# Earnings Results for Q1 of the fiscal year ending March 2025

RAKUS Co., Ltd. (Securities Code: 3923)

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#### Key points

#### Consolidated Results for Q1 of FY2025.3

- Sales growth remained strong year-over-year.
- · Significant profit increase driven by substantial sales growth and flexible adjustments to advertising costs based on cost-effectiveness.

#### Cloud Business

- Customer growth, boosted by the Invoice System and Electronic Bookkeeping Law introduced last year, maintained high growth year-over-year.
- · Our main services, Raku Raku Seisan and Raku Raku Meisai, saw a slowdown in new orders due to easing tailwinds but are expected to recover after hitting a bottom in Q1.

#### IT Outsourcing Business

Efforts to control hiring and strengthen sales activities last year led to improved engineer utilization rates, resulting in increased sales and profit.

#### Future forecast

· Aim to improve profitability toward the final year of the Medium-Term Management Targets while maintaining a high level of sales growth.



# Consolidated Results for Q1 of the fiscal year ending March 2025



#### Summary of Consolidated Results for Q1 of FY2025.3

Sales growth remained strong year-over-year. Significant profit increase driven by substantial sales growth and flexible adjustments to advertising costs based on cost-effectiveness.

Net Sales	11,219 million yen	<b>Year on Year</b> + <b>35.4</b> %
<b>Operating Profit</b>	2,327 million yen	+125.5%
<b>Ordinary Profit</b>	2,338 million yen	+123.3%
EBITDA	2,590 million yen	+117.0%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	2,071 million yen	+193.7%



### Outline of the Consolidated Results for Q1 of FY2025.3

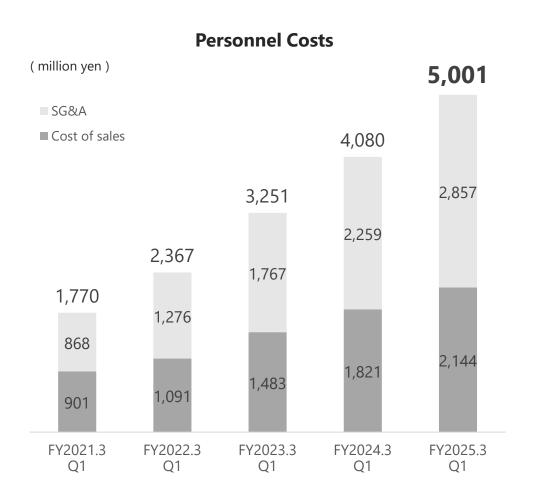
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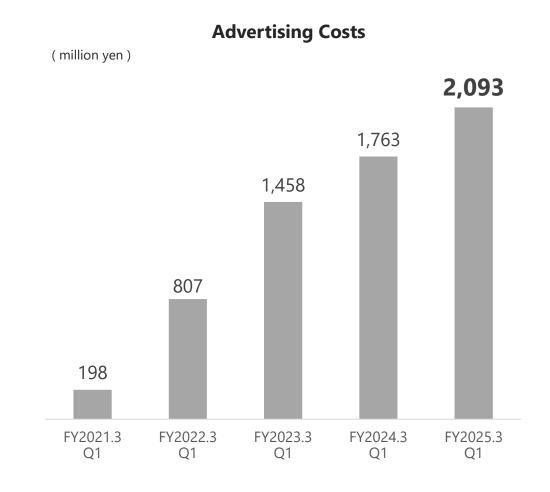
	FY2024.3 Q1	FY2025.3 Q1	YoY	
Net Sales	8,288	11,219	+2,930	+35.4%
Cost of sales	2,449	2,932	+482	+19.7%
Gross profit	5,838	8,286	+2,447	+41.9%
GP margin	70.4%	73.9%		
SG&A	4,807	5,959	+1,152	+24.0%
Operating profit	1,031	2,327	+1,295	+125.5%
OP margin	12.4%	20.7%		
Ordinary profit	1,047	2,338	+1,290	+123.3%
Ordinary profit margin	12.6%	20.8%		
EBITDA	1,193	2,590	+1,396	+117.0%
EBITDA margin	14.4%	23.1%		
Income tax	349	267		
Tax rate	33.1%	11.4%		
Profit attributable to owners of parent	705	2,071	+1,365	+193.7%



#### Personnel Costs and Advertising Costs

Personnel costs increased due to ongoing aggressive hiring. Advertising costs also rose, mainly due to TV commercials for Raku Raku Hambai.

