

## Financial Results Briefing Session

Six-Month Period Ended September 30, 2022

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(Amounts under one hundred million yen are rounded down)

Financial Results
First Half of Fiscal Year
Ending March 31, 2023

# Consolidated Statement of Income 1H, FY2023/3

(Billions of Yen)

	Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2022		Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2023		
	1H	Full Year Results	1H	Changes	
Net sales	168.9	365.2	163.3	(5.6)	
Operating income	29.1	59.2	26.0	(3.1)	
Operating income margin	17.3%	16.2%	15.9%	(1.4pt)	
Ordinary income	31.4	70.7	45.1	13.7	
Ordinary income margin	18.6%	19.4%	27.6%	9.0pt	
Profit attributable to owners of parent	22.9	51.0	39.4	16.5	
Depreciation and amortization	3.4	7.5	3.5	0.1	
Capital expenditure	3.5	9.1	5.0	1.5	

# Consolidated Statement of Income 1H, FY2023/3 by Business Segment

(Billions of Yen)

	Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2022	Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2023		
	1H	1H	Changes	
Net sales	168.9	163.3	(5.6)	
Digital Entertainment	129.4	117.1	(12.3)	
Amusement	21.0	25.8	4.8	
Publication	14.1	14.6	0.5	
Merchandising	5.8	7.4	1.6	
Eliminations or unallocated	(1.5)	(1.7)	(0.2)	
Operating income	29.1	26.0	(3.1)	
Digital Entertainment	29.4	24.5	(4.9)	
Amusement	0.6	2.5	1.9	
Publication	5.9	6.0	0.1	
Merchandising	1.7	1.7	0.0	
Eliminations or unallocated	(8.7)	(8.9)	(0.2)	
Operating income margin	17.3%	15.9%	(1.4pt)	
Digital Entertainment	22.8%	21.0%	(1.8pt)	
Amusement	3.1%	9.9%	6.8pt	
Publication	42.2%	41.2%	(1.0pt)	
Merchandising	30.9%	23.9%	(7.0pt)	
Eliminations or unallocated	-	-	-	

# Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2022

#### (Billions of Yen)

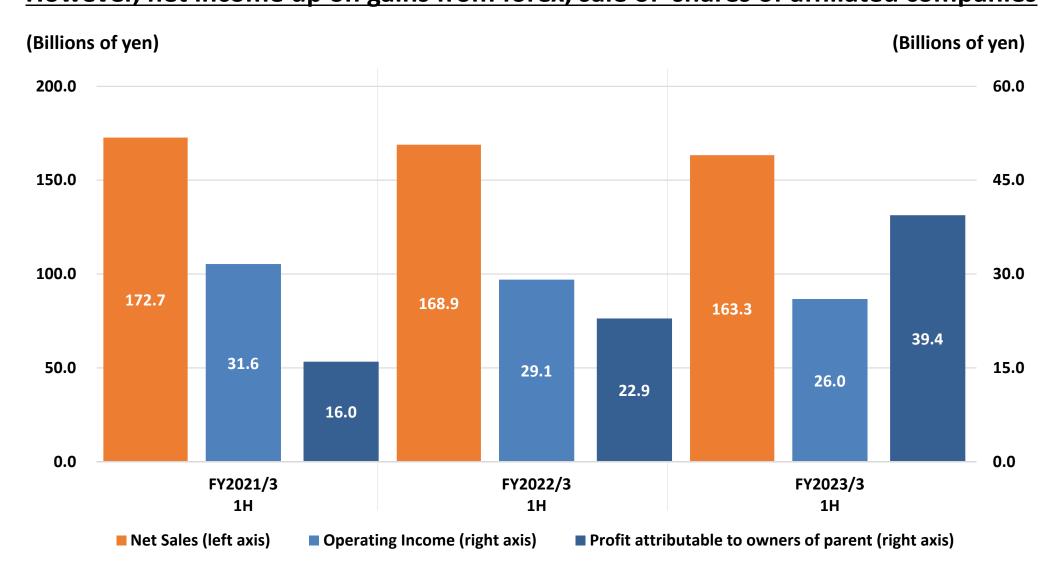
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Account	03/2022	09/2022	Changes	Account	03/2022	09/2022	Changes
Cash and deposits	163.0	189.6	26.6	Notes and accounts payable	27.5	24.5	(3.0)
Notes and accounts receivable	44.9	41.7	(3.2)	Income taxes payable	8.4	10.2	1.8
Inventories	5.1	5.5	0.4	Refund liabilities	5.6	5.2	(0.4)
Content production account	96.7	99.0	2.3	Others	42.1	40.5	(1.6)
Others	12.4	11.0	(1.4)	Total Current Liabilities	83.8	80.6	(3.2)
Total Current Assets	322.4	346.9	24.5	Non-current Liabilities	12.6	10.3	(2.3)
Property and equipment	19.8	16.9	(2.9)	Total Liabilities	96.4	91.0	(5.4)
Intangible Assets	7.3	5.8	(1.5)	Total Shareholders' Equity	290.2	315.9	25.7
Investments and other assets	31.2	30.4	(0.8)	Others	(5.8)	(6.8)	(1.0)
Total Non-current Assets	58.4	53.2	(5.2)	Total Net Assets	284.4	309.1	24.7
Total Assets	380.9	400.1	19.2	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	380.9	400.1	19.2

