# Results of Operations for 2023

February 13, 2024

Bell-Park Co., Ltd.

Tokyo Stock Exchange Standard Market (Stock code: 9441)



## 1. 2023 Financial Highlights

2. Initiatives for Medium- to Long-term Growth

3. 2024 Plan and Shareholder Returns

### **Statement of Income**

Net sales were higher due to an increase in the number of mobile phones and other products sold.

Operating income and ordinary income decreased slightly due to higher SG&A expenses, mainly personnel and sales promotion expenses.

Profit attributable to owners of parent decreased mainly due to a decline in compensation payments received in association with closing shops.

(million yen)

	2022 results	2023 results	YoY change
Net sales	102,778	115,485	+12,706
(Comp	(100.0%)	(100.0%)	+12.4%
Operating income	3,534	3,531	-3
	(3.4%)	(3.1%)	-0.1%
Ordinary income	3,588	3,571	-16
	(3.5%)	(3.1%)	-0.5%
Profit attributable to	2,521	2,381	-140
owners of parent	(2.5%)	(2.1%)	-5.6%



### **2023 Topics by Sales Channel**

Sales channels	Topics	Impact on net sales (YoY change)	Impact on operating income (YoY change)
Carrier shops	<ul> <li>Increase in the number of mobile phones sold</li> <li>Increase in sales to new subscribers because of many sales promotion activities</li> <li>On the other hand, advertising and sales promotion expenses increased</li> <li>Increase in consistent revenue</li> <li>Steady increase in the number of monthly-charge shop smartphone support members</li> <li>Improved shop efficiency</li> <li>Closed and consolidated some shops</li> <li>Increased the use of procedures that customers perform themselves</li> <li>Recruiting skilled workers</li> <li>More recruiting of people with previous work experience to increase the pct. of full-time employees</li> <li>Increased and upgraded in-house training programs</li> </ul>		
Corporate solutions	More salespeople for the growth of business operations  · Higher SG&A expenses mainly for personnel expenses		

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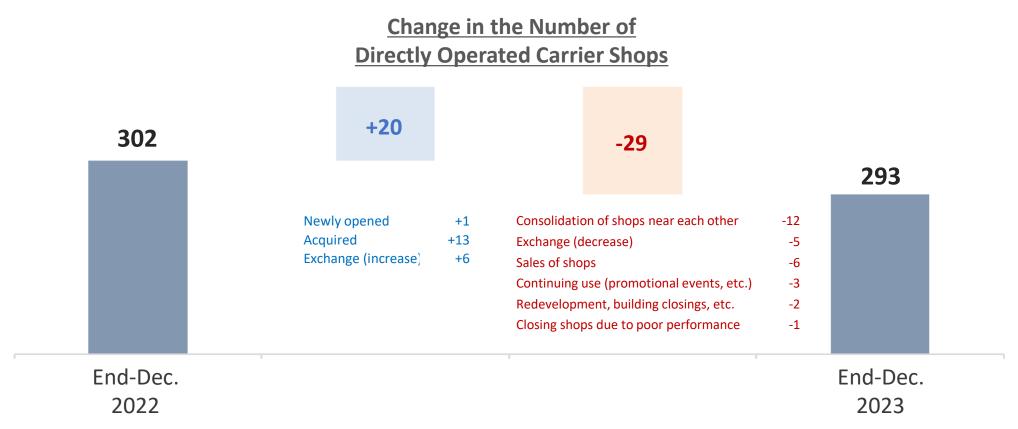
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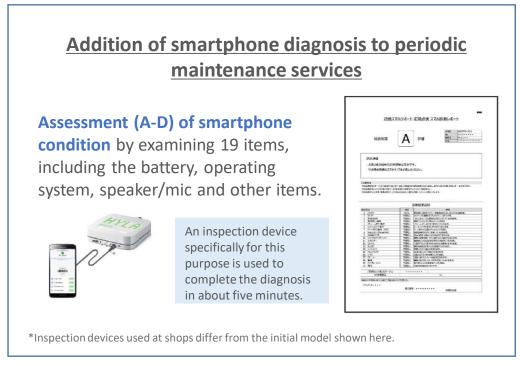
### **Improved Shop Efficiency**

Bell-Park has been consolidating shops near each other, exchanging shops with those of other sales agents, closing unprofitable shops and taking other actions to improve the network of existing shops. (The medium-term goal is to increase the number of shops.)