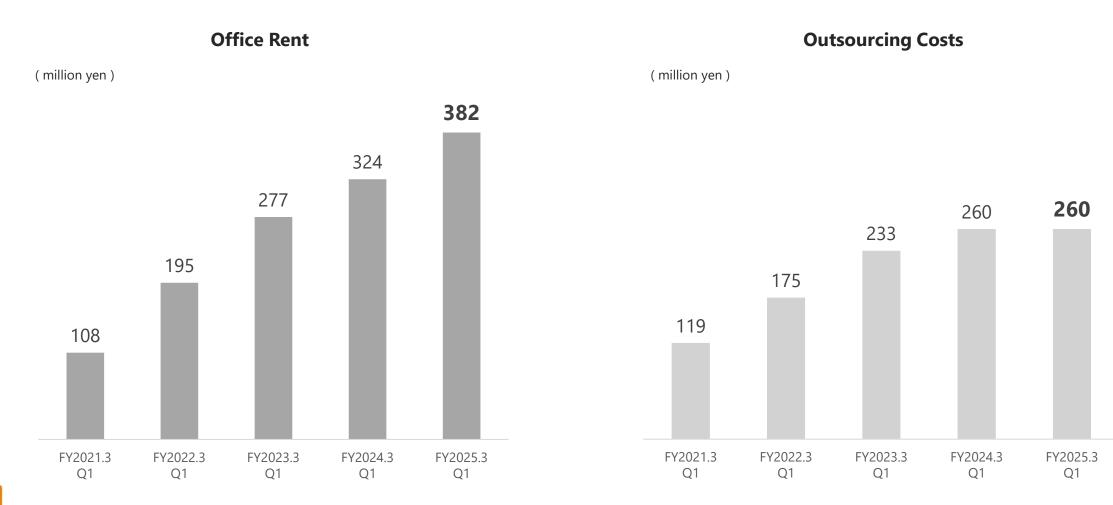






## Office Rent and Outsourcing Costs

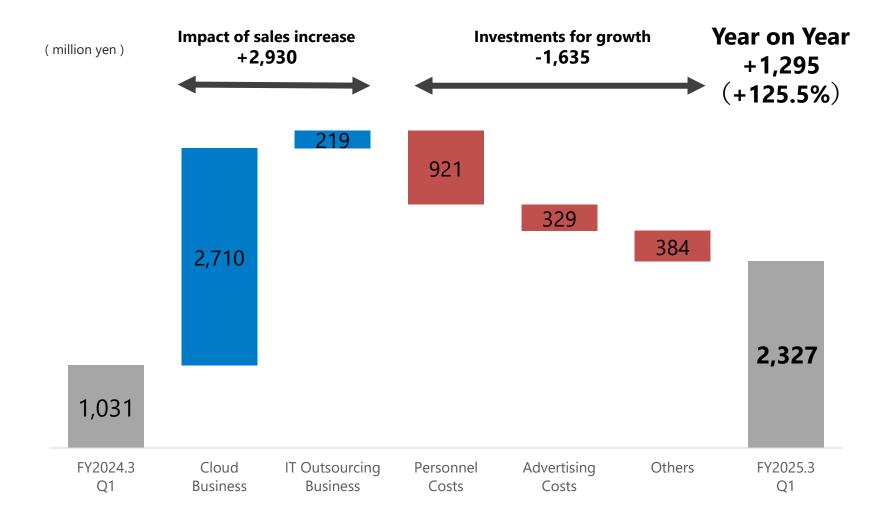
Office rent increased due to office expansion to accommodate the personnel increase.





### Factors for Changes in Consolidated Operating Profit (Year on Year)

Significant profit growth driven by sales increases that exceeded growth investments.





#### **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

( million yen )

	End of March 2024	End of June 2024	Difference
Current assets	13,145	13,202	+57
Non-current assets	8,088	8,351	+262
Total assets	21,234	21,553	+319
Current liabilities	7,372	6,369	-1,003
Non-current liabilities	513	215	-298
Total liabilities	7,886	6,585	-1,301
Shareholders' equity	13,365	15,010	+1,645
Accumulated other comprehensive income	-18	-42	-24
Total equity	13,347	14,968	+1,620
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equities	21,234	21,553	+319
Equity ratio	62.9%	69.4%	

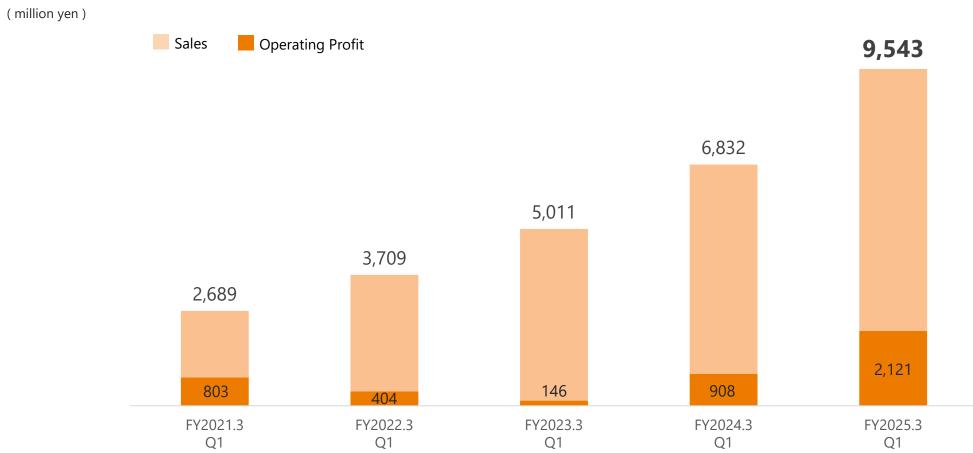


# **Cloud Business**



#### Performance of the Cloud Business

Customer growth, boosted by the Invoice System and Electronic Bookkeeping Law introduced last year, maintained high growth year-over-year. Substantial profit growth driven by the expansion of sales scale, accompanied by an enhanced operating profit margin.



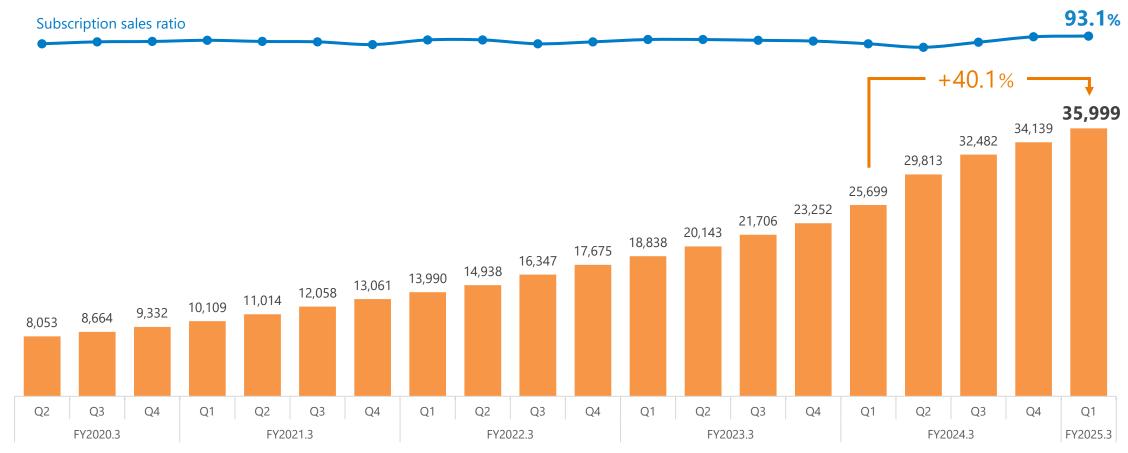


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### ARR and Subscription Sales Ratio of the Cloud Business

A significant increase in contracted customers last year helped maintain a high ARR growth rate.

( million yen )





<sup>\*</sup> ARR (Annual Recurring Revenue) = Monthly Recurring Revenue ×12

#### Sales of the Cloud Business by Service

Despite the expanding revenue scale, Raku Raku series, our main product line, continues to drive overall high growth.

