## **FANCOM**

Second Quarter of 2024

Presentation of Financial Results

FAN Communications, Inc. August 9, 2024



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# 01 Executive Summary

- Major Topics
- Major KPIs
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We are tackling the key issues of further strengthening A8.net, our mainstay business, and to launch strategic new businesses.

#### **Q2** summary



#### **CPA Solution Business**

**New Business** 

Q3 plan

# FY24 Q2 was to be the launch of our second founding, where we worked to adapt to changes

Recovered in FY24 Q2 after halting losses in Q1. Transaction volume rose in new business types.

Human resources post-withdrawal from nend are allocated to strategic new businesses.

Currently seeking immediate and explosive launch of multiple B2B strategic new businesses.

To recover net sales in the CPA Solution Business.

Aiming for market fit for each new business.





### Second Quarter of 2024: Major Figure Summary

The negative YoY trend due to nend withdrawal is expected to continue for some time, but we are building a foothold to start a positive YoY trend in FY24.



#### **Q2** topics

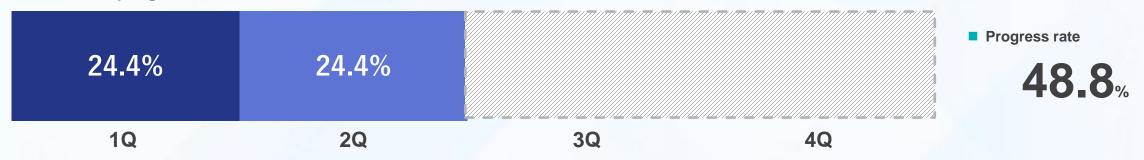
- The A8.net, our mainstay business, saw an increase in the number of advertisers in new industries, and June transaction volume turned positive YoY.
- Deteriorated operating income was due to the failure to achieve the A8.net targets and due to advance investment in new businesses, including subsidiaries.
- Withdrawing from existing businesses and launching strategic new businesses, with beginning of investments.
- Acquired WAND to strengthen influencer marketing, one of our strategic new businesses.
- MAU, views, and other key figures for GERA, the comedy radio app in the fan marketing business, showed firm performance. Launched in-app purchases and sales of advertising tie-ins, etc.



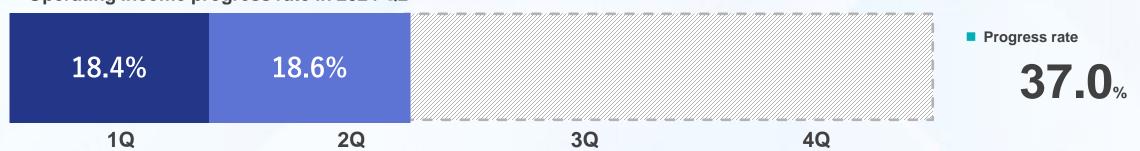
### **Progress vs. Performance Forecast**

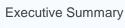
Consolidated net sales and operating income for the first half reached 48.8% and 37.0% of the full-year targets, respectively, falling slightly short.

#### ■ Net sales progress rate in 2024 Q2



#### ■ Operating income progress rate in 2024 Q2







### Medium- to Long-Term Roadmap

Maximizing number of customers/net sales (≈ gross profit) for existing businesses: **Expanding** and investing in strategic new businesses to add value to existing businesses and targeting new business opportunities.



Investing in strategic new businesses
Internet marketing support

Strengthening up-selling and cross-selling to existing customers by providing solutions to customer issues based on internet marketing, going beyond affiliate marketing.

Expanding strategic new businessesInfluencer marketingsupport

Supporting and maximizing the introduction of media to people's lives.

Deepening existing businessesCPA Solution

Aiming to maximize net sales by continuing to produce results and increasing the number of operating advertisers.

# 02 Second Quarter of 2024 Results

- P/L
- [Major KPIs] (Quarterly Basis)



Compared to the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, transaction volume, net sales, and operating income decreased, but profit increased.

