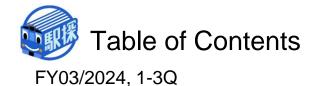
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Section 1

Stations Financial results overview 1-3Q of FY03/2024 (company-wide)

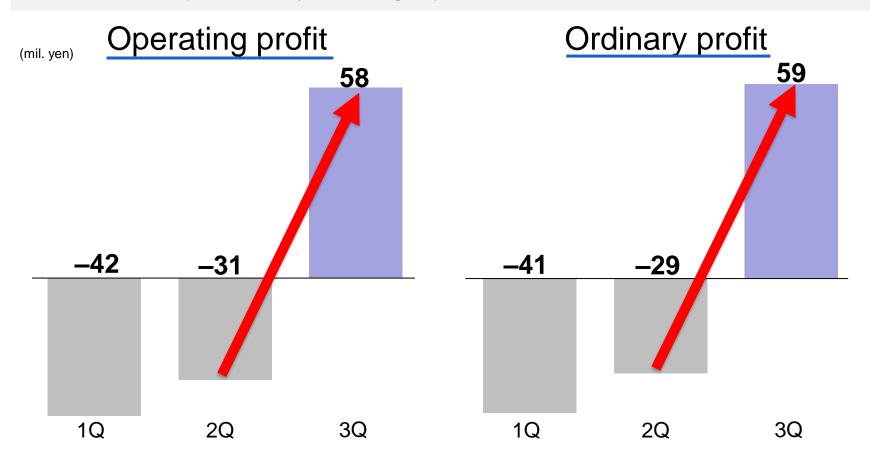


Highlights (transition from 2Q to 3Q)

FY03/2024, 1-3Q

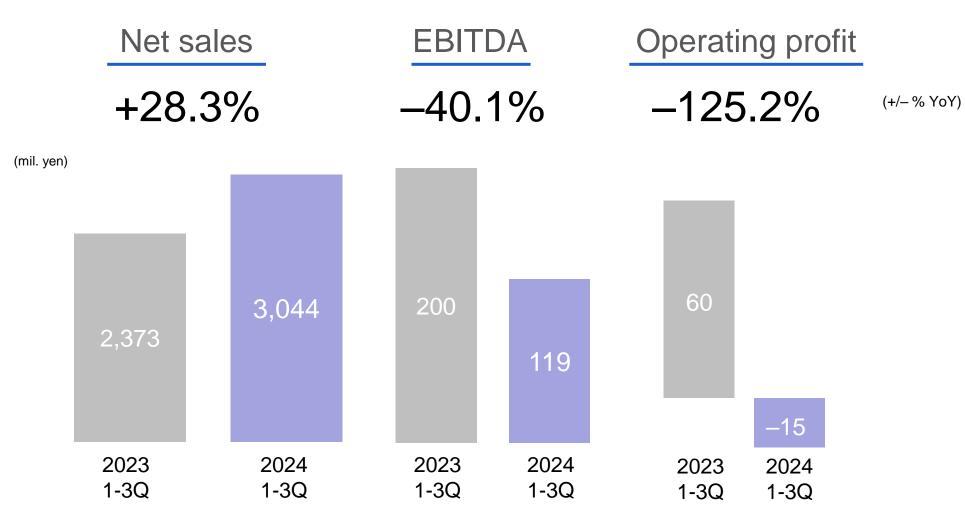
Substantial recovery of business performance in 3Q

- Cirqua turned to black figure: Cost reduction and revenues from commercial materials of new genres contributed to surplus in non-consolidated performance
- Higher sales thanks to augmented personnel in Proud Engine Inc.
- Completion of renovation work of BTOnline since FY2023
- Reduction in depreciation by recording impairment loss





Higher revenues / Lower earnings



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Highlights (comparison with FY2023)

FY03/2024, 1-3Q

Higher revenues / Lower earnings

(YoY)

Net sales	3,044 mil. yen	+28.3%	+671 mil. yen	FY2023	2,373 mil. yen
EBITDA	119 mil. yen	-40.1%	-80 mil. yen	FY2023	200 mil. yen
Operating profit	-15 mil. yen	-125.2%	–75 mil. yen	FY2023	60 mil. yen

Factors of higher revenues

M&A/Incubation Business: EKITAN I&I

Became a consolidated subsidiary in Apr. 2023 and has contributed to higher revenues in the current FY

Advertisement Platform Business: Proud Engine Inc.