( million yen )

	FY2024.3 Q1	FY2025.3 Q1	YoY
Raku Raku Seisan	3,167	4,055	+28.1%
Raku Raku Meisai	1,294	2,178	+68.3%
Raku Raku Hambai (Raku Raku Hambai) (Raku Tel)	845 753 92	<b>1,185</b> 1,087 98	+40.3% +44.4% +6.6%
E-mail distribution services	714	860	+20.4%
Mail Dealer	696	744	+6.9%
Others	114	518	+352.8%
Total of the Cloud Business	6,832	9,543	+39.7%



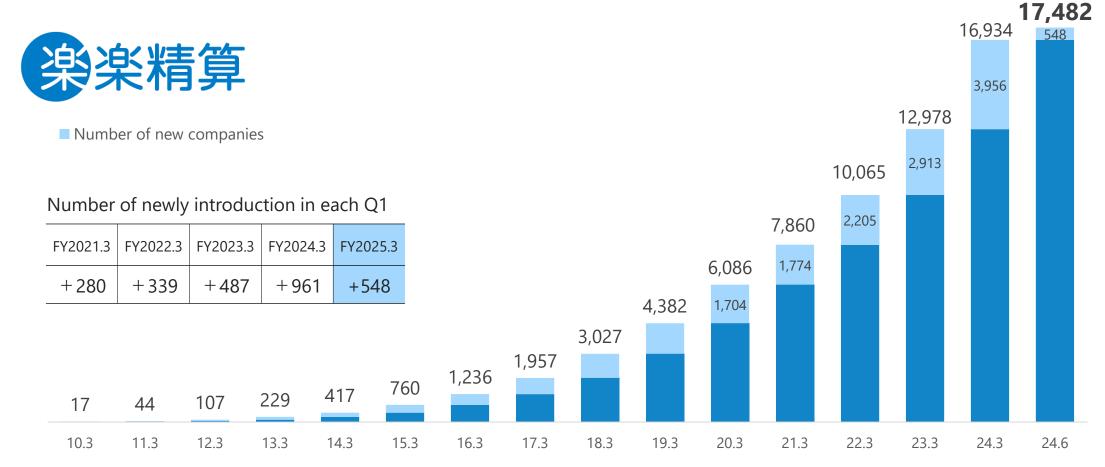
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### Cumulative Number of Companies Using Raku Raku Seisan

The boost from last year's the Invoice System and Electronic Bookkeeping Law has leveled off, leading to a decrease in new customer companies year-over-year.

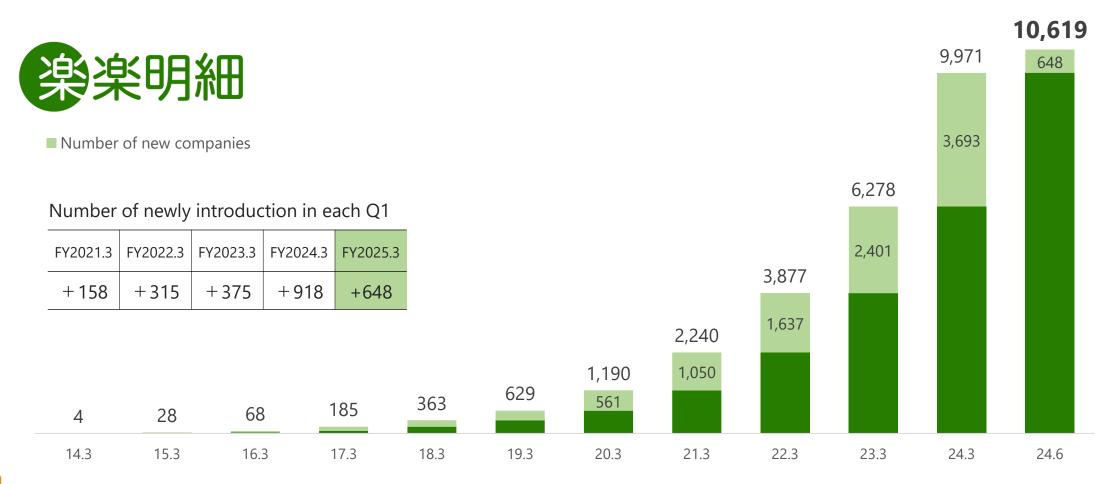
However, we expect a gradual recovery starting in Q2 after bottoming out in Q1.





### Cumulative Number of Companies Using Raku Raku Meisai

Similar to Raku Raku Seisan, the easing of regulations has resulted in a year-over-year decline, but a recovery is expected from Q2 onward.



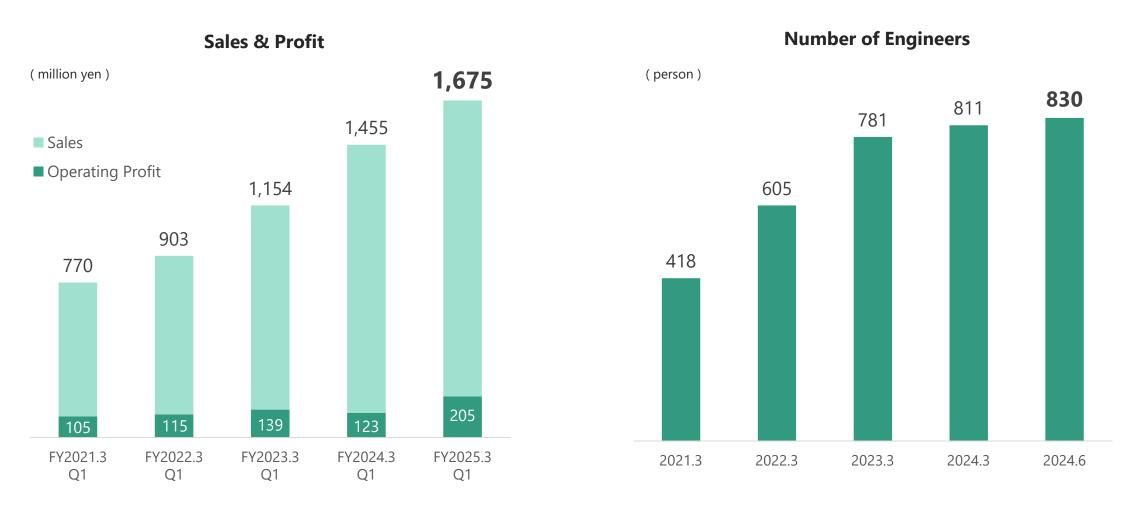


# IT Outsourcing Business



### Performance and Number of Engineers of the IT Outsourcing Business

Efforts to control hiring and strengthen sales activities last year led to improved engineer utilization rates, resulting in increased revenue and profit.





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<sup>\*</sup> These figures include apprentice engineers.

