Financial Results Presentation for Q4 and Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2025

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Net Protections Holdings, Inc. (TSE Prime Market: 7383)

Good afternoon, everyone. I am Shin Shibata, CEO of Net Protections Holdings. I would like to begin the financial results presentation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025.

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These are the agendas for today.

First, I will provide an overview of our full-year and fourth quarter results. Next, I will discuss our earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 2026.

After that, I will cover key management topics, and finally, I will present our updated three-year mid-term business plan.

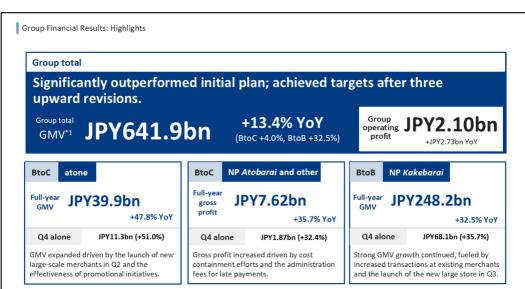


Highlights of Financial Results

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CFO Watanabe will explain the highlights of the financial results.





The Group total GMV increased 13.4% year on year to 641.9 billion yen.

Operating profit exceeded even the revised forecast of 2.0 billion yen made in the third quarter, reaching 2.1 billion yen.

Now I will explain details by service.

First, for atone, GMV grew more than 50% in the fourth quarter alone, following similar growth in the third quarter, bringing the full-year growth rate to 48%.

This growth was driven by new large-scale merchants that launched in the second quarter, and measures such as new user acquisition promotions.

Second, for NP Atobarai, which is our "cash cow" business, we have set gross profit as a key performance indicator.

Our efforts to curb costs through credit risk control and the late payment administration fees contributed to a 32% increase in the fourth quarter alone, and a 36% increase for the full year.

Finally, NP Kakebarai also continued its strong growth, with GMV rising 36% to 68.1 billion yen in the fourth quarter alone, and finished the year up 33% at 248.2 billion yen. In addition to increased transactions at existing merchants, large new merchants that launched in the third quarter contributed to the growth.

Group Financial Results: Summary

Operating profit surpassed upward revision, reaching at JPY2.1bn; EBITDA Soared by 261.3%. Revenue reached 99% of target, due to growth of major merchants and increased e-invoice usage rate.

| Full-year summary | FY3/25 (12 | FY3/25 (12 months) | | Full-year earnings forecast*5 | |
|---|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--|
| (JPY in mi | llions) Results | YoY percentage change | Amount | Progress rate | |
| GMV (non-GAAP)*1 | 641,950 | +13.4% | 635,294 | 101.0% | |
| Total operating revenue | 23,032 | +10.5% | 23,281 | 98.9% | |
| Gross profit (non-GAAP)*2 | 10,483 | +34.5% | 10,300 | 101.8% | |
| SG&A expenses (non-GAAP)*3 | 8,907 | +0.6% | 8,850 | 100.7% | |
| Operating profit | 2,103 | Turned into profitability | 2,000 | 105.2% | |
| Profit before income taxes | 2,139 | Turned into profitability | 1,900 | 112.6% | |
| Profit attributable to owners of parent | 1,350 | Turned into profitability | 1,100 | 122.7% | |
| Basic earnings per share | 13.86 yen | Turned into profitability | 11.31 yen | 122.5% | |
| EBITDA (non-GAAP)°4 | 3,747 | +261.3% | 3,600 | 104.1% | |

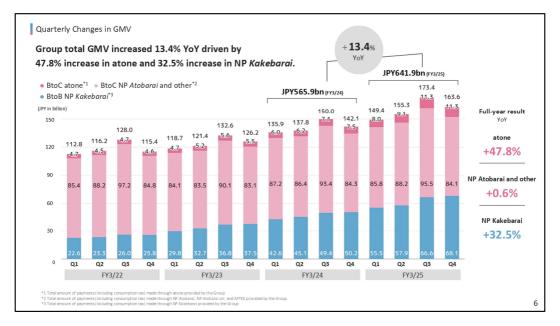
This is a summary of financial results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025.

Operating profit further exceeded our forecasted figure and reached 2.1 billion yen, even after an additional marketing investment of 300 million yen in the second half. Although revenue reached 99% of the target, reflecting increased transactions from major merchants with lower service fees and higher e-invoice adoption, all other performance indicators surpassed forecasts. As a result, EBITDA grew by 261% year-on-year.