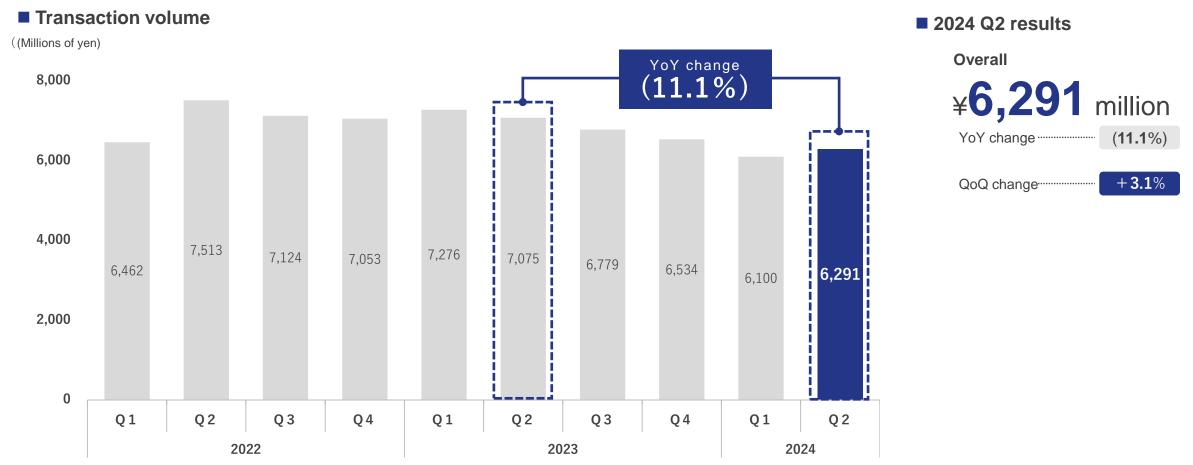
(Millions of yen)	2023 Q2	2024 Q2	YoY change	
			Change	Change (%)
Transaction volume	14,352	12,391	(1,961)	(13.7%)
Net sales	3,764	3,404	(360)	(9.6%)
Operating income	1,138	706	(432)	(37.9%)
(Operating income to transaction volume ratio)	7.9%	5.7%	_	_
Ordinary income	1,149	781	(368)	(32.0%)
Profit	602	830	+228	+37.7%
(Profit to transaction volume ratio)	4.2%	6.7%	_	

<sup>\*</sup>The Company has adopted the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition (ASBJ Statement No. 29) from the beginning of 2022.
\*Transaction volumes for fiscal years prior to 2022 have been calculated internally to enable comparison with said figures for 2022 and earlier. Until the end of 2021, transaction volume was disclosed as net sales.



#### Transaction Volume (Quarterly Basis)

Though this figure declined by 11.1% year on year, this was up 3.1% quarter on quarter.



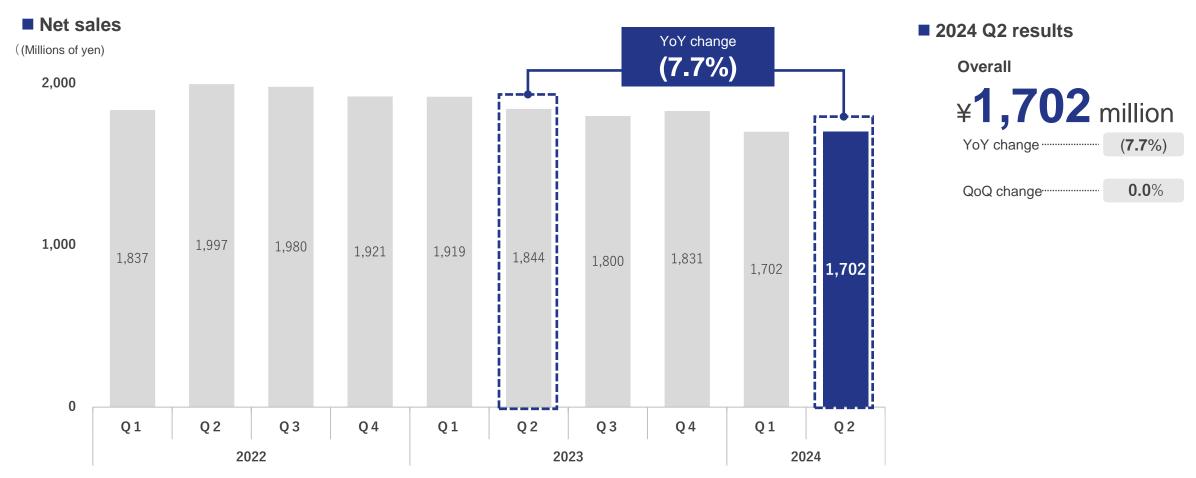
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### [Net Sales] (Quarterly Basis)

Net sales were down 7.7% year on year, and flat (0.0% change) quarter on quarter.