# Guidance for full year of the fiscal year ending March 2025



#### Medium-Term Management Targets (FY2022-FY2026)

Five-Year sales CAGR 31%~32%

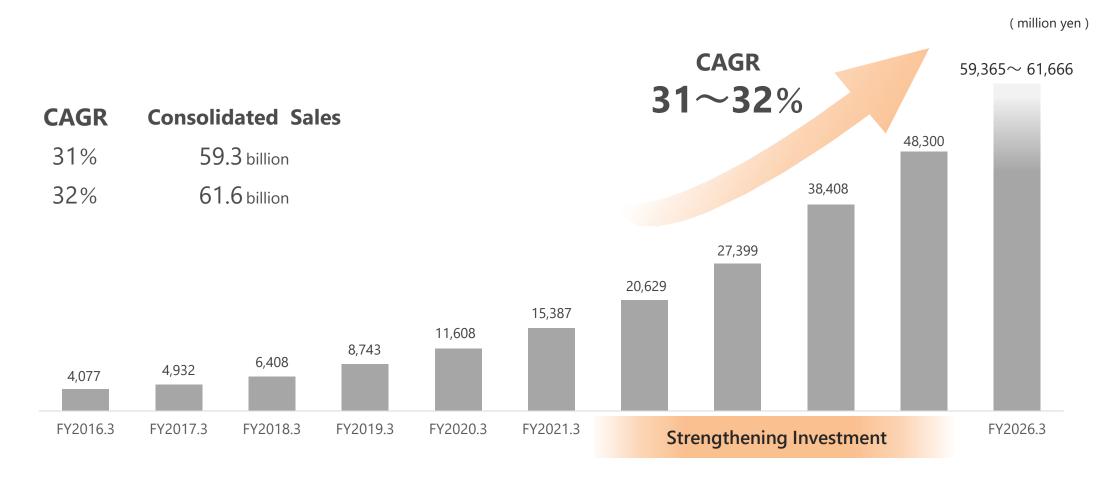
Profit for FY2026.3: 10 billion yen or more

Net assets as of 2026.3: 20 billion yen or more



#### Five-Year Sales and Profit Targets

Aiming for 31-32% sales CAGR, we will continue to make aggressive investments. We will strive to enhance investment efficiency towards the final year of the Medium-Term Management Targets and achieve net profit of 10 billion yen in FY2026.3 by adjusting expenses.





### Guidance for full year of FY2025.3 [No changed]

While maintaining high sales growth, we aim to improve profitability towards the final year of Medium-Term Management Targets.

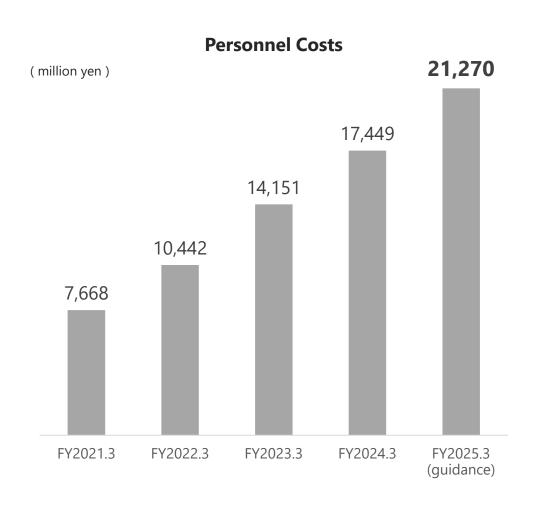
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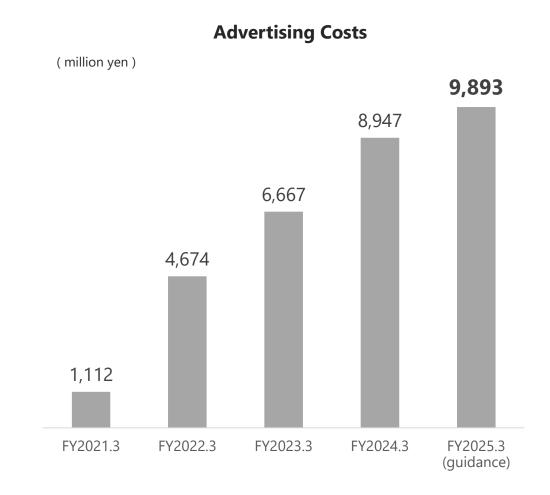
	FY2024.3	FY2025.3 (Guidance)	YoY	
Net Sales	38,408	48,300	+9,891	+25.8%
Cost of sales	10,789	12,918	+2,128	+19.7%
Gross profit	27,619	35,381	+7,761	+28.1%
GP margin	71.9%	73.3%		
SG&A	22,059	26,381	+4,321	+19.6%
Operating profit	5,559	9,000	+3,440	+61.9%
OP margin	14.5%	18.6%		
Ordinary profit	5,610	9,001	+3,390	+60.4%
Ordinary profit margin	14.6%	18.6%		
EBITDA	6,480	10,161	+3,680	+56.8%
EBITDA margin	16.9%	21.0%		
Income tax	1,422	2,069		
Tax rate	25.4%	23.1%		
Profit attributable to owners of parent	4,185	6,900	+2,714	+64.8%



#### Personnel Costs and Advertising Costs Guidance [No changed]

We will continue to invest in recruitment and marketing activities, focusing on our main services, while assessing their efficiency.

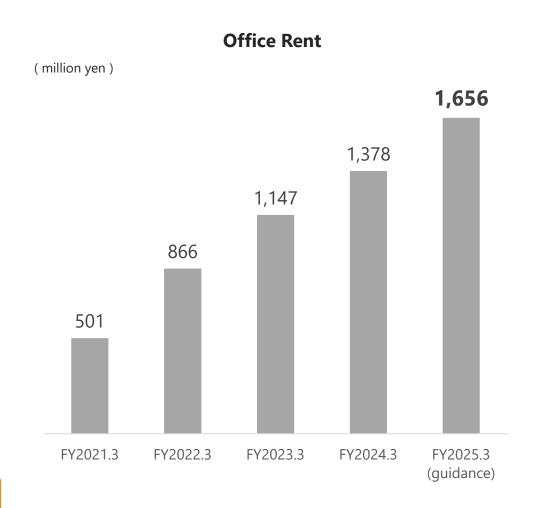






### Office Rent and Outsourcing Costs Guidance [No changed]

Both costs will increase due to the business expansion.

