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Financial Results Briefing Materials for Q1 FY2023/9

Makuake, Inc.

## Financial Results

### Overview of Q1 FY2023/9



- Sales, including the gross amount of "support" pre-orders, and operating profit came in line with the plan thanks to expanded and strengthened support to project owners
- Gross profit margin improved to 82% due to a significant decline in software depreciation charges in our costs after we posted a software-related fixed asset impairment loss in the previous fiscal year



- The number of published projects by repeat project owners increased as we strengthened support provided to project owners based on their track record with Makuake
- New large projects were started and the amount of new "support" pre-orders grew as we expanded and strengthened support to project supporters
- Our efforts to create a framework to support project managers in providing project supporter care are underway. We expect this to show in the increased amount of repeat "support" pre-orders from around the second half of the fiscal year



- In order to raise service quality, we set up cross-functional teams in the organization. By making decisions on the order of priority of initiatives and appropriate allocation of resources, we are advancing selection and concentration, as well as efficiency
- Data Lab has set up the data infrastructure for sales and marketing strategies to support initiatives by cross-functional teams to raise service quality

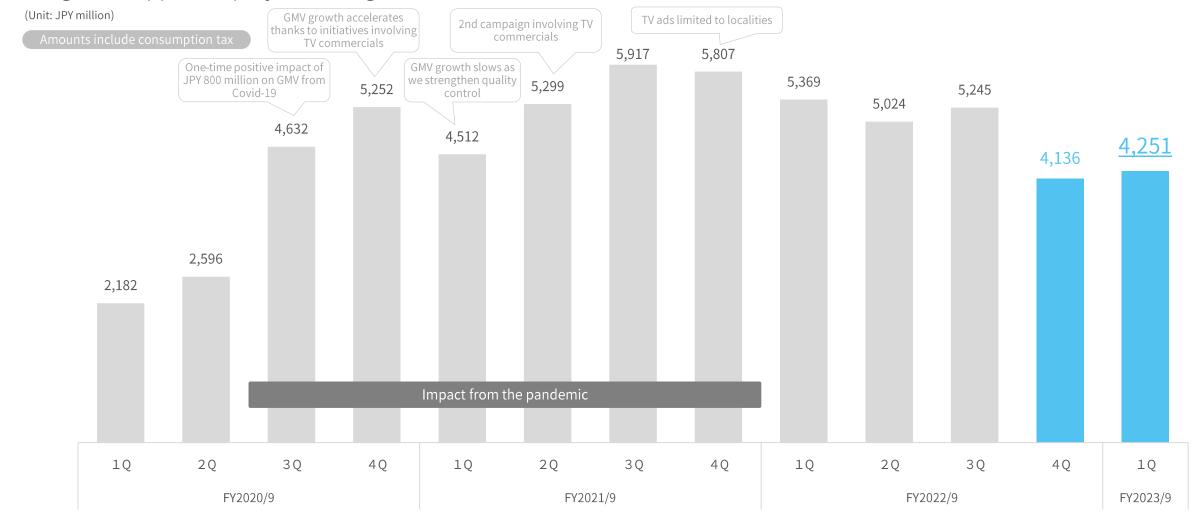


- Consumption of travel and hotels/lodging services expanded on continued support for nationwide travel
- Offline spending on catering/restaurants and shopping continued to increase
- While we are seeing some signs that the depreciation of the yen and high prices are calming down, the outlook remains uncertain

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### Gross Amount of "Support" Pre-orders (GMV), Quarterly

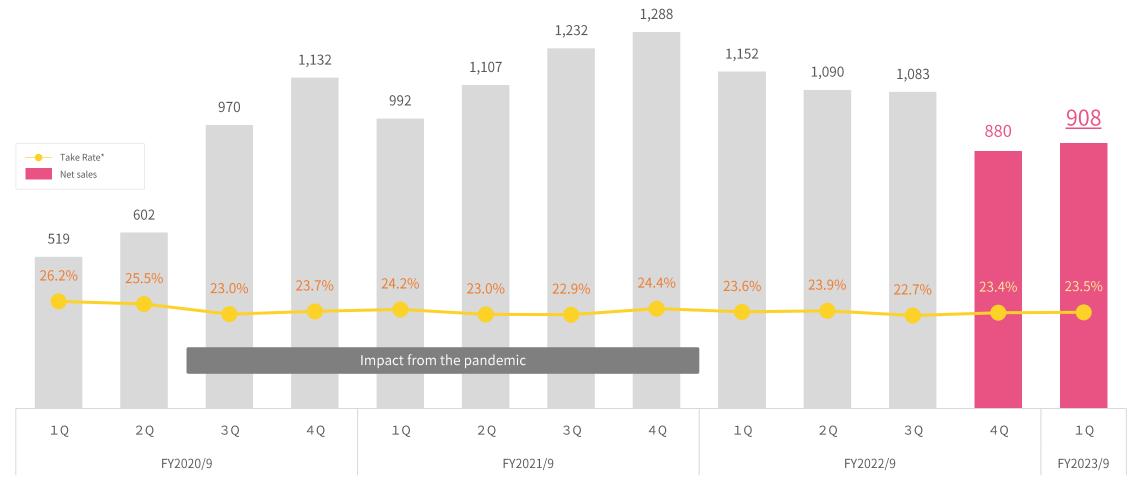
• Even as consumption of travel, hotels/lodging and catering/restaurants services and offline shopping grew in a trend continued from the previous quarter, GMV increased 2.8% QoQ as we started to see results from our initiatives to expand and strengthen support to project managers



