# FY 2025/3 Second Quarter Results Briefing

November 6, 2024



Kakaku.com, Inc. (TSE Prime: 2371)

# 1. Consolidated Operating Results

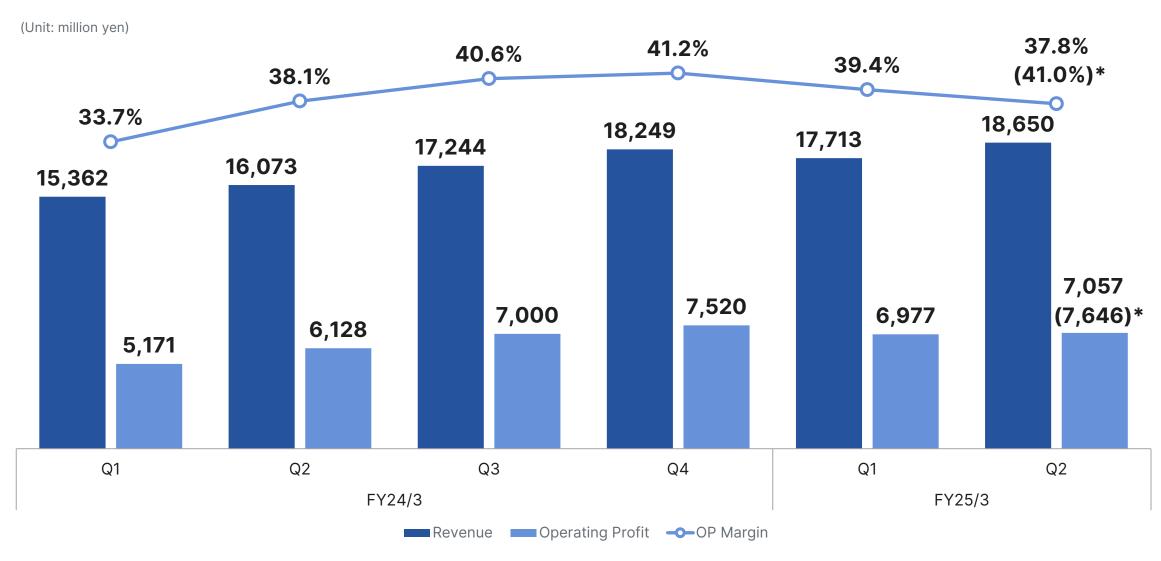
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# 1. Consolidated Operating Results: Highlights

			FY2	25/3			Full-Year	Progress
(Unit: million yen)	Q2	YoY C	hange	H1	YoY C	hange	Forecast () = H1 Forecast	() = vs. H1 Forecast
Revenue	18,650	+2,577	+16.0%	36,363	+4,928	+15.7%	<b>74,000</b> (34,700)	<b>49.1%</b> (104.8%)
Operating Profit	7,057	+929	+15.2%	14,034	+2,735	+24.2%	<b>28,500</b> (12,800)	<b>49.2%</b> (109.6%)
OP Margin	37.8%	-	-0.3pt	38.6%	-	+2.7pt	38.5%	-
Profit Before Income Taxes	7,007	+788	+12.7%	14,093	+2,577	+22.4%	<b>28,400</b> (12,700)	<b>49.6%</b> (111.0%)
Profit Attributable to Owners of the Parent Company	4,766	+501	+11.7%	9,590	+1,674	+21.1%	<b>19,400</b> (8,700)	<b>49.4%</b> (110.2%)

<sup>\*</sup> Impairment losses of 588 million yen were recorded mainly on intangible assets and goodwill related to the business of Pathee Inc.. Excluding this impact, Operating Profit was 7,646 million yen (YoY+24.8%) in Q2 and 14,622 million yen (YoY+29.4%) in H1. For details, please refer to: 2. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (6) Notes on the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in the Consolidated Earnings Report for the Second Quarter (Semi-annual Period) of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025, issued on Nov. 6, 2024.

# 1. Consolidated Operating Results: Revenue and Operating Profit by Quarter



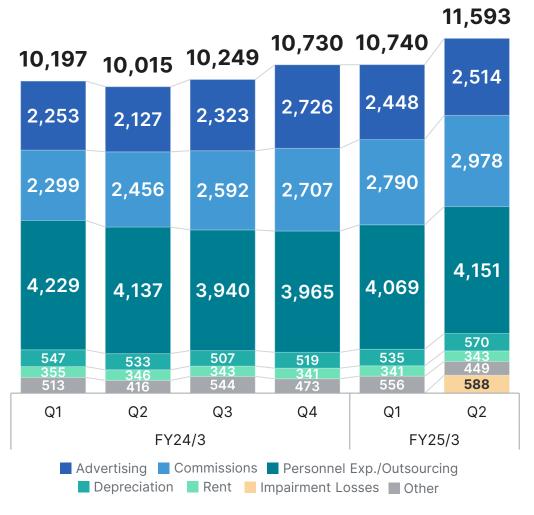
<sup>\*</sup> Figures in parentheses are Operating Profit and OP Margin excluding the impact of impairment losses (588 million yen) recorded mainly on intangible assets and goodwill related to the business of Pathee Inc..

# 1. Consolidated Operating Results: Consolidated Operating Expenses and Other Costs

		FY25/3		5/3			Main Reasons for	
(Unit: million yen)	Q2	YoY C	hange	H1	YoY C	YoY Change Increase/Decrease		
Advertising	2,514	+387	+18.2%	4,963	+582	+13.3%	Increase mainly in acquisition advertising (such as listing ads) for Kakaku.com and Kyujin Box	
Commissions	2,978	+522	+21.2%	5,768	+1,013	+21.3%	Increased in-line with growth mainly in Kyujin Box	
Variable Expenses Total	5,492	+909	+19.8%	10,731	+1,595	+17.5%		
Personnel Exp. & Outsourcing	4,151	+14	+0.3%	8,219	-147	-1.8%		
Rent	343	-2	-0.7%	685	-16	-2.3%		
Depreciation	570	+38	+7.0%	1,105	+25	+2.4%		
Other	449	+32	+7.7%	1,004	+75	+8.1%		
Fixed Expenses Total	5,513	+81	+1.5%	11,014	-62	-0.6%		
Impairment Losses	588	-	-	588	-	-	Impairment losses were recorded mainly on intangible assets and goodwill related to the business of Pathee Inc., a consolidated subsidiary	
Total Expenses	11,593	+1,578	+15.8%	22,333	2,121	+10.5%		

# 1. Consolidated Operating Results: Operating Expenses and Other Costs by Quarter

### Breakdown of Expenses (Unit: million yen)



### Sales Ratio of Main Expenses (Unit: %)



# 1. Consolidated Operating Results: Revenue and Income by Segment

				FY2	25/3		
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Consolidated	Operating Profit	7,057	+929	+15.2%	14,034	+2,735	+24.2%
Kakaku sam	Revenue	5,580	+472	+9.2%	11,191	+908	+8.8%
Kakaku.com	Segment Income*1	2,215	-352	-13.7%	5,074	-59	-1.1%
Tobolog	Revenue	8,031	+1,398	+21.1%	15,661	+2,625	+20.1%
Tabelog	Segment Income	4,503	+1,079	+31.5%	8,791	+2,115	+31.7%
Kyysiin Doy	Revenue	2,962	+697	+30.8%	5,667	+1,418	+33.4%
Kyujin Box	Segment Income	1,315	+104	+8.6%	2,463	+257	+11.6%
Incubation	Revenue	2,078	+10	+0.5%	3,843	-23	-0.6%
Incubation	Segment Income	572	-5	-0.9%	879	+96	+12.3%
Adjustment of Se	egment Income*2	-1,549	+103	+6.2%	-3,174	+326	+9.3%

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<sup>\*2</sup> Adjustment of Segment Income includes corporate and company wide-expenses not allocated to each segment and eliminations of inter-segment transactions, etc.

