

Explanatory Material on Business Plans and Growth Potential MINKABU THE INFONOID, Inc. [4436]
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Corporate Philosophy

"Providing a mechanism to embody the value of information"

As awareness of sustainability, social diversity and digital transformation grows, we believe that our group, dedicated to providing mechanisms for realizing the value of information, has an evolving in addressing social challenges.

With this in mind, we aim to expand beyond the financial, enhancing the value of information across various domains by leveraging technology and broadening our reach. In doing so, we will fulfill our mission and continue growing as a company.





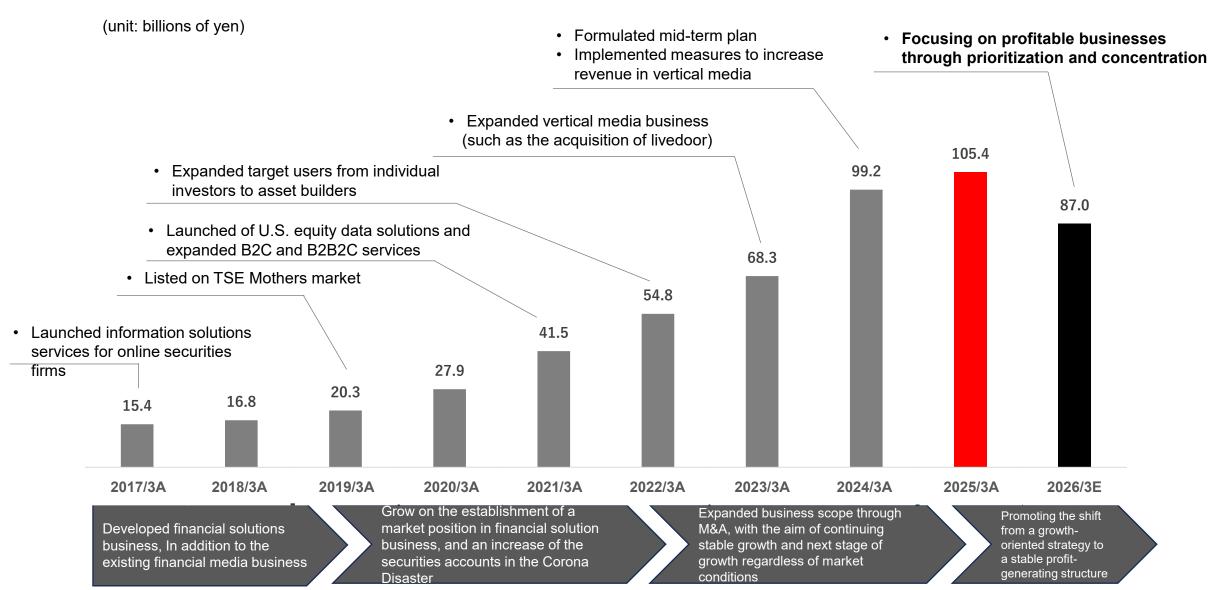
| Company name | | MINKABU THE INFONID, Inc. | | | | | |
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| Established | | July 7, 2006 | | | | | |
| Representative | | Masayuki Ban | | | | | |
| Headquarter | | Tokyo-Shiodome bldg. 6 th floor 1-9-1 Higashi-Sh | nimbashi Minato-ku, Tokyo | | | | |
| Main Business | | Media Business / Solution Business | | | | | |
| Employees | | 241 *as of March 31, 2025 | | | | | |
| Listing | | Growth Market, Tokyo (4436) | | | | | |
| Board Members | | Representative Director, President Director (in charge of business administration and management) Director (Audit & Supervisory Committee Member, Outside, Independent director) Director (Audit & Supervisory Committee Member, Outside, Independent director) Director (Audit & Supervisory Committee Member, Outside, Independent director) | Masayuki Ban Junko Yaguchi Sadahiko Yoshimura Shozo Ishibashi Tsuneyasu Ozaki | | | | |
| Group Company | | MINKABU SOLUTIIN SERVICES, Inc. livedoor Co., Ltd. | | | | | |

^{*}As of June 2025

^{*}MINKABU SOLUTION SERVICES, Inc. is scheduled to be integrated with MINKABU THE INFONOID, Inc. as of October 1, 2025.

historical sales trends





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Transition to a Profit-Generating Business Structure By eliminating unprofitable business and low-performing new ventures, and focusing on core revenue streams, we aim to establish a stable profit structure from FY2026 onward

Shifted from a focus on revenue expansion to a new strategy, and also changed the management structure

Large-scale cost reduction exceeding 2 billion yen



Rebuilding the business foundation to achieve stable profitability and exceed past peak earnings within three years



Ensuring sufficient cash reserves through stringent control of external expenditures and asset monetization

Stable EBITDA generation through large-scale cost reductions

Cash generation from sales of business assets

Continuous bank support

Curtailment of capital expenditures and no dividend



Securing Funding for Future Growth Drivers and Stable Revenue Engine

- 1 Information service business for financial markets, primarily serving individual investors and contributing to broader societal needs
- 2 Newly created or acquired businesses that have gained significant user/customer traction and are making solid contributions to revenue

02 current management policies



- The company aims to secure stable profits and cash generation by prioritizing business exits and fixed cost reductions. In parallel, it will diversify revenue sources by leveraging existing business while active assets. investment in new areas will be deferred until the financial base has been sufficiently strengthened.
- immediate priority is The transitioning to profitability. Under the FY2026 plan, the company will pursue stable earnings centered on cost control. underpinned recurring and predictable revenue streams.

FY2026

- Achieved a level of profitability that enables positive earnings at a post-withdrawal revenue scale of approximately 9 billion yen
- Tight management of fixed costs and capital investment

Establishing a profitable structure and focus on core businesses

FY2027

- Maximizing and diversifying revenue sources by leveraging existing business assets
- Strengthening the financial base
- Identifying and evaluating potential future growth areas

Maximizing and diversifying revenue streams Leveraging existing business assets For sustainable monetization

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Pursuing opportunities in areas with strong growth potential

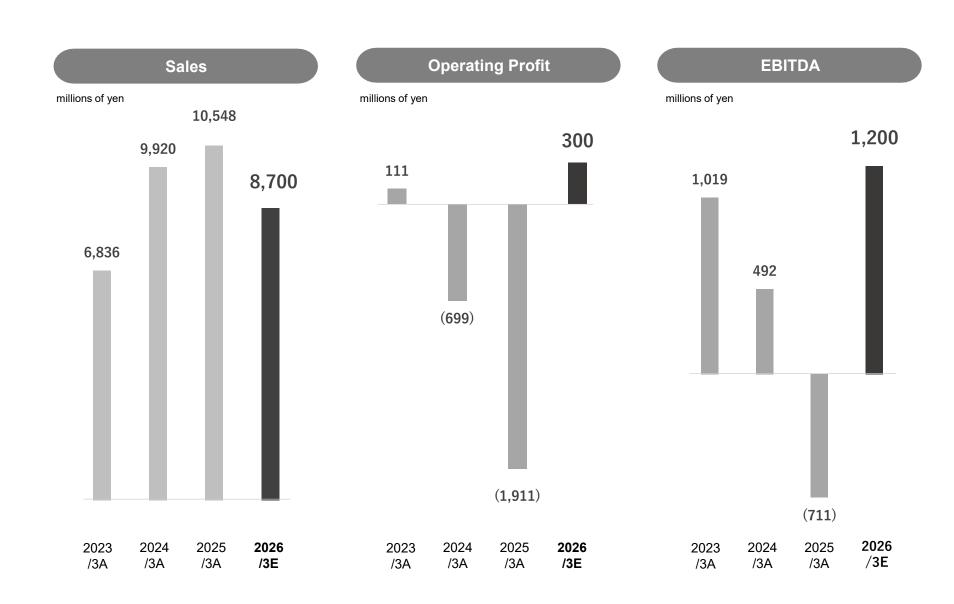
> Entering a next phase of growth

Fixed cost reduction, disciplined investments

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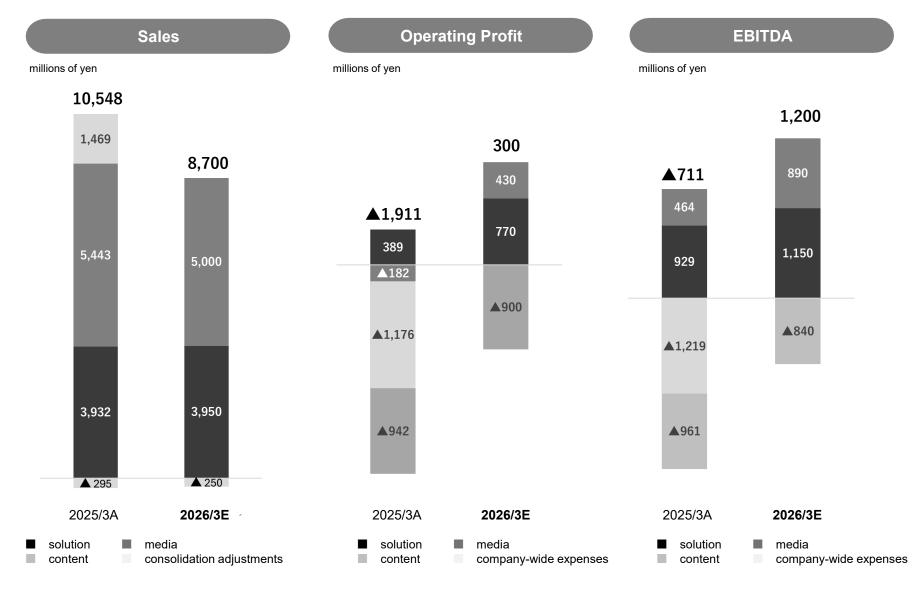


- In FY2025, sales surpassed 10 billion yen under a revenue growth strategy. However, it posted a significant net loss, primarily due to the prolonged slump in the high-margin network advertising market and losses stemming from aggressive revenue diversification efforts aimed at achieving the targets set forth in the mediumterm management plan.
- For FY2026, we are shifting away from its previous revenue-first approach. While revenue is expected to decline due to a strategic focus on prioritization concentration, structural and reforms centered on fixed cost reductions are expected to restore profitability starting in the first quarter.
- EBITDA is also projected to recover to the billion-yen level, supported by improved earnings and a stronger focus on stabilizing cash flow.





- In the Solutions Business, while a decline in spot revenue from SI and package-type solutions is anticipated, steady growth in information solutions and Kabutan is expected to support performance. As a result, both revenue and profit are projected to increase year on year.
- In the Media Business, although revenue from the creators' economy continues to grow, a prolonged decline in network advertising revenue is expected to drive an overall decrease in revenue. Nevertheless, the company aims to return the segment to profitability through rigorous fixed cost reductions.
- The company has fully exited the content business.

