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Exchange rates (TTM)

	Sep.21	Mar.22	Sep.22
USD	JPY 111.95	JPY 122.41	JPY 144.81
EUR	JPY 129.90	JPY 136.81	JPY 142.32

Definitions

Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
SMBC Trust Bank
Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing
SMBC Nikko Securities
Sumitomo Mitsui Card Company
SMBC Consumer Finance
Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management
SMBC Aviation Capital
SMBC Bank International, SMBC Bank EU, SMBC (China)
SMFG consolidated
SMBC non-consolidated
Excluding non-recurring losses
Before provision for general reserve for possible loan losses
Domestic retail business
Domestic wholesale business
International business
Market / Treasury related businesses

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Introduction

- Submitted a report to the Financial Services Agency of Japan and disclosed countermeasures on November 4th regarding cases of market manipulation and inappropriate sharing of non-public information.
- Allocated additional personnel and upgraded IT system for internal management to prevent recurrence and restore trust. (Expense: JPY 10 bn IT investment: JPY 2 bn)
- Impact on consolidated gross profit was limited.
 (1H FY3/23 : JPY (25) bn)

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First, I would like to express my sincere apologies for your grave concerns and inconvenience caused by the market manipulation incident at SMBC Nikko and the inappropriate sharing of non-public information between SMBC Nikko and SMBC.

We take this matter very seriously and will strive as a group to prevent recurrence and regain your trust.

Details of the administrative action taken by the Financial Services Agency of Japan and the submitted report are as we disclosed in our press release.

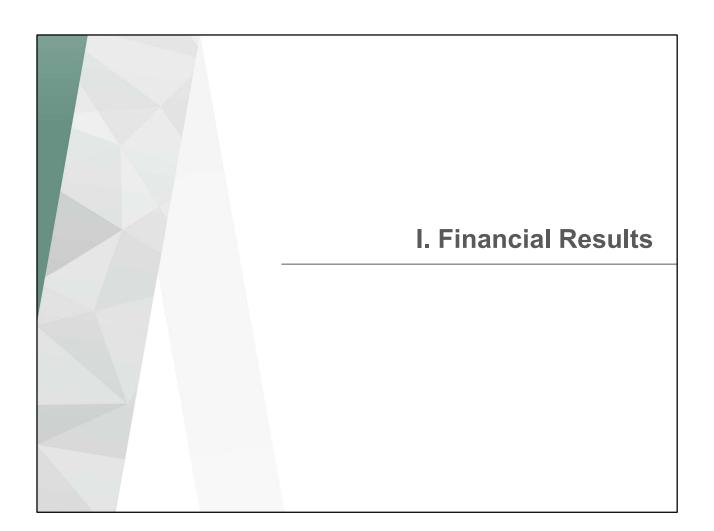
We will additionally allocate management resources to strengthen internal control. JPY 10 bn for expenses and JPY 2 bn for IT investments were secured this fiscal year.

The impact on our gross profit is JPY (25) bn for 1H and expect JPY (40) bn for the full-year. Although this is higher than the figure I explained in May, the impact is still limited compared to our consolidated figures.

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Income statement

Progress rate of 1H: Consolidated net business profit 58%, Profit attributable to owners of parent 72% Revised upward full-year target to JPY 1,265 bn and JPY 770 bn respectively.

	(JPY bn)	1H FY3/23	YoY	FY3/23 target
1	Consolidated gross profit	1,632.4	+201.1	-
2	G&A expenses Overhead ratio	962.6 59.0%	+86.6 (2.2)%	
3	Equity in gains (losses) of affiliates Prog	ress 52.1	+21.4	New 1,265
4	Consolidated net business profit 58	% 721.9	+135.8	1,235
5	Total credit cost	83.1	+56.5	210
6	Gains (losses) on stocks	92.1	+10.9	New
7	Other income (expenses)	(4.8)	+5.8	1,120
8	Ordinary profit	726.1	+96.0	1,060
9	Extraordinary gains (losses)	(1.4)	+1.9	New
10	Income taxes	193.7	+26.3	770
11	Profit attributable to owners of parent 72	% 525.4	+69.4	730
12	ROE	10.3%	+0.9%	

Consolidated gross profit: increased YoY due to
1) loan growth and related transactions in WS and GB, and
2) strong performance of payment business.
Impact of FX: +122

G&A expenses: increased YoY mainly due to consolidation of Fullerton India, as well as higher variable marketing cost of SMCC, which is successfully increasing new customers Impact of FX: +60

Equity in gains of affiliates: increased YoY mainly due to gains on change in equity of Bank of East Asia.

Total credit cost: was managed to be lower than forecast, because the increase of newly built reserve was offset by reversals

Gains on stocks: increased due to gains on sales of strategic shareholdings (68, YoY +32), while ETF sales decreased.

Consolidated impact of Fullerton India (JPY bn)

Consolidated gross profit	+27	Total credit cost	+5
G&A expenses (incl. goodwill amortization)	+22	Profit attributable to owners of parent	(3)
Consolidated net business profit	+5		

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This is a brief summary of the 1H results.

Consolidated net business profit increased dramatically YoY by JPY 135.8 bn with a good progress rate of 58%, due to strong loan growth of both domestic and overseas corporates and its related fee income.

Credit cost was maintained at lower level than forecast since the increase of newly built reserves was offset by reversals.

As a result, profit attributable to owners of parent was JPY 525.4 bn with a high progress rate of 72%.

(Ref.) Group companies

SMBC

	(JPY bn)	1H FY3/23	YoY
1	Gross banking profit	928.2	+181.7
2	o/w Net interest income	611.5	+122.9
3	o/w Gains (losses) on cancellation of investment trusts	31.3	+0.2
4	Domestic	353.3	+54.6
5	Overseas	258.2	+68.3
6	o/w Net fees and commissions	222.2	+55.2
7	Domestic	94.6	+8.7
8	Overseas	127.5	+46.5
9	o/w Net trading income+ Net other operating income	93.6	+3.5
10	o/w Gains (lossses) on bonds	(63.4)	(91.1)
11	Expenses	443.8	+25.5
12	Banking profit	484.5	+156.2
13	Total credit cost	63.5	+88.5
14	Gains (losses) on stocks	84.2	+26.6
15	Extraordinary gains (losses)	36.3	+31.3
16	Net income	399.8	+113.5

Other major group companies

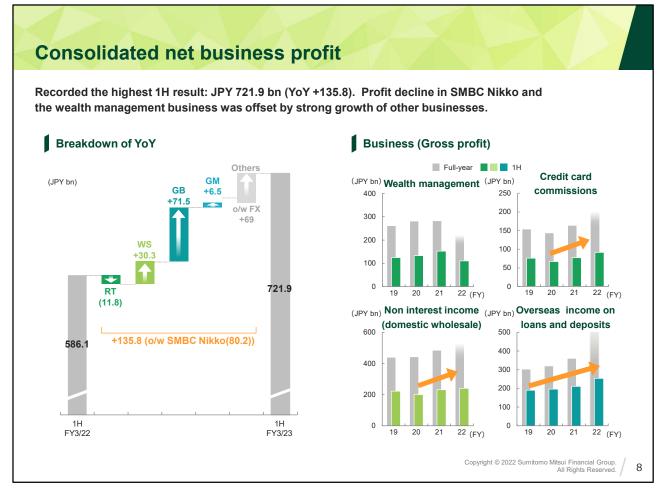
	(left : results of 1H FY3				FY3/23 / rig	ht: YoY)
(JPY bn)	SM	cc	SMB (CCF ^{*1}	SMBC	Nikko *2
Gross profit	214.2	+16.5	137.7	+2.0	123.5	(86.1)
Expenses	179.3	+15.1	61.3	+0.6	158.8	(5.9)
Net business profit	35.1	+1.8	72.7	(2.4)	(35.3)	(80.3)
Net income	14.8	+0.0	31.9	(5.2)	(24.8)	(56.8)

