# FY 2024 Q1 Settlement Report

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**Executive Summary** 

## Financial Highlights for the Q1of the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024



	FY2023 Q1 Results	FY2024 Q1 Results	Yo	<u>Y</u>
Sales	<b>9,056</b> mil.yen	<b>12,121</b> mil.yen	+3,065	+33.8%
Operating income	535 mil.yen	<b>689</b> mil.yen	+153	+28.7%
Ordinary income	523 mil.yen	<b>600</b> mil.yen	+76	+14.7%
Net income attributable to owners of the parent	252 mil.yen	<b>293</b> mil.yen	+41	+16.4%
Adjusted EBITDA*	808 mil.yen	<b>1,011</b> mil.yen	+202	+25.1%

- FY2024 Q1 results showed an increase in sales and income due to steady growth in purchases at both the athome pick-up business and the group store purchasing business and progress in reducing SG&A expenses.
- Sales and profits exceeded the internal plan, while steady purchases in Q1 led to an increase in inventory that will lead to results in Q2 and beyond.
- In the at-home purchase business, which had struggled in the previous year, the number of visits landed as planned due to the elimination of external influences and steady growth in the acquisition of inquiries, as well as progress in acquiring repeat visits, which has been strategically strengthened.

# **Revision of FY2024 Earnings Forecasts**



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FY2024	Consolidated	Results Revised	Forecast

	FY2024 Initial Forecast	FY2024 Revised Forecast	evised Forecast YoY		Contribution by Musubi Co, Ltd.Consolidation (9 months)
Sales	<b>52,480</b> mil.yen	<b>59,070</b> mil.yen	+6,590	+12.6%	Approx. 5.95 billion yen
Operating income	<b>3,400</b> mil.yen	<b>3,800</b> mil.yen	+400	+11.8%	Approx. 200 million yen (net of goodwill)
Ordinary income	<b>3,310</b> mil.yen	<b>3,600</b> mil.yen	+290	+8.8%	
Net income attributable to owners of the parent	<b>1,890</b> mil.yen	<b>2,010</b> mil.yen	+120	+6.3%	
Adjusted EBITDA*	<b>4,910</b> mil.yen	<b>5,439</b> mil.yen	+528	+10.8%	Approx. 390 million yen

<sup>\*</sup>Adjusted EBITDA = operating income + depreciation and amortization expenses + amortization of goodwill (including customer-related assets) + share-based compensation expenses

- Revised the initial forecast to reflect the P/L plan (9 months from Apr-Dec 2024) of the newly consolidated Musubi Company and the strong organic Q1 results.
- Musubi's earnings plan reflects highly probable sales and profits while assuming high growth through aggressive new store openings and other measures.

The amount of goodwill is approximately 4.1 billion yen, and the amortization period is fixed at 17 years (approximately 240 million yen per year). While FY24 will contribute to earnings for 9 months, operating income contribution after amortization of goodwill is expected to be approximately 200 million yen.

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Results of Q1 FY 2024

## Consolidated Statements of Income for the first quarter ended December 31, 2024



- Both the at-home pick-up business and the group store purchasing business performed well in purchases and sales, and SG&A expenses were controlled through cost reductions, resulting in higher sales and profit while building up inventory that will contribute to earnings from Q2 onward.
- Gross profit margin declined YoY due to (1) an increase in sales of business-to-business merchandise with short inventory turnover periods, such as precious metals, and (2) changes in the mix, such as the start of NISSO's P/L consolidation, but gross profit was higher than expected. The Group mainly purchases from general customers, so market fluctuations in high-end brands and watches have no impact on earnings.

consolidated financial results (Unit: Million yen)	FY2023 Q1	FY2024 Q1	YoY	YoY%	
Sales	9,056	12,121	+3,065	+33.8%	
Gross profit	5,238	6,450	+1,211	+23.1%	Gross profit margin ratio
Gross profit margin	57.8%	53.2%	-4.6pt	_	BuySell's non-consolidated gross margin in FY24 Q1 was 64.5%.
Selling, general and administrative expenses	4,703	5,761	+1,058	+22.5%	margin ii i 124 Q i was 04.576.
(Breakdown) Advertising expenses	1,433	1,637	+204	+14.3%	Advertising expenses
(Breakdown) Personnel expenses*	1,675	2,153	+477	+28.5%	Although there was an increase mainly in at home pick-up
Operating income	535	689	+153	+28.7%	business, advertising
Sales to operating income ratio	5.9%	5.7%	-0.2pt	_	expenditures were made in line with the full-year plan.
Adjusted EBITDA	808	1,011	+202	+25.1%	***************************************
Adjusted EBITDA margin	8.9%	8.3%	-0.6pt	_	
Ordinary income	523	600	+76	+14.7%	Non-operating expenses
Ordinary income ratio	5.8%	5.0%	-0.8pt	_	Fees associated with the execution of loans for M&A
Net income attributable to owners of the parent	252	293	+41	+16.4%	financing

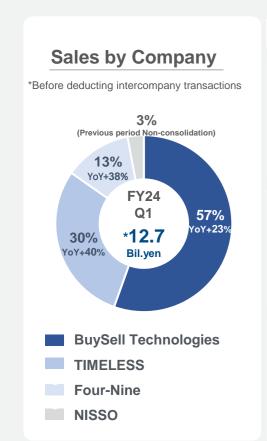
<sup>\*</sup> Personnel expenses include salaries ,allowances, bonuses, statutory welfare expenses, recruitment expenses, etc.

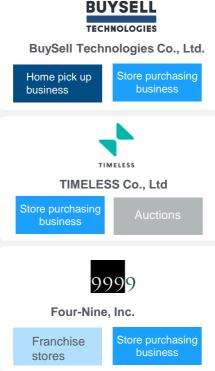
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# (Reference) Performance Highlights by Company



• Sales by company: BuySell +23% YoY, Timeless +40% YoY, Fou-rnine +38% YoY, all group companies achieved significant sales growth.





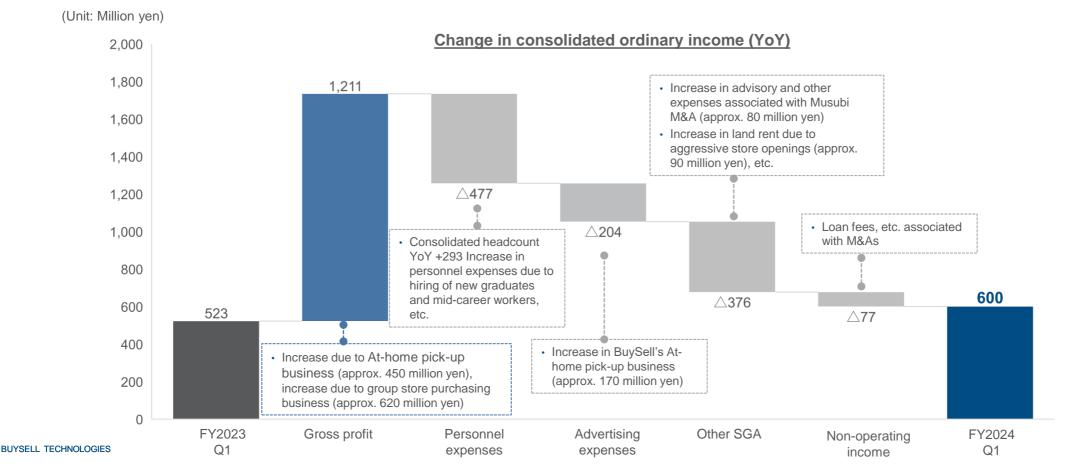
## FY2024 Q1 Financial Highlights by Major Company

- External influences on the at-home pick-up business have subsided, and the number of inquiries and visits remained steady as expected. purchase volume in Q1 was up 27% YoY, and purchases were also strong.
- Store purchasing business opened 3 new stores in Q1, expanding to 26 stores; purchase volume in Q1 increased 2.5x YoY.
- Although the forecast assumption for the current period is that the number of visitors will not increase due to last year's Corona rebound and soaring gold market prices, the gold market impact will positively contribute in Q1. Both stores and auctions performed well, and sales continued to grow at a high rate of +40% YoY.
- The number of stores at the end of March was 26, unchanged from the end of the fiscal year due to one store opening and one store closing, but the number of stores increased steadily with the opening of three new stores in April.
- Both directly managed and franchise sales increased 38% YoY due to the steady purchase of both directly managed and franchise businesses.
- The number of new franchise contracts increased due to improvements in franchise recruitment methods, etc., and the number of stores remained steady compared to the full-year plan.

## Analysis of Q1 FY2024 consolidated ordinary income (YoY)



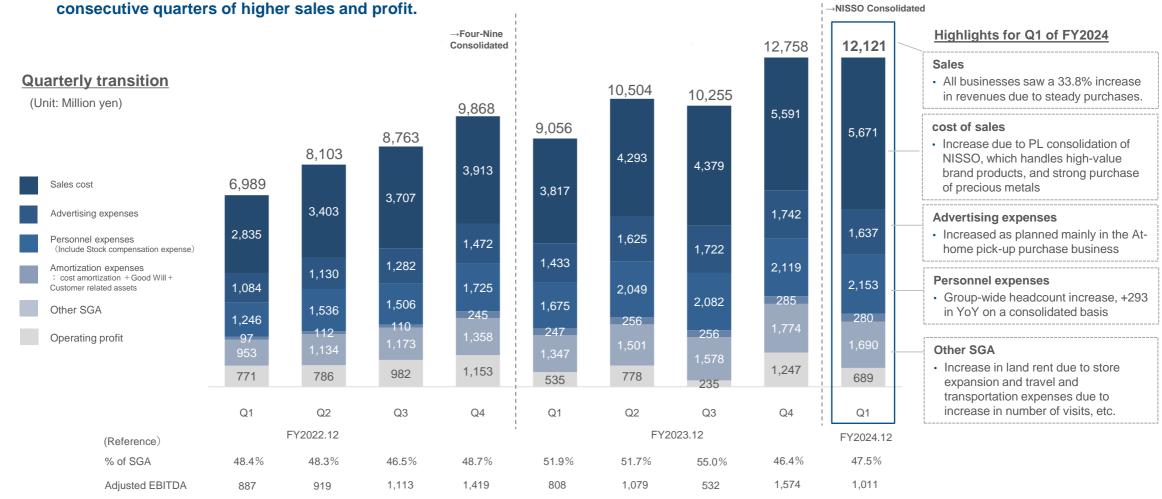
- The at-home pick-up business recovered, driving the increase in gross profit and the group's store-purchasing business. Gross profit exceeded the internal plan.
- Personnel expenses due to increased headcount and land rent due to new store openings increased from the previous year. The initial plan had
  assumed a decrease in profit, partly due to M&A advisory expenses for Musubi Co, Ltd., Ordinary income rose to 600 million yen (+14.7% YoY),
  thanks to an upturn in gross profit and the curbing of increases in other SG&A expenses through cost efficiencies.



# **Quarterly transition(Consolidated)**



• Purchasing was boosted by the at-home pick-up business and store purchasing expansion. The cost-of-sales ratio rose due to a newly consolidated NISSO and more sales of precious metals, but the SG&A-to-sales ratio was better than FY22. This resulted in two



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## Q1 of FY2024 Balance Sheet



• Consolidated inventories have significantly increased since the last reporting period. This is due to strong purchases in the on-site purchase business, which has seen a YoY increase of 27%, and in the group store purchasing business (excluding Musubi), which has seen a YoY increase of 90%. Additionally, the new consolidation of Musubi's balance sheet from the first quarter of the current period has contributed to this increase.