#### Net Sales and Take Rate

• Sales were up 3.2% QoQ as, in addition to the growth of GMV, MIS sales expanded. Makuake's take rate--at 20%--remained unchanged. When other sales are included, our take rate remained at the previous quarter's level

(Unit: JPY million)

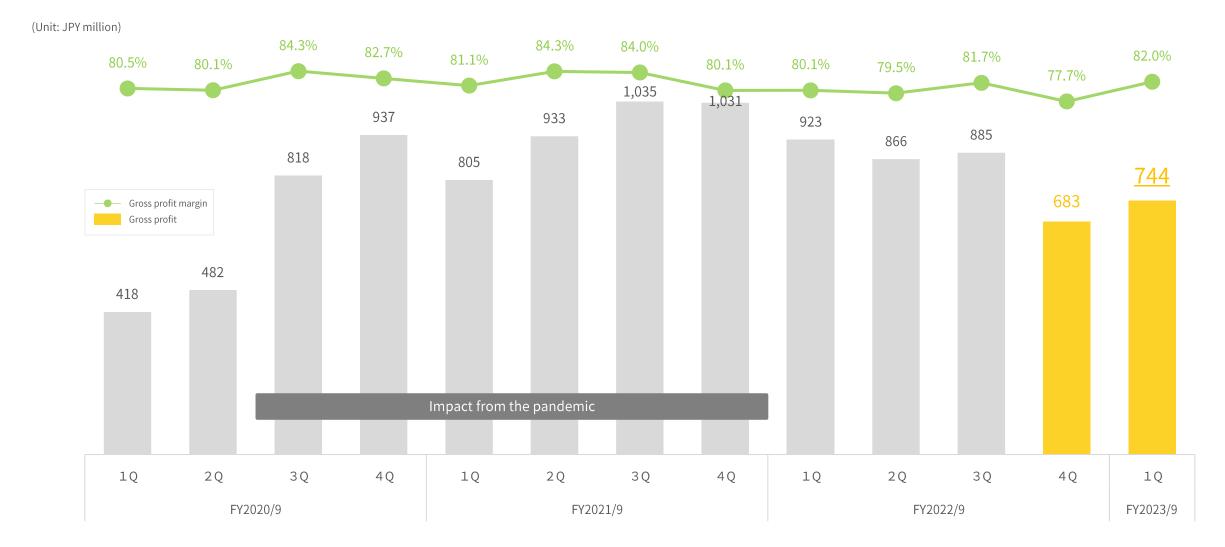


<sup>\*</sup>Take Rate = Net Sales/(GMV/1.1). Commission rate on Makuake services has been unchanged -- at 20% -- since our founding

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## Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin

• Gross profit increased, with gross profit margin reaching 82%, on significantly lower software depreciation charges in our costs after posting a fixed asset impairment loss on software and software in progress in the previous fiscal year



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## Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

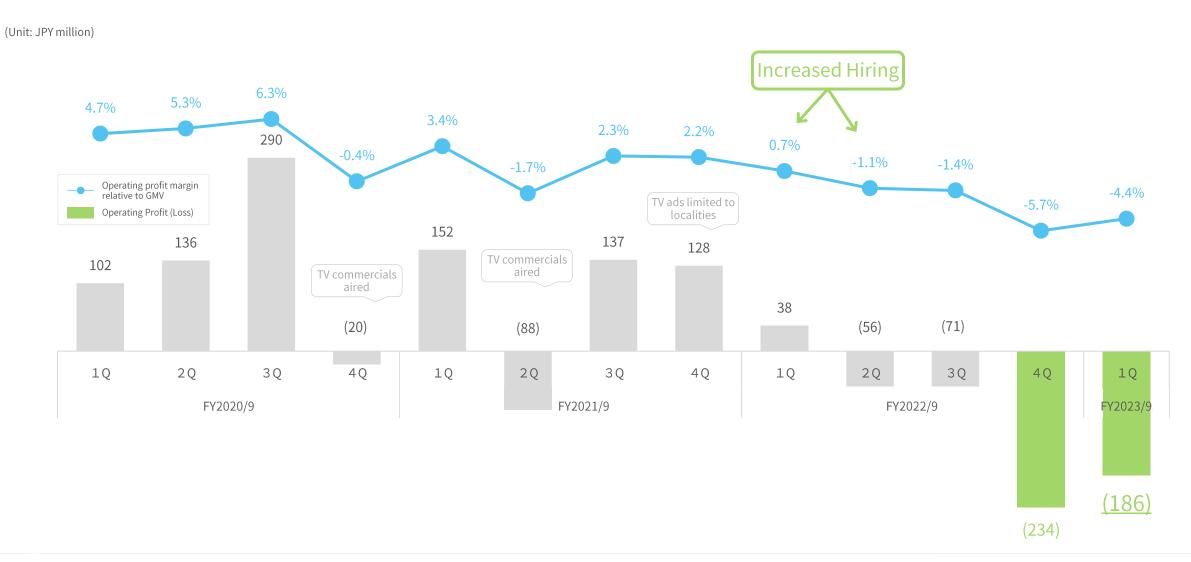
• Advertising and promotion expenses were down slightly on the absence of expenses related to events held in the previous quarter. On the other hand, in addition to the increase in payment fees which rose in lockstep with GMV, other fees, which include expenses such as for outsourcing expenses related to system development, and fees related to shareholders'