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	SMBC	Trust	SMDA	M 50%	SMFL	50%
Gross profit	24.8	+2.9	18.3	(0.7)	125.4	+17.1
Expenses	18.0	(4.3)	15.2	+0.4	58.2	+8.5
Net business profit	6.8	+7.2	3.1	(1.1)	73.3	+10.3
Net income	5.9	+6.1	1.9	(0.9)	37.5	+1.6

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^{*1} YoY includes the impact of group reorganization
*2 Including profit from overseas equity-method affiliates of SMBC Nikko (consolidated subsidiaries of SMFG)
*3 Managerial accounting basis



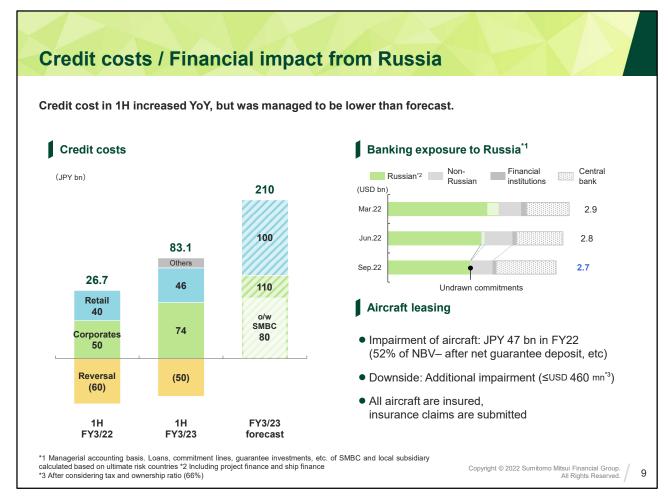
JPY 721.9 bn is a record consolidated net business profit since our establishment.

SMBC Nikko's net business profit declined by JPY 80 bn YoY due to the negative impact of its incident and worsening market environment. However, the strong growth of SMBC and other group companies and yen depreciation drove total increase of JPY 135.8 bn YoY.

Net business profit of Retail Business Unit decreased because wealth management business of SMBC Nikko struggled, while payment business is having a good trend due to recovering domestic consumption.

Wholesale and Global Business Units increased its profit over JPY 100 bn with steady loan demand and higher FX / derivative income by capturing the change in market environment.

Global Markets Business Unit also increased its profit by JPY 6.5 bn despite of a very volatile and uncertain market condition.



Credit cost in 1H was JPY 83.1 bn, which is 40% of the full-year forecast. There were some reversals that offset newly built reserve of JPY 120 bn.

Our full-year forecast has not been changed since we expect a certain amount of newly built reserve in 2H, while reversals as we had in 1H are not expected at this moment.

FY3/23 target Consolidated 1H FY23 FY23 Initial Initial New Results target target Revision of FX assumption*1: +60 Consolidated net 600 721.9 1,235 1,265 • Strong core business: +30 business profit Uncertainties: (60) **Total credit cost** 210 100 83.1 210 **Ordinary profit** 520 726.1 1,060 1,120 • Higher gain on stocks: +30 Profit attributable 350 525.4 730 to owners of parent Non-consolidated 1H FY23 FY23 Initial Initial New Results (JPY bn) target **Banking profit** 484.5 840 730 **Total credit cost** 40 63.5 80 80 **Ordinary profit** 360 541.4 710 850 Net income 260 399.8 490 590 Copyright © 2022 Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group. All Rights Reserved. *1 From JPY120/USD to JPY140/USD

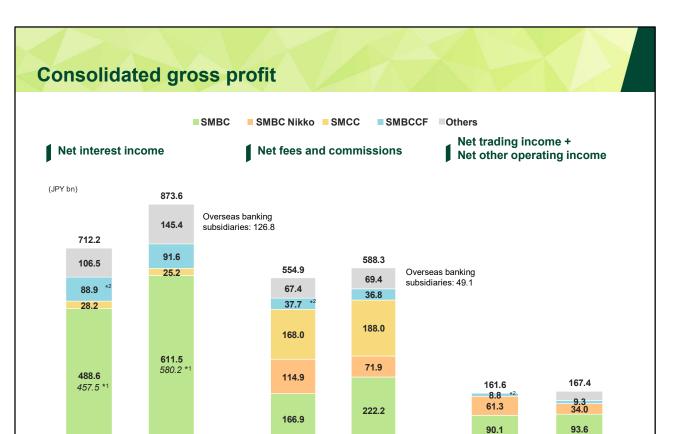
We have revised upward our full-year target considering the good results of 1H.

Consolidated net business profit and profit attributable to owners of parent were increased by JPY 30 bn to JPY 1,265 bn and by JPY 40 bn to JPY 770 bn respectively.

You may think the revised target is still conservative.

However, we should consider uncertainties such as the U.S. and Europe entering recession in 2H.

We will carefully monitor the global business environment including the situation in Russia and Ukraine and implement necessary financial measures.



1H FY3/23

1H FY3/22

1H FY3/22

1H FY3/23

*1 Excl. gains on cancellation of investment trusts *2 Excl. impact of group reorganization

1H FY3/22

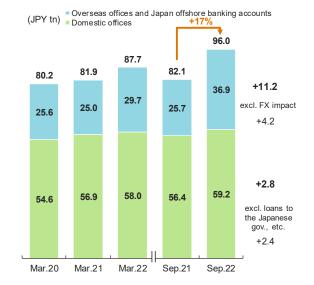
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1H FY3/23

Loans*1

Loan demands from corporates in both domestic and overseas are strong and spreads are improving.

Loan balance



Domestic loan-to-deposit spread

(%)	FY3/22	YoY	1Q	2Q
Interest earned on loans and bills discounted	0.84	(0.01)	0.83	0.84
Interest paid on deposits, etc.	0.00	+0.00	0.00	0.00
Loan-to-deposit spread	0.84	(0.01)	0.83	0.84
(Ref.) Excludes loans to the Japanese government, etc.				
Interest earned on loans and bills discounted	0.85	(0.01)	0.85	0.86
Loan-to-deposit spread	0.85	(0.01)	0.85	0.86

Average loan balance and spread*2

	Balance (JPY tn)		Sprea	d (%)
	1H FY3/23	YoY*4	1H FY3/23	YoY
Domestic loans	57.0	+1.8	0.71	(0.00)
Excluding loans to the Japanese government, etc.	54.5	+1.6	0.74	(0.00)
o/w Large corporations	19.3	+0.6	0.55	+0.02
o/w Mid-sized corporations & SMEs	19.7	+0.7	0.62	+0.01
o/w Individuals	11.9	(0.2)	1.36	(0.03)
GBU's interest earning assets*3	357.8 USD bn	+39.0 USD bn	1.22	+0.02

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^{*1} Non-consolidated *2 Managerial accounting basis
*3 Sum of SMBC, major local subsidiaries and SMBC Trust, etc. Sum of loans, trade bills, and securities
*4 After adjustments for exchange rates, etc.

