sales information and improving site functionality.



Online travel Information media [icotto]

Initiatives Going Forward

Making it easier for users to consider accommodation facilities based on their needs by increasing the number of articles on various topics.



Travel review and comparison site [4travel]

Initiatives Gong Forward

Aiming to provide high quality travel guide content by improving functions for users to post journal entries as well as holding photo contests and other events.



Purchase support site for Southeast Asia [priceprice.com]

Initiatives Going Forward

Aiming to increase number of users by providing more information about topics such as fashion, beauty, and cars, based on regional market characteristics.



Photo sharing community site: [PHOTOHITO]



Lifestyle media: [Kinarino]



Town information media: [CHIKU-WA]

TASCLAP

Online magazine for men's Fashion: [TASCLAP]

アキバ総研

Animation and Akihabara culture information media : [Akiba Souken]



FX and Exchange Rate related information site: [FX-rashiban]

仮想通貨 羅針盤

Cryptocurrency and Blockchain related information site [Kasotsuka-rashinban]

落 格安移動

Comparison site for the cheapest bus, airline and bullet train tickets [Low price trips]

∜バスとりっぷ

Online media for bus trips, travel and sightseeing: [Bus Trip]



Online information site for car lovers: [web CG]

映画.com

Online database for movies and showtimes [eiga.com]



General information site for Anime [Anime-Hack]



Horror movie streaming service [OSORE ZONE]

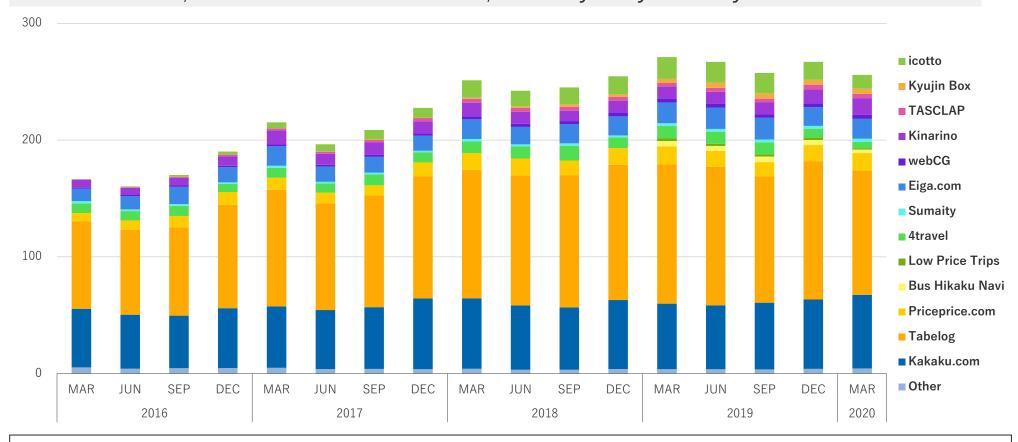


Digital promotion agency for movies [gaie, Inc.]

Total Accumulated Traffic for Kakaku.com Group



• Total accumulated monthly traffic for all services of Kakaku.com as of March 2020, was 255.87 million visitors, down by 6% year-on-year.



About monthly unique user counts

The number of monthly unique users is the number of browsers that visited the site, not the number of cumulative visits, during a month. We have measured monthly user numbers exclude overlapping users which occurs by the mobile webpage speed and mechanical access such as automatic collecting program by third parties.

Consolidated Results



(Unit: million yen)

FY2018/3 (IFRS)	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full Year
Revenue	10,651	11,018	11,829	13,285	46,782
Kakaku.com / revenue share	5,124 / 48.1%	5,142 / 46.7%	5,605 / 47.4%	6,101 / 45.9%	21,973 / 47.0%
Tabelog / revenue share	4,654 / 43.7%	4,909 / 44.5%	5,215 / 44.1%	5,369 / 40.4%	20,148 / 43.0%
New Media, etc. / revenue share	872 / 8.2%	967 / 8.8%	1,008 / 8.5%	1,815 / 13.7%	4,662 / 10.0%
Operating Profit	5,100	5,392	5,700	6,684	22,876
Operating Margin	47.9%	48.9%	48.2%	50.3%	48.9%
ROE	-	-	-	-	45.7%
Total return ratio	-	-	-	-	111.8%
FY2019/3 (IFRS)	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full Year
Revenue	12,513	13,132	14,239	14,948	54,832
Kakaku.com / revenue share	5,181 / 41.4%	5,209 / 39.7%	5,885 / 41.3%	6,236 / 41.7%	22,510 / 41.1%
Tabelog / revenue share	5,701 / 45.6%	5,952 / 45.3%	6,370 / 44.7%	6,330 / 42.4%	24,352 / 44.4%
New Media, etc. / revenue share	1,631 / 13.0%	1,971 / 15.0%	1,985 / 14.0%	2,383 / 15.9%	7,970 / 14.5%
Operating Profit	5,560	6,123	6,513	6,873	25,070
Operating Margin	44.4%	46.6%	45.7%	46.0%	45.7%
ROE	-	-	-	-	45.1%
Total return ratio	-	-	-	-	61.0%
FY2020/3 (IFRS)	1Q	2Q	3Q		
Revenue	14,224	15,305	15,727	15,722	60,978
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New Media, etc. / revenue share	2,313 / 16.3%	2,710 / 17.7%	2,680 / 17.0%	2,947 / 18.7%	10,649 / 17.5%
Operating Profit	6,448	7,121	7,315	6,333	27,217
Operating Margin	45.3%	46.5%	46.5%	40.3%	44.6%
ROE	-	-	-	-	44.0%
Total return ratio	-	-	-	-	88.9%

Company Profile



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4travel, Inc. URL: https://fortravel.jp/

eiga.com, Inc URL: https://eiga.com/

Time Design Co., Ltd. URL: https://www.timedesign.co.jp/

webCG, Inc. URL: https://www.webcg.net/

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