Note: Account titles aggregated into personnel expenses were revised as of Q2 FY2022/9

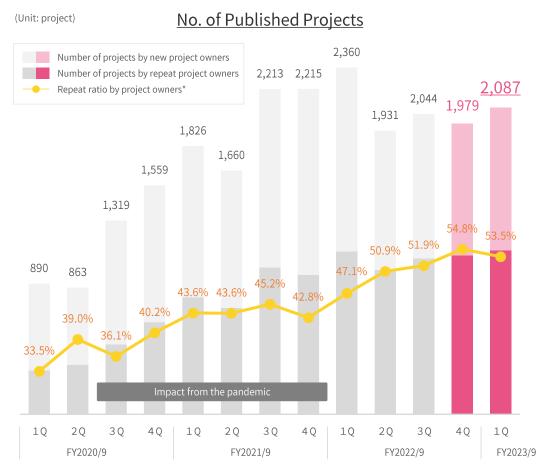
## Operating Profit (Loss) and Operating Margin Relative to GMV

• Operating loss shrunk by some JPY 50 million from the previous quarter as sales increased and, further, overall cost controls worked

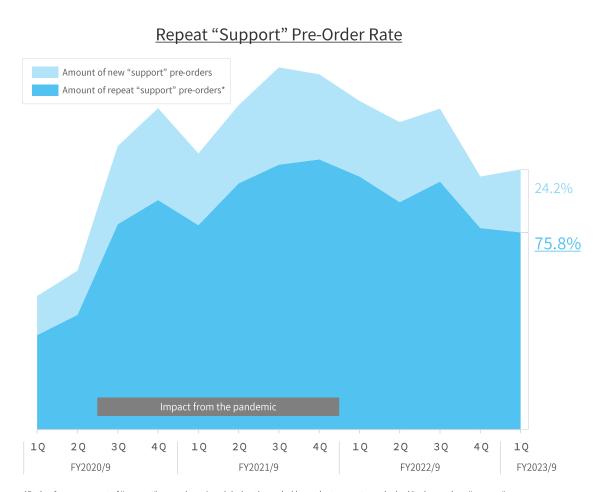


### Key Performance Indicators (1)

• The number of published projects rose 5.5% QoQ thanks to expanded and strengthened support to project owners. Further, the repeat "support" pre-order rate continued at a high level



\*Ratio of projects published during the period by project owners who had had a previous project with us within the prior 1 year to total number of published projects

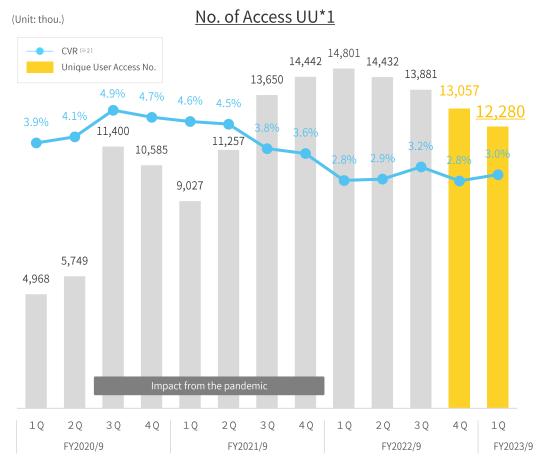


<sup>\*</sup>Ratio of gross amount of "support" pre-orders placed during the period by project supporters who had had a previous "support" pre-order within the prior 1 year to total gross amount of "support" pre-orders via Makuake's services

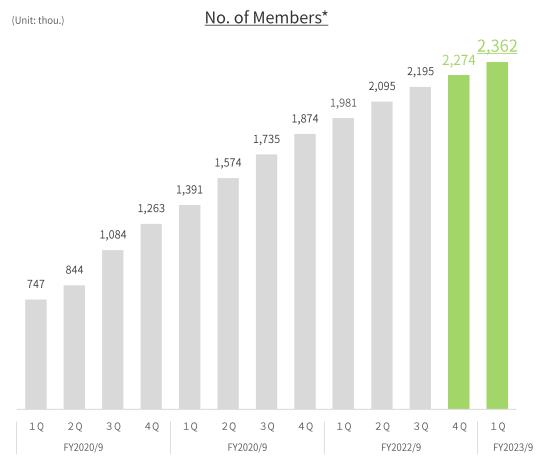
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### Key Performance Indicators (2)

• Access UUs remained on a downtrend due to the impact of continuing growth in offline spending on catering/restaurants and shopping, as well as higher consumption of travel and hotels/lodging services. On the other hand, CVR rose on better project quality thanks to support provided to project owners