Domestic loans and deposits*1 Loan balance*2 Deposit balance (JPY tn) Corporates Individuals Individuals Mid-sized corporations and SMEs 119.4 118.7 Large corporations 114.1 112.7 102.2 YoY 56.1 +4% 58.0 59.2 53.4 54.8 56.9 56.4 54.6 49.1 YoY (2)% 11.8 12.1 11.9 12.0 12.5 19.0 19.6 20.0 18.9 +5% 18.6 59.3 62.6 59.3 62.2 53.1 19.2 18.8 +6% 16.5 Mar.21 Mar.22 Sep.21 Loan average balance for corporates*2,3 Loan spread for corporates*2,4 (JPY tn) ——Large corporations ——Mid-sized corporations and SMEs 0.8% -Large corporations Mid-sized corporations and SMEs 18 0.6% 16



FY3/23

FY3/20

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FY3/21

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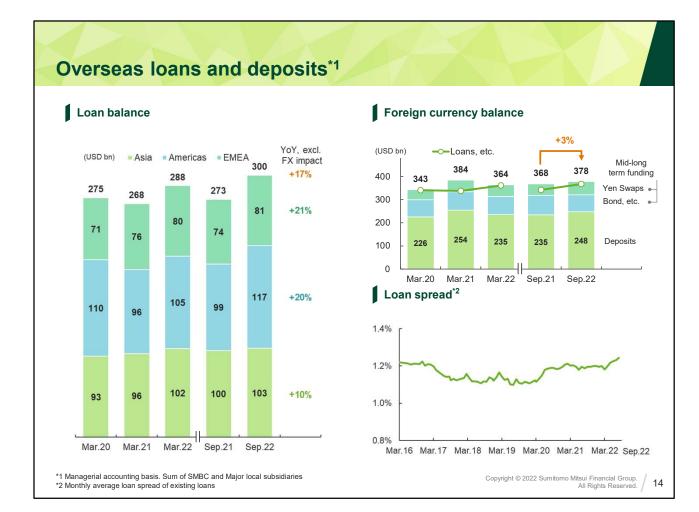
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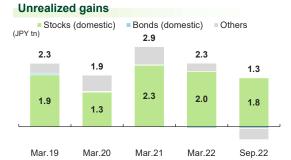
Asset quality Credit costs*1 Non-performing loan balance*2 Consolidated Non-consolidated Consolidated Non-consolidated (JPY bn) (JPY bn) 1.08% 0.98% 0.99% 0.68% 0.65% 0.77% 0.72% 360.5 0.46% 1,191.9 1,157.6 274.4 242.7 966.5 (25bp) 842.8 805.3 210 161.1 650.3 627.8 (15bp) 428.6 80 83.1 (8bp) 26.7 (24.9) Mar.21 Mar.22 Mar.20 Sep.22 FY3/21 FY3/22 FY3/23 1H 1H FY3/23 **Total claims** forecast FY3/22 (JPY tn) Major group companies Consolidated 99 107 120 (JPY bn) Non-consolidated 96 104 117 SMBCCF 31 +2*3 Claims on borrowers requiring caution (excluding claims to substandard borrowers) SMCC 15 +4 Overseas banking subsidiaries (3) (12)1.9 1.9 Adjustments of FX (23)(23)*1 Total credit cost ratio = Total credit cost / Total claims *2 NPL ratio = NPLs based on the Banking and the Reconstruction Act (excluding normal assets) / Total claims *3 Including the impact of group reorganization Copyright © 2022 Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group. All Rights Reserved.

Securities (1)

Breakdown of other securities (consolidated)

	B/S amount Unrealized (losses		•	
(JPYbn)	Sep.22 vs Mar.22 Sep.22 v			vs Mar.22
Total	31,761.9	(6,353.0)	1,318.7	(958.5)
Stocks (domestic)	3,222.4	(181.0)	1,790.7	(242.9)
Bonds (domestic)	13,814.0	(5,746.3)	(67.2)	(17.2)
o/w JGBs	9,988.1	(5,786.1)	(48.4)	(1.3)
Others	14,725.5	(425.8)	(404.8)	(698.5)
o/w Foreign bonds	12,419.7	+364.1	• (1,049.3)	(600.5)

Risk volume is controlled by hedging and others



^{*1} The difference between foreign bonds and others is unrealized gain on foreign stocks *2 Excl. investments after Mar.20 for the business alliance purpose

Reduction of shareholdings

Total reduction		JPY 152 bn
	FY3/21	JPY 55 bn
	FY3/22	JPY 67 bn
	1H FY3/23	JPY 30 bn
Со	nsent of sales from clients outstanding	JPY 66 bn
Re	duction + Consent	JPY 219 bn

Reduction plan²

Reduce JPY 300 bn in 5 years (FY3/21-FY3/25)



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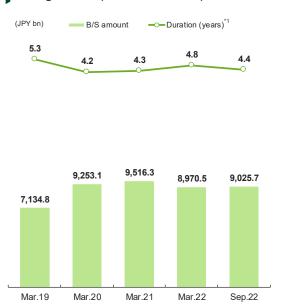
Securities (2)

Yen-denominated bonds (Non-consolidated) --- Duration (years) *1 B/S amount 3.2 2.9 2.9 2.8 2.5 19,647.5 17,593.5 13,903.4 10,000.7 8,953.7 Mar.21 Mar.22 Mar.19 Mar.20 Sep.22 Unrealiized 21.4 7.9 (49.7)(66.3)gains(losses)

Foreign bonds (Non-consolidated)

Unrealiized

gains(losses)



(40.7)

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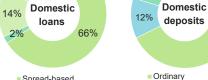
^{*1} Managerial accounting basis. Excluding bonds classified as held-to-maturity, bonds for which hedge-accounting is applied, and private placement bonds.

Balance sheet

Consolidated

(JPY tn)	Sep. 22	vs. Mar. 22	
Total assets	271.7	+14.0	
o/w Cash and due from banks	70.8	(4.0)	
o/w BOJ's current account balance*1	51.6	(7.0)	
o/w Loans	100.9	+10.0	
o/w Domestic loans*1	59.2	+1.2	
o/w Large corporations ^{*2}	19.9	+0.6	
55 Mid-sized corporations & SMEs*2	20.0	+0.4	
55 Individuals*2	11.8	(0.1)*3	
o/w Securities	32.6	(6.0)	
o/w Other securities	31.8	(6.4)	
o/w Stocks	3.2	(0.2)	
∋5 JGBs	10.0	(5.8)	
Foreign bonds	12.4	+0.4	
Total liabilities	259.0	+13.5	
o/w Deposits	157.1	+8.5	
o/w Domestic deposits*1	119.4	+0.7	
Individuals	57.1	+1.0	
Corporates	62.2	(0.4)	
o/w NCD	14.5	+1.4	
Total net assets	Fotal net assets 12.8		
Loan to deposit ratio	58.	8%	

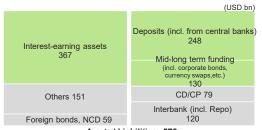
Composition of loans and deposits*1,2 3% 18% 15%



- Spread-based
- Ordinary
 Current
 Time
 Foreign currency
 Others(Sundry, etc.) Prime-rate-based

 Mortgage, etc. Others

Non-JPY B/S*2,4



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68%

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^{*1} Non-consolidated *2 Managerial accounting basis *3 After adding back the portion of housing loans securitized in 1H FY3/23 of JPY41.3bn *4 Sum of SMBC and major local subsidiaries

Capital / RWA

	Sep. 22	Requirement ^{*1}
Capital ratio		
Total capital ratio	15.63%	11.5%
CET1 ratio (Basel III fully-loaded basis)	13.69%	8%
excl. net unrealized gains on other securities	12.4%	-
CET1 ratio (Post-Basel III reforms)	10.6%	8%
excl. net unrealized gains on other securities	10.1%	-
External TLAC ratio		
RWA basis	24.45%	18.0%
Leverage exposure basis	9.23%	6.75%
Leverage ratio	4.83%	3%
LCR (Average 2Q FY3/23)	130.2%	100%