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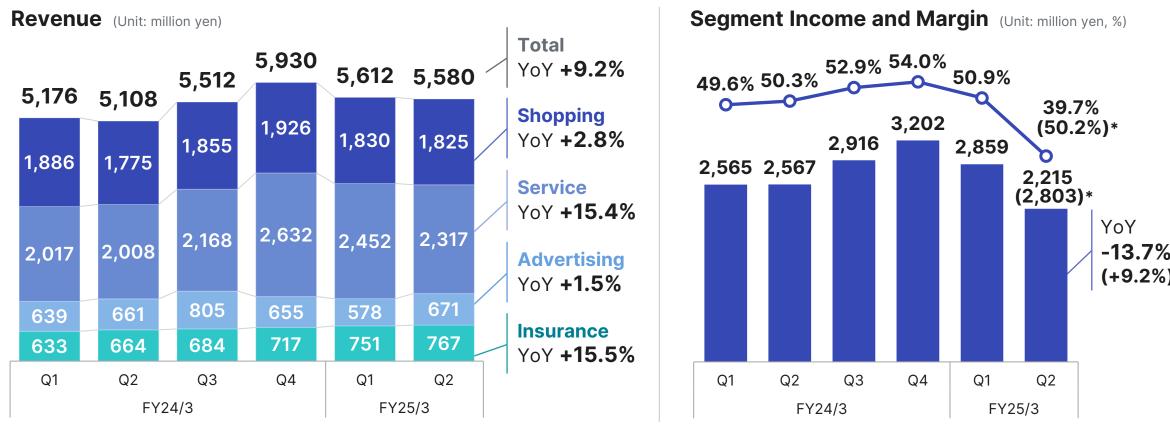
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Revenue increased in all businesses: Shopping, Services, Advertising, and Insurance.

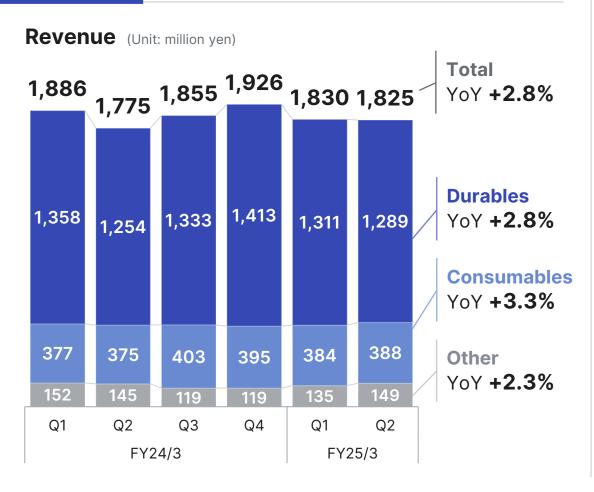


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2. Operating Results by Segment: Kakaku.com (Shopping/Service)

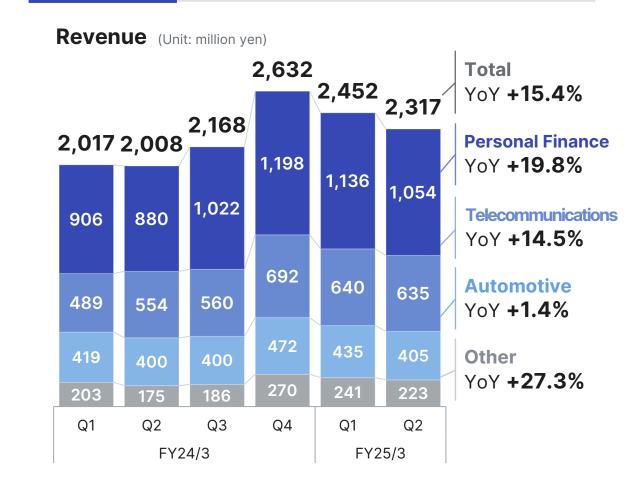
# **Shopping**

Durables revenue increased for the first time in 13 quarters.



#### **Service**

**Personal Finance and Telecommunications** remained strong.

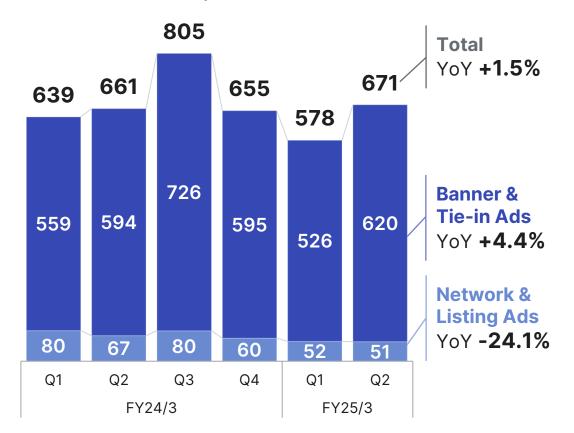


2. Operating Results by Segment: Kakaku.com (Advertising/Insurance)

# **Advertising**

Revenue from Banner & Tie-in Ads increased for the first time in nine quarters.