(Lait Millian van)				FY2	FY2024			
(Unit: M	(Unit: Million yen)			Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	VS Q4 FY2023
		Cash and deposits	5,612	8,232	6,325	7,756	7,078	-678
	Current assets	Inventories (turnover period)	2,519 (64.7days)	2,854 (62.7days)	3,424 (67.2days)	4,543 (75.5days)	5,394 (81.5days)	+850 (+6.0days)
Assets		Other	815	790	2,246	1,117	1,649	+532
		Goodwill	3,666	3,576	3,486	3,599	7,573	+3,973
	Fixed asset	Customer related assets	1,237	1,168	1,100	1,031	962	-68
		Other	2,354	2,664	2,886	3,273	3,874	+601
	Total asse	ts	16,207	19,287	19,470	21,320	26,531	+5,210
Liability	Interest-be	earing debt	4,618	6,362	6,795	8,068	13,790	+5,722
Liability	Other		3,359	4,177	4,202	4,642	4,156	-485
Total	Capital (inc	I. capital surplus)	3,281	3,388	3,388	3,388	3,409	+20
net	Retained ea	arnings	4,836	5,220	5,291	6,038	5,974	-63
assets	Other		111	139	-207	-816	-799	+17
Tota	al liabilities ar	d Net assets	16,207	19,287	19,470	21,320	26,531	+5,210

### Major balance sheet changes

#### **Inventories**

- Increase in existing companies mainly due to BuySell; increase due to B/S consolidation of Musubi is approx. 500 million yen
- Inventory turnover excluding musubi consolidation was 71.4 days, a decrease of 4.1 days from the end of the previous period. Mainly due to an increase in sales of precious metals with short turnover periods in Timeless

#### Goodwill

Goodwill of Musubi Corp. was recorded in Q1 of this fiscal year (approx. 4.1 billion yen, amortized over 17 years).

### Interest-bearing debt

 Increase due to borrowing of funds for M&A of Musubi Corp.

#### **Total net assets**

Minus due to share buyback conducted in the previous fiscal year

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Changes in Major KPIs Q1 of FY 2024

# Changes in KPIs (at-home pick-up service- Non-consolidated)



- The number of visits increased by 8.7% yoy due to the success of measures to strengthen repeat visits. Progress was in line with the full-year plan.
- Although advertising expenses were high in Q1 due to seasonality, progress was in line with the plan. Gross profit per business visit increased as a
  result of enablement, which is one of the company's strengths, and variable profit per business visit landed at +3.0%. With steady growth in
  purchases and inventory buildup, gross profit per visit is expected to increase due to sales from Q2 onward.

KPI (at-home pick up service): Number of visits × Variable profit per visit\* (\*gross profit – advertising expenses)

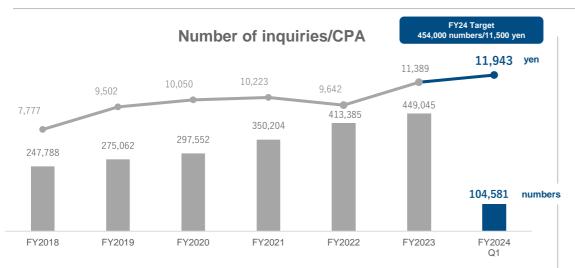
Changes in KPIs	FY2019	FY	2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2019		FY20	)24	Rate of	
(Comparison between full fiscal year and total periods)	Full FY	Fu	ıll FY	Full FY	Full FY	Full FY		Q1	Full-year Plan	progress/ Relative to plan	
Number of visits (cases)	180,14	16 1	87,871	209,526	243,32	1 260,99	97	62,744	284,800	22.0%	
Variable profit per visit (yen)	32,17	78	35,526	40,238	45,560	) 44,21	4	41,998	47,200	-11.0%	
- Gross profit margin per visit (yen)	46,68	37	51,443	57,324	62,16	1 63,84	13	61,905	65,600	-5.6%	
- Advertising expenses per visit (yen)	14,50	)9	15,917	17,086	16,602	2 19,62	28	19,907	18,400	+8.2%	
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Changes in KPIs		FY20	022			FY2023			FY2024	YoY	
(Comparison of quarter accounting period)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	vs Q1	
Number of visits (cases)	49,174	60,929	64,859	68,359	57,724	63,570	63,652	76,051	62,744	+8.7%	
Variable profit per visit (yen)	47,179	46,133	40,830	48,371	40,757	46,644	40,288	47,493	41,998	+3.0%	
- Gross profit margin per visit (yen)	65,354	61,503	56,907	65,436	59,487	66,603	61,376	65,828	61,905	+4.1%	
- Advertising expenses per visit (yen)	18,175	15,370	16,077	7 17,066	18,729	19,958	21,087	18,336	19,907	+6.3%	

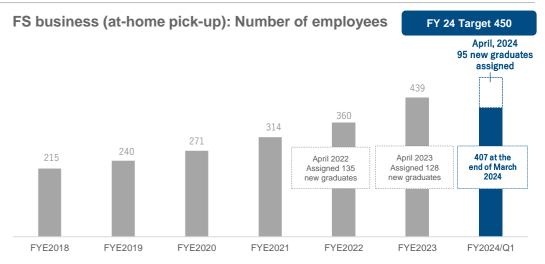
<sup>\*</sup> FY2022 is the normal seasonality of advertising expenses per visit in FY2023, as additional investment in advertising expenses due to external factors was made after Q2.

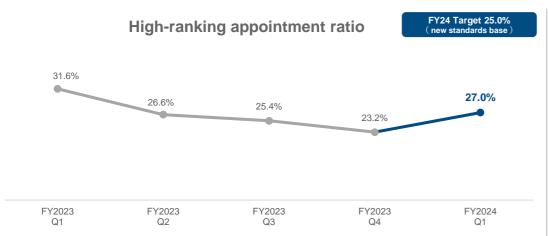
# Reference) Changes in other KPIs (BuySell, non-consolidated) of at-home pick-up service

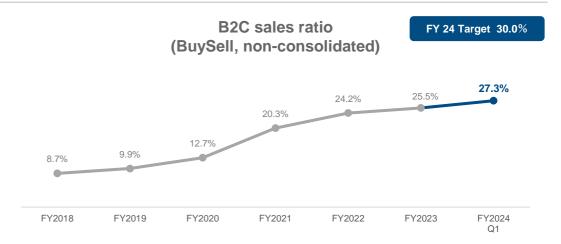


## Other important KPIs







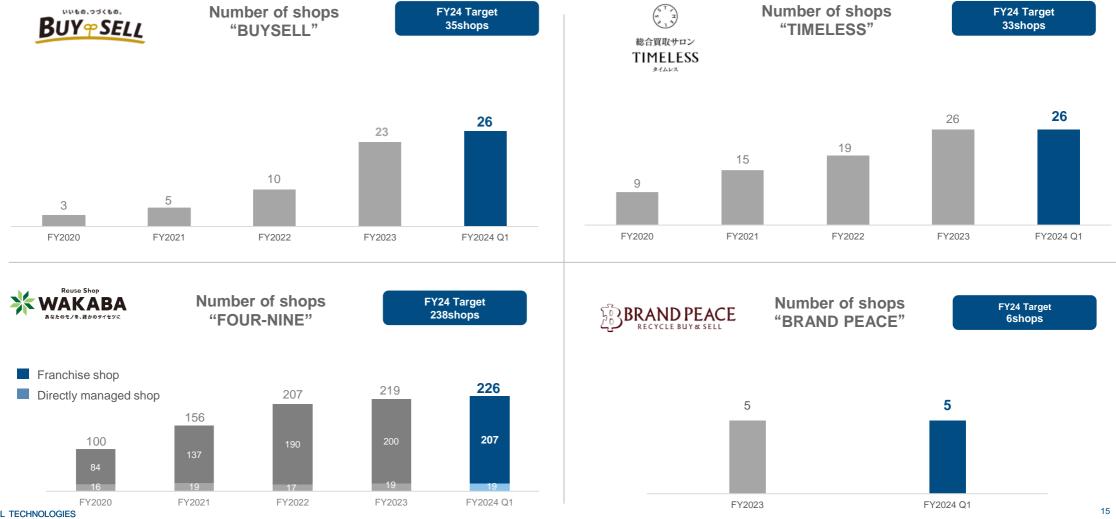


<sup>\*1</sup> CPA: Advertising expenses per inquiry (advertising expenses related to home visits ÷ number of inquiries)

<sup>\*2</sup> High rank appointment ratio: Appointments are classified into five ranks, A-E, according to the expected gross profit per visit for internal management accounting. Percentage of the number of home visits for A-C high-ranking appointments among the relevant ranks (number of ABC rank appointments ÷ number of home visits)

# Reference) Changes in KPIs (Purchasing at shop)





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**Revision of FY2024 Earnings Forecasts** 

# Reprint ) Policy for the year ending December 31, 2024



February 14, 2024, at the time of publication of financial results

- Initial plan was set at a realistic level based on the previous year's results and the outlook for the business environment
  - The impact of external factors on the At-home pick up business in the previous fiscal year has disappeared, and the outlook for the business environment in the current fiscal year has improved. On the other hand, the company recognizes the challenges, mainly on the cost side, resulting from its expansion strategy to date, and will tighten its focus on the return on investment of overall SG&A expenses.
  - Set a strategic goal of increasing operating income per employee (gross profit amount) to lay the foundation for growth in FY25 and beyond.
- Optimize marketing cost effectiveness in the At-home pick up business
  - In the previous year, marketing cost effectiveness deteriorated significantly due to the impact of external factors. In FY24, the company aims to increase the number of visits efficiently again and grow the number of visits to +9% with the same level of advertising expenses as in the previous year.
- 3 Continue to strengthen store purchasing business
  - The performance and number of stores in the store purchasing business are growing at an accelerating pace, and the company will pursue aggressive business expansion, with M&A as an option. The group already has five companies with more than 350 stores, and the company intends to strengthen cooperation among group stores to improve the efficiency of store openings and to strengthen sales channels.
  - The FY24 profit plan is flat, but this is due to the fact that the previous year's Corona reactionary decline and the earnings boost from soaring gold prices have not been similarly factored in, and costs are expected to increase due to investment in new store openings.
- 4 New investment for mid-term growth
  - The budget reflects upfront investments necessary for medium- to long-term growth, including plans to open a flagship store to strengthen sales of "toC" products, expand overseas sales channels, and strengthen the company's own e-commerce.

## **Revision of FY 2024 Earnings Forecasts**



- There is no change in the basic policy for the current fiscal year, and we will continue to improve efficiency and productivity to build a solid foundation for growth for the next fiscal year FY25 and beyond.
- The revised plan reflects the upward revision of gross profit from the group store business in Q1, the effect of reduced SG&A expenses at BuySell on a non-consolidated basis, and the new consolidation plan for Musubi Corp (for the nine months from Q2 onward). The plan incorporates highly probable figures for both existing businesses and newly consolidated companies.

consolidated financial results (Unit: Million yen)	FY 2023	Initial forecast for FY2024	Revised forecast for FY2024	Change from an initial forecast	Percentage change from an initial forecast
Sales	42,574	52,480	59,070	+6,590	+12.6%
Gross profit	24,493	29,125	31,713	+2,589	+8.9%
Gross profit margin	57.5%	55.5%	53.7%	-1.8pt	_
Selling, general and administrative expenses	21,696	25,725	27,913	+2,189	+8.5%
(Breakdown) Advertising expenses	6,524	7,073	7,806	+733	+10.4%
(Breakdown) Personnel expenses*	7,926	9,797	10,369	+571	+5.8%
Operating income	2,796	3,400	3,800	+400	+11.8%
Sales to operating income ratio	6.6%	6.5%	6.4%	-0.1pt	_
Adjusted EBITDA	3,994	4,910	5,439	+528	+10.8%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	9.4%	9.4%	9.2%	-0.2pt	_
Ordinary income	2,754	3,310	3,600	+290	+8.8%
Ordinary income ratio	6.5%	6.3%	6.1%	-0.2pt	_
Net income attributable to owners of the parent	1,453	1,890	2,010	+120	+6.3%
Dividend Forecasts					
Annual dividend (year-end)	25.0 yen	25.0yen	<b>25.0</b> yen	± 0 yen	

## Change from forecast Remarks

#### Sales

• Effect of newly consolidated Musubi: +5.95 billion yen.

#### **Gross profit margin**

· Mix change due to new consolidation of Musubi, approx. 1.5 pt lower.

#### **SGA**

· Advertising expenses increased due to Musubi.