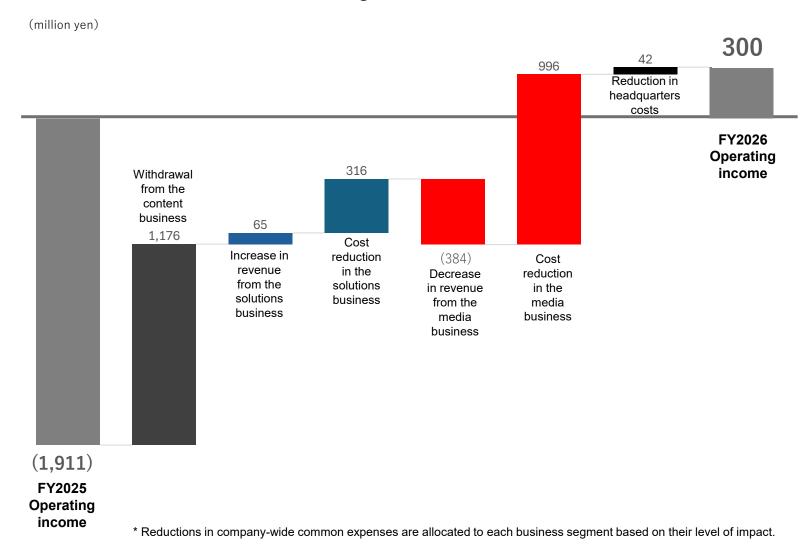


^{*}Revenue is stated before deduction of management fees.



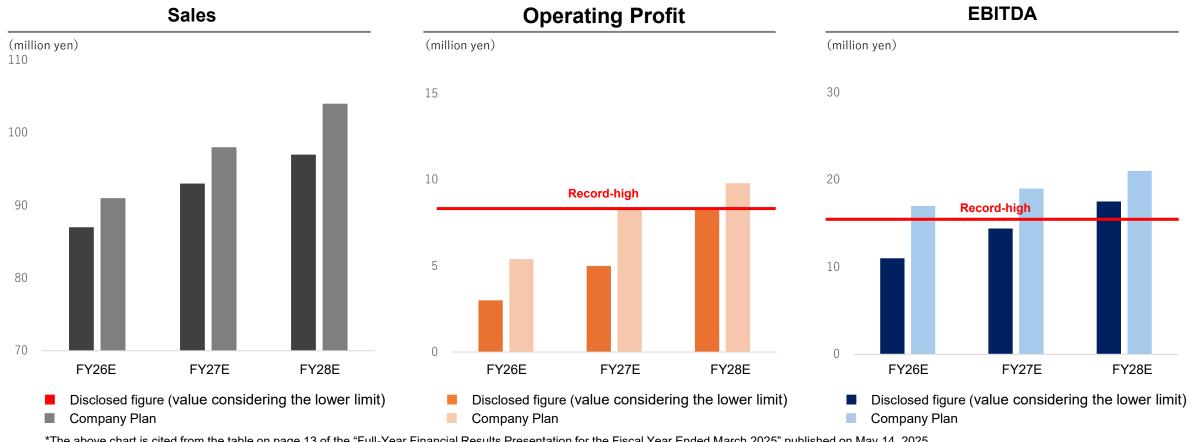
- For FY2026, the top priority is to establish a profit-generating structure.
- In the FY2026 plan, while overall revenue is expected to decline, the company aims to achieve profitability from the beginning of the fiscal year through significant cost reductions that have already been implemented. The impact of losses from the content business is considered temporary.
- Profit and loss bridges for each business segment are provided in the appendix.

Profit and Loss Bridge from FY2025 to FY2026





Operating Profit and EBITDA on Track to Reach Record Highs Within Three Years



^{*}The above chart is cited from the table on page 13 of the "Full-Year Financial Results Presentation for the Fiscal Year Ended March 2025" published on May 14, 2025.

- In both businesses, we expect stable revenue growth with improved margins by leveraging existing profitable assets and limiting capital expenditures, based on a more cautious view of certain revenues.
- No change to the scenario disclosed in the Q3 results briefing (February 14, 2025) on page 30, which outlines the establishment of a structure aimed achieving record-high profits within the next three years.



Solution Business

■ Policy for Maximizing Revenue from Core Assets

[Information Solution]

Amid the expansion of the asset-building demographic in Japan, financial institutions continue to face strong demand for more sophisticated investment information, enhanced user support systems, and initiatives aimed at a cost reduction and revenue diversification.

To address these evolving needs, we are strengthening our revenue base through deeper market penetration.

Since last fiscal year, we have also been advancing strategic collaborations with overseas partners. In particular, we are co-developing and jointly services designed to meet the growing demand among global securities firms for high-quality information on Japanese and U.S. equities.

[Kabutan]

We are continuously upgrading our data and content offering for both the Japanese and U.S. equity markets, contributing to steady growth in our paid subscription user base.

To further expand our Total Addressable Market (TAM), we are also reinforcing our content for non-equity investment products such as ETFs.

Leveraging these assets, we are preparing to monetize services for overseas individual investors through the English-language "kabutan.com," positioning this initiative as a key pillar of future growth.

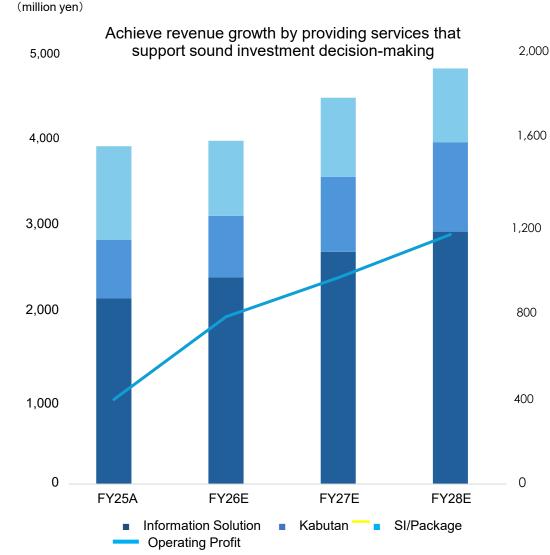
(SI/Package Solution)

In the FY2026, we expect to secure stable earnings by upselling to our existing client base and continuing maintenance contracts.

In parallel, we are actively developing new solutions aligned with the operational transformation needs of financial institutions.

Looking ahead, we will pursue both improved profitability and faster project execution by promoting asset modularization and increasing the reusability of our development resources.

■ Projections for future revenue composition and profit levels





Media Business

Policy for Maximizing Revenue from Core Assets

[Content]

Content for Social Media

Alongside conventional social media strategies, we are distributing expert-led video content through platforms such as YouTube. By leveraging the viral potential of these platforms, we aim to broaden our reach, particularly among younger and new user segments.

Subscription Service (Minkabu Premium)

Our paid service "Minkabu Premium," continues to evolve with the addition of video content. This enhances the depth and value of the offering, transitioning it from a primarily text- and data-centric service to one that provides more visually engaging and explanatory experiences.

[Partner]

Creator Business

We are enhancing monetization by leveraging the influence and expertise of creators through sponsored content, planning and production. These efforts span media platforms, social media, and video channels to deliver valuable information across multiple user touchpoints.

Content Commerce

Through proprietary content such as articles, media, and videos, we to guide users toward e-commerce and service purchases. This integration of content and commerce improves both user engagement and overall profitability.

[Technology]

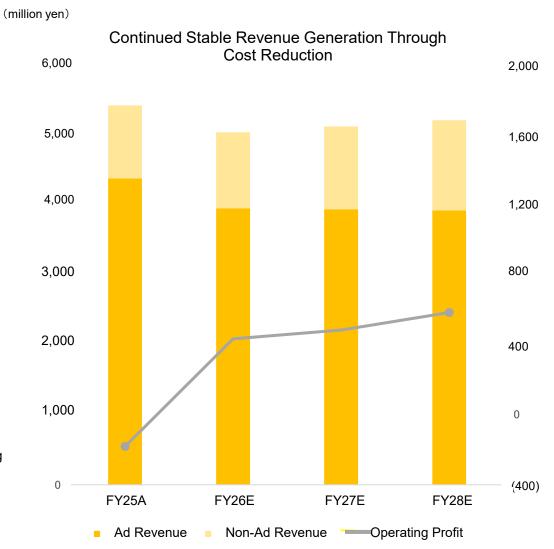
Al Utilization (e.g., echos, Zakkuri)

By leveraging AI technologies, we are optimizing content creation and distribution processes while enhancing user experience. This approach also enables for more effective internal resource allocation and foster valuable touchpoints for users.

Data Utilization

We utilize extensive user data to drive marketing effectiveness and service enhancement. Advanced recommendation engines and ad optimization contribute to strengthening our earning potential.

■ Projections for future revenue composition and profit levels



^{*}The impact of the content business has been excluded from the results for the fiscal year ending March 2025.

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Re-definition of existing assets in the solution business to maximize revenue



- One of the largest domestic financial information databases, covering stocks, mutual funds, FX, CX, CFDs, and more
- Investor behavior data from over 10 million users utilizing Kabutan and MINKABU media

technolog



- Web and smartphone-compatible ASP services, as well as information delivery engines such as API, FSTP, and WebSocket
- Content auto-generation engines using generative AI technology



🕆 user base

A long-term, continuous business relationship with over 170 domestic financial institutions, and more than 10 million investor users on financial information media, including premium members.



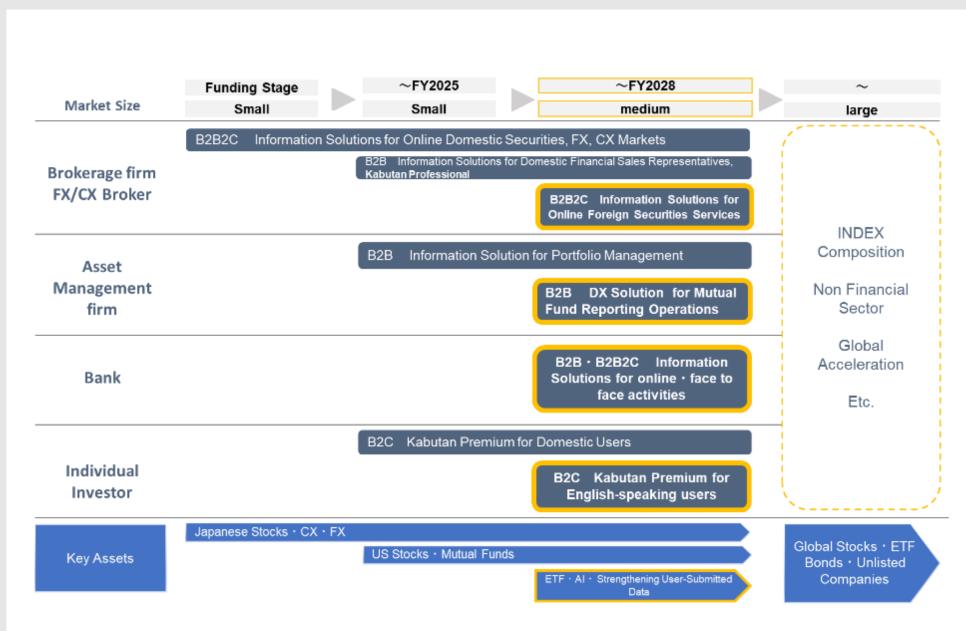


- Knowledge of UI/UX optimization for market information display for financial institutions through the operation of financial media
- Knowledge templates accumulated through proposal creation, requirements definition, and standard development workflows for financial institutions
- Financial professionals with backgrounds in securities, banking, and asset management, as well as product management talent responsible for planning and operating media and solution services
- PMs handling upstream processes of financial SI projects, as well as data engineers and Al engineers responsible for organizing financial data and implementing natural language processing



Solution Business Growth Map

- We provide information services that directly and indirectly support investment activities of individual investors in Japan, leveraging B2C, B2B, and B2B2C models.
- In addition to providing B2B services to over 170 companies—primarily financial institutions—we operate a financial information media platform that reaches more than 10 million unique individual investors, establishing a strong and solid presence in the financial information domain.
- We have reaffirmed these foundations as the cornerstone of our future growth drivers and plan to allocate management resources to further strengthen them over the 20 medium term.