# Consolidated Financial Results and Progress in Each Business Segment

### **Consolidated Financial Results**

Net sales, operating income down YoY

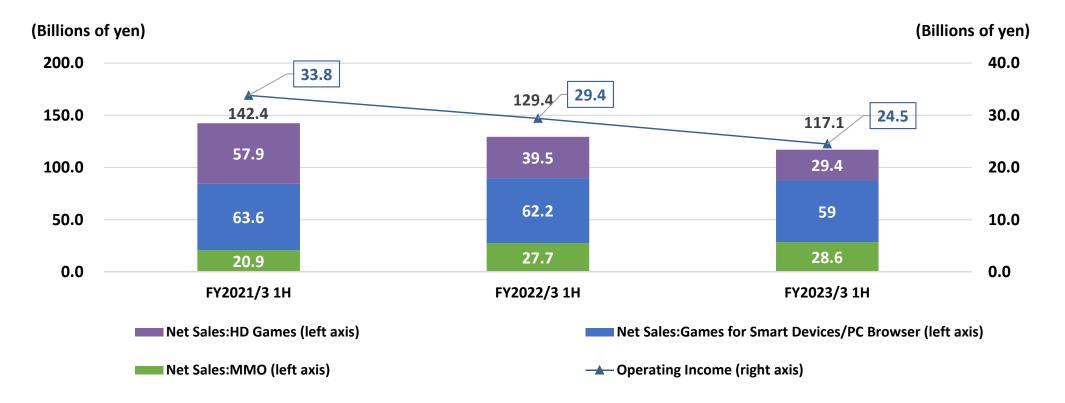
However, net income up on gains from forex, sale of shares of affiliated companies



### **Digital Entertainment**

Net sales and operating income declined YoY at the HD Game sub-segment, due to a YoY decline in earnings from new titles

HD Games	Sales did not reach the level of the previous year despite the release of multiple new titles
ммо	Paying subscriber numbers for "FINAL FANTASY XIV" rose YoY
Games for Smart Devices/PC Browser	New titles were unable to offset weak performances from existing titles



### Digital Entertainment -Main titles 1-

#### HD Games: Multiple new launches planned, including titles featuring new IP

#### **HD Games: Major New titles in FY2023/3**

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June 30, 2022 (Overseas)



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Launched on September 15, 2022



Launched on July 15, 2022

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To be Launched on November 12, 2022 (Steam)



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Launched on July 22, 2022



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Launched on October 27, 2022



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To be launched on December 9, 2022



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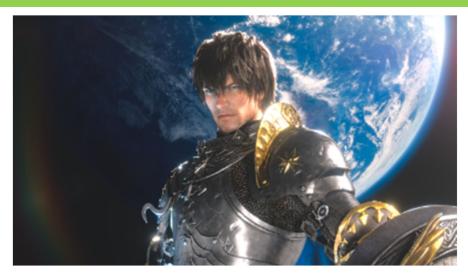
### Digital Entertainment -Main titles 2-