(JPY bn)	Mar. 22	Sep. 22
Total capital	11,983.8	12,193.5
Tier1 capital	11,186.2	11,415.4
o/w CET1 capital	10,458.4	10,681.8
Tier2 capital	797.5	778.1
External TLAC	20,628.1	21,819.7
Risk-weighted assets	72,350.1	77,971.4
Leverage exposure	216,080.4	236,237.4

*1 Excl. countercyclical buffer

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Results by Business Unit (1)

Retail

(JPY bn)	1H FY3/23	YoY ^{*1}
Gross profit	553.8	(18.3)
Income on loans and deposits*2	56.5	(2.3)
Wealth management business	110.7	(41.5)
Payment business	216.2	+21.2
Consumer finance business	156.0	+3.8
Expenses	456.2	(5.2)
Base expenses	353.7	(12.6)
Net business profit	99.7	(11.8)
ROCET1*3	6.2%	(3.3)%
RWA (JPY tn)	12.7	+0.1

Wholesale

	(JPY bn)	1H FY3/23	YoY ^{*1}
Gross profit		367.4	+18.6
	Income on loans and deposits	126.6	+13.2
	FX and money transfer fees	69.4	+7.7
SMBC	Loan syndication	21.1	+2.2
	Structured finance	3.6	(3.2)
	Real estate finance	6.6	(0.9)
Securitie	s business	15.8	(13.2)
Expenses		145.5	(4.5)
Base exp	penses	144.1	(1.6)
Net busines	s profit	259.2	+30.3
ROCET1*4		13.9%	+3.2%
RWA (JPY tn)	30.6	+0.8

^{*1} After adjustments of the changes of interest rates and exchange rates *2 Excluding consumer finance *3 Excluding impact from the provision for losses on interest repayments, etc. *4 Excluding mid-long-term funding costs

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Results by Business Unit (2)

Global

(JPY bn)	1H FY3/23	YoY ^{*1}
Gross profit	601.1	+77.5
Income on loans and deposits	253.2	+42.2
Loan related fees	108.0	+14.6
Securities business	19.9	(18.8)
Expenses	314.7	+33.1
Base expenses	297.2	+27.3
Net business profit	332.4	+71.5
ROCET1*2	10.7%	+1.5%
RWA (JPY tn)	50.8	+4.7

Global Markets

(JPY bn)	1H FY3/23	YoY ^{*1}
Gross profit	266.0	+8.6
SMBC's Treasury Unit	187.2	(4.6)
Expenses	56.7	+4.4
Base expenses	54.5	+3.7
Net business profit	224.7	+6.5
ROCET1*3	20.2%	(0.2)%
RWA (JPY tn)	4.9	(1.9)

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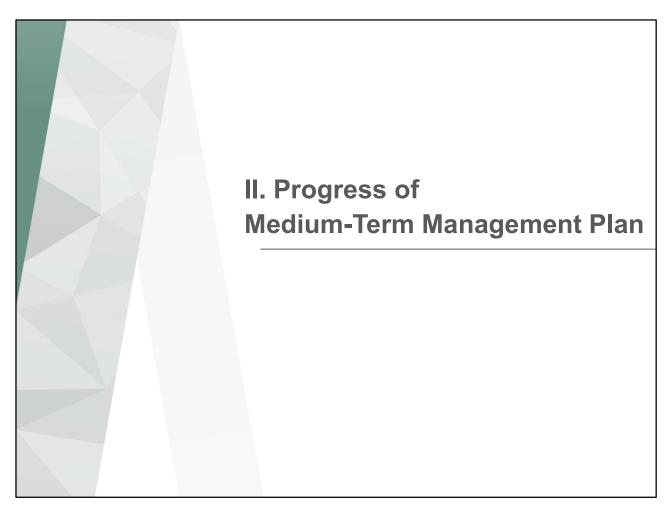
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*2 Excluding impact from mid-long term funding costs
*3 Including impact from the interest-rate risk associated to the banking account

Progress of Medium-Term Management Plan by Business Unit

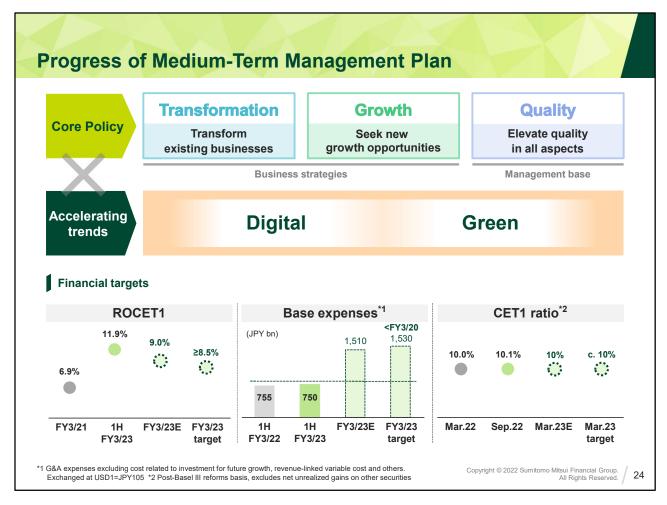
	ROCET1*1,2			Net Busir	ness Profit (JPY bn) *2	R	WA (JPY tn)	*2
	1H FY3/23	YoY	FY3/23 Target*3	1H FY3/23	YoY	FY3/23 Target	Sep.22	vs. Mar.20	Mar.23 Target
Retail	6.2%	(3.3)%	12%	99.7	(11.8)	305	12.7	+0.2	+0.4
Wholesale	13.9%	+3.2%	9%	259.2	+30.3	440	30.6	+1.9	+1.6
Global	10.7%	+1.5%	9%	332.4	+71.5	465	50.8	+5.8	+2.6
Global Markets	20.2%	(0.2)%	17%	224.7	+6.5	355	4.9	(1.0)	+1.5

^{*1} Excl. impact from the provision for losses on interest repayments for Retail Excl. the impact from the medium- to long-term foreign currency funding costs for Wholesale and Global Inncl. impact from the interest-rate risk associated to the banking account for Global Markets *2 Managerial accounting basis of FY3/23, after adjustments of the changes of interest rates and exchange rates *3 Managerial accounting basis of FY3/21

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I will explain the progress of the Medium-Term Management Plan and future initiatives in the following section.



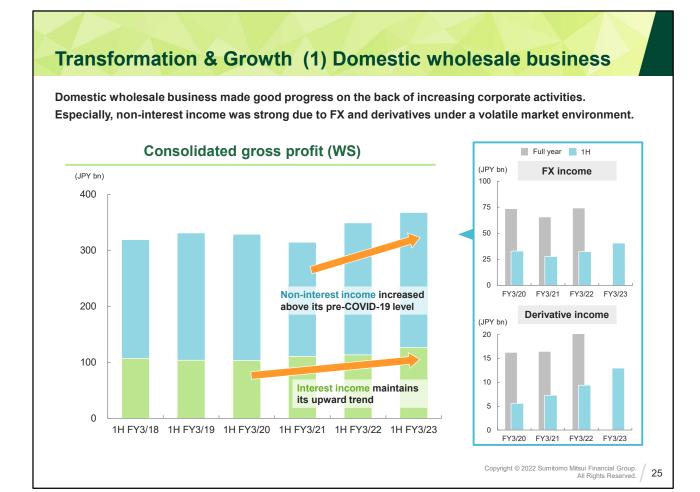
Our current Medium-Term Management Plan started in April 2020, with "Transformation & Growth" and "Quality" as core policies.