Became a fully-consolidated subsidiary in Nov. 2022 and has contributed to higher revenues in the current FY

Factors of decrease in Operating profit

Lower sales by Cirqua, Inc. resulting in lower profit Increased cost for BTOnline

Increased cost for renovating "BTOnline" (a service for arrangement of ticketless business trip)

Decrease in services for paid subscribers Temporarily incurred costs in relation to establishment and share acquisition of EKITAN I&I

Expenses for due diligence, company registration and others

Factors of lower revenues

Decrease in sales by Cirqua, Inc.

Reduction in major commodities and major media

Decreased sales of services for paid subscribers

Continuously decreased paid subscribers affected by such as market environment including commoditization

Other important points: Recording extraordinary losses

Cirqua, Inc.

Lower results than as planned due to trend of market shrinkage

Vertical media

Effects of revenues are still not as much as anticipated

Consolidated Profit and Loss Statement

(YoY)

(mil. yen)	2023 1-3Q	ratio to sales	2024 1-3Q	ratio to sales	+/-%	+/- amount
Net sales	2,373	100.0%	3,044	100.0%	+28.3%	+671
Cost of sales	1,674	70.6%	2,180	71.6%	+30.2%	+506
Gross profit	698	29.4%	863	28.4%	+23.6%	+164
SG&A expenses	638	26.9%	878	28.9%	+37.6%	+240
Operating profit	60	2.5%	-15	N/A	-125.2%	-75
Ordinary profit	58	2.5%	-11	N/A	-120.1%	-70
Net profit attributable to owners of parent	51	2.2%	-743	N/A	-1539.9%	– 795
EBITDA	200	8.4%	119	3.9%	-40.1%	-80

Consolidated Balance Sheet

(mil. yen)	2023 4Q	2024 3Q	+/- amount	(mil. yen)	2023 4Q	2024 3Q	+/- amount
Total current assets	1,868	2,009	+141	Total current liabilities	438	641	+203
	.,	2,000		Total non-current liabilities	226	346	+119
Property, plant and equipment	60	77	+16	Total liabilities	664	988	+323
				Capital stock	291	291	0
Intangible assets	1,139	388	-75 1	Capital surplus	293	306	+13
				Retained earnings	2,498	1,686	-811
Investments and other assets	83	202	+119	Treasury stock	-595	-598	-2
Total non-current assets	1,284	667	– 616	Total shareholders' equity	2,487	1,686	-801
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Total assets	3,152	2,677	–475	Total liabilities and net assets	3,152	2,677	–475

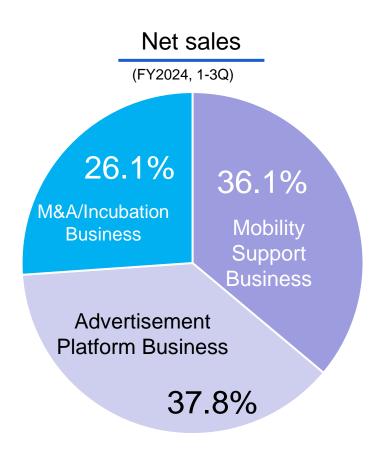


Section 2

Financial results overview 1-3Q of FY03/2024 (by segment)

Proportions of net sales are almost the same for the three segments

EBITDA in Advertisement Platform Business which had been negative in 2Q recovered to positive



Mobility Support Business	274 mil. yen
Advertisement Platform Business	15 mil. yen
M&A/Incubation Business	49 mil. yen
Corporate expenses	-219 mil. yen
Total	119 mil. yen



Lower revenues / Lower earnings

Net sales	1,101 mil. yen	-7.0%	–82 mil. yen	FY2023	1,183 mil. yen
EBITDA	274 mil. yen	-24.4%	-88 mil. yen	FY2023	363 mil. yen
Segment profit	233 mil. yen	-27.0%	–86 mil. yen	FY2023	320 mil. yen

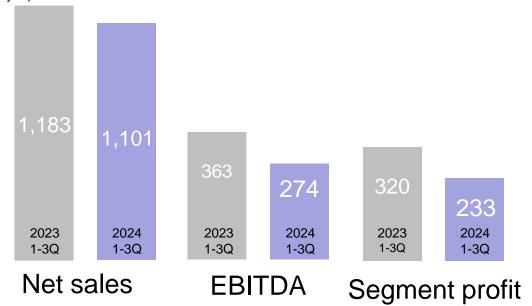
<Factor 1: Lower revenues / Lower earnings>