### MMO: No expansion pack releases planned but will focus on retaining users through a variety of operational initiatives

#### **MMO**: Main titles in operation



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### Digital Entertainment -Main titles 3-

### Games for Smart Devices/PC Browser: Multiple new title releases are slated for 2H and beyond

#### Major Operating Titles (Month and year indicate each title's launch timing)

#### Aug 2010 (PC Browser game)



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#### Jan 2014



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#### Sep 2014



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#### Oct 2015



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#### Oct 2015



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#### Feb 2017



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#### Jun 2017



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#### **Dec 2018**



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#### Sep 2019



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#### Nov 2019



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#### Jul 2020



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#### Feb 2021



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#### Sep 2021



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#### Dec 2021



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#### Apr 2022



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#### Jun 2022



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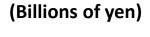
#### **Aug 2022**

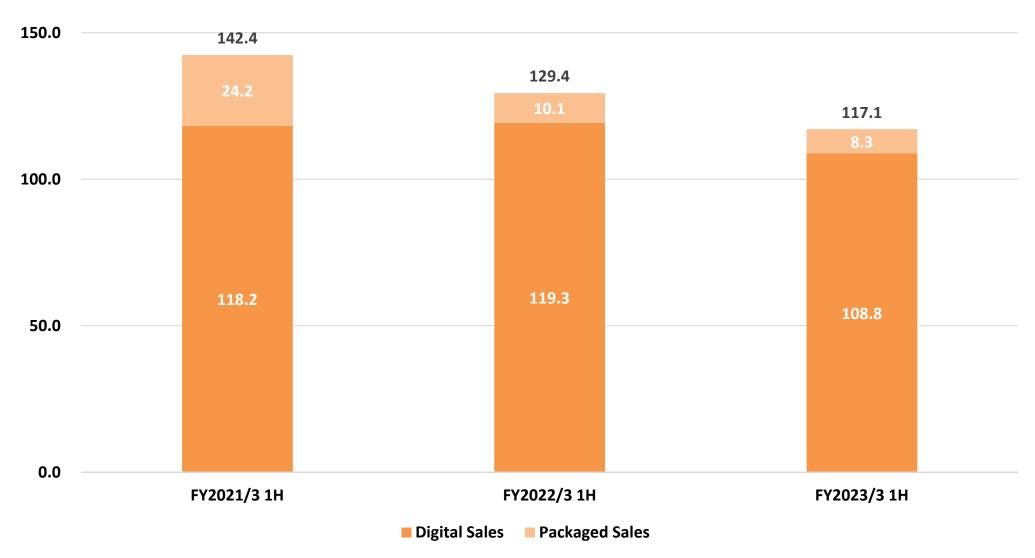


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### Digital Entertainment -- Digital vs. Packaged Game Sales--