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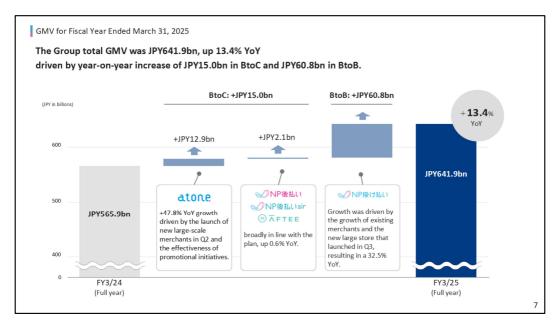
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This is the changes in each service's share in GMV.

GMV for BtoC atone achieved 47.8% growth year on year, and GMV for BtoB NP Kakebarai achieved 32.5% growth year on year.

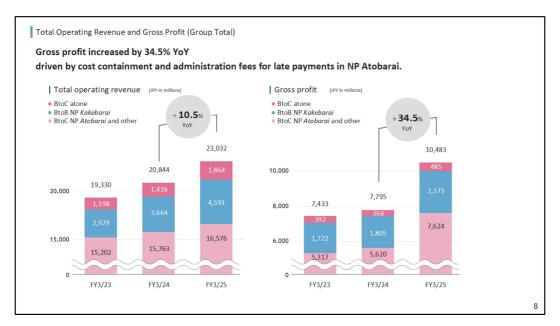
With these two services as our growth drivers, the Group total GMV increased 13.4% year on year.



The slide shows how our GMV for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025 increased year on year.

For atone, GMV grew approximately 13 billion yen, driven by new large merchants that launched in the second quarter and measures such as new user acquisition campaigns.

For BtoB NP Kakebarai, GMV grew over 60 billion yen, thanks to continued growth in transactions at existing merchants and the new large merchants that launched in the third quarter.

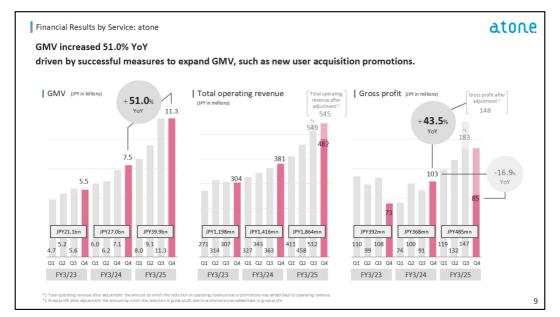


This slide shows the trends of Group total operating revenue and gross profit.

Total operating revenue increased 10.5% year on year.

Gross profit increased 34.5%, mainly due to cost curbing, including credit risk control in NP Atobarai, and the late payment administrative fees.

As compared with the past two years, we have successfully built a business fundamental that can generate profit.

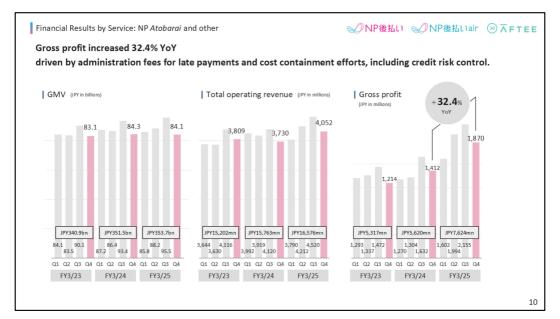


From this slide, I will discuss key indicators in each of our services.

Following the third quarter, atone continued to focus not only on acquiring new merchants but also on expanding its user base.

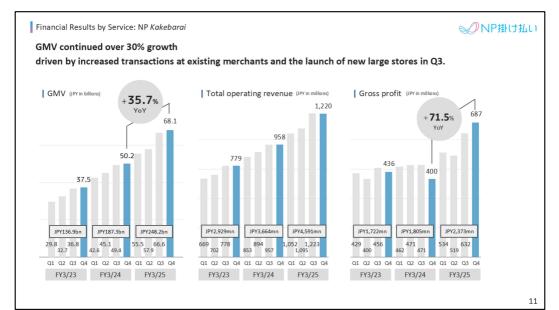
As a result of several promotions such as cashback offers, GMV grew by 51% year-on-year.

After adjusting for the reductions due to promotions, gross profit increased 43.5% year on year.



GMV for NP Atobarai decreased by 0.3% as a result of corrective actions taken by certain merchants that had problems with certain sales methods, but this had a positive impact on profits.

Gross profit grew 32.4% due to late payment administrative fees and our continued efforts in curbing costs, including credit risk control.