#### **Operating Income**

- Musubi's non-consolidated operating income is about 370 million yen. Consolidated profit after amortization of goodwill add-on to the plan is approximately 200 million yen.
- · While making additional investments to strengthen sales channels from Q2 onward, we will add about 200 million yen to organic profit.

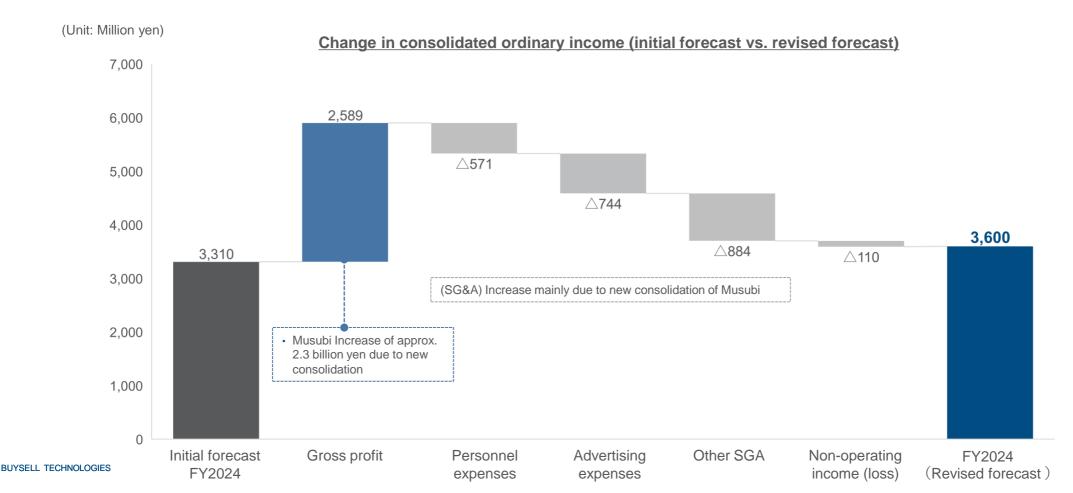
#### **Adjusted EBITDA**

· Effect of new consolidation of Musubi +390 million ven.

# Revision of the forecast for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 Analysis of consolidated ordinary income



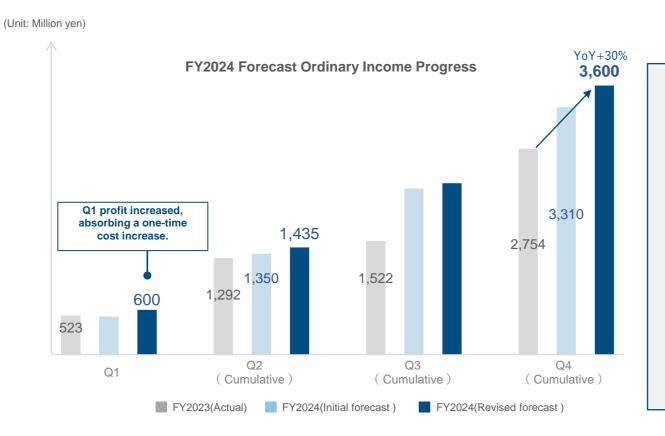
- Gross profit will increase mainly due to the consolidation of Musubi. Organic gross profit is also expected to increase, mainly from BUySell and Timeless.
- The increase in SG&A expenses was mainly due to the consolidation of Musubi. Organic will continue to control SG&A expenses in a disciplined manner.



# (Reference) Revised forecast for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 Image of progress of consolidated ordinary income



- Although the initial plan for Q1 was for a decrease in profit due to the recording of M&A-related expenses for Musubi, the company landed with an increase in profit due to steady growth in purchases and sales in each business, and progress in improving the efficiency of SG&A expenses.
- The company has upwardly revised its sales and profit forecasts for both 1H and the full year and expects ordinary income to increase by +30% YoY for the full year. Since Musubi's P/L will be consolidated from Q2, the company's profit contribution (approx. 200 million yen after goodwill amortization) will be weighted toward the second half of the year. The revised plan for existing businesses reflects the upward swing in profits in Q1 while following the policy of the plan at the beginning of the term. The plan incorporates highly probable figures for both existing businesses and newly consolidated companies.



## FY2024 Revised Forecast Policy

- The revised forecast also follows the policy of the initial plan. We will improve efficiency and productivity to build a solid foundation for growth in the next fiscal year, FY25, and beyond.
- The plan incorporates highly probable figures for both existing businesses and newly consolidated businesses.
- The revised forecast for existing businesses reflects the upward swing in profits in Q1, and the newly consolidated Musubi is expected to contribute approximately ¥200 million to profits after amortization of goodwill.
- As planned at the beginning of the fiscal year, the company expects an increase in gross profit in the second half of the fiscal year as new graduates are brought into the workforce and the effects of costefficiency improvements will be realized.

## (Reference) Image of Musubi's contribution to consolidated performance



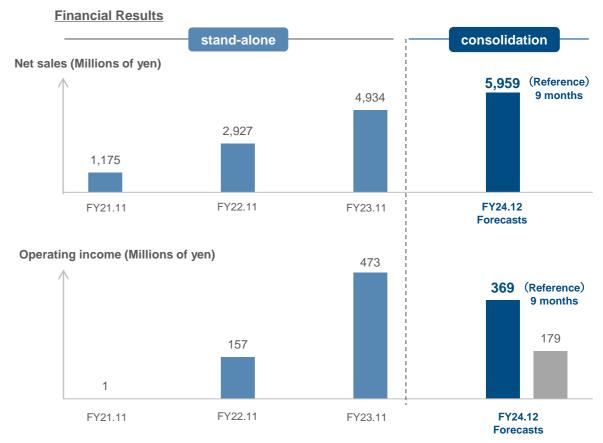
- Musubi operates 50 directly managed stores and has achieved rapid growth in business performance through a store opening strategy that achieves high profitability per store and human resource development. The execution of this M&A will accelerate further growth of the group store strategy by creating group synergies in recruitment, inventory sales channel collaboration, and human resource training, in addition to expanding the store purchase channel.
- While making upfront investments in accelerating store openings and strengthening personnel after the group integration, the company generated profits that exceeded goodwill.

#### **Outline of Musubi Corporation**

- Operates directly managed purchase store "Kaitori-Musubi"
- 50 stores (as of March 2024)
- Purchases various products including brands, watches, jewelry, etc.
- Store strategy to achieve high per-store profitability
- High repeat rate due to excellent employee training

#### **Number of stores**

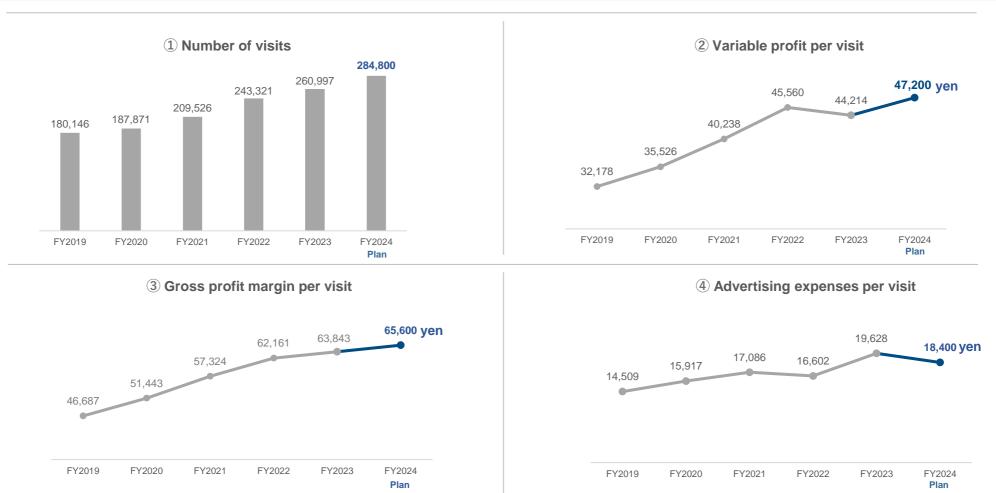




# Reference) Changes in other KPIs (BuySell, non-consolidated) of at-home pick up service



KPI (at-home pick up service): 1 Number of visits × 2 Variable profit per visit\* (\*3 gross profit – 4 advertising expenses)



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**Investment Highlights** 

## **Investment Highlights**



## 1 Growth potential through a unique business model that captures the needs of senior customers

- Purchasing from B2C, which can a realize high gross profit rate, is a source of competitive advantage.
   A business structure that enables both improved profit margins and reduced inventory risk by optimizing sales channels for purchased merchandise.
- Forming a unique positioning that captures the decluttering needs of senior citizens, whose population will increase in the future, through home visit purchasing.
- Growth potential of the latent reuse market "hidden assets" and ample room for the Company's expansion.

## 2 Data-driven management that supports strong organic growth and future growth strategies

- Significantly improved the number of at-home pickups and variable profit per visit, which are key KPIs, through data-driven management, which is one of our strengths.
- The plan is to aim further due to the progress of investment in the technology field, strengthening purchasing such as by area expansion, and strengthening B2C sales that contribute to improving profit margins.

## 3 M&A strategy to achieve dynamic growth

 An M&A strategy that emphasizes PMI synergies centered on clear M&A target areas and data-driven management, and its results.

# **Investment Highlights**



Growth potential through a unique business model that captures the needs of senior customers

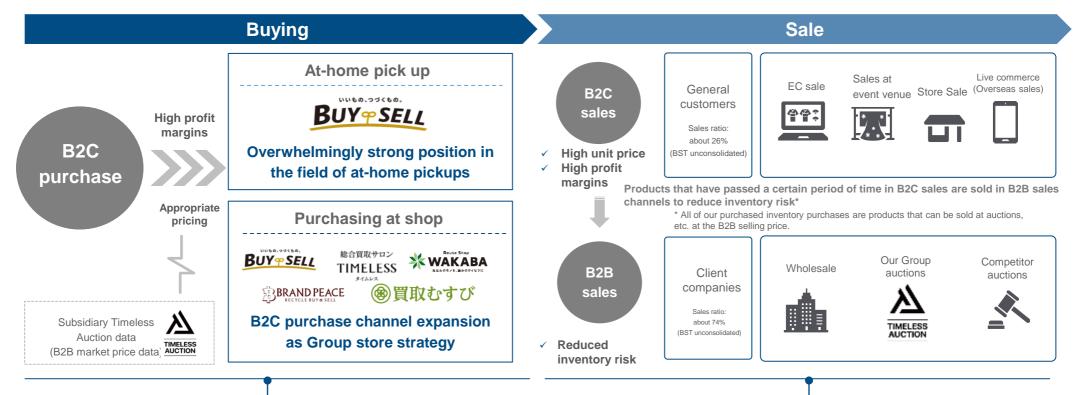
2 Data-driven management that supports strong organic growth and future growth strategies

M&A strategy to achieve dynamic growth

# A business structure that creates a source of competitive advantage



- The source of the Company's competitive advantage is our purchasing power from B2C, which enables us to achieve a high gross profit rate through a differentiated business model centered on at-home pickups and purchases.
- Appropriate pricing appraisal based on subsidiary auction data (B2B market price data) reduces inventory risk of purchased products.
- Achieving both improved profit margins and reduced inventory risk by optimizing the B2B sales channels, which are always available for sale, and the highly profitable B2C sales channels.