#### **Breakdown of Digital Entertainment sales**





### Digital Entertainment -- Units Sold by Region--

<u>Units Sold = Sold disks + Downloads</u>

Sold disks: Unit sales of packaged software sold in the fiscal year

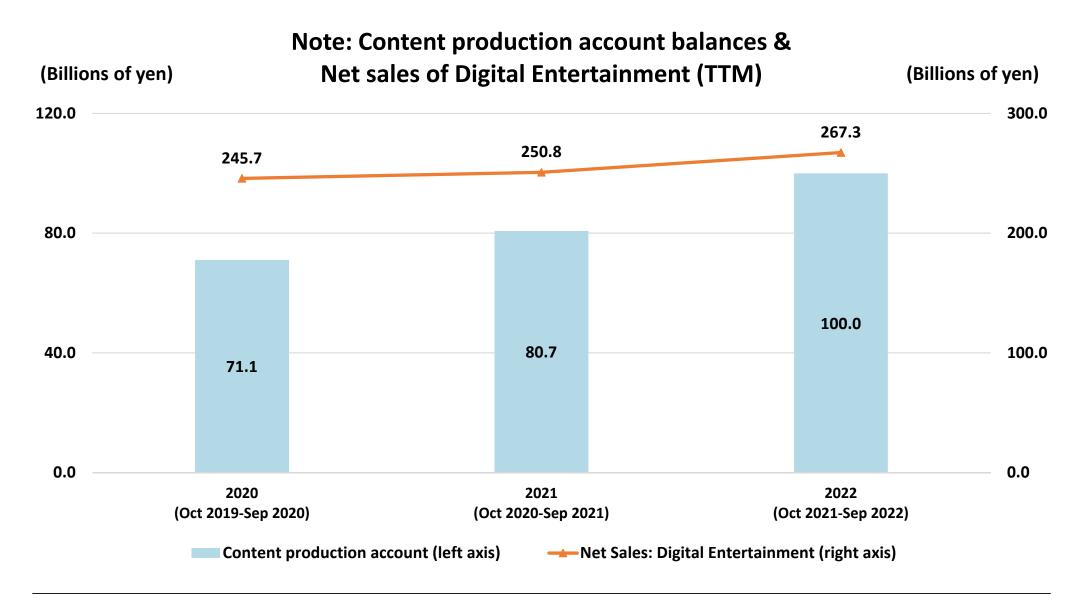
Downloads: Unit sales of downloaded software sold in the fiscal year

(Millions of Units Sold)

Region	FY2022/3 1H Results			FY2023/3 1H Results		
	Disc	Download	Total	Disc	Download	Total
Japan	0.54	1.72	2.27	0.73	1.37	2.10
North America/ Europe	2.14	10.64	12.77	1.16	5.07	6.24
Asia, etc.	0.20	1.98	2.18	0.30	0.77	1.07
Total	2.88	14.34	17.22	2.20	7.21	9.41

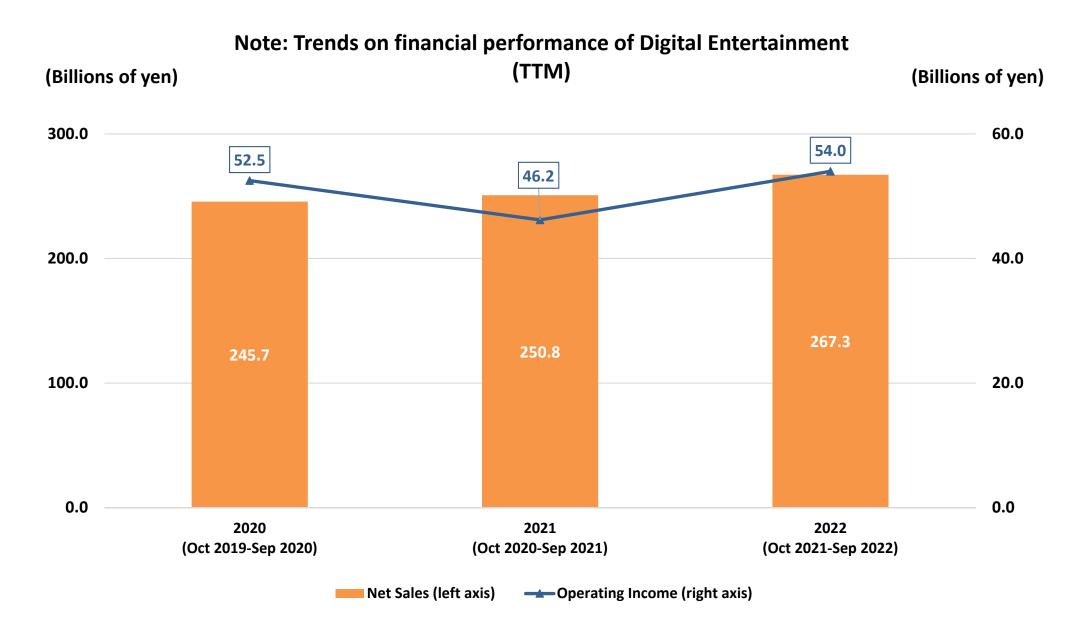
<sup>\*</sup> The above numbers cover both HD and MMO games, and includes titles for which Square Enix is the distributor and titles sold episodically.