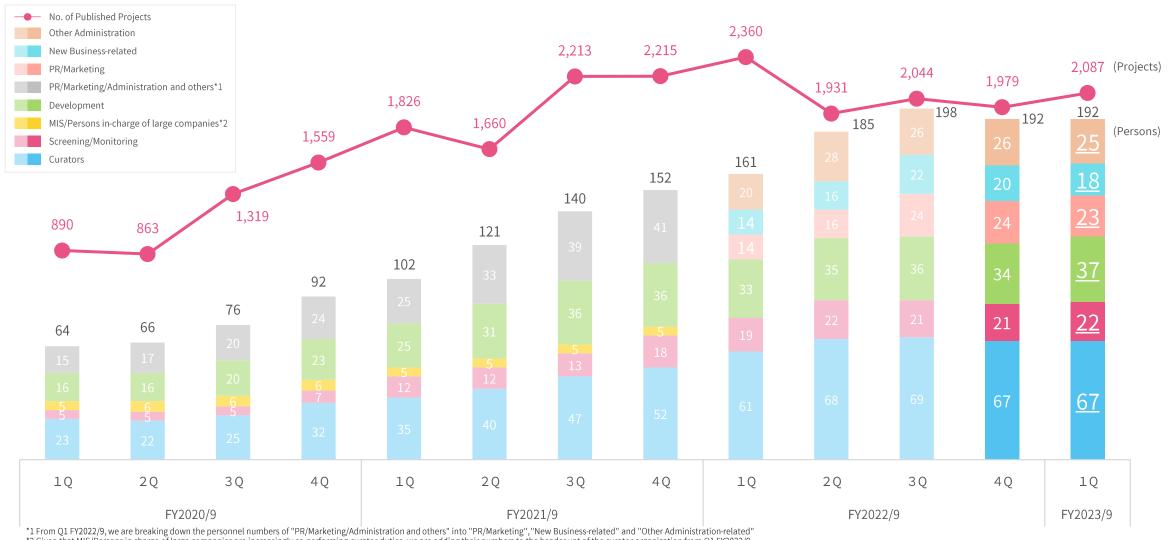
<sup>\*1</sup> Number of persons who visited Makuake during the period. Tabulated according to Google Analytics standards
\*2 CVR: Conversion Rate: the ratio of access UU on Makuake who placed a "support" pre-order to total access UU (number of "support" pre-orders ÷ total access UU). Please see Appendix for the number of "support" pre-orders



<sup>\*</sup>Cumulative number of registered members = persons who placed at least one "support" pre-order

## Number of Published Projects and Employee Count

• Overall employee headcount remained unchanged even as the number of published projects rose



<sup>\*2</sup> Given that MIS/Persons in charge of large companies are increasingly co-performing curator duties, we are adding their numbers to the headcount of the curator organization from Q1 FY2022/9

#### Major Projects Launched in Q1 FY2023/9

• New large projects sprang up as we expanded and strengthened support to project managers. Further, we had many "support" pre-orders for products enriching people's lives at home even in the times of "with corona"



















## Major Projects Launched in Q1 FY2023/9 (Large Companies)

• Repeat use of Makuake by large companies stood out as the number of companies, whose professionals in charge of developing new products incorporate into their thinking the launch on Makuake of their ambitious new products utilizing incompany technology, has grown



















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#### SDGs-Related Projects Launched in Q1 FY2023/9

• We published projects addressing the waste problem in Japan such as "upcycled" products made with the use of materials that would have previously been discarded, and projects cognizant of diversity that provide economic opportunities such as facility development













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#### Makuake Received METI Minister Award in the 4th Nihon Service Award



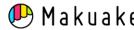
#### Announced Project and Company Prize Winners at "Makuake Award 2022"



#### Started providing "Makuake PL Insurance Plan" Exclusively to Project Managers

**Support of Project Owners** 





#### (evaluation points)

- For establishing the pre-primary distribution market that brings the "new" to the world, with no inventory risk
- For systematizing the know-how accumulated for over 9 years in 3 areas—support, screening/monitoring and site construction
- For building a marketplace, driven by joint development, based on the concept of "support" pre-orders, and creating—for the first time in Japan—a completely new market and distribution channels

(about Makuake Award)

This is an event to present "Makuake of the Year" awards to projects selected from among those implemented on Makuake within or close to the most recent one-year period, and to award partner businesses we cooperate with

This year, we presented GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE awards to 3 projects chosen from among 25 nominees, and also awarded 5 special prizes

We teamed up with Sompo Japan Insurance Inc. to provide the exclusive "Makuake PL Insurance Plan" to project managers who implement their projects on Makuake and Makuake Global

Should an accident happen, we--as a platform--will work to support a reduction the financial burden of the affected project manager and smooth compensation from the project manager to project supporters

## <u>Launched "Makuake Magazine"</u> Makuake's Own In-House Media



Launched content pages of "Makuake Magazine"--our own in-house media

Going forward, we will be developing the magazine as a gateway to Makuake that relays the appeal of and ways to enjoy "support" pre-ordering by connecting--through interviews with various people associated with Makuake--project owners who are taking up the challenge of a project with project supporters who are cheering them on

#### Started offering the functionality of "'support' pre-order coupons" that provide a discount at pre-order time



A functionality that applies a discount to the amount of "support" pre-order when a project supporter preorders a product from Makuake

We are aiming to further broaden the extent of "support" preordering through such techniques as offering to a project supporter, who had placed numerous "support" pre-orders with us in the past, an opportunity to preorder products from a different genre, and promoting pre-orders to first-time project supporters or supporters who are visiting us after a long break

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## Progress on Growth Strategies for FY2023/9