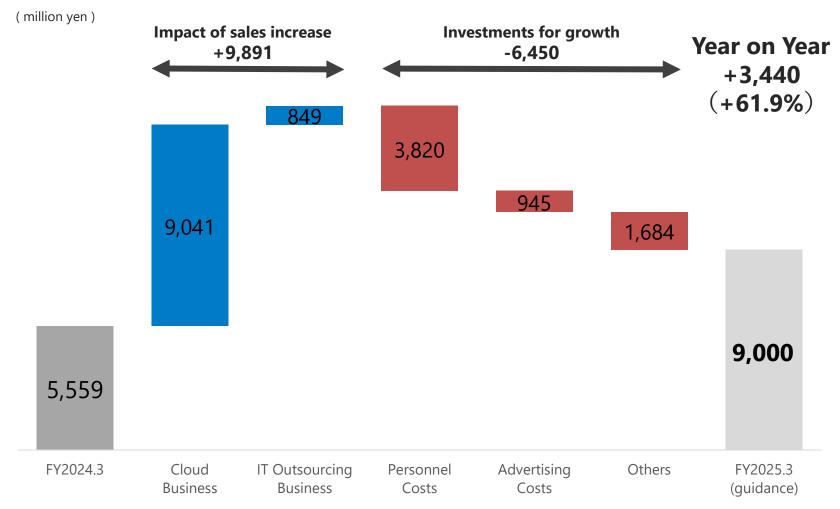






### Factors for Changes in Consolidated Operating Profit [No changed]

While investment for growth continues, the effect of increased sales exceeds it, and a significant increase in profit is planned.



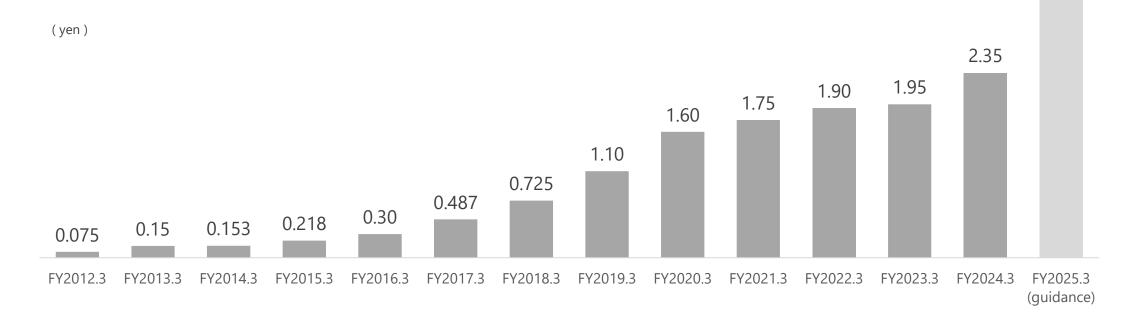


## **KPI** Dividend

We plan to increase dividends for the 13th year in a row, in line with the Company's policy of increasing dividends every fiscal year.

#### **Dividend Policy**

- •Targeting a dividend payout ratio of over 10%
- ·Aiming to achieve a consecutive increase in annual dividends per share, using the previous year's performance as the lower limit.





<sup>\*</sup> Figures are after share split adjustment.

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# Appendix



#### Release of Cloud-based Invoice Receipt Service "Raku Raku Seikyu"

Spinning off the "Invoice Processing Support Option" from the paid option of "Raku Raku Seisan" to create a standalone service

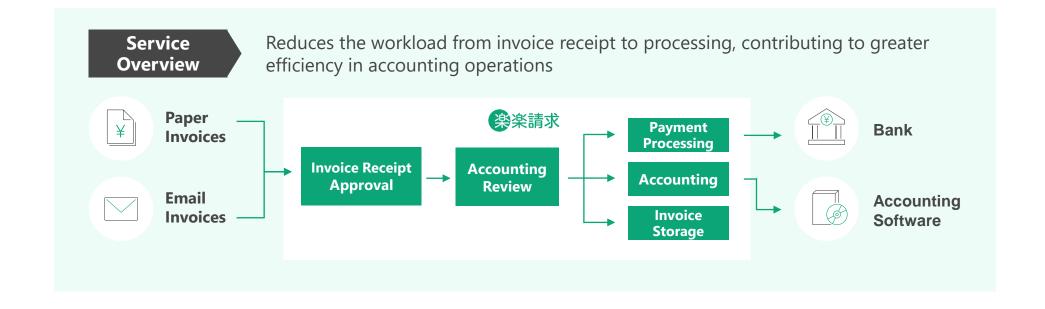


Sales Start Date

July 1, 2024

**Service Launch Date** 

**October 1, 2024** 





### Sales of the Cloud Business by Service

( million yen )

		FY2020.3	FY2021.3	FY2022.3	FY2023.3	FY2024.3
Dolar Dolar Coicon	Sales	3,935	5,559	7,658	10,343	14,446
Raku Raku Seisan	YoY	+52.6%	+41.3%	+37.7%	+35.1%	+39.7%
Raku Raku Meisai	Sales	552	1,177	2,260	3,735	6,840
Raku Raku Meisai	YoY	+68.8%	+113.3%	+92.0%	+65.3%	+83.1%
Raku Raku Hambai	Sales (Raku Raku Hambai) (Raku Tel)	869 770 98	1,281 1,124 157	1,867 1,624 242	2,626 2,298 327	3,907 3,513 393
	YoY	+45.3%	+47.5%	+45.7%	+40.7%	+48.7%
E-mail distribution	Sales	1,573	1,963	2,367	2,672	3,035
services	YoY	+11.6%	+24.8%	+20.6%	+12.9%	+13.6%
Mail Dealer	Sales	1,732	1,979	2,178	2,430	2,841
Maii Dealer	YoY	+12.7%	+14.2%	+10.1%	+11.5%	+16.9%
Others	Sales	291	336	384	468	1,394
	YoY	+6.8%	+15.2%	+14.3%	+22.1%	+197.4%



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### LTV of the Cloud Business by Service

(yen)

	FY2020.3	FY2021.3	FY2022.3	FY2023.3	FY2024.3
Raku Raku Seisan	14,278,231	15,449,125	17,354,319	20,931,651	17,268,962
Raku Raku Meisai	9,016,996	20,303,924	15,402,526	23,408,991	25,543,657
Raku Raku Hambai	8,120,258	8,759,510	8,833,376	10,463,032	12,032,671
E-mail distribution services	1,229,511	1,521,779	1,887,750	2,318,227	2,370,458
Mail Dealer	3,992,650	4,281,398	4,506,168	4,986,751	6,009,109