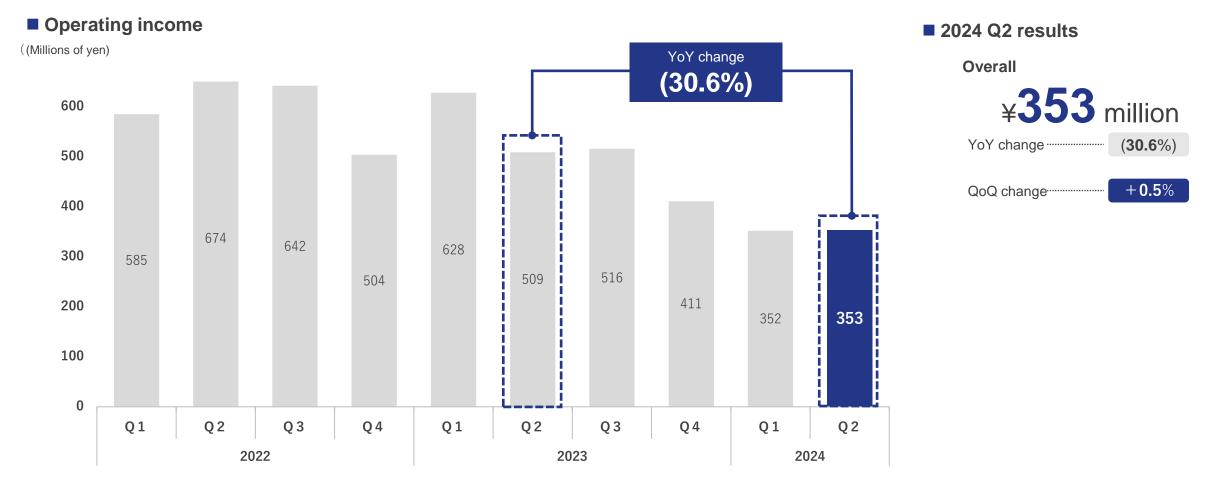


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### [Operating Income] (Quarterly Basis)

Operating income was down 30.6% year on year, and up 0.5% quarter on quarter.



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# 03 2024 Performance Forecast

P/L (Forecast)



Operating income and ordinary income lagged behind, but profit remained steady.

(Millions of yen)	2024 Full-year forecast	2024 2Q results	Progress rate
Net sales	6,980	3,404	48.8%
Operating income	1,910	706	37.0%
Ordinary income	1,920	781	40.7%
Profit	1,560	830	53.2%
(Earnings per share)	23.55	12.53	53.2%

(Yen)	2023 results	2024 forecast	
Dividend forecast	19	19	

# 04 Overview by Business

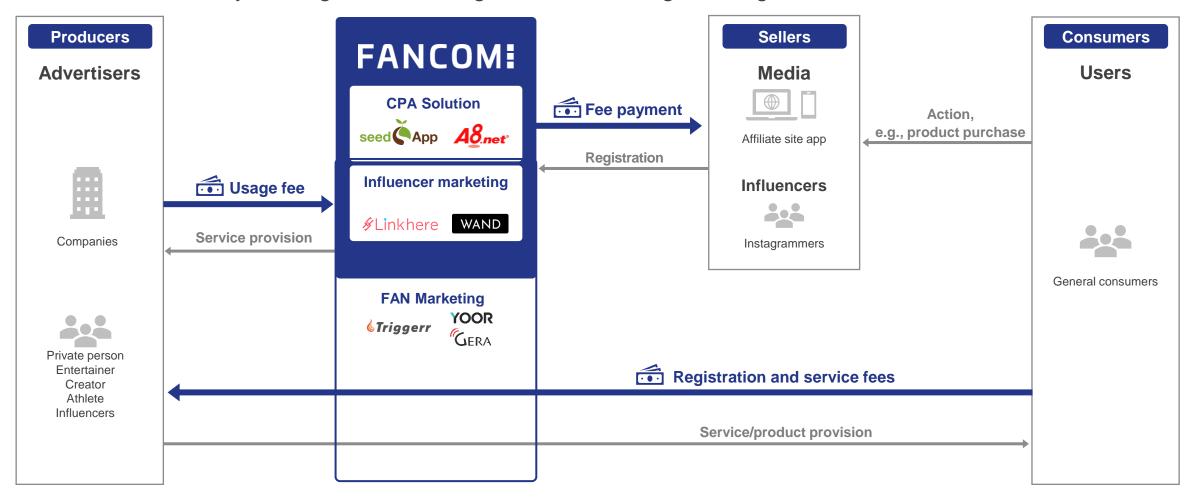
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#### **Business Model**

We are in the business of connecting producers, sellers, and consumers, and generate sales from fees we receive from advertisers. The Fan marketing connects producers and consumers not only through advertising but also through billing.