### **Growth of Monthly-charge Shop Smartphone Support Members**



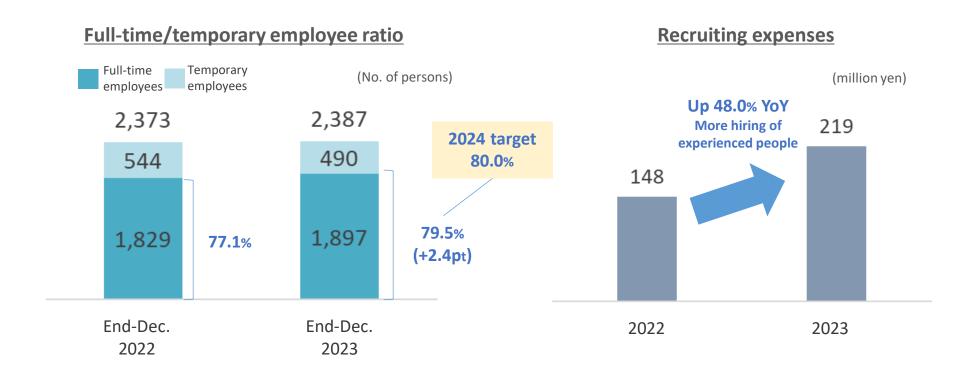




<sup>\*</sup> The monthly-charge shop smartphone support service includes data transfers, attaching protective films and coatings, regular maintenance, protection for malicious calls and mail at a shop. (The service is provided by SoftBank and Y!mobile shops.)

### Higher Pct. of Full-time Employees by Hiring Experienced People

<u>To strengthen consulting capabilities</u>, Bell-Park is raising the percentage of full-time employees in its workforce and giving employees continuous training and other support to improve their skills.





### **More Activities to Improve Employee Retention**

Upgrading and expanding training programs (constantly revising lessons and training methods to give employees clear steps for progress)

- Knowledge about products and services
- Classes for improving customer interaction and consulting skills
- Utilization of Generative AI and other advanced technologies

### A pleasant and productive workplace environment

- Diversity, equality and inclusion and health management
- Measures to increase use of paid vacation time and childcare leave
- More interaction among employees (meetings, company trips, other activities)



### Measures for Use of Childcare Leave by Male Employees

<u>Use of childcare leave by male employees is more than 100%</u> because of measures to raise awareness of this system, create a workplace culture that makes taking leave easy, and providing benefits that reduce concerns about the associated decline in income.

### Utilization rate of childcare leave in 2023

Gender	Births	Employees taking ildcare leave	Utilization rate
Female	66	62	93.9%
Male	63	80	127.0%
Total	129	142	110.1%

# Activities for the use of childcare leave by male employees

- Monthly surveys about interest in using childcare leave and encouragement by supervisors for eligible employees to use this program
- Employees are encouraged to use leave programs of at least one week, including for public holidays and special leave for family events.
- When childcare leave begins, employees receive two days of pay, excluding a public holiday.

<sup>\*</sup> The utilization rate is the number of employees who use childcare leave during a year divided by the number of children born to employees or their spouses during the year. For the utilization rate by male employees, the year in which a spouse gave birth and the year in which the employee used childcare leave may be different, which may result in a utilization rate of more than 100%.



<sup>\*</sup> The utilization rate of childcare leave and other reasons is calculated by using the method designated in the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Act on Childcare Leave, Caregiver Leave, and Other Measures for the Welfare of Workers Caring for Children or Other Family Members (Ordinance No., 25 of 1991, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare) in accordance with Act on Childcare Leave, Caregiver Leave, and Other Measures for the Welfare of Workers Caring for Children or Other Family Members (Act No. 76 of 1991).

### **DX Creates New Method for Childcare Reduced Time**

The number of employees using the reduced working hours program for childcare is increasing and was more than 100 at the end of 2023.

An online customer service team consisting of people using reduced working hours was established and is used to serve customers at other shops.

\* This program is operating only in some areas of Japan.