Solution Business Growth Drivers

- Leveraging our past initiatives such as the development of an integrated information system for Japanese equities and the distribution of U.S. equity data we are entering a phase of market expansion in which we can address increasingly diverse customer needs.
- In addition to deepening our presence in the domestic securities market, we are accelerating the full-scale rollout of solutions for asset management firms and banks, as well as services for global brokerage firms and overseas individual investors
- We also plan to expand our coverage to include ETF-related information, and to further strengthen our business assets through enhanced integration with Al and other advanced technologies.

Information Solution for Domestic **Individual Investors Focused on Stock Trading**

- A differentiated service from competitors through original content focused on Japanese equities—such as investment themes, keywords, and news.
- Highly customizable B2B2C ASP (Application Service Provider) solutions.

We are leveraging our accumulated data and solutions to offer services

investment trust reports, including annual reports, prospectuses,

B2C marketing expertise cultivated through the "Kabutan" media platform, combined with premium subscription offerings.

Estimated SOM* 26 billion yen

(10% share as of March, 2025)

Information Solution for Domestic Bank. Shinkin, Asset **Management firm**

aimed at improving operational efficiency and supporting upselling for banks and shinkin-banks For investment trust companies, we provide "RobotReportAl", a DX (digital transformation) solution designed to streamline the creation of

and monthly reports.

Estimated SOM 20 billion yen

Estimated SOM

Min 28 billion

yen

Information Solution for Foreign Securities Company, Foreign **Individual Investors**

Based on the expansion of data assets related to U.S. stocks, ETFs, and more, we aim to make the English version of Kabutan (kabutan.com) the world's leading information service for individual investors seeking insights on Japanese and U.S. stocks and ETFs.

- User acquisition efforts will focus on English-speaking audiences through SEO, social media, and LLM-based strategies.
- In tandem with kabutan.com, we are also rolling out B2B2C services for overseas securities firms.

B2B2C, B2B, and B2C—both domestically and internationally.

- We are also deploying Al-powered services tightly integrated with our proprietary data assets across B2B, B2B2C, and B2C models.
- Additionally, by expanding features for collecting user-generated content on our media platform, we aim to strengthen collective intelligencebased information.

To address the challenge of vulnerability to individual stock market fluctuations on Kabutan, we are enhancing support for specialized ETF information and expanding our offerings across all segments—

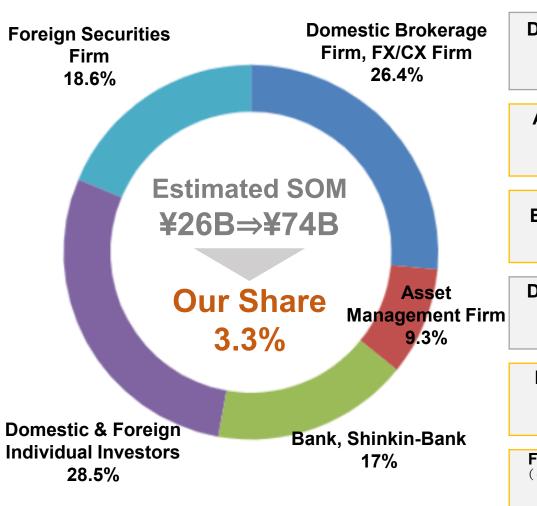
Contribution to **Market Share** Expansion

Business Asset Enhancement



Solution Business Market Size

- The Serviceable Obtainable Market(SOM) addressable by our existing assets has expanded to approx. three times the current level
- As of FY2025, our estimated share of the current SOM(JPY24 billion) stands at 10%, with further growth expected.
- In the the expanded SOM of JPY74 billion, our current share is estimated at around 3%, leaving ample room for revenue growth—potentially more than threefold.



Domestic Brokerage Firm, FX/CX Firm 160 companies

Asset Management Firm 113 companies

Bank, Shinkin-Bank 374 companies

Domestic Individual Investors Min150,000*1

Foreign Individual Investors Min300,000*2

Foreign Securities Firm

(Only online channels in South Korea, Taiwan, and the United States)

165 companies

- 66 companies converted into clients
- · Customer base expected to continue expanding beyond FY26
- Upselling to existing clients actively promoted
- Portfolio management data services adopted by 70 client companies
- DX rollout of investment trust reporting operations, including prospectuses, starting in FY26
- 9 companies converted into clients
- Customer base expansion to begin in FY2603
- Approximately 18,000 paying users
- Enhanced coverage of U.S. stocks, ETFs, and related content
- Bundling with services from other providers
 - Target user base: 300,000
- Focus areas: Japanese and U.S. stocks. ETFs. and Al
- User acquisition focused on Englishspeaking markets
- **Enhanced sales initiatives** beginning in FY26

^{*1:} Domestic Individual Invetors: Approximately 1% of the number of individual investors reported in the "Individual Shareholder Data" published by JSDA in September 2024

^{*2 :} Foreign Individual Investors : Approximately 0.5% of the number of U.S. individual stockholders reported in the 2022 edition of the Federal Reserve's "Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF)"



Strengths of the **Solutions Business**

- Through Kabutan, we maintain a real-time connection with individual investors, enabling us to track their interests and behaviors as they evolve. By swiftly translating these insights into product development, we strengthen the value we provide to retail investors, while also enhancing the quality of our services delivered to financial institutions.
- Moreover, by fully leveraging a unique integration model that combines real demand data accumulated through our B2C operations with the sophisticated requirements of B2B clients, we continuously deliver proprietary data and solution offerings that cannot be easily replicated by competitors. This enables us to sustain a strong competitive edge and drive long-term growth.

B₂C B₂B One of the largest financial media in Japan A customer base of over 170 financial institutions Expertise in financial information and IT vendors Non-financial media with a large user base Financial institution solutions tailored Real-time understanding of user needs to the needs of individual investors Converting user User behavior history data Marketing support leveraging the needs into expertise gained from operating a media company Massive accumulated data corporate value A B2B distribution platform for vast amounts of financial and non-Automatic generation technology financial information Automated multilingual translation User consensus data technology

Corporate-Owned Brands • Mutual Fund **Keyword Database**

Original NEWS

Theme-Based Stock Selection Solution

Stock Price Analysis

Visualized Financial Results

nformation Terminal for Financial Sales Representatives Kabutan Professional

Automated Investment Trust Reporting RobotReportAl

Media User Activity Logs CrowdData



DX Solution for Asset Management Firm

Robot Report/Robot Repot Al

- By integrating Robot Report system with AI, we enable the automatic generation of a wide variety of documents—including monthly reports, market commentary, prospectuses, and fund management reports—with simultaneous output in both HTML and PDF formats.
- A built-in fact-checking feature ensures content accuracy, improving both operational efficiency and information quality.
- This system connects not only distributors but also with a broad range of financial institutions, including life insurers, non-life insurers, and investment advisors.
- This highly flexible solution supports comprehensive innovation in financial reporting workflows.
- Pricing per fund: ¥30,000– ¥100,000 per month
 - * Varies depending on report type
 - * Approximately 6,000 publicly offered investment trusts exist in Japan

Realized the digital transformation of mutual fund reporting processes

[Robot Report (RR]

Various types of investment trust reports are automatically generated in HTML and PDF formats, achieving substantial operational efficiency for asset management and sales companies. Equipped with difference highlighting and verification functions, the system ensures both accuracy and speed in information delivery.

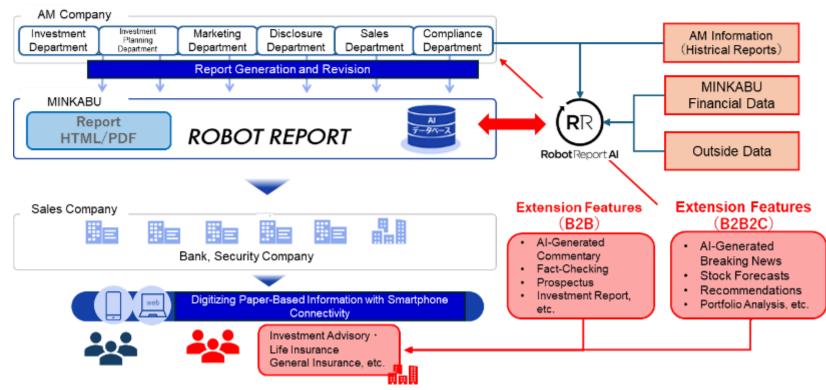
[Robot Report AI]

Our Al solution automatically analyzes fluctuations in investment trust NAVs by correlating them with news events.

It is optimized for sales and asset management support, and can be trained to match the tone and style of past reports.

The system provides sophisticated market insights and clear explanations-quickly and efficiently.

We are advancing efforts to build a strategic sales expansion framework with Mizuho Financial Group



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Solution for Banks, Shinkin-Banks

Marketing Automation Tours

- · By integrating multiple financial data sources, we deliver the most relevant information to individual customers of banks and credit unions—at the optimal timing and through the most appropriate channels.
- This solution reduces the operational burden on bank staff for information gathering and report preparation, enabling greater focus on strategic proposal activities for both retail and corporate clients.
- · For customers, it provides personalized investment information based on their interests, asset holdings, and investment styles, supporting their ongoing wealthbuilding efforts.
- It also significantly enhances engagement through non-face-toface.
- Monthly service fee per institution: ¥500,000-¥1,000,000 *Pricing varies depending on functions and data coverage
- 25 *Applicable to all 374 banks and credit unions in Japan

Enhancing efficiency and driving upselling for Banks and Shinkin-Banks

MINKABU Financial Data

- News
- User Behavior History
- · Financial and Business Performance Data



- **Investment Trust Reports**
- Market Overview
- Price Movement Factors

Third-Party Data Provider

- · Investment Trusts
- · Market Sentiment, etc.