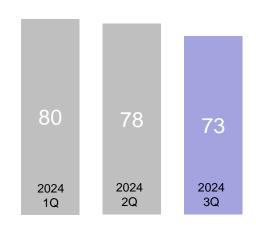
This segment experienced downward trend because of continuously decreasing number of paid subscribers due to commoditization of Transfer Information service

<Factor 2: Lower earnings>

Additional cost for renovation of "BTOnline" (a service for arrangement of ticketless business trip) which had been carried out since FY2023 eventually ceased during the current 3Q







QoQ transition of Segment profit



Advertisement Platform Business

FY03/2024, 1-3Q

Lower revenues / Lower earnings

Net sales	1,152 mil. yen	-3.2%	-37 mil. yen	FY2023	1,189 mil. yen
EBITDA	15 mil. yen	-71.3%	–38 mil. yen	FY2023	53 mil. yen
Segment profit	-59 mil. yen	N/A	–20 mil. yen	FY2023	–39 mil. yen

<Factor 1: Higher revenues / Higher earnings>

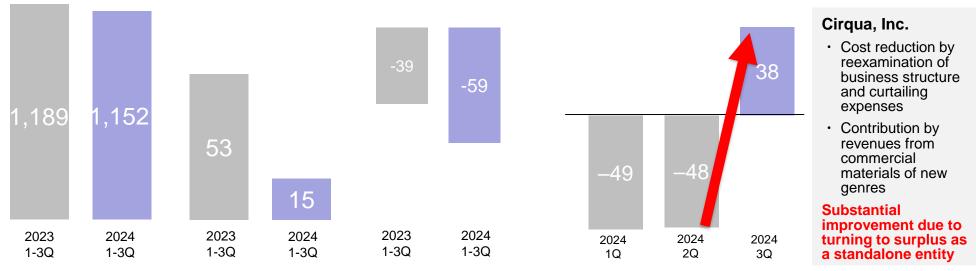
Proud Engine Inc.

As it was added to this segment in the previous 3Q (FY03/2023), both revenues and earnings increased YoY; and sales increased thanks to augmented personnel (recruitment)

<Factor 2: Lower revenues / Lower earnings>

Cirqua, Inc.

Market shrinkage because of amendment to the PMD Act and worsened business environment for Cirqua (suspended advertisement in major media); On the other hand, non-consolidated business performance turned to surplus during the current 3Q due to cost reduction by reexamination of business structure and curtailing expenses, as well as contribution by revenues from commercial materials of new genres

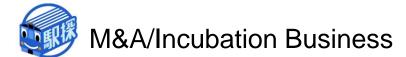


Net sales

EBITDA

Segments loss

QoQ transition of Segment profit



New segment

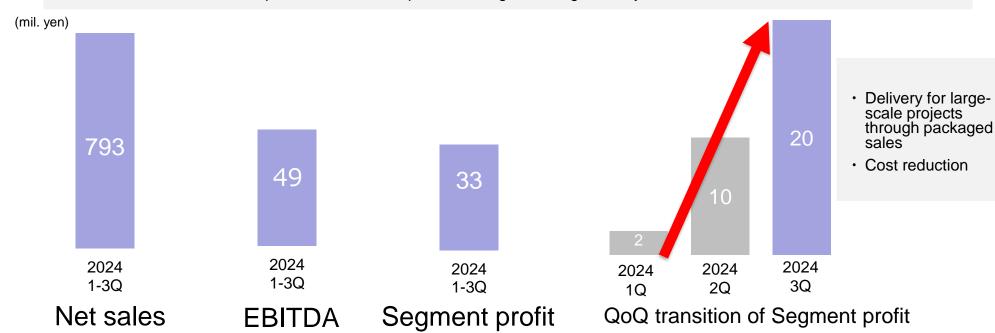
* YoY not applicable

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Net sales	793 mil. yen	+/-%	N/A	+/- amount	N/A	FY2023	N/A
EBITDA	49 mil. yen	+/-%	N/A	+/- amount	N/A	FY2023	N/A
Segment profit	33 mil. yen	+/-%	N/A	+/- amount	N/A	FY2023	N/A

<Background>

This segment was newly added due to establishment of EKITAN&Co., Ltd. on April 25, 2023

^{*} No data is available on the previous FY for comparison, so figures are given only for the current 1-3Q



This segment consists of investment business by EKITAN I&I Co., Ltd. and businesses in connection with systems (systems development/maintenance, SES, etc.) by subsidiaries of the former



Current progress in primary measures (FY03/2024, 1-3Q)