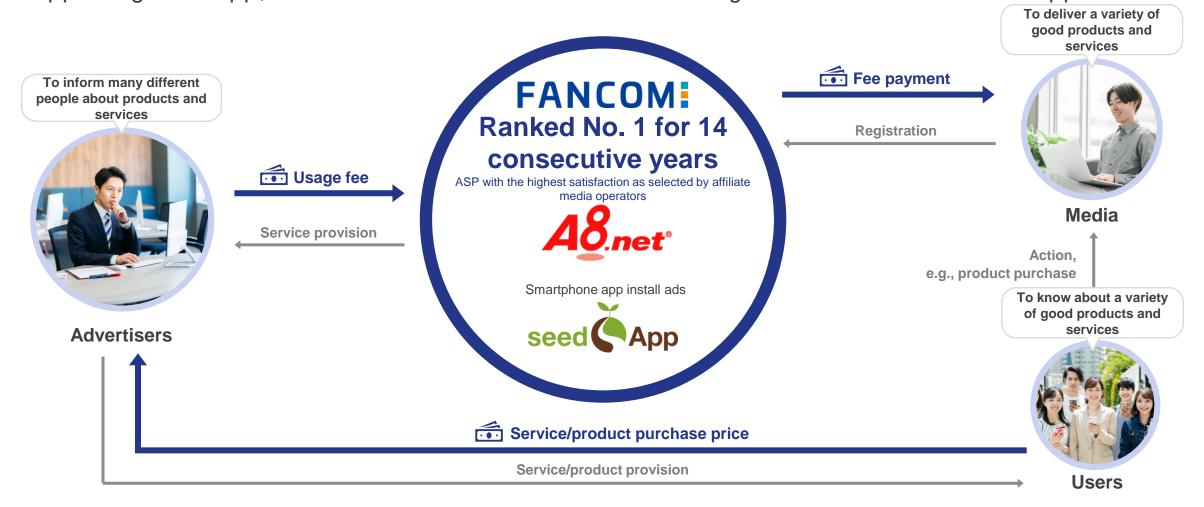


Overview by Business



#### CPA Solution Business: Business Overview

Together with A8.net, which has been ranked No. 1 for 14 consecutive years as the ASP with the highest satisfaction as selected by affiliate media operators, and the appsupporting seedApp, we will build an affiliate network through a fusion of media and apps.





### **CPA Solution Business: Key Summary**

Net sales at both A8.net and seedApp declined year on year, but the **number of active** advertiser IDs and registered partner sites at A8.net both increased.



A8.net

¥1,327 million

YoY change ..... (3.4%)

■ Number of operating advertiser IDs

3,451

YoY change -----+ + 2.6%

■ Number of registered partner sites

3,461,463

YoY change \*\*\*\*\*\* + 4.8%

# seedAp

¥118 million

YoY change ..... (9.0%)

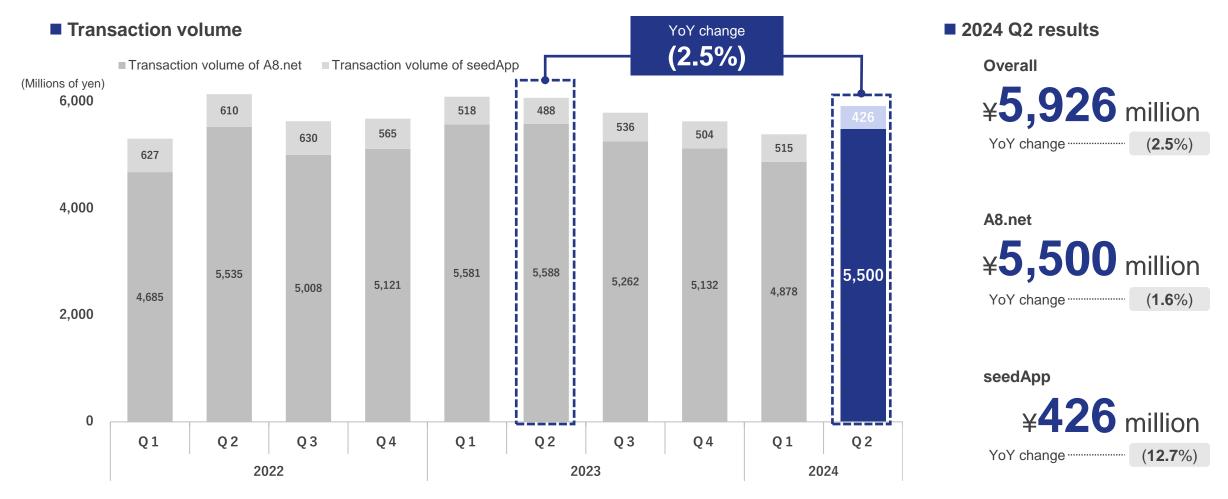
#### **Q2** topics

- The number of A8.net active advertiser IDs declined slightly on a quarter-to-quarter basis.
- A8.net's transaction volume has been growing overall while the top transaction volume categories have been gradually changing, a development that bore fruit in Q2.
   Transaction volume is also on an upward trend after halting losses in 2024 Q1 on a quarter-on-quarter basis.



#### **CPA Solution Business: Transaction Volume**

Year on year, the CPA Solution Business was down 2.5%, while within the A8.net business, this was up 12.5% quarter on quarter.