### **Employees using the reduced** working hours program 103 75 73 End-Dec. Fnd-Dec. Fnd-Dec. 2021 2022 2023

## The new reduced working hours online customer service team



Three people are serving customers at 20 shops

- Remote customer service shortens waiting times when shops are busy and lowers the volume of work for shop employees.
- Employees can be assigned to a shop near a nursery school to shorten travel time to and from work.

### **Prioritizing Training Programs to Drive Medium/Long-term Growth**

Training and skill development programs are a priority in the carrier shop and corporate solutions businesses to support medium to long-term growth.

### **Carrier Shop Business**

Customer Service No. 1 Grand Prix

(Hosted by SoftBank Corp. in February 2023)

Bell-Park employee received

1st place award

Four Bell-Park employees won awards, including three who placed third (Special Prize)





Bell-Park employees received

1st and 2nd place awards

**Corporate Solutions Business** 

**Role Playing Competition Finals** 

(Hosted by SoftBank Corp. in November 2023)

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### **2024 Consolidated Forecasts**

### Forecast sales of 110 billion yen and operating income of 3.65 billion yen

\*Planned number of mobile phones to be sold: approx. 994,000 units (-5.2% YoY)

(million yen)

		2023 results	2024 plan	YoY change
Net sales	(Comp.)	115,485	110,000	-5,485
		(100.0%)	(100.0%)	-4.7%
Operating inco	ome	3,531	3,650	+118
		(3.1%)	(3.3%)	+3.4%
Ordinary incor	ne	3,571	3,750	+178
		(3.1%)	(3.4%)	+5.0%
Profit attributa	able to	2,381	2,500	+118
owners of pare	ent	(2.1%)	(2.3%)	+5.0%



### **2024 Topics by Sales Channel**

Sales channels	Topics	Impact on net sales (YoY change)	Impact on operating income (YoY change)
Carrier shops	<ul> <li>Decrease in sales volume</li> <li>Tighter restrictions on handset discounts due to the December 2023 enactment of the amended Telecommunications Business Law</li> <li>Decrease in handset replacement demand created by the end of 3G services</li> <li>Longer handset replacement cycle</li> <li>Increase in consistent revenue</li> <li>Steady increase in the number of monthly-charge shop smartphone support members</li> <li>Recruiting skilled workers</li> <li>More recruiting of people with previous work experience to increase the pct. of full-time employees</li> <li>Increase and upgrade of in-house training programs</li> </ul>		
Corporate solutions	More salespeople for the growth of business operations  • Expect higher sales and an increase in SG&A expenses, especially personnel expenses.		

### **Shareholder Returns**

### Fundamental policy regarding distribution of earnings

Bell-Park positions the distribution of earnings to shareholders as one of its highest priorities, and plans to maintain a consolidated dividend payout ratio of at least 30%

	2023			2024 (forecast)	
2Q-end	Year-end	Annual (total)	2Q-end	Year-end	Annual (total)
21.50 yen	21.50 yen	43 yen	22.00 yen	22.00 yen	44 yen



### Management with Emphasis on the Cost of Capital and the Stock Price

The 2023 return on equity was 7.6% and the PBR was 1.02 at the end of the year.

In 2024 and the following years, we will use many initiatives for accomplishing the medium-term targets (<a href="https://www.bellpark.co.jp/ir/management/plan/">https://www.bellpark.co.jp/ir/management/plan/</a>) for more growth of corporate value.

			2022 results	2023 results	2024 forecast
Con	Net sales	million yen	102,778	115,485	110,000
Consolidated results	Operating income	million yen	3,534	3,531	3,650
ated :s	Profit	million yen	2,521	2,381	2,500
Retu	ırn on equity	%	8.5%	7.6%	7.6%
E >	Stock price (End-Dec.)	Yen	1,905	1,699	-
Market Evaluation	PBR	-	1.21	1.02	-
et	PER	-	14.53	13.73	-

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Cost of capital

**About 7.0%** 

\*As of the end of December 2023



- (1) Risk-free rate (10-year Japanese government bond)
  - Beta
- (2) (Five-year average for stocks Bell-Park and peer companies)
- (3) Market risk premium
  (Risk-free rate plus avg. annual increase of TOPIX during the past five years)

0.65%

\*As of the end of December 2023

About 0.65

\*As of the end of December 2023

**About 9.5%** 

 $^*$ As of the end of December 2023



# Bell-Park

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# **Appendix**



### **Profile of Bell-Park**

Name

Bell-Park Co., Ltd.