Customer Proprietary Data

- · Customer Profiles
- · Behavioral and Transactional Data, etc.

Marketing Automation Tours (MAT)

Implemented for online securities firms in the FY2025. Supports both MAT delivery and information content-only options for banks and credit unions.



- All automatically analyzes and summarizes the factors behind stock price and NAV (Net Asset Value) fluctuations, streamlining research tasks for bank and credit union employees.
- This enhances the accuracy of proposals by sales representatives, while simultaneously improving both the quality and speed of information delivery.



Automatically delivers information at the optimal timing and through the most appropriate channel based on each customer's attributes and needs.

By accurately delivering highly relevant content, the system enhances engagement and encourages investment behavior.

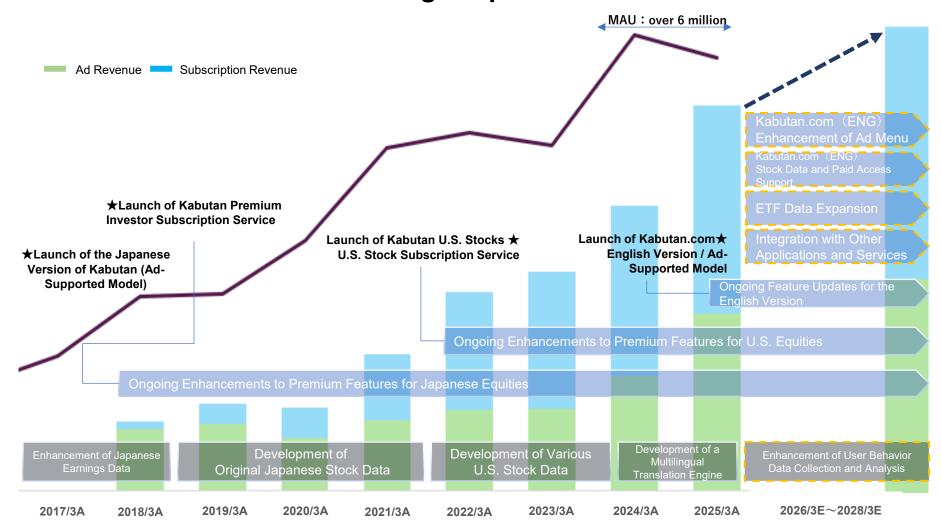


Solution for Individual Investors

Kabutan Premium - Domestic and **International Subscription Model**

- To accelerate the acquisition of paid subscribers among domestic individual investors (targeting at least 150,000 users), we are enhancing our offering through expanded coverage of U.S. equities and ETFs, Al-powered insights, real-time notifications, and smartphone app integration.
- In parallel, we aim to grow our global subscription base by providing high-quality information services on Japanese and U.S. equities and ETFs to Englishspeaking individual investors (targeting at least 300,000 users), leveraging our multilingual technology platform.

Driving growth through ongoing quality enhancement and data coverage expansion





Solution for Foreign Securities Firms

- By strengthening U.S. stock coverage on Kabutan, adding highly specialized ETF content, and deploying a multilingual engine, we are advancing into global markets. This expansion leverages the insights and technological capabilities accumulated through our cyclical B2C and B2B business model.
- We collaborate with partner companies that possess deep knowledge of each country's culture and financial regulations, enabling us to deliver high-value investment information to a broader range of investors worldwide.
- Pricing per solution: ¥100,000 to ¥2,000,000 per month
- Client billing: Solution unit price × number of solutions adopted per company

We are deploying our differentiated data solutions for overseas securities firms

International Partner Firms KAINOA GROUP, LLC. ITGEN Co., Ltd. Coffee house NeuroFusion Inc. Goline Corporation Major Information Vendor

Key Solutions Planned for Deployment

Real-Time Earnings Reports for Japanese and U.S. Stocks (Multilingual Support)

We analyze earnings information for Japanese and U.S. stocks in real time and deliver it promptly in multiple languages—including English, Korean, and Chinese. By doing so, we help eliminate information gaps and support investment decisionmaking for overseas investors and international securities firms.

Thematic Investment Solutions for Japan and U.S. Markets (Multilingual Support)

By leveraging search data from **Kabutan**, we visualize investor interest. This solution is already widely adopted by major online brokerages in Japan, enabling users to identify trending themes and related stocks in both the Japanese and U.S. markets in real time.

Scheduled Deployment

Our solution services (¥100,000-¥2,000,000 per solution per month) are being deployed primarily to 165 securities firms with established online channels across South Korea, Taiwan, and US.

- Real-Time Earnings Reports for Japanese Stocks
- · Online-Only Securities Firms (Hong-Kong, Singapore, US)
- · Full-Service Securities Firms (South Korea)
- · Hedge Fund (Hong-Kong)
- Thematic Investment Solutions
- · Full-Service Securities Firms (South Korea)
- · Hedge Fund (Hong-Kong)
- Other Solutions
- · Financial Engineering Data Vendor (Canada)
- · Financial Al Vendor (Israel)

^{*} While initially targeting 165 online-channel securities firms in South Korea, Taiwan, and the United States, we are also actively pursuing marketing efforts in other regions through partnerships with top vendors in each respective country.



Redefining Existing Media Assets That Generate Stable Revenue



content

- PGC such as articles and video works licensed from other content providers and creators
- Various UGC posted by users
- Original content produced in-house, such as articles, videos, and audio

₩PGC: Professionally Generated Content **UGC: User Generated Content



- Strong relationships with creators
- Robust partnership relations with advertisers, content partners, etc.
- Online communities and forums formed by users
 - Networks with sports teams and various organizations

technolog



- Technical infrastructure for content distribution
- Data management systems that effectively manage and analyze user data and content data
- Al and machine learning technologies that enable personalized recommendation engines, ad

displays, etc.



High user engagement and registered user base information, feedback and reviews from users, survey results, and data from users of various media platforms, all contributing to a rich user base of approximately 100 million people



- A brand name with trust and recognition
- User lovalty to the brand
- Brand recognition and image among users

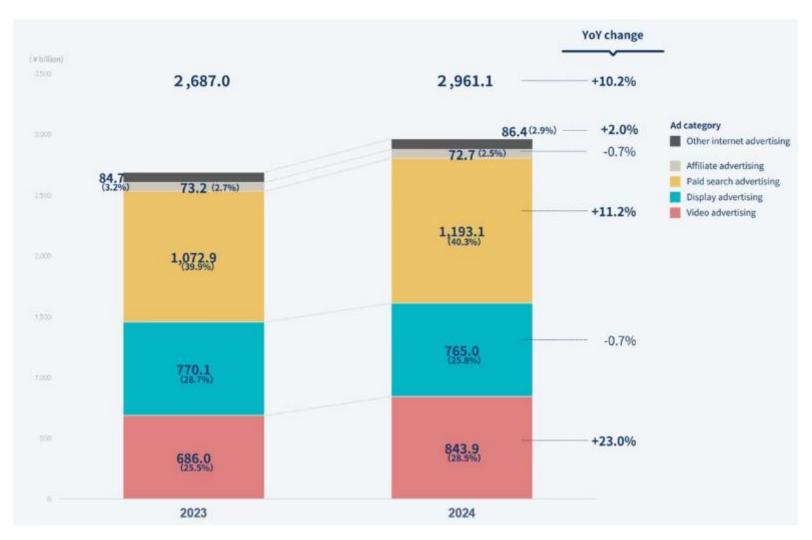


Breakdown of Internet **Media Advertising Expenditure by Ad Format**

- Video advertising recorded the highest growth rate at 123.0% year-on-year.
- This growth was driven by high view-completion rates on social media and video platforms, while strong user engagement contributed to greater cost-effectiveness and accelerated the shift of ad budgets toward these channels.
- In contrast, display advertising showed a noticeable decline, down to 99.3% year-on-year, as the increasing volume of content led to an oversupply of ad inventory while ad unit prices remained sluggish.

(Note) The above analysis is based on the data shown on the right and reflects the Company's interpretation.

2024 Advertising Expenditures in Japan*



*Source: March, 2025 \[2024 Advertising Expenditures in Japan: Detailed Analysis of Expenditures on Internet Advertising Media \] COMMUNICATIONS Inc., Dentsu Inc., Dentsu Digital Inc., and SEPTENI CO.,LTD.)

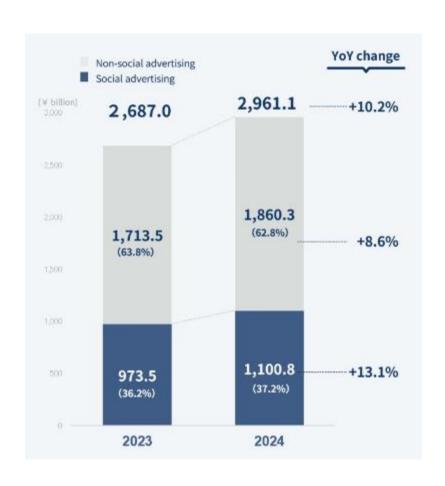
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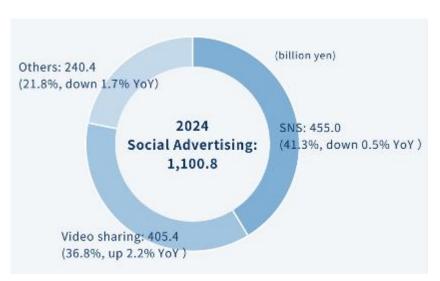


Trends in the Share of Social Advertising and Composition by Ad **Format**

- Social advertising delivered on social media platforms grew to over ¥1 trillion, marking 113.1% year-on-year growth.
- Thanks to the high engagement value measurable through likes, comments, and shares short-form video ads have also continued to grow steadily.

2024 Advertising Expenditures in Japan*





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Market Trends and **Business Model Developments**

- The internet advertising market is expected to remain a steady growth trajectory.
- However, structural shifts are accelerating, including the rise of video advertising, increased reliance on Al. and platform dependency.
- At the same time, traditional customer acquisition methods are becoming less stable due to declining ad unit prices and changes in search engine algorithms.
- Going forward, advertisers are shifting toward strategies that emphasize customer LTV and aim to build high-value engagement points through the use of first-party data.

Market Trends

Rapid Growth of Video Advertising and Social Video

The video advertising market has surpassed display advertising with growth exceeding 20%, and continued expansion in this segment is expected.

The Rise of Social and Creator-Based Advertising

Creator ad revenue on social media and video platforms is also experiencing growth.

Advancements in Al and Ad Technology

Al-powered advertising tools are enhancing real-time analytics and ad delivery based on conversational context.

The Rise of Retail Media and Search-**Linked Advertising**

Regulatory and **Privacy Compliance**

- Search-linked advertising centered around major ecommerce sites and other retail media continues to grow as a core strategic channel.
- Regulations such as the EU's DSA and GDPR are driving increased demand for transparency and restrictions in behavioral targeting advertising.

