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**SEGASammy** 





Introduction of Sonic IP topics and information on games such as Sonic Frontiers



https://sonic.sega.jp/ SonicChannel/index.html







Strengths of the Sega Sammy Group

## Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken maintaining industry-leading utilization

Launched in 2003, the first Pachislot Hokuto No Ken won great acclaim for its cutting-edge gameplay and LCD visual effects. This legendary title achieved sales above 620,000 units, a record that has yet to be beaten by any other single title. With Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken, we have fully reproduced the gameplay and LCD visual effects of Pachislot Hokuto No Ken, giving them a new lease of life as a smart pachislot title. The fun of this title has appealed not only to users familiar with the first generation, but also to new users. The new version has maintained record utilization rates, with sales exceeding 60,000 units (as of the end of July 2023). From one era to another, Sammy's innovation continues to inspire and move people.











For more information on our human capital strategy, see **P. 58-59** 

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# BEYOND THE STATUS QUO

## **Breaking Out of the Current Situation** and Becoming a Sustainable Company

Amid dramatic changes in the business environment in which the SEGA SAMMY Group operates, we announced a medium-term plan and a clear vision in 2021 to point the way forward for the Group. Guided by this vision, we are pressing ahead to break out of the current situation. We are achieving steady profit growth as we strive to become a truly sustainable corporate group.

In May 2022, we announced our Sustainability Vision. Throughout the Group, we are working together as one team to address five material issues: human resources, products and services, environment, addiction, and governance.

> As always, we will continue to create experiences that move the heart. INTEGRATED REPORT 2023 gives an overview of our thinking and the specific actions we are taking to achieve our vision.









#### Sustainability website

Provides detailed information and data on activities related to the Group's five key issues (materiality). Please read alongside the INTEGRATED REPORT.



web https://www.segasammy.co.jp/en/sustainability/

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# Living Out Our Raison d'Être

In every era, entertainment has given vibrancy to society. While entertainment is an industry that depends on peace for its existence, we believe that it has in itself the power to bring peace to society and inspire people. We will continue working as one team made up of all the Group's employees toward our Group's Mission of "Constantly Creating, Forever Captivating—Making life more colorful." We will also carry out sustainable management by focusing on the four "Es" of Environment, Empathy, Edge, and Economics.



MISSION/PURPOSE (Raison d'être)

## **Constantly Creating, Forever Captivating**

-Making life more colorful-

**VISION** (Ideal self)

## Be a Game Changer

Long-Term Goals to 2030



Entertainment Contents Business
Global Leading Contents Provider



Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business



Winning a "Triple Crown"

—Top Share in Utilization, Installation, and Sales



Realize the investment in Gaming area











Economics

**VALUE** (Mindset and DNA)

"Creation is Life"



"Always Proactive, Always Pioneering"



Human Resources



Products and Services



Environmen



ddiction



Governance

**Meterial Issues to Be Addressed** 

# The Vision We Aim to Become in 2030

To achieve our vision for the Group in 2030, we are steadily implementing various measures under the slogan of the medium-term plan: Beyond the Status Quo

—Breaking the Current Situation and Becoming a Sustainable Company—.

## Medium-Term Plan BEY ND THE STATUS QU - Breaking the Current Situation and Becoming a Sustainable Company -

#### From FY2022/3 to FY2024/3

- Proactive investment (Consumer area)
- Strengthening the global branding of existing IPs
- Creation of a "Super Game"
- Creation of hits × Business efficiency
- No. 1 in total utilization of pachislot and pachinko machines
- · Reinforcing the earnings base
- Bolstering the profitability of existing resort facilities.
- Careful assessment of investment opportunities in the Gaming area

# Realize a sustainable society and increase corporate value

#### From FY2025/3 to FY2030/3

- Increasing our presence in the global mobile domain
- Scaling up our IP lineup
- Strengthening the development of smart Pachislot and Pachinko machines
- Increasing our market share
- Careful assessment of investment opportunities in online casino and sports betting overseas
- Careful assessment of investment opportunities in land-based casinos overseas

The vision we aim to become in 2030

Global Leading Contents Provider

Triple crown: Top share in utilization. installation, and sales

Building a stable earnings structure

Realize the investment in Gaming area

**Entertainment Contents** 

**Business** 

**Pachislot and Pachinko** 

**Machines Business** 

**Resort Business** 

Quantitative Goals (FY2026/3)

ROE: Over 10% D/E ratio: x 0.5 to 0.6 Total return ratio: 50% or more

Ordinary Income: Over ¥50.0 billion

Consolidated ROIC: Over WACC DOE: 3% or more

## **Human Resources**



#### **Products and Services** Providing safe dependable

and innovative products and services

From FY2022/3 to FY2026/3



#### Strategic commitment to

action on climate change

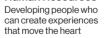
Environment

Promoting combined effort by all Group employees based on a concrete action plan

Financial strategies for

maximizing corporate value

Efforts to address material issues (materiality) that make up the foundation of sustainability







Governance Strengthening sustainability

## 2030 targets

- Implementation of industry-academia collaboration research on addiction

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The Group will use the management resources we have cultivated so far and implement effective strategies so that we can continue to provide value to all stakeholders

Group Values/DNA "Creation is Life" X "Always Proactive, Always Pioneering"

MISSION/PURPOSE (Raison d'être) Constantly Creating, Forever Captivating — Making life more colorful—

# INPUT

#### Financial capital

Capital strength and strong financial position

Total assets: ¥501.5 billion Total net assets: ¥313.3 billion

Equity ratio: 66.0%

#### Manufacturing capital

Creative DNA that creates experiences that move the heart across a wide range of business domains globally

#### Intellectual capital

The Group's rich IP lineup P. 28 **R&D** capabilities

Number of development personnel: 4,695 R&D expenses: ¥80.4 billion

## Human capital

Consolidated employee numbers: 8,219

(Number of full-time and permanent contract employees \*excluding temporary employees)

Employees in Japan: 5,864

Employees overseas: 2,355

Amount invested in education: Approx. ¥0.47 billion\* \* Companies in scope: SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS, SEGA (Japan), San

## Social capital

Alliances with other companies

▲ The above figures are the actual results for the fiscal year ended March 2023

## BUSINESS

#### Business portfolio that carries out our MISSION/PURPOSE

#### **Entertainment Contents Business**

- Consumer/Amusement Machine/Animation and Toys
- Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business
- Pachislot machines/ Pachinko machines
- Planning pachislot/pachinko game content for PCs and smartphones
- Gaming machine

Developing and operating resorts in Japan and overseas

#### Medium-Term Plan (FY2022/3-FY2024/3)

#### **Beyond the Status Quo**

Breaking out of the Current Situation and **Becoming a Sustainable Company** 

## Medium-term plan final year targets

(figures announced in May 2021)

Ordinary income: ¥45.0 billion ROE: Over10%

#### **Entertainment Contents Business**

- Reinforcing the earnings base by strengthening the global branding of existing IPs
- Investment stage toward becoming a global player
- **Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business**
- Becoming No. 1 in total utilization of pachislot and pachinko through creation of hits
- Improving business efficiency and maintain stable earnings

Careful assessment of investment opportunities in the Gaming area

#### Material Issues to Be Addressed Sustainability helps keep life colorful









## Foundation for value creation

Risk management Compliance Strong financial position

## OUTPUT

Net sales: ¥389.6 billion Ordinary income: ¥49.4 billion

**ROE: 14.7%** 

#### **Entertainment Contents Business**

Net sales: ¥282.8 billion Ordinary income: ¥41.1 billion

#### **Full Game: Unit sales**

Total new titles: 10.09 million units (Japan: 1.09 million units / Overseas: 8.99 million units) Total repeat sales: 17.79 million units (Japan: 1.38 million units/Overseas: 16.4 million units)

#### Global simultaneous launch x multi-platform support

#### **Number of Titles**

Total new titles: 10 titles (about 8.8 million units) Overseas net sales

¥116.7 billion (overseas sales ratio: 62.1%)

#### **Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business**

Net sales: ¥94.2 billion

Ordinary income: ¥20.7 billion

#### **Cumulative unit sales**

Pachislot: 94,966 units Pachinko: 103,556 units Share of total utilization

#### Share of total utilization of

pachislot and pachinko machines: 4th

Pachislot: 3rd Pachinko: 3rd

\* In-house estimation based on DK-SIS data (Data for 4 yen Pachinko and 20 yen Pachislot)

\* Utilization Share = Ratio of Sammy machine's utilization out of total number of installed

machines for each title × utilization of each title (Pachislot: Numbers of inserted medals Pachinko: Numbers of shot balls)

#### **Resort Business**

Net sales: ¥11.5 billion

Ordinary income: ¥ **-3.2** billion

## Phoenix Seagaia Resort No. of facility users (Thousands)

▲ Above figures are actual results for the fiscal year ended March 2023.

3 accommodation facilities: 394 2 golf courses: 103 Other facilities: 449

# OUTCOME

#### VISION (Ideal self)

## Be a Game Changer

#### Creation of social value

#### **Human Resources**

#### **Cultural diversity**

• Promoting "game change" by increasing culturally diverse human resources

#### Active career opportunities for women

• Creating a foundation where people can thrive regardless of gender

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#### **Development of core human resources**

• Strategic development of human resources who can lead the next generation

#### Maintenance of work environments

 Maintaining and improving the engagement of human resources

#### **Products and Services**

#### **Quality improvement**

- Making content and services that serve, inspire, and awaken over 3 billion gamers worldwide
- Triple crown: Top share in utilization, installation, and sales

#### Safety and security

- Creating rules that allow everyone in the world to enjoy games without discrimination
- Continue creating content that users and operators can rely on

#### **Environment**

#### Scope 1.2

Achieving carbon neutrality

#### Scope 3

• Reducing GHG emissions by 22.5% or more

#### Addiction

Prevention of addictions and disorders

# A Message from the CEO



Steady growth in both sales and profit as we moved toward achieving our slogan: Beyond the Status Quo

# What does it mean for SEGA SAMMY to continue creating experiences that move the heart?

The SEGA SAMMY Group Mission / Purpose (Raison d'être) is Constantly Creating, Forever Captivating — Making Life More Colorful —. For our Group, whose business is grounded in entertainment, creating experiences that move the heart is the very purpose of our existence.

Moreover, creating experiences that captivate and move the heart only once is pointless. To pursue sustainability, it is equally vital that we continue creating such experiences. Two notions go into the word "colorful" in the second half of the Mission. One is to respect diversity, putting value on empathy with people of different values, cultures, genders, and races. The other notion involves facing up squarely to negative aspects including addiction that emerge in the course of the Group's business that we cannot simply pretend not to look at. Rather, by facing up to and minimizing these aspects, we add bright hues to society by means of the experiences that move the heart that we offer. This is the kind of Group we are striving to be.

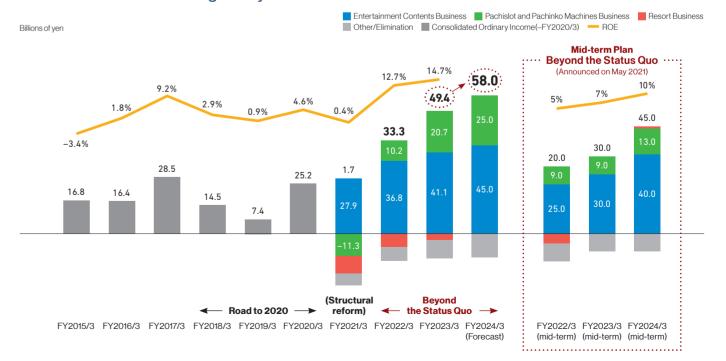
# The second year of the medium-term plan saw significant strides in business performance

In the Consumer area of the Entertainment Contents Business, Sonic Frontiers and Persona 5 Royal (Remaster) were hits and performance in F2P titles was also brisk. In the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business, sales of pachislot machines were robust, especially Pachislot Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress, driving a significant year-on-year increase in both sales and profits. The Resort Business also experienced recovery, with Phoenix Seagaia Resort achieving profitability for the first time since it joined the Group. Segment sales were up significantly year on year as a result, and the loss margin narrowed.

In this way, sales and profits were up significantly year on year across all of our businesses, while losses narrowed. The result was net sales of ¥389.6 billion, ordinary income of ¥49.4 billion, and ROE of 14.7%—in other words, we were able to reach our targets for the final year of the medium-term plan a year ahead of schedule. Thus, for the fiscal year ending March 2024, the final year of the plan, we have significantly revised our performance targets upward.

Medium-Term Plan: Changes in Ordinary Income (FY2015/3–FY2024/3)

Growth in Entertainment Contents and Pachislot and Pachinko Machines businesses drove achievement of targets a year ahead of schedule



#### Review of Entertainment Contents Business

#### **Creating worldwide hits**

In the mainstay Consumer area, new Japan-based titles such as Sonic Frontiers and Persona 5 Royal (Remaster) are enjoying significant sales growth overseas. On the other hand, the sales of new Europe-based titles that we had looked for failed to materialize, shedding a light on some issues. In today's game market, users increasingly tend to read numerous reviews and media information before they buy a game. Talked-about titles with high ratings can record phenomenal sales worldwide, but we see a growing number of cases where sales are sluggish for games that fail to catch the attention of users. The key to making hit games that generate huge sales is to create games that offer new, neverbefore-seen experiences, increase engagement with users, and get widely talked about.

In addition, as playing games via downloading has become mainstream, digital distribution platforms are now available that allow games to be delivered instantly around the world. This has surely increased the odds of creating a worldwide hit. Even in Southeast Asia and the Middle East, where we expect to see major expansion of the games market going forward, user access to our games has become much easier than ever before. We will take full advantage of this opportunity.

Given this context, we believe it is important to continue to maximize the value of our powerful IP lineup, delivering highquality products and services to game users around the world.

#### Further acceleration of the IP strategy

The Sonic IP, which arose out of our games, has seen steady expansion into movies, anime, and other media. Sonic has now grown into a huge IP, the most successful example of our IP strategy. More than anything else, the secret behind this success lies in our continued pursuit of the sheer fun of the game where it got its start.

For the hugely popular *Sonic Frontiers* title, the development team tested the game over and over again, even postponing the release date, insisting on raising the quality of the game to the utmost limit. As a result, *Sonic Frontiers* has become one of the best games in the entire Sonic IP game series, winning over many new Sonic fans.

Success with Sonic IP has equipped the Group with a wealth of knowledge regarding IP development, which we plan to harness in actively pursuing measures to expand other excellent IPs on a global scale as well. SEGA has created many compelling IPs over its long history. To maximize their potential, we will further advance and pursue our IP strategy.

#### **Acquisition of Rovio Entertainment Corporation**

We completed our acquisition of Rovio Entertainment Corporation in August 2023, bringing the company into the SEGA SAMMY Group.

Established in Finland in 2003, Rovio develops and operates mobile games—it is most known for Angry Birds. It also engages in a licensing business to expand its IP into areas other than games.

Rovio has particular strengths in the mobile games field, where it is positioned to compete in the growing global market. We believe Rovio is the ideal partner to fill in the missing pieces in our quest to achieve further growth for the Group.

SEGA has the ability to develop and operate major titles for video game consoles and PCs, a lineup of globally recognized IPs like Sonic, and a track record and expertise in the mobile games market in Japan. Rovio, meanwhile, possesses the Angry Birds IP, which boasts a global fan base centered in Europe and North America. It also has the ability to develop and operate global mobile games and has the game operation support tool *Beacon*, the platform supporting its games. Our two companies clearly have a mutually beneficial relationship.

SEGA has now built up a track record in acquisitions, mainly in Europe. Going forward, we will aim to generate new synergies by capitalizing on complementary capabilities based on the shared values of both companies.

Review of Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business

# Birth of hit titles and full recovery to a growth trajectory

In the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business, revised regulations have made it possible to develop machines that meet user demands better than ever before, paving the way for the creation of hit titles.

The medal-based No. 6.5 model Pachislot Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress became a huge hit in the fiscal year ended March 2023, maintaining high utilization rates and generating multiple additional sales after debuting in halls. Furthermore, following its April 2023 launch, Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken continues to have the kind of high utilization rate that has been unprecedented in recent years. The new Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken machine is a remake of the historic hit of around two decades ago, Pachislot Hokuto No Ken, with new elements added. Many dormant users who had moved away from pachislot and pachinko machines for quite some time are returning to the pachinko halls. The smart pachislot game has also gained support across generations, offering compelling gameplay and interesting production elements that have caught on even among young new users. It is no exaggeration to say with pride that Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken is driving current growth in the smart pachislot market.

Smart pachislot offers significant benefits for both users and pachinko halls. It allows users to play in comfort, with less obtrusive sounds and no need to insert medals. Halls, meanwhile, are freed from tasks such as carrying medals back to machines, and can lower power consumption. For this reason, we see growing moves at various halls to expand their floorspace dedicated to smart pachislot. The popularity of smart pachislot and smart pachinko are outstripping initial expectations.

To fully capture these market tailwinds and changes in the industry and sustainably grow the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business, developing new hit machines is essential. The crucial point here is for the development department to adequately gauge the various demands of a diverse range of players. To support this, we launched a project, called Parlor Sammy, setting up a mock hall on company premises. Here, employees can freely try out machines and provide feedback about their impressions and suggestions for improvement to the development department. By gathering and analyzing the various opinions coming out of Parlor Sammy and establishing a flow for refining machines under development, we are steadily enhancing the quality of our machines.

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Another key issue is responding quickly and flexibly to the increase in the number of hit machines. In the fiscal year ended March 2023, we were unable to fully meet robust demand for machines due to shortages of semiconductors and other parts—this is an ongoing issue. Going forward, we plan to further refine our demand forecasts, ensure the sufficient supply of parts, and strengthen the framework for the stable supply of products by introducing standardized parts.

Our structural reforms have succeeded in improving profitability in the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business, and the segment is returning to a growth trajectory. To take this business forward even further, we will continue to carry through with the various measures that have borne fruit so far.

#### Actively pursuing human capital management

The essential element in achieving the Group Mission / Purpose (Raison d'être) is personnel who can "light a fire (passion)" in their hearts. We believe that the ideal employee is someone who can gradually transfer that fire to others and spread it throughout the Group. Valuing such personnel and empowering them to play an active role in the business is the linchpin of the Group's human resources strategy. To this end, we are working on various reforms to our personnel systems, including revising our compensation system and doing away with seniority-based job assignments. Furthermore, we are working to enhance various training programs offering language education and other opportunities for staff to acquire new skills to enable them to make contributions even in times of rapid change.

Thanks in part to these efforts, we are seeing gradual improvement in our engagement score, which we set as a non-financial indicator for the material issue of human

resources. In addition, in employment rankings sponsored by Mynavi and newspaper publisher Nikkei, SEGA ranked 6th among university students in the sciences, 11th among students in the humanities, and 8th overall. Our rise to the top 10 in these rankings is a welcome change.

On the other hand, it is also true that the public in some respects still has a negative impression of the Group's business. This is why we must face up to social issues even more rigorously than other companies, and create new value that has a positive impact on society. By continuing to act with this conviction, we can gain empathy from people, and as we do, our employees will be even more proud of the Group. I want all of our employees to do their jobs with pride. This has been my unchanging desire since I took over leadership of the Group. We will continue to actively promote human capital management so that we can go on building a team of people who can "light a fire" in their heart and enable them to play an active role in the business.



While minimizing the negative impact we have on society, we strive to maximize the positive impact our businesses generate to a far greater extent

#### Making governance stronger is a never-ending goal

At present, half of our board of directors is made up of outside officers. Of the outside directors, more than half are women and the group also includes foreign nationals. We have ensured adequate diversity. We have also established a Group Management Committee for the sole purpose of carrying out discussions before Board of Directors meetings. In the fiscal year ended March 2023, the committee held a total of around 32 hours of discussions on management issues. The quality of our discussions has improved dramatically compared to before, with lively and sometimes unexpected opinions being expressed from a variety of perspectives. Outside directors sometimes offer extremely critical opinions, which generates a healthy sense of tension at meetings.

In September 2022, internal and external directors, executive officers, and executives from major Group companies all gathered at Phoenix Seagaia Resort in Miyazaki Prefecture for a two-day management retreat. The aim was to foster extended discussions around management from a long-term perspective. In an atmosphere of speaking to one another in a thoroughly candid way, the discussions were often heated, even on topics that are difficult to address at regular Board meetings. It was a very meaningful event.

We are also actively developing a framework for sustainability governance. One part of this involved setting up a Group Sustainability Subcommittee in April 2022 under the Group Management Committee, which is a voluntary committee in the Group. The subcommittee has allowed directors to more accurately grasp the significance of our material issues and gauge the progress of initiatives. It also enabled us to visualize issues requiring attention going forward.

At all of these meetings, we will continue to take on board the opinions of outside directors and other experts, considering them as invaluable feedback from our stakeholders, and will actively reflect them in our management plans.

Moreover, as uncertainties mount throughout the world and the Group's businesses become more global, the critical importance of global governance increases year by year. With businesses operating around the world, SEGA held a Global Legal Meeting at its Osaki head office in May 2023, the first time in four years. SEGA staff from Japan, America, and Europe came together to share information on legal matters and intellectual property. We were able to share issues faced by each site and reinforce the collaboration needed to address them. We will expand these events to provide more opportunities for communication and proactively strengthen global governance.

#### In Closing

The Group has steadily expanded its sales and profits over the period of the medium-term plan. Our slogan, Beyond the Status Quo, is quickly becoming a reality.

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The fiscal year ending March 2024, the final year of the plan, will be a pivotal year in which we will continue this favorable trend while further accelerating growth as we work to realize our long-term vision. To make this happen, it will be vital to further boost the motivation of our employees, who are the driving force behind all our actions. As Group CEO, I have many roles and responsibilities, but the most important thing for me is to get our employees to fully understand and empathize with our Mission and Vision, and to help bring out their passion and energy. I believe an ideal organization is one in which every individual takes on tasks and issues with a sense of purpose, which causes both employees and the Company to grow.

We will continue working to minimize the negative impact we have on society, including the issue of addiction. At the same time, we will strive to maximize the positive impact our businesses generate to a far greater extent. As the Group's representative, I will personally work to guide management with integrity and humility, and would like to ask all of our stakeholders for their empathy with the Group's business activities and for their continued support as I do so.

# Message from the CFO

Proceeding with a financial strategy that balances proactive growth investments with shareholder returns to enhance corporate value

#### Koichi Fukazawa

Senior Executive Vice President and Group CFO, Director of the Board

#### Solid performance across businesses boosted total shareholder return

In the medium-term plan that began in the fiscal year ended March 2022, we have been aggressively expanding our equity spread and shareholder returns with the aim of maximizing the Group's corporate value.

In the fiscal year ended March 2023, we achieved steady profit growth in the Entertainment Contents Business, particularly in the Consumer area. In the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business, earnings rebounded sharply, fueled by growth in sales of new No. 6.5 model pachislot machines that take advantage of revised regulations. Given the current robust performance of smart pachislot machines, we expect further growth in the fiscal year ending March 2024, when the roll-out of new titles will be fully underway.

In addition to this growth in profitability, the return on invested capital (ROIC) for each business segment is on an upward trend, and a lower tax burden has led to a large increase in ROE and, as a result, equity spreads are trending positive. Total shareholder return has also continued to rise as the share price maintained its upward trajectory on the back of significant improvement in business performance.

We were also able to achieve ordinary income of ¥45.0 billion—the target for the final year of our medium-term planahead of schedule. This strong performance is the fruit of the growth strategies we have carried out so far in each business, which were well timed for these favorable market conditions.

For the fiscal year ending March 2024, the final year of the plan, we expect continued profit growth with net sales of ¥433.0 billion and ordinary income of ¥58.0 billion.

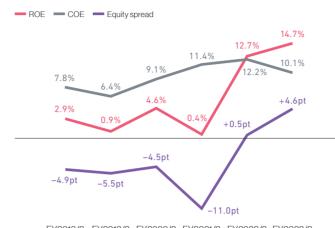
#### Balancing profit growth and efficiency

We are pursuing profit growth, including through aggressive growth investments. At the same time, we aim to maintain a certain level of capital efficiency using ROIC as an indicator.

In the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business, the structural reforms we undertook in the fiscal year ended March 2021 have led to substantially lower fixed costs. On top of that, by efficiently developing machines and increasing the volume of machines sold, we have been able to achieve a sizable return on invested capital. I am confident that the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business going forward will be able to maintain consistently high ROIC.

The Entertainment Contents Business has also steadily increased ROIC, although we expect somewhat lower ROIC in the near term due to goodwill amortization associated with our recent acquisition of Rovio. Still, we have put in place

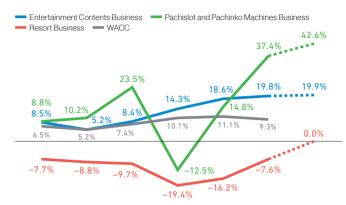
#### Trend of ROE, COE and Equity Spread



FY2018/3 FY2019/3 FY2020/3 FY2021/3 FY2022/3 FY2023/3

\* ROE: Return on equity COE: Cost of equity (Source: Bloomberg) Equity spread: ROE-COE

#### Per business ROIC trend



FY2018/3 FY2019/3 FY2020/3 FY2021/3 FY2022/3 FY2023/3 FY2024/3

\* Per business ROIC: Adjusted profits per business/Investment capital per business

appropriate hurdle rates for such acquisitions, and expect ROIC to improve over the longer term.

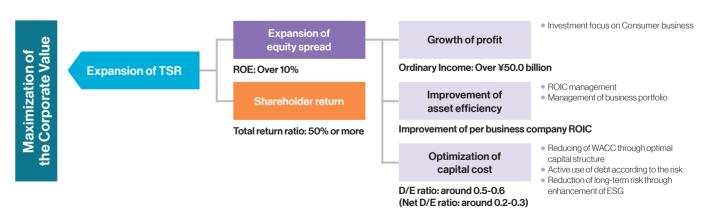
With the acquisition of Rovio, we have filled in a crucial missing piece in this business, which we expect to contribute significantly to future business growth. The global games market has been growing rapidly in recent years, with mobile games expanding to account for half of the market. In contrast, the mobile games business accounted for only about 30% of sales in the Consumer area before the acquisition, most of which was generated in the Japanese market. With Rovio joining the Group, we will be able to greatly expand sales in the overseas mobile games business, a huge market, thereby rectifying the strong domestic weighting of the business model to date. We expect to be able to secure profits going forward by realizing synergies with our existing business at an early stage.

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Our basic policy regarding shareholder returns is to adopt policy, we decided to pay a dividend of ¥59 per share (including an interim dividend of ¥20) for the fiscal year ended March 2023. Also, in 2023, we resolved to buy back ¥10.0 billion in treasury stock (up to 8 million shares).

#### Shift to the management focusing on capital efficiency



a total return ratio of 50% or more or a dividend on equity ratio (DOE) of 3% or more, whichever is higher. Based on this

#### Concept of Investment in Growth (-FY2026/3)

	Areas of consi	deration for investment —————	Progress		
Consumer Area	Strengthen development resources	<ul><li>Expansion of organic development pipeline</li><li>Strengthen global mobile and online games</li></ul>	• Establishment of SEGA		
Approx. ¥100.0 billion	Investment in new ecosystem	Strengthen CRM functions to revitalize user communities     Investment in newly emerging business areas	Sapporo Studio TOB of Rovio Entertainment Corporation		
Gaming Area Approx. ¥100.0 billion	Careful assessment of investment opportunities in the Gaming area	Online casino and sports betting overseas Land-based casinos overseas Both domestic and overseas IR-	Step back from domestic and overseas IR     Considering online gaming area		
Other	Expand CVC investment limit (Total limit: ¥15.0 billion)	Strengthen open innovation activities, including investment in start-up companies	Implement 18 new investments approx. ¥3.0 billion  Exit from existing investment portfolio x 4		
Approx. ¥50.0 billion	Creation of new business, acquisition of IPs, etc.		Establishment of joint venture with PAPYLESS CO., LTD.     "GAPOLI" service released		

Total ¥250.0 billion

#### Continuing to invest in future earnings drivers

The Rovio acquisition used around ¥100.0 billion out of the ¥250.0 billion we had earmarked for growth investments in the medium-term plan. The allocation of the investment amount indicated in the plan is not strictly determined, and we are still around the halfway mark.

Going forward, depending on the level of accumulated cash and the growth potential of an investment target, we will consider increasing the investment budget.

Apart from the Rovio acquisition, we are considering other aggressive growth investments that will significantly change the balance sheet. We will thus need to consider reviewing our financial strategy framework. Now more than ever, we must also work together with Group companies to improve capital efficiency, including ROIC management and business portfolio management.

Regarding leverage, even after the Rovio acquisition, we have room to make use of borrowing to raise funds. To achieve sustainable growth for the Group in the next five to ten years, we will continue to maintain an aggressive investment stance that includes the use of debt, so that we can reinforce existing businesses and develop new businesses.

Moreover, we are continuing our strategic investments in the Gaming area, which we expect to become a third driver of earnings for the Group. A specific target is iGaming (online casinos) in North America. So far, only a limited number of states have lifted their bans on such casinos, but discussions are unfolding in many areas. To be able to adapt to such developments at an early stage, we are exploring entry into the B2B business, including both consumer side and platform strategies. Whichever approach we take, making further inroads into global markets has to start with building a foundation in North America, so we will actively move forward with investments with an eye toward possible acquisitions.

# Linking financial indicators and business strategies

We are always looking for ways of measuring the impact of non-financial factors on our finances.

For this reason, the Group's first priority is to clarify scenarios showing how the strengthening of non-financial capital will contribute to and support our business strategies. We are currently developing such scenarios with a view to incorporating them into our next medium-term plan.

Quantitatively analyzing the financial impact of climate change, particularly in terms of carbon credits related to carbon neutrality, is relatively straightforward. However, in deliberations going forward, it will be vital to consider how the improvement of our human capital indicators exerts a positive

impact on finances. We must ensure that our human resources strategies and business strategies are aligned. We have set up SEGA SAMMY College, a program for developing the Group's core human resources. The College offers a full range of seminars on personnel development for all levels, starting with Satomi Cram School, a program for staff in management positions.

We will continue to verify whether these various human resource development measures have a positive impact on the Group over the longer term, and adjust them accordingly.

As our network of overseas subsidiaries grows in line with our accelerating overseas expansion, the SEGA SAMMY Group Mission Pyramid, the shared model expressing the Group's significance to society, will take on an even more critical role. By sharing this set of values across our international operations, while also preserving the outstanding corporate culture unique to each business company, I am confident that we can greatly contribute to enhancing corporate value.

# The role of the CFO is to help enhance corporate value

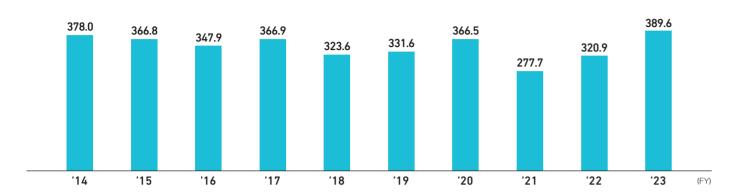
We have a longstanding emphasis on engaging with the capital markets. Through dialogue with investors and shareholders, we seek to gain understanding of our management and business strategies. Such dialogue also allows us to reflect the thinking of investors and shareholders in our management strategy. We see this as an essential process for enhancing corporate value. I see the role of the CFO as one of steering this process so that it functions smoothly. Going forward, I will fulfill my duties as a CFO in terms of finance as well as in a wide range of areas that affect corporate value, including formulating management strategies, ESG, and engaging with capital markets. I appreciate your interest in the ongoing growth of the Group.



We will clarify scenarios showing how the strengthening of non-financial capital will contribute to and support our business strategies

¥389.6 billion

Billions of yen



#### Operating Income / Operating Income Margin

Operating income rose 46.0% year on year to ¥46.7 billion on higher sales in the Entertainment Contents Business and Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business and reduced losses in the Resort Business.

¥46.7 billion / 12.0%

Operating income — Operating income margin

Billions of ven / %

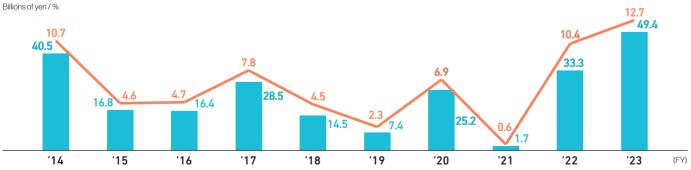


#### Ordinary Income / Ordinary Income Margin

Ordinary income increased 48.4% from the previous year to ¥49.4 billion. This was mainly due to non-operating income such as profits from investment partnerships and foreign exchange gains associated with the revaluation of assets denominated in foreign currencies despite non-operating expenses recorded from losses from investment partnerships and equity in losses of affiliates.

¥49.4 billion / 12.7%

Ordinary income — Ordinary income margin



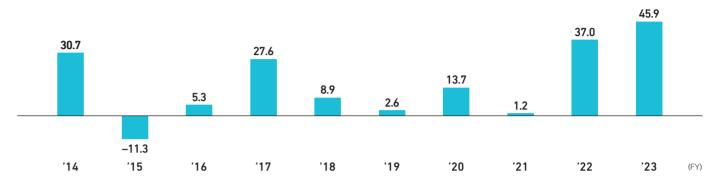
<sup>\*1</sup> As the recognition of net sales was changed (1) from a net basis to a gross basis and (2) from a shipment basis to a delivery basis in FY2016/3, figures for FY2015/3 reflect these changes retrospectively

#### Profit (Loss) Attributable to Owners of Parent\*2

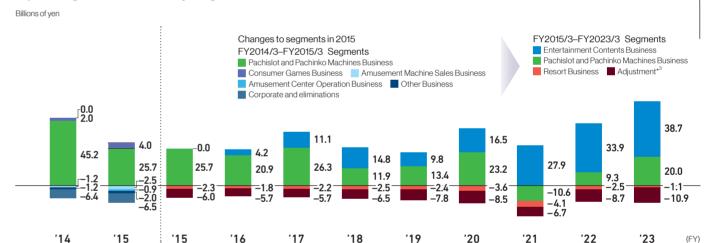
Profit attributable to owners of parent increased 24.1% year on year to ¥45.9 billion due to a decrease in taxable income due to the recording of deferred tax assets in U.S. subsidiaries, a decrease in taxable income from net loss carried forward, and a decrease in corporate tax credits related to research and development in U.K. subsidiaries.

¥**45.9** billion

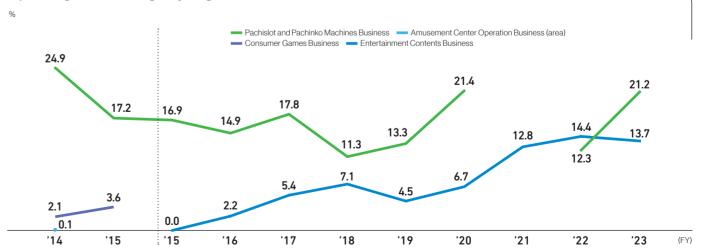
Billions of yen







#### Operating Income Margin by Segment



<sup>\*2</sup> The Company has adopted the "Revised Accounting Standard for Business Combinations" (Accounting Standards Board of Japan (ASBJ) Statement No. 21, issued on September 13, 2013) and has presented "net income (loss)" as "profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent" from FY2016/3.

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<sup>\*3</sup> As of the FY2015/3 change in segments, elimination of inter-segment transactions and general corporate expenses that are not allocated to the reporting segment are included in the adjustment to segment income (loss).

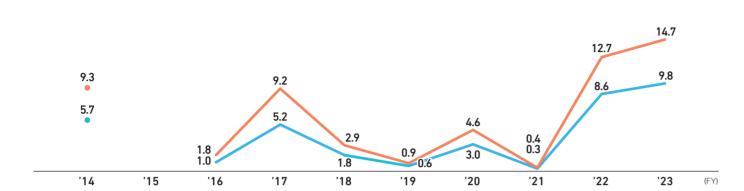


ROE was up 2.0 points year on year to 14.7%. ROA was up 1.2 points year on year to 9.8%.

\*4 ROA = Profit attributable to owners of parent ÷ Total assets

14.7%/9.8%

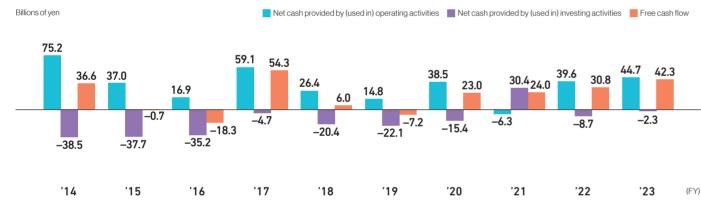
ROE ROA



#### Cash Flows

Operating activities provided net cash of ¥44.7 billion for the fiscal year ended March 2023 (compared with an inflow of ¥39.6 billion in the previous fiscal year).

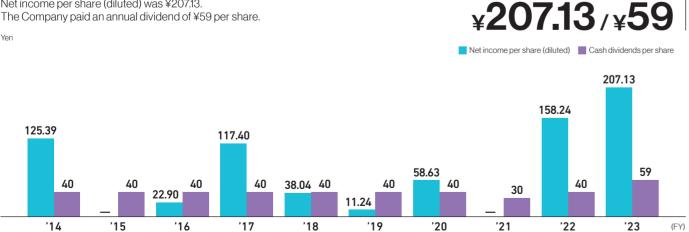
Investing activities used net cash of ¥2.3 billion (compared with an outflow of ¥8.7 billion in the previous fiscal year).



#### Net Income per Share / Cash Dividends per Share

Net income per share (diluted) was ¥207.13.

The Company paid an annual dividend of ¥59 per share.



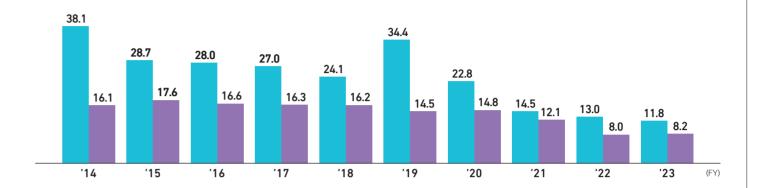
#### Capital Expenditures / Depreciation and Amortization\*5

Capital expenditures were down 9.2% year on year to ¥11.8 billion. Depreciation and amortization increased 2.5% year on year to ¥8.2 billion.

Billions of yen







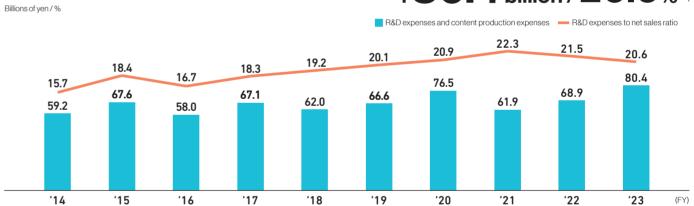
#### R&D Expenses and Content Production Expenses \*5/ R&D Expenses to Net Sales Ratio

R&D expenses and content production expenses increased 16.7% year on year to ¥80.4 billion.

¥80.4 billion / 20.6%

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#### Total Net Assets / Equity Ratio

Total net assets increased ¥38.7 billion from the end of previous fiscal year to ¥331.3 billion.

The equity ratio decreased 1.1 points to 66.0%.





<sup>\*5</sup> The aggregate calculation method has changed as of FY2014/3. Consequently, R&D expenses and content production expenses include amortization cost of digital game titles. Until FY2013/3, depreciation and amortization included amortization cost of digital game titles.

## An IP Portfolio that Powers Our Growth

#### List of major IP









## Pachislot and

#### Examples of IP developed in-house

IP tit	le	First appearance year		Multi	faceted rol	lout		Cumulative unit sales / downloads
Sonic the Hedgehog Series	SONIC THE HEDGENOG	1991	<u>•</u>		<b>•</b>	δ¢		More than 1.66 billion (Units and downloads*2) (Full games and F2P total)
Puyo Puyo Series	£££6£	1991*1	<del>•</del>		· ·	8.0		Approx. 39.0 million (Units and downloads*2/IDs/users) (Full games and F2P, Amusement Machines-registered IDs total (Total for registrations after IP acquisition))
Virtua Fighter Series	Zighter.	1993	<del>ū</del>		· ·	8.0		More than 18.8 million (Units and downloads/IDs) (Full games and F2P total. Total number of IDs in Amusement Machines.)
Sakura Wars Series	可污汰越	1996	Φ.		<b>•</b>	통 호		Approx. 5.8 million (Units and downloads) (Full games and F2P total)
Like a Dragon Series		2005	Φ.		<b>•</b>	_		Approx. 21.3 million units (Full games total)
ALADDIN Series	ALADDIN	1989	•		_	_		Approx. 580 thousand units (pachislot and pachinko machines total)
Beast King Series		2001	•		_	_		Approx. 510 thousand units (pachislot and pachinko machines total)
PHANTASY STAR Series	PRINTED STAN CHUNE NO	1987	<u> </u>		<b>•</b>	_		Approx. 10.0 million users*3
CHAIN CHRONICLE Series	CRANE	2013	•		<b>•</b>	_	_	Approx. 26.0 million (Units and downloads*2) (Full games and F2P total)

\*1 SEGA CORPORATION acquired the rights in 1998. Figures for cumulative unit sales are the totals for titles that SEGA sold after acquiring the rights

#### Examples of acquired IP

IP title		First appearance year		Multi	faceted roll	out		Cumulative unit sales / downloads
Shin Megami Tensei Series	11-女和115年	1992	Φ.		<b>•</b>	_		Approx. 19.2 million (Units and downloads*2) (Full games and F2P total)
Persona Series	P	1996	Φ.		<b>•</b>	_		Approx. 17.7 million (Units and downloads) (Full games and F2P total)
Total War Series	TOTAL WAR	2000	_		_	_	_	More than 43.4 million (Units and downloads)
Football Manager Series	FOOTBALL MANAGER	2004	_		_	_	_	More than 30.2 million (Units and downloads)

#### Examples of IP licensed from third parties

IP title		First appearance year		Multi	faceted rol	lout	Cumulative unit sales / downloads
SEGA feat. HATSUNE MIKU Project Series	Contract of the same	2009	_		_	8.0	Approx. 24.0 million (Units and downloads*2) (Full games and F2P total)
Hokuto No Ken Series		2002	•		<b>•</b>	8.0	More than 8.54 million (Units and downloads)  (pachislot and pachinko machines, full games,  F2P and amusement machines total)
SOUTEN-NO-KEN Series	<b>34</b>	2009	•		_	_	Approx. 490 thousand units

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The Group boasts multiple, highly competitive IPs. While developing and expanding these IPs to ensure stable profitability, we are strategically remastering and remaking IPs that have strong potential.