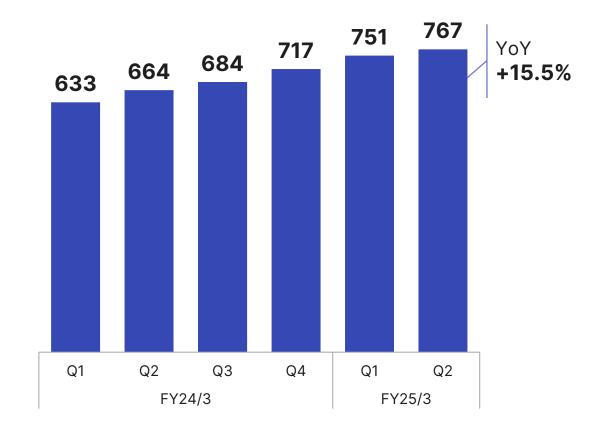
# Revenue (Unit: million yen)



#### Insurance

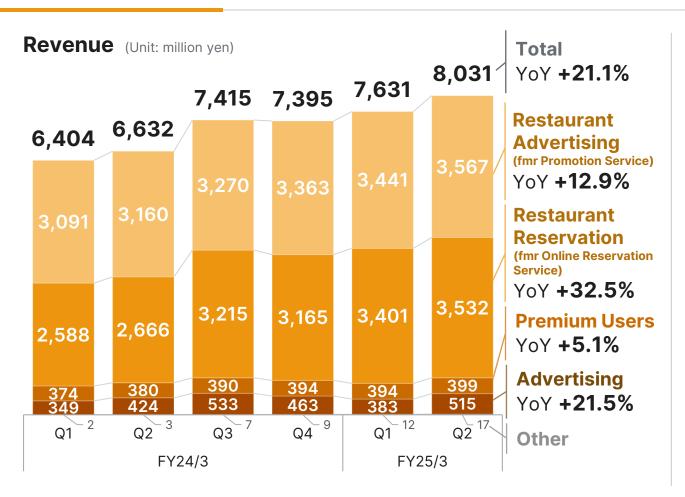
Revenue continued to increase due to an increase in applications, mainly for fire insurance.

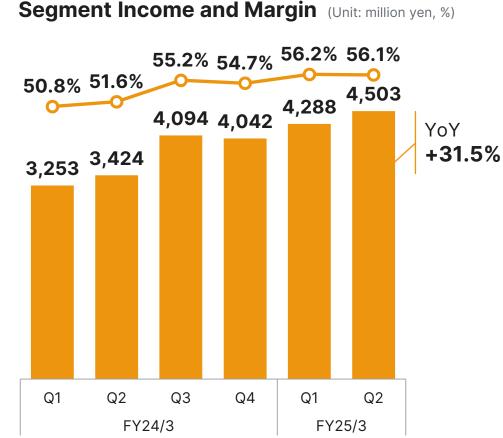
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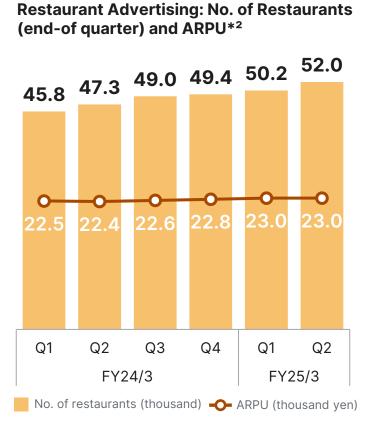


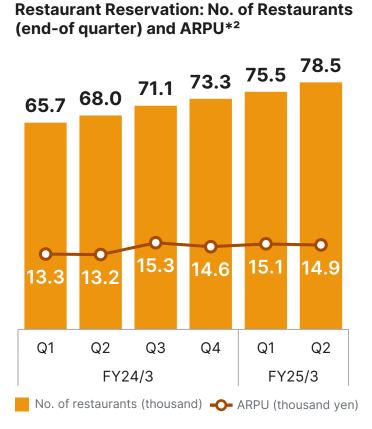
Revenue grew, led by the Restaurant Reservation business. Segment income was also solid.

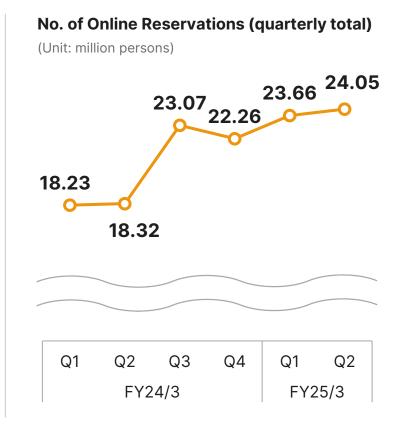




# Contracted restaurants increased for both the Restaurant Advertising and Restaurant Reservation.\* The number of online reservations reached a record high.



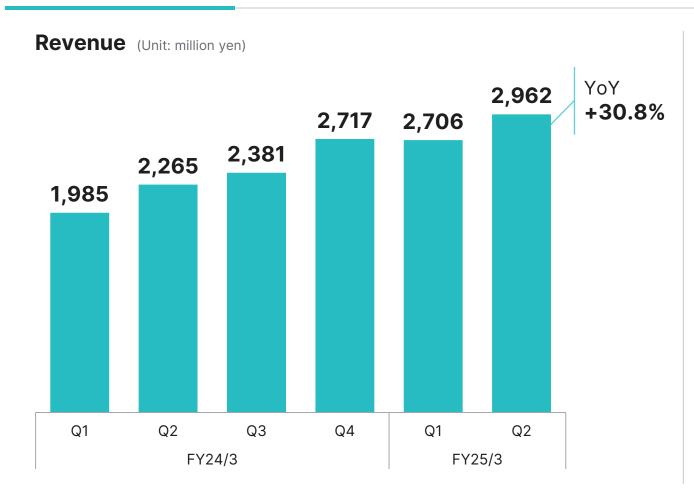


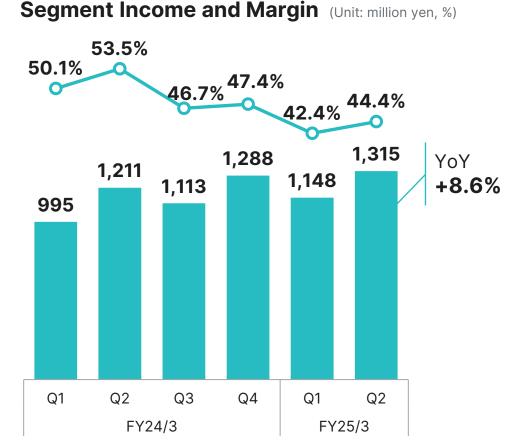


<sup>\*1</sup> The number of fee-paying restaurants is 82,200. Of these, 48,300 are using both the Restaurant Advertising and the Restaurant Reservation Service. \*2 ARPU= 3-month average of, monthly service revenue divided by monthly no. of contracted restaurants.