Toward Diversification of Revenue Streams

Traffic-Dependent Business Model

Traditional Media Ad

Revenue Source

Page Views × Number of Ads

Success Factors

PV, RPM, Click Count, Play Count, etc.

Monetization ⇒ Requirements

Revenue Generation Driven by High Traffic



Non-Traffic-Dependent Business Model (Engagement • Royality-based metrics)

Revenue Sources with Growth Potential

Revenue Source

Success **Factors**

Monetization ⇒ Requirements

EC, Tipping, Subscription, B2B, etc.

Engagement, LTV, etc.

A small but highly engaged user base can sustain the business



Sustainable Growth Map for the Media **Business**

- We are developing a media service for our user base of approximately 100 million people, aiming to "bring users one step closer to information."
- For FY2026, we do not expect significant revenue growth; instead, we will focus on establishing a profitable structure through completed cost reductions. Our goal is to position this business as a "stable revenue engine" that serves as the foundation of our group's cash inflow, while steadily recovering past investments.
- From FY2027 onward, we plan to shift toward initiatives focused on increasing revenue through stronger user engagement and brand loyalty.

FY2026 FY2027 FY2028

Phase for Reinforcing the **Business Foundation**

Phase for Strengthening Value Proposition

Phase for Establishing an Integrated Revenue Model

- Establish a solid revenue base to generate stable income in existing markets
- Deepen penetration in existing markets by leveraging existing assets
- Enforce strict control over fixed costs and capital expenditures across the entire company and on the front lines

- · Maximize the value of services and content while deepening relationships with users
- Identify growth potential areas including new markets—by leveraging existing assets
- Deliver new value by updating existing assets and transforming them into new strategic assets

- · Improve the profitability of each business and realize a multilayered revenue model in line with the progress of value enhancement
- · Expand into new markets and domains through market development and diversification

Creating opportunities for shared

Enhancing diverse life moments

emotional experiences



and distribution

Leveraging the user base \times the creator economy

Sustainable Growth Map for the Media **Business**

- We have already built established long-term relationships with creators and fostered a strong user communities, while also attracting a high volume of traffic flows in from other social media platforms, providing a solid foundation for increasing user engagement.
- Our initiatives to expand monetization opportunities for creators are steadily progressing. At the same time, we also offer media solutions tailored to the that meet the diverse needs of advertising clients.
- Through these efforts, we aim to achieve sustainable growth by diversifying revenue streams building on existing advertising revenue while enhancing user engagement and loyalty.

Creator **livedoor Ecosystem Driven by Value Creation** Creating a creator-driven economy Providing new monetization opportunities through AI utilization (ECHOES) Facilitating digital content distribution Content monetization livedoor **Platform** Through our services, we connect users, creators, and clients, generating new value for each of these stakeholders Providing highly reliable and expert Supporting the maximization information of advertising effectiveness Supporting individual expression and Supporting brand activation content creation Client Supporting content creation Optimizing the value of users' time

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Revenue structure for sustainable growth 1

- · livedoor has long possessed key strengths such as a robust user base and long-standing relationships with high-quality creators. However, its revenue model had been heavily dependent on network advertising, raising concerns over revenue stability.
- Since the previous fiscal year, we has strategically intensified efforts to establish monetization pathways. These include tie-up advertising as well as the secondary distribution and licensing of creator-generated content, all leveraging our existing assets.
- As a result, we aims to enhance the profitability, continuity and client relationships across our platform, positioning it as sustainable growth.

Diversifying revenue streams through existing business assets

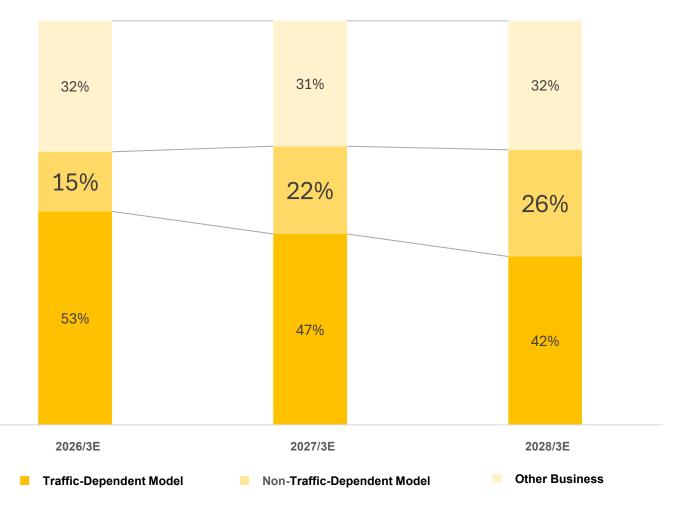
| Monetization base | Revenue classification | KPI/KGI | Content Service strategy | Relationships with users | Relationships with clients |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| Traffic- Dependent Business Model | Ad network advertisingAffiliate advertising | Number of visitsMaximizing page views | Mass-market focusedReal-time coverage | Content consumptionFocused on driving traffic | Short-termEfficient |
| Engagement- focused business model | Branded partnership Planned/special advertising Content commerce Sports facilities Creative production | Session durationVisit frequencyComments | Content creator Original content (including Algenerated) Experience-based services | FansInteractiveIn-person | InteractionSustained |
| Royalty-focused business model | Selling creator-generated content Subscriptions Paid content E-commerce Sponsored advertising | RetentionrateParticipationfrequencyWillingnessto spend | Targeting core usersNiche-focused and high-end | Continuous engagement Collaborative creation Personalized experience | UpsellCross-sell |



Revenue structure for sustainable growth 2

With the continued decline projected in network advertising, the share of traffic-driven revenue is expected to decrease. In response, we aim to increase the proportion of non-trafficdependent revenue streams—such as engagement- and loyaltyfocused branded content. content commerce, and paid content.

Projected changes in the revenue structure through multi-layered monetization





Case Study in the Creator Economy (Branded Content Advertising) Tie-up between Mihairo & Keeko and Meta

プレスリリース 2025年04月10日

ライブドアブログ公式ブロガー×Meta「みんなはどうして る?我が家のインスタANZENルール」コラボ企画を実施! ~各家庭のSNSルール、どうしてる?を漫画で紹介~

株式会社ライブドア(以下「当社」、本社:東京都港区、代表取締役社長 兼 COO:宮本 直人)は、当社が運営 するプログサービス「ライブドアプログ」とMeta Platforms, Inc. (以下「Meta」、本社:米国カリフォルニア州 メンローパーク、CEO:マーク・ザッカーバーグ)が実施する10代利用者の安全なSNS体験を考えるキャンペー ン「みんなはどうしてる?我が家のインスタANZENルール」とのコラボレーション企画(以下「本企画」)を実 施することをお知らせします。





Creative Work by Keeko and Mihairo

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business strategy by segment – media business



Creator Economy Case Study (Branded Content Advertising)

Google × Zenzidō Yamada





Zenzidō Yamada explains AI in a simple and accessible way.

Tochigi Prefecture × Emushi & Emufujin

ライブドアブログ公式ブロガー「えむしとえむふじん」さ んが 栃木県の「とちぎ未来大使」に就任! 〜栃木県の魅力 を全国へ発信し、元気な栃木づくりに貢献~

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2024年6月より、えむしとえむふじんさんは「栃木ファンづくりプロモーション」の一環として、プログを通じ 木県の特産品や観光スポットなどの県の魅力を幅広く読者に発信してこられました。 こうした活動が評価され、このたび栃木県知事より委嘱され「とちぎ未来大使」に就任される運びとなりまし

Emufujin, an official blogger, visited Tochigi Prefecture to showcase its attractions and was named a Tochigi Future Ambassador.



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Creator Economy Case Study (eBooks & Traffic Growth via livedoor ECHOES)

ライブドアブログ公式ブロガー「まめきちまめこ」さんと 「横山了一」さんのオリジナル電子書籍がAmazon独占で 販売開始!

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To further expand monetization opportunities for creators, we are promoting initiatives such as turning their works into eBooks and visual content.

AIがYouTube動画をニュース記事化する新サービス 「livedoor ECHOES」がリリース! ~自動生成されたニ ュース記事を「ライブドアニュース」に配信し、動画のリ ーチ拡大が可能に~

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A new service has been launched that uses AI to automatically turn YouTube and other video content into articles, which are then published on livedoor Newsallowing video creators to expand their reach to users beyond their current followers.

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Information solutions lineup aimed at addressing challenges faced by financial institutions such as business efficiency, enhancing service value, and diversifying and strengthening revenue streams



Stock Information Solutions

Leveraging our B2C expertise and our capabilities as a financial IT vendor, we provide information solution services to financial institutions. We utilize "AI ENGINE." "CROWD INPUT," and "BIG DATA" to generate various types of content and information, along with abundant financial and economic company data. Our services also support U.S. stock information.



Data Feed Solutions

We provide financial information-related data tailored to specific usage purposes.



FX · CFD · CX Information Solutions

In addition to providing basic information on FX, CFD, and CX, we deliver original content that supports customers in their trading decisions. We also offer information solutions that enhance user convenience and stimulate trading activity.



For Financial Institution Sales Force

"Kabutan Professional," a tool for financial institution sales representatives, is an information tool that primarily focuses on market information such as stock prices, Nikkei Average, and TOPIX. It provides easy access to our original news and features, and includes essential basic content required for information terminals used by financial institution sales representatives.



Investments Trusts Information Solutions

In our investment trust information solutions, we offer solutions that enable the digitization and HTML conversion of report-related tasks for asset management companies. Additionally, we provide tools for sales companies that assist intuitively with fund search and selection, enhancing customer after-sales follow-up.



Overview of SI and package solutions services supporting digital transformation for financial institutions

Loyalty Points Service Platform



An essential tool for enhancing customer loyalty and expanding sales. Leveraging cutting-edge technology to provide an effective foundation for achieving your business goals.

[track record] Major online banks

Data Management Platform



By leveraging a data management infrastructure, we overcome the drawbacks of traditional data warehouses (DWH). This enables functions such as data integration, real-time updates, and access control, thereby achieving business efficiency and maximizing value.

[track record] Asset management company

In-House Pay Platform



Build a proprietary Pay platform for your customers, contributing to enhanced customer loyalty and increased revenue. Prioritize data protection and security to provide a highly reliable service.

(track record) Major online banks, Professional sports team management company

Smartphone Application Development



Support the full lifecycle of application development, from user interface design to development, testing, and release, leveraging the latest technologies. Our expertise is specialized in highdemand areas requiring advanced security measures, ensuring that we provide applications tailored to your business goals.

[track record] Online trading app, Crypt-currency trading app

API Platform



Support the construction of a custom API platform tailored to your business needs. This platform enables seamless integration with external partners and your own applications, fostering business scalability and innovation.