#### Sonic the Hedgehog series

# More than 1.66 billion (Units and downloads)

(Full games and F2P total)

Sonic, SEGA's flagship IP, was introduced in 1991 as a high-speed action game in which players must run frenetically pace through stages of various ups, downs, and loops. Several hit games followed, continuing to attract fans around the world. The Sonic the Hedgehog movie, released in 2020, and its sequel, Sonic the Hedgehog 2, released in 2022, were each global blockbusters. This has helped to accelerate the growth of the Sonic IP.



#### Like a Dragon series

# Approx. 21.3 million units

(Full games total)

The Like a Dragon series was launched in 2005 under the concept of entertainment for a mature audience. It depicts the way of life of a cast of fierce men in a vast entertainment district. Using an actual entertainment district as its backdrop, the game realistically captures the look and feel of that world. Featuring famous actors, the game has been promoted through many tie-ups with other companies. This has garnered it widespread attention, bringing the cumulative unit sales of the series to around 21.3 million units.



#### Persona series

# Approx. million (Units and downloads)

(Full games and F2P total)

The Persona series is a coming-of-age themed RPG about teenage boys and girls who, having awakened to their special Persona powers, encounter various incidents and hardships as they grow. With its unique characters and settings, stylish songs, and compelling stories, the Persona series has gained many fans around the world. This popular series, with its cumulative total of 22 titles, has been adapted for a variety of media, including live music, animation, and manga which has attracted new users.



#### Hokuto No Ken series

# million (Units and downloads)

(pachislot and pachinko machines, full games, F2P and amusement machines total)

The original Pachislot Hokuto No Ken boasts the largest sales volume in the history of the pachislot and pachinko machines market, with a cumulative sales volume of about 620,000 units. The total number of pachislot and pachinko machines, full games, F2P titles and amusement equipment is more than 8.54 million (units/DL), making it a huge IP. Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken was introduced in 2023, and it has become a major hit.



<sup>\*2</sup> Including downloads of free-to-play titles. \*3 Total for domestic and overseas versions of PHANTASY STAR ONLINE 2 and PHANTASY STAR ONLINE 2 NEW GENESIS.

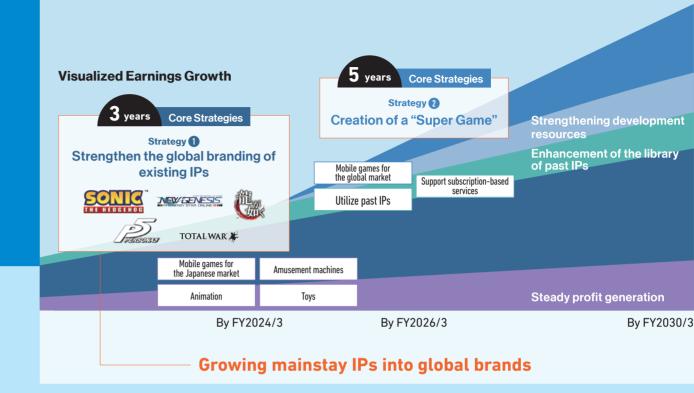
## **Entertainment Contents Business**

#### **Top Message**

Global branding of our IPs engenders solid confidence in medium- to long-term growth

Yukio Sugino

President and COO, Representative Director SEGA CORPORATION



#### **Progress on the Medium-Term Plan**

The Entertainment Contents Business has set a long-term goal of becoming a leading global content provider. To achieve this goal and elevate the business to the next level, we are conducting R&D activities to create a "Super Game," a major title that scales globally, by the fiscal year ending March 2026. Under the current medium-term plan, we are actively investing in reinforcing our earnings base through the global branding of existing IPs.

In the fiscal year ended March 2023, the second year of the medium-term plan, we were able to achieve ordinary income of ¥41.1 billion from the Entertainment Contents Business, meeting the target for the final year of the mediumterm plan one year ahead of schedule. In the Consumer area, we steadily advanced simultaneous worldwide releases of new game titles and multi-platform development of content, releasing various remakes and remasters such as PERSONA 5 ROYAL (Remaster) and spin-off titles. In our Sonic IP, in an effort to expand the value of the IP and strengthen user

engagement, we strategically promoted the development of games, movies, animations, merchandising, and other channels. Through these efforts, we have achieved a certain degree of success with Sonic Frontiers, which has generated sales far above our initial plan.

Furthermore, in August 2023, we welcomed into the Group the Finland-based company Rovio Entertainment Corporation (Rovio), which owns the world-famous Angry Birds IP and brings advanced capabilities in mobile game development and operation. By gaining these capabilities, we will ramp up full-fledged global expansion in live operated mobile games, an area that has so far posed a challenge for us. Details about Rovio's entry into the Group are provided on P. 38-39

In the Amusement Machine area, although there were headwinds such as higher input costs caused by the weakening of the yen and rising raw materials costs, the market has rebounded quickly as the economy picked up after the COVID-19 pandemic. Business has been firm, particularly around sales of the UFO Catcher® crane game series and prizes for these games. Going forward, while steadily earning profits in the strong domestic market, we will continue to advance global expansion for markets such as Asia, North America, and Europe, where the growing popularity of Japanese animation content has created the potential for growth in the prize machine market.

In the Animation area, as well as video production and allocated revenue led by the blockbuster movie Detective Conan, the rise of Japanese animation in the global market has fed into the distribution revenue we generate by providing works to distribution platforms that carry that genre. Business performance has also been steady in the Toys area. As well as standard products for the domestic market, we continue to earn royalty income from product proposals based on our strong planning capabilities for overseas markets. In addition to the Consumer area, which is a growth area, the diversified portfolio that we have built has given us a firm earnings base.

The Entertainment Contents Business has slowed slightly in the post-pandemic business environment, after becoming overheated by factors including stay at home demand, especially in the Consumer area. However, from a medium-to long-term perspective, we expect the global game market to continue to expand. Helped in part by this market tailwind, up to the fiscal year ended March 2023 we have been able to achieve results far faster than expected in our original plan. From a strategic standpoint also, we have been taking firm steps toward medium- to long-term growth. In the fiscal year ending March 2024, the final year of the current medium-term plan, we will work to achieve steady results and to make further progress in the next medium-term plan.

## The history of Sonic IP value growth

Born in 1991, Sonic is extremely popular in Japan and around the world, and has been at the core of SEGA's IP strategy. In recent years, our transmedia strategy including movies and animation has further raised awareness of Sonic, which has expanded earnings opportunities.

#### 1991-2010 Birth and expansion of Sonic IP

In 1991, Sonic the Hedgehog was released in North America. The game struck a chord with its frenetic pace and cool main character, Sonic. It became a huge hit, selling more than 4 million copies worldwide.

A series of sequels including Sonic the Hedgehog 2 and Sonic the Hedgehog CD were released, becoming further hits. Later, we ventured into 3D action gameplay and rolled out games on a range of hardware platforms. These developments were well received, and the popularity of Sonic grew further. The Sonic IP came to be recognized as the "face of SEGA," and it has continued to grow as an IP with many fans around the world.











#### 2010s **TURNING POINT!**

#### Sonic IP challenges and comeback

Sonic's overwhelming popularity, especially in North America, gradually began to wane. The 2010s were a difficult time for the Sonic IP. Even in North America, where Sonic had been so popular, interest had faded among fans, retailers, and media, and the younger generation of fans was dwindling. To tackle this challenge, the Sega of America (SOA) team led a complete review of the game build, thoroughly examining how fans really want to play and enjoy Sonic.



Our social media strategy involved posting not only game information, but also content for sparking conversations among Sonic fans and encouraging them to

share. This attracted the younger generation of fans, helping build a new community of fans. Out of this community was born Sonic Mania, which made use of a ground-breaking method of building a game while communicating with fans. Released in 2017, Sonic Mania has created a buzz among fans, becoming a hit worldwide, which has driven a revival and growth of the Sonic IP.



#### **Expanding Sonic IP**

Carrying on the momentum of the global blockbuster movies, we sped up our expansion of the Sonic IP on several fronts. These included creating animation content for global distribution platforms, collaborating with games that enjoy worldwide popularity, and pursuing licensing in various areas, including toys and apparel. These efforts have increased user touchpoints, which has increased the fanbase globally

#### Movies

Sonic the Hedgehog and its seguel Sonic the Hedgehog 2 were global box-office hits.

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#### **Animation**

SONIC PRIME was released globally on Netflix from December 2022.



#### Collaborations

Secured partnerships with mega-popular games and their massive audiences



#### Licensing

Toys, games, food, apparel, etc. Expanding IPs in various areas



Danone Mobile Partnership

## **IP value**

Games at the core of our IP strategy became hits.

#### 2022-2023

The action adventure game Sonic Frontiers, which was released globally in 2022, became a huge hit, and has achieved cumulative worldwide sales of over 3.2 million copies (as of March 31, 2023).



#### 2023

Sonic Superstars is a new game that preserves the nostalgic feel of classic 2D Sonic side-scrolling action while reimagining it with beautiful 3D graphics. For the first time ever in the Sonic series, the game can be played offline as a cooperative multiplayer by up to four players.



(Scheduled for release on October 17, 2023)

## **Top Message**

Expanding our rich lineup of IPs to markets worldwide will lead to growth







#### Targeting global markets has become par for the course

In the fiscal year ended March 2023, the Entertainment Contents Business made significant strides toward achieving the goals of the current medium-term plan and realizing the long-term vision beyond that.

The major topic for the year was the success of *Sonic Frontiers*. In addition to incorporating elements of the existing Sonic series, this title also broke new ground in offering new ways to play. But because of this, right after releasing the initial teaser movie, we realized we had failed to fully convey the game's marketing message, and fan reaction was mixed. After doing careful testing, we found that long-standing Sonic fans in particular were extremely positive about the new gaming experience. Sonic is an IP supported by a worldwide fan base. Once we were convinced that this title would catch on with fans, our confidence grew, and I internally announced a marketing plan, the Go Big Plan. This entailed increasing the

marketing budget from the initial plan and significantly raising sales goals to fully capture opportunities. We implemented the marketing plan on a scale that the Group had not experienced in quite some time. Needless to say, the plan helped to whet fan expectations before the game's release, but internally as well, it caused all the team members involved in the title, from development to marketing and publishing, to set their sights higher and helped foster a firm commitment to make *Sonic Frontiers* a global hit. The upshot was that we had recorded over 3.2 million units sold of this hit game as of the end of the fiscal year ended March 2023. In the culture of the Group today, taking on the challenge of succeeding in global markets has become par for the course, and I think *Sonic Frontiers* became an iconic title showing just how much our efforts can pay off.

#### Transmedia strategy for maximizing IP value

As we roll out Sonic IP not only to games but also to movies, animation, and other media, promoting tie-ups with companies in various industries, our presence in various markets continues to expand. This model of success with the Sonic IP is called a transmedia approach, and we are positioning it as a key strategy for expanding IP, exploring the application of the strategy to IP other than Sonic going forward. The transmedia approach itself is not an entirely new concept, but with the development of digital platforms in recent years, touchpoints with users are expanding at an unparalleled scale and speed.

Taking the Sonic IP as an example, the first stage was tens of millions of people around the world watching the Sonic movies in theaters. Then, through further development on video distribution platforms, we were ultimately able to expose hundreds of millions of users to Sonic IP. From blockbuster movies to spin-out video productions and the distribution of original animation content on Netflix, the range of touchpoints

with consumers expanded further. Through these efforts, we were also able to build strong trust relationships with numerous global companies like Paramount Pictures and Netflix. My sense is that our presence in global markets today is at an unprecedented level. By building even stronger winwin relationships with partner companies in other industries, we look for even more opportunities to further enhance the value of our IP going forward.

We will also strategically apply the expertise gained through the Sonic IP to other IPs, including our own popular IP series such as our mainstay *Persona* and *Like a Dragon* titles as well as *Angry Birds*, the IP of Rovio Entertainment, which recently joined the Group. Because SEGA is a video game company, our premise is first to develop interesting games that captivate fans, but I also believe that by launching the best games at just the right time in tandem with the development of video productions and merchandise, we can not only grow game sales but also maximize the value of our IP.

## Launching revivals from our rich IP library and aiming for success with a "Super Game"

When the Group was working on its hardware business, we had much more success in overseas markets than in Japan. As a result, fans' respect and deep affection for the titles and brands we sold at the time still run deep, especially overseas. With its strong brand awareness and numerous IP gems, SEGA SAMMY is truly like a kind of Treasure Island. I see this as a huge competitive advantage. We are currently moving forward with plans to revive a succession of IPs. While retaining the nostalgic elements so beloved by fans from the past, we will introduce innovative ideas and technologies that appeal to the current market, aiming to surpass user expectations by providing new experiences that merge nostalgia with a sense of freshness.

We are also making steady headway in development of the "Super Game" that we are seeking to create in the medium to long term. As the name implies, a "Super Game" involves the concept of a game that stands head and shoulders above normal games. I encourage stakeholders to look forward to the fruit of our efforts, which include R&D to create a game that builds a whole worldview involving the entire gaming ecosystem, including not only players but also streamers who stream the game and their viewers.

#### Aiming to be a global leading contents provider

I have no doubt that the video game market has a very bright future. The penetration rate of smartphones and PCs grows every year, even in highly populated developing countries with sizable young populations. Environments continue to emerge that allow people around the world to easily download and enjoy games. It is clear that the gaming population in these regions will naturally continue to increase and that the video game market will thus continue to grow globally. I also believe that games are better positioned to benefit from technological innovation than movies, music, or other media. Looking back, the introduction of 3D graphics yielded dramatic improvements in the expressiveness and immersive nature of games. The development of online technologies also ushered in greater diversity in the ways people interact with games and vastly expanded the industry ecosystem. As technology progresses, it will become possible to provide unprecedented forms of entertainment and create new business models. With our sights fixed on this future world, we are actively examining and rolling out new technologies, including investing in venture startups that possess unique technologies.

The Group will come together as we continue to move ahead, aiming to be a global leading contents provider and creating innovative content that astonishes users around the world.



# Key Persons in Expanding IP Value

## Like a Dragon IP

Since the first title was released in 2005, the Like a Dragon (originally Ryu ga Gotoku) series has been adapted into numerous films and other media. However, the high popularity of the series in Japan for many years did not really translate into overseas markets. It was in this context that the release of Yakuza: Like a Dragon (Ryu ga Gotoku 7) in 2020 ushered in a major turning-point for the series.



Like a Dragon: Infinite Wealth

Ichiban Kasuga is the new protagonist of *Yakuza: Like a Dragon*. While he is definitely old school, the lack of gender or age bias in his words and actions resonated with many users overseas and led to the title becoming a global hit. I don't think this was a coincidence by any means, but rather a sign that we as creators have come closer to meeting international standards.

The Like a Dragon IP is a work that taps into the current state of society. Now that we have broken out of the vague notion that the game is somehow limited to Japan, we are taking a big step out into the world. We have plans underway to astonish users around the world not only with a new release that is just around the corner, but also with other developments in the works. I believe our stakeholders can expect big things as the Like a Dragon IP continues to grow through our transmedia strategy.



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Persona 3 Reload

## **Atlus IPs**

With a commitment to being both "Unique & Universal," Atlus is creating unique game-playing experiences that touch the soul.

Our mainstay IPs, the Persona and Shin Megami Tensei series, have found audiences with users around the world as Japanese role-playing games that allow players to experience the feel of Japanese cities and culture. The Persona series in particular has

become a huge hit, with the bright, pop image of *Persona 4 Golden* getting even higher marks from users in Europe and America than in Japan. In addition, the value of our IPs has grown rapidly in recent years owing to our multiplatform deployment and aggressive strategy of remaking and remastering past titles.

To expand the value of our IPs even further, we will continue to pursue measures to gain the even stronger loyalty of our fans, including strengthening horizontal promotions of the series and holding events, mainly live music shows, around the world. We also plan to release a new IP in 2024, called *Metaphor: ReFantazio*—we took on a bold challenge with this ambitious new title, capitalizing on Atlus's strengths as an expert in role-playing games. I'm confident the new title will delight users.



Naoto Hiraoka

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# **Acquisition of Rovio Entertainment Corporation (Rovio)**

SEGA made a public tender offer for Royio, a mobile game company headquartered in Finland. through our subsidiary SEGA Europe Limited. In August 2023, Rovio became a Group company.

Increasing our presence in the rapidly growing global video game market, including mobile games, will hinge upon strengthening our ongoing game development system and operational capabilities. That is why we decided to make this acquisition.

By acquiring Rovio, which operates mobile games globally, we have brought onboard Rovio's managed mobile gaming development capabilities and operational expertise. This will enable us to accelerate our development of mobile game versions of SEGA's existing IP as well as our coverage of multiple platforms. In this way, we will strengthen the SEGA gaming portfolio and accelerate our global expansion more than ever.



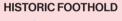
#### **Key Strength of Rovio**

#### **Development and Operational Capabilities regarding Mobile Gaming**

A key strength of Royio is its outstanding capabilities in developing and operating mobile games. It has eight game studios focused on casual games not only in Finland but also in Sweden and Canada. Combined, they have achieved a 2022 average of 6.7 million daily active users and a cumulative total of 5 billion downloads. Rovio currently has a total of five titles that boast cumulative sales of over

EUR 100 million each, including Angry Birds 2 and Angry Birds Dream Blast. Since the first Angry Birds game was launched in 2009, it has been animated and made into a movie. Merchandising has been developed, as have theme parks through location-based entertainment businesses.

#### **Game Studio Portfolio**



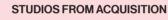


















Daily Active Users (2022 Average)

Cumulative Downloads\*

**Live Service Games** 

#### "Beacon", the Tool for Live Service Game Operation

Beacon, a game operation support tool owned by Rovio, is a tool that centrally provides the functions necessary for the operation of live service games. It can help boost the efficiency of game operations as well as the accuracy of operational measures. By utilizing this platform, which brings together the know-how that Rovio has

cultivated in the global mobile market, particularly in Europe and America, and by leveraging also the power of the talent that supports it, we will accelerate the globalization of SEGA's mobile game business, which is currently Japan-oriented.



- \*1 5 billion cumulative downloads include titles outside of Angry Birds \*2 Method of storing large data as raw data



Player Recognition Analytics Advertising Effectiveness AB testing Live Operation Payment Personalization Client Segmentation Ad mediation Cross-Promotion Push Notification Research Privacy Framework Game Server Infrastructure Machine Learning / Al

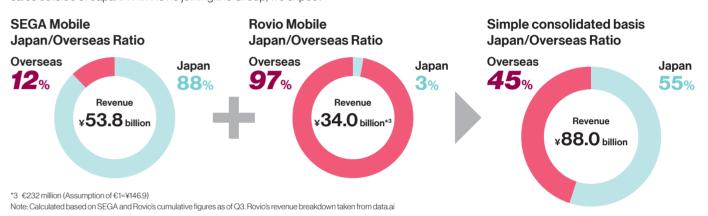
Red: Categories where synergies can be most expected

#### SEGA's overseas mobile revenue up to around 45% of total mobile revenue

Overseas sales currently account for a 12% share of SEGA's mobile game business. In contrast, Rovio generates 97% of its sales outside of Japan. With Rovio joining the Group, we expect

ROVIO

that overseas sales will grow to account for 45% of SEGA's mobile business (on a simple consolidated basis for the two companies).



#### Pursuing synergies based on shared values and complementary capabilities

With our clear complementary relationship and shared values, there could not be more well-suited partners than Rovio and SEGA. SEGA has the ability to develop and operate large-scale titles for consoles and PCs, a lineup of globally recognized IP including Sonic, and results and expertise in the Japanese mobile game market. In contrast, as well as its Angry Birds IP, which has a global fan base centered on Europe and America, Rovio also has

capabilities in developing and operating global mobile games and, backing these capabilities, its game operation support platform Beacon. In addition, Rovio and SEGA share a common set of values that emphasize improving IP value from a long-term perspective. Going forward, we will pursue new synergies based on these complementary capabilities and shared values.





- Global development and operation capabilities for large-scale PC/Console games
- Wealth of popular IPs such as the Sonic series
- Capability and expertise in expansion of IP to
- **Development and operational capabilities for** mobile games in Japan
- Rich M&A experience centered around Europe

- **Development and operational capabilities of** global F2P games
- Globally recognized "Angry Birds" IP
- Track record regarding IP licensing to movies and merchandising
- Strong fanbase in the US and Europe
- Proprietary game operation platform, "Beacon"

Shared values that nurture IP over the long term

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# In addition to drawing on our abundant IP assets to roll out content globally, we will work to expand business value by taking advantage of our broad business portfolio.

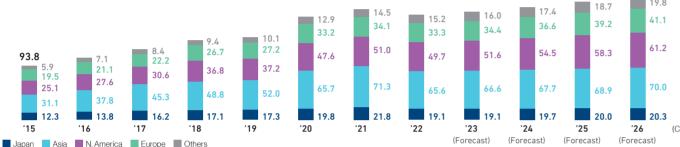
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#### **External Environment**

The global video game content market continues to grow against the backdrop of rising download sales and the proliferation of game distribution platforms. Although the Amusement Machine and Amusement Facilities Operations markets were hard hit by COVID-19, the prizes began to rally in 2021 and the market is recovering gradually.

#### Video Game Content Market Size





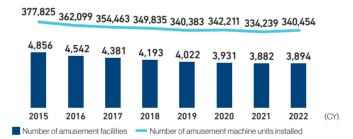
urce: SEGA SAMMY estimates based on data from Newzoo Global Games Market Data (July 2023

#### Domestic Amusement Machine Sales and Revenues from Amusement Facilities Operations



Amusement machine sales Revenues from amusement facilities operations Source. Japan Amusement Industry Association

Number of Amusement Facilities and Amusement Machine Units Installed



#### Anticipated Opportunities and Risks

#### Opportunities

Ongoing growth in the video game content market
 In the global video game content market, the market environment has been changing drastically. Sales methods for consumer games have diversified, as instanced by the growth in download sales. At the same time, a broader variety of monetization methods, such as the expansion of F2P and subscription services, has led to an environment where profits can be secured con-

tinuously over a long period of time.

#### Risks

- Intensification of the competitive environment due to the emergence of titles using high-quality, leading IP in the consumer area
- Possible reduced willingness of facility operators to invest capital due to changes in personal consumption trends and user needs in the field of Amusement Machine Sales
- Generation of surplus inventory in consumer game software, toys, etc., when new products cannot be launched during the sales season

#### Responses

#### Targeting opportunities

- Expanding touchpoints with users
- Prolonging product life cycles
- Strengthening user engagement

#### Addressing risks

- Optimizing the number of titles under operation and the scale of new title launches
- Providing a profit model that improves the investment efficiency of facility operators and secures long-term stable earnings for the Group
- Strengthening product development management

#### Business Overview

#### Ensuring steady earnings through expansion across a range of areas

SEGA SAMMY's Entertainment Contents Business has expanded into various entertainment domains, each of which presents different market growth potential and levels of competition. Leveraging its well-balanced portfolio, the Group is generating stable income without relying excessively on any specific IP, title, or business activity.

#### **Consumer Area**

We will focus on expanding the scale of earnings by strengthening the global branding of existing IPs.

To capitalize effectively on our abundant IP assets, including dormant IPs, we will further develop these IPs by means of remakes, remastering, and reboots, etc., as well as offering them to subscription-based services and other forms of monetization across multiple channels.



Sonic Frontiers
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#### **Amusement Machine Area**

We will aim to improve profitability by focusing on strong-performing prize categories.



UFO CATCHER 10 ©SEGA

## **Animation and Toy Area**

In the Animation area, in addition to producing animations of our major IPs, such as Detective Conan, Anpanman, and LUPIN THE 3rd, the Group is focusing on the animation licensing and merchandising businesses.

The Toy area is expanding to encompass a broad target audience, including mainstay educational toys, character goods, and products for adults.



DETECTIVE CONAN: Black Iron Submarine
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## **▶** Progress of Medium-Term Plan

#### Goals

#### **Global Branding of Existing IPs**

We will expand touchpoints with users and maximize earnings opportunities by reinforcing simultaneous worldwide releases and the multiplatform deployment of content. We will also focus on remaking and remastering existing IPs and support subscription-based services to prolong product life cycles. Furthermore, we aim to strengthen user engagement and increase the value of our IPs through a mix of media and other approaches to connect these IPs with more people.

**Expansion of touchpoints** 

Prolonging the product life cycle

Strengthening of user engagement

#### **Progress**

#### Expansion of touchpoints

Made steady progress with global launches and multi-platform development. Achieved sales of about 6 million units with 7 titles in FY2022/3, and about 8.8 million units with 10 titles in FY2023/3. In FY2024/3, we plan to release 12 titles, targeting sales of about 12 million units.

Multiple simultaneous worldwide releases and multiplatform deployment of content (new titles)

FY2022/3

> FY2023/3

FY2024/3 (Forecast)

FY2024/3 (Forecast)

titles (about 6 million units)

10 titles (about 8.8 million units)

12 titles (about 12 million units)

#### 2 Prolonging the product life cycle

By promoting remakes/remasters and spin-offs/changes of theme, we achieved sales of approximately 4 million units in FY2022/3 and approximately 3.5 million units in FY2023/3. In FY2024/3, we are targeting about 5 million units. We will also continue to actively promote subscriptions.

Released many titles with remake/remaster, spin-off/changes of theme (new titles)

- Sonic Colors: Ultimate Super Monkey Ball Banana Mania
- Lost Judgment, etc.

- Persona 5 Royal (Remaster)
- Like a Dragon: Ishin! • Sonic Origins, etc.

- - Sonic Origins Plus Samba de Amigo: Party Central
  - Etrian Odyssey Origins Collection, etc.

## 3 Strengthening of user engagement

We strengthened our media mix, and worked to further raise awareness of the Sonic IP and expand our brand. Going forward, Paramount Pictures will develop a third Sonic movie and an original TV series for Paramount +, its paid streaming service.

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Released the Sonic the Hedgehog movie Released the Sonic

the Hedgehog 2 movie

Sonic Prime launches worldwide on Netflix

Released Sonic Frontiers

Future initiatives with

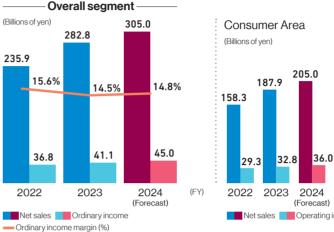
PARAMOUNT PICTURES Development of a third feature film

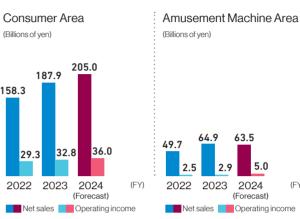
• Development of original TV series to be distributed in Paramount+

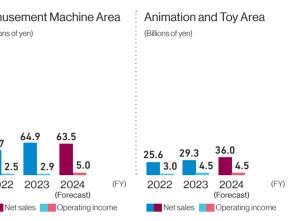
Released new title Sonic Superstars

#### Achievements in FY2023/3 and future initiatives

#### **Entertainment Contents Business Performance**







#### **Consumer Area**

In terms of full games, we released new titles include Sonic Frontiers, Persona 5 Royal (Remaster), and Like a Dragon: Ishin!, and sales volume remained strong at 10.09 million units (compared with 8.77 million units sold in the previous fiscal year). Sales of repeat titles, however, remained soft due to weakness in the market, with 17,79 million copies sold (compared to 18.43 million in the previous fiscal year). As a result, overall full game sales totaled 27.89 million units (compared with 27.20 million units sold in the previous year). In F2P, Project SEKAI COLORFUL STAGE! feat. Hatsune Miku and ONE PIECE Bounty Rush\* drove performance, resulting in year-on-year sales and profit growth.

Going forward, we will work to advance our business development on a global scale. We will concentrate our management resources toward this aim, and enhance our development system by hiring and training talented human resources. We will also develop high-quality content, and expand our library by creating and utilizing IP.

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#### **Amusement Machine Area**

Sales and profits rose year on year due to strong performance in the prize machine category. We will continue to strengthen the prize machine category, where demand remains strong, while responding to the effects of supply chain turmoil, exchange rate fluctuations, and soaring prices in raw materials.

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#### **Animation and Toy Area**

In the Animation and Toy area, in Animation we recorded revenues from animation production and distribution, including the newly released movie Detective Conan: The Halloween Bride. In Toy, sales were firm, both for new products such as With a front camera! Fun to change mouse covers! Sumikkogurashi Personal Computer Premium Design by yourself and for mainstay products, resulting in year-on-year growth in sales and profits.

As well as strengthening various video distributions, we will continue to promote sales of new and mainstay products in the Toy area.

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## Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business

## **Top Message**

Changes in the external environment are steadily opening up new opportunities

#### Ayumu Hoshino

Senior Executive Vice President and COO, Representative Director Sammy Corporation

#### **Progress of the Medium-Term Plan**

The medium-term plan calls for creating hits and improving business efficiency in the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business, aiming to generate steady earnings even amid changes in the business environment.

#### **Creating Hits**

The current medium-term plan lays out three measures aimed at creating hits. First is a review of the product lineup. We focused our development on the products that could be expected to become solid drivers of earnings and reorganized our sales lineup. Specifically, we launched the Sammy Classic series, which consists of revivals of IPs that were popular in the era of No. 4 model machines. Including titles such as *Pachislot DISC UP*, *Pachislot GAMERA*, and *Pachislot Aladdin A Classic*, this series has recorded robust sales. On the other hand, for No. 6.5 model pachislot machines that offer new gameplay, *Pachislot Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress* became a major hit, far beyond our expectations. This well-aligned approach of capitalizing on past IP while looking ahead and taking on the challenge of new gameplay based on new IP is steadily producing results.

The second measure is increasing the probability of a hit. The main principle at work here is to create many machines that offer a truly entertaining experience to the end-users who actually play the games. Developing machines with gameplay that end-users enjoy leads to higher utilization rates. Creating popular machines with high utilization rates will in turn benefit pachinko halls, our direct customers.

Parlor Sammy is a mock pachinko hall we set up on company premises. It is playing a major role in the development of such interesting machines, allowing employees to freely enjoy machines under development and give their frank, direct evaluations. Their evaluations and comments are collected and fed back to the development department, where they are used to refine the machines. In the past, we left it to the development department to decide when a machine was ready for production and launch, but with the broader perspective provided by Parlor Sammy, we are steadily enhancing the quality of our machines, which improves our chances of creating a hit. Another key factor in creating a hit is strong communication among the developers. To encourage this, we are working to share information more extensively within the development department, giving visibility to the kinds of projects and issues that fellow developers are working on. These efforts are helping us grasp industry trends and fostering a culture that is conducive to new ideas and approaches.

The final measure is strengthening media functions. Even if we create an interesting machine, that will not easily feed into sales growth unless it becomes widely known. This is where coming up with promotions that leverage media functions is so

#### **Medium-term targets**

#### Creation of hits

#### Revising the product lineup

- Optimizing the product lineup (centered on series machines)
- Rigorous screening and selection of new IPs
- Revivals of past IPs

#### 2 Increasing hit potential

- Creating machines from a user-centric perspective
- Deeper user analysis by attribute

#### 3 Enhancing media functions

• Expanding communication with users through digital media

essential. We use media strategically according to the target audience. So, for example, for men in their 40s and 50s, we mainly use TV commercials, while for people in their 20s it is mainly social media. With *Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken*, one of our current big hits, the aim was to appeal to dormant users in their 40s and 50s. As well as broadcasting TV commercials featuring popular entertainers who are big fans of the original *Pachislot Hokuto No Ken*, we carried out large-scale promotions across a range of channels, including displaying posters at Japanese pubs. These efforts paid off, contributing to high utilization immediately after the machine's launch.

#### Improving Business Efficiency

To improve business efficiency, our efforts focused on optimizing development operations, an area that involves substantial expenses, and in particular reviewing the number of images used for visual effects. To be sure, an array of visual effects using numerous images makes pachislot and pachinko machines interesting, but in our discussions we questioned the necessity of creating multiple new images for rare visual effects that pop up only once in tens of thousands of times. From this vantage point, we took a careful look at what kind of visual effects really influence gameplay. Then, we were able to curb costs substantially by paring down the number of images created. We are also working to standardize images in cases where the same IP is used in both pachislot and pachinko titles. For series machines, we have also been repurposing images by tweaking visual effects from past machines.

As well as these kinds of optimizations in terms of software

#### Improving business efficiency

#### Improvement of development efficiency

- Use common visual images for pachislot and pachinko machines
- Rationalize visual production
- Expand derivative titles, such as spec changes

#### 2 Cost reduction

- Promote introduction of standardized parts between pachislot and pachinko machines
- Hold down excess inventory by optimizing first-lot production (medium to long-term target: zero excess inventory)

#### Promote online commerce

Expand online sales support to pachinko machines

content, we are also working to streamline the costs of hardware, such as reusing machine gimmicks and other internal equipment. This also helps shorten the development timeframe, enabling us to test games on actual machines at an earlier stage than in the past. This allows more time for the process of refining games, which feeds into higher quality.

We also rigorously controlled surplus inventory, a factor that hampers business efficiency. However, currently an even more pressing concern is over issues with the global procurement of semiconductors and other parts, where supply is not keeping up with demand. Procurement conditions are improving somewhat, but our priority for the time being is to ensure a stable supply in preparation for growth in demand.

Recognizing the likelihood of a resurgence in such procurement risks down the road, we will work on fundamental, longterm solutions. While continually updating the supply chain, including diversifying our suppliers, we will pursue product development that enables stable production, including standardizing parts and promoting the reuse of parts.

In fact, going a bit further, if we standardize all of the hard-ware parts used in our machines, in future it could be possible to create a downloadable pachislot or pachinko machine in which only the software is switched out via a network connection. This would enable us to radically mitigate procurement risks. This is technically possible already, and this approach would also enhance security. Of course, we would need to address any regulatory issues, and will discuss the idea thoroughly with relevant authorities as we make steady progress towards implementation.

Outlook

# Key Person in Creating a Hit

## Developing innovative pachislot and pachinko machines that move users

#### The Hit Pachislot Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress

I think the so-called "Tsuranuki specifications" of Pachislot Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress. which took full advantage of revised regulations for No. 6.5 model machines — including revisions to the upper limit on medal pay-out—were a major factor in making this machine a hit. We were moving ahead with different specifications when we first started out but switched course in the final stages of development, deciding to change the

> specifications to capitalize on the features of No. 6.5 models. It was really tough to incorporate the changes in such a short period of time to avoid delaying the launch. But thanks to the agility of the whole team, we were able to launch the machine without a hitch. We got a very warm reception from users for the kind of gameplay that can only be experienced with Pachislot



Hidekazu Kouchi

Vice President, Executive Officer Managing Director of PS Research & Development Division Sammy Corporation

Pachislot Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress

Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress, such as its unparalleled reel play and exhilarating bonus wins. The machine design strikes a delicate balance between being mild and easy to play while still making users look forward to medal pay-out. My sense is that the overall gameplay, combined with high-quality visual effects using movie and sound elements, has earned high marks from users and is leading them to play the machine for long periods of time.

## Potential Shape of the Future Pachislot and Pachinko

Some people predict that the number of pachinko halls and

pachislot and pachinko players will continue to decrease as

Japan's population declines, but I am not so pessimistic. Just as

we saw a major expansion of the market in the No. 4 model era.

the pachislot and pachinko machines market still has plenty of

In 2023, the launch of Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken caused

dormant users in their 40s and 50s who had played the original

Pachislot Hokuto No Ken to return to pachinko halls and ener-

gized the market. Rather than letting this be simply a one-off

boom, it is important to keep those users in the market. With

this in mind, we will continue pursuing aggressive product

development centered on the Classic Series targeting the

dormant user base, while working at the industry association

level to give impetus to revitalization of the industry as a whole.

Currently, there is a trend for both pachislot and pachinko to

undergo regulatory review. So, my hope is that, if the industry

potential for growth once it gains momentum.

#### Expectations for all sorts of possibilities unconstrained by existing concepts

#### Short to medium term

- Improvement of gameplay
- Reduction in the number of parts
- Enhancement of hall environments
- Fraud prevention
- Lower operational burden for pachinko halls
- Measures against infection
- Measures against addiction
- Lower barriers to new store opening

#### Long-term potential

More diverse pachinko hall layouts

as a whole can draw in users by creating machines that offer

this will recharge the entire market in the near future.

new gameplay while complying with the rules and regulations,

Smart pachislot and pachinko machines offer an array of

advantages and carry huge hidden potential. Not only does

lead to lower running costs and energy savings at pachinko

halls, but since game data can be collected and managed, it

also helps in monitoring the excessive gaming behaviors that

can lead to addiction. Meanwhile, adopting cashless payment

also makes it possible to monitor individual spending patterns

nesses involved in the pachislot and pachinko machines indus-

try have to tackle. We believe that fulfilling our responsibilities to

and issue alerts on payments above a certain amount. We

recognize addiction as a serious issue that we and all busi-

society and promoting a healthy industry image is vital for

ensuring the sustainable growth of this market.

eliminating the physical pay-out of medals and pachinko balls

Cashless operation

Machines that can download and replace software

Digitization of operations

Communication between pachislot and pachinko machines

## Continuing to Take on Challenges

The various measures we have carried out based on the medium-term plan have borne fruit in the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business, giving us a framework for generating solid earnings. Going forward, by developing compelling machines that serve, inspire, and awaken users and by creating hit titles, we will drive substantial top line growth. To this end, we will foster an environment of taking on even greater challenges in line with Sammy's corporate value of being "Always proactive,

always pioneering." Continuing to take on challenges naturally sometimes involves failing, but the crucial thing is to draw on such experiences in embracing the next challenge. As I see it, a major role for myself and the rest of the management team is to cultivate the seeds of such challenges and support our human resources. I invite our stakeholders to follow our progress as we continue to drive the upward trend in the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business.

#### The Hit Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken

Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken is based on the concept of a full-fledged remake of the original Pachislot Hokuto No Ken, which recorded roughly 620,000 unit sales. We believed the key to success was to find the right way to balance the features the machine should inherit from past models while having the courage not to change and to evolve by adding elements we thought would be desirable. Our greatest focus was on the most appealing aspect of the original machine—a battle bonus that the user doesn't know how long will last. At the start of development, we were considering reproducing the original in a different form, but were able to reflect revised regulations for smart pachislot machines and come up with the ideal combination of inheritance and evolution. We also started running in-house trials from an early stage, and the whole team worked together through trial and error to decide which new features we wanted to incorporate or not until we came up with a product we were satisfied with.

The result was a huge hit, which original fans liked for its nostalgic elements and high degree of faithfulness to the original, while new fans who never knew the original liked the machine's fun and easy-to-understand nature.

The Hokuto no Ken series is an IP that has been well-loved by fans for a long time. We will continue to aim for further growth in this series by fusing elements inherited from the original with evolved new elements.





Smart Pachislot Hokuto ©COAMIX 2007 Approved No

#### Continuing to Take on Challenges

The success of these machines, both of which under the new regulations fall into the "mild" category in terms of the moderate pay-in typically needed to hit a jackpot, gives me the sense that we have an environment in which it is easier to offer a wide variety of specifications and gameplay without relying solely on the gambling aspects of the machines.

Also, as various types of entertainment emerge, I feel strongly that pachislot and pachinko need more variety as well. We will continue to take on the challenge of being a company that generates excitement among users by making them wonder what kind of machine we will put out next without relying too heavily on any single aspect, like specifications, gameplay, or the IP.

## As an "innovator in the industry," we will launch new initiatives and strive to generate stable profits by enhancing profitability.

#### External Environment

Along with the slow decline of the player population since 1995, there has been a long-term downtrend in the overall number of pachinko halls, as well as in the number of machines installed and in annual machine turnover. On the other hand, the opening of large pachinko halls and an increase in locations of major hall operators has been causing a rise in the number of machines installed per pachinko hall.

Market Size and Number of Pachislot and Pachinko Players

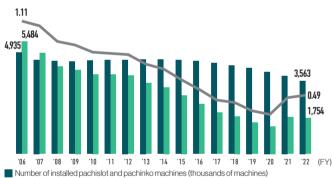


Pachislot and pachinko market (trillions of yen)

Other leisure markets (trillions of yen) Pachislot and pachinko players (ten thousands)

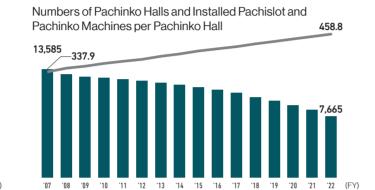
Source: White Paper on Leisure Industry 2022, Japan Productivity Cente

Pachislot and Pachinko Machines: Number of Installed Machines, Unit Sales, and Annual Turnover



Pachislot and pachinko machine unit sales (thousands of machines) — Annual turnover (times) Source: National Police Agency and Yano Research Institute Ltd. "Pachinko Manufacturer Trends 2023 (Research of Japanese Market)

Anticipated Opportunities and Risks



Number of installed pachislot and pachinko machines per pachinko hall (units)

#### Pachislot and Pachinko Machine Approval Process

When marketing a new pachislot or pachinko machine, manufacturers are required to go through multiple step approval processes in accordance with the Act on Control and Improvement of Amusement Business, etc.



For more information on market data, see P. 97-98.

#### Opportunities

- · Possibility of expanding user base By setting standards that allow new machines with a broader range of gameplay, recent revisions to regulations may expand the user base.
- Growing demand for machines that take advantage of revised

If models that take advantage of revised regulations gain the support of users, we can expect this to trigger greater demand among pachinko hall operators and feed into sales growth.

