

GREE, Inc.

FY2025 First Quarter Financial Results

November 5, 2024

# **Executive Summary**



FY25 1Q Financial Results Overview (Consolidated)		<ul> <li>Net sales ¥12.9 billion, operating profit -¥0.1 billion, EBITDA -¥0.1 billion</li> <li>Although performance in the Investment Business was weak, results in the Game and Anime Business, Metaverse Business, and DX Business surpassed expectations</li> </ul>					
3	Game and Anime	<ul> <li>Heaven Burns Red got off to a strong start in China</li> <li>Net sales ¥9.1 billion (QoQ -¥0.7 billion), operating profit ¥0.7 billion (QoQ -¥0.7 billion)</li> </ul>					
Operational Overview	Metaverse	■ Continued strong growth in the platform business and the VTuber business - Net sales ¥2.0 billion (QoQ +¥0.1 billion), operating profit ¥0.1 billion (QoQ +¥0.0 billion)					
	DX	<ul> <li>Achieved solid profit even as we continued making investments aimed at transforming our business structure</li> <li>Net sales ¥1.7 billion (QoQ -¥0.0 billion), operating profit ¥0.2 billion (QoQ -¥0.0 billion)</li> </ul>					
	Investment	<ul> <li>Maintained high overall unrealized value in our investment portfolio despite posting valuation losses on some holdings</li> <li>Net sales ¥0.2 billion (QoQ -¥0.6 billion), operating profit -¥0.8 billion (QoQ -¥1.0 billion)</li> </ul>					

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## 1. Financial Results Overview (Consolidated)



# **FY25 1Q Financial Results Overview**

Net sales \$12.9 billion, operating profit -\$0.1 billion, EBITDA -\$0.1 billion Ordinary profit and net income declined QoQ due to the posting of foreign exchange losses

Billions of yen

	FY25		FY24	FY24		
	1Q	QoQ	YoY	4Q	1Q	
Net sales	12.94	-1.17 -8%	-2.85 -18%	14.11	15.79	
Operating profit	-0.13	<b>-1.56</b> -109%	-1.36 -111%	1.43	1.23	
Ordinary profit	-1.45	-3.21 -182%	-3.02 -192%	1.77	1.57	
Net income	-1.64	-3.07 -215%	<b>-2.83</b> -239%	1.43	1.18	
EBITDA	-0.07	-1.57 -105%	-1.41 -105%	1.50	1.34	

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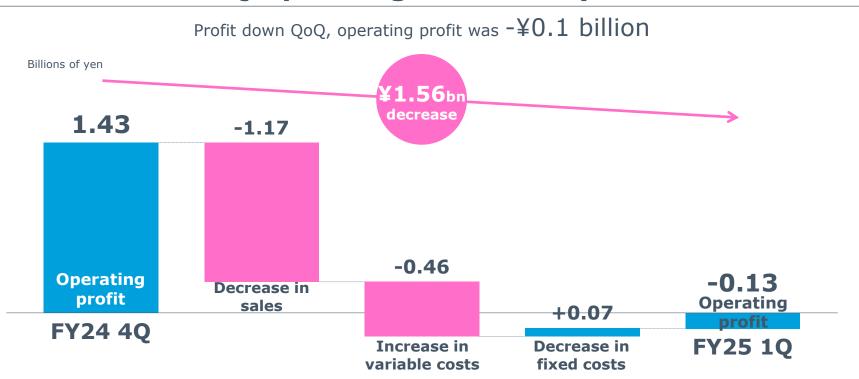
Net income: Profit attributable to shareholders of parent

EBITDA = Operating income/loss + depreciation costs + amortization of goodwill





## 1Q Operating Profit Analysis



## 1. Financial Results Overview (Consolidated)



## **1Q Cost Structure**

Total costs up ¥0.4 billion QoQ, to ¥13.1 billion

Billions of yen

FY25				Footows in about a (Oco)	FY24	FY24
	1Q	QoQ	YoY	Factors in change(QoQ)	4Q	1Q
Advertising	1.09	0.29	0.08	Increase on strengthening of promotions for Heaven Burns Red	0.80	1.01
Commission fees, etc.	3.31	-0.35	-1.18	Decrease due to lower sales	3.66	4.49
Other	1.10	0.52	0.67	Increase on posting of valuation losses by investees	0.58	0.43
Total variable costs	5.50	0.46	-0.43		5.04	5.93
Labor costs	3.56	-0.07	-0.13	-	3.63	3.69
Rental costs <b>0.53</b> 0.02 -0.05		-0.05	-	0.51	0.58	
Depreciation <b>0.06</b> -0.01 -0.05		-0.05	-	0.07	0.11	
Goodwill amortization		-	-	-	-	
Other	3.43	-0.01	-0.83	-	3.43	4.25
Total fixed costs	7.58	-0.07	-1.06		7.64	8.64
Total costs	13.08	0.39	-1.49		12.68	14.56

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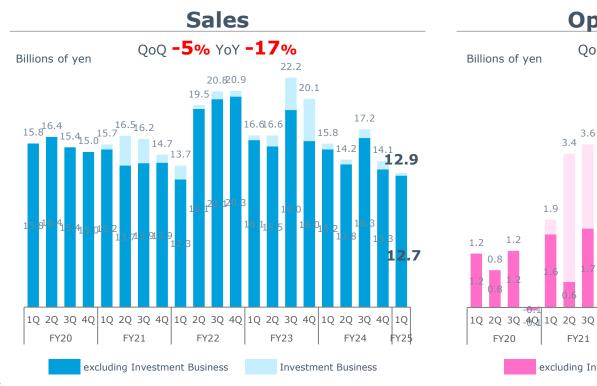


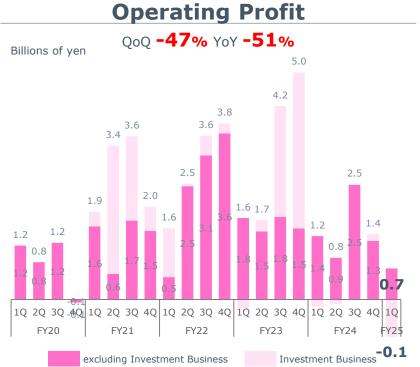
**Senior Vice President, Chief Strategy Officer** 