(track record) Major online securities firm





One of the largest consumer-oriented stock information media in Japan Providing essential information for investors including stock prices for both Japanese and U.S. stocks, business performance data and news

Kabutan is a specialized stock information media launched in 2010, targeting individual investors. We provide a free service funded by advertising revenue and a fee service, Kabutan Premium, which provides access to more news and data. Initially focused on Japanese stock information, Kabutan started providing U.S. stock information from 2022 onwards and continues to expand its service offerings.

- Service Concept of "Kabutan" -
- 1. Achieving the immediacy, quality and quantity of information equivalent to professional financial terminals
- 2. Providing information that meets various investor needs
- Providing advance notifications of information expected to impact stock prices
- Support for quick investment decisions
- Pursuit of convenience, usability, clarity, and ease of understanding





Stock Information Solution

[PRESS NEWS]

A service that utilize automated text generation technology to distribute 300-400 news articles per day. Providing the latest news covering domestic and international stock markets, aimed at providing useful information for investors



(Keyword Solution)

A service that allows searching not only by company name and securities code but also by various keywords. Users can search for stocks based on trending keywords, brands, product names, subsidiary company names, and more





Stock Information Solution

Theme-based Stock Solutions

A service that provides individual investors with trending themes and stocks associated with those themes in the market. Using access data from "Kabutan," it offers rankings, allowing investors to check popular theme information being searched for



Visual financial reporting solutions

A service that visualizes the financial statements of listed companies. After a company announces its earnings, the service uses AI to analyze the financial details instantly, ranks them on a five-star scale, and visualizes performance data to enable intuitive understanding





FX · CFD · CX Information Solutions

[Economic Indicators]

A service that shows release dates and times of important economic events and data in FX trading. It provides economic indicators of interest to users through two methods

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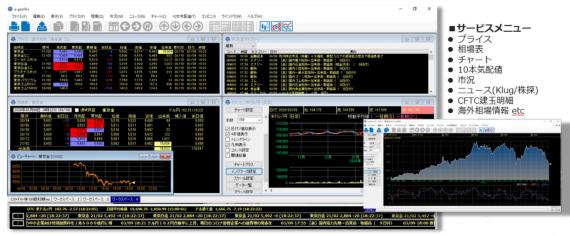


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[e-profit CX+]

An information service packed with market information including Osaka Exchange's prices for precious metals, rubber, and grains, Tokyo Commodity Exchange's prices for oil and electricity, and Dojima Exchange's prices for precious metals and grains, along with market conditions and related information





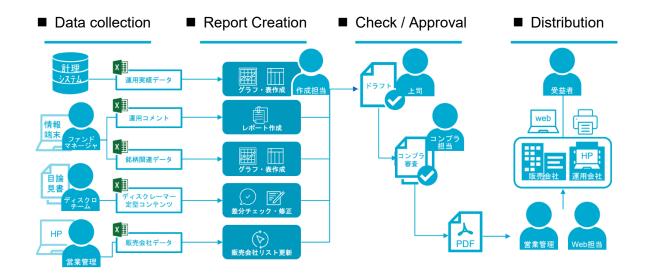
Investments Trusts Information Solutions

[MINKABU ROBOT REPORT]

A tool for facilitating operational efficiency and HTML conversion of monthly reports for investment trusts, aimed at asset management companies



The dedicated upload file allows for uploading to the robot report, enabling report output to address challenges such as "many manual tasks," "prone to human errors," and "distribution to sales companies in PDF or paper only." Equipped with checklist, difference display, and status management functions, it achieves efficiency in report creation and approval processes. Moreover, HTML reports enable one-click delivery to connected sales companies.





Data Feed Solution

Stock Information



A service that provides information on individual companies including company profiles, performance, financials, etc. Our editorial team offers accurate and timely company profiles, performance data sourced from EDINET, EDGAR, and other sources. We can provide only the necessary data and cater to clients beyond financial institutions

Information about Corporate Actions on US stocks



A service that supports corporate actions (CA) management for US stock symbols in back-office operations. It provides CA information for over 3,500 US-listed companies, sourced from official company announcements and URLs, based on US market trading days. This service aims to reduce costs associated with the extensive collection and management of CA information, thereby achieving efficiency in back-office operations

NYSE Best Quote & Trades White Label Service



A service that provides real-time market data for US stocks listed on exchanges like NYSE and NASDAQ. It offers real-time market data for individual stocks, with options for delayed or end-of-day (EOD) data depending on your needs

[MINKABU Stock Market APIs]



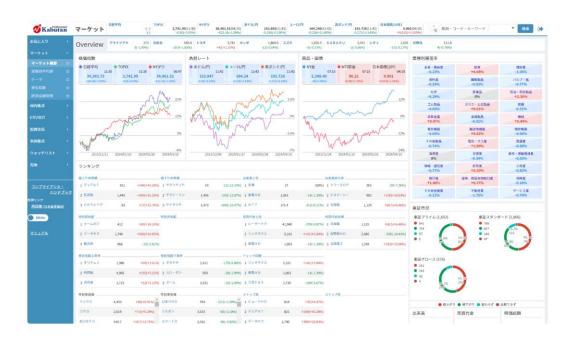
A service that provides realtime information on individual stock prices, key indicators, earnings, corporate actions (CA), and more. Market APIs enable comprehensive access to stock investment information. making them versatile for a wide range of needs including stock investment analysis and the development of securities trading systems



For Financial Institution Sales Force

(Kabutan Professional)

Kabutan Professional is an information tool centered around market information such as stock prices, Nikkei Average, TOPIX, and our original news and features, easily accessible. It is also equipped with essential basic content as an information tool for financial institution sales personnel



Our Proprietary Features

MINKABU Theme

A service providing themes that are trending in the market among individual investors, along with the stocks associated with those themes

Stock Price Analysis

A stock price analysis service that utilizes Al and analyst forecasts. It calculates target stock prices based on three elements: 'Analyst Forecasts, 'Stock Diagnosis (AI), and 'Individual Investor Forecasts (MINKABU).' By combining multiple forecasts rather than relying on a single prediction, it provides a comprehensive assessment for investment decisions.

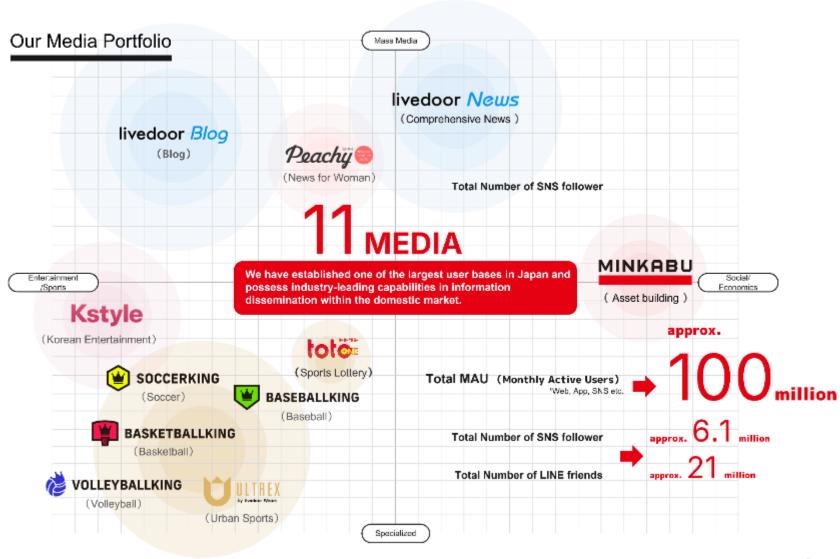
Visual Financial Report

A service that visualizes financial statements of listed companies. After the financial statements are released by listed companies, the service utilizes AI for instant analysis, ranks them on a five-star scale, and visualizes performance data to enable intuitive understanding.

Information for Dependent entities and Dependencies

A service that allows you to determine how much individual stocks depend on or are dependent on other stocks. You can check the percentage of dependent stocks, which can be used for reviewing customer portfolios and forecasting performance during earnings seasons.







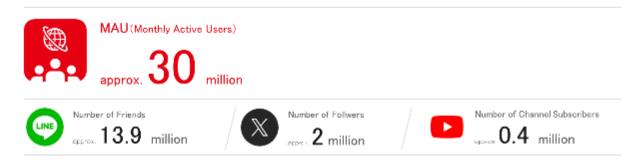
livedoor News &

https://news.livedoor.com/

Mass Media Social/ Economics Entertainment/ Sports

A leading news media outlet with top-tier influence in Japan





- Since its inception in 2004, the service has acquired news content from around 250 to 300 providers, covering a broad spectrum of topics including domestic politics, global affairs, subcultures, and gourmet trends.
- The service features a unique headline format called "Zakkuri luto" ("In a Nutshell"), which summarizes the key points of each news story in three main takeaways. This structure is designed to make news easy to understand for readers across all age groups.
- On its YouTube channel "livedoor News," the platform features popular content such as the gameplay commentary series "Game Stroll with a Game Pro", which has gained a strong following.







livedoor **Blog** 🗹

https://blog.livedoor.com/

Entertainment/Sports Mass Media

One of Japan's largest blog platforms, home to a wide range of top creators





Number of Partner Blogs



Number of Friends

*'Partner blogs' refers to the total number of blogs participating in the official blog and local blogger programs.

- Since its launch in 2003, it has grown into one of Japan's largest blog platforms, supporting bloggers and creators active in a wide range of fields such as illustrated diaries, local topics, parenting, cooking and recipes, lifestyle, and pets.
- There are three types of plans available: the Official Blog, the Professional Blogger Plan, and the Local Media Program.



Official Blog

A support program for bloggers and creators who produce high-quality blog content. The number of participating blogs exceeds 700.



Professional Blogger Plan

A support initiative aimed at increasing bloggers' monetization potential.



Local Blogger Plan

A support initiative for regional content creators, with a history of signing broad-based collaboration agreements with local authorities.









Featuring distinctive original content through partnerships with major Korean entertainment content providers, the platform offers a wide variety of content-from breaking news and press releases to in-depth columns on Korean entertainment. Approximately 70 to 100 articles are published daily.





Left: Web site (PC) Right: Official YouTube channel





https://news.livedoor.com/article/category/55/

Entertainment/Sports Mass Media

Empowering women to live joyfully-every day





A news media platform filled with tips to help young women live a "cute & happy" life every day. Targeting women in their teens and twenties, it delivers content across five categories: lifestyle, love, culture, food, and fashion & beauty.





Left: Web site (PC) Right: Official X Account









- A leading investor-focused social media platform in Japan, providing comprehensive information on various financial instruments such as equities, foreign exchange (FX), crypto assets, and mutual funds.
- With a strong commitment to fairness, we prioritize providing timely, high-quality information to individual investors from a neutral and unbiased perspective.
- We deliver information that benefits those engaged in asset building, with a focus on clear, accessible content and market insights that support informed investing.





Web site (PC)





https://www.soccer-king.jp/

Entertainment/Sports Specialized Media

A leading soccer-focused media outlet in Japan, known for its unmatched information reach and shareability.