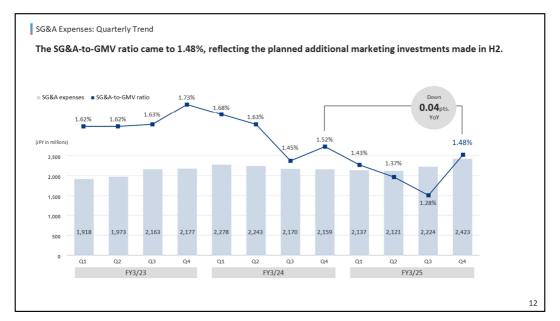


BtoB NP Kakebarai continued its momentum with GMV remaining solid and achieving 35.7% growth.

In addition to growth at existing merchants, newly acquired large merchants that launched in the third quarter also contributed to GMV growth.

Gross profit increased 71.5% year on year, recovering from the impact of a temporary rise in the delinquency rate last year. This rise occurred as we entered the collection phase of zero-zero loans*, and we responded by implementing credit control measures.

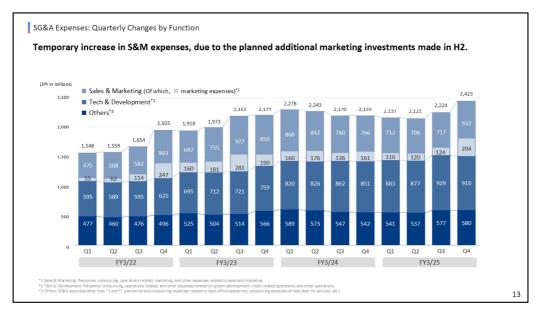
^{*}A "zero-zero" loan refers to a virtually interest-free, unsecured loan extended to sole proprietors and small and medium-sized businesses whose sales declined as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.



This slide shows the trend of SG&A expenses and the ratio of SG&A expenses to GMV.

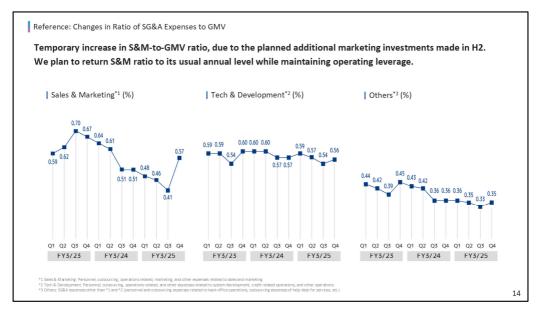
The SG&A-to-GMV ratio is 1.48%. This may appear to be an increase, but it reflects planned additional marketing investment in the second half and is only temporary.

Going forward, we aim to continue securing profits that meet the expectations of our shareholders and investors, while allocating excess profits to marketing investments.



The amount of SG&A expenses for the fourth quarter was approximately 2.42 billion yen.

Sales & Marketing expenses increased due to the additional marketing investments made in the second half.



The slide shows the ratio of SG&A expenses to GMV by function.

As I mentioned earlier, the sharp increase in the Sales and Marketing expense to GMV ratio was due to additional marketing investment in the second half.

There is no change in our policy to maintain a structure that can take advantage of operating leverage,

and we plan to return to our usual levels starting in the first quarter of the fiscal year ending in March, 2026.



Earnings Forecasts for FY3/26

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Next, I will discuss our earnings forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026.

Earnings Forecasts: Summary for FY3/26 Earnings Forecasts

We project GMV of JPY742.0bn, up 15.6 YoY, and operating profit of JPY2.6bn, up 23.6%. We will continue to drive solid GMV growth while steadily increasing profits.

| Earnings forecasts | FY3/26 forecasts | | | Reference: | |
|---|------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------------|
| (JPY in millions) | H1 | H2 | Full-year | vs. FY3/25 | FY3/25 results |
| GMV (non-GAAP)*1 | 353,000 | 389,000 | 742,000 | +15.6% | 641,950 |
| Total operating revenue | 12,270 | 13,140 | 25,410 | +10.3% | 23,032 |
| Gross profit (non-GAAP)*2 | 5,470 | 5,920 | 11,390 | +8.6% | 10,483 |
| Operating profit | 1,080 | 1,520 | 2,600 | +23.6% | 2,103 |
| Profit before income taxes | 1,020 | 1,420 | 2,440 | +14.1% | 2,139 |
| Profit attributable to owners of parent | 600 | 840 | 1,440 | +6.7% | 1,350 |
| Basic earnings per share | 6.04 yen | 8.46 yen | 14.50 yen | +4.6% | 13.86 yen |
| EBITDA (non-GAAP)*3 | 1,910 | 2,390 | 4,300 | +14.7% | 3,747 |