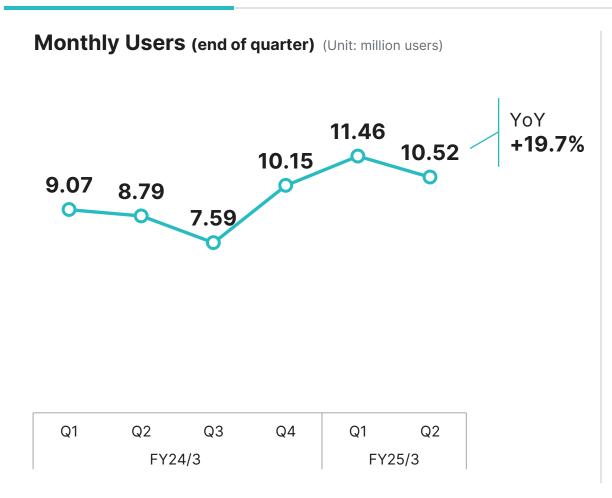


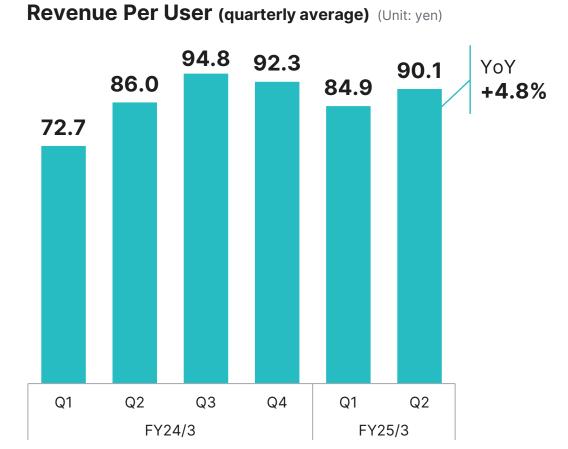
While revenue growth remained high, income margin declined due to growth investments. Further acceleration of growth investments is planned for the second half of the fiscal year.



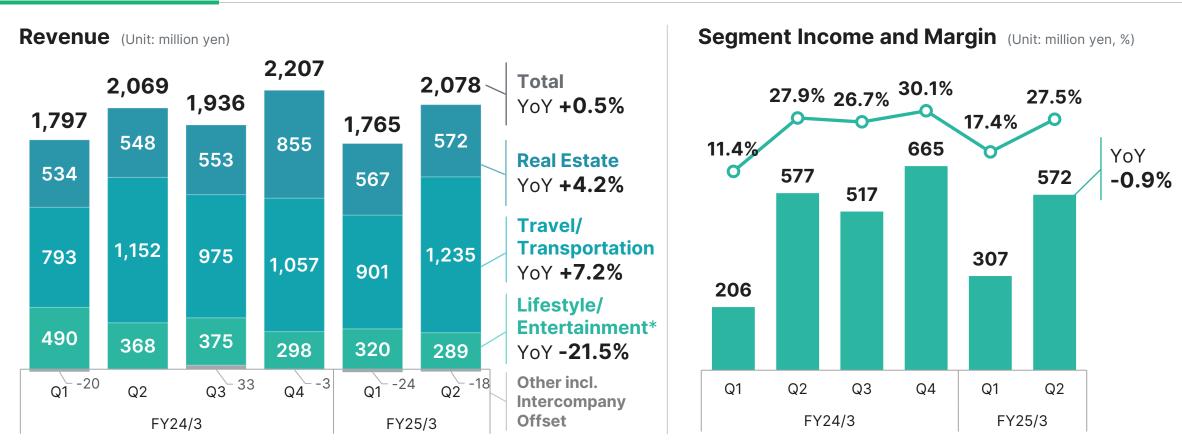


# Steady increase in monthly users, but revenue per user remained slightly below expectations.





# **Growth trends continued in the Real Estate and Travel/Transportation domains.**



<sup>\*</sup> Due to the transfer of all shares of gaie Inc. on August 1, 2023, revenue is recorded only until July 2023. Excluding the revenue impact from gaie Inc., the Incubation segment grew by 5.7% YoY and the Lifestyle/Entertainment domain grew by 8.7%.

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# **Collaboration with reservation site KKday (Taiwan)**

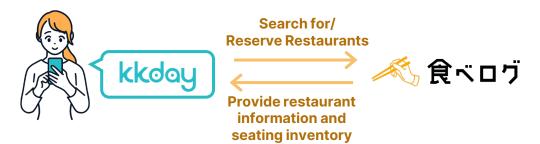
3<sup>rd</sup> partnership with overseas site, following Meituan/Dianping (China), OpenRice (Hong Kong)

## **About KKday**

- Online booking site for optional tours and activities
- No. of monthly active users: over 15 million, mainly in Asia
- Supports multiple languages, including Chinese
   (Traditional/Simplified), English, Korean and Japanese

## **Overview of Partnership**

- Provide reservations at Tabelog restaurants on KKday's website/App, by accessing information on restaurants and seating inventory provided by Tabelog
- Revenue-sharing of fees received from restaurants and users

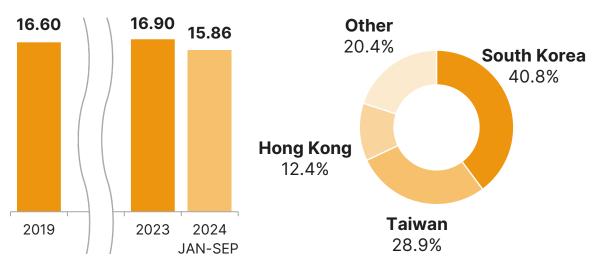


#### **Trends of visitors from Asia**

Accounting for 80% of visitors to Japan, the number of travelers from East and Southeast Asia (excluding China) has already surpassed the pre-COVID level.

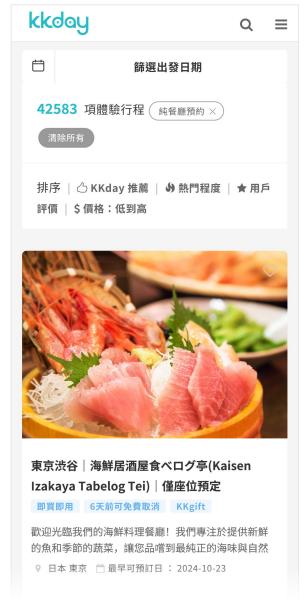
# No. and composition Visitors from East and Southeast Asia (excl. China)

(Unit: million persons)



Source: "Statistics on Foreign Visitors to Japan," National Tourism Organization

# 3. Topics: Tabelog's Online Reservation Service for Visitors to Japan

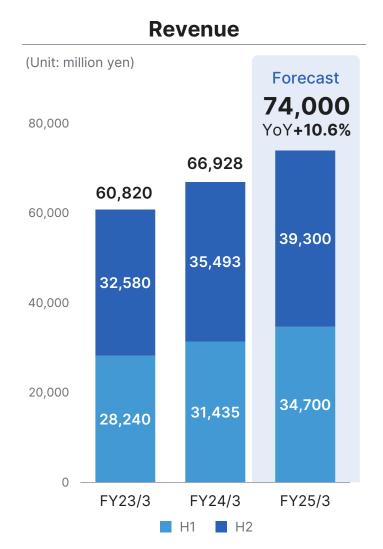


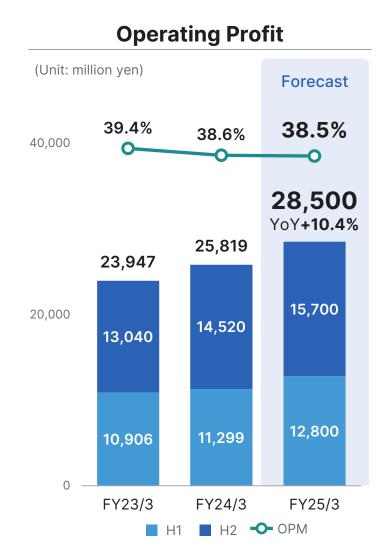


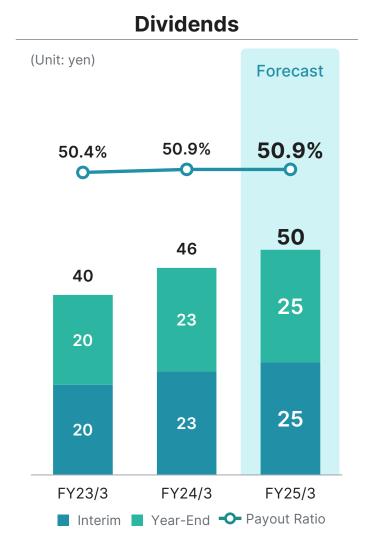


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# Continue double-digit revenue and operating profit growth Dividend payout ratio of at least 50%