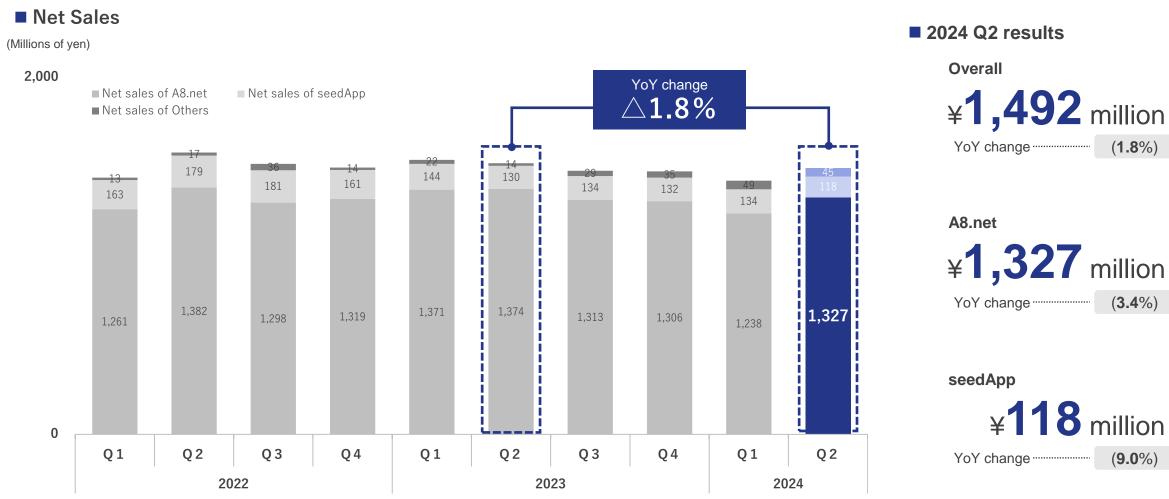


(3.4%)

(9.0%)

#### **CPA Solution Business: Net Sales**

Overall, the CPA Solution Business was down 1.8% year on year. Within A8.net, this was down 3.4%, with seedApp down 9.0%.

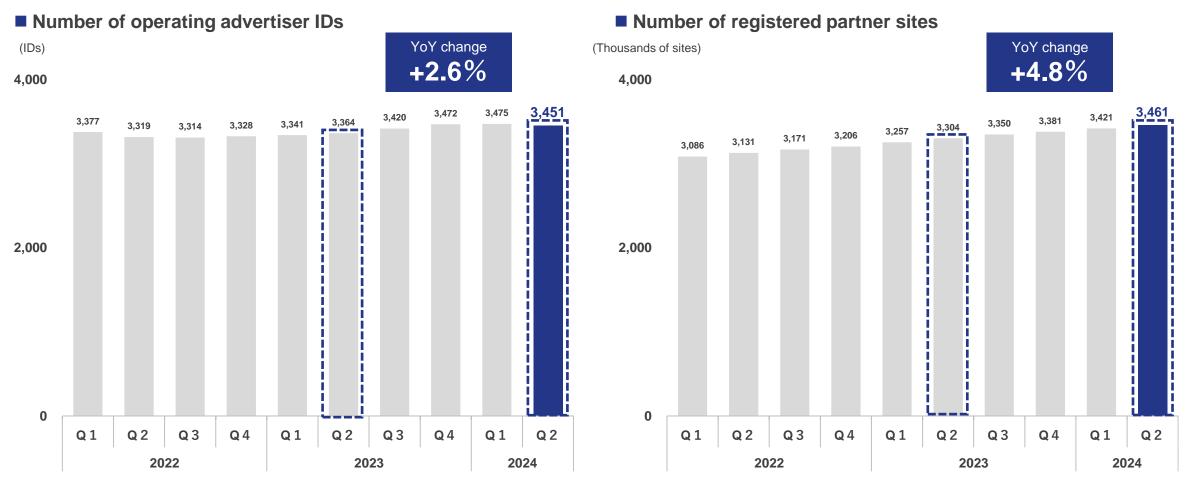


<sup>\*</sup> Others include contracted development and Seasaa-related sales.



## **CPA Solution Business: Number of Operating Advertiser IDs and Registered Partner Sites**

The number of operating advertiser IDs and the number of registered partner sites on A8.net both increased year on year.





### **CPA Solution Business: Key Points**

We will increase the number of advertisers continuously generating results through company-wide efforts to both provide added value in acquiring new customers, as well in acquiring existing customers.

Increasing the number of operating advertisers

- Launching affiliate launch preparation support services
- Making marketing investments to acquire prospective customers

Increasing success fees

- Proposing and executing strategies for each customer category
- Acquiring media for focus categories

Increasing productivity

- Reviewing workflows
- Using systems to resolve issues in areas where systemization can be applied