^{*1} GMV: The total amount of payments (including consumption tax) made through services provided by the Group, such as NP Atobarai, atone, NP Kakebarai, and AFTEE

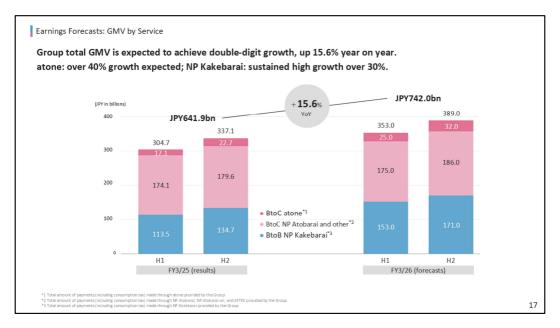
This slide shows a summary of earnings forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026.

We project GMV of 742 billion yen, up 15.6%, and operating profit of 2.6 billion yen, up 23.6%.

We will continue to drive solid GMV growth while carefully controlling costs and further reducing the SG&A-to-GMV ratio to ensure steady profit growth.

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^{*2} Gross profit: Total operating revenue - (invoicing related expenses + 8ad debt related expenses + Other operating revenue + Other payment related expenses - (an on research of impairment proper and programment operations and programment operations of impairment programment operations of impairment programment operations and programment operations of impairment programment operations and programment operations are also programment operations of impairment operations are programment operations and programment operations are programment operations and programment operations are programment operations are programment operations and programment operations are programment operations are programment operations and programment operations are programment operations and programment operations are pro



Group total GMV is expected to achieve double-digit growth, up 15.6%.

GMV for BtoC atone and BtoB NP Kakebarai, our growth drivers, are expected to grow at high rates of over 40% and over 30% year on year, respectively.

Earnings Forecasts: Breakdown of SG&A expenses

We project SG&A expenses of JPY9.38bn, up 5.3%, representing moderate growth compared to GMV. We will continue to control the growth rate of SG&A expenses and maximize profitability.



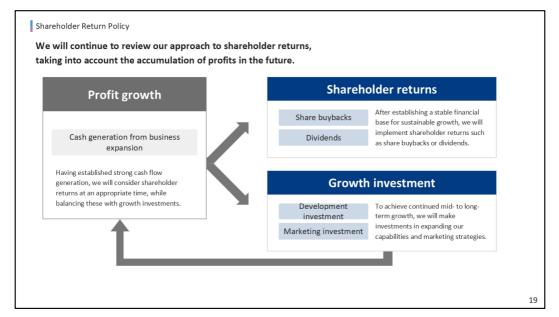
This is the breakdown of SG&A expense forecast.

Total SG&A expenses are expected to increase by only 5.3% year-on-year.

While Tech & Development expenses will rise due to investments in new features and higher operating costs associated with transaction growth,

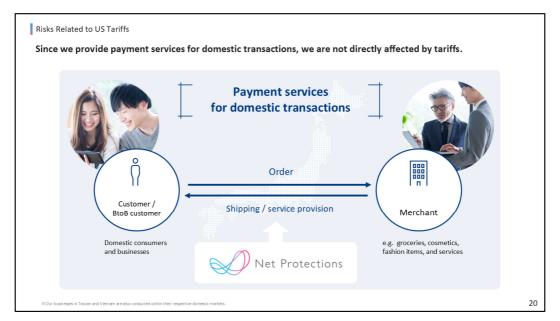
Sales & Marketing and other SG&A items have already been streamlined, allowing us to keep their growth well below a certain level without undue effort.

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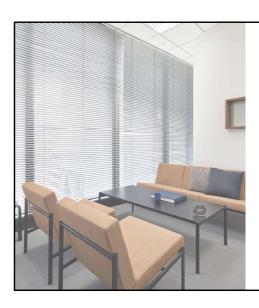
I would like to explain our shareholder return policy.

We are allocating profits to growth investments at present. However, we recognize that delivering shareholder returns once sufficient profits have been accumulated is an important management responsibility for the future.



We provide payment services for domestic transactions and therefore do not expect to be directly affected by US tariffs at this time.

No specific impact from US tariffs has been factored into our current guidance.