# Sanku Shino



# **Sales and Operating Profit**



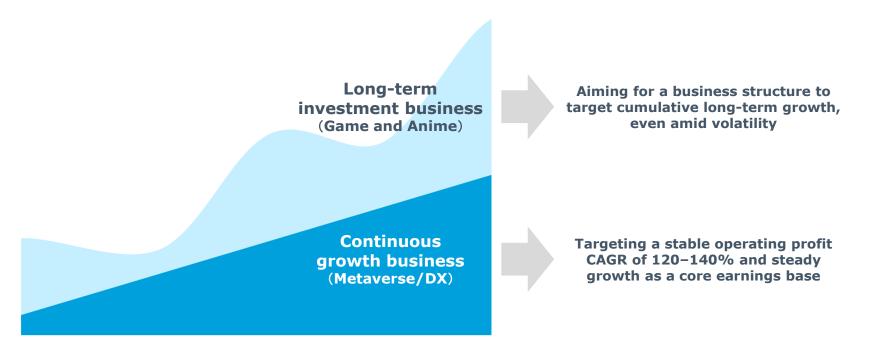


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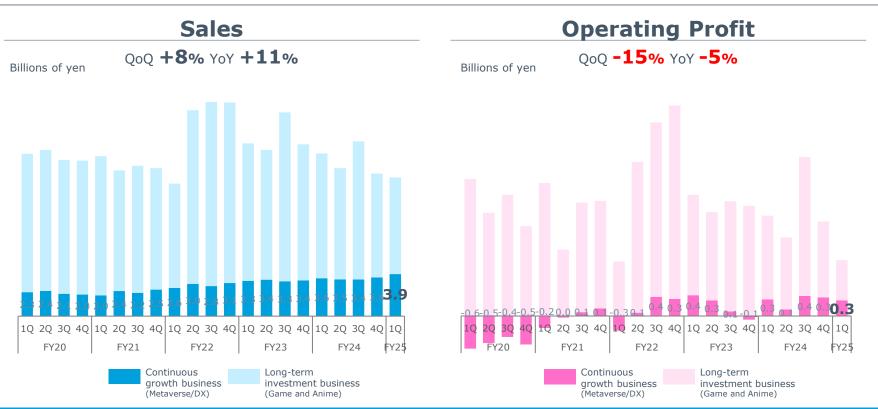
## **Vision for Long-term Growth**

We target steady growth in core earnings from continuous growth businesses and long-term growth, taking advantage of profit upswings, from long-term investment businesses





## Sales and Operating Profit (Continuous growth business)



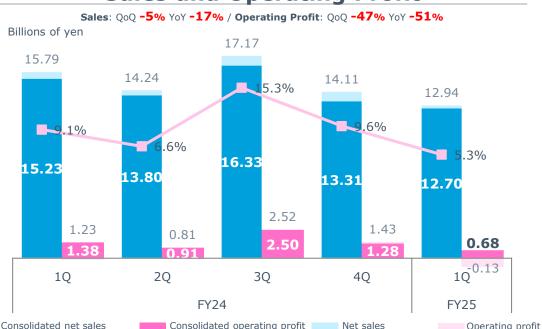
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## **Business Conditions**





(excluding Investment Business)

#### **Focus Points**

- Profits in the Game and Anime Business, Metaverse Business, and DX Business surpassed expectations
- Posted a quarterly consolidated operating loss due to write downs in the Investment Business

Operating profit margin

Notes:

(excluding Investment Business)

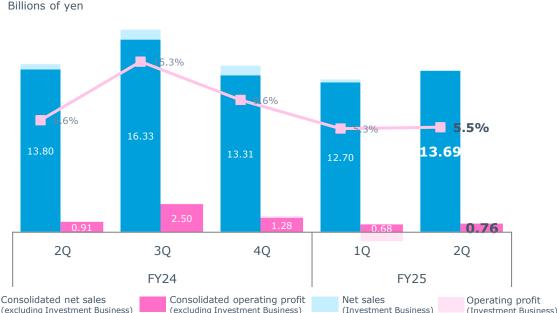
<sup>•</sup> QoQ, YoY and operating profit margins are calculated excluding the Investment Business



# Earnings Estimates (2Q FY25, excluding Investment Business)

### Sales and Operating Profit





### **Focus Points**

 We expect to achieve QoQ growth in sales and profit in the Game and Anime Business on anniversary events, etc. for mainstay titles

Operating profit margin

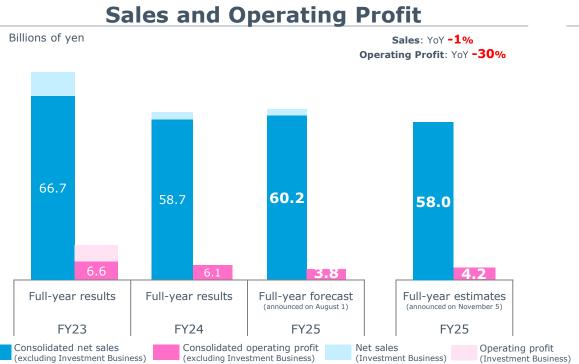
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## Earnings Forecast and Estimates (Full-Year FY25, excluding Investment Business)



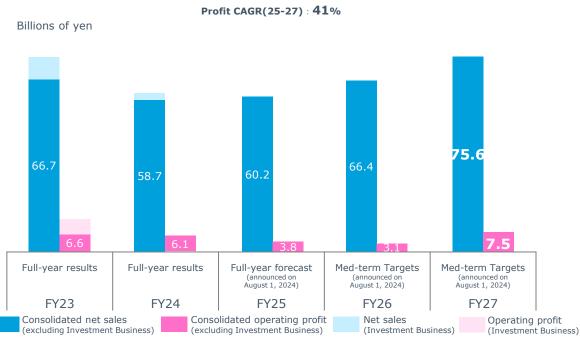
- We have revised our forecast for the Game and Anime Business and now expect a slight YoY decline in sales
- We expect operating profit to decline on an increase in costs related to the development of new titles in the Game and Anime Business

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- Full-year forecast: Full-year FY2025 forecast figures announced alongside 4Q FY2024 results on August 1, 2024
- Full-year estimates: Based on 1Q results and our most recent estimates for 2Q to 4Q



## Medium-term Targets (excluding Investment Business)





### **Focus Points**

We target steady growth in the Metaverse Business and the DX Business and growth in the Game and Anime Business starting in FY2027

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## **Sales and Operating Income by Segment**