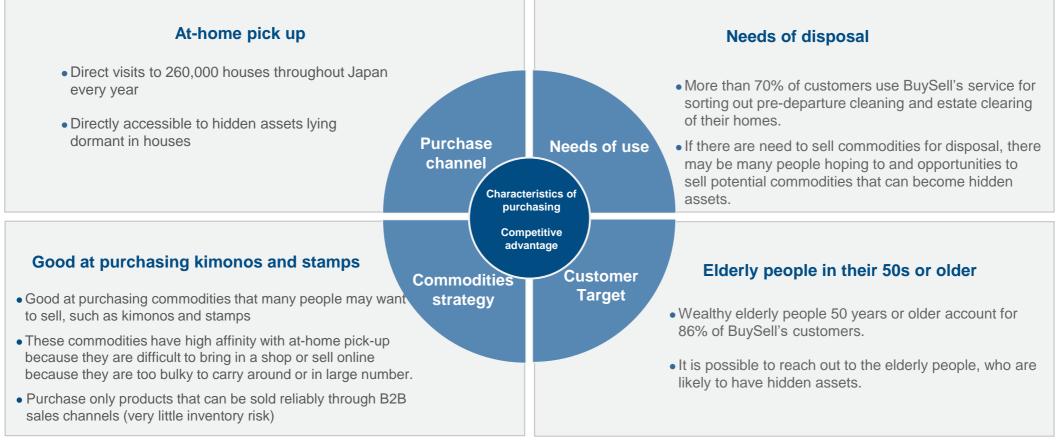
Purchasing from "B2C" that can realize high gross profit rates is the source of competitiveness

A sales channel that <u>achieves both improved profit</u> <u>margins and reduced inventory risk</u>

# Four characteristics that support purchasing, which is the source of our competitive advantage



- Forming differentiated positioning that captures the disposal needs of seniors, with our strengths in purchasing kimonos and stamps for which there is a high demand for disposal, as well as at-home pickups.
- Realize direct access to "hidden assets"," which is the latent reuse market, by visiting homes for at-home pickup.



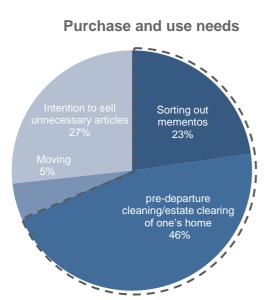
<sup>\*</sup>Hidden assets: Prices of unwanted articles at home that have not been used for one year or longer

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# Reference) Use needs and product characteristics of at-home pickups targeted at seniors



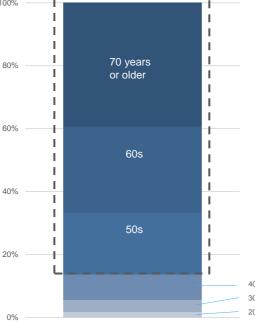
- About 70% or more of the customer needs of the Company are for services for the disposal of belongings of deceased relatives, selling off their belongings, or decluttering their homes.
- By accurately understanding the needs of seniors to declutter their belongings, we identified that more than 86% of purchase customers are senior wealthy people in their 50s or older.
- Kimonos have a high affinity with at-home pick—ups because there is a strong demand for disposal of them and they are difficult to bring into in shop or sell online because they are too bulky to carry around or in large numbers.



 More than 70% of customers use BuySell's service for sorting out mementos pre-departure cleaning and estate clearing of their homes.

Source: Compiled by BuySell based on the results of an interview on the reason for using BuySell's service that was conducted from January to December 2022

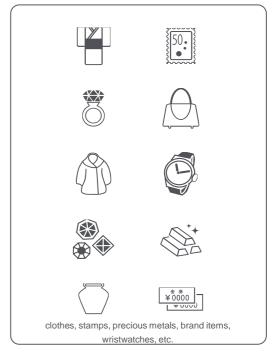
# Purchase customer targets



 Wealthy elderly people 50 years or older account for 86% of BuySell's customers.

Source: Compiled by BuySell based on customer data collected in December 2022

## Main types of



 Purchasing mainly luxury products with low inventory risk (no risk of being left unsold)

## Growth potential of "hidden assets" to be unearthed

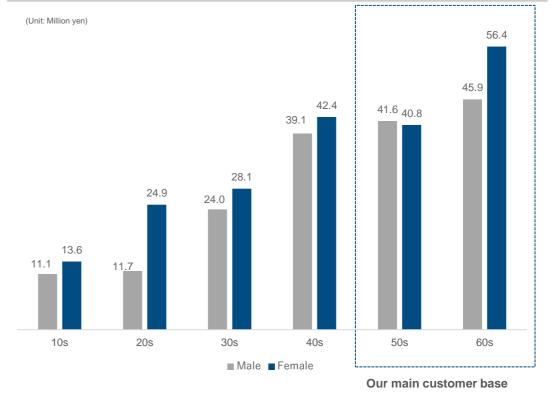


- The total amount of "hidden assets" (the estimated value of unused items in the home that have not been used for more than a year), which indicates the size of the latent reuse market in Japan, is estimated to be approximately 66 trillion JPY, and the potential for latent reuse market growth is huge.
- The company's strength is in at-at-home pickups which unearth "hidden assets" (precious metals, brand goods, watches, etc.), mainly from wealthy seniors in their 50s and above, and realize the expansion of purchases.



\*Hidden assets: Prices of unwanted articles at home that have not been used for one year or longer.

## Value of hidden assets possessed per person



# Performance of at-home pickups and potential for future expansion

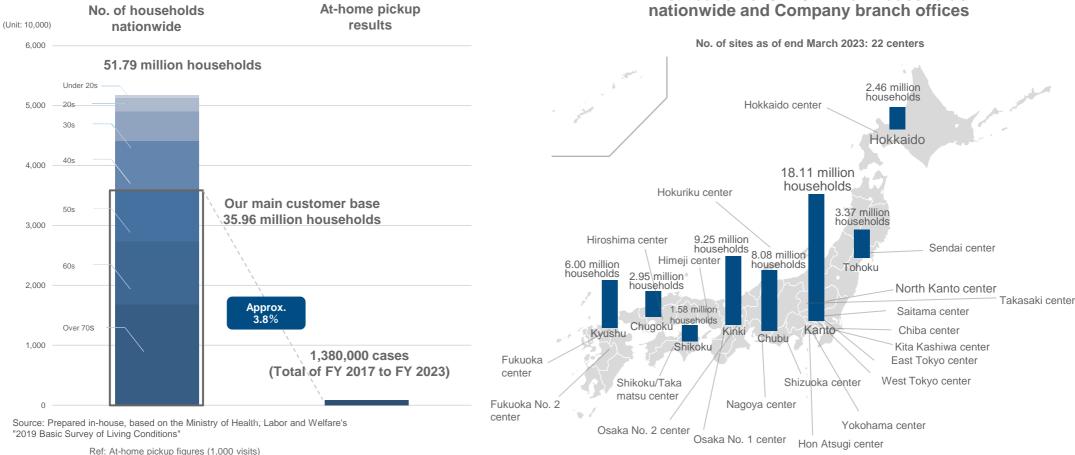


Distribution of 51.79 million households

• Of the total 1,380,000 at-home pickups, the number of senior households in their 50s and over, which is our main target, is 35.96 million, and there is considerable room for expansion.

• In addition to strengthening our foundation in the Tokyo - Nagoya - Osaka area, there is room for deployment of bases and personnel

in key regional areas.



# **Investment Highlights**



1 Growth potential through a unique business model that captures the needs of senior customers

2 Data-driven management that supports strong organic growth and future growth strategies

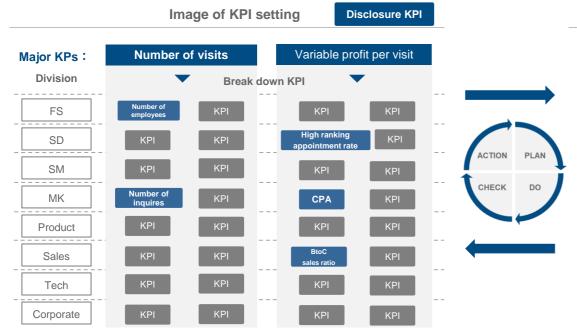
M&A strategy to achieve dynamic growth

# Data-driven management that supports high growth

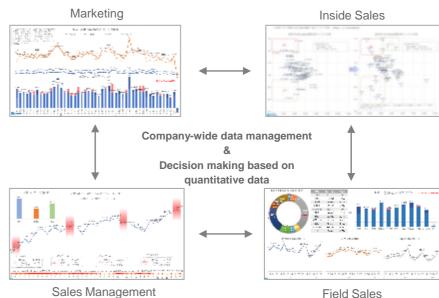


- Determine optimal whole-company strategy based on setting clear KPIs and company-wide quantitative data.
- Aiming to realize highly reproducible business growth leveraging the strength of data-driven management that enables high-speed execution of the PDCA cycle.

## < Data-driven management that supports high growth >



Company-wide data management and decision making



Implement company-wide data analysis and verification of various KPI, and execute optimal whole-company decision-making based on quantitative data.

Subdivide factors that affect Major KPIs\* by organization,

employee, etc., and quantify them as breakdown KPI.

<sup>\*</sup>Major KPI (at-home pick up service): (1) Number of visits × (2) Variable profit per visit\* (\*(3) gross profit – (4) advertising expenses)

## Data-driven management case study Sales enablement



• The Enablement department, which is an education and training specialist unit, conducted education and training based on setting KPI as indicators for individual key actions that are directly linked to the improvement of a major KPI, the variable profit on at-home pickups (gross profit on sales), resulting in significant performance improvement of the sales organization.

## < Data-driven management case study: Improving the performance of the sales organization >

#### KPI setting and PDCA cycle **Example: Individual chart** Analyze the characteristics of high performers and extract multiple key action candidates that are directly linked to results Based on the set KPI, identify gaps and challenges with Provide training and coaching to all target respect to goals, employees and disseminate implementation of key and determine action candidates training content Analyze the relationship between company **Example: Training** performance (PL) and individual performance (KPI) management database and key action candidates Identify key actions that are highly correlated with performance improvement and implement training Manage education and coaching schedules and training frequency

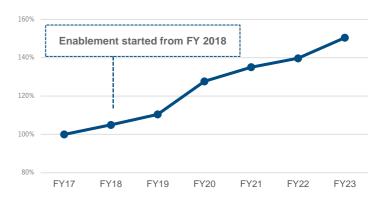
Improvement of company performance (PL)

and individual performance (KPI)

**Examples of initiative by the Enablement Department** 

### **Results of KPI improvement**

## FS business\_Gross profit unit price (\*) growth rate per visit (base year: FY 2017)



- (\*) Gross profit unit price per visit for internal management accounting to manage KPIs at FS Business Division
- KPIs eliminating impact of sales on a growth of gross profit
- Values are not disclosed because these KPIs are for management accounting.

By applying the same data-driven management in all departments, the aim is to improve a wide range of KPIs, and achieve improved performance.

## **Growth Strategy**





 Accelerate business growth by deepening data-driven management through the development of a data infrastructure and improving productivity through the use of technology.

## Strengthen investment in technology areas



## **Expansion of Technology Organization**

- Formulate mid- to long-term technical strategies
- Priority investment in technology organization to strengthen engineering recruitment, human resource development system, and recruitment branding



# Research and development using Al technology and data

- Launch of BuySell Research
- Strengthen R&D on the theme of reuse x Al
  - ✓ Product Price Forecasting Auction ✓
     Start Price Forecast
  - ✓ Chatbot
  - Product and model number determination
- ✓ authenticity check
- Automatic calculation of assessed value
- ✓ Visit Route Optimization
- ✓ Inventory Allocation Optimization

### **Promotion of IT and DX**



## **Accelerate data-driven management**

 Accelerate further data-driven management by deepening data on purchases, sales, customer data, etc., in conjunction with the development of a company-wide data infrastructure



## **Improving Productivity through Technology**

- · Launch of the reuse platform "COSMOS"
- Improvement of number of appraisals per person and gross profit per unit by shortening appraisal time
- Increase in sales and reduction of display costs through streamlining of sales flow

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# Expansion and growth of technology organizations



- Development and operation of engineer recruitment system progressing, steadily expanding toward construction of technology organization.
- Received "Findy Team+ Award 2022&2023" as a "company with a high productivity index of engineering organizations".



### Director & CTO Masayuki Imamura

Joined Yahoo in 2006, engaged in various new business development projects.

Subsequently founded VASILY and assumed the post of CTO. Appointed CTO of ZOZO Technologies after selling VASILY to ZOZO Widely active in product development, organizational management, etc. April 2021, appointed CTO of BuySell Technologies. Director, Japan CTO Association.