A top-tier Japanese media platform dedicated to comprehensive global football coverage. It delivers a wide range of soccer-related content, including the latest domestic and international news, columns, player interviews, match reports, games, and shopping. The platform's YouTube channel, which publishes over 300 videos annually, is also highly regarded.



From the Left: X. LINE, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube





https://basketballking.jp/

Specialized Media Entertainment/Sports

A dedicated basketball media platform that shares the appeal and excitement of the sport





 A basketball-focused media platform launched in 2016, coinciding with the birth of Japan's professional basketball league, the B.League. It covers a wide range of categories, from high school and college basketball to the NBA. The platform also produces and distributes the podcast "Shimada no Mic," featuring B.League Chairman Shinji Shimada.





"B MY HERO!" — a B.League support program co-produced with Sports Navi





https://baseballking.jp/

Specialized Media (Entertainment/Sports) A baseball-focused media platform dedicated to showcasing the appeal of the sport





A baseball-focused media platform designed to help fans enjoy the game even more. Baseball King delivers not only breaking news, but also unique and entertaining content with fresh perspectives you won't find anywhere else. The more you know, the more fun baseball becomes—we bring that kind of information to baseball fans every day.





The platform also features content in collaboration with Nippon Broadcasting System's "Show Up Nighter" and the youth baseball website "Yakyuiku."

WEB Site (PC)





https://volleyballking.jp/ (Launched in July 2024)

Entertainment/Sports

A volleyball-focused media platform dedicated to fueling Japan's passion for the sport





Launched in July 2024, this new volleyball-focused web media platform leverages our accumulated expertise in media operations. Our goal is to create a space where everyone can feel the joy of volleyball and share that excitement with others-making people say, "Volleyball is so much fun!" and "I want to share this feeling!"





Left: Web site (PC) Right: Web site (SP)





A media platform providing predictions and information about the soccer lottery "toto."





This is a specialized toto prediction website offering valuable resources to help users improve their chances. From expert columns by the totoONE prediction team and editorial staff to detailed match data and pre-game reports by beat writers, the site provides comprehensive support for winning strategies.





Left: Web site (PC) Right: Web site (SP)







- A new specialized media platform dedicated to showcasing the growing appeal of urban sports. It also plans to deliver content in collaboration with livedoor URBAN SPORTS PARK.
- Covering both domestic and international news, the platform focuses on sports such as sport climbing, skateboarding, BMX, parkour, breaking, and 3x3 basketball.
- It also features how-to content, including training methods for each sport.





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https://shopping.livedoor.com/ https://www.livedoor-shopping.jp/ Life Support Shopping

A shopping site that enriches the heart of every customer



- A shopping site offering products that "enrich the heart" by combining social contribution, everyday life, and personal interests.
- Through its uniquely curated lineup, the platform promotes social contribution by reducing food loss, supports daily life with affordable products, and offers the joy of discovering a wide range of personal interests-from hobbies to fandomrelated items.



https://livedoorbank.jp/



Banking

Fintech services leveraging the BaaS infrastructure



- A new digital financial service that leverages synergies with media content to realize the vision of "Media × Finance."
- Not only is the service designed to be user-friendly, allowing users to complete everything from account opening to everyday banking entirely through a smartphone app, but it also offers access to asset-building articles from MINKABU Magazine within the app—providing users with the opportunity to learn more about money and personal finance.



Sportivo



https://sportivo.jp/



By promoting the joy of movement and the energy sparked through communication, we aspire to build a vibrant sports community in each area. The facility is also available for planning and hosting events, product sampling, and other promotional activities.

CONCEPT

"Sports as a natural part of urban life " A diversity hub for the sports community

A wide range of sports

In addition to futsal courts, we are expanding our facilities by adding sports courts for basketball and other activities, enabling use across a wide range of sports.

Across generations

We offer services that are easily accessible to people of all ages and genders.

Diverse interactions

We support the development of sports-based communities by encouraging greater individual engagement.



YAU (Year Active Users)



Soccer schools are also part of our offerings





Sportivoサッカースクール Powered by SOCCERKING ※ジュニア向けスクール





Production (Contracted Content Creation) & Activation Support

We provide production support for a wide range of official publications and communication content—primarily in the field of public relations—for sports organizations and sports-related companies. From strategic communication planning to the actual production of content across various formats such as video, web, and print, we offer flexible and comprehensive services.

In addition, for corporate partners of sports organizations, we handle everything from planning to execution of activations that leverage their sponsorship rights, including negotiations with the rights holders on their behalf.



(FY2025 Number of ongoing clients)

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Risks of particular concern

Risk impact and mitigation measures

Trends in the Advertising Market

Our group operates as a comprehensive media business with a monthly user base of approximately 100 million. Currently, advertising revenue continues to account for a high proportion of our media business revenue, making us susceptible to fluctuations in the advertising market. We are therefore working to reduce our relative dependence on advertising revenue. Through initiatives aimed at diversifying our revenue streams—such as the introduction of subscriptionbased models—we are striving to stabilize our earnings. However, in the event of a significant economic downturn, prolonged stagnation in the ad network market, or a further decline in advertising unit prices, there is a possibility that our group's financial position and business performance may be adversely affected.

Frends in the Financial Markets

As our Group's solutions business primarily targets financial institutions by providing financial and economic information, a slowdown in the economy or sudden market volatility may significantly reduce business activities such as advertising expenditures by financial institutions and their investment in our Group's solution products.

To mitigate this risk, our Group is working to stabilize earnings through initiatives such as expanding our product offerings, broadening sales channels and customer segments, diversifying revenue models, and offering comparatively high-margin packaged solutions.

However, in the event of a sharp and substantial economic downturn or market disruption, there could be a decline in account openings and subscription service usage by retail investors, as well as a decrease in order volume from financial institutions. Furthermore, if these adverse developments were to occur simultaneously, they could have a negative impact on our Group's financial condition and operating results.

Regarding System and Service Malfunctions

As our Group primarily provides services to customers over the internet via computer systems centered on cloud servers, we have implemented various measures—such as system redundancy—to ensure stable operation of these services.

However, if a malfunction were to occur due to factors such as hardware failure, natural disasters, computer viruses, or disruptions in computer systems or communication networks, or if programs were tampered with due to unauthorized access, our services may be adversely affected.

In such cases, customers may suffer lost opportunities or foregone profits. Furthermore, if such incidents are attributable to our material negligence, they could result in claims for damages or a significant loss of credibility, potentially having an adverse effect on our Group's financial condition and operating results.

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Risks of particular concern

Risk impact and mitigation measures

Regarding Changes in Search Engine Specifications and the Global Shift Toward Emphasizing Privacy In our Group's media business, search engine optimization (SEO) is one of the primary channels for user acquisition. Based on our commitment to delivering high-quality content that benefits users, we have established a framework for analyzing search trends and user behavior, and we strive to respond to user search needs and secure favorable search rankings.

However, if there are significant and abrupt changes to search engine algorithms—such as those implemented by Google LLC—that exceed our Group's expectations, and our analysis or response is insufficient or inadequate, our ability to attract users via search may decline, which could adversely affect our Group's financial condition and operating results.

Furthermore, although Google LLC has revised its stance, the industry as a whole continues to move toward a more privacy-conscious direction, particularly regarding the regulation of third-party cookies. This trend raises concerns about its impact on web-based advertising—especially targeting ads and performance measurement—and may influence the broader online advertising market.

While our Group continues to take appropriate measures such as gathering relevant information and leveraging first-party data, if the impact of these privacy-focused changes exceeds our assumptions and our responses are not sufficient or appropriate, a decline in advertising unit prices and other adverse outcomes may negatively affect our Group's financial condition and operating performance.

Concerning Significant Matters

In the fiscal year ended March 2025, our Group recorded an operating loss of ¥1,911 million, an ordinary loss of ¥1,993 million, and a net loss attributable to owners of the parent of ¥5,529 million. In addition, the amount of borrowings due within one year totaled ¥3,125 million, which significantly exceeds the cash on hand of ¥542 million. As such, we recognize the existence of events or conditions that may raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.

To address this situation, our Group has taken steps to reduce costs and stabilize financing in order to secure stable profitability. In the fiscal year ended March 2025, we implemented large-scale business and asset restructuring as well as a review of fixed costs. Moreover, with the consent of all our financial institutions, we secured a new borrowing facility of ¥500 million. On June 20, 2025, we also executed amended loan agreements with all financial institutions for a term loan of ¥5,680 million and a syndicated loan of ¥1,900 million, under which the financial covenants will not apply to the fiscal year ended March 2025, and repayment schedules have been rescheduled.

However, depending on the future progress of our business, the intended effects of these measures may not be fully realized, which could have a significant impact on our future cash flow. Therefore, as of now, we acknowledge the existence of material uncertainty regarding our ability to continue as a going concern. It should be noted that the consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, and the impact of this material uncertainty is not reflected in the consolidated financial statements.

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Appendix income statement



The Company has been collecting management fees from group companies as internal transactions since the second quarter of FY2024. The table below shows the figures which are not reflected management fees as previously disclosed, for the sake of disclosure continuity. The figures reflected management fees are listed on pages 70-71.

| | Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2023 | Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2024 | Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2025 | | | solidated Financial Forecasts Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2026 | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------|--|--|
| | Consolidated | Consolidated | Consolidated | Changes | Consolidated | Changes | |
| Net Sales | 6,836 | 9,920 | 10,548 | +6.3% | 8,700 | -17.5% | |
| MEDIA | 2,525 | 6,348 | 6,912 | +8.9% | 5,000 | -27.7% | |
| SOLUTION (8.) (9.) | 4,352 | 3,783 | 3,932 | +3.9% | 4,000 | +1.7% | |
| Adjustment (1.) | -41 | -212 | -295 | _ | -300 | _ | |
| Operating Profit | 111 | -699 | -1,911 | _ | 300 | _ | |
| MEDIA (7.) | 160 | -236 | -1,358 | _ | 430 | _ | |
| SOLUTION (7.) (8.) (9.) | 829 | 428 | 389 | -9.0% | 770 | +97.7% | |
| Adjustment (2.) | -878 | -891 | -942 | _ | -900 | _ | |
| Ordinary Profit | -207 | -790 | -1,993 | _ | 150 | | |
| Profit attributable to Parent Company | 726 | -1,180 | -5,525 | | 200 | | |
| EBITDA (3.) | 1,019 | 492 | -711 | | 1,200 | _ | |

- Re-allocation of inter-segment sales
- 2. Elimination of inter-segment and unallocated operating expenses
- 3. Calculation formula of EBITDA is Operating income+depreciation+amortization of goodwill
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- Acquired livedoor Co., Ltd on December 28, 2022 and made it a consolidated subsidiary. Since the deemed acquisition date is December 31, 2022, only the balance sheet was consolidated as of December 31, 2022.
- 6. Acquired From One Co., Itd. on September 1, 2023 and made it a consolidated subsidiary. Since the deemed acquisition date is September 30, 2024, only the balance sheet was consolidated as of September 30, 2023.
- 7. Starting from July 1, 2023, the Company has been collecting management fees from group companies. Assuming the management fee is added to the segment profit and loss of each business segment for the fiscal year ended March 2024, the media business segment loss expands from 236 million yen to 706 million yen (including a management fee of 470 million yen), and the solution business segment profit is compressed from 428 million yen to 138 million yen (including a management fee of 289 million yen). Similarly, for the fiscal year ended March 2025, the media business segment loss expands from 1,358 million yen to 2,188 million yen (including a management fee of 830 million yen), and the solution business segment profit is compressed from 389 million yen to 99 million yen (including a management fee of 289 million yen).
- 8. As of March 30, 2023, the Company has sold its subsidiary, Prop Tech plus Inc.
- 9. As of March 31, 2025, the Company has sold subsidiary, MINKABU ASSET PARTNERS, Inc.
- 10. Figures are all in Japanese Yen and rounded down to the nearest million yen.