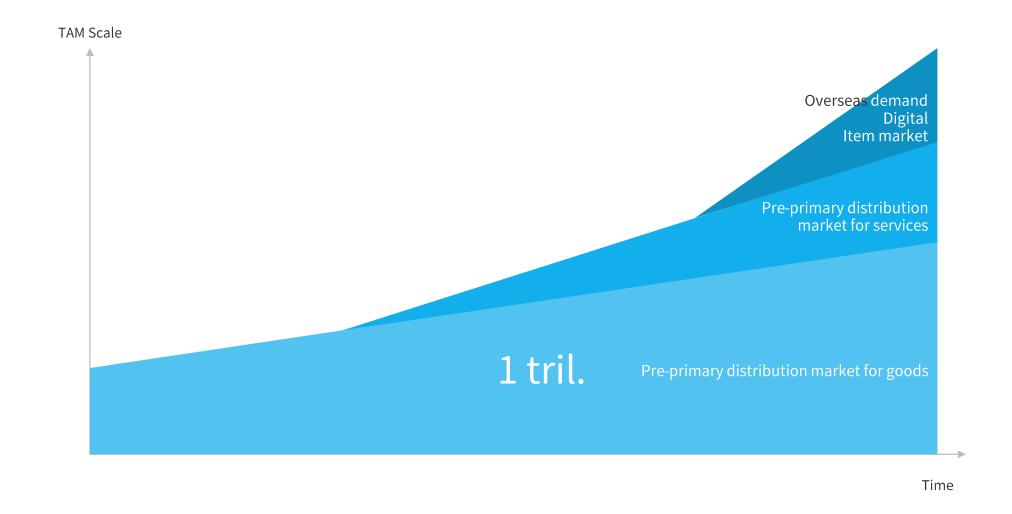
#### FY2023/9 Full-Year Forecasts

• Sales, including the gross amount of "support" pre-orders, and operating profit came in largely in line with the plan. At this time, there are no changes to our full-year earnings estimates

(Unit: JPY million)	FY2022/9	FY2023/9 Forecasts	Change	Percentage change
Gross Amount of "Support" pre-orders:  GMV  (Tax included)	19,776	18,000	(1,776)	(9.0)
Net Sales	4,206	3,840	(366)	(8.7)
Operating Profit (Loss)	(324)	(880)	(555)	_
Ordinary Profit (Loss)	(302)	(880)	(577)	-
Net Income (Loss)	(1,347)	(890)	457	-

#### Potential for Expansion of Total Addressable Market for Makuake Service Under Harsh External Environment

• Our TAM is expanding--starting from the travel, lodging and catering industries rejuvenated by economic reopening--to future overseas demand for new products from Japan and the launch of new products and services on the Metaverse



#### Growth of Service-Related Projects in Q1 FY2023/9

• We are seeing higher sales of new products related to offline experiences such as memberships and meal tickets for restaurants/eating establishments, and vouches for accommodation facilities and saunas



















#### Basic Policy for Growth in FY2023/9

• We will actualize our potential market (TAM) by expanding the foundation for stable business growth created by our repeat customers through further strengthening of our initiatives to raise customer satisfaction, while at the same time building an organization dedicated to customer acquisition and growing our customer base

#### **Raising Customer Satisfaction**

- Will focus on creating a structure that increases the necessity of repeat use of Makuake by expanding and strengthening support to project owners and improving their satisfaction
- Will improve and expand the framework for boosting repeat use by project supporters, invest in CRM initiatives and accelerate the process of turning project supporters into fans
- Will prevent disengagement of project supporters by expanding the framework for supporting project owners in providing project supporter care, and by strengthening soundness
- Will focus on improvements to the customer support framework, its proper operation and customer feedback management in order to increase customer satisfaction. As we train our existing employees, we will work on their optimal placement and make upfront investments in personnel expenses to accumulate human capital

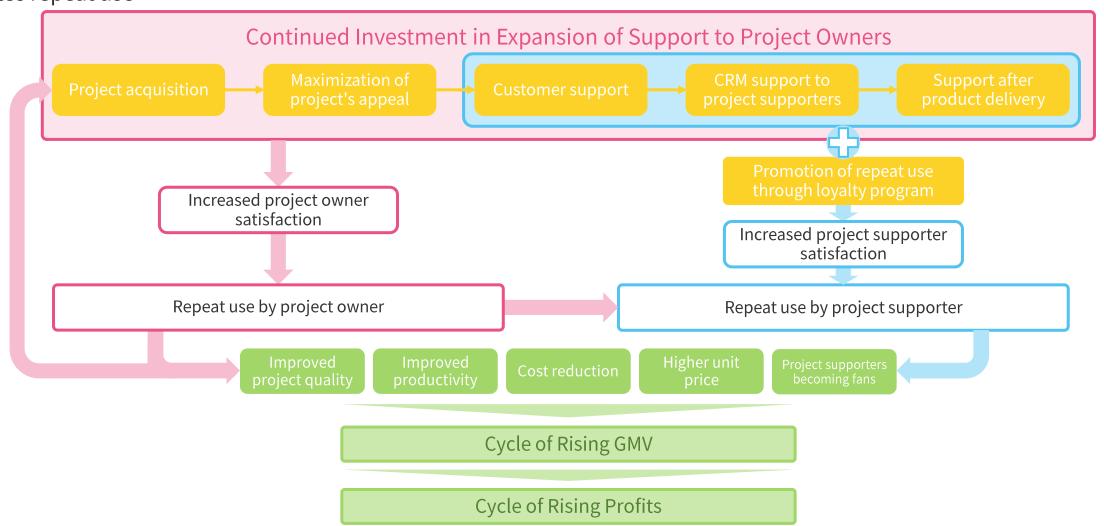
#### **Expanding Customer Base**

- To address this huge potential market, will bolster our marketing unit to secure new project managers and promote acquisition of new project managers
- Will strengthen the development of our "weapons"-tools to assuredly go after this promising potential market, as well as invest in marketing for acquisition initiatives
- Will further strengthen acquisition of consumers who have strong preferences as to their lifestyles and those who sympathize with Makuake's worldview
- Will implement new initiatives to bring in those with high disposable income