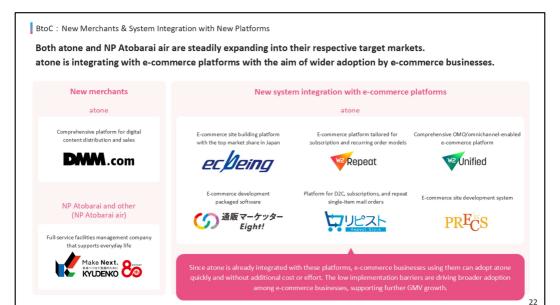


Management Topics

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Management topics.

I, CEO Shibata, will explain this part.



First, I will discuss the progress in the BtoC services.

Since April, atone has been available on DMM, a comprehensive digital content platform. NP Atobarai air was launched for KYUDENKO's consumer services and has been in operation at all branches since April.

Both businesses are making steady progress in their respective target markets.

Also, we are advancing system integration between atone and major e-commerce platforms.

These integrations enable e-commerce businesses using these platforms to implement atone quickly and easily.

By lowering the barriers to adoption, we can accelerate new merchant acquisition.

BtoB: New Merchants & Outlook

Indeed Recruit Partners Introduces NP Kakebarai. Press release issued on May 14.



Challenges for the future work environment

Due to structural issues such as the declining workforce and trends like work style reforms, tasks that companies have traditionally handled in-house such as invoice issuance, collection, payment reminder, and accounts receivable management are becoming an increasing burden.

Growth in Our B2B Business

Our solution offers outstanding costeffectiveness for large enterprises with a high volume of small-value invoices. We plan to horizontally expand our BtoB service to other companies with similar operational needs.

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Next, I will move on to the BtoB service.

NP Kakebarai was adopted by Indeed Recruit Partners and has been in operation since May.

As the decline in the working population is expected to continue, we anticipate that the need to fully outsource high-volume, small-value billing operations including the management of uncollected receivables will increase.

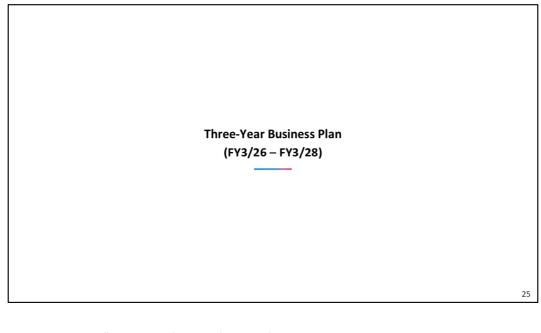
Leveraging this recent major client case as a catalyst, we will actively target similar large enterprises going forward.



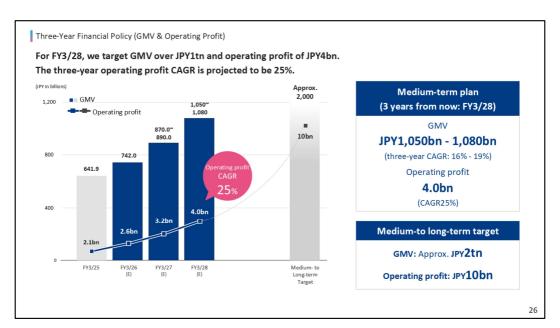
Medium-Term Management Policy

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From here, I will explain our medium-term management policy.

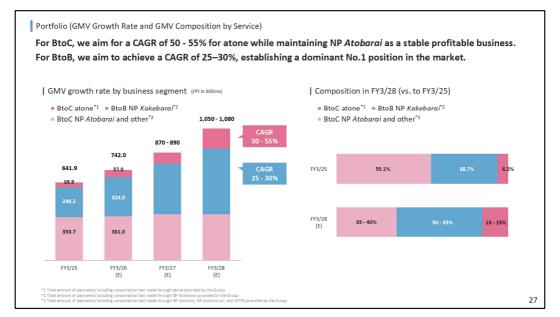


First, I will present our three-year business plan. We rolled forward the three-year plan announced a year ago, and extended it to the fiscal year ending March 31, 2028.



We are targeting GMV of 1 trillion yen and operating profit of 4 billion yen for the fiscal year ending March 2028, three years from now.

We expect GMV to achieve robust growth with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 16 - 19%, and operating profit CAGR is projected to be 25%.



The chart on the left shows the GMV growth and growth rates for each service, while the chart on the right illustrates the composition ratio.