4. Appendix: Management Index and Financial Strategy

# **Management Index**

Targeting ROE of 40%

### **Approach to Profit Growth**

Achieve stable profit growth through business expansion and optimal resource allocation.

# **Approach to Allocation of Management Resources**

#### **Growth investment**

- Investment in human resources to expand existing businesses and create new businesses
- Investment in research and development related to advanced technologies and their application to businesses
- M&A and investment for the purpose of expanding business portfolio and accelerating growth

#### Shareholder returns

- Retain necessary funds on hand for the operation of existing businesses and investments for growth, and return excess retained earnings to shareholders
- Continuously pay dividends (twice a year, payout ratio 50%+) and buy back shares (flexibly)

# 4. Appendix: Financial Indices

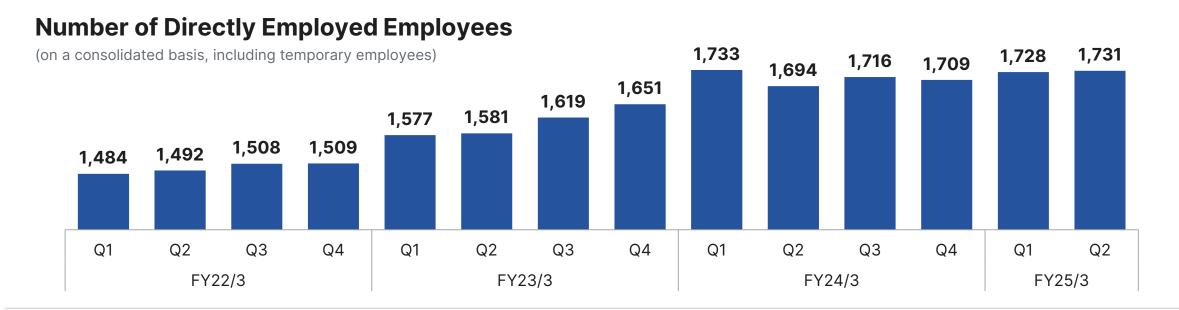
	FY20/3	FY21/3	FY22/3	FY23/3	FY24/3
Capital-to-Asset ratio *1	67.8%	66.1%	68.0%	60.9%	61.7%
<b>ROE</b> *2	44.0%	26.2%	30.1%	33.7%	36.5%
Dividend per share (yen)	40	40	40	40	46
Total dividend (billion yen)	82.9	82.4	81.9	81.1	91.7
Payout ratio	45.3%	70.0%	57.4%	50.4%	50.9%
Acquisition cost of treasury stock (billion yen)	80	0	50	80	60
Total return ratio *3	88.8%	70.0%	92.3%	99.8%	83.8%

<sup>\*1</sup> Capital-to-Asset Ratio = Equity attributable to owners of the parent company ÷ total assets × 100

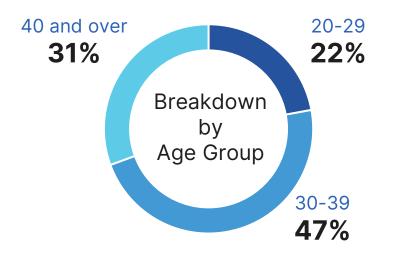
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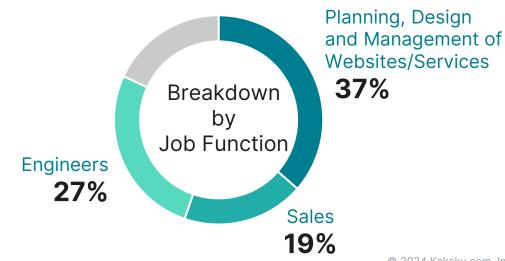
<sup>\*3</sup> Total Return Ratio = (Total dividend + Acquisition cost of treasury stock) ÷ Profit attributable to owners of the parent company x 100 Acquisition cost of treasury cost does not include fees or other expenses paid to the Tender Order Agent.

# 4. Appendix: Number of Employees and Breakdown by Age Group and Job Function



# Breakdown by age group and job function (employees of Kakaku.com, Inc. as of March 2024)





# 4. Appendix: Kakaku.com (Segment Overview)

#### **Business Overview**

#### **Shopping**

Refer users to online malls and shops, or manufacturers, by providing information such as product specifications, prices, and supporting the decision-making of users considering to purchase a product.

#### **Service**

Refer users to service providers, by providing information such as service details and fees, and supporting the decision-making of users considering to apply for a service.

#### **Advertising**

Creating and distributing various advertisements, mainly on the Kakaku.com website.

#### **Insurance** (operating company: Kakaku.com Insurance, Inc.)

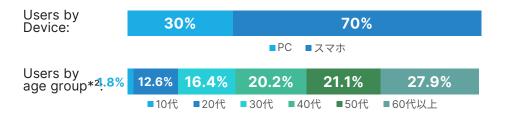
Solicitation and mediation of life and non-life insurance.

#### **Business Model**

	Durables	PCs, home appliances, cameras, etc.		
Shopping	Consumables	furniture, fashion, shoes, accessories, cosmetics, etc.	Commission income based on clicks and sales performance	Clients: online malls and shops, electronics retailers, etc.
	Other	water servers, etc.	sales performance	retailers, etc.
	Personal Finance	credit cards, loans (card loans, mortgages), investments , asset management, FX, etc.		
Service	Tele- communications	overseas Wi-Fi rentals, low-cost SIM cards, internet providers, etc.	Commission income based on applications for	Clients: service providers
	Automotive	used cars, car insurance, etc.	various services	•
	Other	Energy (electricity, gas), English courses, etc.		
Advertising	banner ads, tie-i	n ads, search-based ads, etc.	Advertising revenue	Clients: manufacturers, service providers, etc.
Insurance	•	nedical and cancer insurance, etc. , overseas travel and pet insurance	Commission income from life and non-life insurance solicitation and mediation	Clients: insurance companies



Monthly Users \*1: 37.34 million (as of September 2024)