- Issue of gambling addiction
- Changing user preferences • Risk of inability to procure sufficient materials
- Surplus parts

#### Targeting opportunities

- Creation of Hits
- Improvement of Business Efficiency

#### Addressing risks

- Launch initiatives to tackle addiction across the industry
- Establish a system for developing a product lineup that features new types of gameplay and meets market needs
- Standardization of parts
- Cut procurement lead times
- Strengthen inventory controls
- Allow effective use of parts for other products

#### Business Overview

Leveraging development capabilities to offer products that meet demand

The Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business draws on a powerful IP lineup and industry-leading development capabilities to supply products that meet the demands of a diverse fan base. We are working to develop and market machines with innovative gameplay that will help bring vitality to the market for both pachislot and pachinko machines. We are also seeking to lower costs through measures centered on the standardization and reuse of parts.



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## Sammy's Strengths

Multiple well-performing series

Series	Number of titles in series	Cumulative unit sales	Series	Number of titles in series	Cumulative unit sales
Hokuto no Ken	39	Approx. <b>3,040</b> thousand units	Hokuto Muso	12	Approx. 280 thousand units
ALADDIN	15	Approx. 580 thousand units	Eureka Seven	7	Approx. 170 thousand units
Beast King	16	Approx. <b>510</b> thousand units	〈Monogatari〉 Series	12	Approx. <b>150</b> thousand units
SOUTEN-NO-KEN	16	Approx. 490 thousand units	Code Geass	4	Approx. <b>70</b> thousand units

Note: As of March 31, 2023

#### Lowering costs and raising profitability

Pachislot and pachinko businesses are characterized by a reliance on electronic parts that carry a high cost ratio.

The Group is working to raise development efficiency and lower costs, such as through the reuse of parts.



#### Value Chain of the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business



3 Average sales lead time: 1 month-

■In-house
■External



#### **▶** Progress of Medium-Term Plan

#### Goals

# Achieve top share of total utilization of pachislot and pachinko machines and maintain steady earnings

We aim to create hits and expand share of utilization by optimizing the product lineup, manufacturing machines from a user-centric perspective, and expanding communication with users through digital media. We will also improve business efficiency and maintain steady earnings by promoting standardized imagery and parts between pachislot and pachinko machines and promoting e-commerce.

#### **Creation of Hits**

Revising the product lineup

2 Increasing hit potential

3 Enhancing media functions

Improvement of Business Efficiency

Improvement of development efficiency

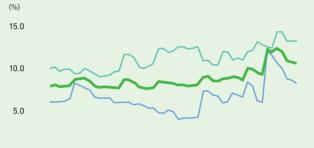
2 Cost reduction

3 Promote online commerce

#### **Progress**

#### Although Pachislot was strong, total utilization share decreased YoY due to struggle in Pachinko

#### Trend of our utilization share



0.0 April 2022 March 2023

Total (pachislot and pachinko) Pachislot Pachinko

FY2022	/3		FY2023	/3	
1st	K Company	18%	1st	S Company	18%
2nd	S Company	18%	2nd	K Company	16%
3rd	Sammy	11%	3rd	S Company	14%
4th	S Company	9%	4th	Sammy	9%

- Pachislot: Increased due to strong sales of No. 6.5 Model (+2p)
- Pachinko: Decreased due to low utilization, while sales were strong (-7p)

#### Future initiatives

- Pachislot: Actively launch smart pachislot while continuously launch No. 6.5 Model, which utilization remains strong
- Pachinko: Work on developing machines that will be supported by users
- \* In-house estimation based on DK-SIS data (Data for 4 yen Pachinko and 20 yen Pachislot) of Daikoku Denki Co., Ltd.
- \* Utilization Share = Ratio of Sammy machine's utilization out of total number of installed machine for each title × utilization of each title (Pachislot: Numbers of inserted medals, Pachinko:
- Numbers of shot balls)
- \* Calculated by average of the fiscal year (Exclude weeks falling in two fiscal years)

#### Utilization level of Pachislot is significantly increasing

#### Utilization Trend (Pachislot & Pachinko)

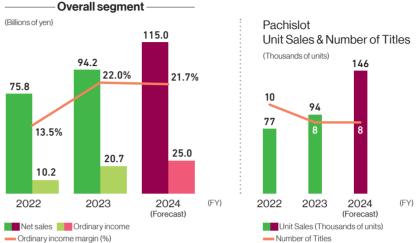


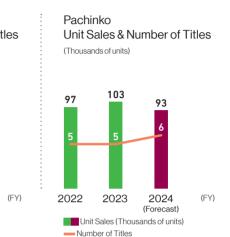
\* In-house estimation based on DK-SIS data (Data for 4 yen Pachinko and 20 yen Pachislot) of Daikoku Denki Co., Ltd.

- Pachislot: Utilization level has increased due to installation of No. 6.5 Model and smart pachislot, which responds to revision of regulation
- Due to installation of *Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken*, etc., recent utilization is significantly increasing
- Pachinko: Due to lack of new hit machines, utilization continues centered on regular machines

#### ▶ Achievements in FY2023/3 and future initiatives

#### **Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business Performance**





In the fiscal year ended March 2023, sales of pachislot machines were roughly 94 thousand units (compared with 77 thousand units sold in the previous fiscal year). This was due to strong sales of No. 6.5 model machines such as *Pachislot Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress* and *Pachislot Saga of Tanya the Evil*. In particular, *Pachislot Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress* has maintained a high level of utilization since its release in July 2022, and following a series of additional sales, unit sales have been significantly above initial plan. Sales of pachinko machines totaled 103 thousand units (compared with 97 thousand units sold in the previous fiscal year), reflecting sales of flagship machine series such as *P Shin Hokuto Muso Chapter 4*. As a result of these factors, the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business achieved year-on-year increases in sales and profits.

In the fiscal year ending March 2024, as well as No. 6.5 model machines, which show good utilization, we will also actively launch smart pachislot titles such as *Smart Pachislot BIOHAZARD*: *VENDETTA* starting with *Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken*. Based on the above, we expect that, following on from the fiscal year ended March 2023, pachislot machines will continue to drive sales and profit growth. Although parts procurement conditions are improving, we will continue to monitor the situation closely. We will build a flexible and stable supply system to ensure our readiness to meet strong demand.

#### Major titles released in FY2024/3 (As of October 2023)

		Delivery month
Pachislot	Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken	Apr. 2023
	Smart Pachislot BIOHAZARD: VENDETTA	Jul. 2023
	Pachislot Kizumonogatari -Hajimari No Toki-	Sep. 2023
	Pachislot Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress (Additional Sales)	Oct. 2023
Pachinko	P Aura Battler Dunbine 2 - ZEROLIMIT HYPER-	Apr. 2023
	P Hokuto No Ken Bokyosei	May 2023
	P Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress ~4,000Rengeki ver.~	Jun. 2023
	PBLACK LAGOON4	Jul. 2023



Smart Pachislot BIOHAZARD: VENDETTA ©2017 CAPCOM/VENDETTA FILM PARTNERS. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. ©Sammy.



P Shin Hokuto Muso Chapter 4

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## **Resort Business**

We are aiming to invest in the Gaming area as the third driver of earnings in tandem with bolstering the profitability of existing resort facilities.

#### External Environment

Pandemic-related behavioral restrictions continue easing

Behavioral restrictions in Japan continue to ease. Travel restrictions overseas, which had caused a severe impact, have also been eased.

#### Anticipated Opportunities and Risks

#### Opportunities

• Entry into the Gaming area Entry into the Gaming area has the potential to become a major source of earnings for the Group.

#### Risks

 Risk of lower customer numbers in the event of a resurgence of infections.

#### Response

Targeting opportunities

 Apply know-how accumulated during the Japan IR entry study toward investing in the Gaming area

#### Addressing risks

 As a measure against the COVID-19 pandemic, thoroughly implemented preventive measures in accordance with national and local government policies

#### Achievements in FY2023/3 and future initiatives

Phoenix Seagaia Resort achieved the highest sales and first profitability since it joined the Group due to the contribution of the government and facility's own measures to stimulate tourism demand, as well as the implementation of various measures and the enhancement of CRM focusing on individual customers.

Overseas, at *PARADISE CITY*, which is operated by PARA-DISE SEGASAMMY Co., Ltd. (an equity method affiliate), the easing of travel restrictions from June 2022 brought a gradual recovery of casino sales. From October 2022, drop amounts (the amount of chips purchased by customers) of Japanese VIPs rebounded sharply, reaching pre-pandemic levels.

As a result, net sales in this segment were  $\pm 11,540$  million (an increase of 33.2% from the previous fiscal year) and ordinary loss was  $\pm 3,217$  million (ordinary loss of  $\pm 6,738$  million for the previous fiscal year).

We will continue to work on tactical measures to attract customers in Japan at the *Phoenix Seagaia Resort* and overseas at *PARADISE CITY*. We will also apply the knowledge we have accumulated so far with the aim of investing in the Gaming area, a market that is expected to grow.



#### Business Overview

Through the operation of resort facilities in Japan and overseas, the Group is working to build up development and operational expertise in areas such as hotels, golf, entertainment facilities, commercial facilities and casino operations, while examining investment opportunities in the Gaming area.

## **Phoenix Seagaia Resort**

(Miyazaki City, Miyazaki Prefecture)

#### Japan's leading resort complex

Phoenix Seagaia Resort offers a richly varied resort experience that takes advantage of a beautiful natural setting. Surrounding it is a vast, nearly 700-hectare grove of Japanese black pines spreading roughly 11 kilometers north-south along the coast of the Pacific Ocean in Miyazaki Prefecture. The resort has three accommodation facilities, including the Sheraton Grande Ocean Resort. It also boasts a world-class convention center and Phoenix Country Club, one of Japan's preeminent golf courses.

In 2017, the largest renewal since the resort's opening was completed, transforming it into New Seagaia, which pursues the quintessential resort experience. Aiming to offer the most delicious food in Japan, we continue to create new culinary experiences at the resort by making use of its location in Miyazaki, which is well known in Japan as a treasure trove of food.



©Phoenix Resort

#### **PARADISE CITY**

(Incheon Metropolitan City, South Korea)

#### South Korea's first IR facility

PARADISE CITY, operated by PARADISE SEGASAMMY Co., Ltd., a joint venture with the PARADISE GROUP of South Korea, is the first IR facility in South Korea with hotels, casinos, convention halls, commercial facilities, and entertainment facilities. We aim to be the preeminent IR facility in northeast Asia by providing high-quality spaces and services.



## **The North Country Golf Club**

(Chitose City, Hokkaido)

As part of its activities to promote sports and contribute to the community of Chitose City, the Company runs Sega Sammy Cup Golf Tournament and operates it as a facility for snow activities, North Snowland in Chitose, in winter.



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# A History of Experiences That Move the Heart

## The SEGA SAMMY Group will continue to pursue the creation of experiences that move the heart well into the future.

The SEGA SAMMY Group was formed in October 2004 through the management integration of SEGA. a creator of well-known innovative products, and Sammy, a developer of various industry-first products, Since the management integration, SEGA SAMMY Group companies have continued to offer experiences that move the heart for consumers and pursue new experiences through the full-scale entry into the Resort Business in 2012 and other initiatives.

# **SEGASammy**

Management Integration 2004



2001

time (AT)

Launched Beast King, a

#### **-1989** -

 Launched ALADDIN. the industry's first single-bonus hitter nachislot machine



Beast King

2003 =

 Launched Pachislot Hokuto No pachislot machine with assist Ken, which set an unprecedented sales record unbeaten



Pachislot Hokuto No Ken ©Buronson & Tetsuo Hara / NSP 1983

#### 2008

 Launched Pachinko CR Hokuto No Ken, the Company's best-selling pachinko machine by number of units



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#### 2009 —

 Launched Pachislot Psalms of Planets Eureka Seven, which introduced new gameplay characteristics into No. 5 models



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Pachislot Psalms of Planets

Eureka Seven

#### 2015 -

 Launched new series Pachinko CR Shin Hokuto Muso, drawing on a game IP



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#### 2019 —

 Launched Pachislot Hokuto No Ken Tenshou the first title in the Hokuto No Ken series for No. 6 models



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#### 2022 =

 Launched Pachislot Kahaneri of the Iron Fortress for No. 6.5 models



Pachislot Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress

#### 2023 =

Launched Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken



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#### 2012 =

- Made PHOENIX RESORT CO., LTD. a wholly owned subsidiary
- Established a joint venture "PARADISE SEGASAMMY Co. Ltd "with the PARADISE GROUP of South Korea



2013 =

- Acquired gaming machine manufacture and sales license in the U.S. State
- of Nevada Opened PARADISE CITY, South



#### 2022

- Sonic the Hedgehog 2 became a
- Korea's first integrated resort



• Sonic Frontiers became a big hit.



## **-1988**

 Launched the Mega Drive home video game console powered by a high-performance 16-bit CPU



 Started rolling out Virtua Fighter, a 3D computer graphics (CG) fighting game



Virtua Fighter ©SFGA

• Launched Dreamcast, the industry's first home video console with internet connectivity



©SEGA

#### 2005=

• Launched Ryu ga Gotoku, the first title in a blockbuster series of home video console games

 Launched the first title in the Sangokushi Taisen series of network-enabled trading card



Sangokushi Taisen

2012 =

• Started distribution of online RPG PHANTASY STAR



PHANTASY STAR ONLINE 2



CHAIN CHRONICLE

 Started distribution of smartphone game Puyo puyo!! Quest and



Puyo Puyo!! Quest



#### 2016

- Launched home video console game Persona 5
- Launched PC game Total War:



Total War: WARHAMMER 2

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- Released the Sonic the Hedgehog movie





Sonic The Hedgehog SEGA OF AMERICA INC

Launched HATSUNE MIKU:



HATSUNE MIKU: COLORFUL STAGE! © SEGA/© CP/© CFM

#### SEGA SAMMY GROU

## SUSTAINABILITY VISION

#### Sustainability helps keep life colorful

We at SEGA SAMMY believe our determination to enhance life with a rich and colorful stream of captivating experiences should be reflected in our approach to sustainability.

It is our responsibility to put sustainability at the heart of everything we do, in tandem with our people, society, and the environment.

SEGA SAMMY will continue to pursue this synergy as a company dedicated to the shared experiences of a colorful world.

#### **GROUP MISSION**

# Constantly Creating, Forever Captivating — Making Life More Colorful —



# Material Issues to Be Addressed



Human Resources
Developing people who can create experiences that move the heart











## **Materiality Identification Process**

#### **Issues Capturing and Materiality Evaluation**



Between 2016 and 2020, SEGA SAMMY Holdings received the "Sustainable Management Diagnosis" conducted by the Committee for the Promotion of Management Diagnosis to visualize strengths and issues related to sustainability.

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In 2019, our group's corporate board meeting formulated management policies for CSR and SDGs and set three important themes to be addressed. They are "Improvement of job satisfaction and diversity, and elimination of inequity", "taking action on addiction", and "addressing the social issue of super-declining birthrate and aging society."

In April 2019, the assessment committee organized by professional members of management, human rights, environment, and more, along with our CSR, SDGs Promotion Department manager (current Sustainability Department) organized a stakeholder dialog. We engaged in many discussions to identify our group's unique materiality on the comprehensive perspective by giving feedback from meetings with investors, stockholders, and employees, where opinions and requests were raised, to the Board of Directors meeting.

#### Issues Identification



In 2019, we set four issues, including the three important themes to be addressed written above, and added "Environmental responses" as our group's materiality.

In 2020, we evaluated the set materiality themes to ensure their relevance to our businesses. We then redefined the materiality framework by referencing the "SASB Standards."

The current five materiality themes were identified by focusing on the value created by our core businesses to meet social needs, achieve a sustainable society, and continuously enhance corporate value, all aligned with our group mission of "Constantly Creating, Forever Captivating."

#### **Setting and Approval of Materiality**



In April 2022, our Group Sustainability Session approved the current materiality content and disclosure of the materiality, and the Group Management Strategies Committee (now the Group Management Committee) subsequently held discussions. Following these discussions, the Board of Directors granted its approval.

#### **Progress Monitoring and Reviewing Materiality**



Group companies establish their actual action themes, numerical targets, and deadlines for each materiality. They created a flow for periodically monitoring progress by setting medium-term goals based on the materiality themes and holding yearly Group Sustainability Session and Group Sustainability Promoting Meeting to report and assess their progress.

We periodically report the entire group's progress in the financial results briefings and integrated reports to our stake-holders, and also share this information on our internal and external websites.

Opinions and requests from our stakeholders are scrutinized in the Group Sustainability Session and then reviewed and updated to the optimized form after identifying issues by taking into account the importance of social problems and management issues in the context of the social condition, international trends, and external environment, all through ongoing communication with our stakeholders.



## Human Resources

## **Developing People Who Can Create Experiences That Move the Heart**



**MESSAGE** 

Makoto Takahashi

Executive Vice President. **Executive Officer** 

**Promoting human** 

resources strategies for

business transformation

## Main Activities and Milestones

SSHD\*, SEGA, Sammy Monitoring of quantitative targets (annual)

Expanding scope for disclosure of companies

Whole company Updating existing initiatives, adding new initiatives (annual)

SSHD\*.

Reexamining target figures and **SEGA, Sammy** reconsidering action plan

Reviewing disclosure policy and

**SEGA** 

Group

Building a global system

Exploring of culturally diverse human resource measures

Implementing culturally diverse human resource measures

**Implementing** the action plan

#### 2030 Targets

Culturally diverse human resources\*1

Approx. 900 people-(approx. 21%-)

Percentage of women in managerial positions

Approx. 8%-(Approx. 80 people-)

Amount invested in education

¥4.0 billion or more cumulatively

**Engagement score** 

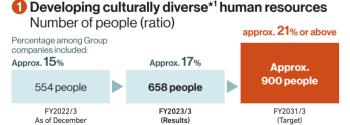
58\*4 or above/Rating A\*5 or above

\*SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC.

#### Four Key Indicators in Human Capital

**companies** examination of action plan

Companies included 1 2 3: SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS, SEGA (Japan), Sammy, 1. Major Group Companies in Japan



\*1 Certified based on numerous criteria, such as being a foreign national, having overseas residence experience and multicultural experience, and having a certain level of proficiency in languages such as English or Chinese. Human resources who can deal with diverse cultures and use their experi

2 Active career opportunities for women Percentage of women in managerial positions



\*2 Percentage of management positions held by women (including specialists)

#### 3 Development of core human resources Amount invested in education ¥4.0 billion\*3 or more cumulatively



\*2 Cumulative investment from FY2023/3 to FY2031/3

4 Maintenance of work environment Engagement score



\*4 Source: Link and Motivation Inc, engagement score based on motivation cloud

## **Formulating the HR Transformation Vision**

A Message from the Head of Human Resources

Through structural reforms, the Group has been able to evolve into a structure capable of generating stable earnings. We have achieved the original final year targets of our current medium-term plan ahead of schedule.

Looking at the rapidly changing market environment and user trends from a long-term standpoint, however, it is clear that constant evolution of our business model will be needed. Without it, we cannot expect sustainable growth in the future, and instead can expect that the risks we face will only increase.

Spurred by this sense of urgency, we have positioned "transformation" as the core theme of the Group's human resources strategy. To advance this transformation, in November 2020 we formulated the HR Transformation Vision, which articulates our ideal image for our organization and our human resources.

Fortunately, our Group is full of human resources who genuinely love our products and services. They have a mindset of wanting to deliver those products and services to more users and embracing change to make that happen. That is why the HR Transformation Vision has gained such good traction within the Company, with clear signs of change.

#### **Linking management strategy and human** resources strategy

SEGA SAMMY has listed "Human Resources" as one of its material issues to be addressed.

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As user needs diversify and businesses become more global, creating new products and services to attract new users will become increasingly important. To adapt to this situation, we are focusing on hiring and training multicultural human resources who understand diverse cultures and values. We are building an environment where women can play a more active role and investing in education for each and every employee to hone their skills. We are also building a workplace where these diverse human resources can work with vigor and enthusiasm.

In the next medium-term plan, which is currently under discussion, we will further strengthen the links between our management strategy and human resource strategy. We must be able to flexibly allocate appropriate human resources so that we are not hindered by a lack of human resources when implementing our new strategy. To achieve this, we will need to visualize what kind of skill set each employee has and build a database based on these insights. By doing so, we can specify the skills that are important for the future of the Company, using those parameters as we design various human resource development programs.

I believe that if we can create such an environment, we will further increase our internal momentum toward new challenges, which will in turn accelerate our transformation and growth

customers can enjoy the game as originally intended. The evaluation result is also used by management and the development

At SEGA, we have an in-house evaluation team that assesses the titles we develop for smartphones and video game consoles by

The evaluation team objectively assesses the titles, comparing the final version against the concept set by the development

department at the time of game planning. The team checks whether a unique appeal has been achieved for the title, and whether

Products and Services

Providing Safe, Dependable, and Innovative Products and Services

Main Activities and Milestones

Whole company Updating existing initiatives, adding new initiatives (annual)

**SEGA** Global branding of existing IP

**Quality Improvement** 

measuring the level of fun that they offer.

**Sammy** Promotion of user-oriented development/

E Evaluation Team that Supports the Fun of Each Title

Brush-up with a test-shoot evaluation system



Creation of a "Super Game"

Launched on October 17, 2023, Sonic Superstars is an all-new title in the Sonic series. In this game, players can also enjoy the series' first offline multiplayer mode, which can be played with up to four players, as well as battle mode, which can be played both offline and online. While preserving the 2D side-scrolling feel of the original Sonic, this completely new high-speed action game also reimagines and evolves the gameplay with 3D graphics. The evaluation team is also supporting the tackling of new challenges in this latest entry in the Sonic series.



2030 Targets

Global leading contents provider

(Entertainment Contents Business)

Win a "triple crown"—top share in

utilization, installation, and sales

(Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business)

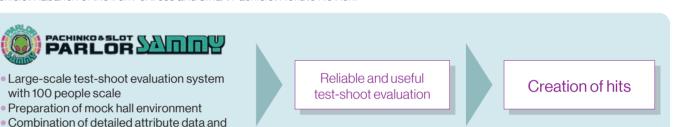
Sonic Superstars ©SEGA

## P User-oriented Development Process

While planning, Sammy uses data-based market analysis and hypothesis validation to identify targets and needs. We have also put in place a system for enhancing the level of perfection with a unique test-shoot evaluation system that provides more user-oriented evaluations.

#### P Brush-up Using Highly Unique Test-shoot Evaluation

Sammy is leveraging industry-leading human resources for development to deploy a massive 100-people scale test-shoot evaluation into the development process. In addition, we have installed a mock hall (Parlor Sammy) that closely resembles the actual play environment, and are working to refine our products. These efforts have led to the creation of hit titles such as *Pachislot Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress* and *Smart Pachislot Hokuto No Ken*.



## Safety and Security

product evaluation

#### E Initiatives of the Global Product Operations Division

SEGA is increasing its connections with customers through the multi-platform global expansion of our game titles. Simultaneously releasing a game globally across several platforms calls for a number of processes to be brought together thoroughly and seamlessly. We must ensure that game quality meets the standards of each platform and of SEGA. At the same time, we must observe the laws and regulations of each country and region where the game is released, while also localizing the game into many languages and ensuring that the creative expression of the game is preserved and appropriate.

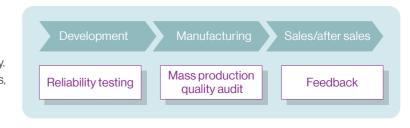
In response to this situation, the Global Product Operations Division is working to develop guidelines for various workflow at SEGA's development and publishing sites in Japan, Asia, North America, and Europe with the aim of improving execution accuracy and optimizing its processes. In addition, the Global Product Operations Division shares information such as laws, regulations and guidelines that should be complied with in the target region on the company's intranet. When any of these are revised, the division offers support to ensure that each global business site appropriately implements the required response, including providing materials and holding study sessions as necessary.

With SEGA entities all around the world working together, the Global Product Operations Division serves as a hub for the development of game titles that customers of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy safely and with peace of mind.

#### P Thorough Quality Assurance System

Sammy has put in place a thorough safety management system. It has established a Quality Assurance Department as a dedicated organization in its commitment to ensuring zero major defects that would affect personal physical safety.

In addition, we conduct not only in-house quality audits, but also audits of domestic and overseas cooperating factories utilizing online as well.



Entertainment Contents Business

R Resort Business

Planning while

identifying needs

SS Group

Consolidation

and knowledge

creation

Market analysis

hypothesis

validation

P Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business

Effective

promotion and

market launch

Brush-up using

unique test-shoot

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\*1 SEGASAMMY Colorful Carbon Zero is the name of the action plan to promote the Group's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. "Colorful" conveys the idea of using a variety of measures to achieve zero carbon emissions.

#### **Our Efforts for 'Environment'**

The SEGA SAMMY Group has been working on effectively using energy, reducing the environmental load from offices and production bases, and environmentally conscious design of products/services to combat global warming. In May 2022, we set a quantitative target for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. In Scope 1 and 2, we aim to reduce group—wide emissions by around 50% by 2030 based on the fiscal year ended March 2021 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. In Scope 3, SEGA CORPORATION and Sammy Corporation, the Group's major operating companies, aim to achieve a more than 22.5% reduction that meets the SBT\*2 standard by 2030. This endeavor will be realized through engagement with suppliers, including supplier surveys and collaboration to address climate change issues.

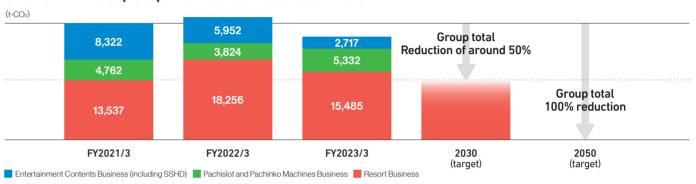
\*2 Companies set greenhouse gas emission reduction targets in alignment with the Paris Agreement's requirements and scientific evidence, with a focus on the next five to fifteen years.

#### Transition to Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Implementation of Photovoltaic Systems

To reduce our group-wide Scope 1 (direct) emissions in Japan, we plan to replace company vehicles used by sales departments, production and development departments, and executives with environmentally friendly vehicles. We also plan to gradually transition to non-gasoline vehicles by comprehensively assessing the price, load capacity, and selection options for leased company vehicles.

To reduce our Scope 2 (indirect) emissions, we plan to gradually transition to green power (or renewable energy), using green power certificates to offset any shortfalls.

#### SEGA SAMMY Group Scope 1 and 2 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

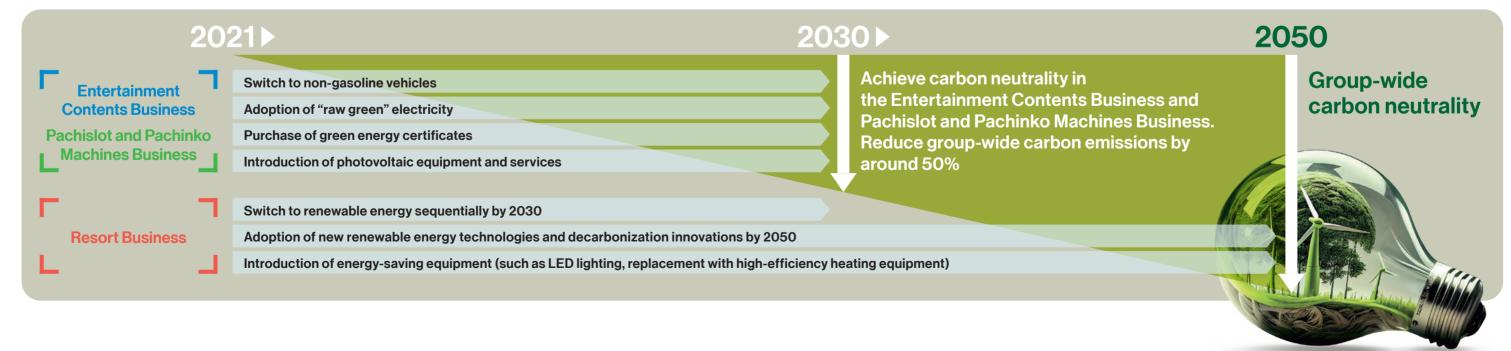


#### P Enhancing Reuse, Expanding Standardization of Parts, and Introducing Smart Pachislot Title

At Sammy, we are actively working to reduce Scope 3 emissions by promoting reuse and minimizing excess inventory. As part of these efforts, we have established a dedicated project team to reduce our environmental burden. Comprising members from the production, development, and sales departments, the new team evaluates various strategies to achieve this goal, including the adoption of materials with lower environmental burden.

Furthermore, in our efforts to reduce energy consumption by pachislot and pachinko machines, we have initiated the introduction of pachislot machines equipped with adjustable brightness functions. We have also begun offering smart pachislot machines, known for their lower power consumption. In the future, with a view to realizing machines that can download and replace software, which would eliminate the need for replacing hardware itself, our commitment to minimizing our environmental burden will continue.

#### Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality



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# **Environment**

## **Disclosure Based on TCFD Recommendations**



Please see our website for details on disclosure based on the TCFD recommendations https://www.segasammy.co.jp/en/sustainability/esg/tcfd/

#### The Purpose of Expressing Support for TCFD and Participating in the TCFD Consortium

The Group has implemented climate-related financial disclosure in line with the TCFD framework since 2022.

In June of the same year, the Group announced its endorsement of the key recommendations of the final report (TCFD Recommendations) of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD), which provides a framework for climate-related information disclosure and serve as guidelines to verify the adequacy of the Group's measures related to climate change.

In addition, as member of the TCFD Consortium, which comprises companies and financial institutions supporting the TCFD. we are actively exchanging information with other supporting companies and financial institutions to ensure more effective information disclosure





#### Governance

As an organization to discuss and deliberate on the fundamental policies and critical matters related to the Group's climate change, we established the Group Sustainability Subcommittee within the Group Management Committee, an optional committee, in April 2022. The Group Sustainability Subcommittee comprises the President and Group CEO of the Company, as well as directors and members of the Board Audit Committee who are consistent

with sustainability in the skills matrix of the Board of Directors. Additionally, it includes the CFO of the Group, ensuring compliance with TCFD disclosure requirements. The Sustainability Division of the Company manages the secretariat.

The Board of Directors receives reports on the policies and plans developed in the Group Sustainability Subcommittee and approves them as appropriate.

#### Strategy

To assess the potential risks and opportunities arising from future climate change and their financial implications for our business activities, we have conducted scenario analysis methods using the TCFD framework.

We disclose the results of our scenario analysis based on

three axes: short-term (within 2 years), medium-term (over 2 years to within 10 years), and long-term (over 10 years) for the timing of the emergence of climate change-related risks and opportunities that are expected to have a significant impact on the Group.

#### Scenario Analysis Results (Risks/Opportunities, Financial Impact)

Category	Risks/opportunities item	Timing	Impact on the SEGA SAMMY Group [ Risk Opportunity]		
		Medium/ long term	The carbon tax burden will increase if governments adopt more brutal climate change-related regulations and apply carbon taxes to greenhouse gas emissions.	Medium	
Changes to policies and regulatory requirements	Introduction of greenhouse gas emission regulations and carbon taxes	Medium/ long term	• If governments adopt more brutal climate change-related regulations and apply carbon taxes to greenhouse gas emissions, manufacturers will pass on the resulting increase in the carbon tax burden, leading to higher procurement costs.	Large	
		Medium/ long term	<ul> <li>Electric power charges could increase or decrease due to the use of electric power produced using renewable energy.</li> </ul>	Small	
	Introduction of new regulations	Short to long term	<ul> <li>Manufacturing costs could rise due to transitioning to alternative materials (recycled/biomass plastics) with smaller environmental footprints in response to tougher regulations.</li> </ul>		
Effects to increase a	Relocation of highly efficient buildings	Medium/ long term	By centralizing head office functions in Sumitomo Realty & Development's Osaki Garden Tower, which has advanced environmental systems and features, we will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and curb cost increases resulting from the future introduction of carbon taxes.	Small	
Efforts to improve resource efficiency	Recycling/reuse	Short to long term	We will reduce costs by recycling used amusement machines and reusing parts.	Small	
	Reduction of parts, materials, and packaging through environment focused changes to marketing formats	Medium/ long term			
Physical changes in the environment	Increasing seriousness of abnormal weather events	Medium/ long term	Sales could decline due to damage and shutdowns affecting manufacturing facilities and offices.	Small	

Short term: within 2 years, Medium term: over 2 years to within 10 years, Long term: over 10 years

#### Carbon Pricing

For carbon pricing, which can be quantitatively evaluated based on the third-party assurance of greenhouse gas emissions, we have calculated based on the following method.

In the future, we will continue to explore the possibility of disclosing quantitative evaluations for items beyond carbon pricing.

Greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and 2) were calculated by multiplying the emission unit by the activity volume and multiplying it by the assumed carbon tax price for each 1.5°C scenario and 4°C scenario to assess the impact of carbon pricing.

In 2030, the projected carbon tax burden was ¥530 million in the 1.5°C scenario and ¥160 million in the 4°C scenario, and in 2050 it would be ¥950 million in the 1.5°C scenario and ¥340 million in the 4°C scenario. Our ongoing commitment is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by around 50% by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 as a group-wide objective.

Scenario	2030	2050
1.5°C scenario	–¥530 million	–¥950 million
4°C scenario	–¥160 million	-¥340 million

<sup>\*1</sup> Assumed carbon tax price: (1.5°C scenario) US\$140/t-CO2 in 2030, US\$250/t-CO2 in 2050, (4°C scenario) US\$42/t-CO2 in 2030, US\$89/t-CO2 in 2050 (quoted from IEA (World Energy Outlook 2022)), assuming an exchange rate of US \$1=¥135 (adopting the AR at the time of our third quarter results for the fiscal year ended March 2023)

#### **Risk Management**

The Company has identified climate change-related risks expected to significantly affect the group as follows:

• Risks related to the "transition" to a low-carbon economy Climate change policies, regulations, technological development, market trends, and evaluations.

• Risks related to "physical" changes caused by climate change Acute or chronic damage caused by disasters brought about by climate change

In addition, for climate change-related risks anticipated to have a significant impact, we evaluate their importance based on the impact assessment criteria using internal indicators.

#### **Indicators and Targets**

Metrics Used by the Organization to Assess Climate Change-Related Risks and Opportunities in Line with its Strategy and Risk Management Process

The Group has established greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1, 2, 3) as a metric for managing climate change-related risks and opportunities.

Scope 1, Scope 2, and, if Applicable, Scope 3 Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Related Risks

The Group has been working on calculating the greenhouse gas emissions of the entire group since FY2015/3.

For FY2022/3, the Group has obtained third-party assurance from SOCOTEC Certification Japan for Scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions.

#### SEGA SAMMY Group Scope 1, 2, and 3 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance for FY2023/3

Category	Emissions (t-CO <sub>2</sub> )	Share (%)
Scope 1	9,075	1.1
Scope 2	14,459	1.8
Scope 3	768,058	97.0
Total of Scope 1, 2 and 3	791,592* <sup>3</sup>	100.0

<sup>\*3</sup> Figures predate third-party guarantees and may be subject to change.

<sup>\*2</sup> Assuming that Scope 1 and 2 are targeted, greenhouse gas emissions are the same as in the fiscal year ended March 2022.

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# Addiction

#### **Prevention of Addictions and Disorders**



Entertainment Contents Business

P Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business

Resort Business

SS Group

#### Main Activities and Milestones

SEGA Survey and research on gaming disorders conducted by four gaming-related organization in Japan

Promotion of measures to combat addiction such as gambling. primarily with Industry Organizations

SSHD\* Monitoring of industry-academia collaborative research results with Kyoto University

#### 2030 Targets

Compliance with laws and regulations, voluntary rules related to addiction, etc.

Contributing to the sound development of the industry

Implementation of industry-academia collaborative research on addiction

## **Proactively Addressing the Increasing Impact of Negative Aspects as** the Business Expands

Compliance with laws, regulations, voluntary rules, etc.

**Engagement in industry** organization initiatives

**Implementing** SEGA SAMMY's own initiatives

## **Collaboration with Industry Groups**

E At the World Health Assembly in May 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) recognized "gaming disorder" as a disease, defining it as a pattern of excessive online and video gaming. In Japan, the Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association (CESA), the Japan Online Game Association (JOGA), the Mobile Content Forum (MCF), and the Japan eSports Union (JeSU) jointly established a study group to conduct surveys and research relating to phenomena triggered by game play, and to educate the public about appropriate ways to enjoy video games. In April 2023, a report entitled "Survey and Research Results on Gaming Disorders" which this study group has outsourced to external experts and conducted by them was published.

The Group will continue to address these issues appropriately in cooperation with the study group aiming to foster the healthy development of the video game industry.

## Addiction Countermeasures in the Pachislot and Pachinko **Machines Business**

P Support for the Recovery Support Network, the Telephone Helpline Services

The Group began to implement initiatives against addiction following the establishment of the Society for Research on Pachinko Addiction in 2003. The Recovery Support Network (RSN), founded in 2006 with the support of various groups within the industry, has also introduced a wide range of initiatives, including awareness-raising activities and telephone helpline services.

P Activities during Pachislot and Pachinko Addiction Awareness Week

Pachislot and Pachinko Addiction Awareness Week is held in Japan every year from May 14 to May 20 with the aim of raising awareness about pachislot and pachinko addiction. Centered around Awareness Week, in addition to holding forums to broaden understanding of these issues, industry organizations are also engaged in Awareness Week poster campaigns and other activities. The Group will continue to support and contribute to the sound development of the industry through these activities.

#### Addiction Countermeasures in the Pachislot and Pachinko Industry

- 2003 Establishment of the Society for Research on Pachinko Addiction
- 2006 Establishment of the Recovery Support Network (RSN)
- 2017 Release of a statement on pachinko/pachislot addiction
- 2018 Replacement of pachislot and pachinko machines with new models that comply with revised regulations Establishment of the Advisory Council on Addiction Countermeasures in the Pachinko and Pachislot Industry (a committee of independent experts)
- 2019 Formulation of Basic Guidelines for Addressing Pachinko Addiction
  - Formulation of Basic Guidelines for the Pachinko and Pachislot Industry for Addressing Addiction
- 2020 National Police Agency expresses expectations for promoting measures to address addiction and urges at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Japan Federation of Gaming Business Associations

## **Industry-Academia Joint Research Project on Gambling Addiction**

SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS and Kyoto University are jointly conducting a process research project\* on gambling addiction, involving the collection and analysis of data related to the progression of gambling behaviors. The goal of this research is to identify early warning signs of dangerous gambling behavior by collecting and analyzing playing data from casinos.

The Group intends to utilize the findings from this research to establish systems for the early identification of players displaying signs of addiction, aiming to prevent further escalation. Additionally, we plan to create facility operations that promote self-control and restraint among users. This approach will help us build an integrated framework for addressing gambling addiction, covering education and prevention and treatment in cooperation with medical institutions and other organizations.

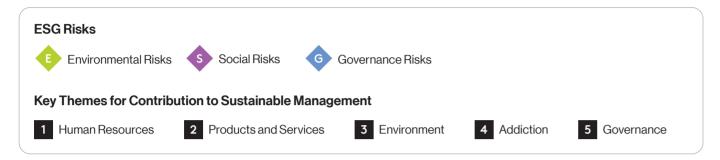
To date, our studies have analyzed playing data, particularly concerning the influence of prior wins or losses on subsequent betting behavior in the process of repeated gambling sessions. We have concentrated on analyzing playing data from the card game baccarat. Results from the joint research showed that repeated gambling behavior results in a tendency to increase the size of bets, regardless of whether the gambler wins or loses, and that this pattern is especially pronounced after a win. It was also found that the percentage of individuals engaging in risky gambling tends to rise after repeated wins. These findings were also published in the research journal International Gambling Studies.

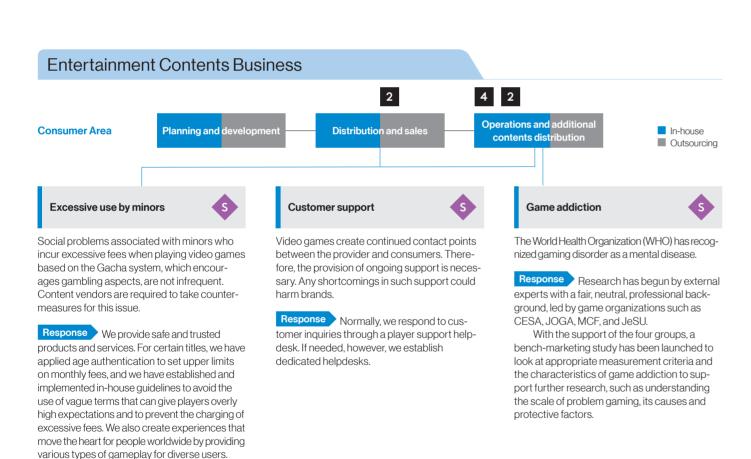
<sup>\*</sup> SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  This research project is being conducted from December 2017 to March 2026 at the Kokoro Research Center Kyoto University

## ESG Risks and Countermeasures in the Value Chain

Recognizing that the various ESG risks faced by different face-to-face markets and business models confront different types of risk, our group has taken steps to address these risks and has identified key themes for contributing to sustainable management.







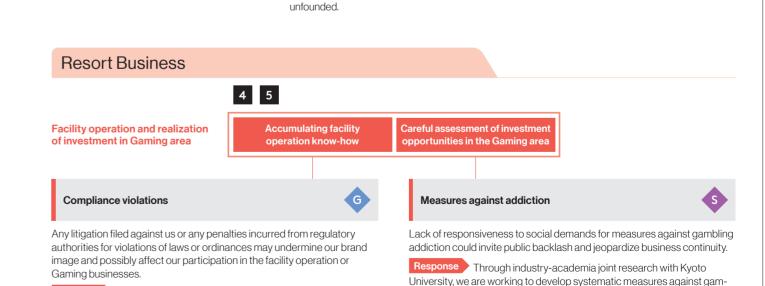
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increasing efficiency through the use of

common parts to reduce parts costs.

By analyzing behavioral data from players showing signs of gambling addiction, we aim to establish a system that rapidly detects addiction and

prevents behavior from escalating.