Billions of yen

			FY2	24		FY25	QoQ		YoY	
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	QuQ		101	
Game and	Sales	11.72	10.44	12.95	9.74	9.06	-0.67	-7%	-2.65	-23%
Anime	Operating profit	1.56	1.35	2.60	1.42	0.75	-0.67	-47%	-0.82	-52%
Motavorco	Sales	1.96	1.79	1.61	1.88	1.96	0.07	+4%	-0.00	-0%
Metaverse	Operating profit	0.12	-0.12	0.08	0.13	0.15	0.02	+17%	0.03	+24%
DX	Sales	1.59	1.66	1.83	1.75	1.75	-0.00	-0%	0.16	+10%
	Operating profit	0.19	0.24	0.29	0.22	0.21	-0.01	-5%	0.02	+9%
Investment	Sales	0.56	0.44	0.84	0.81	0.24	-0.57	-70%	-0.32	-58%
Investment	Operating profit	-0.16	-0.10	0.02	0.15	-0.81	-0.96	-648%	-0.66	
Consolidated	Sales	15.79	14.24	17.17	14.11	12.94	-1.17	-8%	-2.85	-18%
(including adjustments)	Operating profit	1.23	0.81	2.52	1.43	-0.13	-1.56	-109%	-1.36	-111%

Notes:

<sup>•</sup> Figures for past fiscal years are recalculated to reflect changes to reportable segments made in FY2024 and FY2025





# **Earnings Estimates and Forecast by Segment**

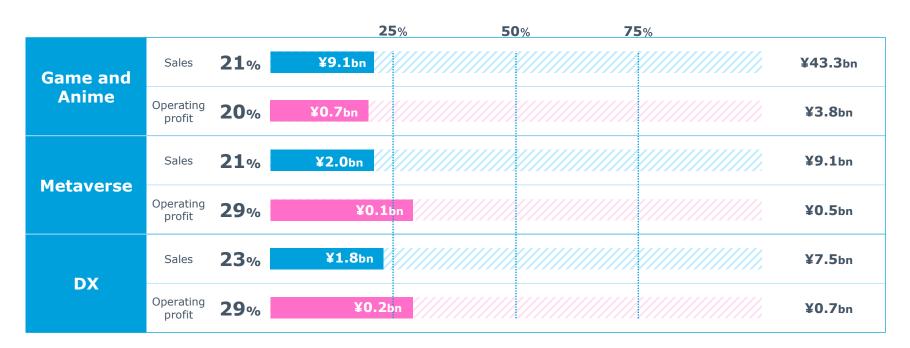
Billions of yen

		FY25	2Q		FY25 Full-year			FY25 1Q	FY24 Full-year
		Estimates	QoQ		Forecast	YoY		Result	Result
Game and	Sales	9.77	0.71	+8%	43.3	-1.5	-3%	9.06	44.8
Anime	Operating profit	0.92	0.17	+23%	3.8	-3.1	-45%	0.75	6.9
Metaverse	Sales	2.20	0.24	+12%	9.1	1.9	+26%	1.96	7.2
Metaverse	Operating profit	0.02	-0.13	-86%	0.5	0.3	+142%	0.15	0.2
DX	Sales	1.68	-0.07	-4%	7.5	0.7	+10%	1.75	6.8
DX.	Operating profit	0.17	-0.04	-19%	0.7	-0.2	-23%	0.21	0.9





# FY25 Full-Year Earnings Forecast Progress (as of 1Q FY25)







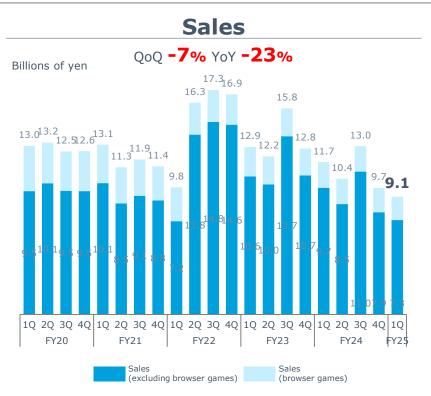
# Game and Anime Business

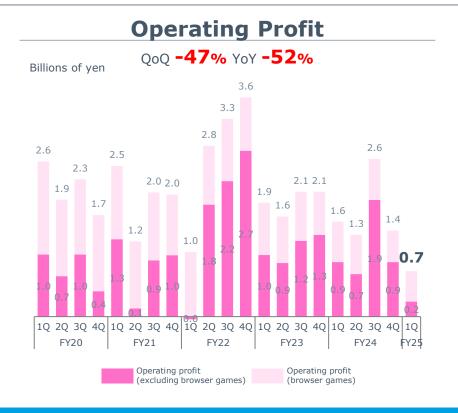
**Senior Vice President** 

# Yuta Maeda



# **Sales and Operating Profit**

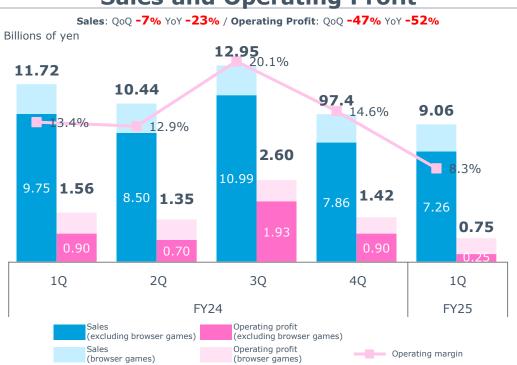






## **Summary of the Game and Anime Business**

### Sales and Operating Profit

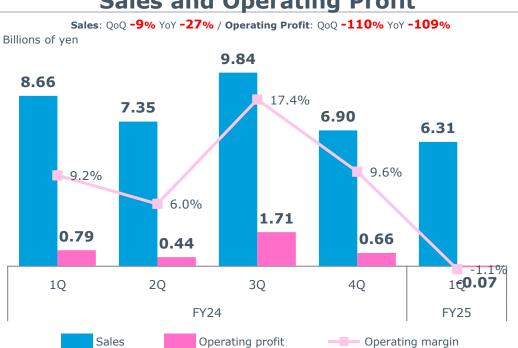


- While Heaven Burns Red has gotten off to a strong start as an outlicensed title in China, sales of some of the tiles that we operate have been weak, resulting in QoQ declines in sales and profit
- Working on new titles for FY2026 and beyond