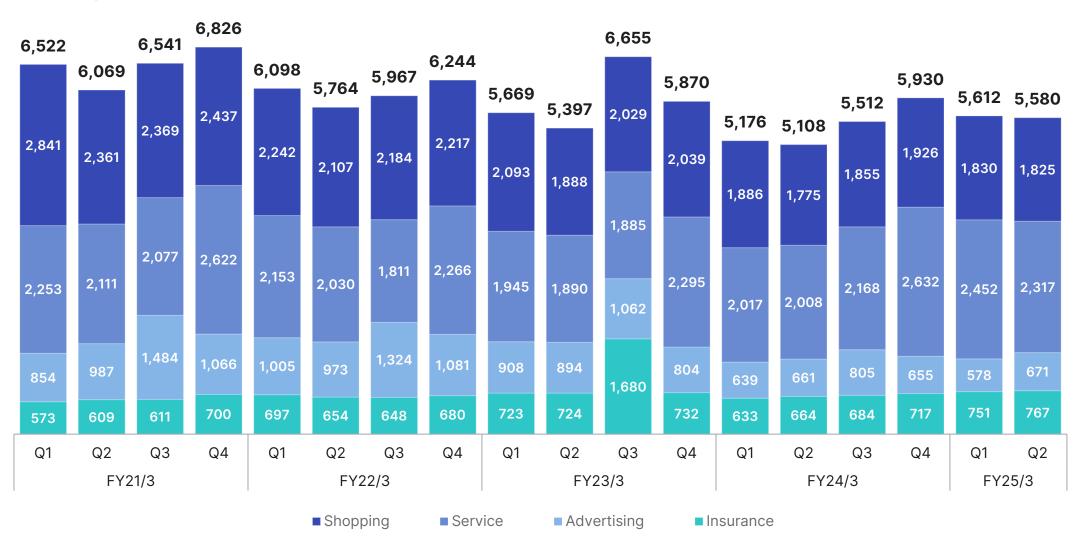




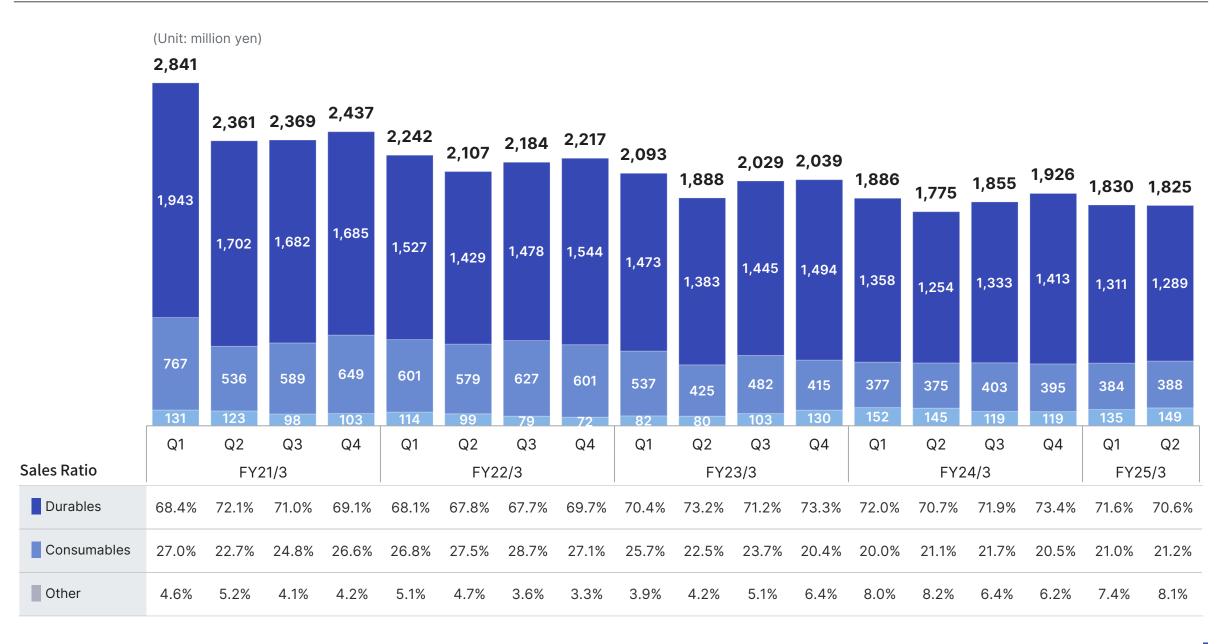
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# 4. Appendix: Kakaku.com (Revenue by Business)



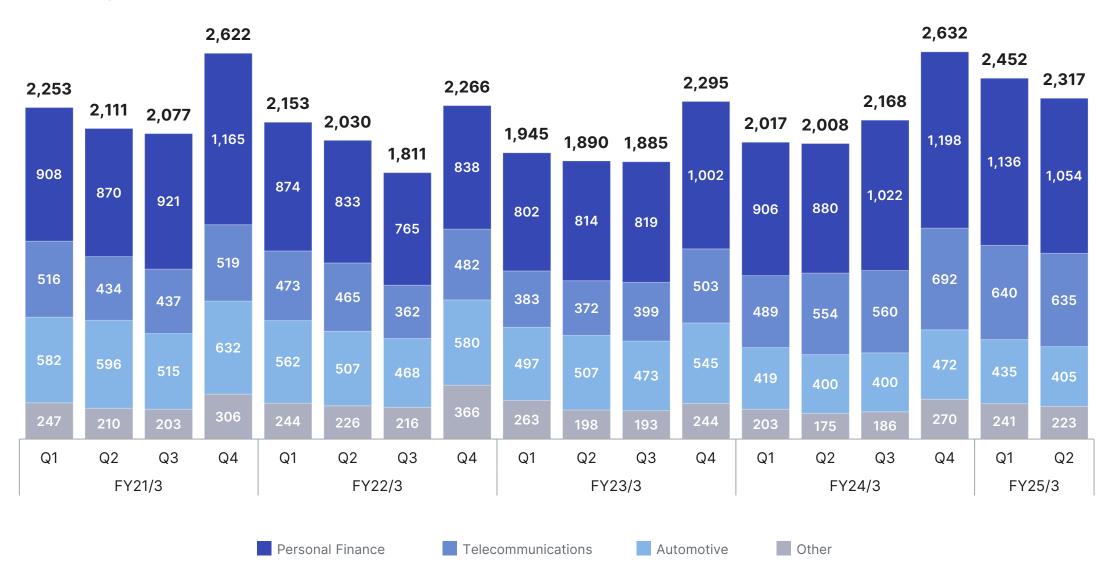


# 4. Appendix: Kakaku.com (Breakdown of Shopping Business Revenue)



# 4. Appendix: Kakaku.com (Breakdown of Service Business Revenue)

(Unit: million yen)



# 4. Appendix: Tabelog (Segment Overview)

#### **Business Overview**

#### **Restaurant Advertising (frm Promotion Service)**

Support restaurants to attract customers, through priority display in standard search results in Tabelog, and providing added information, such as photos and descriptions to convey the appeal or specialties of restaurants.