### **Digital Entertainment**



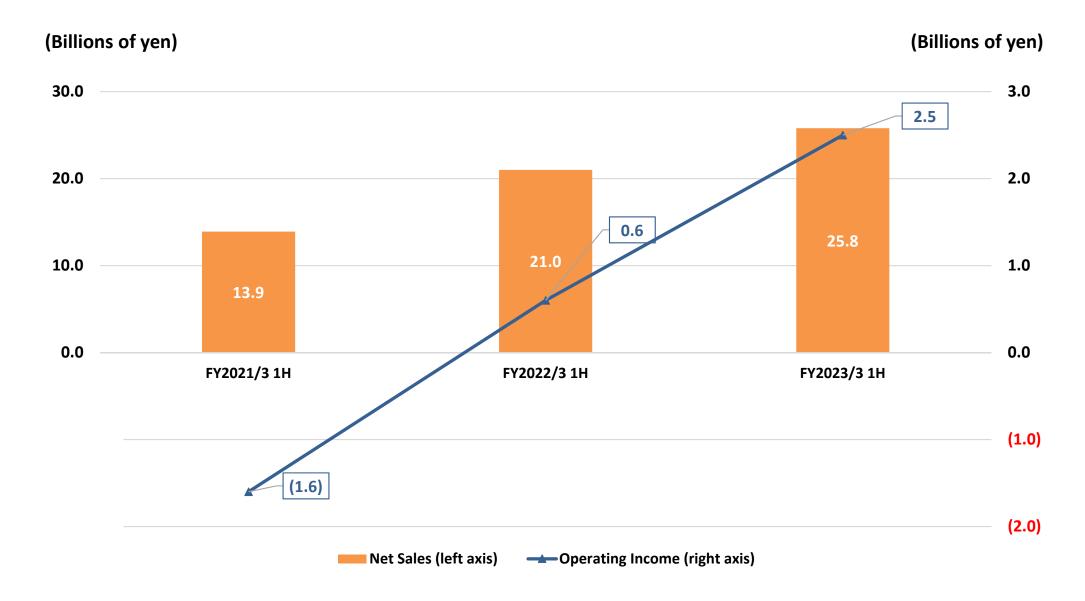
<sup>\*</sup>Content production account: Average of end-quarter balances for most recent 12 months

### **Digital Entertainment**



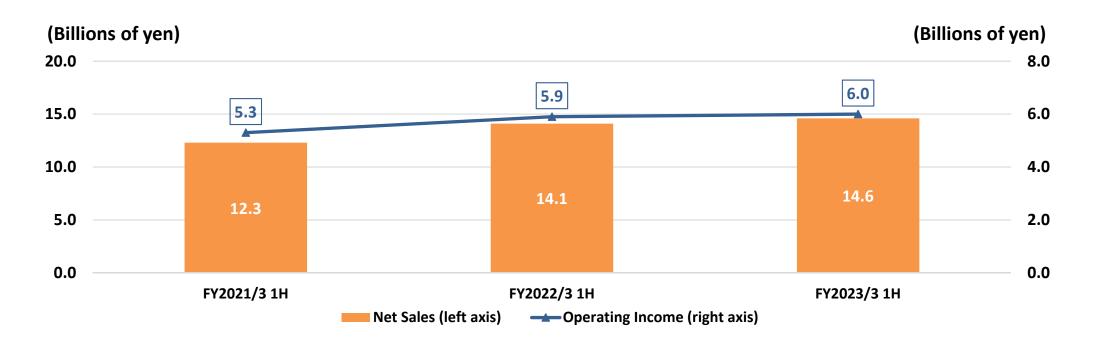
#### **Amusement**

Net sales and operating income rose YoY due to sharp YoY growth in same-store sales.