## **Live Service Game Business**

### Sales and Operating Profit

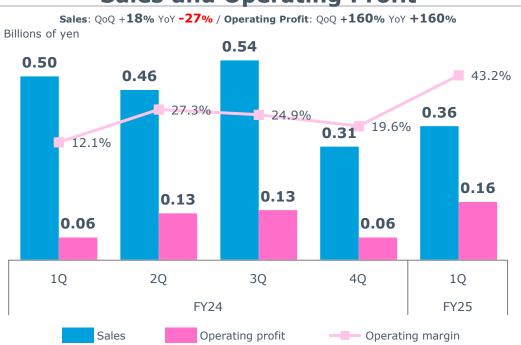


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## **Licensed Game Business**

## **Sales and Operating Profit**



#### **Focus Points**

 Sales and profit rose QoQ on strong performance from overseas licensed game titles and an increase in returns from investments in anime



## **Pipeline**

4 titles (including console games) in planning and development stages

~FY24 (Released) FY25 FY26 FY27~



Heaven Burns Red
(Live service/joint IP, released in February 2022)



Puella Magi Madoka Magica Magia Exedra
(Live service/3rd-party IP)



Console/1st-party IP



Another Eden
(Live service/1st-party IP, released in April 2017)

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Live service/3rd-party IP

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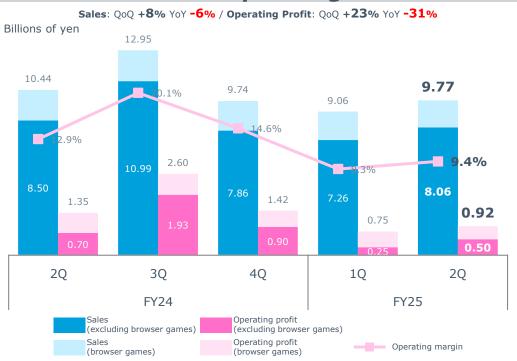
Live service/3rd-party IP

A total of four titles are in long-term operation



## **Earnings Estimates** (2Q FY25)

### Sales and Operating Profit

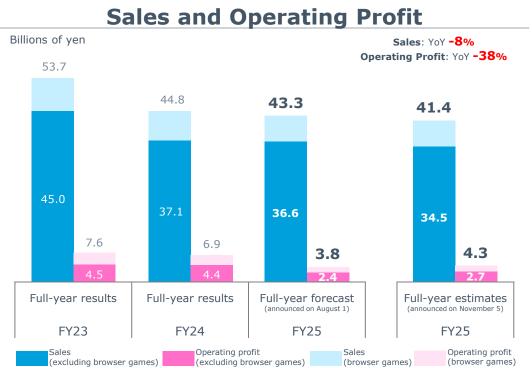


### **Focus Points**

 We expect QoQ growth in sales and profit on the impact of events and anniversary promotions for mainstay titles



## **Earnings Forecast and Estimates** (Full-Year FY25)



#### **Focus Points**

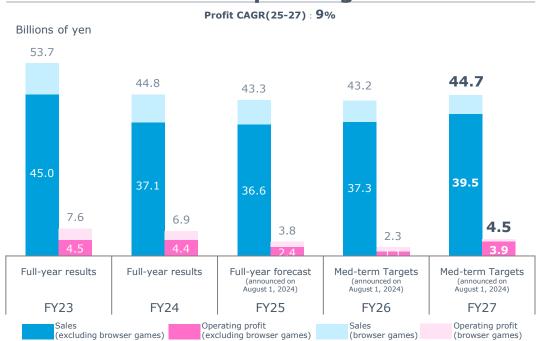
 We factor in contribution from new titles conservatively and expect sales and operating profit to decline slightly YoY

- Changes in reportable segments are reflected in past FY figures
- Full-year forecast: Full-year FY2025 forecast figures announced alongside 4Q FY2024 results on August 1, 2024
- Full-year estimates: Based on 1Q results and our most recent estimates for 2Q to 4Q



# **Medium-term Targets**

### **Sales and Operating Profit**



### **Focus Points**

We position the Game and Anime Business as a long-term investment business, targeting long-term growth; until FY2027, we will focus on development of new titles and preparation for full-scale entry into the console market



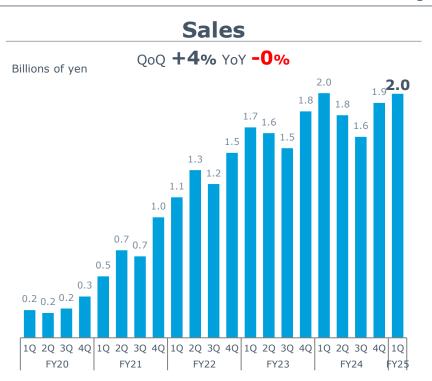


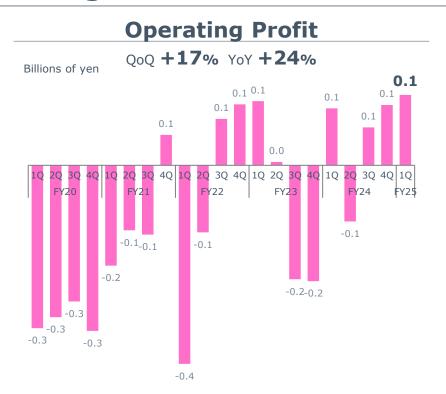
# **Metaverse Business**

Senior Vice President **Eiji Araki** 



# **Sales and Operating Profit**

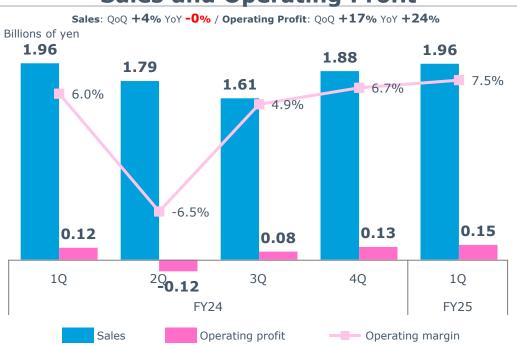






## **Summary of the Metaverse Business**

## **Sales and Operating Profit**

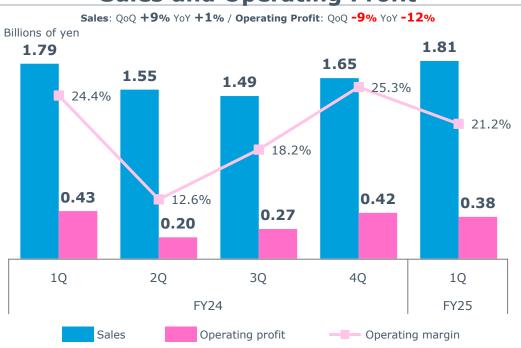


- Strong results in the platform business and the VTuber business
- Sales and profit rose QoQ despite continuing aggressive investment in VTuber business