Response Under the Group Risk and Compliance Promotion Committee, we are working to build a corporate structure that fosters the develop-

ment of sound corporate management in observance of laws, ordinances,

manufacture of pachislot and pachinko machines that are highly resistant to improper

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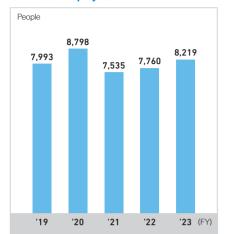
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and societal norms.

# Human Resources Data

# **Number of Employees**



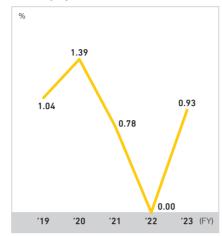
Note: The number of employees increased in fiscal year 2020, mainly due to the transfer of temporary workers in the Entertain-

# **Number and Percentage of Female Managers**



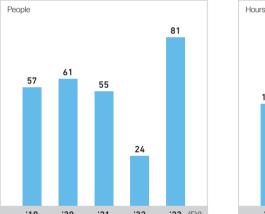


# **New Employee Turnover Rate**

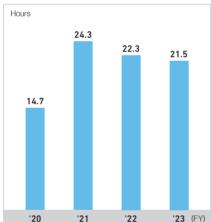


Note: The new employee turnover rate indicates figures for SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS, SEGA, and Sammy only.

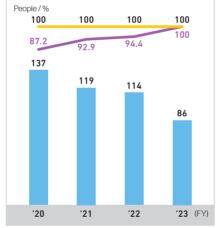
# **Employees Rehired after Retirement**











- Number of employees taking childcare leave

  Percentage of male employees returning to work after
- childcare leave
- Percentage of female employees returning to work after childcare leave

# Other Indicators

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Mid-Career Hires (People)	224	196	97	131	310
Hiring of Persons with Disabilities*¹ (People)	94	103	98	129	135
Employees Taking Maternity Leave (People)	66	70	48	39	38
Days of Paid Leave Taken (Full-time employee) (Days)*2	-	-	11.0	12.0	14.5
Percentage of Paid Leave Taken*2 *3 (%)	-	-	50.7	56.6	65.6
Days of Volunteer Leave Taken (Days)	101	18	0	26	8
Employees Taking Volunteer Leave (People)	42	16	0	19	31
Difference in wages between male and female workers (all workers)	-	-	-	-	76.5

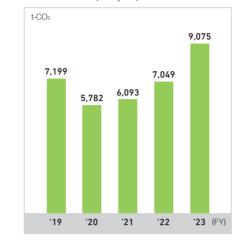
- \*1 Number of people with disabilities employed by Group companies subject to the Employment Rate System for Persons with Disabilities
- \*2 Figures are shown from FY2021/3 due to a revised calculation method.
- \*3 Calculated by dividing the number of paid leave days taken by the number of statutory annual paid leave days. Includes statutory annual paid leave days at some Group companies.

### Scope of Data and Aggregation Methods

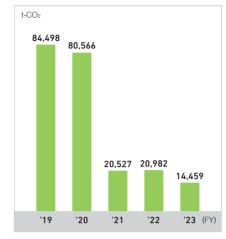
- Fiscal year 2019: 15 domestic companies, fiscal year 2020: 14 domestic companies, fiscal year 2021: 12 domestic companies, fiscal year 2022: 10 domestic companies, fiscal year 2023: 11 domestic companies (SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS, SEGA, Sammy, ATLUS, Sammy Networks, SEGA TOYS, SEGA Logistics Service, DARTSLIVE, TMS ENTERTAINMENT, PHOENIX RESORT, SEGA SAMMY CREATION)
- Number of employees indicates consolidated Group figures
- The wage difference between male and female workers is calculated for SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS Inc. The calculation method used is average annual income of female employees divided by average annual income of male employees.

# **Environmental Data**

CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions (Scope 1)



### CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions (Scope 2)

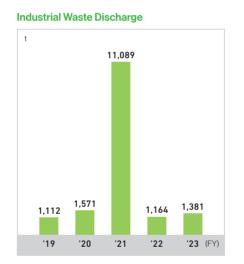


# CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions (Scope 3)

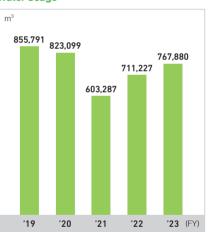


# **Electricity Usage**





### Water Usage



Notes 1. Some data estimated based on total floor area

- 2: Decline in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions mainly reflects reductions in the use of fuel and electricity
- 3: Coefficient for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from purchased electricity: Adjusted emission coefficients for each electricity provider for the fiscal year prior to each reporting fiscal year 4: There are changes from the previous year's figures due to a review of the calculation method used when obtaining a third-party guarantee.

# **Number of Violations of Environmental Laws and Regulations**

		2020	2021	2022	2023
		0	0	0	0
Environmental Indicators at Sammy's Kawagoe Factory					(FY)
	_	2020	2021	2022	2023
Pachislot and pachinko machine recycle rate (total for pachislot and pachinko machines)	Recycle rate (%)	95.4	98.6	96.4	98.3

<sup>\*</sup>Data on the use of environmentally friendly materials (amount of wood used) has not been disclosed from the fiscal year ended March 2023 onward, as we have switched to alternative materials.

• Fiscal year 2019: 15 domestic companies, fiscal year 2020: 13 domestic companies, fiscal year 2021: 19 domestic companies, fiscal year 2022: 19 domestic companies (SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS, SEGA, Sammy, ATLUS, Sammy Networks, SEGA TOYS, SEGA Logistics Service, DARTSLIVE, TMS ENTERTAINMENT, PHOENIX RESORT, Sega of America, Inc., Sega Europe Ltd., Amplitude Studios SAS, Relic Entertainment, Inc., Sega Black Sea EOOD, Sega Publishing Europe Ltd., Sports Interactive Ltd., The Creative Assembly Ltd., Two Point Studios Limited)

Please check the Company website for the latest ESG data. https://www.segasammy.co.jp/en/sustainability/data/dataesg/

# Special Dialogue

# Management succession at SEGA SAMMY

The SEGA SAMMY Group saw a dramatic turnaround in performance in the fiscal year ended March 2023 in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, recording financial results that far exceeded our expectations. The past ten years or so have been marked by a great deal of turbulence for the Group, as it sought to navigate technological innovations and mounting competition in the consumer games sector, as well as regulatory changes and contraction in the pachislot and pachinko machines market. In the midst of this turmoil, the Group proceeded with the succession of a new President and Group CEO.

We sat down with Chairman Hajime Satomi and his son, the current President and Group CEO Haruki Satomi, to get their thoughts about how the transition in management came about and what led up to it.



# Lead-up to 2017, when Haruki Satomi became President and COO

First, Chairman Satomi, I would like to ask: What kind of training opportunities did you provide for CEO Satomi to foster him as someone fit to be a top manager?

Hajime: When Haruki joined Sammy Corporation in 2004, I felt he should experience a range of challenging work environments. As a company, Sammy was familiar to him from childhood, so, the following year, I purposefully transferred him to SEGA CORPORATION. I felt it would be effective to have him take charge of a new business there and gain business experience. Because he was stationed on the West Coast of the United States, he began building his career in an environment where there were no familiar faces around to help him out in a pinch. At his own

request, he also completed an MBA at UC Berkeley School of Business while working. It was during this time that he learned the basics of management. A typical MBA course takes two years of intensive study, but Haruki took three years, attending school on weekends and in the evenings while working at the office during the day. I imagine it was a really tough time for him.

Haruki: Out on the West Coast, I was working on a new business distributing SEGA games over the Internet. I had originally been interested in starting up a business, and after graduating from university, I worked for a while at a financial institution to gain expertise. So, being allowed to start this new business was exactly

what I had hoped for. By the way, video game console software at that time was still mainly sold as a package, and the Group still had a conventional sales network. Getting involved in this business in a digitally advanced country like the United States was an invaluable experience, which prepared me for the various technological innovations that were to come.

Balancing the MBA studies and work was demanding and tough to be sure, but looking back now, those three years have informed my whole life.

In 2012, I started up SEGA Networks, a business company specializing in smartphone games. As you know, SEGA's focus had been on developing games for home video game consoles and amusement facilities. In those days of the flip phone, mobile games still felt like a completely different industry, and not many employees were interested in their development. But I went around to SEGA employees pitching the advanced performance of smartphones, which were already becoming more widespread overseas before they reached Japan, and emphasized the future potential of smartphone games. Then, eventually, I was able to make SEGA Networks a separate company. In its first year, the company was unable to achieve its forecasts and ended up in posting a significant loss. However, confident that this business would pan out, I asked my whole team to transfer over from SEGA. At the time, my sense was that we couldn't beat up-and-coming players in the mobile game business without that degree of commitment. After that, we put out a hit title and the business guickly started turning a profit. I'm truly grateful to that team at SEGA Networks who were supportive of my thinking.

# Chairman Satomi, how did you view the transfer of staff to the new company?

Hajime: As I observed a series of developments related to smartphone games, I myself felt keenly that ICT was evolving, so I was fully on board with addressing the emerging era of the smartphone. Also, to accomplish anything it is extremely important to have a manager who is really driven and willing to push himself to the limit, so I also appreciated Haruki's stance of taking initiative in setting up his own operation.

To be honest, though, for someone of my generation, I felt it was difficult to properly gauge what was going on in the fast-changing digital world. So I think it was very fortunate for our Group to have young managers appear on the digital stage with the determination to take on new challenges.

# CEO Satomi, you were also responsible for undertaking structural reforms at SEGA.

**Haruki:** That's right. I started at SEGA in 2005 and became Senior Vice President in 2014. At that time, SEGA's business performance was in fairly bad shape, so I set out to build the Company back up. We separated the various businesses into separate companies to clarify earnings responsibilities, established the Mission Pyramid, and aimed to bring the Company together under a shared set of values.

Hajime: Sammy's executives approached me around this time and asked me to appoint Haruki as President of Sammy. I was aware that he was helping SEGA bounce back from a very trying situation, but I recall being surprised at how much attention he was attracting within the Group as a whole, much sooner than I expected.

Haruki became President of Sammy in April 2016. Around that same time, we announced the establishment of ZEEG, a joint venture with competitor Universal Entertainment. The announcement that the two companies vying for the top spot in the industry had come together in a tie-up must have been a big surprise, even within the industry.

Haruki: In tandem with the structural reforms at SEGA, I began laying the groundwork for ZEEG several years before assuming the role of President at Sammy. I knew we could expect this partnership to bring cost benefits through the use of common cabinets and parts and enhance the quality of entertainment through technical collaboration. After a long period of repeated discussions both in and outside the Group, we finally reached this goal.

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Hajime: When I called Haruki in to speak with me around that time, I got the impression that he knew much more about the businesses of both Sammy and SEGA than I did, including the details of what was going on. If that were the case, I thought, he should take charge of managing the entire Group as COO under my leadership. I brought his appointment as Representative Director, President, and COO of SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS to a discussion of the Board of Directors meeting in 2017. Under the framework at that point, Haruki was at the forefront of the business, but as CEO I still had full responsibility for management.

# During your time as COO, I heard you felt that you were under the most pressure ever in your career. How did you overcome that?

Haruki: Being entrusted with all the businesses of the Group was a lot of pressure. But I also had the habit for many years of playing out in my mind what it would be like in the future to become the President and writing down bullet points in my notebook about the kind of mission I ought to carry out. So, when I became COO, I looked back at my notes and went about putting them into practice one by one.



# Haruki Satomi spearheading structural reforms in 2020

People attribute strong performance in the fiscal year ended March 2023 to the structural reforms carried out in 2020 in response to the pandemic, which yielded great results.

Haruki: In our previous medium-term plan Road to 2020, which covered the fiscal years ended March 2018 to March 2020, we did not achieve our targets. However, by running a PDCA cycle on the plan, I think we were able to grasp the weak points and issues of the Group as a whole, which was a good outcome. As you know, the impact of COVID-19 was enormous and our businesses were hugely affected. I thought we should start out by imagining the worst-case scenario and think about what we should do from there.

In our worst-case scenario, we estimated a possible loss of ¥45.0 billion. Even if that were to happen, the Company would not be immediately insolvent, but I felt we should use this crisis as an opportunity to confront long-standing issues and undertake structural reforms at a level that would have been impossible in normal times.

# **Overview of Structural Reforms**

- Review of business portfolio (transfer of Amusement Center Operations area, resource reallocation from Amusement Machine area to Consumer area)
- Reduction of fixed expenses (call for voluntary retirement)
- Review of non-business assets (disposal of owned assets)

Hajime: At the time, when I saw the proposed reforms, as CEO I honestly wondered if we needed to go that far. The Amusement Center Operations area was still profitable, so I thought it would be a waste to sell it off at a low price. But Haruki and our CFO, Koichi Fukazawa, told me that they didn't want to shirk responsibility by having me choose from among several scenarios. Instead, they wanted to make their best choice and take responsibility for seeing it through. When I realized how committed they were, it came across how seriously they were thinking about the Group and its management, so I approved their proposed structural reforms for the sake of the Group's future.

Among the people who took voluntary retirement there were nearly 400 Sammy employees who had supported me since the Company's founding. I set up the opportunity to talk directly with the retiring employees, and did everything in my power to support their career transitions.

Haruki: We carried out these reforms because we had Japan's Stewardship Code and Corporate Governance Code in mind. To be honest, if the Group were not a listed company, we likely could have maintained minimal earnings and gradually deteriorated while carrying out business as usual. But that's no way to be accountable to shareholders and other stakeholders. Since we are a listed company, the management team has a duty to elevate the Group further toward a growth trajectory while achieving a certain rate of return on capital. Otherwise, the management team would quickly lose the trust of investors and we would no longer have a reason to exist as a company.

**Hajime:** Along with the reforms, I also decided to step down as CEO. In 2021, I discussed Haruki's appointment with an independent advisory board consisting of all of our outside directors. No one objected.

Haruki: From a sustainability perspective, my personal opinion is that the survival of a company is the most important thing. The next important question is how we can increase earnings. It's possible to generate strong earnings in the short term without considering any negative impact on society or the environment. In fact, from time to time companies with such strategies appear, both in the pachislot and pachinko machines sector and in the consumer games sector.

But that kind of approach can't guarantee a company's future prospects. All of the employees and business partners involved with our Group can take pride in the fact that they contribute to society every day. In other words, a company's value increases only if its management takes the straight and narrow path. I'm convinced that the structural reforms we carried out in 2020 were absolutely necessary measures for creating such a framework.

# About management succession and leadership

In the INTEGRATED REPORT 2021, Kohei Katsukawa, one of the outside directors of SEGA SAMMY, said, "Haruki is someone who played a central role in the structural reforms in 2020 and who is determined to achieve the goals of the new medium-term plan. That's why I feel that the Group under his leadership as CEO is moving into a pivotal period, like a second founding." Chairman Satomi, what are your thoughts now that you have stepped down as CEO?

Hajime: For me, the title of CEO, even more than Chairman or President, encouraged me to work hard to manage the Company with a deep sense of responsibility. From that perspective, passing on the CEO position was a big decision. Now that I have passed on this responsibility, I do not interfere more than necessary in management decision-making.

Although I stepped down as CEO, it is a well-known fact that I founded the Company. If I give directions to the CEO, everyone will feel like I'm still in charge. I've let Haruki assume full responsibility for Group management. In Japan, you often see cases where a company's founder or a charismatic CEO continues to cling to the reins of management even after appointing a successor, and sometimes even dismisses their successor. But if someone doesn't want to cede authority, I think they should continue to shoulder responsibility as CEO.

Haruki: Clarifying the authority of the CEO is the essence of corporate governance. Within the scope of their authority, CEOs enhance corporate value and reward shareholders and other stakeholders. The higher level body that oversees this is the Board of Directors. I believe the Board ought to be a place where a diverse range of outside directors evaluate the CEO's management from a variety of perspectives. I am also a Director, but at Board meetings, my position is always to take responsibility for proposing management strategies as the head of the executive officers.

**Hajime:** Going forward, I will take part in management as one of the Directors. Of course, as the Company's founder, I have a strong



desire to return the Group's market capitalization to ¥1 trillion and make SEGA SAMMY a world-leading entertainment company. So, I want to put proactive governance in place that will encourage people to take on this challenge. However, I mustn't forget that I have entrusted the realization of that vision to my successor. In that sense, the Group truly is in a kind of second founding period.

Also, having integrity as a company is something I have insisted on since our founding. More than anyone, I know what the Group has prioritized and how it has acted at various turning points in our history. So, I will be taking a hard look at whether or not the current management team keeps to the right path in this regard.

# Chairman Satomi, tell us about the qualities you think are necessary for a leader.

**Hajime:** I think the most important quality is being able to obtain buy-in from others. Doing this calls for three things: setting an over-arching direction and not wavering from it; translating this direction into realistic measures and sharing them with employees; and never giving up until you achieve greater success.

I also want leaders to have a bold vision. In 1965, I started selling game machines because I thought I could have a bold vision for that business, considering the huge market potential and the competitive situation at the time. I want Haruki to become a leader who shares that kind of vision with employees and stakeholders.

# CEO Satomi, what did you learn from Chairman Satomi as a leader?

Haruki: I've been observing my father for a long time, and I feel that his courage to believe in people is truly remarkable. People never do exactly what you expect, but if you can believe in them to do their job, trusting your subordinates and business partners, you can obtain greater buy-in. That's something I'm learning every day.

Hajime: My creed was never to mislead others, never to take out my anger on others unnecessarily, and never to speak ill of others. In other words, I've lived my life to this point with a clear sense of how my behavior affects my family and my employees. Integrity may also be an important quality for a leader. In business as well, I've never sought to make a profit in a way that would cause people to talk behind my back.

Haruki: We are passing on what I learned from my father's management style to employees in the form of five personal skills: drive, initiative, resolve, control, and empathy. I also put a high value on integrity. In business, even if you have to make hard demands on employees or business partners, there should always be integrity at the core. History clearly shows that if you lose your humility and don't act with integrity, you will stop being able to obtain as much buy-in from others and will only go downhill as a leader.

# A Message from an External Director

### Naoko Murasaki

Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (External)



It is my strong impression that the SEGA SAMMY Group is an organization with a strong sense of honor and responsibility and the ability to work together towards its goals.

# Evaluation of governance framework

I have spent many years working in risk and crisis management and compliance-related consultancy, and before that I was with the National Police Agency. This background makes the general field of risk management my specialist area, and my radar is constantly tuned to risk, whether from regulatory, geopolitical, or other sources. My role at SEGA SAMMY involves giving advice and making suggestions mainly in the area of risk management, but also from the perspective of diversity as a woman.

One thing that I value highly about SEGA SAMMY's management system is that it allows discussion to continue until the external directors are satisfied. It is noteworthy in particular that there is a body set up especially to promote this approach, the Group Management Committee, which is a subcommittee under the Board of Directors. The committee meetings focus on agenda items before their presentation to the Board of Directors, allowing time to discuss and examine them in thorough detail. Being able to discuss matters adequately at the committee meetings means that the Board of Directors is left with the clear role of taking the final decision, which smooths the decision-making process.

In fall 2022, a management camp was organized for directors and executive officers. Eating and sleeping under the same roof and having the time to discuss a wide range of subjects at length gave us the chance to share our individual ideas and personalities in a way that is not possible at the regular meetings of the Board of Directors. I think this very significant experience has helped improve teamwork among the directors and has also further enhanced the opportunities for external directors to contribute with their wide-ranging experience and knowledge.

Looking ahead, one issue I see is the need for more in-depth discussion of risk management.

In 2022, alongside the launch of the Group Governance Division, the Group Risk and Compliance Subcommittee was established, which reports to the Group Management Committee. This has enabled detailed information and data on risk to be gathered from the frontline for analysis by senior management. However,

although this does mean that a risk management framework is taking shape, discussion somehow ends up centering on risk that is already apparent, with discussion of potential risk an afterthought. This makes me feel that further improvement is needed. Going forward, the SEGA SAMMY Group may find itself encountering all kinds of unaccustomed risk in the course of its business expansion. I consider it essential to analyze and quantify this future potential risk. If the impact of a potential risk on business is identified, a considered response can be implemented if the risk does emerge, and if the extent of the risk is known, an appropriate level of risk can be accepted as a potential path to growth.

I also would like to see Group governance strengthened. The SEGA SAMMY Group has made rapid progress with globalization in recent years and now has a large number of overseas subsidiaries. To achieve further major advances in overseas markets from this position, the Group needs to strengthen the connection with headquarters and ensure that its values are shared across all Group companies. To do so, I believe that SEGA SAMMY should further increase opportunities for communication with its overseas organizations so that they acquire a firm understanding of the strategy and policies of Japan headquarters. From a defensive standpoint, the auditing systems of overseas subsidiaries are also critical. Given the differences in language, business practices, and legal systems, reliable audit of overseas subsidiaries is never easy, but the first step must be to train up human resources able to carry out global audit. As audit experience is a useful skill for corporate management, and not only in the overseas context, I think it would be a good idea to promote it actively as a key accomplishment in the study program for executive management candidates.

In the two years since I became involved in the management of SEGA SAMMY, I have seen progress each year with strengthening of governance. Being able to evolve rather than fearing change is one of SEGA SAMMY's most distinctive features. Going forward, I would like to see it continuing to take rapid action in this area to put in place a more advanced governance framework.

# Looking to sustainability activity to boost corporate value

With the establishment of the Group Sustainability Subcommittee in 2022, directors are kept informed of the status of initiatives to address material issues and of their progress as measured by key performance indicators. With adequate opportunity now for related discussion, the result is that sustainability governance has improved with remarkable speed. One task going forward is to visualize the connection between current sustainability activities and management strategy and to feed that in to long-term and sustainable corporate value increase. If this connection is made clear, it will boost the confidence of shareholders and investors in the Group's sustainability activity and also allow employees to devote themselves to these activities wholeheartedly.

Meanwhile, I believe that creating a supportive work environment that promotes active career opportunities for women will become an increasingly important issue for the SEGA SAMMY Group. In the Group's business areas, half of its potential customers are women, so the ability to offer products and services that appeal to women is a major factor in achieving growth. I think that women are naturally more likely to be attuned to other women's values and sensibilities, which means that incorporating the unique perspective of female employees in business activities is a crucial point. The SEGA SAMMY Group Mission is Constantly Creating, Forever Captivating. To realize this mission, I believe that it is important to create an environment where employees can work with motivation. Realizing a workplace that is supportive to female employees will also have advantages for male employees, such as making it easier for them to take childcare leave. Seen in this light, I think it has major benefits for both men and women, and SEGA SAMMY is in fact moving rapidly ahead with human resources initiatives that include enhancing the workplace environment in this way. The executive team is strongly committed to this and I hope to see focused initiatives continue in this area.

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# An exciting future for the SEGA SAMMY Group

Thanks to the concerted efforts of all its employees, the Sega Sammy Group is making excellent progress with the medium-term plan. However, so far this only reflects a small part of the Group's growth potential. I look forward to seeing the Company continue to forge ahead, overcoming issues one by one while keeping a firm grip on the reins.

The Entertainment Contents Business, where overseas development is just taking off, is expected to produce the long-awaited new global IP that will be the growth engine of the Group. I think this advantage should be followed through with more active growth investment in mergers and acquisitions and in acquiring new technology.

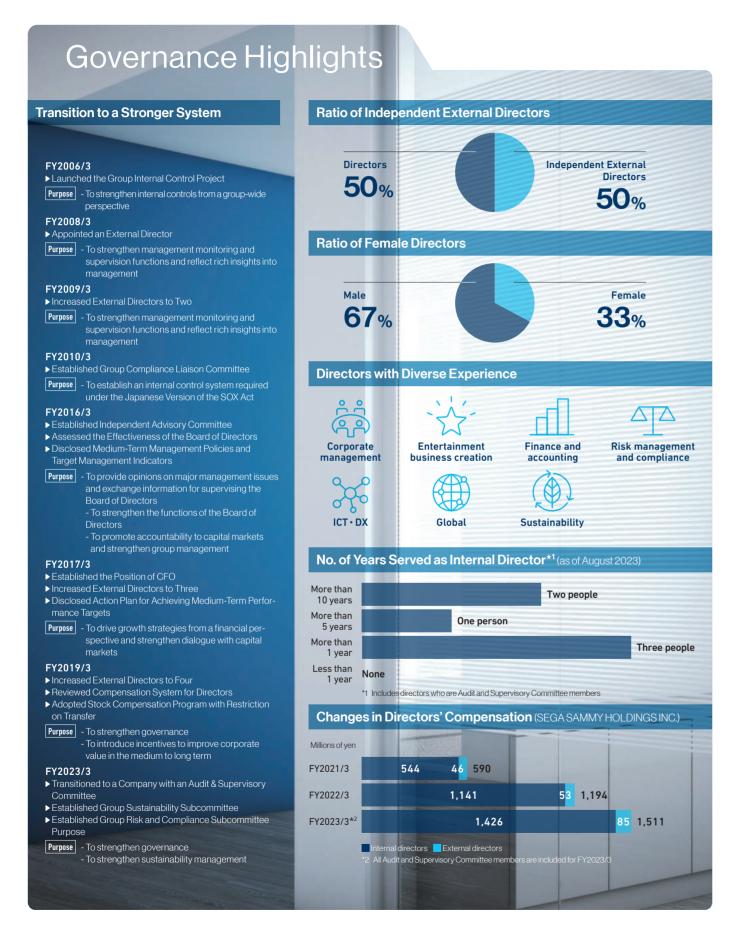
The Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business has achieved a marked improvement in profitability by steadily driving structural reform and implementing the initiatives of the medium-term plan. I am very impressed by this achievement. I hope to see this sector support the growth of the Group as a whole by continuing to generate stable profit. At the same time, I hope the Group will actively

embrace the challenge of developing new business fields.

One point that occurs to me in this connection is that, in the exploration of new businesses, I would definitely like to see more active sharing of expertise and knowledge between SEGA SAMMY's business companies as members of the same corporate group. I think that would result in further acceleration of growth for the Group as a whole.

It is my strong impression that the SEGA SAMMY Group is an organization with a strong sense of honor and responsibility and the ability to work together towards its goals. Moreover, instead of adopting a purely defensive approach, its corporate culture welcomes new challenges and takes them comprehensively on board. To reinforce that culture, I am committed to working hard to fulfill my role as external director, focusing on areas such as risk management where my experience and knowledge can be of benefit. I am confident that all SEGA SAMMY stakeholders can look forward to seeing the Group make great advances from now on.

# Governance



# Basic Stance Regarding Corporate Governance

The SEGA SAMMY Group positions corporate governance as the most important foundation for facilitating good corporate behavior. The Group has the aim of "improving efficiency," "securing soundness" and "enhancing transparency" of corporate management as its "basic policy for corporate governance". Based on this, the Group has made decisions on important management issues, including the appointment of director candidates, determination of directors' compensation, oversight of management, and determination of auditors' compensation.

### Improving Efficiency

By establishing a rapid and appropriate decision-making process and improving the efficiency of corporate management, the Group aims to maximize its corporate value, thereby striving to provide appropriate returns to various stakeholders, including shareholders.

# Securing Soundness

Amid significant changes in the business environment, to maximize the Company's corporate value, the Company and the Group will appropriately recognize and manage the various risks surrounding the Company and the Group. The Company and the Group will strive to secure sound management by establishing a system to ensure compliance not just with laws and regulations, but with ethical standards and societal norms (compliance system).

# **Enhancing Transparency**

With the growing importance of information disclosure for companies, the Group will fulfill its accountability to all stakeholders, including shareholders, and further improve disclosure through proactive engagement in IR activities, thereby cultivating highly transparent management. In addition, the Group proactively and voluntarily develops its CSR activities, seeing them as helping both the Group's sustainable value creation and the sustainable development of stakeholders.

# A corporate governance system for realizing our purpose

Accelerating growth strategies and business reforms with a transparent and sound governance system

To further promote productive discussions by the Board of Directors and to strengthen its oversight functions, the Company has chosen the structure of a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee. This will allow it to delegate a considerable portion of important decisions on business execution to executive directors.

# ▶ Board of Directors

The Board of Directors aims to achieve flexible management through the current level of 12 directors. Certain important managerial matters at each business company are also resolved or reported at various bodies, including the Company's Board of Directors.

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# ▶ Audit and Supervisory Committee

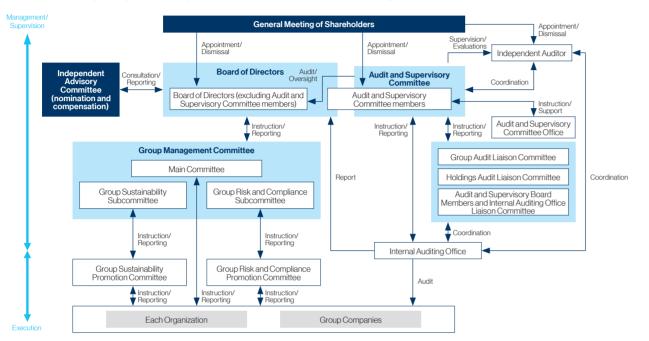
The Audit and Supervisory Committee consists of four Audit and Supervisory Committee members. The committee assigns duties to respective Audit and Supervisory Committee members, and deliberates on key matters for consideration such as those involving the status of establishing and operating the Group's corporate governance and internal control systems, and evaluations of the independent auditor.

# ▶ Voluntary Committees

Voluntary Committees are the bodies that discuss and inspect the specified matters regarding the management of the Group which are specifically referred by the Board of Directors, and report and submit the results of such discussions and inspections to the Board of Directors. The following two Voluntary Committees have also been established: an Independent Advisory Committee and a Group Management Strategy Committee (now the Group Management Strategies Committee). In addition, the Group Sustainability Subcommittee and the Group Risk and Compliance Subcommittee are established as bodies that discuss and inspect further specialized matters.

To further promote productive discussions by the Board of Directors and to strengthen its oversight functions, the Company has chosen the structure of a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee. This will allow it to delegate a considerable portion of important decisions on business execution to executive directors. In addition, by considering that directors with a wealth of knowledge and experience regarding the industry, market trends, prod-

ucts, merchandise, services, etc., can generate prompt and optimal management decisions, the Group companies have chosen the structure of a company with company auditors. The Company and the Group also appoint external directors and strengthen the executive officer and internal auditing systems, thereby improving corporate governance from the aspects of both oversight and execution.



# **Director Skill Matrix**

# Skill Matrix Definition

The Company selected experience and knowledge required as a publicly traded company, along with those that are required to achieve the long-term vision of the Company.

Item	Definition
Corporate management	Manager of a listed company or equivalent organization
Entertainment business creation	Experience as a business development manager or in starting a new business in the Group's business segments
Finance and accounting	Professional experience at financial institutions, auditing firms, etc., or experience as an officer in charge of a financial department at a major company
Risk management and compliance	Attorney, or other professional experience, or experience as an officer in charge of legal affairs, compliance or audit at a major company
ICT/DX	Experience at IT companies, vendors, consulting firms, and other professional services, or experience as an officer in charge of IT at a major company
Global	Experience of living abroad, experience at an overseas operating company, or equivalent experience
Sustainability	Individuals who have insight into Environment and People (Diversity), which are part of the Company's five material issues to be addressed (materiality)*, and are expected to play an active role in the promotion of sustainability by the Group
	* Human Resources, Products and Services, Environment, Addiction, and Governance

### **Skill Matrix**

						E	xpertise and experience	е		
	Name		Gender	Corporate management	Entertainment business creation	Finance and accounting	Risk management and compliance	ICT/DX	Global	Sustainability
Directors	Hajime Satomi		Male	•	•					
	Haruki Satomi		Male	•	•				•	•
	Koichi Fukazawa		Male	•	•	•		•		
	Yukio Sugino		Male	•	•				•	
	Hideo Yoshizawa		Male	•		•	•			
	Kohei Katsukawa	External	Male	•		•	•			
	Melanie Brock	External	Female	•					•	•
	Fujiyo Ishiguro	External	Female	•				•	•	•
Audit &	Yukito Sakaue		Male			•	•		•	
Supervisory Committee Members	Kazutaka Okubo	External	Male	•		•	•			•
	Shione Kinoshita	External	Female				•			•
	Naoko Murasaki	External	Female	•			•		•	•

Note: The above table indicates up to four fields in which expertise and experience are particularly expected for each individual. The table is not an exhaustive list of all the insight and experience that each individual possesses

# Policy for Appointment of Directors

The Company has formulated a skills matrix based on the experience and knowledge required to manage a listed company and the experience and knowledge required to achieve the Company's long-term vision. In connection with the appointment of directors, the Independent Advisory Committee evaluates each director candidate based on the skills matrix to determine

whether he/she is capable of appropriately discharging his/her duty of care to serve as a responsible and prudent manager and to contribute to the Group's sustainable growth and enhancement of corporate value, as entrusted by shareholders to the management, thereby seeking to secure and improve the functions of the Board of Directors.

### Reasons for Appointment of Independent Directors

Name	Reasons for Appointment
Kohei Katsukawa	We chose to appoint Mr. Kohei Katsukawa as External Director as we expect that he will continue to provide valuable opinions and suggestions on the management of the Company based on his wealth of experience and broad-ranging insight gained over many years as a corporate manager.
Melanie Brock	We chose to appoint Ms. Melanie Brock as External Director as we expect that she will continue to strengthen the Company's corporate governance system and improve the quality of management decision making based on her diverse range of ideas and values, making use of her extensive experience and career record as an international business leader.
Fujiyo Ishiguro	We chose to appoint Ms. Fujiyo Ishiguro as External Director as we expect she will continue to provide valuable opinions and suggestions on the management of the Company based on her wealth of knowledge in corporate management and digital fields as a founder of Netyear Group Corporation and experience as an Outside Director of other listed companies.
Kazutaka Okubo	Mr. Kazutaka Okubo has many years of experience in audit services as a certified public accountant and deep insight about finance and accounting. We chose to appoint Mr. Kazutaka Okubo as External Director serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member as we expect that he will appropriately guide and oversee the Company's management from an objective standpoint based on a wealth of knowledge in governance which he gained through experience as an Outside Director.
Shione Kinoshita	Ms. Shione Kinoshita has a high degree of expertise in labor laws which she gained through her experience as an attorney-at-law as well as a Vice Chairperson of the Labor Legislation Committee, Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association. We chose to appoint Ms. Shione Kinoshita as External Director serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member as we expect that she will appropriately guide and oversee the Company's management from an objective standpoint based on her wealth of knowledge in governance gained through her experience as an Outside Director. Although she does not have experience in corporate management other than as an Outside Director, we judge that she will be able to appropriately perform her duties as an External Director serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member for the reasons mentioned above.
Naoko Murasaki	Ms. Naoko Murasaki has a high degree of expertise in the field of the global risk and governance which she gained over many years in the National Police Agency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and risk consulting firms. We chose to appoint Ms. Naoko Murasaki as External Director serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member as we expect that she will appropriately guide and oversee the Company's management from an objective standpoint based on her wealth of knowledge in governance gained through her experience as an Outside Director.

### **Policy for Appointing Independent Directors**

- (1) All external officers satisfying the qualifications for independent officers are designated as independent officers.
- (2) Independence is judged based on the requirements for qualification stipulated in the Companies Act and the criteria for independence established by Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. The terms major client, large sums of money, and so forth are judged based on the criteria determined in accordance with the published appointment standards model for independent officers.

# **FOCUS**

# Holding meetings of the Group Sustainability Subcommittee

The Group Sustainability Subcommittee has been set up within the Group Management Committee to conduct management discussions on matters such as formulating group policies and goals, reviewing the status of each company's efforts and revising goals. Decisions on Group policies and goals are made by the Company's Board of Directors.

The policies and goals that have been decided upon are shared with each Group company through the Group Sustainability Promotion Committee. In the course of their business,

Group companies that have touchpoints with society take in various requests and feedback from customers and users. These are shared with other Group companies at the Group Sustainability Promotion Committee. Initiatives that should be incorporated into Group policies and goals are reported to the Group Sustainability Subcommittee, providing a framework for discussion.

The key organizations and their main functions are as follows.

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Group Sustainability Subcommittee (Group Management Strategies Committee)	Recommendations on formulation and revisions of the Group sustainability plan     Formulation of Group targets and monitoring of progress     Evaluation and provision of recommendations and advice on initiatives by Group companies.
Group Sustainability Promotion Committee	Sharing of Group-wide policies     Monitoring of initiatives by Group companies, cross-organizational roll-out of successful initiatives
Group companies	Establishment of a project promotion system within each company     Planning and implementation of sustainability plans at each company     Integration into business strategy



A meeting of the Group Sustainability Promotion Committee

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# Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Board of Directors

# 1 Purpose of evaluation

The Company performs analyses and evaluations of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors each year to ensure that the Board of Directors effectively fulfills its roles and responsibilities to "improve efficiency," "secure soundness," and "enhance transparency" of the Company's corporate management.

# 2 Method of evaluation

For the fiscal year ended March 2023, the Company provided questionnaires to all directors and Audit and Supervisory Committee members.

In addition to confirming matters considered important in the effective fulfillment of the Company's Board of Directors' roles and responsibilities (including composition, operation, status of deliberations concerning strategy, and other matters put before the Board of Directors), the Company confirmed such matters as the governance structure expected by the market and the roles of the Board of Directors in issues related to sustainability, including the Board's involvement in initiatives related to human capital. To ensure objective evaluations, an external organization was contracted to design the questionnaire and analyze and evaluate the responses.

At meetings of the Independent Advisory Committee and the

Board of Directors, deliberations took place based on the results of the analysis of questionnaire responses. These concerned such matters as the effectiveness of the Board of Directors during the fiscal year and where issues might lie.

# 3 Summary of evaluation results

As the result of these deliberations, the Board of Directors was judged to be functioning effectively based on the diversity of independent external directors and their contributions to constructive discussions. It was also favorably evaluated that deepening discussions on matters such as overall Group policies by the Board of

Directors, pointed out as an issue in the previous fiscal year, saw an improvement in more productive and fulfilling discussions from a medium- to long-term business perspective.

To enhance effectiveness still further, the Board of Directors recognizes the need to deepen discussions on matters such as strengthening monitoring for the sophistication of the risk management structure for the entire Group and optimal allocation of resources among the entire Group. Having acknowledged these issues, the Company will strive to allow the Board of Directors to function even more effectively.

# **FOCUS**

# Management Training Camp Held for Frank Discussions

In September 2022, the SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS management camp was held at *Phoenix Seagaia Resort* (Miyazaki Prefecture). It was attended by internal and external directors and exclusive officers of the Company, and executives of major Group companies. This management camp was held to facilitate frank discussions of management issues such as the Group's growth strategy and the top risks facing the Group to foster a common awareness among management. Holding the talks in a setting away from the Company enabled participating members of the management team to focus on the discussion in a way that is not generally possible in regular meetings.

Internal directors actively discuss various topics (highlights of comments)



# Action Plan Based on the Results of the Effectiveness Evaluation —

### **Content of discussion**

- Deliberate and follow-up on important projects such as growth investments; conduct management that focuses on management indicators
- Presentation by the person explaining the agenda; towards free and open discussions
- Directors' training
- Group Governance

# Towards free and open discussions among members of the Board of Directors

**Brock:** I would like for us to be able to receive clear summaries of meeting materials so that we could see at a glance the key points. That would help develop the discussion. In addition, more training should be held for external directors, including on-site inspections.

**Murasaki:** Sometimes the opinions of external directors may have already been discussed internally, so it would be efficient if the minutes of internal discussions were shared before the Group Management Committee was held.

# Deliberation on important matters such as growth investments

**Sugino**: Setting themes including mega-trends that cannot be avoided in the future and systematically discussing them would spark active discussions

**Kinoshita:** The roles of management and execution should be made clearer than they have been. Large investment policies should be discussed at the Board of Directors, with follow-up responses then delegated to the executive side.

**Okubo:** Listed companies have a responsibility to explain their investments to shareholders. Consideration should be given to the extent to which investment strategies should be discussed at Board meetings.

**Haruki Satomi:** There is a need to consider what size of investment should be discussed or reported to the Board of Directors. While the amount of investment is of course an important point of discussion, there is also a need for management to discuss the areas in which the Company should invest in the future.

**Katsukawa:** Investment in startups should be continued as these could lead to future growth for the Group. However, CVC investments often fail in the long run. They should be carried out only after fully considering the advantages to the Company, such as areas that offer synergies with existing businesses.



# Risk Governance Discussions

### **Content of discussions**

- Top risk items deemed to be of high priority
- 1 Clarification of the definition of management and execution
- 2 Risk management Supply chain
- Regarding human resourcesInformation security

### Risk management

**Murasaki:** We need to divide the conceivable situations into several patterns, and decide on a minimum initial response.

**Yoshizawa:** Only a few of our officers have experience in dealing with major crises. We need to put in place a system for the Company as a whole.

**Fukazawa:** While urgent situations require immediate action, the right response is not uniform because it depends on the case. So without proper knowledge or experience it is hard to respond.

**Chairman:** The SEGA SAMMY Group has a culture of speaking frankly. That is why we believe that we have an organization where we can support each other rather than a system that relies on someone when a risk incident occurs

# Supply chain

**Kinoshita:** Supply chain risks include human rights issues, so we should carry out extensive due diligence.

**Ishiguro:** Large companies are diversifying their supply chains in light of geopolitical risks. We also need to discuss and consider geopolitical risks.

**Haruki Satomi:** Based on the geopolitical risks, we must consider reducing our degree of dependence on certain regions of production.



A discussion in progress

### Regarding human resources

**Sakaue:** There needs to be a consistent concept within the Group of the differences between the roles and obligations of directors and executive officers. Training for executives in the Group should also be enhanced.

**Okubo:** In terms of literacy education, we need to decide what kind of literacy to seek at what level and how much time should be devoted to that. If we do not allocate enough time to it, there is no point in doing it. When it comes to harassment in particular, I feel that awareness is still low.

**Ishiguro:** To improve competitiveness, the concept of diversity is key. The task for SEGA, as it aims to take its overseas business to the next level, will be to hire excellent human resources overseas.