We have come to this point without changing our major direction even under unexpected events such as the COVID-19 crisis and the situation in Russia and Ukraine. I believe that this direction will not change in the next Medium-Term Management Plan.

On the other hand, major trends such as "Digital" and "Green" are accelerating. These are the themes we should also continue to work on in the next Medium-Term Management Plan.

Today, I would like to explain our current efforts and measures toward the next Medium-Term Management Plan from the three perspectives of "Transformation & Growth", "Digital", and "Green".

All three KPIs are progressing steadily and expected to achieve targets by the end of this fiscal year.



First initiative of "Transformation and Growth" is the domestic wholesale business.

Both interest and non-interest income is showing steady growth.

Interest income has maintained an upward trend since FY3/20 when the decline from negative interest rate policy bottomed out.

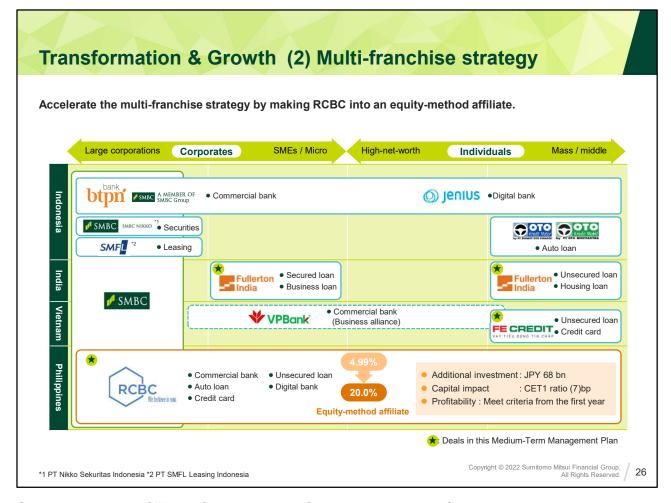
Recent increase of working capital demand under the reopening of economy contributed to this trend in addition to new loans responding to needs that emerged after COVID such as real estate and business restructuring.

Non-interest income also increased to above pre-COVID level.

FX and derivative income particularly increased as we responded flexibly to fluctuations of FX and interest rate.

Domestic wholesale business is the backbone of SMBC Group.

We will continue to grow this business by making proactive and timely proposals to our clients under rapidly changing business environment.



Second initiative of "Transformation and Growth" is the multi-franchise strategy in Asia.

We established a foothold in the four target countries by investing in financial institutions in India, Vietnam, and the Philippines under the current Medium-Term Management Plan.

We recently announced to increase our stake of RCBC in the Philippines to make it an equity-method affiliate.

When we acquired 4.9% share last year, I explained that it was an entry ticket to the Philippines. After one-year discussions of collaborative opportunities in a wide range of business areas, we reaffirmed that RCBC has high growth potential in the medium- to long-term and that there is a high expectation for synergies.

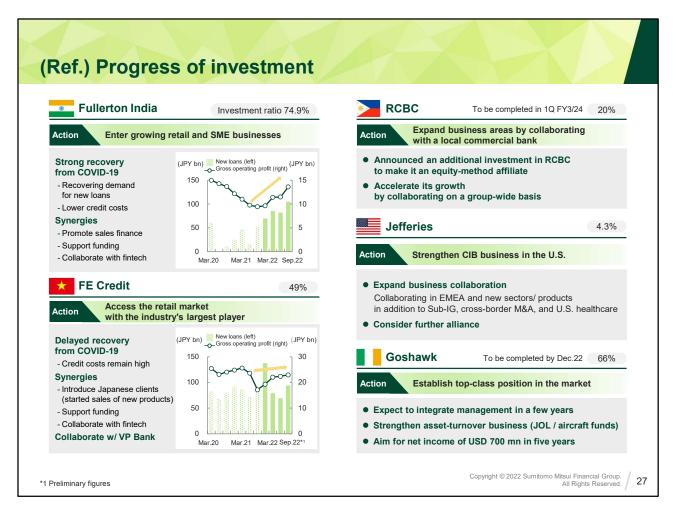
This is why we decided to make an additional investment.

This additional capital will allow RCBC to further accelerate its growth.

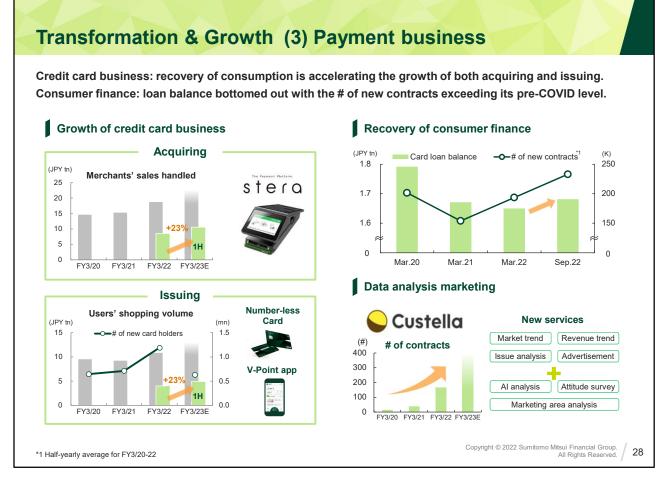
I would like to grow RCBC into one of the top-tier banks in the Philippines over the medium- to long-term, by pursuing synergies through collaboration in various areas.

When our next Medium-Term Management Plan is announced, I will explain the profit contribution and profitability of the investments made under our multi-franchise strategy.

I would like to disclose not only the linear growth of our investees, but also how we envision J-curve growth by enhancing synergies and expanding businesses, looking ahead to the next three years and beyond.



Here we show an update of business performance and recent collaboration of each investee.



Third initiative of "Transformation and Growth" is payment business.

Both acquiring and issuing of credit card business are showing good momentum; merchants' sales handled and users' shopping volume are both growing rapidly as the economy reopens.

I think this is a clear outcome of our efforts to increase the number of merchants and new card holders by offering unique products.

I believe that credit cards continue to drive the growth of domestic payment business. We aim to grow faster than the market by leveraging our strength of having SMCC, the No.1 credit card company in Japan.

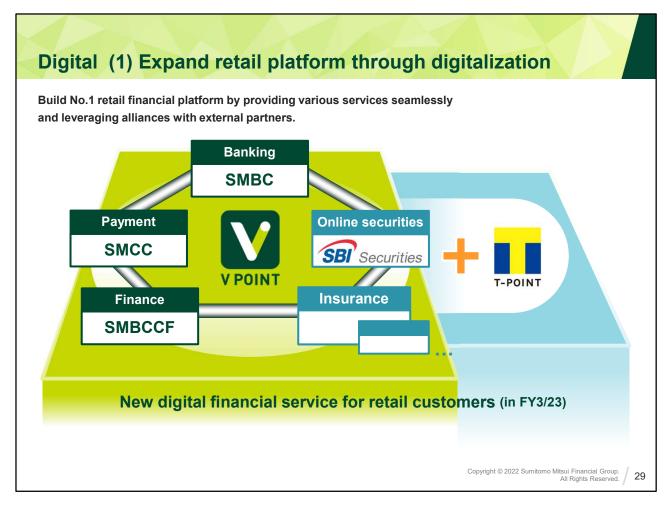
In terms of consumer finance, card loan balance has finally bottomed out after decreasing dramatically under restrictions of the pandemic and low consumption.