## Platform Business (REALITY, Inc.)

### Sales and Operating Profit

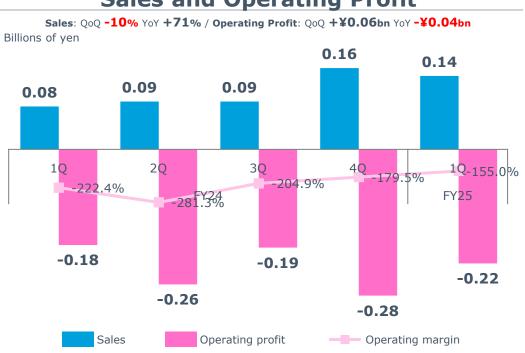


- Continued to strengthen alliances with livestreaming talent agencies, domestic livestreaming remains strong
- Launched game streaming feature, aiming to further increase revenue through live streaming
- Made progress toward a major update for avatar and room feature



## **VTuber Business** (REALITY Studios, inc.)



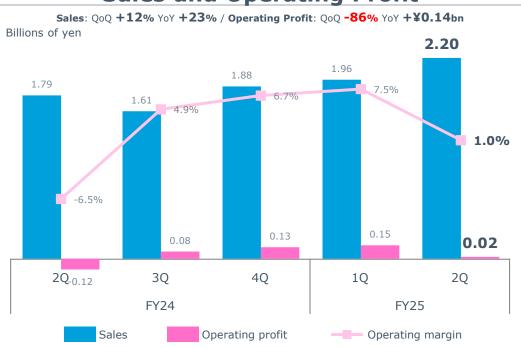


- Continued growth on a steady increase in the size of our talent pool (+12 QoQ) as sales rose 71% YoY
- Continued aggressive investment



## **Earnings Estimates** (2Q FY25)

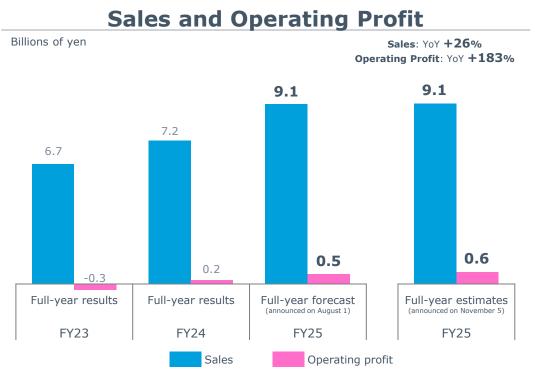
### Sales and Operating Profit



- We expect sales growth in the platform business on growth in avatar and room sales
- We expect a decline in operating profit in the VTuber business on increased investment in costs related to events and auditions



## **Earnings Forecast and Estimates** (Full-Year FY25)



#### **Focus Points**

We expect to reach our forecast targets

Changes in reportable segments are reflected in past FY figures

• Full-year estimates: Based on 1Q results and our most recent estimates for 2Q to 4Q

<sup>•</sup> Full-year forecast: Full-year FY2025 forecast figures announced alongside 4Q FY2024 results on August 1, 2024



# **Medium-term Targets**

1.5

Med-term Targets

(announced on

August 1, 2024)

FY26

Operating profit

3.3

Med-term Targets

(announced on

August 1, 2024)

FY27



0.5

Full-vear forecast

(announced on

August 1, 2024)

FY25

Sales

0.2

Full-vear results

FY24

-0.3

Full-year results

FY23

#### **Focus Points**

 We forecast continued steady growth in the Platform Business and the VTuber Business; expect operating profit of ¥3.3bn in FY2027





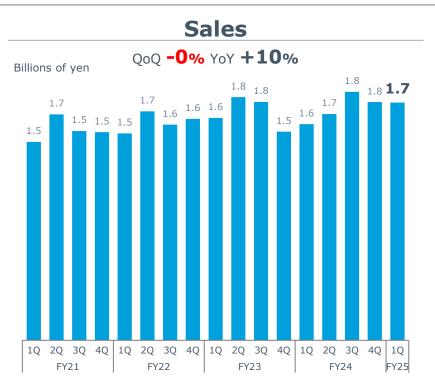
# **DX Business**

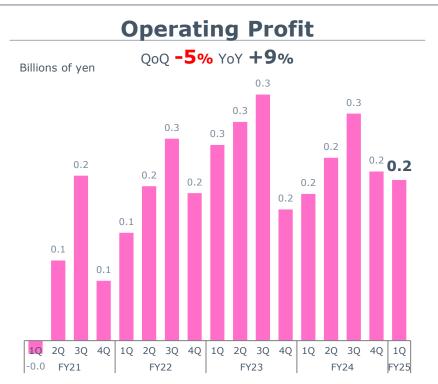
**Vice President** 

# Kazuhisa Adachi



# **Sales and Operating Profit**

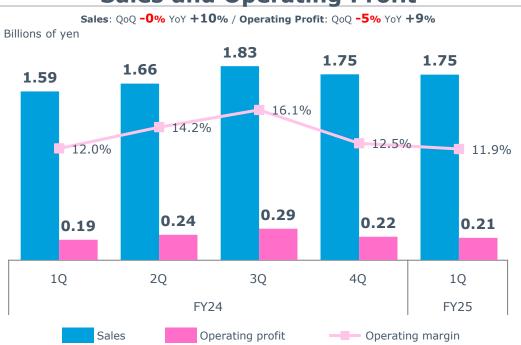






### **Summary of the DX Business**

### Sales and Operating Profit

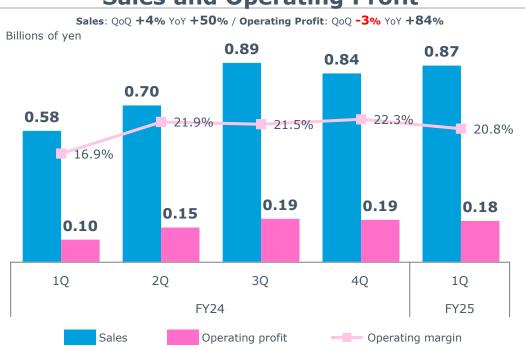


- 1Q results were in line with our forecast, with sales up 10% YoY and steady QoQ
- Continued to make investments aimed at transitioning from a project-based business structure to a recurring-earnings-type business structure