### General Manager, Technology Strategy Division Takeshi Matsue

Joined Gree in 2012. Worked as a high-traffic game development engineer and later served as a producer on multiple titles. Promoted the business as General Manager of the game production department of the subsidiary funplex Joined BuySell Technologies in 2019.

Responsible for product development and development group management.



Achieving growth in technology organizations through the dual focus of "Quantity × Quality

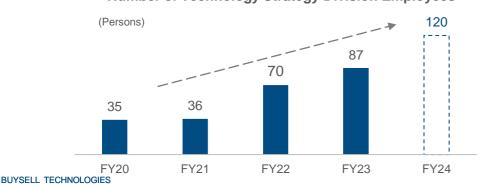
## **Enhanced productivity**



Reinforcement of organization by recruiting engineering managers and tech lead-level talent from other major IT companies

### **Number of Technology Strategy Division Employees**

**Expansion of organizational scale** 





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Organizational divisions (Large Div.)

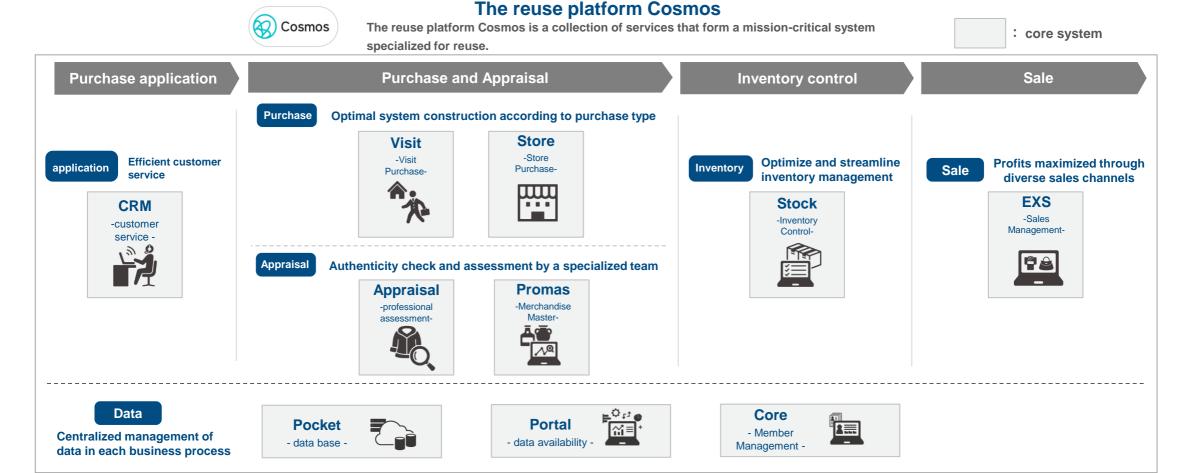


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# Improving productivity by leveraging technology Development of Cosmos



Aiming to improve key KPIs by improving operational efficiency and deepening data-driven management across the entire BuySell Group through the
introduction of Cosmos, an in-house developed platform that comprehensively provides everything related to the reuse business, from purchasing to
sales, customer management, inventory management, sales management, and data analysis.



# Improving productivity by leveraging technology Effects of Cosmos (Store)



- Launch of "Store," a dedicated store purchase system, significantly improved productivity, including each KPI.
- Aiming to increase the number of franchisees while differentiating itself from competitors in the reuse franchise business by introducing
  the system to all BuySell Group stores to increase store gross profit margins and providing the benefits of system introduction to FourNine's franchisees.



Store -Store Purchase system-



#### ✓ OCR function

>> Improved efficiency of purchase operations



#### ✓ Multi-assessment function

>> UX Improvement



#### ✓ Al Assessment Function

>> Improvement of assessment efficiency



#### ✓ Data Management Functions

>> KPI improvement through data centralization

#### **Effects of introduction**



 From the start of customer service to the signing of the contract

40% time reduction



√ System training period for new assessors

Reduction from 1 month to 1 day



 PDCA acceleration based on various data

Improvement of gross profit by store

### Introduced to Group (FY2022)

Franchise introduction and expansion



#### 26stores

(The end of March FY2024)



総合買取サロン TIMELESS

#### 26 stores

(The end of March FY2024)



(directly managed store)

#### 19 stores

(The end of March FY2024)



(FC stores)

#### 207 stores

(The end of March FY2024)

⇒ Aiming to expand the number of franchisees by differentiation through system implementation effects



Sales to outside franchisees

# Growth Strategies (2) Strategy for increasing purchase shops



• Strengthen the purchase at-shop channel differentiating from at-home pick-up by accelerating the group's expansion of shops with effective use of synergy of the group.

#### the number of shops in the group: 343





- 26shops (as of the end of March 2024)
- Major cities across the nation
- Main commodities: kimonos, stamps, old coins, etc
- Effect of attracting customers through recognition of BUYSELL resulting from largescale marketing campaign concerning BUYSELL at-home pick-up service
- Targeting elderly customers with the need to sell for selling commodities for disposal
- Guiding customers who are resistant resistance to at-home pick-up at a shop



- 26shops (as of the end of March 2024)
- Permanent shops in department stores throughout the country
- Main commodities: brand items, wristwatches, jewelry, etc.
- · Favorable location and sense of security of permanent shops in department stores
- Mainly targeting the elderly wealthy using department stores
- · Taking marketing measures such as DM in collaboration with department stores
- Guiding customers who are resistant resistance resistant resistance to at-home pickup at a shop



- Franchise shops: 207 (as of the end of March 2024)
- **Direct operation** : 19 (as of the end of March 2024)
- Second class locations across the nation (mainly franchise shops)
- Major commodities: brand items, wristwatches, and jewelry
- the support system including fulfilling training programs
- Extensive area targeting through the development of multiple franchise stores nationwide
- Scalability through a franchise model



- **5shops** (as of the end of March 2024)
- Stores in Kansai and Tokyo
- Main commodities: brand items, wristwatches, jewelry, etc.
- Strength in the purchase and sale of luxury brand goods, with a focus on Hermes
- High repeat business due to specialized commercial knowledge and customer service



- 50shops (as of the end of March 2024)
- Stores in large shopping malls nationwide, etc.
- Main commodities: brand items, wrist watches, jewelry, etc
- · Strengths in store opening strategy to achieve high profitability per store
- High repeat rate due to excellent employee training

# **Number of Group Stores**



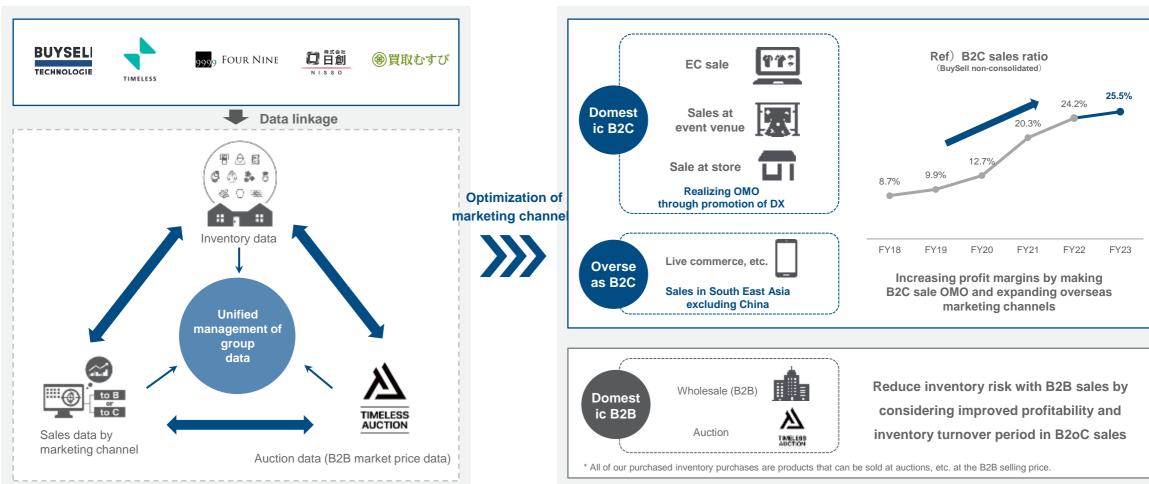
- In addition to new organic store openings, strategic M&As have led to rapid expansion in the number of group stores despite being a latecomer to the market. The company has grown to a leading position in the industry with more than 150 directly managed stores, and the total number of franchise stores exceeds 360.
- The reuse manifestation market, which is centered on store purchasing business, is a promising market with a scale of 3 trillion yen and stable growth, and since there are many small businesses, the company aims to position itself at the top of the industry as soon as possible by aggressively expanding its store network in the future.



# Growth Strategies (3) Strengthening B2C sales by introducing technology for sales



Aiming to improve profitability by optimizing sales channels through centralized management of group data, OMO
of toC sales, and expansion of overseas sales channels.



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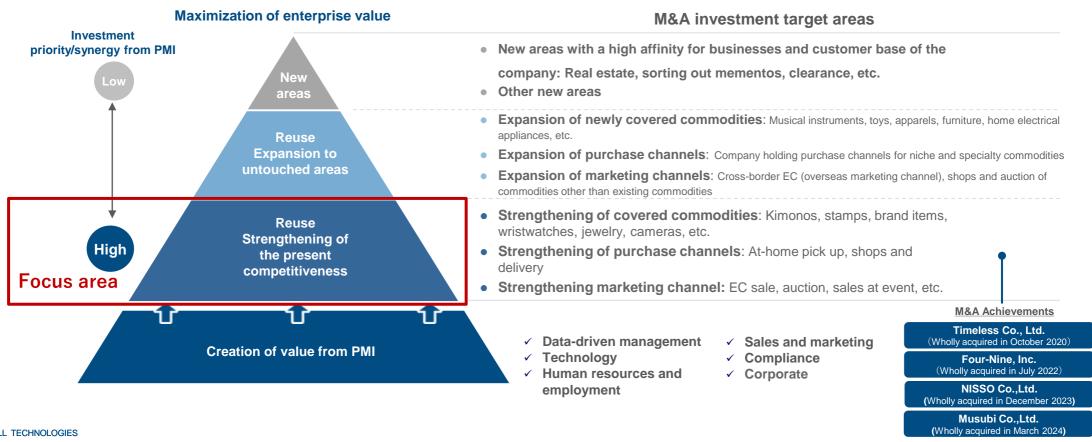
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## M&A strategy



- Have a policy for increasing the priority on M&A investment in the reuse area contributing to strengthening of the present competitiveness and reinforcement of business by operations in untouched areas.
- Increase enterprise value by increasing the return on investment through strategic M&A in areas with the high probability of synergy generated by PMI.



## M&A results through effective PMI



• Achieved M&A results that contributed to group synergy and improvement of corporate value through company-wide support at PMI after M&A.

#### Overview

> Acquired October 2020 (included into the scope of consolidation from FY2021)



- Operating a general purchase salon "TIMELESS", as a permanent shop within a department store
  - ✓ End of 2020: 9 stores → December of 2023: 26 stores
- Operating antique auction "TIMELESS AUCTION"
- > Acquired July 2022 (included into the scope of consolidation from Q4 of FY2022)

Four-Nine, Inc.

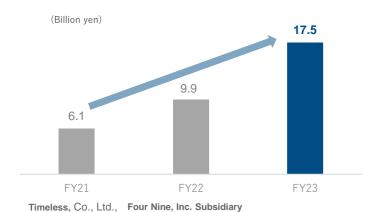


- Operating FC-centric Reuse Shop "Wakaba"
  - √ Franchise shop: 200 shops
  - ✓ Directly managed shop:19 shops
    - $^* \rightarrow$  December of 2023

#### Main PMI details

Data driven	Sharing of data-based KPI visualization / monitoring know-how
Employment	<ul> <li>Promoting adoption throughout the BuySell Group</li> <li>Acceleration of the number of events and store openings by expanding personnel</li> </ul>
Technology	<ul> <li>Construction of web auction system</li> <li>System integration of inventory / sales data, etc.</li> </ul>
Marketing sales	<ul> <li>Marketing support for DM and web advertising in collaboration with department stores</li> <li>Group sharing of know-how such as sales and assessment</li> </ul>
Corporate etc.	<ul> <li>Cost reduction and operational efficiency improvement through corporate function integration</li> <li>Establishment of compliance system</li> </ul>

#### Net sales of group subsidiaries



Acquisition of a Subsidiary (consolidated in Q4)

#### **Group Subsidiaries Operating Profit**



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Accelerate company-wide earnings growth by creating group synergies through effective PMI after M&A execution

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**Appendix** 

# **Appendix**



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Outline of at-home pick-up business model

# **Company overview**



Company name | BuySell Technologies Co., Ltd.