#### **Restaurant Reservation (frm Online Reservation)**

Online restaurant reservation service.

#### **Premium Users**

Subscription-based service for users, with benefits such as coupons and being able to access rankings based on user-ratings on mobile devices.

#### **Advertising**

Creating and distributing advertisements on Tabelog, targeting users with a high interest in gourmet food.

In addition, we provide operational support for restaurants, such as in-store mobile ordering (Tabelog Order), an online reservation ledger (Tabelog Note), and a procurement service (Tabelog Shi-ire ("Tabelog Procurement")).

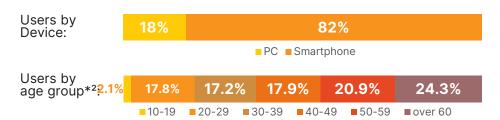
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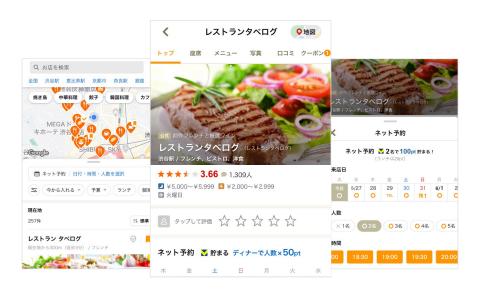
Restaurant Advertising	Income from fixed monthly fees, based on service provided ¥10,000 / ¥25,000 / ¥50,000 / ¥100,000	Clients: restaurants
Restaurant Reservation	Income from fees based on number of customer referrals dinner: ¥200/person lunch: ¥100/person	Clients: restaurants
Premium Users	Income from user fees for access to premium content	Clients: users
Advertising	Advertising revenues from banner ads, tie-in ads, search-based ads, etc.	Clients: manufacturers, service providers, etc.



Restaurant search and reservation service

Monthly Users\*1: 92.02 million (as of September 2024)

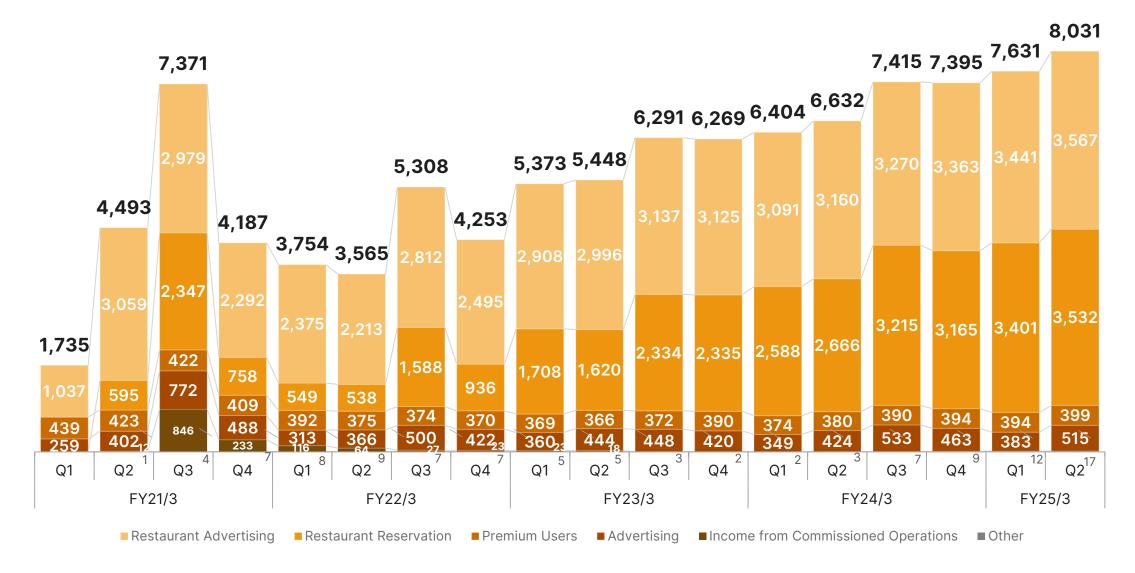




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- \*2 Users by age group are as of August 2024.

# 4. Appendix: Tabelog (Revenue by Business)

(Unit: million yen)



# 4. Appendix: Tabelog (Number of Online Reservations (Quarterly Total))



# 4. Appendix: Kyujin Box (Segment Overview)

#### **Business Overview**

Provide a comprehensive search engine for job information. Referral of job seekers to job sites and hiring companies, by supporting job seekers to find a job that matches their desired conditions, out of more than 10 million job listings. Includes listings posted on online job boards and companies' recruitment sites, as well as information directly posted by employers on Saiyo Board\*. Listings are not limited to a certain area, employment type or job category.

#### How job listings are posted on Kyujin Box

- Crawling: Kyujin Box crawls and posts information from job boards and employers' websites
- Saiyo Board: Employers directly submit and post job-related information
- Listing Ads (paid): Preferred display in search results
- \* Saiyo Board (Recruiting Board): A free-to-use platform for companies that do not have their own recruiting page, to create job listings and post them on Kyujin Box, simply by filling out a form with the necessary requirements. Companies using Saiyo Board are notified when they receive an application and can check an applicant's information and contact details, based on which they can conduct interviews and decide whether to accepts or reject the applicant.

#### **Business Model**

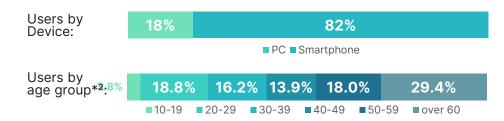
# **Kyujin Box**

Income from commissions based on the number of users referred to job sites and employers' websites, (i.e. no. of clicks) through paid listing ads\*.

Clients: job sites (incl. employment agencies and temp staff services), employers (incl. employers using Saiyo Board)



Monthly Users\*1: 10.52 million (as of September 2024)