<sup>\*</sup> LTV (Life Time Value) = revenue that a customer will generate during their lifetime (ARPU × estimated average usage years × gross profit margin)

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### Monthly Churn Rate of the Cloud Business by Service

		FY2020.3	FY2021.3	FY2022.3	FY2023.3	FY2024.3
Dalas Dalas Caisas	Customer churn	0.41%	0.43%	0.42%	0.36%	0.46%
Raku Raku Seisan	Revenue churn	0.30%	0.30%	0.26%	0.22%	0.25%
Dalar Dalar Maisai	Customer churn	0.33%	0.18%	0.27%	0.20%	0.22%
Raku Raku Meisai Reve	Revenue churn	0.15%	0.07%	0.11%	0.10%	0.11%
Raku Raku Hambai	Customer churn	0.85%	0.83%	0.84%	0.78%	0.76%
	Revenue churn	0.66%	0.62%	0.70%	0.62%	0.60%
E-mail distribution	Customer churn	1.62%	1.49%	1.29%	1.18%	1.25%
services	Revenue churn	1.47%	1.38%	1.25%	1.18%	1.23%
Mail Dealer	Customer churn	0.97%	0.91%	0.90%	0.85%	0.87%
	Revenue churn	0.73%	0.71%	0.68%	0.73%	1.02%

<sup>\*</sup> Customer churn : Average percentage of contracts lost due to churn over the past 12 months. Revenue churn: Average percentage of Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR) lost due to churn over the past 12 months.

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### Monthly Average Unit Price of the Cloud Business by Service

(yen)

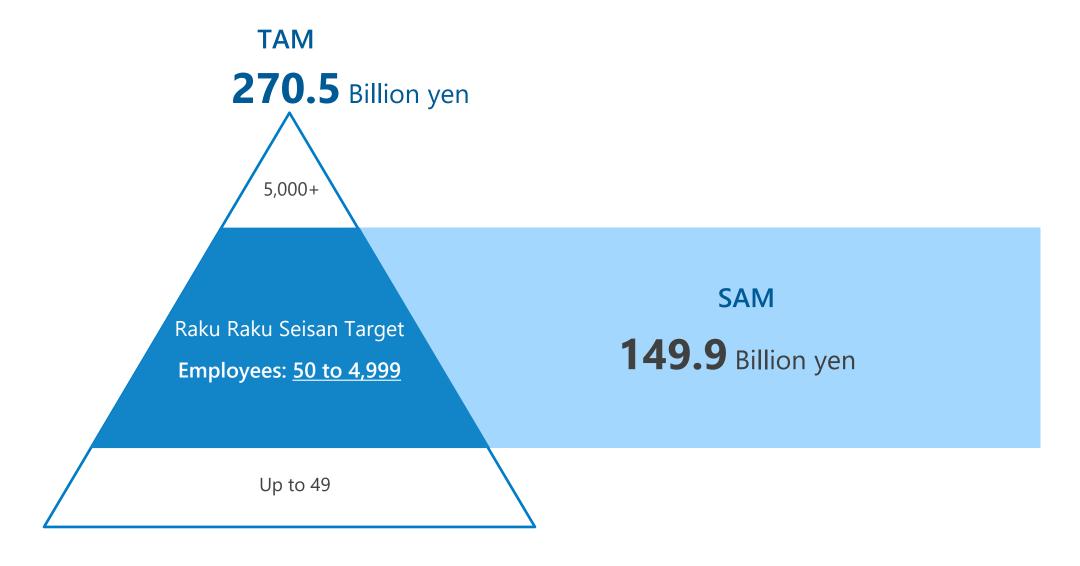
	2020.3	2021.3	2022.3	2023.3	2024.3	2024.6
Raku Raku Seisan	71,222	78,655	85,530	88,818	92,731	92,967
Raku Raku Meisai	54,142	64,923	65,092	67,644	72,733	73,868
Raku Raku Hambai	86,164	95,865	103,343	110,141	117,191	123,444
E-mail distribution services	22,053	25,295	28,175	33,511	35,324	36,999
Mail Dealer	46,085	46,819	47,893	50,497	61,304	62,981



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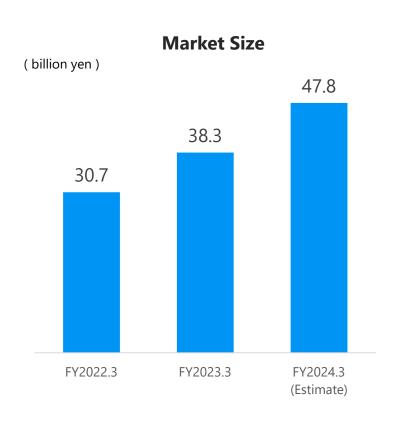
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#### [Raku Raku Seisan] Market Size for Expense Settlement System

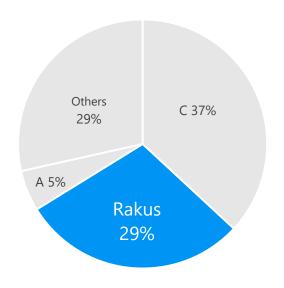




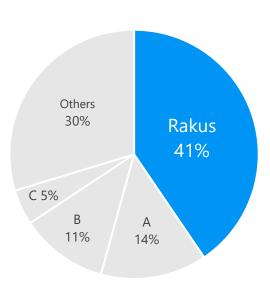
### The Market for Cloud-based Expense Settlement Systems