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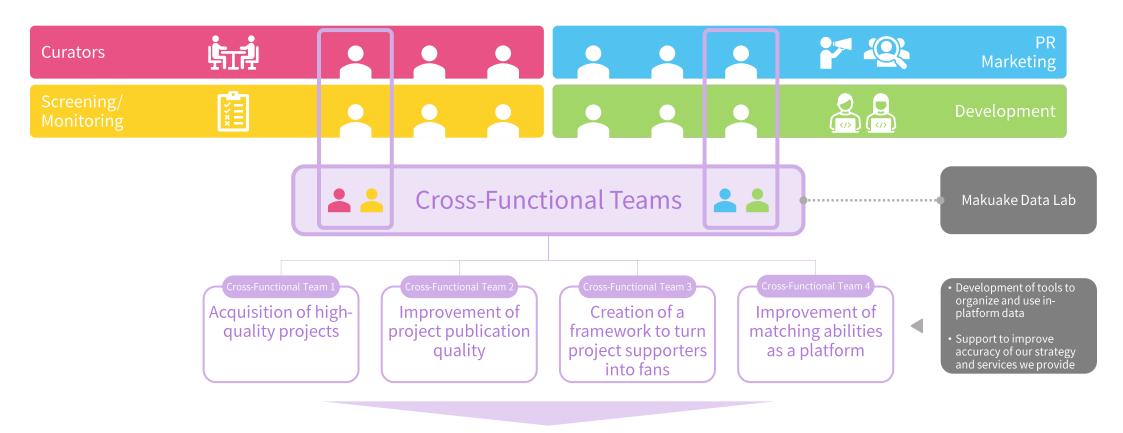
#### Focus of Attention for FY2023/9: Framework for Repeatable User Experience

• We will work to create a cycle of rising GMV as we increase satisfaction of project owners and project supporters by raising the quality of support provided to project managers, and at the same time offering a program to project supporters that promotes repeat use



#### New Framework in Makuake Service

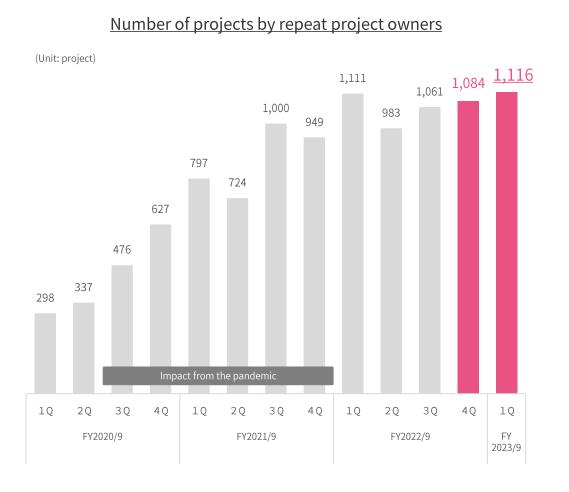
• We set up cross-functional teams involving every department, and are focusing on creating a framework for repeat use of the platform through strengthening and expanding support to project managers and raising their satisfaction



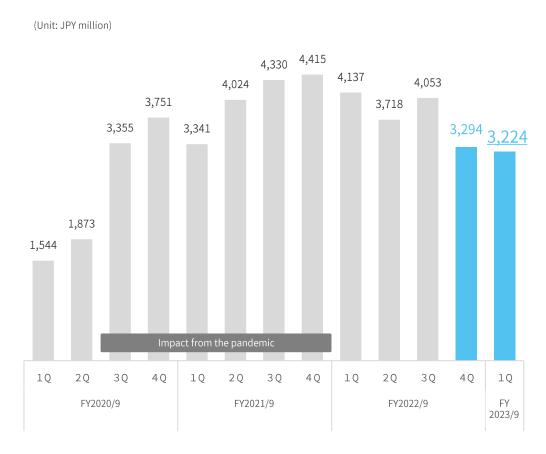
Better efficiency through selection and concentration Making WHO/WHAT/HOW more clear

### Most Important Indicators for FY2023/9 Growth

• The number of published projects by repeat project managers increased thanks to the strengthening of support to repeat project managers based on their track record with Makuake. We expect the results of our current initiatives to show in the amount of "support" pre-orders from the second half of this fiscal year



#### Amount of repeat "Support" Pre-orders



## On Revision of Medium-Term Business Plan

#### Reasons for Revision of Medium-Term Business Plan

• After recalculating our own potential in the absence of growth drivers in light of the most recent financial results and the continuing uncertainty in the current external environment, we have determined it is necessary to revise our medium-term business plan which was aiming at JPY 80 billion in GMV, and are presently working on this task

Revising to our own potential in the absence of growth drivers in light of the most recent financial results

Continuing uncertainty in the external environment surrounding us

In forecasting future business results, the impact of variable factors--the reality we have to deal with--outweighs the company's own efforts