# **Marketing DX Business**

### Sales and Operating Profit

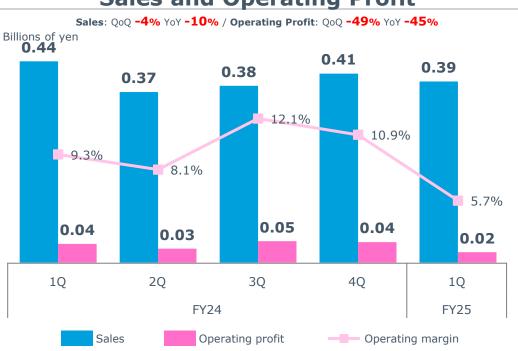


- Secured new projects on pace with our target
- The marketing DX business currently has a labor-intensive business structure, this means that earnings are limited by the number of employees
- We are therefore building relationships with our outsourcing partners in order to free ourselves from these limitations



### **Social DX Business**

### **Sales and Operating Profit**

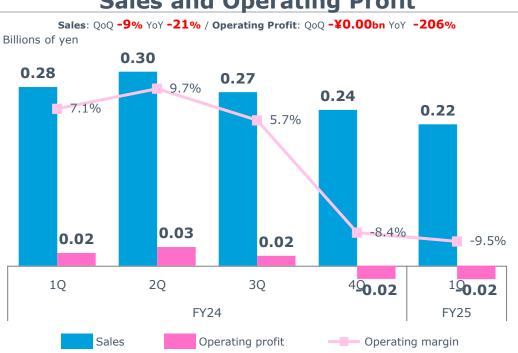


- Earnings in the social DX business were also on target
- We are currently investing in development of SaaS product in order to drive future growth
- We aim to launch SaaS product in 3Q



### aumo, Inc.

### Sales and Operating Profit

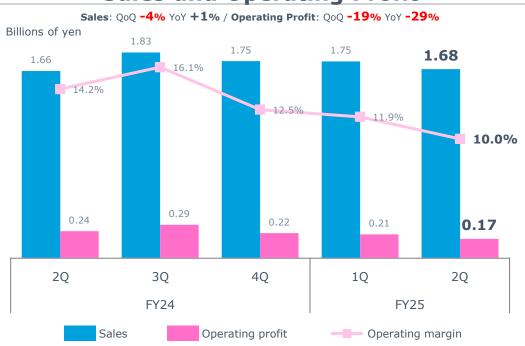


- The aumo business continues to face difficulties
- aumo's mainstay SaaS product is closely linked to our aumo website and related services, so the lower value placed on aumo's SEO has resulted in a decline in the value of the SaaS product
- We will work to improve the value of aumo's SEO and strengthen the functions of the SaaS product in order to achieve future growth



### **Earnings Estimates** (2Q FY25)

### **Sales and Operating Profit**

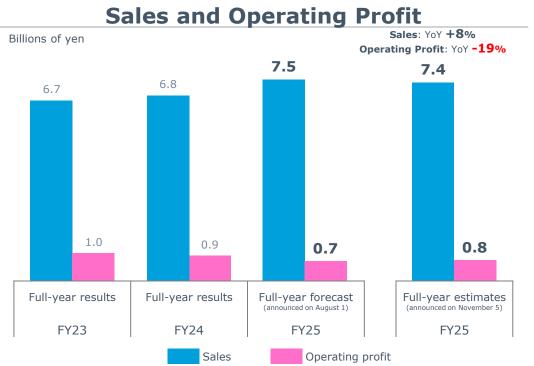


#### **Focus Points**

■ In 2Q, we will continue to invest in the transition to a recurringearnings-type business structure



### **Earnings Forecast and Estimates** (Full-Year FY25)



#### **Focus Points**

 We have designated FY2025 as a period of investment aimed at reigniting growth

Notes:

Full-year estimates: Based on 1Q results and our most recent estimates for 2Q to 4Q

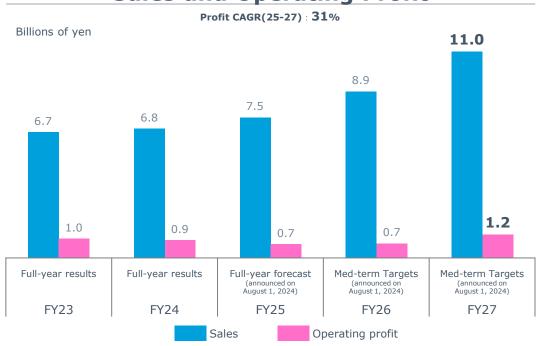
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### **Medium-term Targets**

**Sales and Operating Profit** 



- In FY2025-2026, we will continue to invest in the transition from a project-based business structure to a recurring-earnings-type business structure
- We will complete this transition by FY2026 and target growth from FY2027 onward





# **Investment Business**

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

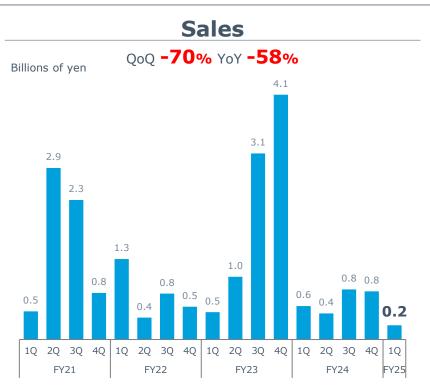
# Toshiki Oya



# **Sales and Operating Profit**

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FY21



# Operating Profit Billions of yen QoQ -648% YoY -¥0.66bn 3.4 2.8 2.4

1.1

0.4

1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q 1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q 1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q