# Risk Management

With regard to risks posed by our business operations, in cooperation with the Group Governance Division, the Group Risk and Compliance Subcommittee established within the Group Management Strategies Committee seeks to identify important management risks; discuss the formulation of policies related to Group risk and compliance; and assess and advise on risk analysis by individual related sections. These measures are intended to clarify the risk management structure. Additionally, an internal audit section under the direct jurisdiction of the Audit and Supervisory Committee audits the state of risk management by each section and periodically reports its findings to management decision-making bodies and management organizations involved in execution and oversight.

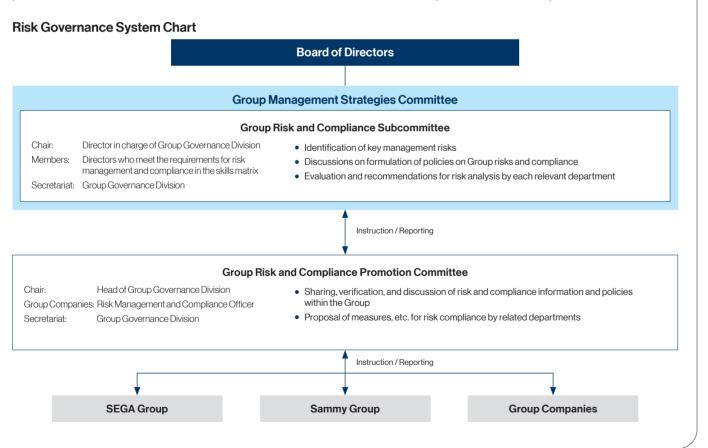
To grasp and appropriately manage both internal and external important risks including cases requiring emergency measures, we have established Group Management Policies, policies for risk management, and guidelines for crisis management. Should any conditions emerge that might materially affect the Group, crisis management organizations of the Company and the Group companies work jointly to discuss the measures to be taken, and then proceed to take prompt and appropriate action.

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# Strengthening Our Risk Governance System

To strengthen our risk governance system, in April 2022 we established a new Group Governance Division, as well as a Group Risk Compliance Subcommittee and Group Risk Compliance Promotion Committee.

Led by executives in charge of risk and compliance at Group companies, the Group Risk Compliance Promotion Committee discusses, verifies, and shares measures and information related to risk and compliance within the Group.



# Activities of the Group Management Committee

# Strengthening governance through the Group Management Committee

The Group Management Committee has been established under the Company's Board of Directors and discusses and reviews the improvement of profitability, efficiency, strategic investments, and other aspects of Group businesses. This Committee is composed of directors (excluding the Chairperson [Representative

Director]) and Audit and Supervisory Committee members, and

Through the Group Management Committee, officers engage in more in-depth discussions to strengthen governance.

# Contents of the discussion (FY2023/3)

- New projects
   Sustainability goals
   Group business plan
   Compliance awareness survey report
- Investment areas for formulating the next medium-term plan
   Group Risk and Compliance Promotion Committee
- Growth investment areas
   Retirement plan restructuring project
- Action plan based on the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors
   Risk governance
- Group Sustainability Subcommittee
   Management discussions for formulating the next medium-term plan
- Feedback from investors

# Number of discussions and hours (FY2023/3)

16 meetings during the year Number of cases: 36 Discussion time: 32 hours 5 minutes

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# External and internal directors actively discuss various topics (excerpt from the statement)

# **Compliance Awareness Survey**

(held on May 31, 2022)

Murasaki: We also have an increasing variety of examples of harassment, including harassment against men. These will require careful attention. If women also do not clearly recognize what sexual harassment is, that could become a hindrance to their success in the future.

**Brock:** The results of an investigation into harassment must be taken seriously and response measures must be thoroughly addressed.

Haruki Satomi: To address harassment, there should also be careful investigation of the content of whistleblower reports. Expertise should be gathered to enable responses on a case-by-case basis.

Okubo: It is important to distinguish between instructions that are excessive and instructions that are just strict. If supervisors become overly sensitive and afraid to give instructions, our organization will become weaker. We are going to need leaders who can build relationships of trust between supervisors and subordinates.

# **Group Risk and Compliance Promotion** Committee

(held on July 29, 2022)

Haruki Satomi: There are also risks that insider trading could occur unintentionally due to a lack of awareness. It is vital that all employees have a firm understanding of laws and regulations.

Katsukawa: Risk management at other companies is thorough, such as conducting training to introduce changes and briefing employees on the transition of numbers of near-misses and on case studies.

**Kinoshita:** We should enhance training by facilitating discussion between employees with reference to case studies from other companies, such as near-misses regarding personal information leaks and incidents of harassment.

Fukazawa: The IT Division has already begun discussions about how to aggregate near-misses that have occurred, and how to address these with improvements.

Okubo: Training using practical examples is important. It is also important though to do training that sharpens powers of imagination, which are key to handling the unexpected.

# **Group Sustainability Subcommittee**

(held on May 31, 2023)

Ishiguro: We should further promote support, including for the qualitative aspects, for departments where it has been hard for women to play an active role in the past.

Okubo: Increasing the percentage of women in management positions should not be the goal. We should discuss how to increase corporate value as a result of that.

**Kinoshita:** We should focus even more on tackling the social issues facing our main business. As we expand our products and services there can be repercussions and it is very important not to turn a blind eye to that.

# Compensation Amount for Officers and the Method for Calculating Such Compensation

The Company's compensation system for directors and Audit & Supervisory Board members is designed to ensure transparency and provide greater incentive to increase corporate value.

The compensation system for directors (excluding directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members and external directors) is determined based on the following basic policy.

- (1) The system must increase management's focus on shareholder interests and sharing value with shareholders.
- (2) The system must clarify the responsibilities of management in improving the corporate value of the Group.
- (3) The system must function as an incentive to support the sustainable growth of the Group.
- (4) The system must have compensation levels for ensuring and maintaining excellent human resources appropriate for executing the roles and responsibilities of directors of the Company.

In addition, based on the basic policy, the compensation system for directors of the Company (excluding directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members and external directors) includes fixed compensation, and directors' bonuses and stock compensation with restriction of transfer as performance based compensation.

# Fixed Compensation

The Company formulated compensation table which specifies the compensation amounts for each component, namely, basic compensation and role-based compensation, and it shall provide the sum of these components as monthly fixed compensation.

### Directors' Bonuses

Directors' bonuses are paid at the amount determined by multiplying by coefficients calculated based on a bonus table that defines the number of months for directors' bonuses in accordance with the three elements of the level of the amount of ordinary income, the business plan achievement level, and the year-on-year growth level.

For more details about the Company's compensation system for directors and Audit & Supervisory Board members, please refer to the Annual Securities Report (Japanese only).

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# Stock Compensation with Restriction of Transfer

The Company has introduced a stock compensation plan with restriction of transfer (continuous service-based and performance-based stock compensation) for directors (excluding directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members and external directors) to incentivize efforts to continuously increase corporate value and to further enhance the sharing of value with all shareholders. Specific payments and allocations are determined at Board of Directors's meeting using a ratio of approximately 1:1:1 for fixed compensation, performance-based bonuses, and stock compensation with restriction on transfer for a single fiscal year at the time the medium-term management plan is achieved.

In the current medium-term management plan, the ratio of continuous service-based shares with restriction on transfer and performance-based shares with restriction on transfer is expected to be approximately 1:3

Compensation for directors and Audit & Supervisory Board members for the fiscal year ended March 2023 is as follows.

Position	Number of Directors / Audit & Supervisory Board members	Total compensation (Millions of yen)	Total compensation by type (Millions of yen)				
			Basic compensation	Bonuses	Performance-based shares with restriction on transfer	Continuous service- based shares with restriction on transfer	Of the items on the left, non-monetary compensation, etc.
Directors (excluding Audit and Supervisory Committee members and external directors)	5	1,408	594	641	72	100	172
Directors (Audit and Supervisory Committee members) (excluding external directors)	1	18	18	_	-	_	_
Audit & Supervisory Board Members (excluding external Audit and Supervisory Committee members)	1	4	4	-	-	_	_
External directors	6	85	85	_	_	_	_

### Notes

- 1. The amounts of both bonuses and compensation of performance-based shares with restriction on transfer and continuous service-based shares with restriction on transfer in the table above are the amounts that were recorded as expenses in the current fiscal year.
- 2. By a resolution of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders held on June 22, 2022, the Company transitioned from a Company with an Audit & Supervisory Board to a Company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee. Amounts paid to Audit & Supervisory Board members (excluding external auditors) are for the period before the transition. Amounts paid to directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members (excluding external directors) are for the period after the transition.
- 3. As of the end of the fiscal year ended March 2023, the number of directors (excluding Audit & Supervisory Committee members and external directors) was five. The number of directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee members (excluding external directors) was one and the number of external directors was six.

Directors who received ¥100 million or more in total compensation for the fiscal year ended March 2023 are as follows.

Name	Position	Total compensation, etc. (Millions of yen)	Company			Total compensation, etc (Millions of yen)	by type	
				Basic compensation	Bonuses	Performance-based shares with restriction on transfer	Continuous service- based shares with restriction on transfer	Of the items on the left, non-monetary compensation, etc.
Hajime Satomi	Director	532	The Company	216	247	28	39	68
Haruki Satomi	Director	562	The Company	237	255	30	40	70
Koichi Fukazawa	Director	135	The Company	60	53	7	13	21
Yukio Sugino	Director	105	The Company	45	53	_	6	6

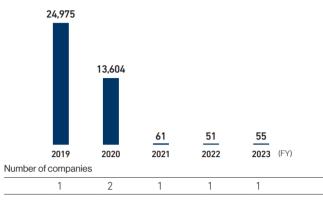
# Strategic Shareholdings Policy

The Company possesses shares for purposes other than investment only in cases in which the Company believes the possession thereof will enable business alliances, expand transactions, and will lead to an improvement in corporate value, thereby benefitting shareholders.

The Company periodically examines the economic rationale, future outlook, and other aspects regarding the possession of such shares at its Board of Directors meetings and discusses whether the future possession thereof is justifiable.

In general, the Company exercises the voting rights corresponding to such shares on all proposals based on whether adopting such proposals will contribute to the sustainable growth and medium-to-long-term corporate value enhancement of both the Company and the investee.

Value of Strategic Shareholdings (excluding non-listed stocks) (Millions of yen)



# System for Supporting External Directors

We have established a communication system through which the secretariat shares information to external directors as appropriate. This allows for the contents of the agenda and other items for meetings of the Board of Directors to be fully considered in advance.

For newly appointed external directors, the secretariat provides individual orientations on details of the Group's businesses. By enabling them to form a better understanding, this helps to ensure the effectiveness of discussions at meetings of the Board of Directors. Regarding the support system for external directors who are members of the Audit and Supervisory Committee, in addition to the above, assistance is also provided by the staff of the Management Audit Office and the Audit and Supervisory

Committee Office which report directly to the Audit and Supervisory Committee. Matters related to the appointment, transfer, evaluation, etc. of the above staff require the prior consent of the Audit and Supervisory Committee. This ensures independence from directors who are not Audit and Supervisory Committee members. In addition, we have established a communication system through which the secretariat of each meeting body shares as appropriate information relating to meetings to be attended by external directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members, so that they can fully examine the contents of the proposal, etc. in advance.

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# Policy on Constructive Dialogue with Shareholders

To facilitate constructive dialogue with shareholders and investors, the Company works from the basic position of appointing an executive officer in charge of Investor Relations (IR) & Shareholder Relations (SR), establishing a department in charge of IR & SR, and implementing the following efforts:

In facilitating constructive dialogue with shareholders and investors, the Company acts to ensure close and positive cooperation between and among internal departments, including the corporate planning, finance and accounting, legal affairs, general affairs, and sustainability departments.

In line with the quarterly disclosure of operating results, the Company holds online briefing sessions that primarily target institutional investors.

The President and Representative Director of the Company and the Chief Financial Officer or others attend briefing sessions on the settlement of accounts and actively engage in direct interactions. For shareholders and investors, the executive officer in charge of IR & SR and IR & SR personnel hold individual meetings after the quarterly disclosure of operating results. In addition, in line with the direction of the Company, small conferences or other gatherings may also be held as appropriate.

For overseas shareholders and investors, the President and Representative Director of the Company, the Chief Financial Officer or others, or the executive officer in charge of IR & SR and IR & SR personnel provide opportunities to engage in dialogue individually multiple times per year, both online and in person.

Regarding the status of dialogue with shareholders and investors, the Company provides prompt feedback on a regular basis or as needed to the President and Representative Director, Chief Financial Officer, and other directors or executive officers, and also to external directors, executive officers, and business heads. The Company strives to utilize that information for further sustainable growth and enhance corporate value of the Company in the medium to long term.

In accordance with the basic view that shareholders should be treated equally, when engaging in dialogue with shareholders with respect to the handling of unpublished important matters, whether for briefing sessions on settlement of accounts or any other meetings, the Company endeavors to manage information in accordance with applicable laws, including the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and the SEGA SAMMY Insider Trading Prevention Regulations, which are internal regulations set for the purpose of eliminating insider trading.

# Directors, Audit & Supervisory Committee Members, and Executive Officers

(As of October 1, 2023)



- 1980 President, Representative Director of Sammy Industry Co., Ltd. (now Sammy Corporation)
- 2004 Chairman of the Board, Representative Director of SEGA CORPORATION
  Chairman and CEO, Representative Director of SEGA CORPORATION
  Chairman and CEO, Representative Director of SEGA CORPORATION
  Chairman, President and CEO, Representative Director of the Company
- 2007 President, CEO and COO, Representative Director of SEGA CORPORATION
  2008 Chairman and CEO, Representative Director of the above
  2012 Chairman of the Board of Sammy Corporation
- 2013 Chairman and CEO. Representative Director of the above.

- 2015 Advisor to NDK (current position)
  2016 Chairman, President, CEO and COO, Representative Director of the Company
  2017 Chairman and CEO, Representative Director of the Company
  Chairman of the Board, Representative Director of Sammy Corporation (current position) Honorary Chairman of the Board of SEGA Holdings Co., Ltd. (now SEGA CORPORATION) (current position)
- 2018 Chairman and Group CEO, Representative Director of the Company
- 2021 Chairman, Representative Director of the Company (current position)
  2022 Chief Advisor of PHOENIX RESORT CO., LTD. (current position)
  Honorary Advisor of Japan Amusement Industry Association (current position)



- 2005 Joined SEGA CORPORATION
- 2012 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board of the Company Senior Vice President, Director of the Board of SEGA CORPORATION 2014 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board of Sammy Corporation
- Deputy COO, Representative Director of SEGA CORPORATION
  2015 Deputy COO, Representative Director of Sammy Corporation
  2016 President and COO, Representative Director of the above
- Executive Vice President, Director of the Board of the Company
- 2017 President and COO, Representative Director of the Company
  President and CEO, Representative Director of Sammy Corporation (current position
  Chairman and CEO, Representative Director of SEGA Games Co., Ltd.
- (now SEGA CORPORATION) (current position)
  President and Group COO, Representative Director of the Company
  Chairman of the Board of PHOENIX RESORT CO, LTD, (current position)
  President and Group CEO, Representative Director of the Company (current position) Chairman of the Board of Sammy Networks Co., Ltd. (current position)
- Officer of KETZAI DOYUKAI (Japan Association of Corporate Executives) (current position)
  2022 Chairman of the Board of TMS ENTERTAINMENT CO., LTD. (current position)
- Chairman of the Board of Sunrockers, Ltd. (current position)



- 1987 Joined Japan Leasing Corporation (now Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Co., Ltd.)

- 1999 Manager of Financial Planning Department of the above
  2001 Joined Sammy Corporation
  2002 Vice President, Executive Officer and Deputy Managing Director of President's Office of the above 2004 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board and Managing Director of Administrat Division of the above
- Division of the above
  Senior Vice President, Director of the Board and Managing Director of Corporate
  Division and President Office of the above
  2007 Senior Vice President, Executive Officer of the Company
  2012 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board of PHOENIX RESORT CO., LTD.
  2015 President, Representative Director of TAIYO ELEC Co., Ltd.

- (now SEGA CORPORATION)
- Senior Vice President, Director of the Board and Managing Director of Corporate Division of the above
  Senior Vice President, Director of the Board of SEGA ENTERTAINMENT CO., LTD.
- (now GENDA GiGO Entertainment Inc.) Auditor of Sega Amusements Taiwan Ltd.

  Executive Vice President, Director of the Board and Managing Director of Corporate
- Division of SEGA Holdings Co., Ltd. (now SEGA CORPORATION)
- Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SEGA Games Co., Ltd. (now SEGA CORPORATION)

  2018 Senior Vice President, Executive Officer and Managing Director of Legal Division of the Company

- Legal Division of the Company
  2019 Director of the Board of the Company
  2020 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board of the Company (current position)
  Senior Vice President, Director of the Board of SEGA CORPORATION (current position)



- 1974 Joined Sumitomo Bank (now Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
- 2001 Executive Officer, Head of Osaka Corporate Banking Division II of
- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

  2005 Managing Executive Officer, Deputy Head of Wholesale Banking Unit (in charge of East Japan) of the above
- 2007 Executive Vice President and Representative Director of NIF SMBC Ventures Co., Ltd.

- 2007 Executive Vice President and Representative Director of NIF SMBC Ventures Co., Lt (now SMBC Venture Capital Co., Ltd.)
  2010 President and Representative Director of SMBC Venture Capital Co., Ltd.
  2014 President and Representative Director of GINSEN Co., Ltd.
  2016 Director of Kyoto University Innovation Capital Co., Ltd. (current position)
  2016 Director of the Board (External) of the Company (current position)
  2016 Director of ELECOM CO., LTD.
  2017 Advices of CINSEN Co., Ltd. (current position)
- Outside Director of tELELUM LU., LTIJ.
  2021 Advisor of GINSEN Co., Ltd. (current position)
  2022 Outside Director of DX Antenna Co., Ltd. (current position)
  Outside Director of HAGIWARA Solutions Co., Ltd. (current position)
  Outside Director of Logitec INA Solutions Co., Ltd. (current position)
  2023 Outside Director of TESCOM CO., LTD. (current position)



- 1990 Joined The Sanwa Bank, Limited (now MUFG Bank, Ltd.)
   2003 Joined Sammy Corporation
   Vice President, Executive Officer and Managing Director of President's Office of the above 2004 Vice President, Executive Officer and Managing Director of President's Office of the Company Vice President, Executive Officer and Managing Director of Chairman's Office and President's Office of SEGA CORPORATION
- 2005 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board and Managing Director of Chairman's
- Office and President's Office of the above

  2007 President, Representative Director of SEGA SAMMY ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

  (now MARZA ANIMATION PLANET INC.)
- Division of SEGA CURPURATION
  2009 Officer of KEIZAI DOYUKAI (Japan Association of Corporate Executives) (current position)
  President, Representative Director of SEGASAMMY VISUAL ENTERTAINMENT INC.
  (now MARZA ANIMATION PLANET INC.)
  2014 Senior Executive Vice President, Representative Director of SEGA TOYS CO., LTD.

- 2020 Senior Executive Vice President and Group CFO. Director of the Board of the Company 2021 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board of Sammy Corporation (current position)
- Senior Vice President, Executive Officer and in charge of the Corporate Strategy and External Affairs of the Company

  2008 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board and Managing Director of New Business
  Division of SEGA CORPORATION
- 2015 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board of the Company
  2016 Executive Vice President and CFO, Director of the Board of the Company
  2018 Executive Vice President and Group CFO, Director of the Board of the Company
  2018 Executive Vice President and Group CFO, Director of the Board of the Company

- Yukio Sugino Senior Executive Vice Director of the Board
- 1993 Joined SEGA Enterprises, Ltd. (now SEGA CORPORATION)
  2003 Vice President, Executive Officer and General Manager of Project Management Division of SEGA CORPORATION 2009 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board and General Manager of President's Office
- of the above
  2010 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board and General Manager of Sega R&D/
- Production of the above
  2012 Executive Vice President, Director of the Board and General Managing Director of
  Consumer Online Business Headquarters of the above
  Director & Chairman of Sega of America, Inc.
- Director & Chairman of Sega Europe Ltd. 2014 President, Representative Director of ATLUS. CO., LTD.
- 2015 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board of SEGA Holdings Co., Ltd. (now SEGA CORPORATION) President and CEO. Representative Director of SEGA Interactive Co., Ltd.
- (now SEGA CORPORATION)
  Senior Executive Vice President, Director of the Board of SEGA Holdings Co., Ltd. (now SEGA CORPORATION)
- 2020 President and COO. Representative Director of SEGA CORPORATION (current position) Deputy COO, Representative Director of SEGA GROUP CORPORATION
- Executive Vice President, Executive Officer of the Company
- Chairman, Representative Director of ATLUS. CO., LTD. (current position)
  2021 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board of SEGA TOYS CO., LTD. (current position)
  2022 Senior Executive Vice President, Director of the Board of the Company (current position)
  2023 Senior Vice President, Director of the Board of DARTSLIVE Co., Ltd. (current position)
- Chairman of the Board of MARZA ANIMATION PLANET INC. (current position)

- Melanie Brock Director of the Boar
- 1987 Earned Bachelor of School of Humanities at The University of Western Australia 1990 Earned Master of Arts in Japanese, Conference Interpreting and Translation at The University of Queensland
- 2003 CEO of AGENDA (now Melanie Brock Advisory Ltd.) (current position)
- 2010 Board Member of Australia-Japan Foundation
  Board Member of Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee (current position) Chair of Australian and New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Japan
- Regional Manager Japan of Meat & Livestock Australia
  2012 Chair of Australian Business Asia
  2016 Chair Emeritus of Australian and New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Japan
- (current position)

  2019 Director of the Board (External) of the Company (current position)

  Board Member of Australia-Japan Research Center (AJRC) (current position)

  Global Ambassador of Advance, an initiative supported by Australian Government funding
- 2022 Outside Director of Mitsubishi Estate Co., Ltd. (current position)
  2023 Outside Director, Member of the Board of Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. (current position)



- 1981 Joined BROTHER INDUSTRIES, LTD. 1988 Joined Swarovski Japan Ltd. 1994 President of Alphametrics, Inc.
- 1999 Director of Netvear Group, Inc.
- Director of Netyear Group Corporation

  2000 President & CEO of the above

  2013 Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.
- 2014 Outside Director of Hottolink Inc.
- Outside Director of Monex Group, Inc. (current position)
  2015 Outside Director of Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc.
- (now Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.)
- 2021 Outside Director of WingArc1st Inc.
- Director of Netyear Group Corporation (current position)
  Director of the Board (External) of the Company (current position)
  2022 External Director of The Shoko Chukin Bank, Ltd. (current position)
- 2023 External Director of MITSUI & CO., LTD. (current position



1975 Joined The Sanwa Bank, Limited (now MUFG Bank, Ltd.)

1975 Joined The Sanwa Bank, Limited (now MUPG Bank, Ltd.)
2003 Joined Sammy Corporation as Director of Audit Office
2004 Director of Legal Department of Administration Division of the above
2006 Director of Audit & Supervisory Board Members' Office of the Company
2014 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company
Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SEGA CORPORATION
2015 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SEGA Interactive Co., Ltd.
(now SEGA CORPORATION)
Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SEGA Holdings Co., Ltd.

Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SEGA Holdings Co., Ltd. (now SEGA CORPORATION)

(now SEGA CORPORATION)
Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SEGA Games Co., Ltd. (now SEGA CORPORATION)
Audit & Supervisory Board Member of TMS ENTERTAINMENT CO., LTD.
Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SEGA ENTERTAINMENT Co., LTD.
(now GENDA GIGO Entertainment Inc.)
Audit & Supervisory Board Member of MARZA ANIMATION PLANET INC.
2017 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of ATIUS. CO., LTD.
2019 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SEGA Logistics Service Co., Ltd.
Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SEGA Logistics Service Co., Ltd.
2020 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SEGA CORPORATION (current position)
2021 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SEGA SAMMY BUSINESS SUPPORT CO., LTD.
(current position)

(current position)
Audit & Supervisory Board Member of PHOENIX RESORT CO., LTD. (current position)
Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company
2022 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SEGA SAMMY CREATION INC. (current position)
Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sammy Corporation (current position)
Director, Standing Audit and Supervisory Committee Member of the Company



1985 Registered as an attorney-at-law
Joined Hashimoto Joint Law Office
1986 Joined Baiichifuyo Law Office (current position)
2004 Vice-President of Jai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association
2010 Visiting Professor of The University of Tokyo Graduate Schools for Law and Politics
2011 Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of SURUGA bank Ltd.
2013 Vice President of Tokyo Institute of Technology (current position)
2016 Director of Japan Labor Law Association (current position)
2018 Director of Japan Securities Research Institute (JSRI) (current position)
Outside Director of SURUGA bank Ltd.
2021 Audit & Supervisory Board Member (External) of the Company
2022 Director. Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (External) of the Company

2022 Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (External) of the Company



1995 Joined Century Audit Corporation (now Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC)

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2003 Director of Shinnihon Integrity Assurance, Inc.
(now Ernst & Young Shinnihon Sustainability Co., Ltd.)
2005 Managing Director of the above
2006 Partner of Ernst & Young ShinNihon (now Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC)
2012 Senior Partner of Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC
2015 Senior Executive Board Member of the above
2019 Audit & Supervisory Board Member (External) of the Company
President and Representative Director of Okubo Associates Inc. (current position)
Outside Director of Sun Frontier Fudousan Co., Ltd. (current position)
Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of BrainPad Inc.
Outside Director of SLIFULL Co., Ltd. (current position)
2020 Outside Director of SALA Corporation (current position)

Outside Director of LIFULL Co., Ltd. (current position)
2020 Outside Director of SALA Corporation (current position)
Outside Director of The Shoko Chukin Bank, Ltd. (current position)
Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of
Musashi Seimitsu Industry Co., Ltd. (current position)
President and Representative Director of K.K. SS Dnaform (current position)
2021 Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of BrainPad Inc.
(current position)
2022 Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (External) of the Company



1995 Joined the National Police Agency
2001 Northeast Asia Division, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau of Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2003 Chief of 2nd Criminal Investigation Division,
Criminal Investigation Department of Shizuoka Prefectural Police Headquarters
2005 Chief of Foreign Affairs Division, Security Department of
Hyogo Prefectural Police Headquarters
2006 Foreign Affairs Division, Foreign Affairs and Intelligence Department,
Security Bureau of National Police Agency
2007 Security Planning Division, Security Bureau of National Police Agency
2008 Bain & Company Japan Incorporated
2010 Senior Director of Kroll International Inc. (Japan Office)
2013 Associate Managing Director of the above

2010 Senior Director of Kroll International Inc. (Japan Office)
2013 Associate Managing Director of the above
2015 Head of Japan of the above
2016 Managing Director and Head of Japan of the above
2018 President and Representative Director of Nobligier Co., Ltd. (current position)
2021 Outside Director of Sansei Landic Co., Ltd. (current position)
2021 Outside Director of Sansei Landic Co., Ltd. (current position)
Director of the Board (External) of the Company
2022 Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of Riraku Co., Ltd.

Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (External) of the Company

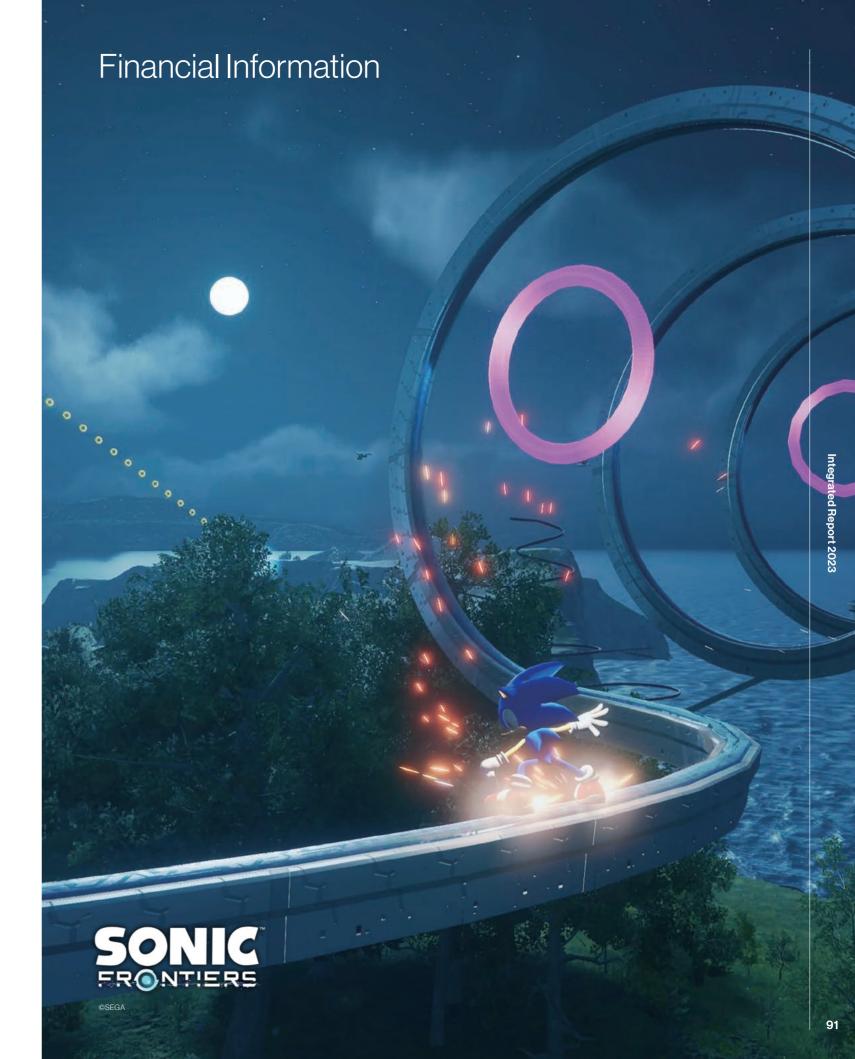
(current position)
2023 Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of VISIONARYHOLDINGS CO., LTD.

**Executive Officers** 

Executive Vice President, Executive Officer Makoto Takahashi Yoichi Owaki

Vice President, Executive Officer

Yuka Ichiki Takaharu Kato Hironobu Otsuka Yukio Kawasaki Koji Takeyama Natsue Ishida



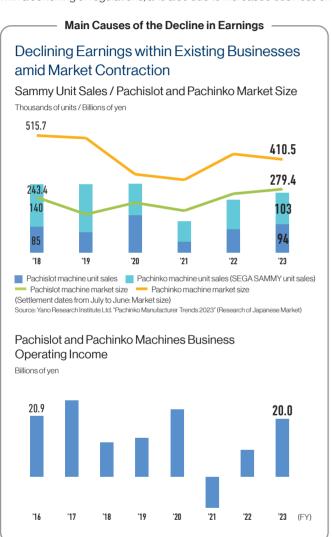
# Management's Discussion and Analysis

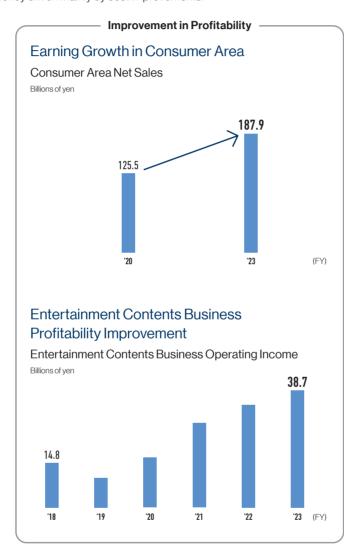
# Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income

# Long-Term Trends

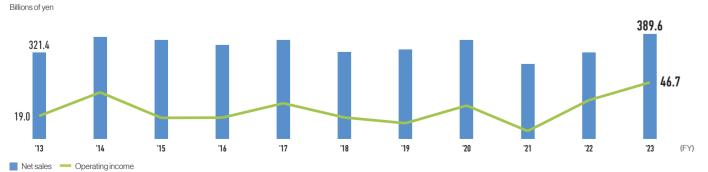
Both sales and profits are trending upward in the Entertainment Contents Business, supported by growth in the number of platformers and increasingly diverse business models. We forecast continued growth going forward.

The Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business is recovering in both sales and profits due to the market environment, which has improved with a softening of regulations, and also due to increased business efficiency driven mainly by cost improvements.





# Long-Term Trends in Net Sales and Operating Income

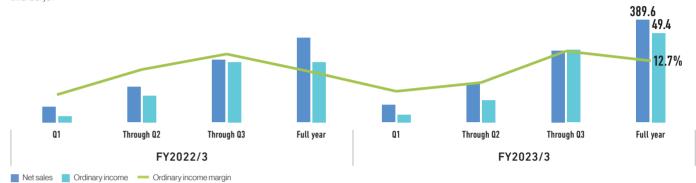


# Comparing FY2022/3 and FY2023/3

(FY2023/3)

Net sales: ¥389.6 billion Ordinary income: ¥49.4 billion Ordinary income margin: 12.7%

Billions of yen



Summary of Consolidated Financial Statements Billions of yen
2022 2023 YoY Change

Net sales	320.9	389.6	21.4%
Entertainment Contents Business	235.9	282.8	19.9%
Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business	75.8	94.2	24.3%
Resort Business	8.6	11.5	33.7%
Other and eliminations	0.6	1.1	83.3%
Cost of sales	193.0	231.5	19.9%
Gross profit	127.8	158.0	23.6%
Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses	95.8	111.2	16.1%
Operating income	32.0	46.7	45.9%
Entertainment Contents Business	33.9	38.7	14.2%
Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business	9.3	20.0	115.1%
Resort Business	-2.5	-1.1	_
Other and eliminations	-8.7	-10.9	_
Operating income margin	10.0%	12.0%	2.0pt
Non-operating income	5.9	4.9	-16.9%
Non-operating expenses	4.6	2.2	-52.2%
Ordinary income	33.3	49.4	48.3%
Extraordinary income	5.2	0	-100.0%
Extraordinary losses	0.6	2.4	300.0%
Income before income taxes	37.9	47.0	24.0%
Total income taxes	0.9	1.1	22.2%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	37.0	45.9	24.1%
Cash dividends per share (Yen)	40	59	_
Net income per share (Yen)	158.85	208.07	_
Net assets per share (Yen)	1,311.72	1,498.75	_

# Operating income (Entertainment Contents Business)

The Consumer area contributed to a year-on-year increase in operating income.

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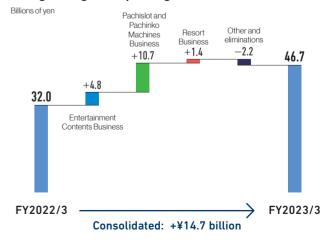
# - Operating income (Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business)

In particular, sales of pachislot machines (No. 6.5 model) were firm, resulting in significant year-on-year growth in profits.

# ─☐ Total income taxes

Income taxes decreased due to the recognition of deferred tax assets at a U.S. subsidiary, a decrease in taxable income from net loss carried forward, and a tax credit related to research and development at a U.K. subsidiary.

# Change in Segment Operating Income



# Consolidated Financial Position

# **Long-Term Trends**

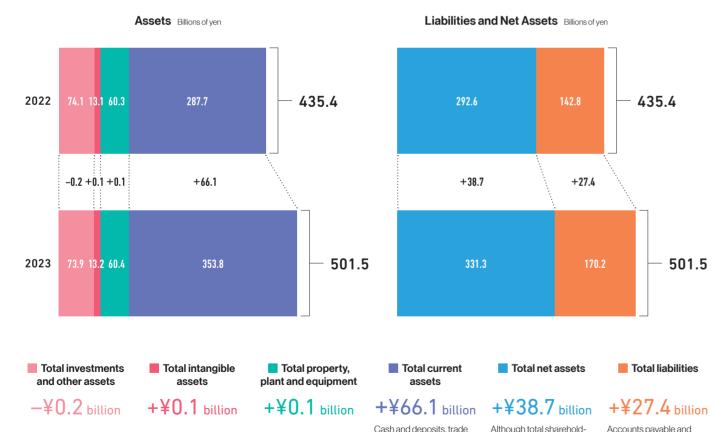
From the fiscal year ended March 2013, total assets started trending upwards due to an increase in goodwill accompanying acquisitions in the Entertainment Contents Business, the Group's initiatives in preparation for participation in the Integrated Resort (IR) business. and an increase in investment securities accompanying new investment in growth areas, etc. In recent years, however, total assets have again been trending downward, reflecting a decrease in cash and deposits accompanying relocation of the head office, a decrease in securities, and the redemption of bonds.

Despite earnings volatility stemming from the presence or absence of hit products, which is the nature of the Group's businesses, the equity ratio remained steady and the Group continued to invest in growth areas and pay stable dividends.



Total assets Equity ratio

# Comparing FY2022/3 and FY2023/3



notes and accounts

receivable, and inventory

assets each increased

ers' equity fell due to cash

purchase of treasury stock,

profit attributable to owners

increase in total net assets.

the Company recorded

of parent. This, among other factors, caused an

dividends paid and the

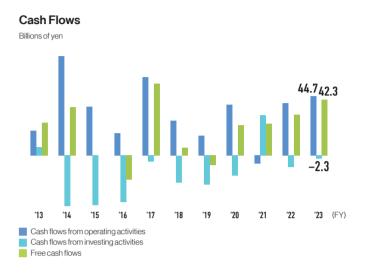
contract liabilities

increased.

# Consolidated Cash Flows

# **Long-Term Trends**

With the exception of certain fiscal periods, the Group has continued to record net cash outflows in investing activities due to M&As in growth areas and strategic investments to raise production capacity. Since the fiscal year ended March 2013, the Group has been investing in organizational restructuring, including making three listed subsidiaries into wholly owned subsidiaries, as well as investing actively in growth areas such as the Consumer area. Through a cash management system, the Group uses internal capital efficiently. Also, the Group uses a range of methods to support liquidity and meet investment needs flexibly, including borrowings and bond issuance.



**Breakdown of Cash Flows** 

Income before income taxes

Increase in inventories

Others

Depreciation and amortization

Increase in contract liabilities

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Purchase of intangible assets

Cash Flows from Financing Activities Proceeds from long-term debt

Repayment of long-term loans

Acquisition of treasury stocks

Payment of dividends

Others

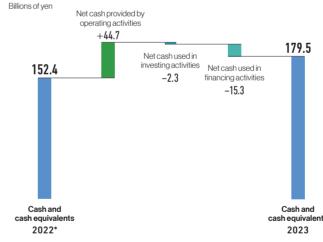
Purchase of property, plant and equipment

Increase in trade notes and accounts receivable

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

# FY2023/3 Cash Flows

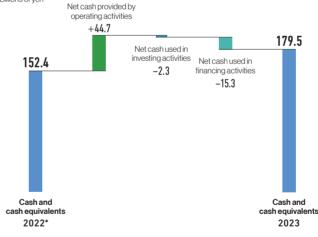
March 2023 were ¥179.509 million, up ¥27.049 million from the previous fiscal year-end.



<sup>\*</sup> The balance of cash and cash equivalents as of end of March 2022 includes the effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents.

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the fiscal year ended

### **Consolidated Cash Flows**



# Net cash provided by operating activities

# +¥44.7 billion

Net cash provided by operating activities for the fiscal year ended March 2023 was ¥44,704 million yen (¥39,607 million for the fiscal year ended March 2022). This was mainly due to the recording of income before income taxes of ¥47,069 million and depreciation of ¥10,669 million, and an increase in contract liabilities of ¥15,545 million, which outweighed an increase in inventories of ¥22 481 million and an increase in trade receivables of ¥13,493 million.

# Net cash used in investing activities

# -¥2.3 billion

Net cash used for investing activities was ¥2,351 million (compared with an outflow of ¥8,794 million in the previous fiscal year). This was mainly due to outflows of ¥4,944 million for the purchase of property, plant and equipment and ¥5,875 million for the purchase of intangible assets, despite an inflow of ¥3,510 million from distributions from investment partnerships.

# Net cash used in financing activities

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Billions of yen

47.0 10.6

-13.4

-22.4

15.5

7.4

-4.9

-5.8 8.4

10.0

-10.1

-4.9

-8.8

-1.5

-¥15.3 billion

Net cash used for financing activities was ¥15,358 million (compared with an outflow of ¥35,970 million in the previous fiscal year). This was mainly due to outflows of ¥10,191 million for the repayment of long-term debt, ¥8,865 million for cash dividends paid, and ¥4,987 million for the purchase of treasury stock despite an inflow of ¥10,000 million from long-term debt.

# Non-Financial Assets

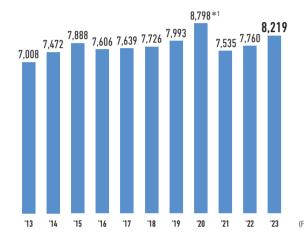
# **Human Capital**

# **Consolidated Employee Numbers**

At the end of the fiscal year ended March 2023, the consolidated number of employees was 8,219, up 459 from the previous fiscal year-end, as the Company actively augmented development resources, mainly in the Consumer area of the Entertainment Contents Business.

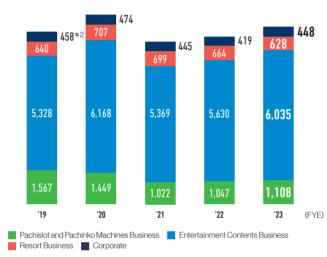
# Consolidated Employee Numbers





# **Employee Numbers by Segment**





<sup>\*1</sup> Total employees in the Entertainment Contents Business increased due to the conversion of fixed-term to permanent labor contracts (about 440 people).

# Intellectual Property

# **R&D Expenses and Content Production Expenses**

We are actively investing in R&D and content production to reinforce and enhance its intellectual property—the source of the Group's competitiveness. In recent years, we have stepped up our focus on investing in the Consumer area to expand the product and service lineup over the medium term. In the fiscal year ended March 2023, R&D and content production expenses were ¥80.4 billion, up ¥11.5 billion year on year.

# Reference

# Recognition of R&D Expenses and Content Production Expenses by Product and Service

# Recorded as inventory assets or intangible fixed assets during development and as costs after launch. Amortized at 25% in the first month, following which the remaining amount is amor-

Entertainment Contents Business (CS/full games)

the first month, following which the remaining amount is amortized on a straight-line basis over 23 months (total amortization period is 24 months).