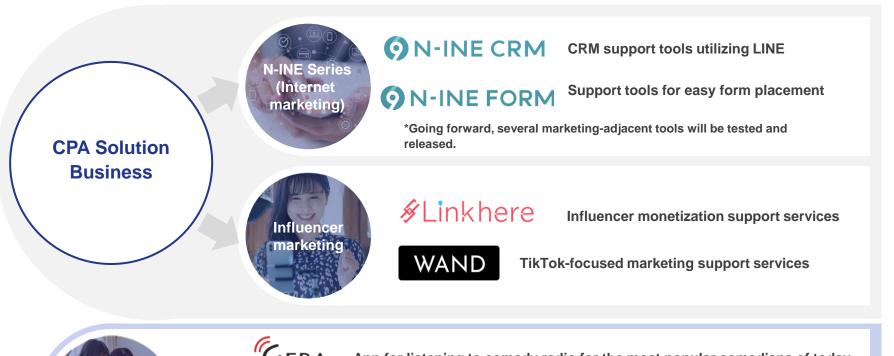
Synergizing with strategic new businesses

- Understanding needs for Internet marketing services and verifying new products
- Verifying combinations of influencer marketing and affiliates



### **New Business Summary**

Began investing in the influencer marketing support, Internet marketing support, and fan marketing businesses as strategic new businesses with high compatibility to the core CPA Solution Business. Aiming for market fit in the second half of the year.



**Selecting non**investment businesses Selection and concentration



**Emphasis** on speed of verification





App for listening to comedy radio for the most popular comedians of today



Profile curation services for athletes



Platform services allowing anyone to open an online salon for free



#### **New Business FY24 2H Milestones**

Resources are being invested in strategic new businesses. Since April, nend personnel resources have been allocated to strategic new businesses, and personnel expenses related to new businesses have doubled compared to FY24 Q1.

#### 2H milestones

# Achieving market fit in each business and aim for further investment expansion in FY25.



N-INE Series
Internet marketing support

- 100 operating accounts
- Creating best practices

WAND · Linkhere
Influencer marketing support

• WAND: PMI = Budget achieved + sales generated through partnership with A8.net

**GERA**FAN Marketing

- Building up recurring sales (subscription billing)
- Achievement of monthly profitability

# 05 Other Topics

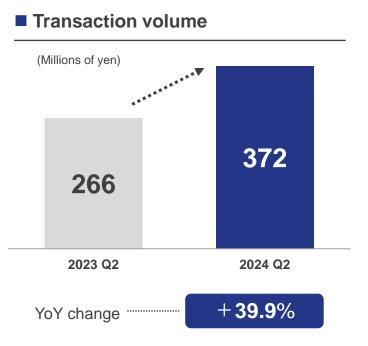
- Consolidated Group Businesses
- Business Investment Status

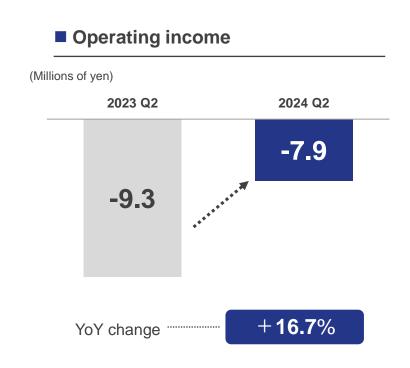




### Consolidated Group Businesses: FAN Communications Global

Although transaction volume increased due to strong performance of the game publishing business, operating income was a loss due to advance investment in advertising expenses.





#### **Topics**

- New businesses have been launched and transaction volume has been steadily increasing, but it has fallen short of the budget.
- Formed business alliance with Luckmon, a platform for mobile game users.

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Other Topics



#### **Business Investment Status: Partnership with WAND**

With an advertising network combining WAND Co., Ltd., an influencer marketing company, and A8.net and strategic businesses, we will promote the activation of the influencer business and accelerate its growth strategy.

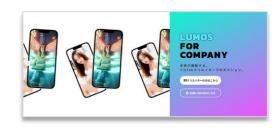
#### ■ Company Overview

Company Name	WAND Co.,Ltd.
Corporate Management	Yuichi Kurosaki, Representative Director and CEO Yuta Kamezaki, Director, CTO and COO
Head Office	Aoyama Diamond Building, 1-1-8, Shibuya Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
Established	October 2021
Capital	¥20,007,400 (including capital reserve)
Business Lines	Operation of a marketing platform utilizing short videos such as those on TikTok.

#### **■** Services Handled

#### LUMOS

TikTok creator multi-channel network



#### **LUMOS BUZZ**

Closed project acquisition platform for creators



**Number of Affiliated Creators** 

5,000



**Total Number of Followers** 

100 million



Accelerating growth by combining FAN Communications' management resources with WAND's creator network assets and unique marketing knowledge

# 06 Company Information

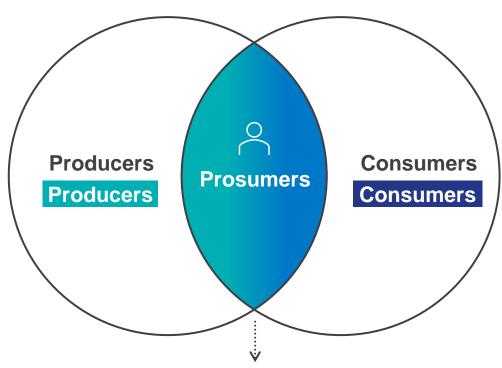
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From an ad network provider to a prosumer support company.