Appendix sales by segments



The Company has been collecting management fees from various group companies as internal transactions since the second quarter FY2024. The table below shows the figures which are not reflected management fees as previously disclosed, for the sake of disclosure continuity. The figures reflected management fees are listed on pages 70-71.

| | Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2023 | Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2024 | Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2025 | | | Consolidated Financial Forecasts Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2026 | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------|---|--|
| | Consolidated | Consolidated | Consolidated | Changes | Consolidated | Changes | |
| MEDIA | 2,525 | 6,348 | 6,912 | +8.9% | 5,000 | -27.7% | |
| Ad revenue | 2,420 | 5,193 | 4,243 | -18.3% | 3,790 | -10.7% | |
| Subscription revenue (2.)(3.) | 65 | 129 | 106 | -17.5% | 90 | -15.6% | |
| Others | 38 | 1,026 | 2,562 | +149.7% | 1,120 | -56.3% | |
| SOLUTION (6.) (7.) | 4,352 | 3,783 | 3,932 | +3.9% | 4,000 | +1.7% | |
| Subscription revenue (3.) | 3,097 | 2,626 | 2,924 | +11.4% | 3,230 | +10.4% | |
| Billing revenue(3.) | 346 | 440 | 525 | +19.3% | 550 | +4.6% | |
| Initial revenue | 1,254 | 1,157 | 1,007 | -12.9% | 770 | -23.6% | |
| Adjustment (1.) | -41 | -212 | -295 | _ | -300 | _ | |
| Net Sales | 6,836 | 9,920 | 10,548 | +6.3% | 8,700 | -17.5% | |

Re-allocation of inter-segment sales

Subscription revenue includes monthly subscription fees, initial fees and monthly fees for OEM services.

^{3.} Allocation of billing revenue for Kabutan Premium in media business have been allocated to Solution Business revenue from FY2024/03

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Appendix income statement



The Company has been collecting management fees from group companies as internal transactions since the second quarter of FY2024. The table below shows the figures **reflected management fees**.

| | Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2023 | Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2024 | Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2025 | | | olidated Financial Forecasts Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2026 | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---|--|
| | Consolidated | Consolidated | Consolidated | Changes | Consolidated | Changes | |
| Net Sales | 6,836 | 9,920 | 10,548 | +6.3% | 8,700 | -17.5% | |
| MEDIA | 2,525 | 5,877 | 6,081 | +3.5% | 4,500 | -26.0% | |
| SOLUTION (8.) (9.) | 4,352 | 3,493 | 3,642 | +4.3% | 3,600 | -1.2% | |
| Adjustment (1.) | -41 | 548 | 824 | +50.4% | 600 | _ | |
| Operating Profit | 111 | -699 | -1,911 | - | 300 | _ | |
| MEDIA (7.) | 160 | -706 | -2,188 | _ | 50 | _ | |
| SOLUTION (7.) (8.) (9.) | 829 | 138 | 99 | -28.0% | 250 | +150.8% | |
| Adjustment (2.) | -878 | -131 | 178 | _ | _ | _ | |
| Ordinary Profit | -207 | -790 | -1,993 | - | 150 | | |
| Profit attributable to Parent Company | 726 | -1,180 | -5,525 | | 200 | | |
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- 8. On March 30, 2023, the Company sold the shares of Prop Tech plus Inc. a consolidated subsidiary.
- 9. On March 31, 2025, the Company sold the shares of MINKABU ASSET PARTNERS, Inc., a consolidated subsidiary.
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Appendix sales by segments



The Company has been collecting management fees from group companies as internal transactions since the second quarter of FY2024. The table below shows the figures **reflected management fees**.

| | Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2023 | Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2024 | Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2025 | | | Consolidated Financial Forecasts Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2026 | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------|---|--|
| | Consolidated | Consolidated | Consolidated | Changes | Consolidated | Changes | |
| MEDIA (4.)(5.) | 2,525 | 5,877 | 6,081 | +3.5% | 4,500 | -26.0% | |
| Ad revenue | 2,420 | 5,193 | 4,243 | -18.3% | 3,790 | -10.7% | |
| Subscription revenue (2.)(3.) | 65 | 129 | 106 | -17.5% | 90 | -15.6% | |
| Others | 38 | 1,026 | 2,562 | +149.7% | 1,120 | -56.3% | |
| Others(management fee deduction) (6.) | _ | -470 | -830 | _ | -500 | _ | |
| SOLUTION (7.)(8.) | 4,352 | 3,493 | 3,642 | +4.3% | 3,600 | -1.2% | |
| Subscription revenue (3.) | 3,097 | 2,626 | 2,924 | +11.4% | 3,230 | +10.4% | |
| Billing revenue(3.) | 346 | 440 | 525 | +19.3% | 550 | +4.6% | |
| Initial revenue | 1,254 | 1,157 | 1,007 | -12.9% | 770 | -23.6% | |
| Others (management fee deduction) (6.) | _ | -289 | -289 | _ | -400 | _ | |
| Adjustment | -41 | 548 | 824 | +50.4% | 600 | -27.2% | |
| Adjustment (1.) | -41 | -212 | -295 | _ | -300 | _ | |
| Adjustment (management fee deduction) (6.) | _ | 760 | 1,120 | +47.4% | 900 | -19.7% | |
| Net Sales | 6,836 | 9,920 | 10,548 | +6.3% | 8,700 | -17.5% | |

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- 6. Since July 1, 2023, the Company has been collecting management fees from each group company. The segment sales of each business segment are presented after deducting these management fees, and the collected management fees are included in the adjustment amount.
- 7. On March 30, 2023, the Company sold the shares of Prop Tech plus Inc. a consolidated subsidiary.
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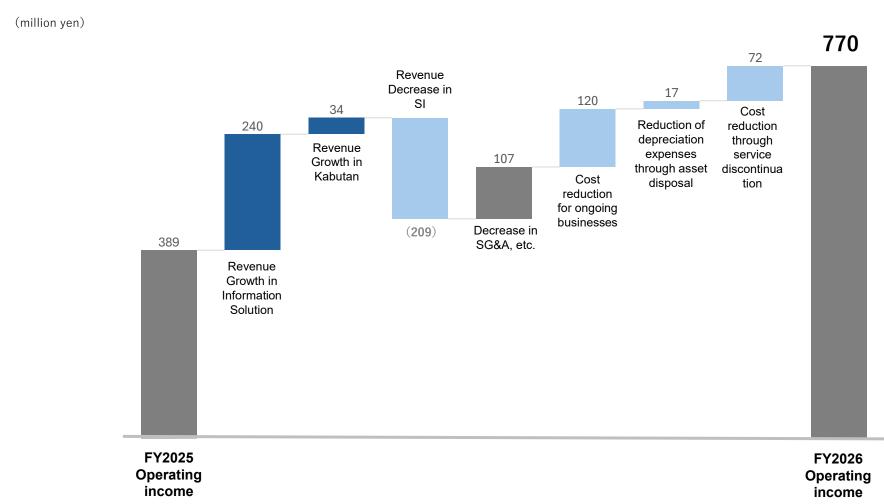
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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| | Consolidated | Consolidated | Consolidated | Changes | | |
| Current assets | 6,567 | 4,132 | 2,039 | -50.6% | | |
| (Cash and deposit) | 4,463 | 2,047 | 542 | -73.5% | | |
| Non - current assets | 9,967 | 10,706 | 7,943 | -25.8% | | |
| Assets | 16,534 | 14,838 | 9,982 | -32.7% | | |
| Current Liabilities | 1,926 | 2,734 | 4,376 | +60.1% | | |
| Non-Current Liabilities | 6,752 | 5,919 | 5,286 | -10.7% | | |
| Liabilities | 8,678 | 8,654 | 9,662 | +11.7% | | |
| Capital stock | 3,533 | 3,534 | 320 | -90.9% | | |
| Capital surplus | 4,194 | 3,806 | 6,632 | +74.2% | | |
| Retained earnings | -18 | -1,199 | -6,725 | _ | | |
| Others | 55 | 28 | 80 | +186.2% | | |
| Non-controlling interests | 91 | 14 | 11 | -22.7% | | |
| Net assets | 7,855 | 6,184 | 319 | -94.8% | | |



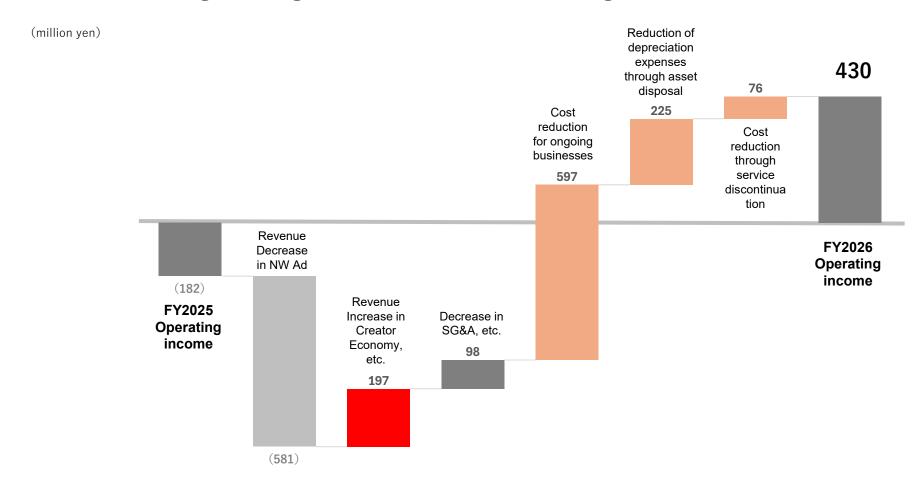
FY2026 Earnings Bridge Centered on Recurring Revenue and Cost Reductions



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FY2026 Earnings Bridge Centered on Recurring Revenue and Cost Reductions



^{*} The figures in the above graph are presented in accordance with previous disclosures, excluding management fees. In addition, for ease of comparison, the actual results for FY March 2025 are presented excluding revenue related to the content business.



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