Although it may take more time to recover to its pre-COVID level, the number of new contracts is increasing at a faster pace than before the pandemic as economic activities recover.

We aim to restore the balance as soon as possible by capturing the good momentum of individual consumption.

In addition, we are expecting further growth of Custella, a service that supports clients' marketing through payment data analysis.

The number of contracts is increasing steadily.



The following theme is Digital.

Our goal is to totally digitalize our retail business, especially services to the mass retail segment. A new digital service is to be released by the end of this fiscal year to greatly expand our retail customer base.

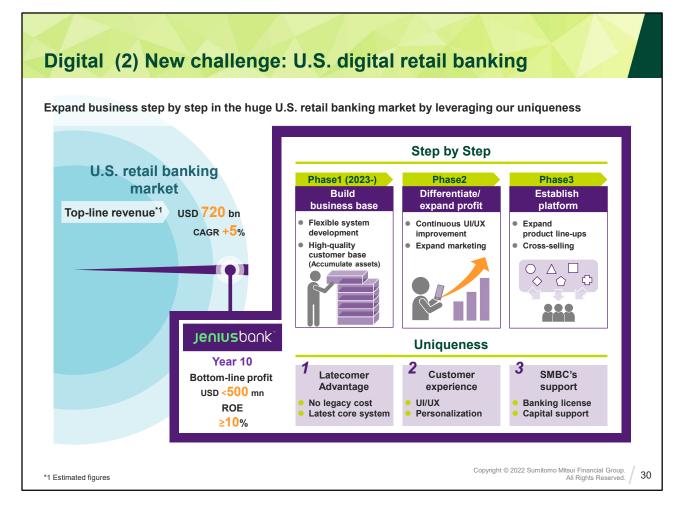
We intend to accelerate cross-selling and expand retail customer base by connecting products and services of Group companies via "V-point", point program issued among SMBC Group.

The recent business alliances with SBI Securities and Culture Convenience Club (CCC) are designed to fill the missing pieces in this new service: online securities and point service.

You can already check transactions with our Group on one app, but this new digital financial service allows you to trade seamlessly with us and external partners including SBI Securities and earn V-Points for each transaction as well.

In addition, alliance with CCC will further expand the number of customers and affiliated stores of V-Point, which is already available at VISA member stores worldwide. The value of "V-point ecosystem" could be enhanced by reaching out to over 70 million users of T Point (CCC's point program) and expanding the opportunities to "earn" and "use" points.

We aim to build a massive retail platform leveraging alliances with external partners and make this service a key pillar of revenue by expanding cross-selling with wealth management, insurance, finance, and other financial services.



Second initiative for Digital is Jenius Bank; our challenge to launch a new digital retail banking in the U.S.

I have been often asked since this announcement if there is any chance of winning in this red ocean.

However, we are not aiming to be an industry leader.

As retail banking market in the U.S. has a huge fee-pool and high growth potential, it could be a sizable business in our business portfolio if we could capture even a small share. This is why we decided to enter this market.

Bottom-line profit of USD several hundred million and ROE of over 10% in 10 years are our target.

Therefore, we will focus on accumulating assets by acquiring a high-quality customer base through targeted marketing rather than pursuing scale from the start.

After establishing a solid business base, we will gradually expand our marketing, increase product lineup, and cross-sell products.

Uniqueness of Jenius Bank makes this strategy possible.

First is latecomer advantage.

Jenius Bank does not have to care about the costs to maintain "brick and mortar" branches or out-of-date systems and can flexibly develop products using the latest cloud systems.

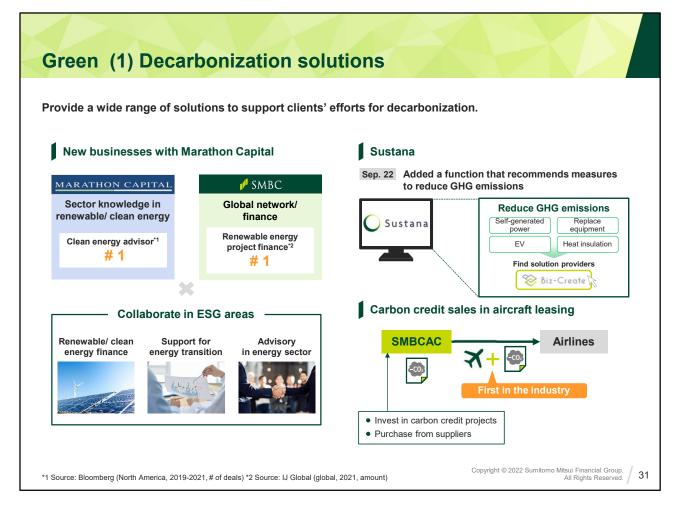
Second is sophisticated customer experience.

Jenius Bank will provide products chosen not by its rate or price but by its usability.

Third is SMBC's support.

Jenius Bank has advantages to new fintech companies with banking license which is difficult to newly obtain and strong capital support by SMBC.

I believe this is a promising business in the long run and would like to develop it into one of the pillars of SMBC Group's future growth.



The final theme is "Green".

We provide a variety of decarbonization solutions that are not limited to finance to satisfy diversifying clients needs' as decarbonatization is accelerated.

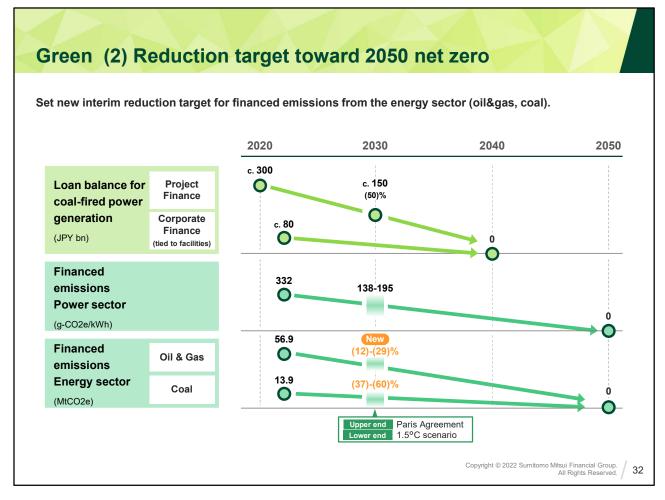
For example, we provide energy transition support or industry reorganization with Marathon Capital, who has strength in the renewable and clean energy.

Our GHG emissions calculation service, "Sustana", introduced a new function that recommends measures to reduce GHG emissions.

You could not only receive recommendation of the most efficient solutions, but also find companies who offer the solutions on our business matching platform "Biz-Create". SMBC Group can also provide decarbonization solutions, such as power generation equipment by SMFL Mirai Partners.

SMBC Aviation Capital also started a new decarbonization solution to airlines, their lessees: the industry's first solution of selling carbon credit when leasing aircraft.

In addition, we will also promote leasing of fuel-efficient aircraft to support decarbonization of the airline industry.