#### **Market shares based on Sales**

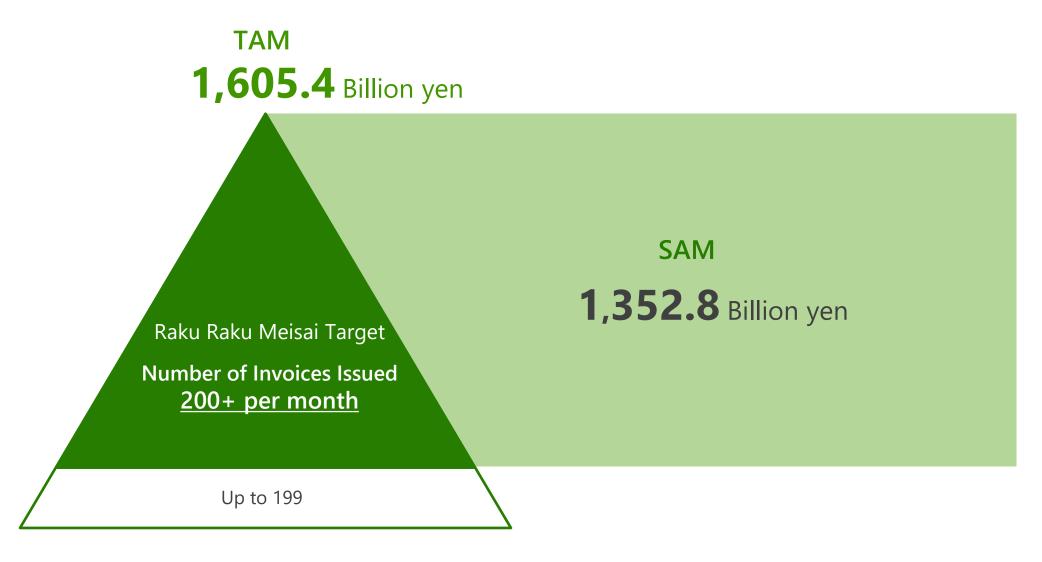


## Market shares based on Introduced Numbers





#### [Raku Raku Meisai] Market Size for Invoice Issuance System

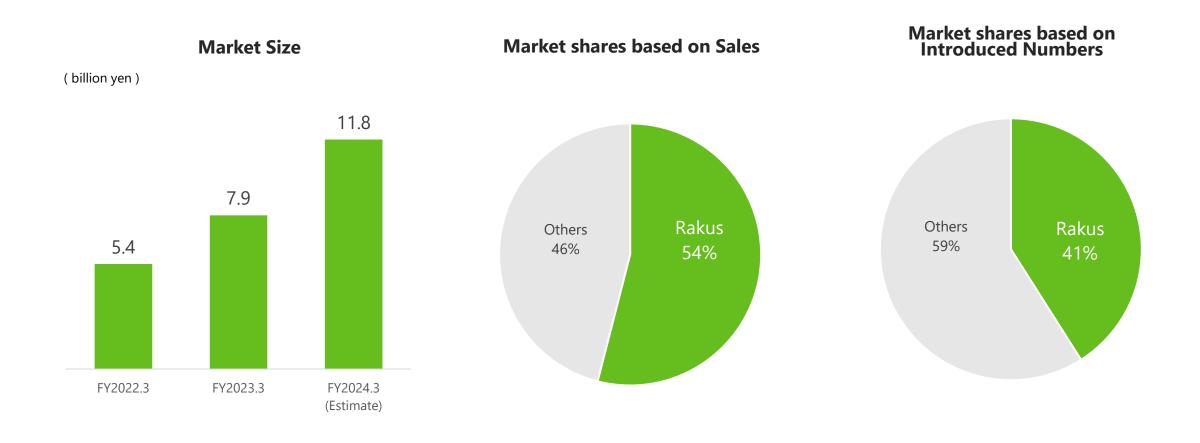




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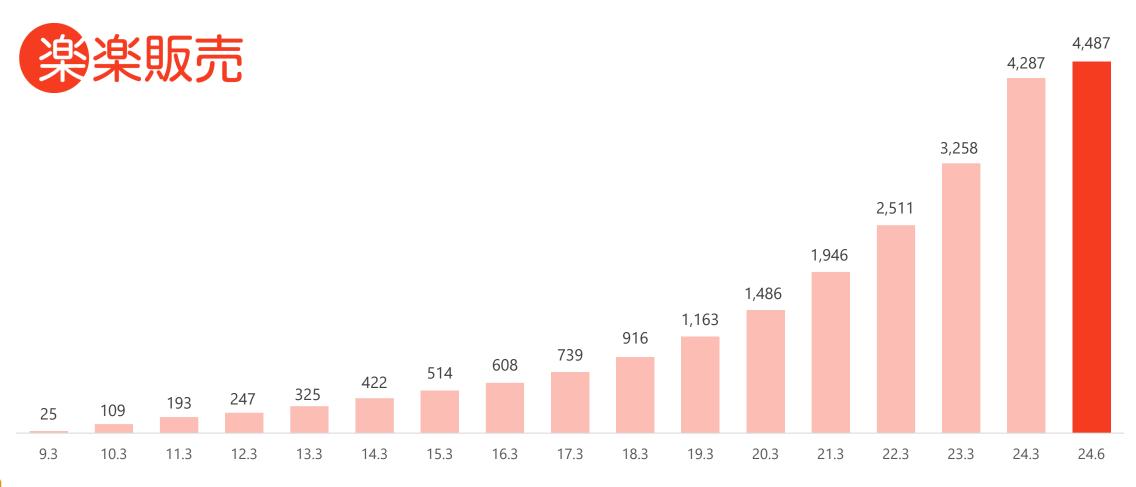
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## The Market for Cloud-based Invoice Issuance System