Framework

Progress of RMP (Regional Marketing Platform) framework							
Strategies	Measures	Progress					
	 [Media business] Facilitating the RMP framework Enhancement of media (Ekitan PICKS, Ekitan LOCAL, and Ekitan Odekake-Lab Increase in inflows via search engines with keywords "region XX" due to obtaining more inbound links and adding regional contents More revenues from Ad-net/affiliate advertising (By becoming a regionally powerful site attracting more users, visitors to the media should be increased) 	 Region-based contents will be added (e.g. real-estate, hotel, tourist spot) Improved link functions of EKITAN.com Enhanced linkage with regional media and released information Linkage and promotion with other media started in order to stop decrease in paid subscribers (courtesy discount services) started (Aug. 2023) 					
RMP strategies*	 (Advertisement business) Sales expansion through advertising business Expansion of Proud Engine and Cirqua (matching of advertisers and media) (Applying both companies' own technologies relating to advertisement and other elements to the RMP framework will lead to revenue expansion) 	 Expansion of commercial materials handled by Cirqua Utilization of Cirqua's Ad-network to build up region-based advertisement systems →Integration with regional media started 					
	 [Solutions business] Development of solutions services in line with the RMP framework For municipalities and railway companies - (services related to transfer information for corporations) Providing services which contribute to regional revitalization - Promotion services for municipalities and railway companies - MaaS package - Development of new solutions services 	 Promotion of joint development with companies having tools to operate LINE official accounts →Sales started in Dec. 2023 Development of promotion services (PR engine) for municipalities and regional business entities → Test marketing with municipalities is under consideraition User authentication function was added to "Ekitan MaaS Solution", which utilizes My Number Card (official personal identification card) 					
M&A/alliance strategy	Faster promotion of M&A/Incubation Business	M&A and alliance are proactively considered/promoted in order for realizing RMP framework					



Section 3

RMP framework

RMP: Regional Marketing Platform



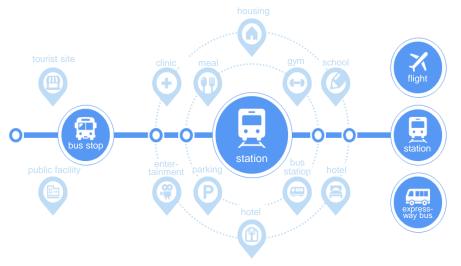
RMP* framework

Realizing RMP framework that connects users with services on regional basis

RMP: Regional Marketing Platform

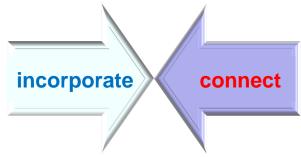
~ From the Stations ~

By utilizing Ekitan Group's business assets, and based on "stations" where many people gather, business entities (services) and local people (users) are connected



Aspired orientation

By utilizing transfer information technologies and advertisement technologies, business entities and users are "connected"

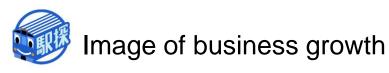


Incorporating information on users and business entities

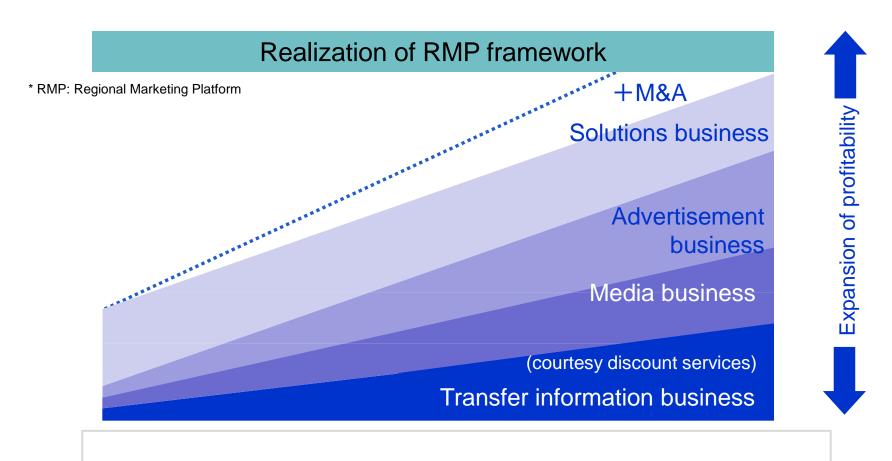
This is analyzed/organized around a "station" by utilizing EKITAN Group's business assets