#### **Publication**

#### Net sales, operating income up YoY on higher sales of both digital and printed media



#### Major Service, Titles in FY2023/3



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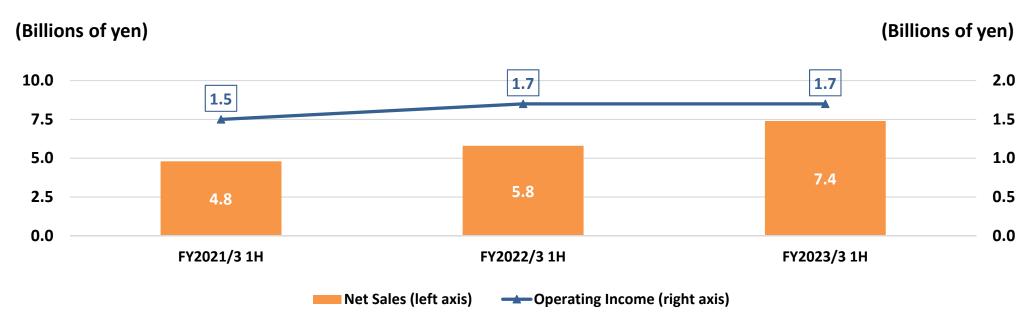
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### **Publication** -- Digital vs. Printed Media Sales--

### **Breakdown of Publication sales** (Billions of yen) 20.0 14.6 15.0 14.1 12.3 10.0 5.0 8.0 7.8 6.9 0.0 FY2021/3 1H FY2022/3 1H FY2023/3 1H ■ Digital sales Printed media sales

### Merchandising

Net sales rose YoY on brisk sales of new merchandise based on key IP. However, operating income was flat, due to changes in sales mix.



#### **Major Products in FY2023/3**



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Business strategies for achieving our medium-term earnings targets

- 1. Strengthening our IP ecosystem
- 2. Take on new domains
- 3. Optimize business structure for COVID world

**Divestiture of Select Overseas Studios & IP** 

(Completed on Aug 26, 2022)

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- (1) Reshaping Digital Entertainment portfolio
- (2) Strengthening publishing structure

### Medium-term business strategy progress: 1. Strengthening our IP ecosystem

### (1) Reshaping Digital Entertainment portfolio

- Further bolster competitive prowess of Group development studios
  - Strengthen internal development capabilities (incl. via M&A)
  - Focus resources on titles that pursue the global market
- Develop global content in the mobile business
- Further advance multi-platform strategy

### (2) Strengthening publishing structure

- Enhance global publishing function by appointing Chief Publishing Officers (CPO)
- Optimize organization to support more digital sales
- Expand opportunities to provide content (i.e., sales channels), including via PC
- Step up collaboration with development studios in Japan and overseas
- Speed up decision-making through integrated group management

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**Investing in focus fields** 

- (1) Initiatives to promote Blockchain Entertainment domain
- (2) Investments in focus themes

### (1) Initiatives to promote Blockchain Entertainment domain

- Blockchain game/entertainment development efforts:
   Multiple projects underway
- Explore business structure/earnings potential of NFT business

#### Shi-San-Sei Million Arthur

- Fourth round of sales (Aug-Sep 2022)
- Sales of Million Arthur 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary set
   (Oct 2022) → Sold out
- Issued a total of 100,000 NFTs



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Game content in development (Slated for release this winter)

### (1) Initiatives to promote Blockchain Entertainment domain

- Blockchain game/entertainment development efforts:
   Multiple projects underway
- Explore businesses leveraging public blockchains

#### **SYMBIOGENESIS (In development)**

- Entertainment content where the story unfolds based on players' strategic moves
- Our first sales of NFT collectible art featuring new IP



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Collected digital art with various functions and a dedicated community

### (1) Initiatives to promote Blockchain Entertainment domain

#### Investment selection policy

- Prioritize strategic returns to the entire business and select companies capable of providing a stronger commitment as a <u>business partner</u>
- Minimize downside risk by taking minority stakes; primarily select start-ups, placing focus on gaining insight into/exploring the domain

#### Diversification of Investment Vehicle

- Considering establishing a Corporate Venture Capital (CVC) unit
- Establishing an overseas entity (under review)
- Create a Web3.0 business
- Game & service publishing business toward countries with wide cryptocurrency adoption: <u>Explore token economy operations</u>, <u>user community with FT issued</u>

### (2) Investments in Key areas

The following are newly disclosed projects

- 1 Blockchain
  - **♦** ZEBEDEE (USA)

A next-gen FinTech platform built on Bitcoin. Lets games integrate new economic models with fully-programmable instant payments.