Foundation | January 2001

Head office address PALT Bldg. 4-28-8 Yotsuya, Shinjuku Ward, Tokyo

**Capital** 3,409 million yen (including capital reserve)

**Business description** Reuse business of clothes, brand items, etc.

**Directors** 

Chairman of the board	Kyohei Iwata	Outside director	Yuki Akiyama
President and CEO	Kosuke Tokushige	Outside director	Kayo Gado
Directors	Hideki Yoshimura	Outside director	Tsuneo Watanabe
Director CFO	Koji Ono	Outside director(Audit and Supervisory Committee)	Mami Suzuki
Director CTO	Masayuki Imamura	Outside director(Audit and Supervisory Committee)	Toshihiro Hara
Directors	Daiya Ota	Outside director(Audit and Supervisory Committee)	Mika Horasawa

**Group company** 

Timeless Co., Ltd., Four-Nine, Inc., NISSO Co., Ltd., Musubi Co., Ltd., BuySell Link Co., Ltd. (special subsidiary)

Employees | Group: 1,396

Group: 1,396 (as of March 2024) Unconsolidated: 1,103 (as of March 2024)

# History



2001	Jan.	Established a limited personal placement company, I Management Japan, in Nihonbashi, Chuo Ward, Tokyo
	May	Changed the organization of limited company I Management Japan to establish I Management Japan. Co., Ltd.
2015	Feb.	Changed the company name to Ace Co., Ltd
	Apr.	Started online reuse business service through transfer of business.
	Apr.	Relocated the head office to Yotsuya, Shinjuku Ward, Tokyo, and built a warehouse in Edogawa Ward, Tokyo.
2016	Nov.	Changed the company name to BuySell Technologies Co., Ltd.
2017	Mar.	Relocated the warehouse to Narashino City, Chiba Prefecture, for business expansion.
	Sep.	Hideki Yoshimura (current board of directors) became the largest shareholder and assumed the presidency when Midas Investment Business Limited Partnerships No. 1 and No. 2, in which he had substantially invested, acquired the stock of BuySell Technologies. In addition, Kyohei Iwata(Currently Chairman of the board) assumed the post of representative director.
2018	Jul.	Changed the name of the online reuse business service to BuySell.
2019	Mar.	Hideki Yoshimura became the chairman of the board of directors.
	Dec.	Listed on the TSE (Tokyo Stock Exchange) Mothers.
2020	Dec. Jun.	Relocated the warehouse to Funabashi City, Chiba Prefecture.
2020		
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	Jun. Oct.	Relocated the warehouse to Funabashi City, Chiba Prefecture.  Acquired DAI-YA Corporation Co., Ltd. (current Timeless Co., Ltd.), which runs antiques auction "Timeless auction" among others, as a wholly owned subsidiary.
2021	Jun. Oct. Jan.	Relocated the warehouse to Funabashi City, Chiba Prefecture.  Acquired DAI-YA Corporation Co., Ltd. (current Timeless Co., Ltd.), which runs antiques auction "Timeless auction" among others, as a wholly owned subsidiary.  Established BuySell Link (special subsidiary) that promotes the employment of disabled people.
2021 2022	Jun. Oct. Jan. Jul.	Relocated the warehouse to Funabashi City, Chiba Prefecture.  Acquired DAI-YA Corporation Co., Ltd. (current Timeless Co., Ltd.), which runs antiques auction "Timeless auction" among others, as a wholly owned subsidiary.  Established BuySell Link (special subsidiary) that promotes the employment of disabled people.  Acquired Four Nine Co., Ltd., which operates the purchase store "Reuse Shop Wakaba".

### **Mission**



# Transcend people and time to become a bridge that connects precious things.

Transcend people. Transcend time.

Keep attracting people and being sought after.

What we handle has power that exceeds things.

There is life like an ongoing mission there.

We are unearthing things from all over the world.

Spawning.

Connecting people, businesses, and even countries with

technologies,

Circulating them throughout society in sequence.

Circulating like the revolutions of the Earth,

Connecting precious things to the future, forever.

Good things that last.

**BuySell Technologies** 

## **Outline of group**



• Six Group companies (the Company and four subsidiaries) operate a comprehensive reuse business.



株式会社BuySell Technologies



Timeless Co., Ltd.

Wholly acquired in October 2020



Four-Nine, Inc.

Wholly acquired in September 2022



NISSO CO., Ltd.

Sale Main

Wholly acquired in December 2023

MUSUBI CO., Ltd.

Wholly acquired in March 2024

#### Purchase Main services

 General reuse and purchase service of BuySell



- At-home pick up
- Purchase through home delivery
- Purchase at shop (26 shops)\*

#### Sale Main services

BuySell's EC "BuySell Online"



- BuySell's EC
- Other companies' EC malls (Rakuten, Yahoo Auctions etc.)
- Selling Stores (Kyoto)
- Shops specializing in sale of used kimonos (department stores)
  - Permanent shop (3 shops)
  - Sales at event venue

#### **Purchase Main services**

General purchase salon "Timeless"



- Permanent shop set up in department store (26 shops)\*
  - Purchase at department store events

#### Sale Main services

Antique auction "TIMELESS auction"



- Brand bag auction
  - Flat-ground (face-to-face) auction, once a week
- Auctions of wristwatches, jewelry, and loose stones:
  - WEB type, twice a month

#### Purchase Main services

• Reuse Shop \[ WAKABA \]



- Franchise shop: 207 shops\*
- Directly managed shop: 19 shops\*

#### Purchase Main services

Reuse Shop [Brand Peace]



 Store purchase and store sales (5 stores)

#### Purchase Main services

Reuse Shop [Kai-tori MUSIBI]



 Directly managed shop: 50 shops\*

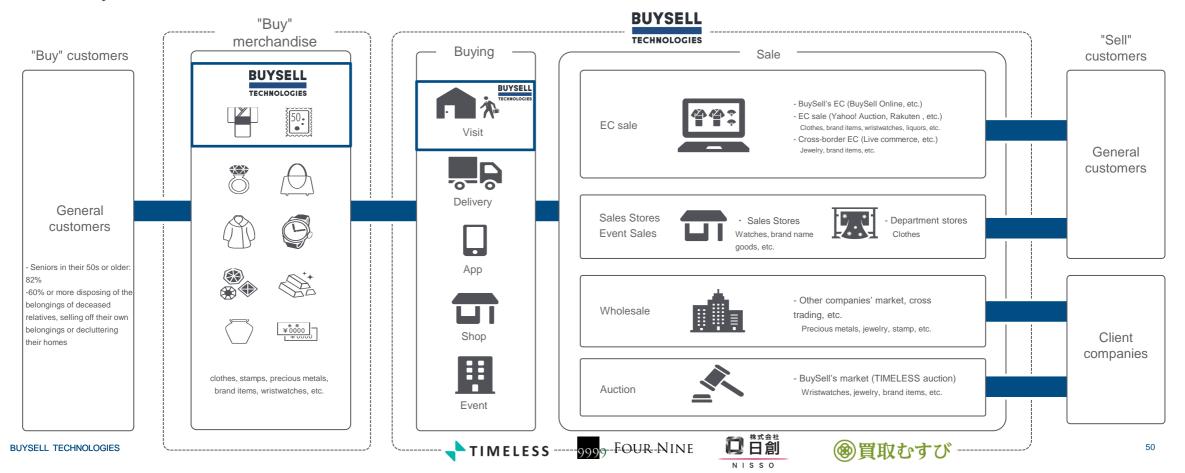


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## Group business block diagram



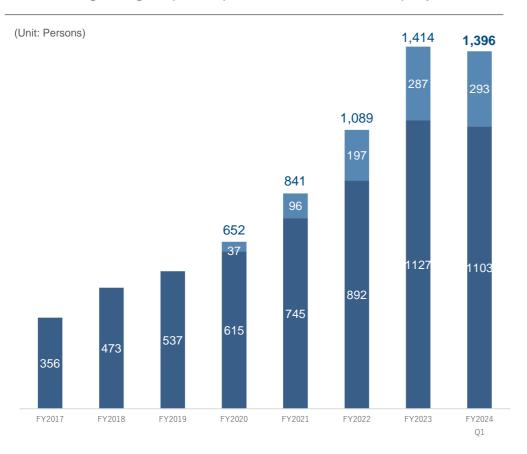
- Purchasing of luxury merchandise such as kimonos, postage stamps, brand goods, watches, etc. through varied channels centered on business visits.
- About 70% or more of our services are used by customers disposing of the belongings of deceased relatives, selling off their own belongings or decluttering their homes, and 86% of customers are seniors in their 50s or older.
- The purchased merchandise has diversified sales channels such as B2B for the auction of secondhand goods, etc., and B2C for EC sales, events, etc., and inventory risk is minimal.



# **Employee status**

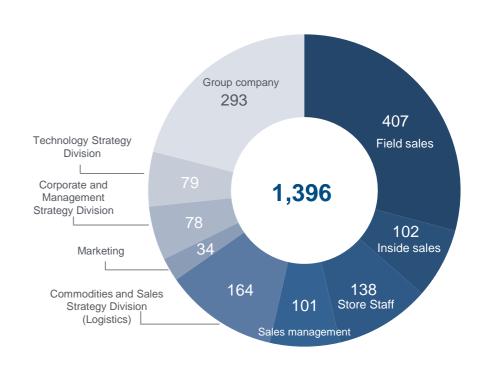


#### Change of group companies' number of employees



#### BuySell group personnel organization

(Mar 2024, Including non-consolidated subsidiaries)



■ BuySell

■ Timeless,Four-Nine,NISSO,Buysell Link

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## Strengthening our corporate governance system

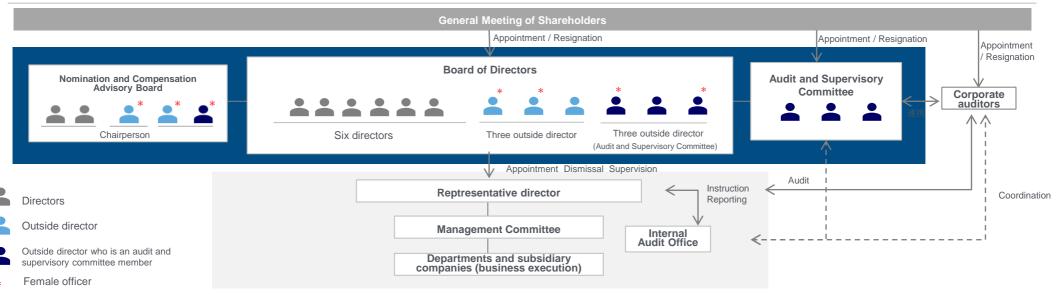


 With the aim of improving corporate value, further enhancing governance, and aiming for management transparency and objectivity, we transitioned to a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee and to a system in which independent outside directors occupy the majority of positions on the Board of Directors.

#### Strengthening our corporate governance system

- Transition from a company with a Board of Corporate Auditors to a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee (March 2022)
- Transition to a board structure in which independent outside directors (including directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members) make up the
  majority of the Board of Directors
- Continued operation of a Nomination and Compensation Advisory Board, of which the chairperson and the majority of members are external directors
- From the perspective of promoting diversity on the Board of Directors, the ratio of female directors is 33% (4 female directors / 12 directors overall)

#### **Corporate Governance Structure**



### **Board Structure**



• Promoting the management with directors with various backgrounds to combine medium- and long-term growth and strengthening of governance.