FY22

0.2



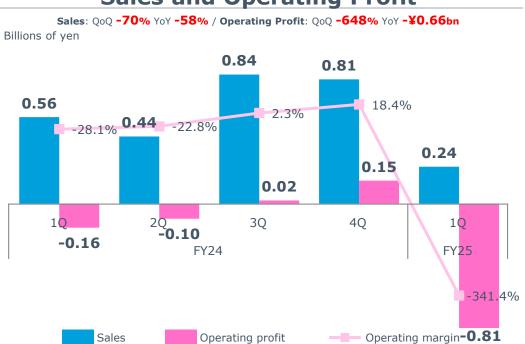
FY24

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### **Summary of the Investment Business**



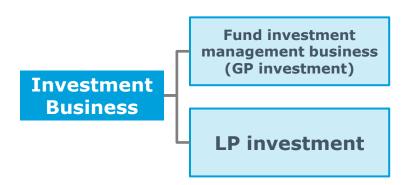


- We posted a quarterly loss in 1Q due to revaluation of some of our holdings
- Continued steady investment



### **Business Structure and Basic Plan**

#### **Business Structure**



The Investment Business segment consists of two subsegments: the fund investment management business (GP investment), which earns stable income from management fees and the LP investment business which earns income through capital gains.

#### **Basic plan for the Investment Business**

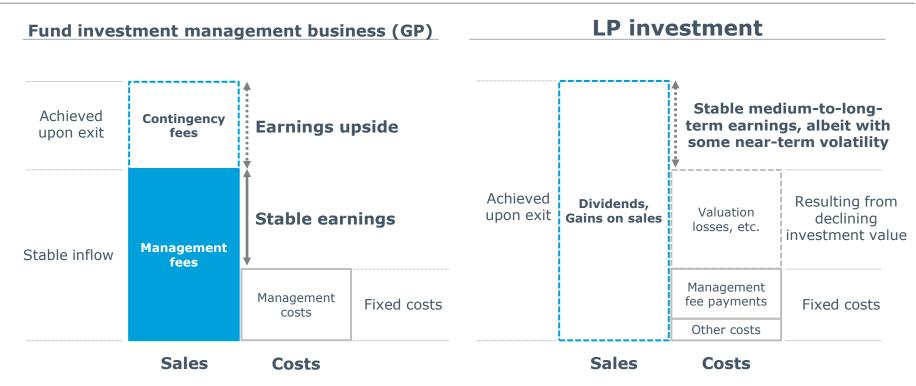
#### Continuous, staggered investment timing

- Make continuous, steady investments regardless of market conditions and accumulate investment assets
- Stagger timing of investments over periods of 10 years or more to achieve staggered timing of investment return phases
- Continuously hold multiple investments that have staggered investment return phases, aiming for stable profit contribution over the medium-to-long term





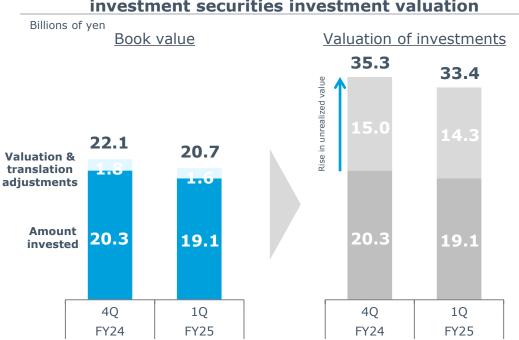
# **Earnings Structure**





### **Summary of the Investment Business**





### **Investment status in 1Q**

- Investment in 4 VC funds in Japan and the United States
- Investment in 1 startups
- Valued at approximately ¥33.4bn based on valuation of invested companies at time of raising capital

Notes:

Valuation & translation adjustments: Valuation of shares of listed companies held by GREE and VC funds in which GREE is invested

Valuation of investments: Reference values for VC fund portfolio startup companies, converted based on most-recent financing procurement



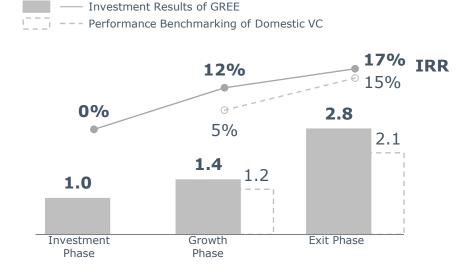
### **Status of Investment Results**

Staggering investments over long periods of time results in staggered timing of investment return phases and high investment returns

# Valuation of investments by investment period







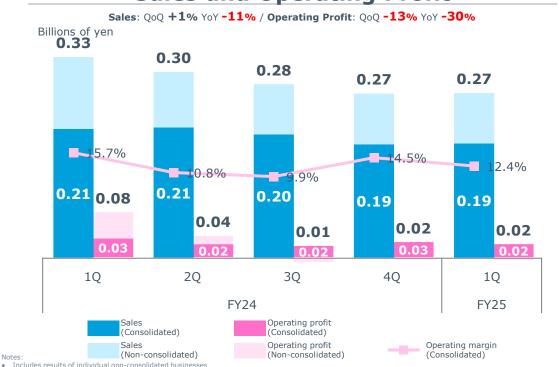
#### Notes:

- Investment Phase: Investment made after FY22, Growth Phase: Investment made between FY18-FY21, Exit Phase: Investment made before FY17
- Valuation of investments: Reference values for VC fund portfolio startup companies, converted based on most-recent financing procurement
- Performance Benchmarking of Domestic VC: Calculated based on the average of the relevant period (there is a six-month difference in the period covered due to the difference between the calendar year and the fiscal year) in Performance Benchmark Update for Japanese Venture Capital 2023 published by PREQUIN



### Fund Investment Management Business (GP)

### **Sales and Operating Profit**

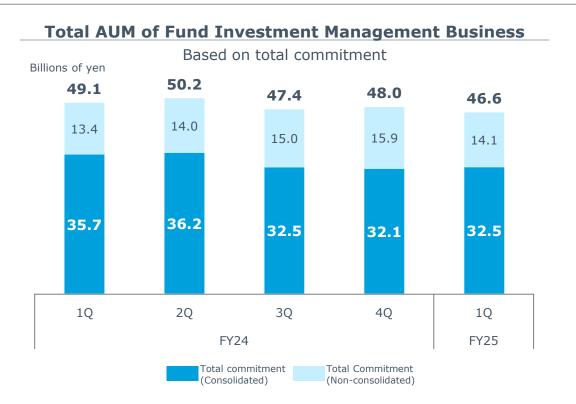


#### **Focus Points**

 Secured stable management fee revenue through continuous formation of investment funds