Blocklords (Estonia)
 Medieval online strategy game powered by users.



◆ Cross The Ages (France) Collectible NFT Trading Card Game based on 7 fantasy and sci-fi novels.



- 2 Cloud
  - ◆ Blacknut (France) Cloud gaming service dedicated to the general public, distributed both directly to consumers and B2B through ISPs, device manufacturers, OTT services & Media companies.



Multiple other global investments underway in addition to the above

Countries in parentheses are locations of primary functions

### (2) Investments in Key areas

The following are already disclosed investment project

- 1 Blockchain
  - Animoca Brands (Australia)
     Game development and operation focused on blockchain games, an investment business in THE Web 3.0 space



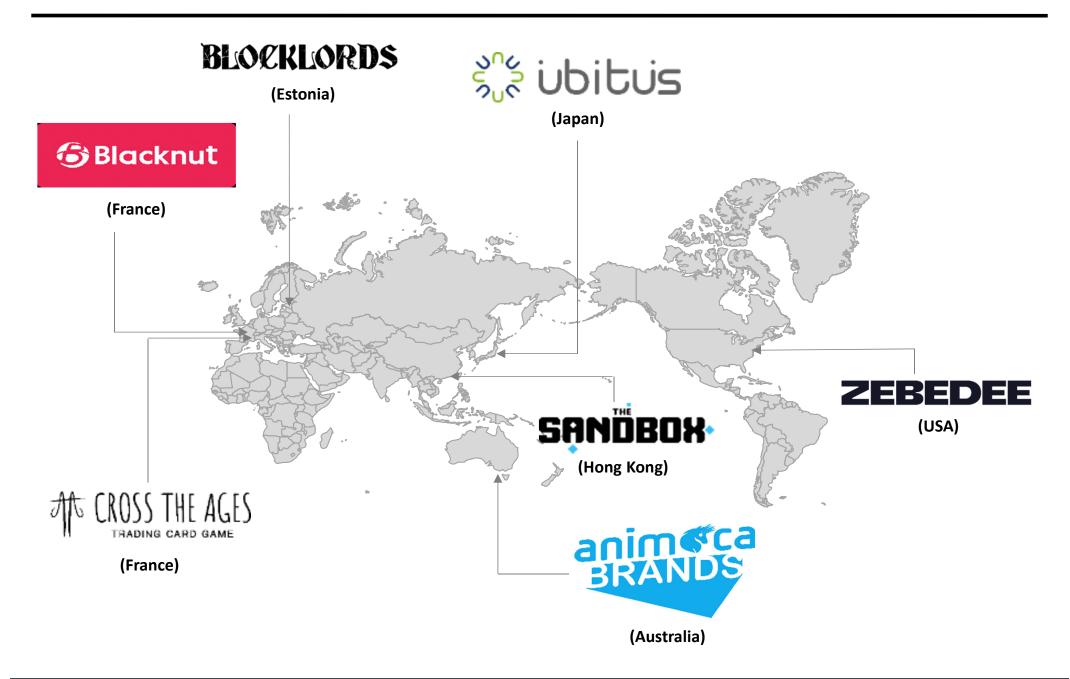
◆ THE SANDBOX (Hong Kong)
Development and operation of the
decentralized metaverse "The SANDBOX"



- 2 Cloud
  - Ubitus (Japan)
     Provides cloud gaming solutions and media content streaming solutions to gaming and telecommunications companies



### Investment portfolio on new domains



# Consolidated Financial Forecasts Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2023

# **Consolidated Financial Forecasts: Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2023**

### Not disclosing as reasonable calculations difficult due to:

- Need to carefully assess cost of transferring IT systems, etc. in conjunction with divestiture of overseas studios, which by its nature, has ramifications beyond the point of sale
- ② Impact to sales of new titles (including AAA) due to disruptions in the global supply chain
- 3 Impact to ordinary and net income lines from forex volatility
- Potential for macroeconomic uncertainty to result in changes of consumption trend



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