#### Kyohei Iwata/Chairman and Representative Director

Graduated from Systems Innovation, Faculty of Engineering, The University of Tokyo. In 2008, joined Hakuhodo Inc. as a new graduate. In 2014, established a marketing consulting company specializing in small and medium enterprises, ventures, and startups. In June 2016, started marketing consulting for BuySell, and then in October 2016, joined the company as a director and CSMO (Chief Sales & Marketing Officer). Now in charge of the Marketing Strategy Division and the Reuse Business Division. In September 2017, assumed the presidency of BuySell.



#### Kosuke Tokushige/ Representative Director, President and CEO

After graduation from university, he joined Recruit Co., Ltd. (Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.) . After working in sales in the food and beverage information area, he was engaged as the head of marketing support at Recruit Marketing Partners Co. Appointed as Executive Officer of the company in 2015; appointed as Executive Officer of Recruit Lifestyle Inc. in 2019, promoting customer-attracting media for restaurants, DX support, etc. Scheduled to become President and CEO of the BuySell in April 2024.



#### Hideki Yoshimura/ Directors

Graduated from the Graduate School of Economics, Faculty of Economics, The University of Tokyo. In 2007, jointly founded Evolable Asia and assumed the presidency. The company was listed on the TSE (Tokyo Stock Exchange) Mothers in 2016 and the TSE First Section in 2017. Became the largest shareholder in September 2017 of the Midas Investment Business Limited Partnerships No. 1 (currently Hideki Yoshimura & Midas A Investment Limited Partnership) and No. 2, in which Hideki Yoshimura substantially invested, by acquiring the said company's stock. In March 2019, assumed the presidency to participate in management toward the improvement of mid-to-long term corporate value.



#### Koji Ono/Director CFO

After joining Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC, engaged in auditing, IPO support, and M&A operations. In 2011, sent on loan to the investment and banking department of Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.,. After returning to Tohmatsu, provided services that included M&A advisory business and IPO consulting. In October 2016, assumed the post of director and CFO. Certified public accountant.



#### Masayuki Imamura / Director and CTO

Joined Yahoo Japan Corporation in 2006. Founded VASILY in 2009 and assumed the post of director and CTO. Sold VASILY to Start Today (present ZOZO) in 2017. At the same time as company integration, assumed the post of operating officer at ZOZO Technologies in April 2018. Assumed the post of director and CTO in March 2021.



#### Daiya Ota / Director

After joining Daikokuya Inc. as a new graduate, worked on new development sales of the brand reuse business. Appointed CEO of Hyperion Co., Ltd. (currently Timeless Co., Ltd.) in 2009 (current position). In 2020, Timeless Co., Ltd., became a subsidiary of Group. Appointed as a director in March, 2022.



Outside director \* Excluding outside directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members



#### Yuki Akiyama / Outside director

After working at UBS Securities, joined the hedge fund Speedwell / Nezu. In 2017, worked as a portfolio manager for Japanese equities at Millennium Capital, a US hedge fund. Engaged in investment business for startups from 2019. Partner at Globe Advisor Ventures. Appointed as outside director in March, 2022.



#### Kayo Gado / Outside director

After working for Nippon Life Insurance Company, joined J-COM Co., Ltd. (currently Like Co., Ltd.) in 2006, spending seven years of her tenure as a director. In charge of the Group's business administration and business promotion, and also serves as Representative Director. Appointed as outside director in March. 2022.



#### Tsuneo Watanabe/ Outside director

After joining Japan M&A Center Inc. in 2008, he promoted the establishment and expansion of industry-specific business units. Over 100 M&A transactions closed during his tenure. Appointed to the Board of Directors of Japan M&A Center Holdings, Inc. in 2020 and will be appointed as an outside director of the BuySell in March 2024.

### **Structure of Board of Directors**



• By appointing directors based on a skill matrix that defines the main areas that the Company expects from directors, the structure of the Board of Directors has been changed to one that can achieve both the mid to long-term growth of the Group and the strengthening of its governance.

#### **Directors' Skill Matrix**

	Position	Indepen	Gender	Specialty / experience							
Name		Indepen dent		Corporate management	Sales marketing	Accounting / Finance	Technology	Human Resource Development	Compliance and risk management	M&A	Investment and capital markets
Kyohei Iwata	Chairman of board of directors	3	-	•	•						
Kosuke Tokushige	President, representative director & CEO		<b>.</b>	•	•			•			
Hideki Yoshimura	Director		<u>.</u>	•							
Koji Ono	Director CFO		<u>.</u>	•		•				•	
Masayuki Imamura	Director CTO		<b>.</b>	•			•				
Daiya Ota	Director (CEO, Timeless)		<b>.</b>	•	•						
Yuki Akiyama	Outside director	•	<u> </u>								•
Kayo Gado	Outside director	•	<u>.</u>	•						•	
Tsuneo Watanabe	Outside director	•	<b>.</b>	•						•	
Mami Suzuki	Outside director Full-time member of supervisory board	•	-			•					
Toshihiro Hara	Outside director (Audit and Supervisory Committee)	•	-						•		
Mika Horasawa	Outside director (Audit and Supervisory Committee)	•	-						•		

# ESG/SDGs in BuySell group



• From the perspective of the sustainability of business activities required by society, we have established a strategic policy on sustainability centered on compliance and risk management and organizational and human capital management.

#### A bridge that connects important things, beyond people and spanning time

- To be a company that can contribute to the realization of a sustainable society through the formation of a
  recycling-oriented society by expanding the secondary distribution market through the growth of the reuse
  business.
- Based on a foundational policy of balancing business activities in accordance with the Group's mission with
  activities aimed at addressing social issues, we place importance on social necessity and sustainability in
  our business activities.



The two pillars of our sustainability strategy

Environment

Social

Governance

#### Compliance and risk management

Strengthen corporate and service governance

Enhance information security

Maintaining and improving reliability in home-visit purchases





#### Organizational and human capital management

Strengthen recruitment and training

Improve employee engagement

Close skill and gender gaps







# **Appendix**



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## Capital allocation policy



• The aim is to have strong operating cash flow generating capacity based on high profit growth and flexible interest-bearing liability generating capacity founded on a stable financial base, so that we can secure funds for investment in business growth and in M&A, and realize capital allocation for sustainable growth.

#### Investment resource procurement policy

 Operating CF from business → Interest-bearing debt → Equity priority order for allocation to investment resources

#### Operating cash flow

Create operating CF through sustainable profit growth



#### Interest-bearing debt, etc.

• Flexible capital procurement to be implemented for investments, in view of the Company's current financial situation and the possibility of procuring capital at low interest rates in the recent market environment



#### **Equity**

• Study capital procurement as an option on the premise of improving EPS by carrying out the investment after a comprehensive examination of the share price level, market environment, and financial situation, etc.

#### Capital allocation policy

• In addition to business investment for organic growth, the policy is to prioritize allocation to strategic investment for in-organic growth focused on M&A.

#### **Business investment**

• Business investment for sustainable growth of existing reuse business

#### Strategic investment (M&A)

Strategic investment for non-continuous growth centered on M&A

#### Shareholder return

 Prioritize investment necessary for future growth, secure feasible internal reserves, and pay stable and continuous dividends

## **Investment policy**



• Proactive business investment for sustainable growth and strategic investment in M&A that realizes discontinuous growth, based on a disciplined investment policy.

#### **Main investment targets**

#### **Investment policy (investment discipline)**

### Business investment

- Technology investment to enhance IT / DX
- Marketing investment
- Human capital investment (recruitment / organizational strengthening)
- Capital investment such as warehouse relocation / expansion and store expansion
- Investment in strengthening compliance system

- Control cost investment allocation on the premise that it will be reflected in planned profit.
- In principle, business investment that is expected to have a medium to long-term return on investment should be made within the range that exceeds the planned profit.
  - · Additional TV commercials, etc., to raise profile.
- When making temporary business investments that will impact planned profits other than the above, make sure to have sufficient dialogue with the capital markets.

## Strategic investment

#### M&A

From the perspective of maximizing corporate value and synergy, in principle, priority is given to majority investments that can be made part of the consolidated group.

- Policy of implementing disciplined investment based on M&A investment standards set in-house.
  - Upper limit setting of EV / EBITDA magnification.
  - Companies that are in the black or companies that are likely to be in the black in the short term.
  - Group synergy creation accuracy and business growth potential at PMI.
  - · Impact of consolidated PL (in principle, no "goodwill loss" on the assumption of J-GAAP) etc.

New business

 The policy is to make limited initial investment, carefully verify business profitability and growth potential, and gradually expand the investment limit in the phases where investment return is anticipated.

## Financial policy



• By implementing disciplined financial management while emphasizing growth investment, we can secure investment funds that enable proactive business investment and M&A while maintaining the stability of our financial base.

#### Monitoring of cash and deposit level held by comprehensive examination of the following

- · Required working capital
- Business investment limit
- M&A investment limit (including post-execution level)
- Downside protection
- Leverage reuse inventory characteristics (\*1), monitor the turnover period, and consider the balance between cash flow and profitability
- Goodwill to equity ratio: Monitor with a guideline of about 1.0 times or less

Other assets

3.874

8.584

#### Consolidated BS as of the end of March 2024

(Unit: Million yen)

 Carry out capital procurement in consideration of the balance between the use of funds, financial stability and financial leverage.

 When carrying out highly strategic M&A, the policy is to allow a temporary increase in leverage while using the following financial disciplines as a guide.

#### Financial disciplines

- · Net D / E ratio: 0.5 times or less
- · Net Debt / EBITDA magnification: 1.0x or less
- While priority is given to interest-bearing debt financing, if there is a temporary dip in financial stability post M&A, or if it is necessary to secure future financial leverage reserves, consider raising equity.
- When procuring equity for M&A, investigate the possibility of improving post investment and procurement EPS.

#### Financial discipline

• Equity ratio: 40% or more

Cash and deposits
7,078

Interest-bearing debt
13,790

Inventories
5,394

Coodwill
7,573

Other liability
4,156

Customer-related assets
962

Net assets

<sup>\*1:</sup> Reuse inventory can be redeemed in a short period of time by to-B sales (auction, etc.), and in principle, only merchandise that can be sold is purchased, so the risk of retention of purchased inventory is low.

## Shareholder return policy



• By prioritizing growth investment, the aim is to improve TSR (total shareholder yield) through medium to long-term share price increases due to an increase in EPS (earnings per share), as well as paying stable and continuous dividends. Shareholder return is the basic policy.

#### Basic shareholder return policy

- Basic policy is to target improvement of TSR \*.
- Prioritize business investment and M&A that is needed for growth in order to sustainably improve corporate value, and aim for medium to long-term share price increases by increasing EPS.
- Pay stable and continuous dividends while securing internal reserves that can prioritize and carry out investments needed for future growth.

#### **TSR (Total Shareholder Yield)**

Stock price rise

 Aiming for medium to long-term share price increases through continuous increase in EPS

 From the perspective of being able to pay stable and continuous dividends, the policy is to pay dividends with a consolidated dividend payout ratio of 20% as a benchmark (maintaining the current dividend policy).