### Fund Investment Management Business (GP)



#### **Focus Points**

 Total commitment, on which management fee income is based, has remained steady

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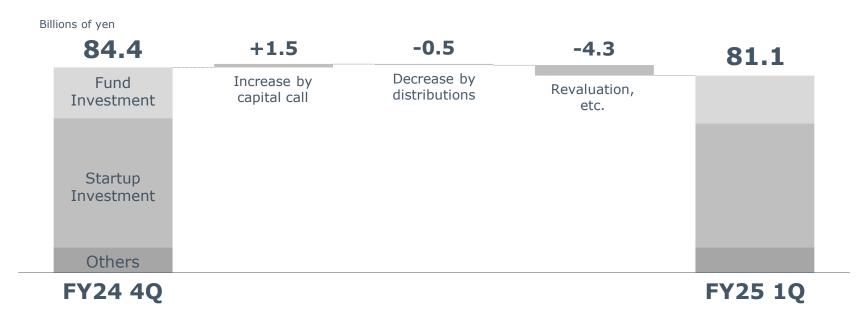
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### 4. Appendix: Investment Business



### **Overview of Total AUM** (Based on Investee Valuation)

Total AUM: 81.1 billion, down ¥3.3 billion QoQ on revaluation etc.



#### Notes:

- Fund Investments: Portion of assets of LP (limited partnership) fund assets held by GREE
- Startup Investments: Total AUM of funds managed by GREE's CVC Business (including investments from LPs)
- Increase by capital call: Increase by LP investment in VC funds, increase in total AUM from CVC capital calls, and increase from direct investment in companies
- Decrease by distributions: Decrease by earnings distributions from VC funds, decrease in total AUM by earnings distributions from CVC, and decrease by sales of interests in direct investments in companies
- Investee valuation: Reference values for VC fund portfolio startup companies, converted based on most-recent financing procurement



# **1Q FY25 Cost Structure**

Billions of yen

		FY25		
		1Q	QoQ	YoY
R	ental charges	0.53	0.02	-0.05
La	abor costs	2.32	-0.01	-0.09
0	thers	3.84	0.18	-0.19
Cost of sales		6.69	0.19	-0.33
A	dvertising	1.09	0.29	0.08
С	ommission fees	2.17	-0.27	-0.82
La	abor costs	1.24	-0.06	-0.04
0	thers	1.88	0.24	-0.37
SG&A		6.39	0.20	-1.15
Total costs		13.08	0.39	-1.49

FY24 4Q	FY24 1Q
0.51	0.58
2.32	2.41
3.66	4.04
6.50	7.02
0.80	1.01
2.44	2.99
1.30	1.28
1.65	2.25
6.19	7.54
12.68	14.56



# **1Q FY25 Balance Sheet**

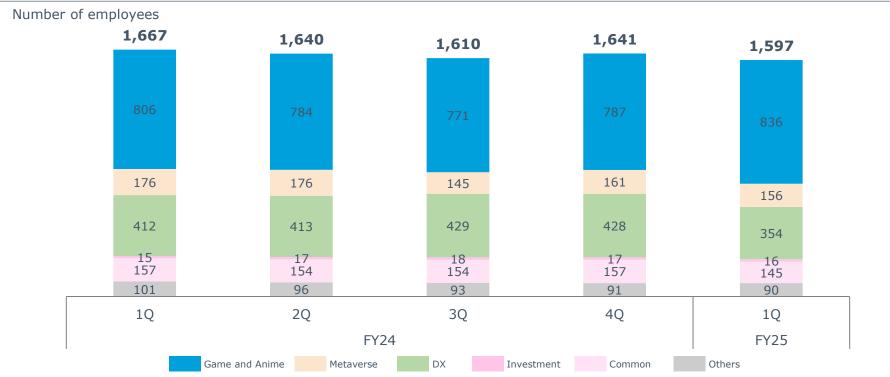
Billions of yen

		FY25		
		<b>1Q</b>	QoQ	YoY
	Current assets	104.4	-7.8	-3.0
	Non-current assets	16.2	-0.3	-0.7
Total assets		120.7	-8.1	-3.7
	Current liabilities	17.8	2.8	-1.9
	Non-current liabilities	12.1	-6.1	-0.1
Total liabilities		30.0	-3.3	-2.0
Total net assets		90.7	-4.8	-1.7
	Cash and deposits	39.5	-10.3	-10.8
	Interest-bearing debt	16.7	-	1.0
Net cash		22.8	-10.3	-11.8
Goodwill		-	-	-

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FY24 4Q	FY24 1Q	
112.3	107.5	
16.5	16.9	
128.8	124.4	
15.0	19.7	
18.2	12.3	
33.3	32.0	
95.5	92.4	
49.8	50.3	
16.7	15.7	
33.1	34.6	
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# **Group Headcount**



Notes:

• Figures for the DX Business in FY2024 and earlier are the total for the DX Business and the Commerce Business, reflecting changes made to reportable segments effective from FY2025

Includes non-consolidated group companies; as of the end of each quarter



# **Sustainability**

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Helping to create a diverse society



Building a safe and secure Internet society

https://corp.gree.net/jp/ja/sustainability/our-actions/

(Only available in Japanese)



# **Additional Information Regarding Business Segment Classifications**

Segment classification		Subsegment names		Main subsidiaries and details	
	Game and Anime	Browser games		GREE, Inc.	
Long-term investment businesses		Excluding browser games	Live Service Game Business	WFS, Inc., Pokelabo, Inc., parts of GREE Entertainment, Inc.	
			Licensed Game Business	Parts of CREE Entertainment, Inc., etc.	
			Others	Parts of GREE Entertainment, Inc., etc.	
	Metaverse	Platform Business		REALITY, Inc.	
		VTuber Business		REALITY Studios, inc.	
Continuous		Others		BLRD PTE.LTD., etc.	
growth		Marketing DX Business		Glossom, Inc.	
businesses		Social DX Business		GREE Lifestyle, Inc.	
		aumo, Inc.		aumo, Inc.	
		Others		ExPlay, Inc., jobda, inc., etc.	
Investment		Fund Investment Management Business		GREE Ventures, Inc., STRIVE, Inc., GREE Capital Partners, LLC,	
		Others		etc.	
Adjustments		_		Corporate functions, consolidated adjustments, etc.	



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