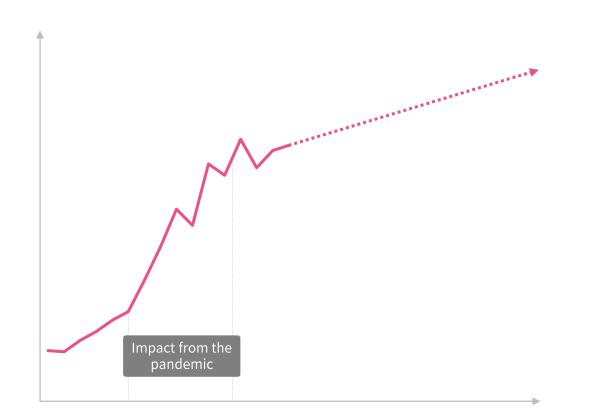
Given current conditions, it has become necessary to revise the medium-term business plan

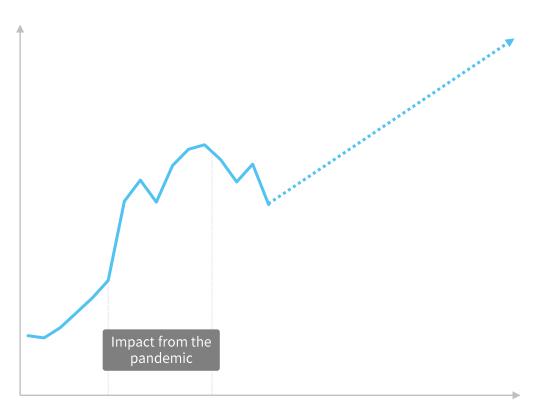
### On Disclosure of Medium-Term Targets

• We deem it difficult to disclose at this point our medium-term targets due to many uncertain factors in the current external environment. On the other hand, we believe that what is most important from the standpoint of measuring our progress towards continued growth are KPIs related to repeat business given to us by project owners and project supporters



Envisioned Progress in the Amount of "Support" Pre-orders

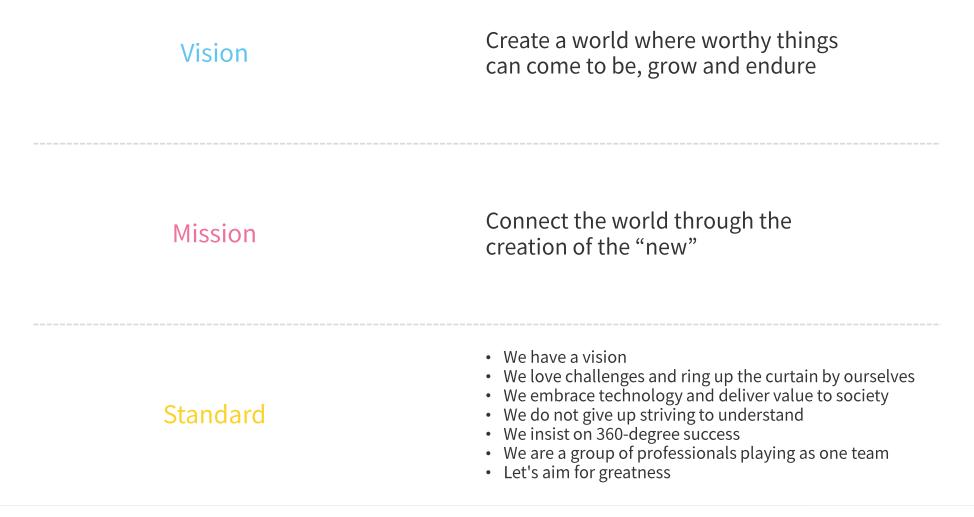




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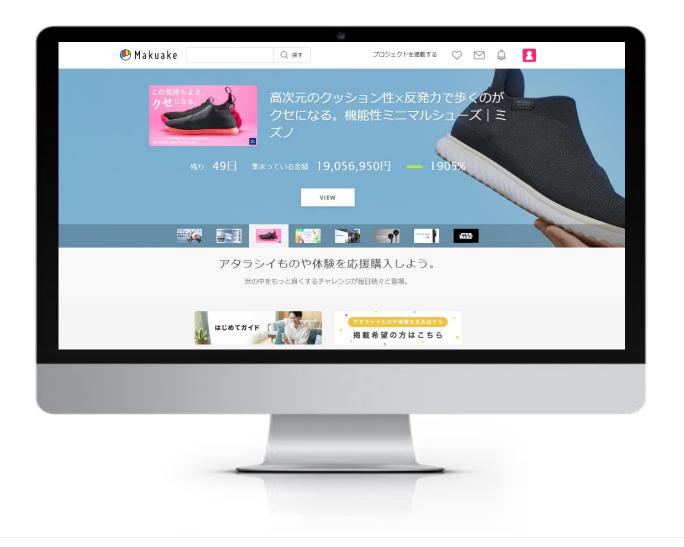
#### The World Makuake Aspires For

• Guided by our vision and mission, we are striving for society enriched through the connection of the "new" that consumers seek and the "new" that companies wish to introduce to the world