The market mechanism created by the era of mass production and mass consumption is coming to an end.

The boundary between production and consumption will blur, and the world will be filled with "**prosumers**" who resemble both sides.

We, FAN Communications will continue to develop our business to support such **prosumers** and move forward to become a company that can maximize their joy.



## **Prosumer happiness**

= The "vision" we are working toward



### **FANCOM**:

### **Company Overview**

**Company Name** FAN Communications, Inc.

**Securities Code** 2461 (Tokyo Stock Exchange, Prime Market)

Fiscal Year-End December

**Established** October 1, 1999

**Capital** ¥1,173.67 million (As of June 30, 2024)

President and Representative Director

Koji Ninomiya

Number of Non-consolidated: 440

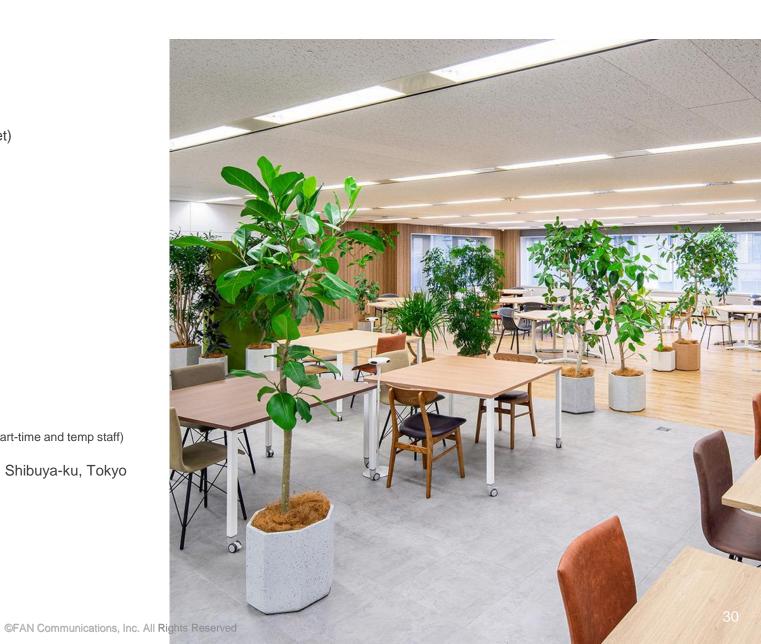
**Employees** Group total: 463 (As of June 30, 2024; includes part-time and temp staff)

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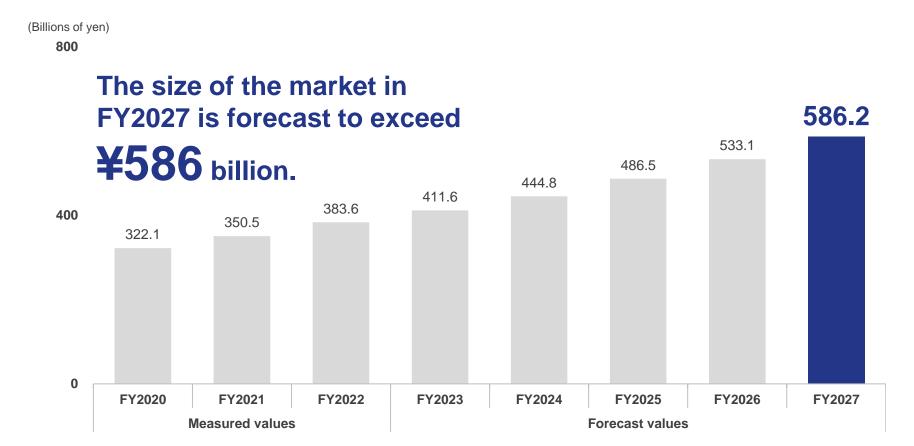




#### **External Environment**

The internet advertising market is expected to continue to grow, which is expected to be a tailwind for our affiliate network business.

#### Domestic affiliate market size and forecast



**■** Future trend forecast

Growth expected in young generation participation, with focus on social media

■ Our actions

Focusing on A8.net with the largest number of registered users in the industry and aiming to expand by attracting influencers

Source: From "Research on the Affiliate Market (2024)" by Yano Research Institute Ltd. https://www.yano.co.jp/press-release/show/press\_id/3523