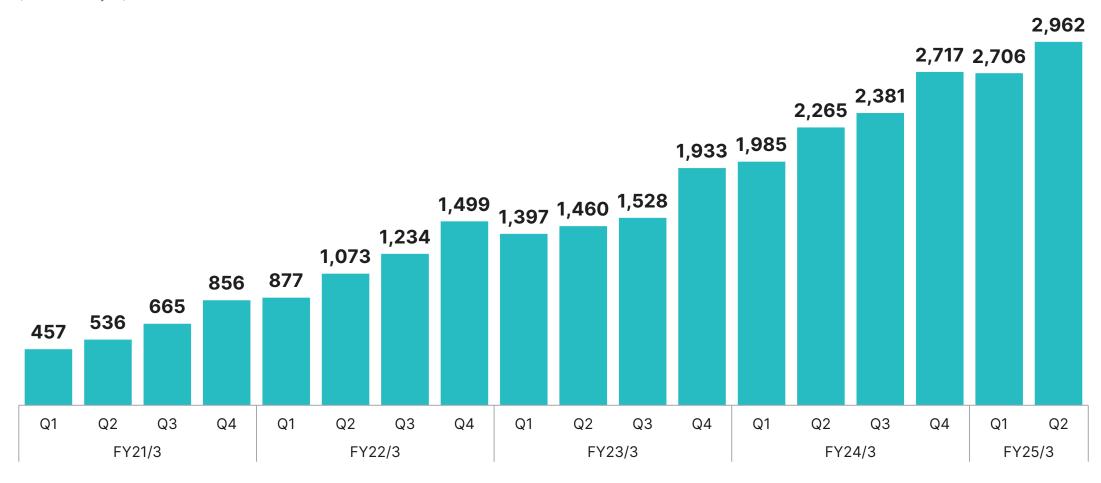


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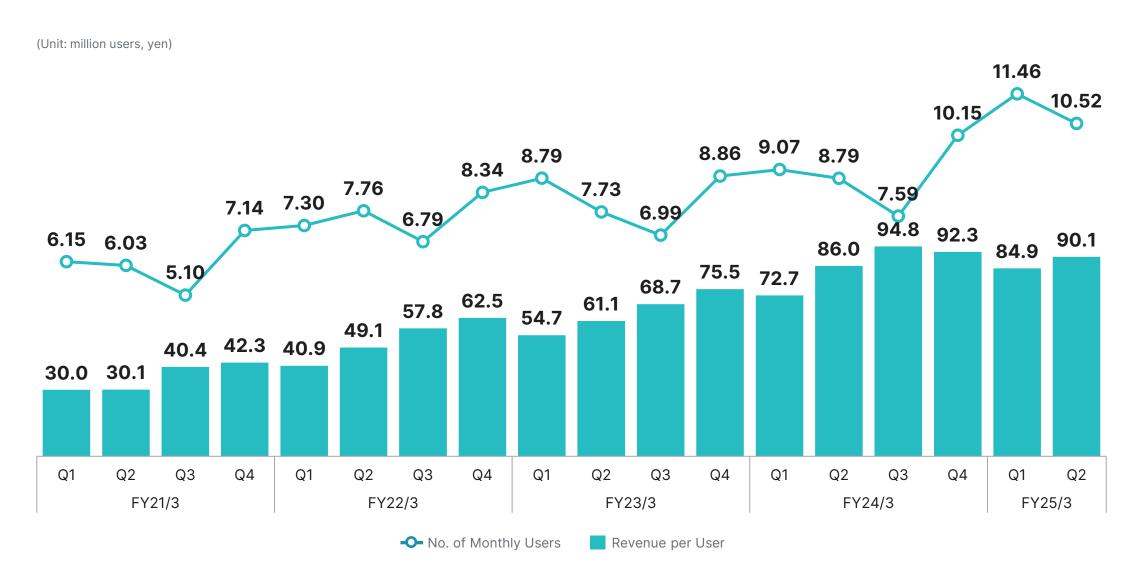
<sup>\*</sup> A bidding system allows advertisers to adjust their cost-per-click in increments of one yen, from 25 to 1,000 yen.

# 4. Appendix: Kyujin Box (Revenue)

(Unit: million yen)



# 4. Appendix: Kyujin Box (No. of Monthly Users and Revenue per User)



# 4. Appendix: Incubation (Main Businesses and Services)

#### **Real Estate**



Residential real estate website

# Travel/ **Transportation**

# Time Design

Dynamic package reservation platform

Operating company: Time Design Co., Ltd.



Travel review and comparison site



Price comparison site for highway/ overnight buses and bus tours

Operating company: LCL, Inc.



Online travel information and hotel reservation media



Comparison site for the cheapest bus, airline and bullet train tickets

Operating company: LCL, Inc.





Search and comparison of domestic accommodations

# Lifestyle/ **Entertainment**



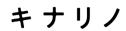
Online database for movies and showtimes

Operating company: eiga.com, Inc.



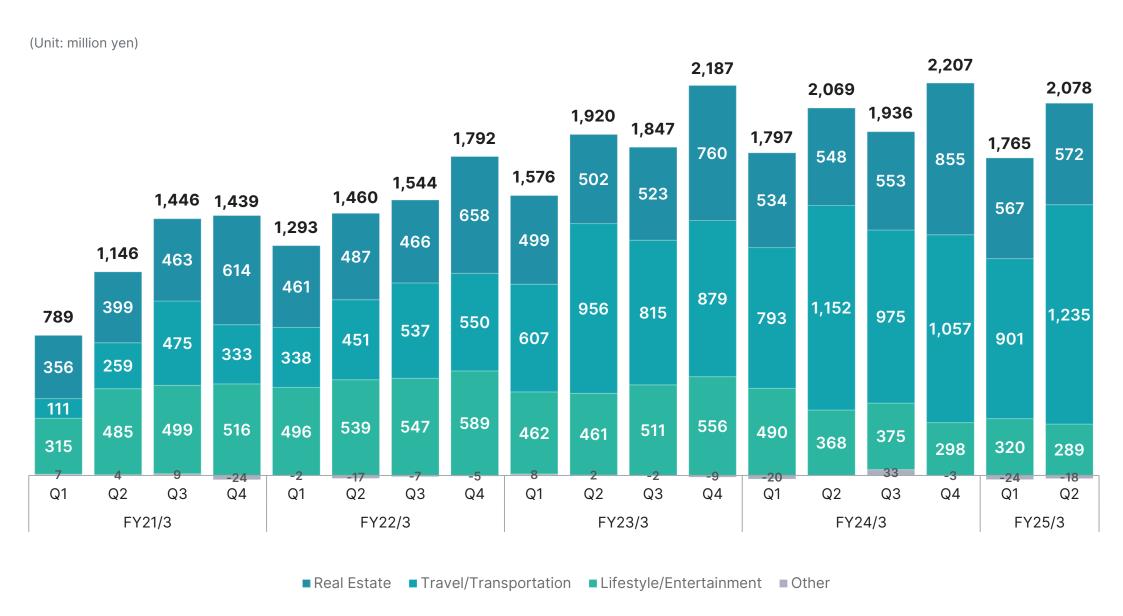
Online media for car enthusiasts

Operating Company: webCG, Inc.



Lifestyle media

# 4. Appendix: Incubation (Revenue by Business Domain)



# **Company Profile**

Company Name	Kakaku.com, Inc.			
Address	3-5-7 Ebisu Minami, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-0022			
Founded	December 1997			
URL	https://corporate.kakaku.com/			
Share Listing	Prime Market of Tokyo Stock Exchange			
Securities Code	2371			
Related Companies	Kakaku.com Insurance, Inc.	https://kakakucom-insurance.co.jp/		
	eiga.com, Inc.	https://eiga.com/		
	Time Design Co., Ltd.	https://www.timedesign.co.jp/		
	webCG, Inc.	https://www.webcg.net/		
	LCL, Inc.	https://www.lclco.com/		
	Pathee, Inc.	https://corp.pathee.com		

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