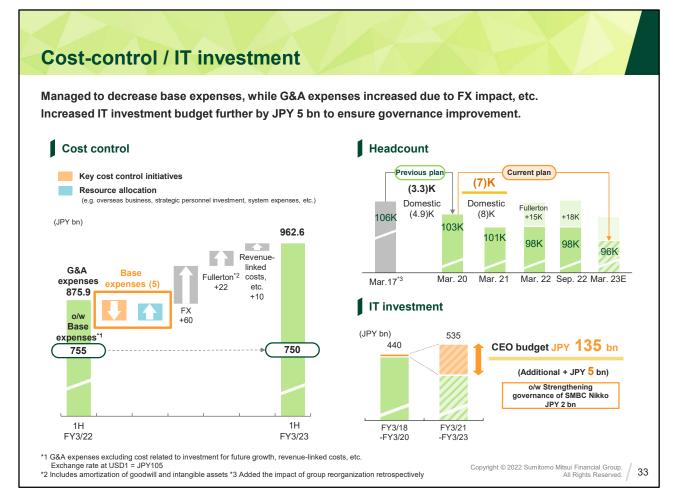


We started calculating GHG emissions in our investment and loan portfolio and set interim reduction targets for each sector, in order to achieve net zero by 2050.

A new target for the energy sector was added in the TCFD report published in August, after targets for the power sector was set in May.

I believe that we share with our stakeholders the ultimate goal of "achieving net-zero emissions by 2050", but there is no single path forward.

The establishment of interim goals gives us an opportunity to communicate with our stakeholders. We will seek a realistic path toward 2050 through discussions with stakeholders.

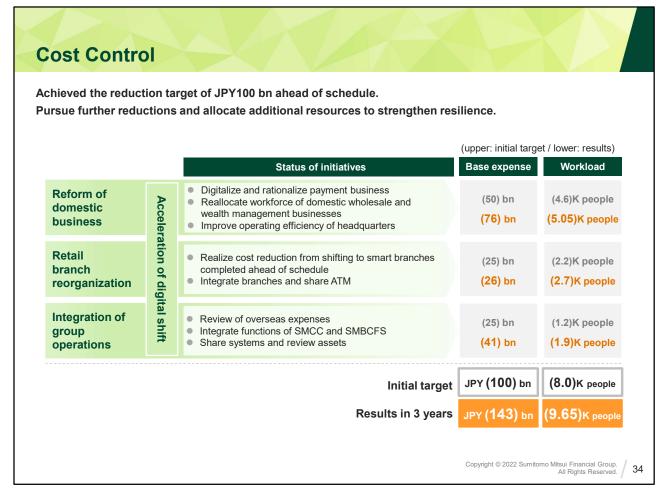


Next, I will explain about expenses.

G&A expenses increased by JPY 87 bn YoY, but this was mainly due to yen depreciation and group reorganization.

Base expenses, one of our financial targets, decreased YoY as the steady implementation of cost control initiatives offset the increase from resource allocation.

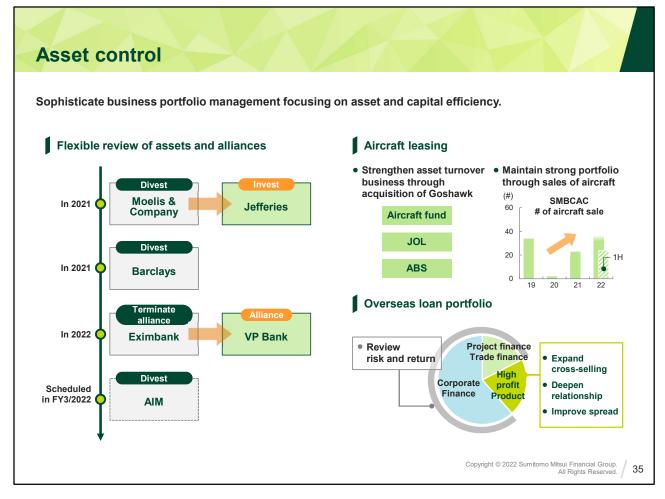
As to IT investment, JPY 5 bn was added to our budget to ensure governance improvement. We will build up firm IT system to prevent recurrence of similar inappropriate incidents.



This is the progress of key initiatives to reduce base expenses.

Our initiatives are making steady progress reducing base expenses by JPY 143 bn and workload by 9,650 people, both of which exceeded initial targets.

These reduced resources has been allocated to initiatives to strengthen resilience as well as growth strategies like digital and overseas businesses.



This slide shows our asset control initiatives.

To improve our asset and capital efficiency, we constantly review and manage our business portfolio through replacement and asset turnover business while capturing healthy loan demand and promoting inorganic strategies.

In inorganic investments, we not only take disciplined approach when considering new deals, but continue to review profitability, strategic significance, and the nature of alliance after investment.

We will always pursue the best mix in our portfolio through replacements.

In the aircraft leasing business, we actively replace aircraft through asset turnover business and sales.

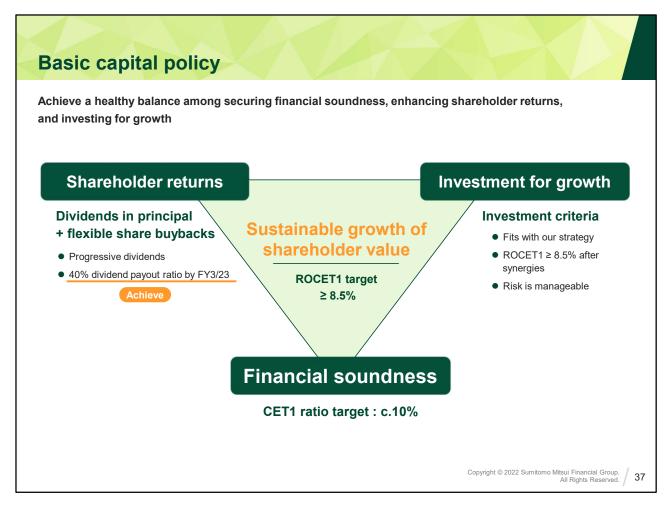
This action will be accelerated as aircraft price is now recovering and the acquisition of Goshawk is to be completed in 2H.

For the overseas loan portfolio, we have been allocating assets to high profit products such as subscription financing and LBO financing, while keeping an eye on market trends. In addition to selecting profitable deals, we also work on cross-selling and improving loan spread in order to further enhance profitability.

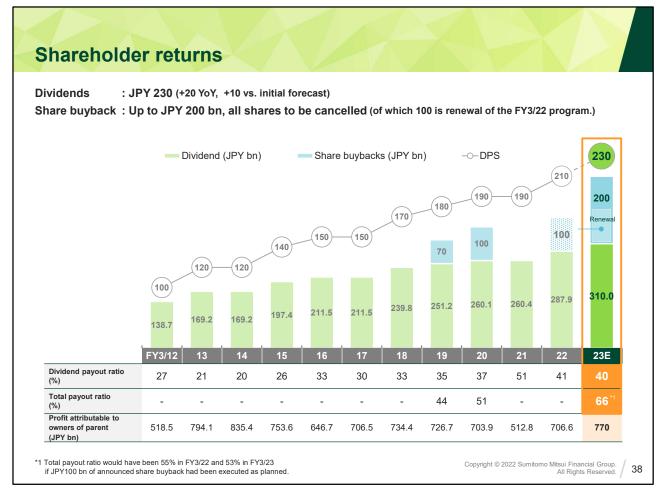
On the other hand, we will review risk and return of corporate finance as well as strengthen businesses without relying too much on expanding balance sheet. Through these efforts, we will improve the asset and capital efficiency of our overseas business.



Next, I will explain our capital policy.



Our basic capital policy remains unchanged; we will achieve a healthy balance among securing financial soundness, enhancing shareholder returns, and investing for growth.



For shareholder returns, we have raised the dividend forecast by JPY 10 to JPY 230. This is JPY 20 increase from FY3/22.