<sup>\*</sup> TSR (Total Shareholder Return): Total yield of dividends and share price increases over a given period of time

# **Appendix**



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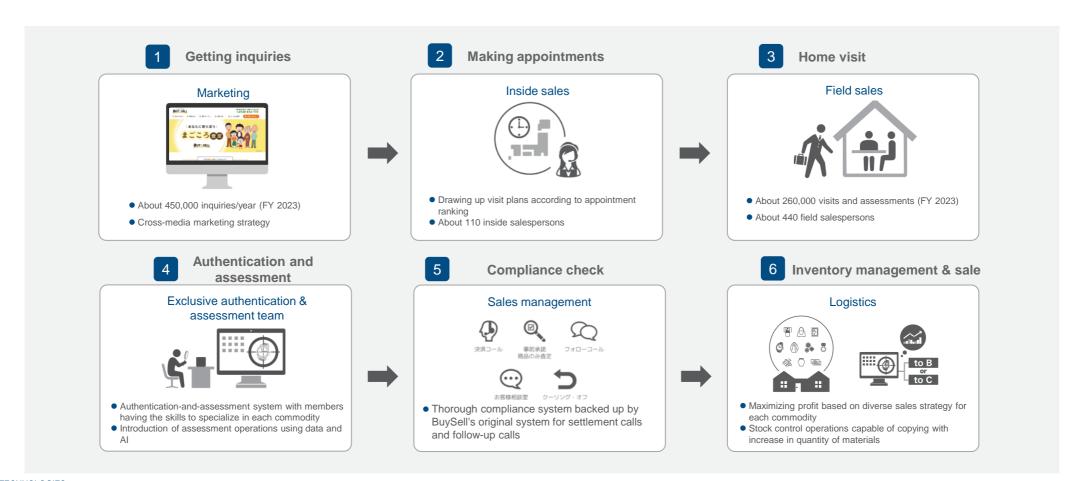
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## Outline of at-home pick-up business model



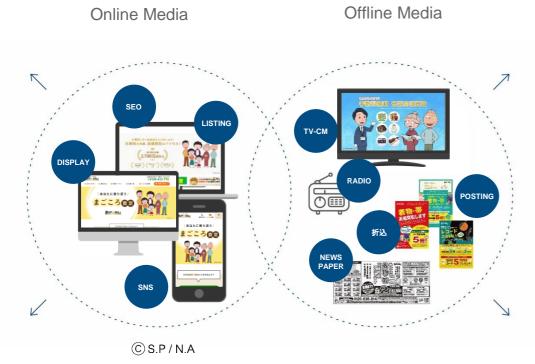
• Organizing internally a series of operations related to (1) Marketing, (2) Appointment making, (3) Visits, (4) Authentication and assessment, (5) Compliance, and (6) inventory and sale strategy, and realizing a business growth with a high probability through data-driven management based on the KPIs of each department.



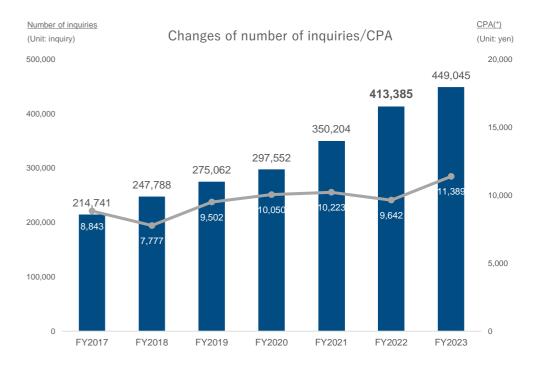
# Marketing: Ability to attract customers by using cross-media marketing



• BuySell is increasingly attracting customers, especially the elderly, while realizing efficient cost per acquisition (CPA: advertising expenses per inquiry) through cross-media marketing making the best use of the internet and mass media, mainly TV CMs.



- Reach optimized for the wealthy elderly through cross-media marketing
- Effective marketing strategy executed in accordance with medium, region, season, and market conditions



Inquiries steadily increasing while realizing efficient CPA

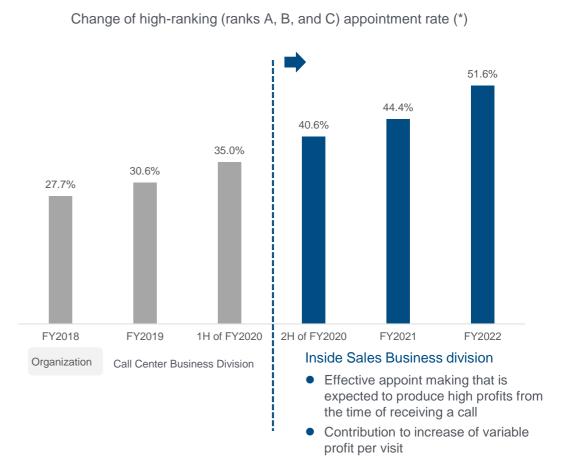
(\*) Advertising expenses per inquiry into the visit service

# Inside sales: Effective appointment making through sales organization



 Appointments that are expected to produce high profits are effectively made by responding to customers as a sales organization and by receiving and responding to phone calls since the organization changed so that the Insite Sales (IS) Division makes appointments.

#### Sales applicants Reception of phone call Inside Sales Business division Drawing up visit plans according to appointment ranking About 100 inside salespersons internally trained Since July 2020 Organizational change from conventional Call Center Business Division to Inside Sales Business Division for the purpose of organizing sales from the time of receiving and responding to a call Appointment change A rank for each appointment is set. Appointments are classified into five ranks according to the gross profit expected to be produced from a visit for internal management accounting. (One of the important KPIs of IS) Appointment ranks Expected visit unit price Set based on money criteria Hiah Low Assignment of visit according to rank Field Sales Business Division



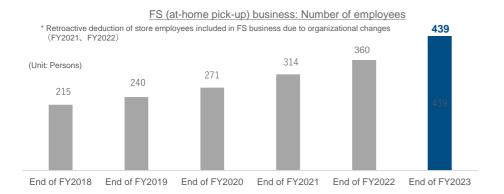
# Field sales: Organizational design with high repeatability and capable of expanding business



• Midterm business growth is realized by creating a field sales (FS) organization with a high repeatability and expandability that can scale up the organization with a training system that is based on the power of employment and data while increasing profitability.

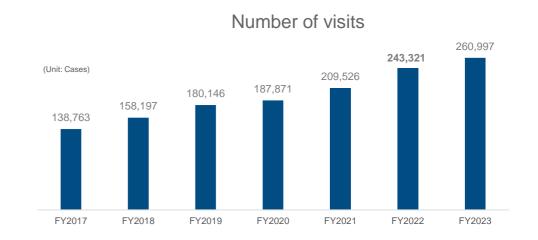
#### **Employment**

- The number of FS personnel is on a steady rise as the business scale increases backed up by the power of employment.
- While we have been increasing our workforce since 2017 by strengthening the hiring of new graduates, we intend to strengthen mid-career hiring in order to increase our workforce with flexibility from 2024 onward.

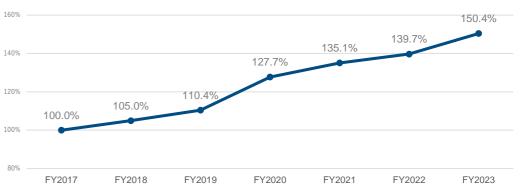


#### Education

- Introduced a systematic education & training system for reuse appraisers at the Enablement Department, a department specializing in education and training.
- Executing an education and training program suitable to an appraiser by using BuySell's original, segmented internal management indexes classified according to each center or appraiser



#### FS business\_Gross profit unit price (\*) growth rate per visit (base year: FY 2017)

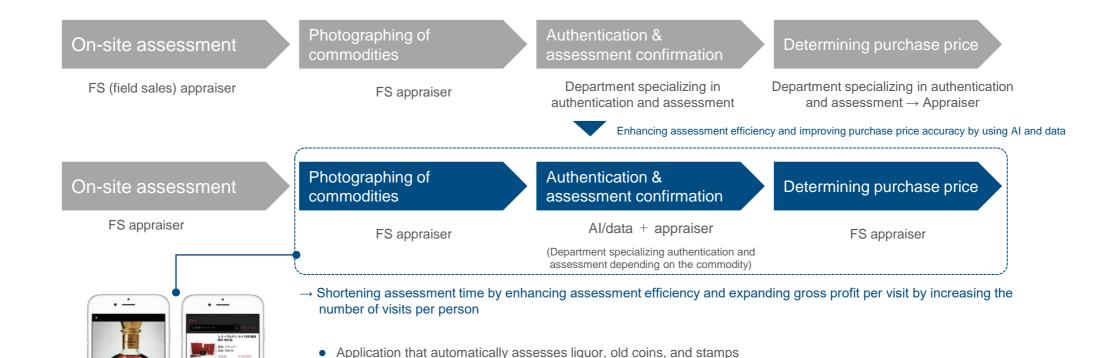


- (\*) Gross profit unit price per visit for internal management accounting to manage KPIs at FS Business Division
- KPIs eliminating impact of sales on a growth of gross profit
- Values are not disclosed because these KPIs are for management accounting.

# Authentication and assessment: Enhancing assessment efficiency by using data technology



• Efficiency of assessment is enhanced, productivity is improved, and quantity of commodities purchased is maximized through automatized operations using assessment data, technology, and machine language technology for assessment and pricing.



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other companies' sales channel

difficult to authenticate or assess

• Determination of appropriate and accurate purchase prices based on sales data that is a collection of past data on each sales channel or commodity, sales data at subsidiary Timeless auction, and market data of

Organizing an exclusive assessment expert team for authentication and assessment of commodities

# Sales management: Creation and operation of a thorough compliance system



• Service values with high hospitality are provided by creating an educational system that appropriately reflects customers' voices, supplying safe and secure services, and building and running BuySell's original, robust compliance system.

#### **Sales Management Department**

- Establishing an independent department that conducts compliance check and follow-up on customers
- Thorough improvement of services and employee education by sharing information about all complaints and opinions with all departments



#### **Compliance system**

#### **Settlement call**



 Concluding a contract by an appraiser alone is prohibited, and the Sales Management Department always talks with the customer before concluding a contract and decides if it is all right to do so.

#### Follow-up call



 A follow-up call is made to the customer after completion of the visit assessment to listen to the customer's candid opinion, evaluation of the appraiser, and satisfaction.

#### **Cooling-off**



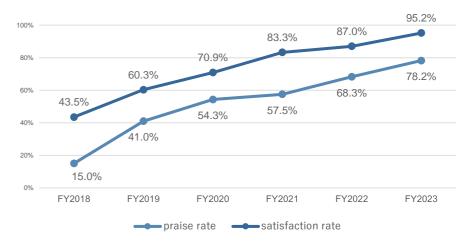
• Thorough cooling-off response in compliance with laws and ordinances

#### **Customer service office**



• A customer service office is set up to respond to various inquiries and requests from customers.

#### Change of corresponding satisfaction rate (\*1) and praise rate (\*2)



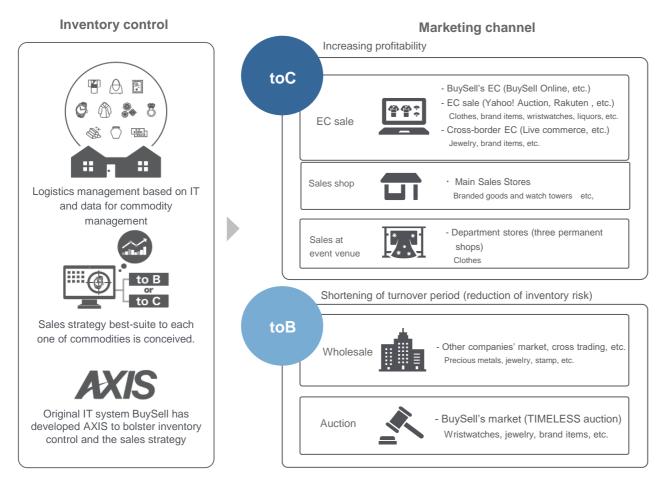
Source: Created by us based on the results of a questionnaire conducted during follow-up calls

- \*1 Rate of customer satisfaction with our response: Rate of customers who replied "very satisfied" to a question about responses by our employees
- \*2 Praise rate: Of the above, reply concretely describing what the customer was satisfied with

# Logistics: Sales strategy using many sales channels suitable for BUYSELL respective commodities

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 Sales strategy best-suited to each one of commodities is conceived by creating an inventory control system for each commodity and expanding diverse sales channels to strike a balance between a reduction in the inventory risk and maximization of profit.



## Sales distribution ratio B2C sales ratio(non-consolidated) 25.5% 24.2% 20.3% FY2018 FY2019 FY2020 FY2021 FY2022 FY2023 B2C sale started in 2018. • B2C sales ratio grew about 25.5% in about four years, boosting profit.

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