# Entertainment Contents Business (CS/F2P)

Amortized at a fixed rate for 24 months or 36 months from the launch month.

### Entertainment Contents Business (AM)

Recorded as inventory assets during development and as costs after launch. Amortized on straight-line basis at 15% for each of the first two months of the launch and at 7% for each of the following 10 months (total amortization period is 12 months).

### Consumer area

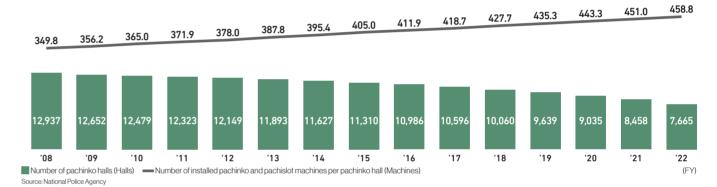
Not recorded as assets but as costs on an accrual basis (outsourced processing costs are recorded at the time of receipt and inspection)

# **Basic Data**

# Market Sizes and Number of Pachinko and Pachislot Players



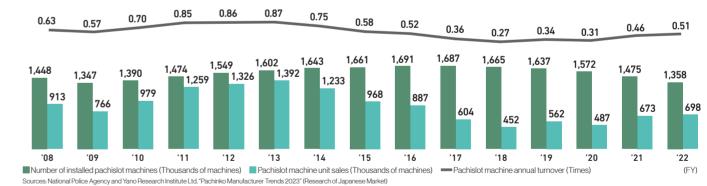
### Numbers of Pachinko Halls and Installed Pachislot and Pachinko Machines per Pachinko Hall



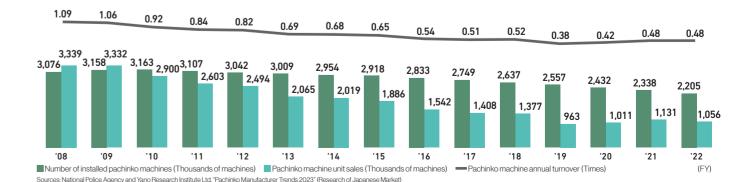
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### Pachislot Machines: Number of Installed Machines, Unit Sales, and Annual Turnover



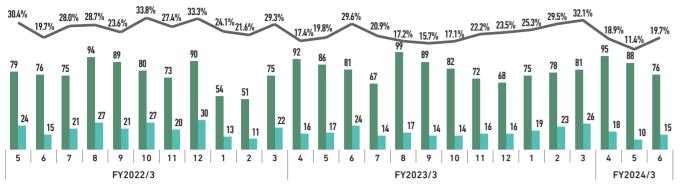
# Pachinko Machines: Number of Installed Machines, Unit Sales, and Annual Turnover



<sup>\*2</sup> Increase in seconded employees due to cross-group organizational restructuring centered on management functions

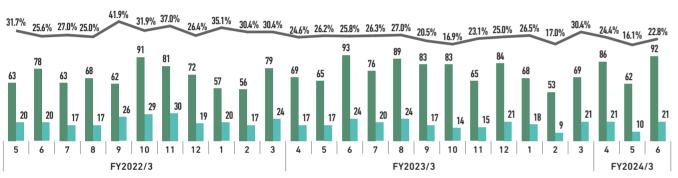
<sup>\*</sup> Since CS/full games can be expected to be sold over a longer period of time compared to the past due to prolonged product lifecycles, the amortization rules have been revised to the above starting with new games released in the fiscal year ending March 2024.

# **Results of Pachislot Machine Prototype Testing**



Pachislot machine prototypes issued Number of pachislot machines approved Pachislot machine approval rate

# **Results of Pachinko Machine Prototype Testing**



Pachinko machine prototypes issued Number of pachinko machines approved Pachinko machine approval rate

# Video Game Contents Market Size



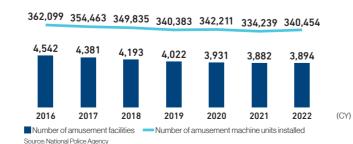
■ Japan ■ Asia ■ N. America ■ Europe ■ Others

# **Domestic Amusement Machine Sales and Revenues from Amusement Facilities Operations**



Amusement machine sales Revenues from amusement center operations Source: Japan Amusement Industry Association

# **Number of Amusement Facilities and Amusement Machine Units Installed**



# Company Profile / Stock Information

# Company Profile

SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC.
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https://www.segasammy.co.jp/en/
October 1, 2004
¥29,953 million (As of March 31, 2023)
Management of SEGA SAMMY Group as the holding company

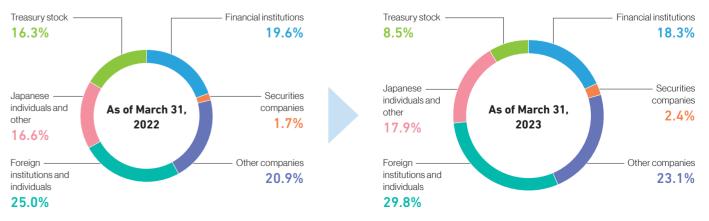
# Stock Information (As of March 31, 2023)

Number of shares authorized for issue	800,000,000	
Total shares issued and outstanding	241,229,476	
Number of shareholders	60,659	

# Major Shareholders (As of March 31, 2023)

Name of shareholder	Shares held	Shares ratio
HS Company	36,008,000	14.92%
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust account)	27,345,000	11.33%
SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC.	20,476,041	8.48%
FSC Co., Ltd.	13,682,840	5.67%
Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust account)	13,173,200	5.46%
Hajime Satomi	7,202,938	2.98%
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY 505001	5,684,392	2.35%
KOREA SECURITIES DEPOSITORY-SAMSUNG	5,649,300	2.34%
Haruki Satomi	3,905,461	1.61%
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON 140044	2,888,091	1.19%

# Breakdown of Shareholders



SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC. and Consolidated Subsidiaries As of March 31, 2022 and 2023

2022
2023
¥179,509
53,370
18,503
50,689
20,269
15,620
16,205
(304
353,862
77,630
(49,664
27,966
8,505
(7,190
1,314
7,232
(6,632
599
18,581
534
49,343
(37,857
11,485
60,482
2,592
10,654
13,247
39,538
247
6,924
5,362
16,499
5,785
(383
73,973
147,703

See accompanying notes.

		Millions of yer
		2023
iabilities		
Current liabilities		
Notes and accounts payable—trade	¥ 24,455	¥ 30,556
Short-term borrowings	10,000	17,000
Accrued expenses	20,360	19,86
Income taxes payable	2,069	4,77
Contract liabilities	10,257	25,85
Provision for bonuses	8,383	9,689
Provision for directors' bonuses	1,189	1,18
Provision for point card certificates	115	18:
Asset retirement obligations	199	-
Other	9,954	11,21
Total current liabilities	86,986	120,33
Noncurrent liabilities		
Bonds payable	10,000	10,000
Long-term borrowings	32,000	25,000
Lease obligations	4,013	5,35
Net defined benefit liability	4,395	3,87
Deferred tax liabilities	469	75
Asset retirement obligations	2,560	2,60
Provision for dismantling of fixed assets	420	42
Other	2,009	1,87
Total noncurrent liabilities	55,869	49,88
Total liabilities	142,855	170,21
let assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Capital stock	29,953	29.95
Capital surplus	117,689	72.21
Retained earnings	224,684	261.84
Treasury stock	(77,886)	(37,25
Total shareholders' equity	294,440	326,75
Accumulated other comprehensive income	27.17.10	0_0,10
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	2,270	2,62
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(33)	38
Revaluation reserve for land (Note 7 (4))	(1,109)	(1,10
Foreign currency translation adjustment	41	3,73
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	(3,199)	(1,53
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	(2,028)	4,09
Share acquisition rights	176	4,07
Non-controlling interests	49	2/
Total net assets		331,34
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See accompanying notes.

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SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC. and Consolidated Subsidiaries Years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023

		Millions of yen
	2022	2023
Net sales (Note 8 (1))	¥320,949	¥389,635
Cost of sales (Notes 8 (2) and (3))	193,081	231,568
Gross profit	127,868	158,067
Selling, general and administrative expenses	95,825	111,278
Operating income	32,042	46,789
Other income (expenses)		
Interest income	112	433
Dividends income	498	516
Gain on investments in partnership	3,052	1,929
Foreign exchange gains	1,337	1,354
Interest expenses	(301)	(321)
Equity in losses of affiliates	(2,778)	(520)
Commission fee	(102)	(146)
Loss on investments in partnership	(479)	(563)
Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets	(469)	(285)
Gain on sales of noncurrent assets (Note 8 (4))	1,988	3
Gain on sales of investment securities	2,516	_
Gain on sales of stocks of subsidiaries and affiliates	698	_
Loss on sales of noncurrent assets (Note 8 (5))	(50)	(0)
Impairment loss (Note 8 (6))	(430)	(446)
Loss on valuation of investment securities	0	(81)
Loss on COVID-19	(113)	_
Loss on business restructuring (Note 8 (7))		(1,783)
Other, net	401	191
Subtotal	5,878	279
Income (loss) before income taxes	37,921	47,069
Income taxes—current	1,989	4,137
Income taxes—deferred	(1,086)	(3,000)
Total income taxes	903	1,136
Profit	37,018	45,932
(Breakdown)		
Profit attributable to owners of parent	37,027	45,938
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	(8)	(6)
Other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	334	345
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(14)	_
Foreign currency translation adjustment	3,526	2,873
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax	(2,844)	1,677
Share of other comprehensive income of entities accounted for using equity method	1,203	1,227
Total other comprehensive income (Note 8 (8))	2,206	6,124
Comprehensive income	39,224	52,057
(Breakdown)		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	39,230	52,066
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	¥ (5)	¥ (9)

See accompanying notes.

# **Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets**

SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC. and Consolidated Subsidiaries Years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023

Prior fiscal year (from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

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	Shareholders' equity						
	Capital stock	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Total shareholders' equity		
Balances as of April 1, 2021	¥29,953	¥118,048	¥200,551	¥(53,561)	¥294,991		
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies			(2,067)		(2,067)		
Restated balance	29,953	118,048	198,484	(53,561)	292,924		
Changes in items during the period							
Dividends from surplus			(9,411)		(9,411)		
Profit attributable to owners of parent			37,027		37,027		
Effect of changes in accounting period of consolidated subsidiaries					_		
Purchase of treasury stock				(25,036)	(25,036)		
Disposal of treasury stock		(90)		711	621		
Cancellation of treasury stock					_		
Change in scope of consolidation			(1,317)		(1,317)		
Change in scope of equity method		(186)	(97)		(284)		
Change in ownership interest of parent due to transactions with non-controlling interests		(82)			(82)		
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity		(02)			(02)		
Total changes in items during the period	_	(358)	26,200	(24,325)	1,515		
Balances as of March 31, 2022	¥29,953	¥117,689	¥224,684	¥(77,886)	¥294,440		

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	Accumulated other comprehensive income					
	Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	Revaluation reserve for land	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	Total accumulated other comprehensive income
Balances as of April 1, 2021	¥1,930	¥(725)	¥(1,109)	¥(3,867)	¥ (459)	¥(4,231)
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies						_
Restated balance	1,930	(725)	(1,109)	(3,867)	(459)	(4,231)
Changes in items during the period						
Dividends from surplus						
Profit attributable to owners of parent						
Effect of changes in accounting period of consolidated subsidiaries						
Purchase of treasury stock						
Disposal of treasury stock						
Cancellation of treasury stock						
Change in scope of consolidation						
Change in scope of equity method						
Change in ownership interest of parent due to transactions with non-controlling interests						
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity	340	692		3,909	(2,739)	2,203
Total changes in items during the period	340	692	_	3,909	(2,739)	2,203
Balances as of March 31, 2022	¥2,270	¥ (33)	¥(1,109)	¥ 41	¥(3,199)	¥(2,028)

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Millions of yen

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### Non-controlling interests Share acquisition Balances as of April 1, 2021 ¥291,256 Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies (2,067)Restated balance 496 289,189 Changes in items during the period Dividends from surplus (9,411)37,027 Profit attributable to owners of parent Effect of changes in accounting period of consolidated subsidiaries Purchase of treasury stock (25,036) Disposal of treasury stock 621 Cancellation of treasury stock (1,317) Change in scope of consolidation Change in scope of equity method (284) Change in ownership interest of parent due to transactions (82) with non-controlling interests Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity 176 (447) 1,932

See accompanying notes.

Total changes in items during the period

Balances as of March 31, 2022

# Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets

# Current fiscal year (from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

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			Shareholders' equity		
	Capital stock	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Total shareholders' equity
Balances as of April 1, 2022	¥29,953	¥117,689	¥224,684	¥(77,886)	¥294,440
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies					_
Restated balance	29,953	117,689	224,684	(77,886)	294,440
Changes in items during the period					
Dividends from surplus			(8,873)		(8,873)
Profit attributable to owners of parent			45,938		45,938
Effect of changes in accounting period of consolidated subsidiaries			90		90
Purchase of treasury stock				(4,987)	(4,987)
Disposal of treasury stock		31		142	174
Cancellation of treasury stock		(45,480)		45,480	_
Change in scope of consolidation					_
Change in scope of equity method					_
Change in ownership interest of parent due to transactions					
with non-controlling interests		(27)			(27)
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity					
Total changes in items during the period	_	(45,475)	37,155	40,635	32,315
Balances as of March 31, 2023	¥29,953	¥ 72,213	¥261,840	¥(37,251)	¥326,755

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	Accumulated other comprehensive income					
	Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	Revaluation reserve for land	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	Total accumulated other comprehensive income
Balances as of April 1, 2022	¥2,270	¥ (33)	¥(1,109)	¥ 41	¥(3,199)	¥(2,028)
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies						_
Restated balance	2,270	(33)	(1,109)	41	(3,199)	(2,028)
Changes in items during the period						
Dividends from surplus						
Profit attributable to owners of parent						
Effect of changes in accounting period of consolidated subsidiaries						
Purchase of treasury stock						
Disposal of treasury stock						
Cancellation of treasury stock						
Change in scope of consolidation						
Change in scope of equity method						
Change in ownership interest of parent due to transactions with non-controlling interests						
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity	356	415		3,688	1,667	6,128
Total changes in items during the period	356	415	_	3,688	1,667	6,128
Balances as of March 31, 2023	¥2.626	¥382	¥(1.109)	¥3.730	¥(1.531)	¥ 4.099

# Millions of yen

	Share acquisition rights	Non-controlling interests	Total net assets
Balances as of April 1, 2022	¥176	¥ 49	¥292,637
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting policies			_
Restated balance	176	49	292,637
Changes in items during the period			
Dividends from surplus			(8,873)
Profit attributable to owners of parent			45,938
Effect of changes in accounting period of consolidated subsidiaries			90
Purchase of treasury stock			(4,987)
Disposal of treasury stock			174
Cancellation of treasury stock			_
Change in scope of consolidation			_
Change in scope of equity method			_
Change in ownership interest of parent due to transactions			
with non-controlling interests			(27)
Net changes in items other than shareholders' equity	292	(25)	6,395
Total changes in items during the period	292	(25)	38,710
Balances as of March 31, 2023	¥468	¥ 24	¥331,347

# See accompanying notes.

# **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC. and Consolidated Subsidiaries Years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023

		Millions of yer
	2022	2023
let cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
Income (loss) before income taxes	¥ 37,921	¥ 47,069
Depreciation and amortization	11,406	10,669
Impairment loss	430	446
Loss (gain) on sales of noncurrent assets	(1,937)	(4
Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets	469	28!
Loss (gain) on sales of investment securities	(2,489)	_
Loss (gain) on valuation of investment securities	0	81
Loss (gain) on investments in partnership	(2,573)	(1,36
Amortization of goodwill	2,311	2,178
Increase (decrease) in allowance for doubtful accounts	(25)	(41
Increase (decrease) in provision for directors' bonuses	437	(1!
Increase (decrease) in net defined benefit liability	96	(17
Increase (decrease) in provision for bonuses	(116)	1,22
Interest and dividends income	(610)	(95
Interest expenses	301	32
Foreign exchange losses (gains)	(1,112)	1,15
Equity in (earnings) losses of affiliates	2,778	52
Decrease (increase) in notes and accounts receivable—trade	338	(13,49
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(15,354)	(22,48
Increase (decrease) in notes and accounts payable—trade	6,495	5,90
Increase (decrease) in contract liabilities	10,201	15,54
Increase (decrease) in guarantee deposits received	(1,589)	(70
Other, net	(4,240)	1,80
Subtotal	43,138	48,61
Interest and dividends income received	664	98'
Interest expenses paid	(300)	(29
Extra retirement payments	(2,236)	-
Income taxes paid	(5,078)	(6,74
Income taxes refund	3,419	2,14
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	¥ 39,607	¥ 44,70

See accompanying notes.

# Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

		Millions of yen
	2022	2023
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		
Payments into time deposits	¥ (5,000)	¥ —
Proceeds from withdrawal of time deposits	5,000	_
Purchase of short-term investment securities	(20,000)	_
Proceeds from redemption of securities	20,717	_
Purchase of trust beneficiary rights	(1,309)	_
Proceeds from sales of trust beneficiary rights	1,167	382
Purchase of property, plant, and equipment	(5,983)	(4,944
Proceeds from sales of property, plant, and equipment	2,141	7
Purchase of intangible assets	(4,569)	(5,875
Proceeds from sales of intangible assets	0	_
Purchase of investment securities	(196)	(669
Proceeds from sales of investment securities	2,565	1
Payments for investment in partnerships	(821)	(1,226
Proceeds from distribution of investment in partnerships	2,596	3,510
Purchase of shares of subsidiaries resulting in change in scope of consolidation		(448
Proceeds from purchase of shares of subsidiaries resulting in change in scope of consolidation		31
Proceeds from sales of shares of subsidiaries resulting in change in scope of consolidation	212	_
Purchase of shares of subsidiaries and affiliates	(4,903)	(155
Payments of loans receivable	(769)	(1,907
Collection of loans receivable	2,381	2,586
Reduction of investments in trusts		1,200
Payments for lease deposits	(238)	(26
Collection of lease deposits	514	767
Other, net	(2,300)	4,413
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(8,794)	(2,351
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		
Proceeds from long-term borrowings		10,000
Repayment of long-term borrowings		(10,191
Purchase of treasury stock	(25,036)	(4,987
Purchase of treasury stock of subsidiaries	(98)	_
Purchase of shares of subsidiaries not resulting in change in scope of consolidation		(50
Cash dividends paid	(9,410)	(8,865
Cash dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(93)	_
Other, net	(1,331)	(1,263
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(35,970)	(15,358
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	3,029	162
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2,128)	27,156
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period	154,540	152,459
Increase in cash and cash equivalents from newly consolidated subsidiaries	47	_
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents resulting from change in accounting period of consolidated subsidiaries	_	(107)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period (Note 10 (1))	¥152,459	¥179,509
ncrease (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents resulting from change in accounting period of consolidated subsidiaries		

See accompanying notes.

# **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC. and Consolidated Subsidiaries Years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023

# 1 Basis of Presenting Consolidated Financial Statements

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC. (the "Company") and its consolidated subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan and its related accounting regulations, and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan ("Japanese GAAP"), which are different in certain respects as to application and disclosure requirements from International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The accounts of the Company's overseas subsidiaries are based on their accounting records maintained in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles prevailing in the respective countries of domicile. However, necessary adjustments are made upon consolidation for 2022 and 2023. The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been restructured and translated into English (with certain expanded disclosure) from the consolidated

financial statements of the Company prepared in accordance with Japanese GAAP and filed with the appropriate Local Finance Bureau of the Ministry of Finance as required by the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan. Certain supplementary information included in the statutory Japanese-language consolidated financial statements is not presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Each amount of the accompanying consolidated financial statements is rounded down to the nearest one million yen.

In preparing the accompanying consolidated financial statements. certain reclassifications have been made in order to present them in a form which is more familiar to readers outside of Japan. Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2022 consolidated financial statements to conform to the classifications used in 2023. These changes had no impact on previously reported results of operations or shareholders' equity.

# 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

# 1. Scope of consolidation

(1) Number of consolidated subsidiaries: 61

### (2) Number of non-consolidated subsidiaries: 11

Non-consolidated subsidiaries are excluded from the scope of consolidation because the combined amount of each of assets, net sales and net income corresponding to the percentage of equity interest held by the Company, and the combined amount of retained earnings corresponding to the percentage of equity interest held by the Company, do not have a significant effect on the consolidated financial statements.

# 2. Application of the equity method

- (1) Number of non-consolidated subsidiaries accounted for under the equity method: -
- (2) Number of affiliated companies accounted for under the equity method: 8
- (3) Number of non-consolidated subsidiaries and affiliated companies which are not accounted for under the equity

Some of the Company's non-consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates are not accounted for under the equity method because the combined amount of net income corresponding to the percentage of equity interest held by the Company, and the combined amount of retained earnings corresponding to the percentage of equity interest held by the Company do not have a significant effect on the consolidated financial statements even if they are excluded from the scope of the equity method and have no significance as a whole.

# 3. Accounting policies

# (1) Valuation and accounting treatment for important assets

1) Held-to-maturity debt securities

Held-to-maturity debt securities are stated at the amortized cost method (the straight-line method)

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2) Available-for-sale securities

Those other than securities without available fair market value: Fair value method (The difference between acquisition cost and fair value is accounted for as the valuation difference on availablefor-sale securities in net assets, with cost of sales determined by the moving-average method.)

With respect to compound financial instruments whose fair value cannot be categorized and measured for each embedded derivative, the entire compound financial instrument is appraised by fair value. Unrealized gains or losses are reported as profit or loss for the current

Securities without available fair market value:

Securities without quoted market prices are carried at cost, which is determined by the moving-average method.

The net amount of equity included in the Company's financial statements (from limited liability investment partnerships and similar investments, regarded as marketable securities under Article 2-2 of the Financial Investment and Exchange Law of Japan) is calculated based on the relevant financial statements for the partnership available as of the reporting date stipulated in the partnership agreement. 3) Derivatives

Derivatives are stated at fair market value.

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

4) Inventories

Inventories are stated at cost, cost being determined mainly by the gross-average method (or at the net realizable value (NRV) calculated by writing down the book value to reflect a decrease in the NRV).

Work in process is also stated at cost, cost being determined by the specific identification method (or at the NRV calculated by writing down the book value to reflect a decrease in the NRV).

# (2) Depreciation and amortization for important assets

1) Property, plant and equipment (excluding lease assets)

Depreciation is calculated primarily using the straight-line method.

Range of useful life for the assets is as follows:

Buildings and structures: 2-50 years

Machinery, equipment and vehicles: 2–12 years

Amusement machines and facilities: 2-5 years

2) Intangible assets (excluding lease assets)

Amortization is calculated using the straight-line method. The software used in the Company is amortized by the straight-line method based on the useful lives within the Company (within five years).

3) Lease assets

Finance leases which transfer ownership:

Depreciation method for such assets is the same as that which applies to property, plant and equipment owned by the Company. Finance leases which do not transfer ownership:

Depreciated by using the straight-line method assuming the useful life equals to the lease period with a residual value of zero.

4) Right-of-use assets

The lease period or the useful life of the asset, whichever is shorter, is used as the useful life, and the residual value is calculated as zero.

# (3) Accounting for deferred assets

Bond issue cost: All expenses are expensed when incurred.

### (4) Accounting for allowances and provisions

1) Allowance for doubtful accounts

Allowance for doubtful accounts is provided in the amount sufficient to cover possible losses based on a historical write-off of general receivables.

Receivables with default possibility and bankrupt receivables are calculated based on an individual assessment of the possibility of collection.

2) Provision for bonuses

The estimated amount of bonuses was recorded to meet the payment of employee bonuses, an amount corresponding to the current fiscal year.

3) Provision for directors' bonuses

The estimated amount of bonuses was recorded to meet the payment of Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members' bonuses, an amount corresponding to the current fiscal year.

4) Provision for point card certificates

To provide for use of points granted to customers, the estimated future usage amount as of the end of the current fiscal year is recorded.

5) Provision for dismantling of fixed assets

To provide for expenses for dismantling unused decrepit buildings, estimated future expenses are recorded.

### (5) Accounting method for retirement benefits

1) Attribution method for projected retirement benefits: In calculating retirement benefits obligations, benefit-formula attribution is adopted for the purpose of attributing projected retirement benefits to the period up to the end of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023.

2) Treatment of actuarial gains and losses and prior service costs: Prior service costs are amortized equally over a certain number of years (10 years in principle) within the average remaining years of service for the employees at the time of accrual, or are charged to income collectively at the time of accrual. Actuarial gains and losses are amortized by the straight-line method over a certain number of years (10 years in principle) within average remaining years of service for the employees at the time of accrual in each fiscal year, commencing from the following fiscal year after the accrual for each employee or are charged to income collectively in the following fiscal year after the accrual.

# (6) Accounting for significant hedge

1) Hedge accounting

The Group adopts deferred hedge accounting. However, special treatment is used for qualifying interest rate swap transactions. Moreover, allocation hedge accounting is applied to qualifying currency swap transactions and forward exchange contracts.

2) Hedging instruments and hedged items

Hedging instrument: Currency swaps, interest rate swaps, and forward exchange contracts

Hedged item: Interest on borrowings, receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies

3) Hedge policy

Derivative instruments are used to mitigate risks associated with foreign exchange and interest rate fluctuations.

As a rule, hedging is only used for items in which actual demand exists, and not for speculative purposes.

4) Evaluation of hedge effectiveness

Hedge effectiveness is evaluated through comparative analysis of the cumulative fluctuations in the market between the hedged item and the hedging instrument. Evaluation of hedge effectiveness at fiscal year-end is omitted for currency swap transactions, as material conditions for the notional principal of hedging instruments and those for hedged items are the same and these transactions are deemed to offset the market fluctuations.

Evaluation of hedge effectiveness at fiscal year-end is omitted also for interest rate swap transactions applied to special treatment.

# (7) Accounting policy for recognition of significant revenues and expenses

Accounting policy for recognition of significant revenues is as follows.

Compensation for individual performance obligations was received

within roughly two months after their fulfillment and did not include significant financial elements.

(i) Digital content

With regard to revenue from the granting of game distribution rights in the Entertainment Contents Business, the Group provides game content primarily to platform operators along with distribution rights, and the Group's performance obligation is to provide game content. The Group determines that the performance obligation is satisfied by the provision of game content to the platform operators, and if the contract is one in which usage fees are collected based upon the sales of the platform operator, the revenue is recognized when the sales of the platform operators are recorded, and in other cases, it is recognized when the game content is provided.

With regard to revenue from sales from game downloads in the Entertainment Contents Business, the Group's performance obligation is to provide game content to customers. The Group determines that the performance obligation is satisfied by the provision of the game content to the customer and recognizes the revenue when the game content is provided.

With regard to revenue from sales of F2P items in the Entertainment Contents Business, and Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business, the Group's performance obligation is to provide the services specified for each item to the customer. Depending on the nature of the item, the Group determines that the performance obligation is satisfied when the item is used by the customer or over the course of the estimated usage period calculated based on past usage data for similar items, whereupon the revenue is recognized.

With regard to the annual update service for amusement machines in the Entertainment Contents Business, the Group's performance obligation is to consistently provide updates to content throughout the contract period. Therefore, the Group determines that the performance obligation is satisfied over the course of the contract period, with the revenue recognized over the period of the contract.

(ii) Sales of products and merchandise

Revenue from the sales of products and merchandise in the Entertainment Contents Business and Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business is primarily from sales through manufacture or wholesale. The Group's performance obligation is to deliver finished products or merchandise in accordance with a sales contract or the like with the customer. The Group determines that the performance obligation is satisfied when it delivers the finished products or merchandise and the customer assumes control over said finished products or merchandise, with the revenue recognized at the point of delivery. With regard to revenue from sales from consignment type sales of certain merchandise, if after the role (as the principal or agent) in the provision of goods or services is determined, the Group is involved in the sale of the merchandise as an agent, the revenue is recognized using the net amount after deducting the amount paid to the supplier from the amount received from the customer.

(iii) Resort facility sales

Revenues of resort facilities in the Resort Business is from the operation of hotels and golf courses, with the Group's performance obligation to provide accommodation, eating and drinking, and space to play on the golf course at each facility. The Group determines that the performance obligation is satisfied and the revenue is recognized upon the completion of the provision of the various services to the customers.

### (8) Amortization method and period of goodwill

If the duration of the effect of goodwill can be rationally estimated, amortization is made over the estimated number of years by the straight-line method. In other cases, amortization is made over a five-year-period by the straight-line method.

# (9) Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statements of cash flows

In preparing the consolidated statements of cash flows, cash on hand, readily available deposits and short-term highly liquid investments with maturities not exceeding three months at the time of purchase are considered to be cash and cash equivalents.

### (10) Application of the group tax-sharing system

The Company applies the group tax-sharing system.

# 3 Significant Accounting Estimates

# (1) Valuation for inventories, etc., in the Entertainment Contents Business

(i) Carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements in the current fiscal year

		millions of yen
	2022	2023
Work in process	¥39,098	¥47,043
"Other" under intangible assets	5,801	6,410

(ii) Calculation method of the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements in the current fiscal year

Work in process and software, etc., amounts posted on account of production of game contents, etc., in the Entertainment Contents Business are stated at acquisition cost and are expensed or amortized systematically considering the forecasted sales volume and expected service period. However, if the future recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount of work in process and software, etc., the carrying amount is reduced to the recoverable amount and the resulting decrease in the carrying amount is recorded in the cost of sales for the current fiscal year.

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(iii) Key assumptions used in the calculation of carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements in the current fiscal year

The future recoverable amount is estimated based on the forecasted sales for the following fiscal years.

(iv) Impact on the consolidated financial statements in the following fiscal year

In case of possible discrepancy between the forecasts and actual results due to the timing of release of new products from rival companies in the same market and the nature of hit businesses, there may be an impact on profit and loss.

# (2) Valuation of raw materials in the Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business

(i) Carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements in the current fiscal year

		Millions of yen
	2022	2023
Raw materials	¥10,594	¥16,136

(ii) Calculation method of the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements in the current fiscal year

Raw materials are posted using the acquisition cost, but in the event that anticipated future raw material usage falls below stock, the surplus is posted to cost of sales.

(iii) Key assumptions used in the calculation of carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements in the current fiscal year Raw material usage forecasts are estimated based on the projected volume of Pachinko and Pachislot machines sales for the following

(iv) Impact on the consolidated financial statements in the following fiscal year

In case of possible discrepancy between the forecasts and actual results due to the timing of release of new products from rival companies in the same market and the nature of hit businesses, there may be an impact on profit and loss.

# (3) Valuation of shares of affiliates with regard to PARADISE SEGASAMMY Co., Ltd.

(i) Carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements in the current fiscal year

Millions of year

		Williams of yell
	2022	2023
Shares of subsidiaries		
and affiliates	¥18,542	¥17,867

(ii) Calculation method of the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements in the current fiscal year

PARADISE SEGASAMMY Co., Ltd. (PSS) is an affiliate of the Company accounted for using the equity method. Investments into PSS are treated under equity method accounting.

PSS applies International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and if there is any indication of impairment in its cash generating units, it performs an impairment test. For the cash generating units including goodwill, PSS performs an impairment test on an annual basis, in addition to when there is any indication of impairment. As a result of its impairment tests, in the event that the recoverable amount is less than its carrying amount the book value in the PSS financial statements is reduced to the recoverable amount is less than its carrying amount, this exerts an impact on the amount of shares of affiliates of the Company through equity method accounting.

PSS has posted ¥125,811 million in noncurrent assets, including goodwill of ¥7,771 million.

(iii) Key assumptions used in the calculation of carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements in the current fiscal year PSS performs an impairment test on its cash generating units including goodwill, and its cash generating units that show any indication of impairment, and makes calculations for recoverable amount based on value in use or on fair value less cost of disposal.

Key assumptions that utilize measurements of value in use are made based on the business plans, etc., which are fundamental to calculations of future cash flows, as well as growth rates and discount rates. Business plans, etc., have been made based on the number of casino visitors and the drop amount (the amount of chips purchased at tables), premised on demand recovering gradually through the following fiscal year. When establishing growth rates for after the target period of the business plans, etc., figures that reflect consideration of business growth are used. In addition, the discount rate is calculated using weighted average cost of capital as a basis and by reflecting the risk associated with businesses, which is determined based on external and internal information.

Fair value less cost of disposal mainly uses the real estate appraisal value (under depreciated replacement cost approach) of external experts who take into consideration the repurchase cost of the relevant asset and related depreciation factors.

(iv) Impact on the consolidated financial statements in the following fiscal year

Estimates of future cash flows are made based on best estimates from management. However, in the event of trends in the number of users which cause estimates to vary from actual results, there may be an impact on profit and loss.

# 4 Changes in Accounting Policies

# (1) Application of Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Fair Value Measurement

The Company has applied the "Implementation Guidance on Accounting Standard for Fair Value Measurement" (ASBJ Guidance No. 31, June 17, 2021; hereinafter "Fair Value Measurement Guidance") since the start of the current consolidated fiscal year. The new accounting policies stipulated by the Fair Value Measurement Guidance are applied to current and future accounts in accordance with the transitional treatment provided in Paragraph 27-2 of the Fair Value Measurement Guidance. This has had no impact on the consolidated financial statements for the current fiscal year. The notes on investment trusts in the fair value information by level within the fair value hierarchy in the notes on financial instruments are not shown for the previous

consolidated fiscal year, in accordance with Paragraph 27-3 of the Fair Value Measurement Guidance.

# (2) Application of "Leases" (U.S. GAAP Topic 842)

Subsidiaries that apply U.S. GAAP have applied "Leases" (U.S. GAAP Topic 842) since the start of the current consolidated fiscal year. This standard calls for the lessee to record all leases as assets and liabilities on the balance sheet, in principle. The application of U.S. GAAP Topic 842 is in accordance with the transitional treatment, and the Company employs the method of recognizing the cumulative effect of the change in accounting policies on the starting date of its application. This has had only a minor impact on the consolidated financial statements for the current fiscal year.

# 5 Unapplied New Accounting Standards

The Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries

- Accounting Standard for Current Income Taxes (ASBJ Statement No. 27, October 28, 2022)
- Accounting Standard for Presentation of Comprehensive Income (ASBJ Statement No. 25, October 28, 2022)
- Guidance on Accounting Standard for Tax Effect Accounting (ASBJ Guidance No. 28, October 28, 2022)

### (1) Overview

These standards cover handling of categories for recording income taxes on other comprehensive income and tax effects related to sale of stock in subsidiaries and other instruments when applying group corporate income taxation.

### (2) Scheduled date of application

The guidance will apply from the beginning of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

# (3) Effects of application of the accounting standard

The effects of the application are under assessment at the time of preparing these consolidated financial statements.

 Practical Solution on the Accounting for and Disclosure of the Issuance and Holding of Electronically Recorded Transferable Rights that Must be Indicated on Securities, etc. (ASBJ Practical Solution No. 43, August 26, 2022)

### (1) Overview

This standard sets out accounting and disclosure of issuance or holding by a joint stock company of electronically recorded transferable rights that must be indicated on securities, etc., as described in Article 1, paragraph 4, item 17 of the Cabinet Office Order on Financial Instruments Business, etc. (Cabinet Office Order No. 52 of 2007).

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# (2) Scheduled date of application

The accounting standard will apply from the beginning of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

# (3) Effects of application of the accounting standard

The effects of the application are under assessment at the time of preparing these consolidated financial statements.

# 6 Changes in Methods of Presentation

### (1) Consolidated Balance Sheet

"Contract liabilities," which had been included in "Other" under current liabilities in the previous consolidated fiscal year, are separately presented beginning with this consolidated fiscal year, since they account for more than 5% of total liabilities and net assets. The consolidated financial statements for the previous consolidated fiscal year have been restated to reflect this change in presentation methods. As a result, ¥20,211 million presented as "Other" under current liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet for the previous consolidated fiscal year has been restated as ¥10,257 million of "Contract liabilities" and ¥9,954 million of "Other."

### (2) Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

"Increase (decrease) in contract liabilities," which had been included in "Other, net" under cash flows from operating activities in the previous consolidated fiscal year, is separately presented beginning with this consolidated fiscal year, since it has increased in importance. The consolidated financial statements for the previous consolidated fiscal year have been restated to reflect this change in presentation methods. As a result, ¥5,960 million presented as "Other, net" under cash flows from operating activities on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the previous consolidated fiscal year has been restated as ¥10,201 million of "Increase (decrease) in contract liabilities" and ¥(4,240 million) of "Other, net."

# 7 Notes to Consolidated Balance Sheets

### (1) Receivables from contracts with customers and contract assets

The amount of receivables from contracts with customers and the amount of contract assets, included in "Notes, accounts receivable—trade, and contract assets" on the consolidated balance sheets, are provided in "Note 22 Revenue recognition 3. (1) Receivables from contracts with customers; the balances of contract assets and contract liabilities" of the notes to consolidated financial statements.

# (2) Assets pledged as collateral

Assets pledged as collateral are as follows:

		Millions of yen
	2022	2023
Shares of subsidiaries and affiliates	Note 1 ¥18,542	Note 2 ¥17,867
Total	18,542	17,867

Notes: 1. For a loan of ¥70,107 million (KR\#725,000 million) from financial institutions to the equity method affiliate PARADISE SEGASAMMY Co., Ltd. at the end of the previous fiscal year, the shares of this company are pledged as collateral.

2. For a loan of ¥73,007 million (KR\pmu725,000 million) from financial institutions to the equity method affiliate PARADISE SEGASAMMY Co., Ltd. at the end of the current fiscal year, the shares of this company are pledged as collateral.

# (3) Investment securities to non-consolidated subsidiaries and affiliated companies

		Millions of yen
	2022	2023
Investment securities (Shares)	¥20,866	¥19,432
Investment securities (Capital Contributions)	978	824

### (4) Revaluation reserve for land

Consolidated subsidiary SEGA CORPORATION has revalued land for business, pursuant to the Act on Revaluation of Land (Law No. 34, March 31, 1998) and Amendments to the Law Concerning Revaluation of Land (Law No. 19, March 31, 2001).

Accordingly, SEGA CORPORATION has recorded an item for the revaluation reserve for land under net assets.

### Revaluation method

SEGA CORPORATION computed the value of land based on the methodology regarding rational adjustments to valuation of fixed assets stipulated in Article 2-3, and appraisals by licensed real estate appraisers prescribed in Article 2-5 of the Enforcement Ordinance No. 119 (March 31, 1998) pertaining to the Law Concerning Revaluation of Land.

Date of revaluation: March 31, 2002.

Difference between the fair value at the end of the fiscal year and the book value after revaluation of revalued land: ¥(425) million

# (5) Overdraft account and commitment line contract

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries entered into overdraft account contracts and commitment line contracts with banks for the purpose of efficient procurement of operating capital.

The balance of unexecuted borrowings based on these contracts are as follows.

		Millions of yen
	2022	2023
Total amount of limit of overdraft account and commitment line contract	¥239,068	¥294,654
Balance of borrowings		_
Balance of unrealized borrowings	239,068	294,654

# 8 Notes to Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income

### (1) Revenue from contracts with customers

Net sales combine revenue from contracts with customers and revenue from other sources. The amount of revenue from contracts with customers is provided in "Note 22 Revenue recognition 1. Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers" of the consolidated financial statements.

# (2) The book value devaluation of inventories held for normal sales purpose based on decline in profitability

		Millions of yen
	2022	2023
Cost of sales	¥6,636	¥9,871

# (3) Research and development expenses included in selling, general and administrative expenses and manufacturing cost

	Millions of yen
2022	2023
¥47,127	¥51,410

### (4) Gain on sales of noncurrent assets

		Millions of yell	
	2022	2023	
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles	¥ 2	¥3	
Other property, plant, and equipment	1,985	0	
Total	1,988	3	

### (5) Loss on sales of noncurrent assets

	Millions of yen	
2022	2023	
¥14	¥—	
0	_	
33	0	
2	0	
50	0	
	¥14 0 33 2	

# **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

# (6) Impairment loss

Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

			Millions of yen
Use	Location	Туре	Amount
Assets for business	Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo and 2 other locations	Buildings and structures	¥ 11
		Amusement machines and facilities	11
		Other property, plant, and equipment	320
		Other intangible assets	86
		Total	430

Based on business segments, assets or asset groups whose cash flows can be estimated separately are grouped independently. Of these, the book values of assets or asset groups whose market values declined significantly or that are projected to consistently generate negative cash flows arising from operating activities are

reduced to their recoverable values. The amount of this reduction is recorded as an impairment loss under other expenses.

Recoverable values are calculated based on memorandum values, as

no future cash flows are expected.

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

			Millions of yen
Use	Location	Туре	Amount
Assets for business	State of Nevada in the U.S. and 2 other locations	Buildings and structures	¥141
		Amusement machines and facilities	2
		Other property, plant, and equipment	297
		Other intangible assets	5
		Total	446

Based on business segments, assets or asset groups whose cash flows can be estimated separately are grouped independently. Of these, the book values of assets or asset groups whose market values declined significantly or that are projected to consistently generate negative cash flows arising from operating activities are

reduced to their recoverable values. The amount of this reduction is recorded as an impairment loss under other expenses.

Recoverable values are calculated based on memorandum values, as no future cash flows are expected.

# (7) Loss on business restructuring

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This loss is primarily related to the game contents for which development was suspended in connection to the restructuring of the European business.