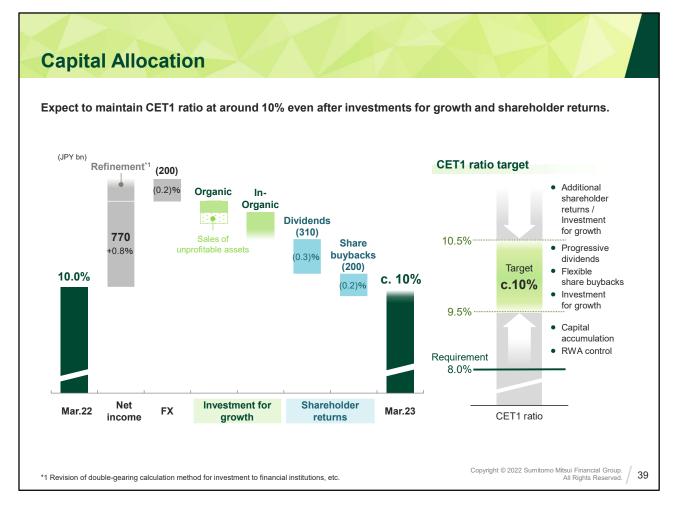
According to upward revision of our bottom-line target to JPY 770 bn, we decided to raise our DPS to achieve dividend payout ratio target of 40%.

JPY 200 bn of share buyback was also announced, of which JPY 100 bn is a renewal of the program announced last November and terminated without any purchase.

I have been explaining that we would place buying orders when the outcome of the SMBC Nikko case became clear, but the case took longer than expected to resolve.

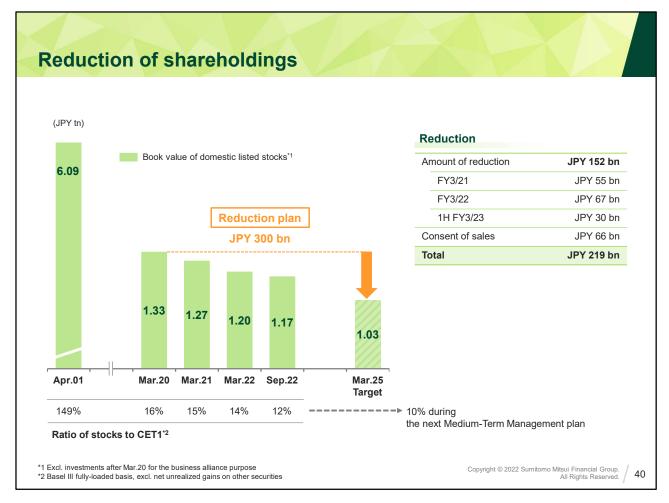
We renewed the program at the same amount in order to honor my commitment to shareholders, in addition to another JPY 100 bn, which was resolved since I am confident to achieve our revised full-year target.

We will continue to enhance shareholder returns and investment for growth in a balanced manner.



JPY 200 bn of capital is necessary in FY3/23 to allocate for the increase of risk-weighted assets due to yen depreciation. This would decrease CET1 ratio by 0.2%.

We will control our CET1 ratio at around 10% even after investment for growth and shareholder returns by accumulating profit, refining capital calculation, and selling unprofitable assets.



Our plan is to reduce shareholdings by JPY 300 bn in 5 years from March 2020. We have reduced JPY 152 bn half-way through, which is slightly ahead of the plan. The consent of sales has also been accumulated up to JPY 66 bn.

I truly understand that investors' expectation on this matter is accelerating.

I am not satisfied with the current status and will challenge achieving the plan ahead of schedule by continuous engagement with our clients.

(Ref.) CET1 Ratio

Post-Basel III (financial target)

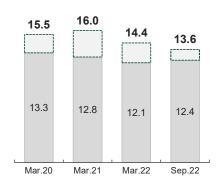
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(JPY tn)				
	RWA	83.5	86.4	88.2	96.1
	CET1 Capital	8.2	8.5	8.8	9.7

Basel III fully-loaded basis

(%)



(JPY tn)					
	61.6	66.0	72.4	78.0	
	9.6	10.6	10.5	10.7	

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Finally, let me share my thoughts on which direction SMBC Group should move toward and what we should do to realize the goal in the next Medium-Term Management Plan.



There is only six months left for the current Medium-Term Management Plan. Let me share the overall image which I gained through our internal discussions so far.

I believe the keyword will be "Growth with quality," a phrase I already use numerously.

The macro environment is dramatically changing: reversal of globalization, decoupling, the end of monetary easing abroad following inflation, further acceleration of digitalization, and expansion of social issues to be addressed.

We are entering a very difficult environment, but from a different perspective, these paradigm shifts could break free of traditional restraints and unlock new future.

I would like to capture this opportunity and launch an exciting Medium-Term Management Plan to pursue growth with quality.

There are three necessary measures.

First is growth strategy to improve capital efficiency.

As planted several seeds for growth during this past three years, we will nurture the seeds to realize both J-curve profit growth and capital efficiency by allocating resources more explicitly.

Second is sophisticated management base.

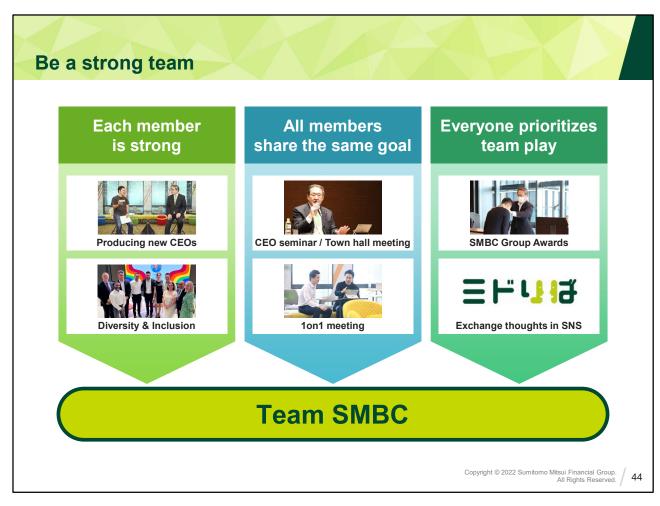
We will learn from the incidents of this year and will improve the quality of our management base.

Resource allocation, training, and IT investment are necessary to execute key measures.

Third is pursuing social value. Companies that cannot create social value should even lose the right to pursue economic value.

We will develop group-wide activities for creating social value to be chosen by both customers and employees and to enhance corporate value in the mid- to long-term.

I will finalize this strategy aiming for growth with quality in the remaining six months and explain in detail on May 2023.



Of course, I cannot implement the next Medium-Term Management Plan alone. I want to make SMBC Group a stronger team to aim for "growth with quality."

I believe a strong team has three characteristics: (1) each member is strong, (2) all members share the same goal and understand what needs to be done to achieve it, and (3) all members are aware of their own assignment and prioritizes team play.

I have been encouraging employees to change their behavior by telling them to "break the mold" and "become influencers in SMBC Group."

However, the most important is an environment where they can realize their dreams.

My responsibility as Group CEO is to support their challenges and set a perfect stage for them to demonstrate their abilities. Here are just few examples that I have been working on to fulfill this responsibility.

I feel that the atmosphere of the company is definitely changing with more employees responding to my spirit.

Despite such positive change, I am very ashamed that such inappropriate incident has occurred. If someone had raised a voice and said "are you sure it's okay?," such case could have been prevented.

I will continue to encourage positive challenges. However, "offense" alone is not enough to succeed as a team.

I am determined to make SMBC Group a stronger team by thoroughly reviewing and strengthening our "defense."

I would like to thank investors and analysts for your continued support.