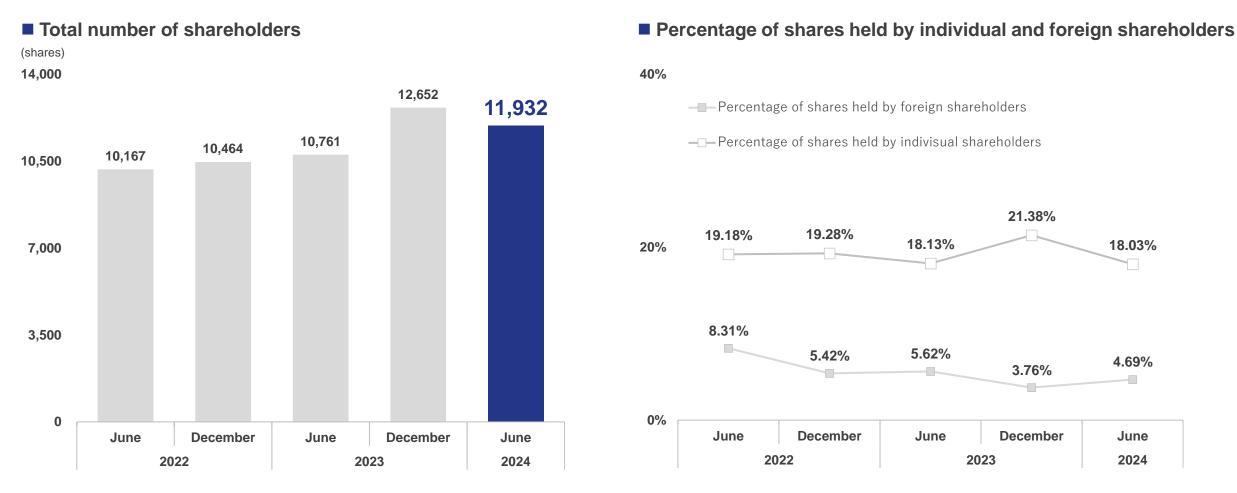
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## Reference Material Stock Information



The number of total shareholders has decreased. The percentage of shares held by foreign shareholders is on the rise.

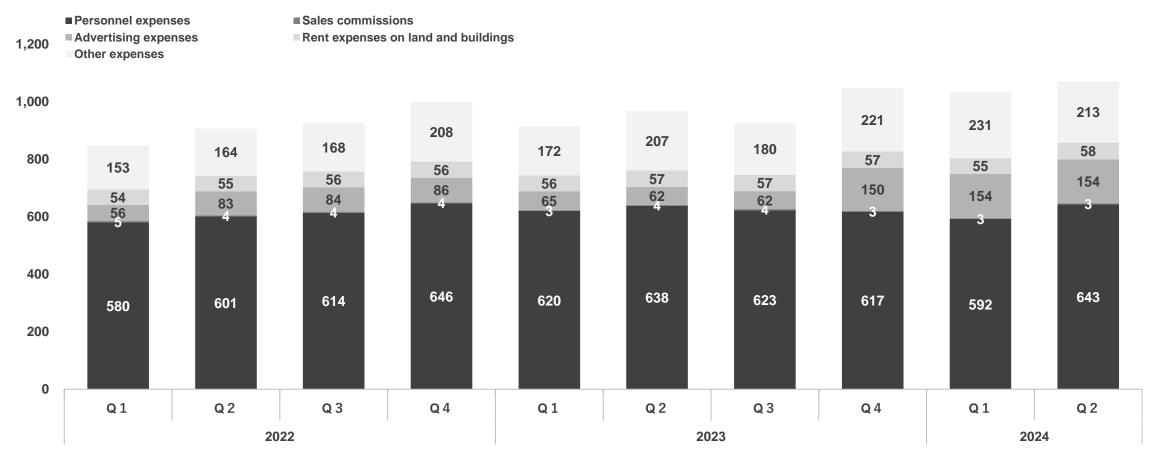






# Selling, General and Administrative Expenses (Consolidated/Quarterly Basis)

The increase in advertising expenses from Q4 2023 is due to activities to acquire new customers.



\*Figures have been calculated based on figures before application of the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition to enable comparison with previous results.

\*Other expenses include outsourcing expenses, commission expenses, etc.





## **Balance Sheet Summary**

The increase in intangible assets was due to goodwill from the acquisition of WAND.

	(Millions of yen)	2023 End of FY	2024 Q2 -	Vs. End of previous FY	
	(Willions of yell)	2023 Elia di F1		Change	Change (%)
	Current assets	21,155	19,975	(1179)	(5.6%)
Assets	Cash and deposits	17,299	15,954	(1345)	(7.8%)
	Non-current assets	2,223	2,808	+ 585	+ 26.3%
	Property, plant and equipment	92	62	(30)	(32.7%)
	Intangible assets	387	1,034	+646	+166.6%
	Investments and other assets	1,742	1,712	(30)	(1.7%)
	Total	23,378	22,784	(593)	(2.5%)
Liabilities and net assets	Liabilities	5,489	5,305	(184)	(3.4%)
	Net assets	17,888	17,479	(409)	(2.3%)
	Total	23,378	22,784	(593)	(2.5%)





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