#### Makuake -- a Venue for Launch of New Products and Services

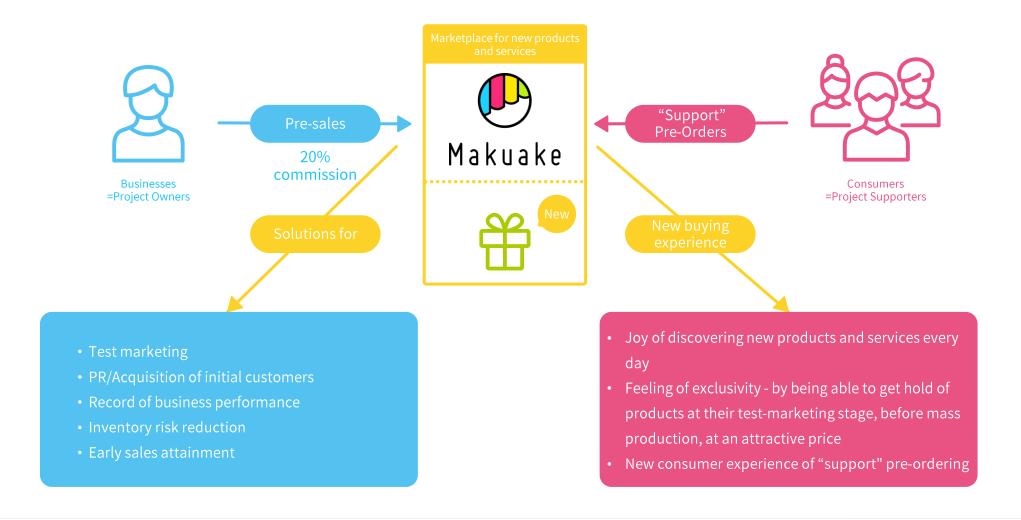
• We are a marketplace where consumers can buy premiering new products and services faster through "support" pre-orders





#### Makuake's Business Model

• Businesses can pre-sell their new products and services still in the planning phase on Makuake, while consumers, in the spirit of cheering on, can pre-purchase their products of interest through "support" pre-ordering



## Business Results Summary: YoY, standalone quarter

(Unit: JPY million)	FY2022/9 Q1	FY2023/9 Q1	Change YoY	Percent Change YoY
Gross Amount of "support" pre-orders:  GMV  (Tax included)	5,369	4,251	(1,117)	(20.8)
Net Sales	1,152	908	(244)	(21.2)
Gross Profit	923	744	(178)	(19.3)
Operating Profit (Loss)	38	(186)	(224)	_
Ordinary Profit (Loss)	38	(183)	(221)	-
Net Income (Loss)	90	(185)	(276)	-

## Business Results Summary: QoQ, standalone quarter

(Unit: JPY million)	FY2022/9 Q4 (standalone)	FY2023/9 Q1 (standalone)	Change QoQ	Percent Change QoQ
Gross Amount of "support" pre-orders:  GMV  (Tax included)	4,136	4,251	114	2.8
Net Sales	880	908	28	3.2
Gross Profit	683	744	61	8.9
Operating Profit (Loss)	(234)	(186)	48	_
Ordinary Profit (Loss)	(235)	(183)	52	-
Net Income (Loss)	(1,354)	(185)	1,168	-

	FY2022/9 Q1	FY2023/9 Q1	Change YoY	Percent Change YoY
No. of New Projects	2,360	2,087	(273)	(11.6)
No. of New Projects by Repeat Project Owners	1,111	1,116	5	0.5
Project Owners Repeat Rate (%)*1	47.1	53.5	-	6.4pt
Amount of Repeat "Support" Pre-Orders (JPY million)	4,137	3,224	(912)	(22.1)
Repeat "Support" Pre-Order Rate (%)*2	77.0	75.8	-	(1.2)pt
No. of Access Unique Users	14,801,463	12,279,539	(2,521,924)	(17.0)
No. of Members	1,981,004	2,362,033	381,029	19.2
No. of "Support" Pre-Orders	418,108	367,985	(50,123)	(12.0)

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\*2 Ratio of gross amount of "support" pre-orders placed during the period by project supporters who had had a previous "support" pre-order within the prior 1 year to total gross amount of "support" pre-orders via Makuake's services.

Note that as of FY2020/9, we are using an improved calculation method with better data accuracy

	FY2022/9 Q4 (standalone)	FY2023/9 Q1 (standalone)	Change QoQ	Percent Change QoQ
No. of New Projects	1,979	2,087	108	5.5
No. of New Projects by Repeat Project Owners	1,084	1,116	32	3.0
Project Owners Repeat Rate (%)*1	54.8	53.5	-	(1.3)pt
Amount of Repeat "Support" Pre-Orders (JPY million)	3,294	3,224	(69)	(2.1)
Repeat "Support" Pre-Order Rate (%)*2	79.6	75.8	-	(3.8)pt
No. of Access Unique Users	13,057,289	12,279,539	(777,750)	(6.0)
No. of Members	2,273,866	2,362,033	88,167	3.9
No. of "Support" Pre-Orders	367,131	367,985	854	0.2

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### **Dividend Policy**

As the company is currently in a state of growth, we believe that by retaining profits and prioritizing investment in expanding business size and improving earning power will lead to maximization of our corporate value and a continuous stream of profit return to shareholders.

As to future distribution of dividends out of surplus, our basic policy is to do so with consideration of balance versus retaining profits. For the time being, we have elected for policy prioritizing retaining profits, and no determination has been made as to the timing for issuing dividends.

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