# (8) Reclassification adjustments and the related tax effects concerning other comprehensive income

Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	2022	2023
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities		
The amount arising during the period	¥ 620	¥ 433
Reclassification adjustments	26	_
Before adjustments to tax effects	647	433
The amount of tax effects	(312)	(87)
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	334	345
Deferred gains or losses on hedges		
The amount arising during the period	6	_
Reclassification adjustments	(28)	_
Before adjustments to tax effects	(22)	_
The amount of tax effects	7	_
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(14)	_
Foreign currency translation adjustment		
The amount arising during the period	3,524	2,873
Reclassification adjustments	2	_
Before adjustments to tax effects	3,526	2,873
The amount of tax effects	_	_
Foreign currency translation adjustment	3,526	2,873
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax		
The amount arising during the period	(2,920)	1,760
Reclassification adjustments	165	(34)
Before adjustments to tax effects	(2,754)	1,726
The amount of tax effects	(89)	(49)
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax	(2,844)	1,677
Share of other comprehensive income of entities accounted for using equity method		
The amount arising during the period	1,203	1,277
Reclassification adjustments		_
Share of other comprehensive income of entities accounted for using equity method	1,203	1,227
Total other comprehensive income	¥2,206	¥6,124

# 9 Notes to Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets

Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

# 1. Number of outstanding common stock

				Silaies
Type of stock	As of April 1, 2021	Increase	Decrease	As of March 31, 2022
Common stock	266,229,476	_	_	266,229,476

# 2. Number of outstanding treasury stock

				Shares
Class of shares	As of April 1, 2021	Increase	Decrease	As of March 31, 2022
Common stock	31,142,581	12,578,815	413,466	43,307,930

(Outline of causes of change)

Increase

Increase due to market purchases pursuant to

Board of Directors resolutions: 12,560,300 shares

Increase due to purchase of odd-lot stock:

7,215 shares Increase due to free acquisition upon retirement of individuals subject

to stock compensation with restriction on transfer:

Decrease

Decrease due to sales of odd-lot stock:

Decrease due to stock compensation with

restriction on transfer:

413,300 shares

166 shares

# 3. Subscription rights to shares

					Number	of stocks (Shares)	Balance at
			As of April 1,			As of March 31,	March 31, 2022
Company name	Breakdown	Type of stock	2021	Increase	Decrease	2022	Millions of yen
The Company	Subscription rights to shares as stock options	_	_	_	_	_	¥176
Total			_	_	_	_	176

# 4. Dividends

### (1) Dividends

Resolution	Class of shares	Total dividend (Millions of yen)	Dividend per share (Yen)	Record date	Effective date
Board of Directors' Meeting held on					
May 13, 2021	Common stock	¥4,701	¥20	March 31, 2021	June 4, 2021
Board of Directors' Meeting held on					
November 8, 2021	Common stock	4,709	20	September 30, 2021	December 1, 2021

# (2) Of the dividends in which the record date is in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022 but the effective date is in the following fiscal year

Resolution	Class of shares	Resource of dividend	Total dividend (Millions of yen)	Dividend per share (Yen)	Record date	Effective date
Board of Directors' Meeting held on						
May 13, 2022	Common stock	Retained earnings	¥4,458	¥20	March 31, 2022	June 2, 2022

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

# 1. Number of outstanding common stock

Common stock	266,229,476	_	25,000,000	241,229,476
Type of stock	As of April 1, 2022	Increase	Decrease	As of March 31, 2023
				Sildies

(Outline of causes of change)

The causes of the decrease are as follows:

Decrease due to cancellation of treasury stock: 25,000,000 shares

# 2. Number of outstanding treasury stock

				Shares	
Class of shares	As of April 1, 2022	Increase	Decrease	As of March 31, 2023	
Common stock	43,307,930	2,246,395	25,078,284	20,476,041	

(Outline of causes of change)

Increase

Increase due to market purchases pursuant to

Board of Directors resolutions:

2,240,700 shares

Increase due to purchase of odd-lot stock: 5,695 shares Decrease

Decrease due to sales of odd-lot stock: 84 shares Decrease due to stock compensation with restriction on transfer:

78,200 shares Decrease due to cancellation of treasury stock 25,000,000 shares

# 3. Subscription rights to shares

			Number of stocks (Shares)			_ Balance at	
Company name	Breakdown	Type of stock	As of April 1, 2022	Increase	Decrease	As of March 31, 2023	March 31, 2023 Millions of yen
	Subscription rights to shares as stock options	_	_	_	_	_	¥468
Total			_	_	_	_	468

# 4. Dividends

# (1) Dividends

Resolution	Class of shares	Total dividend (Millions of yen)	Dividend per share (Yen)	Record date	Effective date
Board of Directors' Meeting held on					
May 13, 2022	Common stock	¥4,458	¥20	March 31, 2022	June 2, 2022
Board of Directors' Meeting held on					
October 31, 2022	Common stock	4,415	20	September 30, 2022	December 1, 2022

# (2) Of the dividends in which the record date is in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022 but the effective date is in the following

Resolution	Class of shares	Resource of dividend	(Millions of yen)	share (Yen)	Record date	Effective date
Board of Directors' Meeting held on						
May 12, 2023	Common stock	Retained earnings	¥8,609	¥39	March 31, 2023	June 2, 2023

# 10 Notes to Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

# (1) Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at end of year and the amount recorded on the consolidated balance sheets

		Millions of yen
	2022	2023
Cash and deposits	¥152,459	¥179,509
Cash and cash equivalents	152,459	179,509

# 11 Information for Certain Leases

# 1. Finance leases that do not transfer ownership prior to the initial year of application of the Accounting Standard for Lease Transactions

(1) A summary of assumed amounts of acquisition cost, accumulated depreciation, accumulated impairment loss and net book value for the years ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, with respect to the finance leases accounted for in the same manner as operating leases, is as follows:

Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

				Millions of yen
		Accumulated depreciation	Accumulated impairment loss	Net book value
Buildings	¥2,103	¥968	¥1,135	¥—
Total	2,103	968	1,135	_

Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

				Millions of yen
	Acquisition cost	Accumulated depreciation	Accumulated impairment loss	Net book value
Buildings	¥2,103	¥968	¥1,135	¥—
Total	2,103	968	1,135	_

# (2) Future lease payments and accumulated impairment loss on leased assets

Future lease payments as of March 31, 2022 and 2023

Accumulated impairment loss on leased assets

		Millions of yen	
	2022	2023	
Due within one year	¥151	¥151	
Due after one year	164	12	
Total	315	164	
Accumulated impairment loss on leased assets as of March 31, 2021 and 2022		Millions of yen	
	2022	2023	

# (3) A summary of assumed amounts of lease payments, reversal of allowance for impairment loss on leased assets, depreciation, interest expenses and impairment loss for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023, with respect to the finance leases accounted for in the same manner as operating leases, is as follows:

	Millions of ye	
	2022	2023
Lease payments	¥151	¥151
Reversal of allowance for impairment loss on leased assets	115	113
Depreciation	124	124
Interest expenses	9	5

# (4) Method of calculating depreciation equivalent

The straight-line method is applied under the assumptions that the useful life equals the lease period and the residual value is zero.

# 2. Finance lease transactions

### (1) Details of lease assets

Leased assets primarily consist of offices and other related facilities ("machinery, equipment, and vehicles"; "other property, plant, and equipment"; and "other intangible assets").

# 3. Lease transactions under IFRS

# (1) Details of leased assets (right-of-use assets)

Leased assets (right-of-use assets) primarily consists of items related to leased offices of certain overseas consolidated subsidiaries.

# (5) Method of calculating interest expenses equivalent

Interest expenses equivalent are calculated as the difference between total lease charges and acquisition cost equivalent of leased items and are allocated to each fiscal year using the interest method.

### (2) The methods of depreciation for lease assets

- Leased assets in finance leases that transfer ownership: Depreciated using the same method applied to property, plant, and equipment owned by the Company.
- Leased assets in finance leases that do not transfer ownership: Depreciated using the straight-line method based on the assumption that useful life equals the lease period, with a residual value of zero.

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# (2) Depreciation method of right-of-use assets

The lease period or the useful life of the assets, whichever is shorter, is used as the useful life, and the residual value is calculated as zero.

# 4. Operating lease transactions

Future lease payments for operating lease transactions which cannot be canceled as of March 31, 2022 and 2023 are as follows:

		Millions of yen
	2022	2023
Due within one year	¥ 4,316	¥ 3,992
Due after one year	11,670	6,468
Total	15,987	10,460

Notes: 1. Major factors for the increase or decrease in operating lease transactions includes the payment of lease payables for offices leased for the Group's headquarters and the extension of lease periods (upon contract renewal) for leased offices in certain headquarters.

2. Subsidiaries that apply U.S. GAAP have applied "Leases" (U.S. GAAP Topic 842) since the start of the current consolidated fiscal year. As a result, the subsidiary's lease obligations will be included in the consolidated balance sheet. Therefore, it is not included in future lease payments for the current consolidated fiscal year.

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¥233

¥120

# **12** Financial Instruments

# 1. Outline of financial instruments

### (1) Policy for financial instruments

The Group has signed an agreement concerning commitment lines with financial institutions to secure medium- to long-term funds liquidity with the Company as a holding company. This is intended to serve as a safety net for the entire Group. In addition, the Group raises necessary funds for each business based on the financial plan through bank borrowings or bond issues, while operating a Cash Management System for the purpose of making efficient use of Group funds. Most funds are invested primarily in low-risk and high-liquidity financial assets (some are invested in compound financial instruments) such as bonds, to further efficient funds management. Derivatives are not used for speculative purposes, but mainly used to manage exposure to financial risks as described below.

### (2) Details of financial instruments and their risks

Notes and accounts receivable trade, which are operating receivables, are exposed to customer credit risks. Additionally, operating receivables denominated in foreign currencies are exposed to exchange rate fluctuation risks. Securities and investment securities are composed mainly of bonds and stocks related to business alliances with business partners. The latter are exposed to market price fluctuation risk. Of notes and accounts payable—trade (which are operating payables) are denominated in foreign currencies and are exposed to exchange rate fluctuation risks. With respect to a portion thereof, the Group hedges risks using forward exchange contracts. Borrowings and bonds are primarily sought to procure funds necessary for operating capital and capital expenditures. All of these are procured at fixed interest rates.

Derivative transactions are forward exchange contracts to hedge exchange rate fluctuation risk associated with operating payables denominated in foreign currencies, and interest rate swap transactions to hedge interest rate fluctuation risk associated with borrowings of consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates accounted for by the equity method.

Additionally, further information on hedge accounting (including hedging instruments and hedged items, hedge policy, and evaluation of hedge effectiveness) is provided in the aforementioned "(Significant matters forming the basis for preparing consolidated financial statements) 4. Accounting Policies (6) Accounting method for significant hedge".

### (3) Risk management system for financial instruments

1) Management of credit risk (risk related to contractual nonperformance by business partners)

For operating receivables, (in accordance with the credit management and other rules of each company that serve as the responsible

department) regularly monitors the status of major business partners, managing due dates, and balances for each business partner while working to detect in advance to mitigate any concerns about collection due to deteriorating financial positions and other factors.

As major debentures generally have high ratings, the credit risk is minimal. In principle, the Group enters into derivative transactions only with its financial institutions.

The maximum amount of credit risk as of the end of the current fiscal year is represented as the amounts recorded in the consolidated balance sheets for financial assets exposed to credit risks.

2) Management of market risk (risk of fluctuations in foreign exchange or interest rates)

For certain borrowings with variable interest rates for consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates accounted for by the equity method, the Group uses interest rate swap transactions, etc., to control the risk of fluctuating interest rates on loans.

Fair value and the financial condition of issuers (business partners) of securities and investment securities are periodically ascertained and reported to the Board of Directors meetings of each company. The holding status of principal stocks held are reviewed on an ongoing basis, in consideration of the relationship with business partners. In regards to certain compound financial instruments, etc., the Group periodically ascertains their fair value and reviews the holding status on an ongoing basis.

Derivatives transactions are executed and managed mainly by the financial department or the accounting department upon obtaining internal approval in compliance with the derivative transactions management and other rules of each company. Furthermore, reports on the status of the derivative transactions is presented to the Board of Directors at each company as appropriate.

3) Management of liquidity risk related to fund procurement (risk of inability to make payments on due date)

Operating payables and borrowings are exposed to liquidity risk. At the Group, liquidity risk is managed by having each company set an adequate fund balance and update its financial plan monthly to maintain a fund balance exceeding the predetermined balance at each company and by having the Company confirm the cash management of each company.

# (4) Supplementary remarks on the fair value, etc., of financial instruments

Since calculations of the fair value of financial instruments incorporate factors that vary, the fair value may vary depending on the assumptions made. Additionally, contract amounts concerning derivative transactions presented in the "(Derivatives)" section do not represent the market risk of the derivative transactions.

# 2. Matters related to market values, etc., of financial instruments

Consolidated balance sheet amounts, fair values, and their differences are as follows:

Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

			Millions of yen
	Consolidated balance sheet amount	Fair value	Valuation gains (losses)
(1) Notes and accounts receivable—trade	¥34,958	¥34,958	¥ —
(2) Short-term investment securities and investment securities:			
1) Held-to-maturity debt securities	106	106	0
2) Available-for-sale securities	2,936	2,936	_
3) Stocks of affiliates	813	690	(122)
Total assets	38,815	38,692	(122)
(1) Notes and accounts payable—trade	24,455	24,455	_
(2) Short-term borrowings	10,000	10,000	_
(3) Long-term borrowings	32,000	31,955	44
(4) Bonds payable	10,000	9,929	70
Total liabilities	76,455	76,341	114
Derivative transactions			
1) Derivative transactions to which hedge accounting is not applied		_	_
2) Derivative transactions to which hedge accounting is applied	(33)	(33)	_
Total derivative transactions	(33)	(33)	_

Notes: 1. Notes are omitted for cash and deposits because they are settled over short timespans and their fair values approximate their book values.

2. Notes concerning securities are as described in the "Note 13 Investment Securities." Notes concerning derivatives are as described in the "Note 14 Derivative Transactions."

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3. Securities without available fair market value

Millions of yen
2022
¥ 3,849
11,962
809
19,243
978

The above items are not included in "(2) Short-term investment securities and investment securities," since no market price exists, future cash flows cannot be estimated, and determining their fair values is deemed extremely difficult.

4. Statement of investments in partnerships and similar business organizations for which amounts corresponding to equity are recorded in net amounts on the Consolidated Balance Sheet is 912,940 million.

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Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

			Millions of yen
	Consolidated balance sheet amount	Fair value	Valuation gains (losses)
(1) Notes and accounts receivable—trade	¥52,673	¥52,673	¥ —
(2) Short-term investment securities and investment securities:			
1) Held-to-maturity debt securities	104	104	(0)
2) Available-for-sale securities	4,654	4,654	_
3) Stocks of affiliates	_	_	_
Total assets	57,432	57,432	(0)
(1) Notes and accounts payable—trade	30,556	30,556	_
(2) Short-term borrowings	17,000	17,000	_
(3) Long-term borrowings	25,000	24,915	84
(4) Bonds payable	10,000	9,814	185
Total liabilities	82,556	82,287	269
Derivative transactions			
1) Derivative transactions to which hedge accounting is not applied	_	_	_
2) Derivative transactions to which hedge accounting is applied	382	382	_
Total derivative transactions	382	382	_

Notes: 1. Notes are omitted for cash and deposits because they are settled over short timespans and their fair values approximate their book values.

2. Notes concerning securities are as described in the "Note 13 Investment Securities." Notes concerning derivatives are as described in the "Note 14 Derivative Transactions."

3. Securities without available fair market value

	Millions of yen
Category	2023
Investments in unlisted stocks, etc.	¥ 4,538
Investments in investment limited partnerships, etc.	9,984
Stocks of non-consolidated subsidiaries	846
Stocks of affiliates	18,586
Investments in capital of subsidiaries and affiliates	824

The above items are not included in "(2) Short-term investment securities and investment securities."

4. Investments in partnerships and similar business organizations for which amounts corresponding to equity are recorded in net amounts on the Consolidated Balance Sheet and are not included under (2) Short-term Investment Securities and Investment Securities. The amount of such investments recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheet is ¥10,808 million.

Note 1: Redemption schedule of monetary receivables and securities with maturity after the consolidated balance sheet date

Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

				Millions of yen
	Within one year	One to five years	Five to ten years	Over ten years
Cash and deposits	¥152,459	¥ —	¥—	¥—
Notes and accounts receivable—trade	34,958	_	_	_
Short-term investment securities and investment securities:				
Held-to-maturity debt securities (Bonds)*	_	100	_	_
Available-for-sale securities with maturities (Negotiable certificates of deposit)	_	_	_	_
Available-for-sale securities with maturities (Other)*	_	_	_	_
Total	187,418	100	_	_

<sup>\*</sup> Receivables with early settlement provisions, etc., are presented in the scheduled redemption amount based on the assumption that they are held to maturity with early settlement provisions, etc., not applied.

Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

				Millions of yen
	Within one year	One to five years	Five to ten years	Over ten years
Cash and deposits	¥179,509	¥ —	¥—	¥—
Notes and accounts receivable—trade	52,673	_	_	_
Short-term investment securities and investment securities:				
Held-to-maturity debt securities (Bonds)*	_	100	_	_
Available-for-sale securities with maturities (Negotiable certificates of deposit)	_	_	_	_
Available-for-sale securities with maturities (Other)*	_	_	_	_
Total	232,182	100	_	_

<sup>\*</sup> Receivables with early settlement provisions, etc., are presented in the scheduled redemption amount based on the assumption that they are held to maturity with early settlement provisions, etc., not applied.

Note 2: Repayment amounts of bonds payable, long-term borrowings, lease obligations, and other interest-bearing debts after the consolidated balance sheet date

Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

						Millions of yen
Category	Within one year	One to two years	Two to three years	Three to four years	Four to five years	Over five years
Short-term borrowings	¥10,000	¥ —	¥ —	¥ —	¥ —	¥ —
Long-term borrowings	_	17,000	15,000	_	_	_
Bonds payable	_	_	_	_	_	10,000
Lease obligations	1,123	949	709	540	407	1,407
Other interest-bearing debt:						
Accounts payable—facilities	30	24	18	16	16	40

Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

						Millions of yen
Category	Within one year	One to two years	Two to three years	Three to four years	Four to five years	Over five years
Short-term borrowings	¥17,000	¥ —	¥ —	¥ —	¥ —	¥ —
Long-term borrowings	_	15,000	_	_	10,000	_
Bonds payable	_	_	_	_	_	10,000
Lease obligations	1,377	1,184	993	861	795	1,518
Other interest-bearing debt:						
Accounts payable–facilities	29	22	20	20	20	34

# 3. Fair value information by level within the fair value hierarchy

The fair value of financial instruments is classified into the following three levels according to the observability and materiality of inputs used to measure fair value.

Level 1 fair value: Fair value measured using (unadjusted) quoted prices in active markets for the same assets or liabilities

Level 2 fair value: Fair value measured using directly or indirectly observable inputs other than Level 1 inputs

Level 3 fair value: Fair value measured using material unobservable inputs

If multiple inputs are used (that are material to the fair value measurement), the fair value is categorized in the lowest priority input level in the fair value measurement.

# (1) Financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value

Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

					Millions of yen
	Consolidated				Fair value
Catagory	balance sheet	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Category	amount	Level I	Level 2	Level 3	10101
Short-term investment securities and investment securities					
Available-for-sale securities					
Stocks	¥1,958	¥1,958	¥ —	¥—	¥1,958
Debt securities	537	_	537	_	537
Other	439	_	439	_	439
Total assets	2,936	1,958	977	_	2,936
Derivative transaction*					
Currency-related	_	_	_	_	_
Interest rate-related	(33)	_	(33)	_	(33)
Total derivative transaction	(33)	_	(33)	_	(33)

<sup>\*</sup> Net receivables and payables resulting from derivative transactions are presented on a net basis. Items for total net obligations are indicated in parentheses.

Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

					Millions of yen
	Consolidated				Fair value
Category	balance sheet amount	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Short-term investment securities and investment securities					
Available-for-sale securities					
Stocks	¥4,082	¥4,082	¥ —	¥—	¥4,082
Debt securities	290	_	290	-	290
Other	280	_	280	_	280
Total assets	4,654	4,082	571	-	4,654
Derivative transaction*					
Currency-related	_	_	_	_	_
Interest rate-related	382	_	382	_	382
Total derivative transaction	382	_	382	_	382

<sup>\*</sup> Net receivables and payables resulting from derivative transactions are presented on a net basis. Items for total net obligations are indicated in parentheses.

# (2) Financial assets and financial liabilities not to be measured at fair value

Prior fiscal year (as of March 31, 2022)

					Millions of yen
	Consolidated				Fair value
Category	balance sheet amount	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Notes and accounts receivable—trade	¥34,958	¥ —	¥34,958	¥—	¥34,958
Short-term investment securities and investment securities					
Held-to-maturity debt securities					
Bonds receivable	106	_	106	_	106
Stocks of affiliates	813	690	_	_	690
Total assets	35,878	690	35,065	_	35,756
Notes and accounts payable—trade	24,455	_	24,455	_	24,455
Short-term borrowings	10,000	_	10,000	_	10,000
Long-term borrowings	32,000	_	31,955	_	31,955
Bonds payable	10,000	_	9,929	_	9,929
Total liabilities	76,455	_	76,341	_	76,341

# Current fiscal year (as of March 31, 2023)

					Millions of yen
	Consolidated				Fair value
Category	balance sheet amount	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Notes and accounts receivable—trade	¥52,673	¥—	¥52,673	¥—	¥52,673
Short-term investment securities and investment securities					
Held-to-maturity debt securities					
Bonds receivable	104	_	104	_	104
Stocks of affiliates	_	_	_	_	_
Total assets	52,778	_	52,778	_	52,778
Notes and accounts payable—trade	30,556	_	30,556	_	30,556
Short-term borrowings	17,000	_	17,000	_	17,000
Long-term borrowings	25,000	_	24,915	_	24,915
Bonds payable	10,000	_	9,814	_	9,814
Total liabilities	82,556	_	82,287	_	82,287

Note: A description of the valuation techniques and inputs used in fair value measurement

Short-term investment securities and investment securities:

Listed stocks, debt securities, and bonds receivable are valued based on quoted prices. Since listed stocks are traded in active markets, their fair value is assigned to Level 1. The fair value of debt securities and bonds receivable held by the Group are assigned to Level 2 because they are infrequently traded in markets and are not considered to have quoted prices in active markets.

Derivative transactions:

The fair value of interest rate swaps and forward exchange contracts is measured using the present discounted value method based on observable inputs, such as interest rates and exchange rates, and is assigned to Level 2.

Notes and accounts receivable—trade:

The fair value of these items is measured using the present discounted value method based on the amount of receivables, time to maturity, and an interest rate reflecting credit risk for each grouping of receivables in a specified period and is assigned to Level 2.

Notes and accounts payable — trade:

The fair value of these items is measured using the present discounted value method based on future cash flows, time to maturity, and an interest rate reflecting credit risk, for each grouping of payables in a specified period, and is assigned to Level 2.

Short-term borrowings and long-term borrowings:

The fair values of short-term borrowings and long-term borrowings are measured using the present discounted value method based on the sum of principal and interest, time to maturity, and an interest rate reflecting credit risk, and are assigned to Level 2.

Bonds payable:

The fair value of bonds payable issued by the Company is measured using the present discounted value method based on the sum of principal and interest, time to maturity, and an interest rate reflecting credit risk, and is assigned to Level 2.

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# 13 Investment Securities

# 1. Held-to-maturity debt securities

Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

# (1) Securities whose market value exceeds the consolidated balance sheet amount

			Millions of yen
Category	Consolidated balance sheet amount	Fair value	Valuation gains (losses)
1) Government / municipal bonds	¥ —	¥ —	¥—
2) Corporate bonds	106	106	0
3) Other		_	_
Total	106	106	0

# (2) Securities whose market value is equal to or lower than the consolidated balance sheet amount

			Millions of yen
Category	Consolidated balance sheet amount	Fair value	Valuation gains (losses)
1) Government / municipal bonds	¥—	¥—	¥—
2) Corporate bonds		_	_
3) Other		_	_
Total	<del>_</del>	_	_

Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

# (1) Securities whose market value exceeds the consolidated balance sheet amount

			Millions of yen
	Consolidated balance		Valuation gains
Category	sheet amount	Fair value	(losses)
1) Government / municipal bonds	¥—	¥—	¥—
2) Corporate bonds	_	_	_
3) Other	_	_	_
Total	_	_	_

# (2) Securities whose market value is equal to or lower than the consolidated balance sheet amount

			Millions of yen
	Consolidated balance		Valuation gains
Category	sheet amount	Fair value	(losses)
1) Government / municipal bonds	¥ —	¥ —	¥—
2) Corporate bonds	104	104	(0)
3) Other	_	_	_
Total	104	104	(0)

# 2. Available-for-sale securities

Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

# (1) Securities whose consolidated balance sheet amount exceeds the acquisition cost

			Millions of yen
	Consolidated balance		Valuation gains
Category	sheet amount	Acquisition cost	(losses)
1) Shares	¥1,313	¥286	¥1,027
2) Debt securities		_	_
3) Other	439	400	39
Total	1,753	686	1,066

# (2) Securities whose consolidated balance sheet amount is equal to or lower than the acquisition cost

			Millions of yen
	Consolidated balance		Valuation gains
Category	sheet amount	Acquisition cost	(losses)
1) Shares	¥ 644	¥ 701	¥(56)
2) Debt securities	537	549	(11)
3) Other		_	_
Total	1,182	1,250	(67)

Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

# (1) Securities whose consolidated balance sheet amount exceeds the acquisition cost

			Millions of yen
Category	Consolidated balance sheet amount	Acquisition cost	Valuation gains (losses)
1) Shares	¥3,899	¥963	¥2,935
2) Debt securities	_	_	_
3) Other	_	_	_
Total	3,899	963	2,935

# (2) Securities whose consolidated balance sheet amount is equal to or lower than the acquisition cost

			Millions of yen
	Consolidated balance		Valuation gains
Category	sheet amount	Acquisition cost	(losses)
1) Shares	¥183	¥241	¥ (58)
2) Debt securities	290	339	(49)
3) Other	280	400	(119)
Total	755	982	(226)

# 3. Available-for-sale securities sold during the fiscal year

Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

			Millions of yen
Category	Amount of proceeds	Total gains on sales	Total losses on sales
1) Shares	¥2,565	¥2,516	¥26
2) Debt securities	_	_	_
3) Other	_	_	_
Total	2,565	2,516	26

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Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

			Millions of yen
Category	Amount of proceeds	Total gains on sales	Total losses on sales
1) Shares	¥ 1	¥—	¥—
2) Debt securities	_	_	_
3) Other	_	_	_
Total	1	_	_

# 4. Impairment loss on securities

Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

The Group recognized impairment loss on available-for-sale securities in the amount of ¥0 million.

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

The Group recognized impairment loss on available-for-sale securities in the amount of ¥81 million.

# **14** Derivative Transactions

# 1. Derivative transactions to which hedge accounting is not applied

(1) Currency-related derivatives

Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

Not applicable

Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

Not applicable

# (2) Compound financial instruments

With respect to compound financial instruments whose fair values cannot be categorized and measured for each embedded derivative, the certain compound financial instruments are appraised by fair value and are included in "2. Available-for-sale securities" in "Note 13 Investment Securities."

# 2. Derivative transactions to which hedge accounting is applied

# (1) Currency-related derivatives

Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

Not applicable

Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

Not applicable

# (2) Interest rate-related derivatives

Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

				Millions of yen
			Contract value due	
Classification	Major hedged items	Contract value	after one year	Fair value
Interest rate swaps:				
Floating rate into fixed rate	Long-term borrowings	¥30,460	¥30,460	¥(33)
		30,460	30,460	(33)
	Interest rate swaps:	Interest rate swaps:	Classification Major hedged items Contract value  Interest rate swaps: Floating rate into fixed rate Long-term borrowings ¥30,460	Interest rate swaps: Floating rate into fixed rate Long-term borrowings ¥30,460 ¥30,460

Note: Primary method represents interest rate swaps transactions to long-term borrowings that are used by entities accounted for using the equity method. Contract amount and fair value are multiplied by the equity interest held by the Company.

Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

					Millions of yen
				Contract value due	
Hedge accounting method	Classification	Major hedged items	Contract value	after one year	Fair value
Primary method (Note)	Interest rate swaps:				
	Floating rate into fixed rate	Long-term borrowings	¥31,720	¥—	¥382
Total			31,720	_	382

Note: Primary method represents interest rate swaps transactions to long-term borrowings that are used by entities accounted for using the equity method. Contract amount and fair value are multiplied by the equity interest held by the Company.

# 15 Retirement Benefits

# 1. Overview of retirement benefit plans

The Company and some of its consolidated subsidiaries have adopted a defined benefit corporate pension plan, a lump-sum retirement benefit plan, or a defined contribution pension plan to provide retirement benefits to the employees. In addition, the Company and certain consolidated subsidiaries have introduced selective defined contribution pension plans.

Under the lump-sum retirement benefit plan held by certain consolidated subsidiaries, net defined benefit liability and retirement benefit expenses are determined using a simplified method.

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# 2. Defined benefit pension plan

# (1) Reconciliation of the difference between the amounts of projected benefit obligations (excluding pension plan using the simplified method)

	Millions	
	2022	2023
Projected benefit obligations at the beginning of the period	¥29,669	¥33,552
Service costs-benefits earned during the year	1,920	2,149
Interest cost on projected benefit obligations	102	174
Actuarial differences accrued	2,277	(5,479)
Retirement benefit paid	(483)	(460)
Prior service costs accrued		2,359
Other	66	121
Projected benefit obligations at the end of the period	33,552	32,418

# (2) Reconciliation of the difference between the amounts of plan assets

	Millions of yer	
_	2022	2023
Plan assets at the beginning of the period	¥30,238	¥32,947
Expected return on plan assets	604	658
Actuarial differences accrued	(642)	(1,358)
Contribution of employer	3,147	2,893
Retirement benefit paid	(400)	(375)
Other	_	_
Plan assets at the end of the period	32,947	34,766

# (3) Reconciliation of the difference between the amounts of net defined benefit liability under pension plans using the simplified method

	Millions of ye	
	2022	2023
Net defined benefit liability at the beginning of the period	¥734	¥806
Retirement benefit expenses	110	102
Retirement benefit paid	(17)	(48)
Other	(22)	2
Net defined benefit liability at the end of the period	806	862

# (4) Reconciliation of the difference between the amount of projected benefit obligations and plan assets and net defined benefit liability and net defined benefit asset recorded in the consolidated balance sheet

		Millions of yen
	2022	2023
Funded projected benefit obligations	¥ 31,483	¥ 30,355
Plan assets	(32,947)	(34,766)
	(1,463)	(4,411)
Unfunded projected benefit obligations	2,875	2,926
Net amount of liabilities and assets recorded in the consolidated balance sheet	1,411	(1,485)
Net defined benefit liability	4,395	3,877
Net defined benefit asset	(2,984)	(5,362)
Net amount of liabilities and assets recorded in the consolidated balance sheet	1,411	(1,485)
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Note: Retirement benefit scheme applying the simplified method is included.

# (5) Breakdown of retirement benefit expenses

		Millions of yen
	2022	2023
Service costs-benefits earned during the year	¥1,920	¥2,149
Interest cost on projected benefit obligations	102	174
Expected return on plan assets	(604)	(658)
Amortization of actuarial difference	165	(34)
Amortization of prior service cost		_
Retirement benefit expenses using the simplified method	110	102
Other	14	2
Retirement benefit expenses of defined benefit pension plan	1,709	1,735

# (6) Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax

Items included in the remeasurements of defined benefit plans are as follows (before tax effect deduction).

	Millions of yen	
	2022	2023
Prior service costs	¥ —	¥(2,359)
Actuarial difference	(2,754)	4,086
Total	(2,754)	1,726

# (7) Remeasurements of defined benefit plans

Items included in the remeasurements of defined benefit plans are as follows (before tax effect deduction).

	Millions of yen	
	2022	2023
Unrecognized prior service costs	¥ —	¥(2,359)
Unrecognized actuarial difference	(3,311)	775
Total	(3,311)	(1,584)

# (8) Matters concerning plan assets

1) Breakdown of plan assets

Ratio of main classes of plan assets

	2022	2023
Debt securities	46%	27%
Share of stock	16	17
Cash and deposits	27	44
General account	6	7
Other	1	3
Total	100	100

# 2) Long-term expected rate of return on plan assets

In determining long-term expected rate of return on plan assets, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries consider the current and projected asset allocations as well as current and future long-term rate of returns for the various assets which make up the plan assets.

# (9) Matters concerning basis for the actuarial calculation

Basis for the actuarial calculation

	2022	2023
Discount rate	0.1-0.8%	0.2-0.9%
Long-term expected rate of return on plan assets	2.0%	2.0%
Salary increase ratio (Note)	Principally, salary increase index by ages as of March 31, 2021 is used.	Principally, salary increase index by ages as of March 31, 2021 is used.

Note: Some consolidated subsidiaries do not use the salary increase ratio for the calculation of retirement benefits obligations.

# 3. Defined contribution pension plans

The required contribution amounts to the defined contribution plan of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries were ¥1,106 million in the prior fiscal year and ¥1,432 million in the current fiscal year.

# 16 Stock Option Plan

# 1. Account title and the amount of stock options recorded as expenses

	Millions of yen	
	2022	2023
Selling, general, and administrative expenses—other	¥176	¥292

# 2. Contents, scale and movement of stock options

Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

# (1) The following table summarizes the contents of stock options.

The Company
August 2, 2021
The Company's employees: 168 The Company's subsidiaries' directors: 12 The Company's subsidiaries' executive officers: 25 The Company's subsidiaries' employees: 1,411
Common stock 2,844,500
September 1, 2021
Continue to work from September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024
September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026

# (2) The following table summarizes the scale and movement of stock options

	Shares
Company name	The Company
Date of the resolution	August 2, 2021
Not exercisable stock options	
Stock options outstanding at April 1, 2021	_
Stock options granted	2,884,500
Forfeitures	32,500
Conversion to exercisable stock options	_
Stock options outstanding at March 31, 2022	2,852,000
Exercisable stock options	
Stock options outstanding at April 1, 2021	_
Conversion from not exercisable stock options	_
Stock options exercised	_
Forfeitures	_
Stock options outstanding at March 31, 2022	_

The following table summarizes the price information of stock options

	Yen
Company name	The Company
Date of the resolution	August 2, 2021
Exercise price	¥1,500
Average market price of the stock at the time of exercise	_
Fair value of the stock option at the date of grant	300

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

# (1) The following table summarizes the contents of stock options.

Company name	The Company
Date of the resolution	August 2, 2021
Position and number of grantees (persons)	Company employees: 168 Subsidiary directors: 12 Subsidiary executive officers: 25 Subsidiary employees: 1,411
Class and number of stock (shares)	Common stock 2,884,500
Date of issue	September 1, 2021
Condition of settlement of rights	Continue to work from September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024
Period in which grantees provide service in return for stock options	September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024
Period subscription rights are to be exercised	July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026

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# (2) The following table summarizes the scale and movement of stock options.

	Shares
Company name	The Company
Date of the resolution	August 2, 2021
Not exercisable stock options	
Stock options outstanding at April 1, 2022	2,852,000
Stock options granted	_
Forfeitures	56,500
Conversion to exercisable stock options	_
Stock options outstanding at March 31, 2023	2,795,500
Exercisable stock options	
Stock options outstanding at April 1, 2022	_
Conversion from not exercisable stock options	_
Stock options exercised	_
Forfeitures	_
Stock options outstanding at March 31, 2023	_

The following table summarizes the price information of stock options.

	Yen
Company name	The Company
Date of the resolution	August 2, 2021
Exercise price	¥1,500
Average market price of the stock at the time of exercise	-
Fair value of the stock option at the date of grant	300

### 3. Estimation of fair value of the stock options

Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

Method for estimating fair value per share of stock options granted by the reporting company

# (1) Valuation techniques applied

Black-Scholes equation

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# (2) Major basic figures and estimation methods

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Stock price variability (Note 1)	31.535%
Estimated remaining period (Note 2)	3.83 years
Estimated dividends (Note 3)	¥30 per share
Risk-free interest rate (Note 4)	(0.130)%

Notes: 1. Calculated based on actual stock prices from November 2017 to August 2021.

- 2. Due to the absence of sufficient cumulative data and the difficulty of forming reasonable estimates, this estimate assumes that the options will be exercised at the midpoint of the exercise period.
- 3. Based on actual dividends for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021.
- 4. This is the national government bond yield corresponding to the estimated remaining period.

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

Not applicable

# 4. Estimation of number of exercisable stock options

As it is difficult to reasonably estimate the number of stock options that will be forfeited in the future, the number here reflects only stock options that have actually been forfeited.

# 17 Stock Compensation with Restriction on Transfer

# 1. Details of stock compensation with restriction on transfer

	Continuous service-based shares with restriction on transfer in 2021	Continuous service-based shares with restriction on transfer in 2022		
Categories and number of grantees (persons)	Company directors — Company executive officers — Subsidiary directors 15 Subsidiary executive officers 14	Company directors 4 Company executive officers 9 Subsidiary directors 18 Subsidiary executive officers 22		
Class and number of shares granted (shares)	Common stock: 28,500	Common stock: 78,200		
Grant date	August 5, 2021	August 19, 2022		
Conditions for canceling restriction on transfer	(Notes) 1, 2	(Notes) 1, 2		
Period of restriction on transfer	From August 5, 2021 to August 4, 2024	From August 19, 2022 to August 18, 2025		

	Performance-based shares with restriction on transfer in 2021		
Categories and number of grantees (persons)	Company directors 4		
	Company executive officers 8		
	Subsidiary directors 19		
	Subsidiary executive officers 21		
Class and number of shares granted (shares)	Common stock: 384,800		
Grant date	August 5, 2021		
Conditions for canceling restriction on transfer	(Notes) 1, 3		
Period of restriction on transfer	From August 5, 2021, until the closure of the Company's first Ordinary Genera Meeting of Shareholders to arrive after the end date of the medium-term plan		

Notes: 1. If grantees resign as directors and executive officers of the Company or Company subsidiaries (limited to those in which the Company holds at least 50% of all shares; such subsidiaries and the Company shall hereinafter be referred to as "Group companies") on or before the day preceding the day of the Company's first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders arriving after the start of the period of restriction on transfer (or, if the grantees are Company executive officers or Group company officers, etc., on or before the day preceding the Company's first fiscal year-end date arriving after the start of the period of restriction on transfer). The Company shall acquire, by right, the allotted shares gratis (except in cases in which the reasons for such resignation are deemed valid by the Company Board of Directors, such as the expiration of term of office - except for "performance-based shares with restriction on transfer"), the attainment of the mandatory retirement age and death. The Company shall also acquire, by right, the allotted shares gratis for which the restriction on transfer is not canceled under the provisions of 2 and 3 below as of the expiration of the period of restriction on transfer.

- 2. Subject to the condition that grantees including Group company officers continue to serve as Group company directors or executive officers until the day preceding the day of the Company's first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders arriving after the start of the period of restriction on transfer (or, if the grantees are Company executive officers or Group company officers, etc., until the day preceding the Company's first fiscal year-end date arriving after the start of the period of restriction on transfer), as of the expiration of the period of restriction on transfer, the restriction will be canceled for all allotted shares. However, should such directors resign as directors and executive officers of Group companies before the expiration of the period of restriction on transfer for reasons deemed valid by the Company Board of Directors (for example, expiration of term of office, attainment of mandatory retirement age or death), the number of allotted shares for which the restriction on transfer is canceled and the timing of such cancellation are to be reasonably adjusted on an as-needed basis.
- 3. Subject to the condition that grantees continue to serve as Group company directors or executive officers until the day preceding the day of the Company's first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders arriving after the start of the period of restriction on transfer (or, if the grantees are Company executive officers or Group company officers, etc., until the day preceding the Company's first fiscal year-end date arriving after the start of the period of restriction on transfer), the number of shares for which the restriction on transfer will be canceled and the timing of such cancellation are to be reasonably adjusted on an as-needed basis in accordance with the length of their service in such roles during the medium-term plan period (at the restriction cancellation rate) which is linked to performance goal achievements in the medium-term plan. However, should such directors resign as directors and executive officers of Group companies before the expiration of the period of restriction on transfer for reasons deemed valid by the Company Board of Directors (for example, attaining mandatory retirement age and death or reassignment to other positions during the medium-term plan period), the number of shares for which the restriction on transfer is canceled shall be reasonably adjusted within the performance condition.

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# 2. Volume and changes in stock compensation with restriction on transfer

(i) Expensed amount and account title

Millions of yen

	2022	2023
Selling, general, and administrative expenses—other	¥198	¥393

# (ii) Number of shares

Shares

	Continuous service-based shares with restriction on transfer in 2021	Continuous service-based shares with restriction on transfer in 2022
Before cancellation of restriction		
At end of prior period	26,800	_
Granted	_	78,200
Acquired for free	_	_
Restriction canceled	_	_
Restriction valid	26,800	78,200

	Performance-based shares with restriction on transfer in 2021
Before cancellation of restriction	
At end of prior period	375,200
Granted	_
Acquired for free	14,700
Restriction canceled	_
Restriction valid	360,500

# (iii) Per share price

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	Continuous service-based shares with restriction on transfer in 2021	Continuous service-based shares with restriction on transfer in 2022
Fair value per share at grant date	¥1,502	¥2,228

	Performance-based shares with restriction on transfer in 2021	
Fair value per share at grant date	¥1,502	

Note: To prevent arbitrary price decisions, we use the closing price of the Company's common stock on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on the business day immediately before the date of the Board of Directors resolution regarding the granting of shares with restriction on transfer.

# 18 Income Taxes

# 1. Significant components of deferred tax assets and liabilities

		Millions of yen
	2022	2023
Deferred tax assets:		
Exclusion of provision of allowance for doubtful accounts from deductible expenses	¥ 349	¥ 263
Exclusion of loss on valuation of inventories from deductible expenses	3,173	2,564
Exclusion of provision for bonuses from deductible expenses	2,828	3,039
Net defined benefit liability	1,766	1,692
Excess of maximum depreciation and amortization	17,136	19,019
Exclusion of loss on valuation of investment securities from deductible expenses	408	329
Impairment loss	543	493
Other	17,769	20,712
Loss carried forward	36,019	26,866
Subtotal deferred tax assets	79,994	74,981
Valuation allowance for tax loss carried forward (Note 2)	(32,685)	(20,307)
Valuation allowance for deductible temporary difference	(20,685)	(23,015)
Subtotal valuation allowance (Note 1)	(53,371)	(43,322)
Offset to deferred tax liabilities	(13,175)	(15,159)
Total deferred tax assets	13,446	16,499
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	(1,336)	(1,530)
Other	(12,309)	(14,383)
Subtotal deferred tax liabilities	(13,645)	(15,913)
Offset to deferred tax assets	13,175	15,159
Total deferred tax liabilities	(469)	(754)
Net deferred tax assets	12,977	15,745

Notes: 1. The valuation allowance fell by ¥10,048 million. The major factors for this decrease were due to decreases in valuation allowance of ¥12,378 million for tax loss carryforwards and an increase in valuation allowance for a deductible temporary difference of ¥2,330 million.

# Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

							Millions of yen
	Within	One to	Two to	Three to	Four to	Over	
	one year	two years	three years	four years	five years	five years	Total
Tax loss carried forward (a)	¥ 5,063	¥ 2,394	¥ 1,789	¥ 1,185	¥ 752	¥ 24,833	¥ 36,019
Valuation allowance	(4,230)	(2,369)	(1,768)	(1,179)	(750)	(22,387)	(32,685)
Deferred tax assets	832	25	20	5	2	2,445	(b) 3,333

<sup>(</sup>a) The amount of tax loss carried forward is the amount under the normal effective statutory tax rate.

<sup>2.</sup> Amount of tax loss carried forward and their deferred tax assets by carryforward period are as follows.

<sup>(</sup>b) Regarding the amount of tax loss carried forward of ¥36,019 million (amount given by the normal effective statutory tax rate), deferred tax assets of ¥3,333 million were recorded. The Company deemed that a partial amount of tax loss carried forward can be recovered mainly in the following fiscal year due to the estimated amount of taxable income.

Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

							Millions of yen
	Within	One to	Two to	Three to	Four to	Over	
	one year	two years	three years	four years	five years	five years	Total
Tax loss carried forward (a)	¥2,369	¥ 1,718	¥ 1,143	¥ 747	_	¥ 20,887	¥ 26,866
Valuation allowance	(886)	(1,441)	(1,058)	(722)	_	(16,197)	(20,307)
Deferred tax assets	1,483	276	85	24	_	4,689	(b) 6,559

<sup>(</sup>a) The amount of tax loss carried forward is the amount given by the normal effective statutory tax rate.

# 2. Breakdown of major causes of the significant difference between the statutory tax rate and the effective tax rate for financial statement purposes, if any, by item, for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2022 and 2023

	2022	2023
Normal effective statutory tax rate	30.6%	30.6%
(Adjustment)		
Changes in valuation allowance	(30.0)	(21.3)
Permanently non-deductible expenses including entertainment expenses	1.9	1.2
Amortization of goodwill	1.0	0.7
Tax rate difference between the Company and consolidated subsidiaries	(1.4)	(0.4)
Tax credit for experimental and research expenses	(12.1)	(11.8)
Tax loss carried forward	12.6	7.9
Impact of consolidation adjustments	(3.2)	(2.6)
Other	2.9	(1.9)
Effective tax rate after tax effect accounting	2.4	2.4

# 3. Accounting for corporation tax and local corporation tax and tax effect accounting

The Company and some of its domestic consolidated subsidiaries have adopted the group tax sharing system from the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023. In addition, corporation tax and local corporation tax, as well as their tax effects, are accounted for and disclosed under Practical Solution on the Accounting and Disclosure under the Group Tax Sharing System (PITF No.42, August 12, 2021).

# 19 Business Combination

This information is omitted due to immateriality

# **20** Asset Retirement Obligations

Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

The information is omitted due to the immateriality of the total amount of the asset retirement obligations.

Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

The information is omitted due to the immateriality of the total amount of the asset retirement obligations.

# 21 Rental Property and Other Real Estate

Prior fiscal year (As of March 31, 2022)

The information is omitted due to the immateriality of the total amount of the rental property and other real estate.

Current fiscal year (As of March 31, 2023)

The information is omitted due to the immateriality of the total amount of the rental property and other real estate.

# **22** Revenue Recognition

# 1. Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

The Group operates an Entertainment Contents Business, Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business, and a Resort Business. Main goods or services primarily handled by these businesses are digital content, products and merchandise, and resort facilities. Shown below are the sales of goods or services by each business:

Prior fiscal year (from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

						Millions of yen
	Reporting segment					
	Entertainment Contents	Pachislot Pachinko Machines	Resort	Subtotal	Other	Total
Digital content sales	¥129,773	¥ 3,799	¥ —	¥133,572	¥ —	¥133,572
Product and merchandise sales	74,673	70,156	_	144,829	_	144,829
Resort facility sales	_	_	8,663	8,663	_	8,663
Other sales	31,491	1,912	_	33,403	480	33,884
Revenue from contracts with customers	235,937	75,868	8,663	320,469	480	320,949
Sales to external customers	235,937	75,868	8,663	320,469	480	320,949

Current fiscal year (from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

						Millions of yen
		Reporting s	segment			
	Entertainment Contents	Pachislot Pachinko Machines	Resort	Subtotal	Other	Total
Digital content sales	¥145,132	¥ 4,153	¥ —	¥149,285	¥ —	¥149,285
Product and merchandise sales	95,320	87,254	_	182,575	_	182,575
Resort facility sales	_	_	11,540	11,540	_	11,540
Other sales	42,428	2,845	_	45,274	960	46,234
Revenue from contracts with customers	282,881	94,253	11,540	388,675	960	389,635
Sales to external customers	282,881	94,253	11,540	388,675	960	389,635

<sup>(</sup>b) Regarding the amount of tax loss carried forward of ¥26,866 million (the amount under the normal effective statutory tax rate), deferred tax assets of ¥6,559 million were recorded. The Company deemed that a partial amount of tax loss carried forward can be recovered mainly in the following fiscal year based on estimates of taxable income.

# Basic information for understanding revenue from contracts with customers Information on contracts, performance obligations, and when performance obligations are satisfied

Information on contracts, performance obligations, and when performance obligations are satisfied is as presented in "Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies 3. Accounting Policies (7) Accounting policy for recognition of significant revenues and expenses."

# (2) Information on calculating allocation amounts for performance obligations

When selling sets of multiple pieces of game content as part of granting game distribution rights or download sales in the Entertainment

Contents Business, the provision of each piece of content is identified as a separate performance obligation, and the transaction price is allocated to each performance obligation. For bundled sales within the Entertainment Contents Business of amusement machines and annual content update services, the amusement machine sales and annual content update services are identified as separate performance obligations and the transaction prices are allocated to each performance obligation.

In cases such as these, stand-alone selling prices on the transaction day (in the contract of the individual goods or services that serve as the basis for each performance obligation are calculated) the transaction prices are allocated based on the ratio of said stand-alone selling prices.

# 3. Information for understanding revenue amounts of the current fiscal year and the following fiscal years

Prior fiscal year (from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

### (1) Receivables from contracts with customers; the balances of contract assets and contract liabilities

The breakdown of receivables from contracts with customers, contract assets, and contract liabilities is as follows:

		Millions of yen		
	Beginning balance for the prior year	Ending balance for the prior year		
Receivables from contracts with customers				
Notes and accounts receivable—trade	¥38,176	¥34,958		
Contract assets		3,993		
Contract liabilities	9,333	10,257		

Note: Of the revenue recognized in the prior fiscal year, the amount included in the contract liabilities balance at the beginning of the period is ¥8,135 million.

# (2) Transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations

The total transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations and the time frame in which the Company expects to recognize the amount as revenue are as follows:

	Millions of yen
Within one year	¥ 8,877
Over 1 year but within 2 years	915
Over 2 years	465
Total	10,257

Current fiscal year (from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

# (1) Receivables from contracts with customers; the balances of contract assets and contract liabilities

The breakdown of receivables from contracts with customers, contract assets, and contract liabilities is as follows:

		Millions of yen		
	Beginning balance for the current year	Ending balance for the current year		
Receivables from contracts with customers				
Notes and accounts receivable—trade	¥34,958	¥52,673		
Contract assets	3,993	696		
Contract liabilities	10,257	25,852		

Contract assets consist mainly of rights not yet claimed on revenues recognized as such, based on measurement of progress for development under contract. Contract assets are transferred to accounts receivable - trade when rights to payment become unconditional.

Contract liabilities consist mainly of prepayments received from customers before the delivery of products or provision of services and balances of points awarded to customers for which performance

obligations have not yet been fulfilled as of the end of the period.

Contract liabilities are derecognized upon recognition of revenues.

Of the revenue recognized in the current fiscal year, the amount included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the period is ¥9,368 million. The primary reason for the increase in contract liabilities is an increase in prepayments received before delivery of products.

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# (2) Transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations

The total transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations and the time frame in which the Company expects to recognize the amount as revenue are as follows:

	Millions of yen
Within one year	¥24,227
Over 1 year but within 2 years	1,047
Over 2 years	577
Total	25,852

# 23 Segment Information

### 1. Outline of reporting segments

The Group's reporting segments are organizational units for which separate financial information is available. On this basis, the Board of Directors makes decisions on allocating management resources and examines financial performance on a regular basis.

Planning of business development and strategies as well as execution of business activities in respect of each product and service is carried out by each Group company that provides such product and service.

As such, the Group is comprised of segments classified by product and service provided through the businesses run by each Group company, in which Entertainment Contents Business, Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business, and Resort Business are the reporting segments.

The lines of business for each reporting segment are as follows:

Segment	Main product and business
Entertainment Contents Business	Development and sales of consumer game software including Full Game, F2P, etc., and amusement machines, planning, production and sales of animated films, development, manufacture and sales of toys
Pachislot and Pachinko Machine Business	Development, manufacture and sales of pachislot and pachinko machines
Resort Business	Integrated resorts business and development and operation of hotels and golf courses, etc., in other facilities businesses

### 2. Method for calculating net sales, income or loss, assets and other items by each reporting segment

The accounting methods applied to reporting segments are generally the same as those described in "Significant matters forming the basis for preparing consolidated financial statements."

# 3. Information on the amounts of net sales, income (loss), assets and other items by each reporting segment

Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

						Millions of yen
	Reporting segment					Amount in
	Entertainment Contents	Pachislot Pachinko Machines	Resort	Subtotal	Adjustment (Note)	Consolidated financial statements
Net sales:		Tideliiiie		Captotat	(11010)	- Otatomonto
Net sales to external customers	¥235,937	¥75,868	¥ 8,663	¥320,469	¥ 480	¥320,949
Inter-segment sales and transfers	553	349	143	1,046	(1,046)	
Total	236,491	76,218	8,806	321,515	(565)	320,949
Segment income (loss)	36,861	10,282	(6,738)	40,405	(7,061)	33,344
Segment assets	191,320	56,738	31,701	279,760	155,732	435,492
Other items:						
Depreciation	6,247	3,566	683	10,497	908	11,406
Interest income	34	239	0	274	(162)	112
Interest expenses	83	77	30	191	109	301
Equity in earnings (losses) of affiliates	1,028	291	(4,116)	(2,795)	17	(2,778)
Investments in affiliates accounted for by the equity method	30	659	18,542	19,232	813	20,046
Increases in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	7,365	4,114	434	11,914	1,130	13,045

Notes: 1. Adjustment to segment income (loss) of ¥(7,061) million includes elimination of inter-segment transactions of ¥83 million and general corporate expenses of ¥(7,145) million which are not allocated to each reporting segment. General corporate expenses consist mainly of Group management expenses incurred by the Company.

- 2. Adjustment to segment assets of ¥155,732 million includes the elimination of inter-segment transactions of ¥(19,256) million and general corporate assets of ¥174,988 million that are not allocated to each reporting segment. General corporate assets are mainly assets of the Company that are not allocated to each segment.
- 3. Adjustments to depreciation consist mainly of depreciation associated with the Company.
- 4. Adjustment to interest income of ¥(162) million includes the elimination of inter-segment transactions of ¥(327) million and interest income of the Company of ¥164 million.
- 5. Adjustment to interest expenses of ¥109 million includes the elimination of inter-segment transactions of ¥(327) million and interest expenses of the Company of ¥436 million.
- 6. Adjustments to equity in earnings (losses) of affiliates represent equity in earnings or losses of affiliates not belonging to any reporting segment.
- 7. Adjustments to investments in affiliates accounted for by the equity method represent investments in affiliates accounted for by the equity method that do not belong to any reporting segment.
- 8. Adjustments to increases in property, plant, and equipment and intangible assets consist mainly of the purchase amount of noncurrent assets related to the Company.
- 9. Adjustments have been made to segment income (loss) and ordinary income in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

						Millions of yen
	Re	porting segment				Amount in
	Entertainment Contents	Pachislot Pachinko Machines	Resort	Subtotal	Adjustment (Note)	Consolidated financial statements
Net sales:						
Net sales to external customers	¥282,881	¥94,253	¥11,540	¥388,675	¥ 960	¥389,635
Inter-segment sales and transfers	311	575	79	965	(965)	_
Total	283,192	94,828	11,619	389,640	(5)	389,635
Segment income (loss)	41,181	20,713	(3,217)	58,676	(9,202)	49,473
Segment assets	221,633	73,372	31,474	326,479	175,086	501,566
Other items:						
Depreciation	5,766	3,227	628	9,622	1,047	10,669
Interest income	224	257	0	483	(49)	433
Interest expenses	105	90	29	225	96	321
Equity in earnings (losses) of affiliates	1,069	303	(1,893)	(520)	_	(520)
Investments in affiliates accounted		-				
for by the equity method	39	668	17,867	18,575	_	18,575
Increases in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	5,986	4,266	1,258	11,511	384	11,896

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Notes: 1. The adjustment to net sales to external customers of ¥960 million corresponds to net sales of businesses not belonging to reporting segments.

- 2. The adjustment to segment income (loss) of ¥(9,202) million includes losses of ¥(497) million on businesses not belonging to reporting segments, elimination of inter-segment transactions of ¥198 million, and general corporate expenses of ¥(8,904) million not allocated to reporting segments. General corporate expenses consist mainly of Group management expenses incurred by the Company.
- 3. Adjustment to segment assets of ¥175,086 million includes the elimination of inter-segment transactions of ¥(17,551) million and general corporate assets of ¥192,637 million not allocated to each reporting segment. General corporate assets are mainly assets of the Company that are not allocated to each segment.
- 4. Adjustments to depreciation consist mainly of depreciation associated with the Company.
- 6. Adjustment to interest expenses of ¥96 million includes the elimination of inter-segment transactions of ¥(483) million and interest expenses of the Company of ¥579 million.
- 7. Adjustments to increases in property, plant, and equipment and intangible assets consist mainly of the purchase amount of noncurrent assets related to the Company.
- 8. Adjustments have been made to segment income (loss) and ordinary income in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

### [Related information]

Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

# 1. Information by product and service

This information has been omitted as the same information is disclosed in Segment information.

# 2. Information by geographical area

# (1) Net sales

Millions of yen				
Total	Other	Europe	US	Japan
¥320,949	¥15,084	¥15,343	¥75,285	¥215,236

Note: Net sales are classified by country or region based on the customer's location.

### (2) Property, plant and equipment

				Millions of yen
Japan	North America	UK	Other	Total
¥50,376	¥1,635	¥6,929	¥1,416	¥60,358

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# 3. Information by each major customer

No description is provided here since no external customer exists to whom sales are 10% or more of the net sales recorded in the consolidated statements of income or comprehensive income.

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

# 1. Information by product and service

This information has been omitted as the same information is disclosed in Segment information.

# 2. Information by geographical area

# (1) Net sales

¥255,935	¥96,256	¥18,565	¥18,878	¥389,635
Japan	US	Europe	Other	Total
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Note: Net sales are classified by country or region based on the customer's location.

# (2) Property, plant and equipment

¥49,264	¥2,822	¥6,685	¥1,711	¥60,482
Japan	North America	UK	Other	Total
				Millions of yen

### 3. Information by each major customer

No description is provided here since no external customer exists to whom sales are 10% or more of the net sales recorded in the consolidated statements of income or comprehensive income.

[Information on impairment loss on noncurrent assets by each reporting segment] Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

						Millions of yen
	Re	porting segment				Amount in
		Pachislot				consolidated
	Entertainment	Pachinko			Adjustment	financial
	Contents	Machines	Resort	Subtotal	(Note)	statements
Impairment loss	¥232	¥197	¥—	¥430	¥—	¥430

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

						Millions of yen
	Re	eporting segment				Amount in
		Pachislot				consolidated
	Entertainment	Pachinko				financial
	Contents	Machines	Resort	Subtotal	Adjustment	statements
Impairment loss	¥142	¥304	¥—	¥446	¥—	¥446

[Information on amortization and unamortized balance of goodwill by reporting segment] Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

						Millions of yen
	Re	porting segment				
		Pachislot and				Amount in
	Entertainment	Pachinko				consolidated
	Contents	Machines	Resort			financial
	Business	Business	Business	Subtotal	Adjustment	statements
Amortization during current period	¥2,311	¥—	¥—	¥2,311	¥—	¥2,311
Balance as of March 31, 2022	3,460	_	_	3,460	_	3,460

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

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2.072	519	_	2.592	_	2.592
¥2,142	¥ 36	¥—	¥2,178	¥—	¥2,178
Business	Business	Business	Subtotal	Adjustment	statements
Contents	Machines	Resort			financial
Entertainment	Pachinko				consolidated
	Pachislot and				Amount in
R	eporting segment				
					Millions of yen

[Information on gain on negative goodwill by each reporting segment] Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022) Not applicable

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

Not applicable

# 24 Related-Party Transactions

Amortization during current period Balance as of March 31, 2023

### 1. Transactions with related parties

# (1) Transactions between the Company and related parties

1) Non-consolidated subsidiaries and affiliated companies of the Company Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

					MILLIONS OF YELL
					End of period
Name of related	Position and	Description of	Transaction		account
individual or company	principal business	the Company's transactions	amount	Accounts	balance
PARADISE SEGASAMMY Co., Ltd.	Resort business	Subscription to additional capital shares (Note1)	¥4,315	_	_
		Provision of collateral (Note2)	18,542	_	_

Notes: 1. This is a subscription to additional capital shares allotted to shareholders.

2. For a portion of the loans from financial institutions to PARADISE SEGASAMMY Co., Ltd., the shares of the company are pledged as collateral

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

					Millions of yen
					End of period
Name of related	Position and	Description of	Transaction		account
individual or company	principal business	the Company's transactions	amount	Accounts	balance
PARADISE SEGASAMMY	Resort business	Provision of collateral (Note)	¥17,867	_	_
Co., Ltd.					

Note: For a portion of the loans from financial institutions to PARADISE SEGASAMMY Co., Ltd., the shares of the company are pledged as collateral.

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2) Directors and major shareholders (limited to individuals) of the Company Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

					Millions of yen
Name of related individual or company	Position and principal business	Description of the Company's transactions	Transaction amount	Accounts	End of period account balance
Haruki Satomi	Chairman of SEGA SAMMY ARTS FOUNDATION	Payment of donation (Note 1)	¥107	_	_
FSC Co., Ltd. (Note 3)	Non-life insurance agent	Payment of insurance premium (Note 2)	11	Prepaid expenses	¥10
				Long-term prepaid expenses	0

Notes: 1. The amount donated to the Foundation is determined with the approval of the Board of Directors.

- 2. Transaction prices are determined in the same way as for general transactions, referring to market prices.
- 3. Hajime Satomi, Chairman, Representative Director, and Haruki Satomi, President and Group CEO, Representative Director, directly hold a majority of the shares of FSC Co., Ltd.
- 4. Transaction amounts exclude consumption tax.

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

					Millions of yen
					End of period
Name of related	Position and	Description of	Transaction		account
individual or company	principal business	the Company's transactions	amount	Accounts	balance
FSC Co., Ltd. (Note 2)	Non-life insurance agent	Payment of insurance premium (Note 1)	¥6	Prepaid expenses	¥1
				Long-term prepaid	2
				expenses	

- Notes: 1. Transaction prices are determined in the same way as general transactions, referring to market prices.
  - 2. Hajime Satomi, Chairman, Representative Director, and Haruki Satomi, President and Group CEO, Representative Director, directly holds a majority of the shares of FSC Co., Ltd.
  - 3. Transaction amounts exclude consumption tax.

# (2) Transactions between consolidated subsidiaries of the Company and related parties

1) Non-consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates of the Company

Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

			N	illions of yen
Position and	Description of	Transaction	Accounts	End of period account balance
· · ·	. ,	annount	Accounts	Datance
Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business	Purchase of pachislot and pachinko machine parts (Note 1)	¥6,039	Accounts payable—trade	¥ 480
	Loan of funds (Note 2)	500	Short-term loans receivable	3,069
	Collection of loans (Note 2)	2,355	Long-term loans receivable	2,582
	Interest income (Note 2)	66		
	principal business Pachislot and Pachinko	principal business the Company's transactions  Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business Purchase of pachislot and pachinko machine parts (Note 1)  Loan of funds (Note 2)  Collection of loans (Note 2)	Principal business the Company's transactions amount  Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business Purchase of pachislot and pachinko machine parts (Note 1) \$\frac{46,039}{2000}\$  Loan of funds (Note 2) \$\frac{500}{2000}\$  Collection of loans (Note 2) 2,355	Position and principal business the Company's transactions amount Accounts  Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business Accounts  Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business Loan of funds (Note 2) 500 Short-term loans receivable Collection of loans (Note 2) 2,355 Long-term loans receivable

Notes: 1. Transaction prices are determined in the same way as general transactions, referring to market prices.

2. The interest rate on loans is determined by taking market interest rates into consideration. The repayment terms are one to five years, with the principal to be repaid in lump sum on the due date and interest to be repaid in annual installments. No collateral is accepted.

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

				1	Millions of yen
Name of related individual or company	Position and principal business	Description of the Company's transactions	Transaction amount	Accounts	End of period account balance
ZEEG Co., Ltd.	Pachislot and Pachinko Machines Business	Purchase of pachislot and pachinko machine parts (Note 1)	¥12,270	Accounts payable–trade	¥ 439
		Loan of funds (Note 2)	1,500	Short-term loans receivable	2,500
		Collection of loans (Note 2)	2,155	Long-term loans receivable	2,497
		Interest income (Note 2)	79		

Notes: 1. Transaction prices are determined in the same way as general transactions, referring to market prices.

2. The interest rate on loans is determined by taking market interest rates into consideration. The repayment terms are one to five years with the principal to be repaid in a lump sum on the due date and interest to be repaid in annual installments. No collateral is accepted.

2) Directors and major shareholders (limited to individuals) of the Company Prior fiscal year (From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

Not applicable

Current fiscal year (From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

					Millions of yen
					End of period
Name of related	Position and	Description of	Transaction		account
individual or company	principal business	the Company's transactions	amount	Accounts	balance
Haruki Satomi	Chairman of SEGA SAMMY ARTS FOUNDATION	Payment of donation (Note 1)	¥91	_	_
FSC Co., Ltd. (Note 3)	Non-life insurance agent	Payment of insurance premium (Note 2)	8	Prepaid expenses	¥5

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Notes: 1. The amount donated to the Foundation is determined with the approval of the Board of Directors.

- 2. Transaction prices are determined in the same way as general transactions, referring to market prices.
- 3 Hajime Satomi, Chairman, Representative Director, and Haruki Satomi, President and Group CEO, Representative Director, directly holds a majority of the shares of FSC Co., Ltd.
- 4. Transaction amounts exclude consumption tax.

# 2. Notes on the parent company or significant affiliates

(1) Information on the parent company

Not applicable

# (2) Summarized financial information of significant affiliates

PARADISE SEGASAMMY Co., Ltd. is a significant affiliate in the current fiscal year and its summarized financial statements are as follows.

		Millions of yen		
	Prior year	Current year		
Total current assets	¥ 4,808	¥ 20,558		
Total noncurrent assets	127,675	126,893		
Total current liabilities	17,464	82,798		
Total noncurrent liabilities	83,403	24,949		
Total net assets	31,616	39,704		
Net sales	15,505	27,410		
Income (loss) before income taxes	(9,147)	(4,208)		
Net Income (loss)	(9,147)	(4,208)		

# **25** Per Share Information

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Item	Prior year (from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)	Current year (from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)
Net assets per share	¥1,311.72	¥1,498.75
Profit per share	158.85	208.07
Profit per share (diluted)	158.24	207.13

# 1. The calculation basis for net assets per share is as follows.

Items	Prior year (as of March 31, 2022)	Current year (as of March 31, 2023)
Total of net assets in the consolidated balance sheets (Millions of yen)	¥292,637	¥331,347
Amounts deducted from net assets in the consolidated balance sheets (Millions of yen)	225	492
(Subscription rights to shares) (Millions of yen)	176	468
(Non-controlling interests) (Millions of yen)	49	24
Net assets pertaining to common stock (Millions of yen)	292,411	330,854
Number of common shares used to calculate net assets per share (Thousands of shares)	222,921	220,753

# 2. The calculation basis for profit per share and profit per share (diluted) are as follows.

Item	Prior year (from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022	Current year (from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)
Net income (loss) per share:		
Profit attributable to owners of parent (Millions of yen)	¥ 37,027	¥ 45,938
Amount not attributable to ordinary shareholders (Millions of yen)		_
Profit attributable to owners of parent pertaining to common stock (Millions of yen)	37,027	45,938
Average number of common shares during the period (Thousands of shares)	233,091	220,790
Profit per share (diluted):		
Adjustment to profit attributable to owners of parent (Millions of yen)	_	_
Increase in common stock (Thousands of shares)	909	999
(Subscription rights to shares) (Thousands of shares)	909	999
Overview of dilutive shares not included in calculation of profit per share (diluted)		
because of no dilutive effect		_

# 26 Significant Subsequent Events

# 1. Acquisition of Rovio Entertainment Corporation

At the Board of Directors meeting held on April 17, 2023, the Company and SEGA CORPORATION ("SEGA"), a subsidiary of the Company, resolved to implement a tender offer (tender offer under the Finnish L aw, the "Tender Offer") to acquire Rovio Entertainment Corporation ("Rovio"), a mobile game company headquartered in Finland, through SEGA's wholly owned UK subsidiary SEGA Europe Limited. The Tender Offer period expired on August 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (EET). Regarding the result of the Tender Offer, the Company's group company SEGA Europe Limited acquired approximately 96.3% of the issued and outstanding shares of Rovio, making it the Company's group company on August 17, 2023.

Furthermore, SEGA Europe Limited commenced a subsequent offer (the "Subsequent Offer") in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer on August 11, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. (EET), which was completed on August 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (EET). Based on the final result of the Subsequent Offer, 1,030,171 shares were tendered during the Subsequent Offer period, representing approximately 1.4 percent of all issued and outstanding shares of Rovio. Together with the shares validly tendered during the Tender Offer period, the shares validly tendered during the Subsequent Offer period represented approximately 97.7% of the issued and outstanding shares and voting rights in Rovio.

# (i) Purpose of the acquisition

(a) Positioning of the consumer business for the Company

The Company positions the consumer area of its Entertainment Contents Business as a growth area under its medium-term plan (from FY2022 to FY2024), and has accelerated its efforts to strengthen the business through initiatives such as converting existing IPs into global brands as well as strengthening user engagement through multi-platform support and enhanced media mix, etc.

As a part of its growth strategy to invest up to ¥250 billion during the five-year period ending FY2026, the Company has been exploring investment opportunities in the consumer area to strengthen its development capabilities as well as to create new ecosystems. (b) Background of the acquisition

The size of the global gaming market is projected to reach US\$263.3 billion by 2026, registering a CAGR of 3.5% from 2022 to 2026. The mobile gaming market, in particular, is set to expand at a CAGR of 5.0% to represent 56% of the global gaming market overall, an increase from 53% in 2022. (Source: IDG Report (dated October 2022))

The Company firmly believes that it is imperative to continue investing in its game development and operating capabilities, in order to further strengthen its position in this fast-growing mobile and global gaming market, which therefore led to the decision to acquire Rovio.

Through the Acquisition, the Company aims to take in Rovio's live-operated mobile game development capabilities and expertise in mobile game operation, to accelerate the development of mobile-compatible and multi-platform-supported version of SEGA's existing game IPs, thereby strengthening SEGA's game portfolio and further accelerating global expansion of its business.

### (c) Purpose of the acquisition

Rovio is a global mobile-first, game company that creates, develops, and publishes mobile games, which have been downloaded over 5 billion times. Rovio is best known for the global Angry Birds brand, which started as a popular mobile game in 2009, and has since evolved from games to various entertainment, anime, and consumer products through brand licensing.

SEGA aims to accelerate its growth in the global gaming market and increase its corporate value by generating synergies between SEGA's existing businesses and Rovio's strengths, including its global IPs and live-operated mobile game development capabilities.

Number of shares acquired, acquisition price, and ownership of shares before and after the acquisition (Note)

(1) Ownership of shares before the acquisition	0 shares (Number of voting rights: 0) (Ratio of voting rights: 0%)
(2) Number of shares acquired	74,427,345 shares, 742,300 options (Number of voting rights: 74,427,345)
(3) Acquisition price	Shares of Rovio: approximately EUR 689 million (¥ 107,146 million)
(4) Ownership of shares after the acquisition	74,427,345 shares, 742,300 options (Number of voting rights: 74,427,345) (Ratio of voting rights: 97.7%)

Note: Acquisition price represents the amount of payment for purchasing shares and stock options.

The Company successfully acquired more than 90% of all shares and voting rights in Rovio. It further intends to implement a squeeze-out procedure set forth in the Finnish Companies Act to acquire the remaining untendered shares in order to make Royio its wholly owned subsidiary.

# 2. Acquisition of treasury stock

At the Board of Directors meetings held on April 28, 2023 and August 31, 2023, the Company resolved the matter related to the acquisition of treasury stock, pursuant to the provisions of Article 156 of the Companies Act of Japan as applied by replacing the provisions stipulated in Article 165 Paragraph 3 of the same law.

(i) Reasons for the acquisition of treasury stock

The Company aims to maximize corporate value by focusing on capital efficiency in its medium-term financial strategy until the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026. While promoting aggressive investment for growth, the Company will also provide appropriate shareholder returns. As a result of considering shareholder returns including acquisition of treasury stock based on the return policy of adopting higher of DOE 3% or more, or total return ratio of 50% or more, the Company decided to acquire treasury stock

(ii) Details of the acquisition of treasury stock

(a) Type of shares to be acquired

Common stock

(b) Total number of shares to be acquired

8,000,000 shares (upper limit)

Ratio of total number of shares outstanding (excluding treasury stock): 3.62%

(c) Total cost of acquisition

10.0 billion yen (upper limit)

(d) Acquisition period

From May 1, 2023 to March 29, 2024

(e) Acquisition method

Market purchase on the Tokyo Stock Exchange

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### 3. Commitment-type term loan

SEGA's wholly owned UK subsidiary SEGA Europe Limited has implemented the Tender Offer to acquire Rovio. At the Board of Directors meeting held on August 9, 2023, the Company resolved to borrow funds required for the Tender Offer from a capital policy perspective as below. The Company signed a commitment-type term loan agreement with financial institutions on August 10, 2023.

(i) Form of borrowing:

Commitment-type term loan

- (ii) Lender
  - (a) Arranger and agent:

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

(b) Joint arranger:

MUFG Bank, Ltd., Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

(c) Participating financial institutions:

Aozora Bank, Ltd., SBI Shinsei Bank, Limited

(iii) Total commitment amount:

105.0 billion yen

(iv) Borrowing amount:

100.4 billion yen

(v) Contract day:

August 10, 2023

(vi) Commitment period:

From August 15, 2023 to the earlier of August 15, 2024 or a corresponding day of one month after the date on which the squeeze-out is completed

(vii) Borrowing period:

1 year

(viii) Borrowing rate:

Base rate and spread

(ix) Collateral:

None

4. Implementation of Structural Reforms in the consumer area (Entertainment Contents Business)

At the Board of Directors meeting held on September 28, 2023, the Company resolved to implement structural reforms in the consumer area, mainly at its European bases. In accordance with this decision, the Company expects to record a loss for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(i) Background of implementation of structural reforms

The Company has set the consumer area as one of its growth areas and has achieved rapid earnings growth in recent years by promoting the global branding of its existing IPs and other measures. On the other hand, the business environment surrounding the consumer area has been rapidly changing, including reactionary decline from the stay-at-home demand in COVID-19 and the economic downturn due to inflation in the European region, and profitability has been lowered mainly in European bases.

To promptly adapt to these changes in the environment and improve profitability, the Company decided to implement structural reforms aimed at increasing efficiency, mainly at the Company's European bases by reviewing their title portfolio. As a result, the Company has made the difficult decision to cancel some titles under the development as well as to reduce the fixed expenses.

(ii) Details of implementation

The Company will implement the following measures regarding structural reform in the Company's European bases which are determined at this time.

(a) Cancelation of titles under development

In response to the lower profitability of the European region, the Company has reviewed the title portfolio of each development base in Europe and the resulting action will be to cancel "HYENAS" and some unannounced titles under development. Accordingly, the Company will implement a write-down of work-in-progress for titles under development.

(b) Reduction of fixed expenses

The Company will reduce various fixed expenses at several group companies in the region, mainly for The Creative Assembly Ltd. One-time expenses related to the reduction of fixed expenses are expected to be incurred. The Company will continue to consider measures to improve profitability in European bases apart from the above.

(iii) Future outlook

As a result of implementation of the structural reform described above in the consumer area, the Company expects to record losses of approximately 14.3 billion yen for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

# **27** Supplemental Information

[Annexed consolidated detailed schedule of bonds]

Company name	Security titles	Issuance date	Balances as of April 1, 2022 (Millions of yen)	Balances as of March 31, 2023 (Millions of yen)	Interest rate (%)	Туре	Date of maturity
The Company	5th Series of Unsecured Straight Bonds (Publicly offered bonds)	October 10, 2019	¥10,000	¥10,000	0.38	Unsecured	October 10, 2029
Total			10,000	10,000 (—)			

Notes: 1. Figure in parentheses under "Balance as of March 31, 2023" is the current portion of the amount of redemption.

2. The scheduled amount of redemption after the consolidated closing date is as follows:

					Millions of yen
Within one year	One to two years	Two to three years	Three to four years	Four to five years	Over five years
¥—	¥—	¥—	¥—	¥—	¥10.000

# [Annexed consolidated detailed schedule of borrowings]

	Balances as of April 1, 2022	Balances as of March 31, 2023	Average interest rate	
Category	(Millions of yen)	(Millions of yen)	(%)	Repayment period
Short-term borrowings	¥ —	¥ —	_	_
Current portion of long-term I borrowings	10,000	17,000	0.4	_
Current portion of lease obligations	1,123	1,377	2.0	_
Long-term borrowings (Excluding current portion)	32,000	25,000	0.5	From 2025 to 2027
Lease obligations (Excluding current portion)	4,013	5,352	2.0	From 2024 to 2031
Other interest-bearing debts:				
Accounts payable—facilities	30	29	1.3	_
Accounts payable—facilities (Excluding current portion)	116	119	1.5	From 2024 to 2030
Total	47,284	48,879		_

Notes: 1. "Average interest rate" represents the weighted average rate applicable to the balance of borrowings at end of period.

- 2. Some lease obligations stated in the consolidated balance sheets represent the amounts with interest equivalents not deducted from the total lease payments.

  Accordingly, said lease obligations are not included when calculating the "Average interest rate."
- 3. The scheduled amounts of long-term borrowings, lease obligations, and other interest-bearing debts (excluding current portion) to be repaid after the consolidated closing date are as follows:

					Millions of yen
	One to two years	Two to three years	Three to four years	Four to five years	Over five years
Long-term borrowings	¥15,000	¥ —	¥ —	¥10,000	¥ —
Lease obligations	1,184	993	861	795	1,518
Other interest-bearing debt:					
Accounts payable—facilities	22	20	20	20	34

### Schedule of asset retirement obligations

No description is provided here, since the amount of asset retirement obligations as of the beginning and end of the current fiscal year were less than 1/100 of the total amount of liabilities and net assets, respectively, as of the beginning and end of the current fiscal year.

# 28 Other

Quarterly information for the current fiscal year

(Cumulative period)	First three months	First six months	First nine months	Current fiscal year
Net sales (Millions of yen)	¥66,118	¥150,095	¥271,979	¥389,635
Income before income taxes (Millions of yen)	4,106	12,019	39,796	47,069
Profit attributable to owners of parent (Millions of yen)	3,158	9,619	32,846	45,938
Profit per share (Yen)	14.29	43.56	148.76	208.07
(Accounting period)	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter
Profit per share (Yen)	¥14.29	¥29.28	¥105.22	¥59.31

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

# To the Board of Directors of SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC.:

# **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC. ("the Company") and its consolidated subsidiaries (collectively referred to as "the Group"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as at March 31, 2023 and 2022, the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at March 31, 2023 and 2022, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan.

# **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Japan, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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# **Emphasis of Matter**

We draw attention to Note 26 "Significant Subsequent Events" to the consolidated financial statements.

At the Board of Directors meeting held on April 17, 2023, the Company and SEGA CORPORATION, a subsidiary of the Company, resolved to implement a tender offer (the "Tender Offer") to acquire Rovio Entertainment Corporation ("Rovio"), a mobile game company headquartered in Finland, through SEGA's wholly owned UK subsidiary SEGA Europe Limited. Regarding the result of the Tender Offer, SEGA Europe Limited acquired approximately 96.3% of the issued and outstanding shares of Rovio, making it the Company's group company on August 17, 2023.

Furthermore, SEGA Europe Limited commenced a subsequent offer (the "Subsequent Offer") on August 11, 2023 (EET), which was completed on August 25, 2023 (EET). Together with the shares validly tendered during the Tender Offer period, the shares validly tendered during the Subsequent Offer period represented approximately 97.7% of the issued and outstanding shares and voting rights in Royio

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

# **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our

Appropriateness of management's judgment as to whether an impairment loss should be recognized on non-financial assets including goodwill at the equity-method affiliate.

# The key audit matter

As described in Note 3, "Significant Accounting Estimates" (3), to the consolidated financial statements, SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS INC. (hereinafter, referred to as the "Company") and its consolidated subsidiaries reported investment securities of 39,538 million yen in the consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2023, which included an investment in PARADISE SEGASAMMY Co., Ltd. (hereinafter "PSS"), an equity-method affiliate in the Resort Business segment, of 17,867 million yen, representing approximately 4% of total assets in the consolidated financial statements. PSS recognized non-financial assets of 125,811 million yen in its financial statements, of which 7,771 million yen was related to goodwill.

PSS prepares its financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and performs an impairment test on a cashgenerating unit (CGU) whenever there is an impairment indicator, or at least annually on a CGU to which goodwill has been allocated. In the impairment testing, when the recoverable amount of a CGU is less than the carrying amount, PSS reduces the carrying amount to the recoverable amount and recognizes the resulting decrease in the carrying amount as an impairment loss, which affects the amount of investment securities recorded in the Company's consolidated financial statements through the equity method of accounting.

In the current fiscal year, PSS performed impairment tests on the CGU to which goodwill had been allocated as well as on other CGU for which there was an impairment indicator, using the value in use or the fair value less cost of disposal as the recoverable amount. The future cash flows used to measure the value in use were estimated based on the business plan of PSS approved by management. For periods beyond the period covered by the business plan, the future cash flows

How the matter was addressed in our audit

In order to assess the appropriateness of management's judgment with respect to whether an impairment loss should be recognized on non-financial assets including goodwill held by PSS, we requested the component auditors of PSS, an equity-method affiliate, to perform specified audit procedures including the involvement of valuation specialists within the network firms of the component auditors.

We then evaluated the report of the component auditors to conclude on whether sufficient and appropriate audit evidence was obtained from the following procedures among others:

### (1) Internal control testing

We tested the design and operating effectiveness of certain of the Company's internal controls relevant to evaluating the appropriateness of PSS's financial statements including the assessment on its CGUs.

# (2) Assessment of the reasonableness of the estimated recoverable amount

Evaluating the appropriateness of the rationale supporting key assumptions adopted by management in preparing the business plan that formed the basis for estimating future cash flows used to calculate the value in use, by performing the procedures set forth below, as well as evaluating the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the external valuation expert engaged by management.

- Inspected the materials supporting the number of casino visitors and amounts of Drop embedded in the business plan, and compared them with past actual results; and
- Compared the growth rate with external data in order to ensure that it was within the long-term average growth rate of relevant markets.

In addition, we involved valuation specialists within our network firms who assisted our assessment of the appropriateness of the selection of input data for estimating the discount rate used to calculate the were estimated based on the forecasts using a projected growth rate within the long-term average growth rate of relevant markets. Key assumptions used to project future cash inflows and outflows included in the business plan, such as the number of casino visitors, amounts of Drop (chips purchased at a table) and projected market growth rate, involved a high degree of estimation uncertainty. Accordingly, management's judgment thereon had a significant effect on the estimated future cash flows.

In addition, selecting the input data for estimating the discount rate used to calculate the value in use and selecting the appropriate valuation techniques and key assumptions for measuring the fair value less cost of disposal, using mainly the depreciated replacement cost approach, required a high degree of expertise in valuation.

We, therefore, determined that our assessment of the appropriateness of management's judgment as to whether an impairment loss should be recognized on non-financial assets including goodwill held by PSS was of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements for the current fiscal year, and accordingly, a key audit matter.

value in use, and the selection of appropriate valuation techniques and key assumptions for measuring the fair value less cost of disposal.

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# Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the INTEGRATED Report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements, the financial statements, and our auditor's reports thereon. Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the other information. The audit and supervisory committee are responsible for overseeing the directors' performance of their duties with regard to the design, implementation and maintenance of the reporting process for the other information.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and the Audit and Supervisory Committee for the Consolidated Financial Statements

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The audit and supervisory committee are responsible for overseeing the directors' performance of their duties with regard to the design, implementation and maintenance of the Group's financial reporting process.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, while the objective of the audit is not to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate whether the presentation and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements are in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Japan, the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements.
   We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the audit and supervisory committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the audit and supervisory committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the audit and supervisory committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

# Interest required to be disclosed by the Certified Public Accountants Act of Japan

We do not have any interest in the Group which is required to be disclosed pursuant to the provisions of the Certified Public Accountants Act of Japan.

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