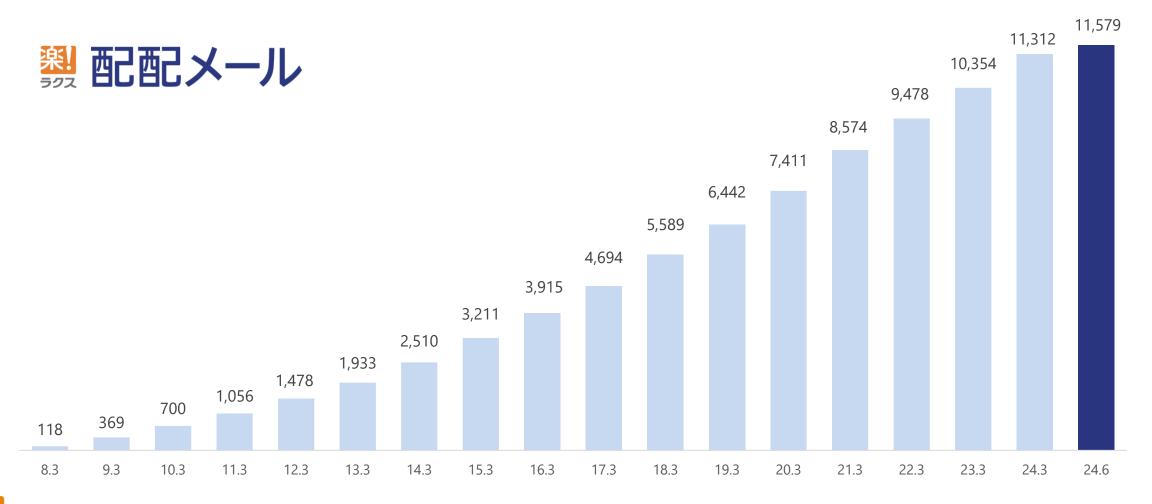
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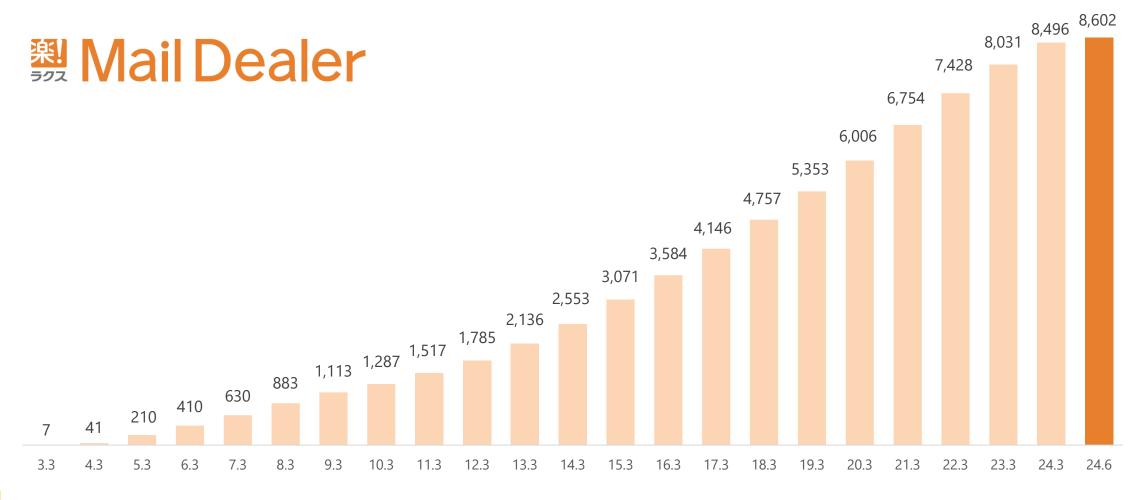
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### Cumulative Number of Companies Using Hai Hai Mail



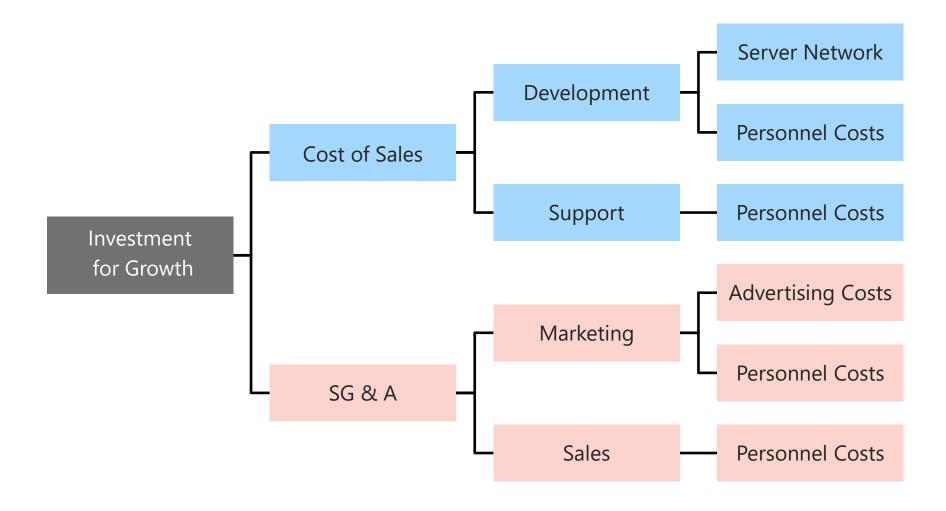


## Cumulative Number of Companies Using Mail Dealer



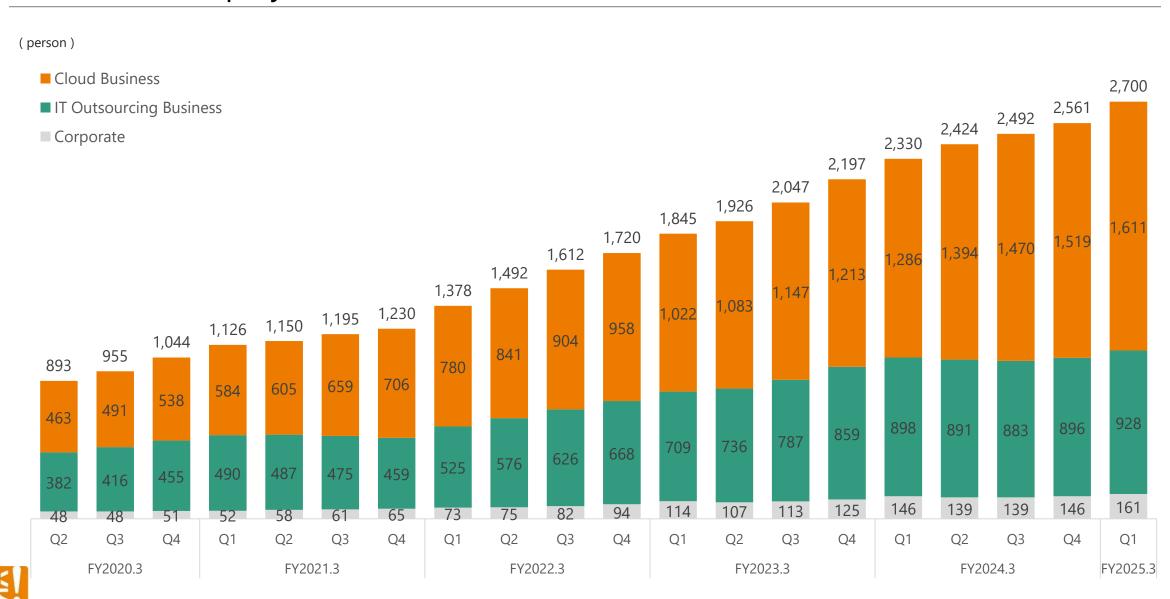


#### Breakdown of Investment for Growth (Cloud Business)





#### Number of Employees



<sup>\*</sup> The Figures are as of the end of each quarter.

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