Connecting business entities and users

Users are provided with beneficial information and their explorations around the station are supported New ways of monetization are realized Revenues from various media, enhanced services for corporations, etc.>



Four businesses (Transfer information business, Media business, Advertisement business, Solutions business) plus M&A will be reinforced, aiming at revenue expansion



By increasing contents, inbound links, clients, and partner websites, business models of value accumulation are built up to expand revenue



In order for realizing RMP framework, businesses are promoted with three strategies as their pillars

* RMP: Regional Marketing Platform

(Strategy 1) To reinforce EKITAN.com (Media business)

- By changing configuration of Ekitan media which were independent each other and by increasing inbound links, search results with regional keywords would be presented at higher positions than before, leading to increase in UU and PV
- By adding OTA* and other players, PV unit price would increase, leading to revenue expansion

* OTA (Online Travel Agent): Travel agents which carry out their businesses only online

(Strategy 2) RMP extension (Media business and Advertisement business)

- Information networking: Bidirectional delivery of information (partner regional media and EKITAN.com)
- Link networking: Formation of mutual links (partner regional media and EKITAN.com)
- Ad networking: Recommendation widgets provided by Cirqua's Ad-network will be posted on partnering regional media, leading to sharing revenues

(Strategy 3) PR engines & options (Solutions business)

 EKITAN.com and RMP extension will be utilized to the maximum, and services will be rolled out to improve awareness of municipalities and business entities which carry out regional marketing and to draw their attention



Section 4

About performance forecasts of FY03/2024

Considering movement of our business performance up to the current second quarter cumulative period, and because business environment surrounding the Group tends to change drastically, it is difficult to calculate highly reliable figures of the Group's performance forecasts, so we have decided not to disclose those forecasts. However, upon considering our progress from now on, such forecasts will be disclosed promptly when it becomes possible to figure out.



Section 5 Topics



Solutions business

Agreement executed with Koriyama City (Fukushima Pref.) for revitalization of regional public transport (November 15, 2023)

An agreement was executed with Koriyama City (Fukushima Pref.) regarding collaborative activities for revitalization of regional public transport utilizing our WEB media "Ekitan LOCAL" to publicize attractiveness of the local region

Efforts to solve various issues around regional public transport in Koriyama City, such as decrease in users, maintenance/formation of sustainable public transport, and measures against diversified/multifaceted mobility needs







Key roles:

Providing information about events around railway stations

Key roles:

- Presenting and appealing information about events around railway stations on "EKITAN.com" and "Ekitan Local"
- By utilizing "Ekitan LOCAL" to dispatch information from "Stations" about various events, usage of public transport and regional revitalization would be facilitated
- By making effective use of resources and know-hows which the Koriyama City and Ekitan have, usage of public transport and regional revitalization in the City would be facilitated



Solutions business

User authentication function was added to "Ekitan MaaS Solution", which utilizes My Number Card (official personal identification card), to contribute to SDGs (January 23, 2024)

In collaboration with "xID app" for personal authentication available from xID Inc., functions for user authentication and for app login using My Number Card are provided. This will improve usability and prevent "spoofing" and data alteration by someone else.



For the future as well, we work on functional improvement towards making Ekitan MaaS solution more secure, safe and convenient.



Advertisement business

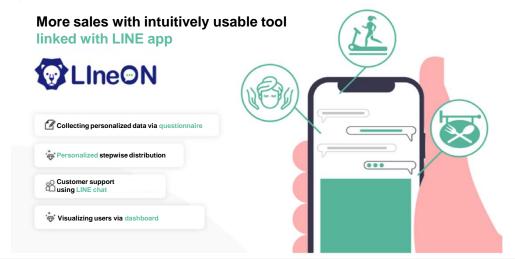
Released "LineON", an SaaS type CRM tool on December 20, 2023

"LIneON" is a product jointly developed in collaboration with Lifex Co., Ltd. which was released following development and version upgrade

- Attracts guests, makes them visit and purchase more easily
- This can be user intuitively for wide range of businesses from restaurants (where guests come) to EC shops such as mail-order shops (where guests don't come)

■ Main functions

- 1 Questionnaire
- 2 Segmental distribution
- 3 Rich menu
- 4 Customer support using chat
- 5 Flexible and creative appeal
- 6 Dashboard



■ Features of LineON

- Enables effective distribution of information according to each customer's attributes and situation
- Completes entire process from order-taking to acceptance of changes on LINE
- Supports 1-to-1 chat operation with customers
 Realizes cost reduction and higher efficiency with support by both human and chatbot

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