Despite the increasing scale of our BtoB business, we expect it to maintain a strong compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 25–30%, and project that BtoB will account for over 50% of the Group total GMV in the fiscal year ending March 2028.

For BtoC, atone is expected to achieve growth of over 50%, and together with BtoB, will serve as a key driver of overall growth.

SG&A Expense Policy

We will continue to maintain a cost structure with strong operating leverage.

As GMV increases, we plan to keep SG&A expenses to a minimal increase, thereby driving further profit growth.



Major SG&A Expense Policy

Total Expense Control

We plan to limit the annual increase in total SG&A expenses to approx. JPY500mn, with adjustments made as necessary based on progress toward profit targets.

Sales & Marketing

While personnel and outsourcing costs are expected to rise as transaction volumes expand, these increases will remain moderate relative to GMV growth. Marketing investments will be made in a disciplined manner, focusing on initiatives that drive growth.

Tech & Development

We do not anticipate any significant increases in development costs. Maintenance and operational expenses are also expected to increase moderately in line with GMV growth.

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Next, let me explain our SG&A expense policy.

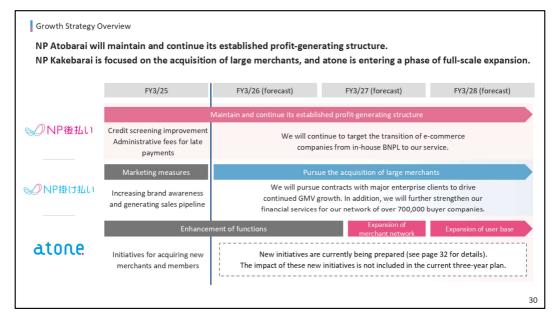
While GMV continues to grow, we will keep SG&A increases to a minimum, further lowering the SG&A-to-GMV ratio and driving additional profit growth.

Our organizational structure is already in place, and operational efficiency initiatives are well advanced, resulting in a cost structure that is easy to control.

In addition, we are actively exploring the utilization of generative AI.



three-year business plan.



Let me begin by outlining the overall direction of our growth strategy.

For our BtoC NP Atobarai, a series of credit screening improvements and the implementation of late payment administrative fees in FY3/25 have enabled us to establish a stable profit structure.

Looking ahead, we aim to maintain this profitability while also encouraging e-commerce companies to transition from their in-house BNPL to our service.

For BtoB, NP Kakebarai continues to show strong growth and has already established a leading position in the market. We plan to further accelerate GMV growth by actively pursuing contracts with major enterprise clients.

In addition, we will strengthen our financial services for our network of over 700,000 buyer companies.

For our BtoC atone, it is expected to maintain its current growth trajectory, and our threeyear business plan reflects this outlook. Furthermore, we are preparing new initiatives that are not yet factored into the plan; details will be provided on page 32.





Although the collection risk is low, the large volumes of small-value billing tasks is substantial. Many companies still handle these processes in-house, so we aim to capture this demand by offering comprehensive outsourcing solutions.

This is our growth strategy for NP Kakebarai, our BtoB solution.

Growth Strategy for BtoB Services: NP Kakebarai

There is a vast market for managing large volume of small-value invoices that carry inherent collection risks.

Many companies still handle these billing and collection tasks internally, and when sales teams are responsible for collections, it often leads to significant challenges in terms of both time and motivation.

Only few providers can offer an end-to-end solution that seamlessly manages the entire accounts receivable process-including risk management.

We take pride in being one of the very few companies with this capability, honed over more than a decade of experience. This unique strength positions us well to continue driving growth.

Recently, we have seen a notable increase in opportunities with major enterprise clients, further strengthening our confidence in the outlook for this business.

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Finally, regarding our BtoC service, atone, I would like to introduce a new initiative that is currently under preparation, although it is not included in our current three-year plan.

First, we are working toward the mid-year launch of "atone plus." We have already conducted tests with over 1,000 users, and progress has been going well. While we ask for your patience regarding further details until the official release, the key features will include no monthly fees, 1.5% reward points for online purchases, and the availability of installment payment options.

By the middle of the fiscal year ending March 2027, we plan to make atone available at the majority of NP *Atobarai* merchant stores. This will allow us to rapidly expand the number of merchants where atone is accepted.

Following this expansion, around the fiscal year ending March 2028, we intend to strengthen our outreach to 15 million NP *Atobarai* users and 7 million existing atone members, encouraging them to use atone Plus.

At the same time, we will enhance atone shops as a platform for driving customer referrals to our partner merchants.

Please look forward to the expansion of atone services.

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