Business

Information and communication device sales and service business

Capital (as of Dec. 31, 2023)

1,148 million yen

No. of carrier shops
(as of Dec. 31, 2023)

Total: 349 stores (56 stores)

\*Franchised stores in parentheses

289 (48) SoftBank Shops

44 (8) Y!mobile Shops

9 Docomo Shops

7 au Shops

Headquarters

Hirakawacho Center Bldg., 1-4-12 Hirakawa-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Founded

February 2, 1993, 31st fiscal year

No. of employees (consolidated)

2,387

(full time: 1,897; temporary: 490)

Bell-Park group companies

Consolidated subsidiary

Bell-Park Next Co., Ltd.

Non-consolidated subsidiaries

Bellbride, Inc.

Wactive Inc.



### **5-year Financial Summary**

(million yen)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Net sales	103,303	98,843	107,281	102,778	115,485
Gross profit	24,165	24,349	25,483	23,635	24,876
Personnel, etc.	10,636	11,355	12,234	12,070	12,798
Rent	2,537	2,716	2,915	2,952	2,942
Ads/sales promotion	2,818	1,427	1,807	1,413	1,898
Others	3,797	3,798	3,849	3,664	3,707
SG&A expenses	19,790	19,297	20,806	20,101	21,345
Operating income	4,375	5,052	4,677	3,534	3,531
Ordinary income	4,379	5,348	4,646	3,588	3,571
Profit attributable to owners of parent	3,040	3,620	3,277	2,521	2,381

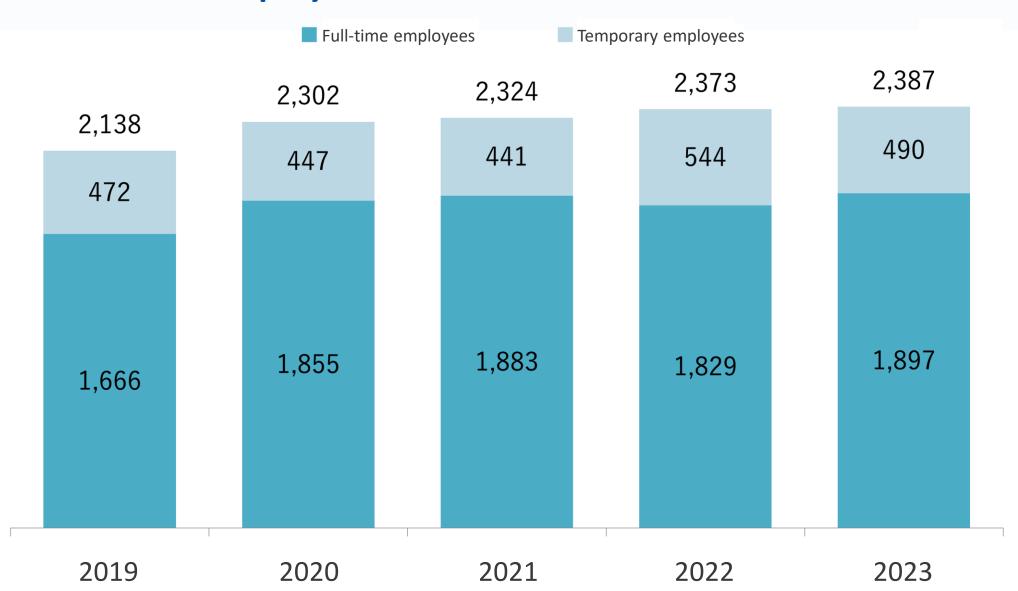
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total assets	43,572	46,371	43,366	43,624	47,535
Net assets	23,889	26,661	28,771	30,340	31,923
Equity ratio	54.8%	57.5%	66.3%	69.6%	67.2%
Return on equity (ROE)	13.4%	14.3%	11.8%	8.5%	7.6%
Ratio of ordinary income to total assets (ROA)	10.6%	11.9%	10.4%	8.3%	7.8%
Operating margin	4.2%	5.1%	4.4%	3.4%	3.1%
Dividend on equity (DOE)	3.4%	4.3%	3.6%	2.7%	2.7%



### **Number of Carrier Shops**

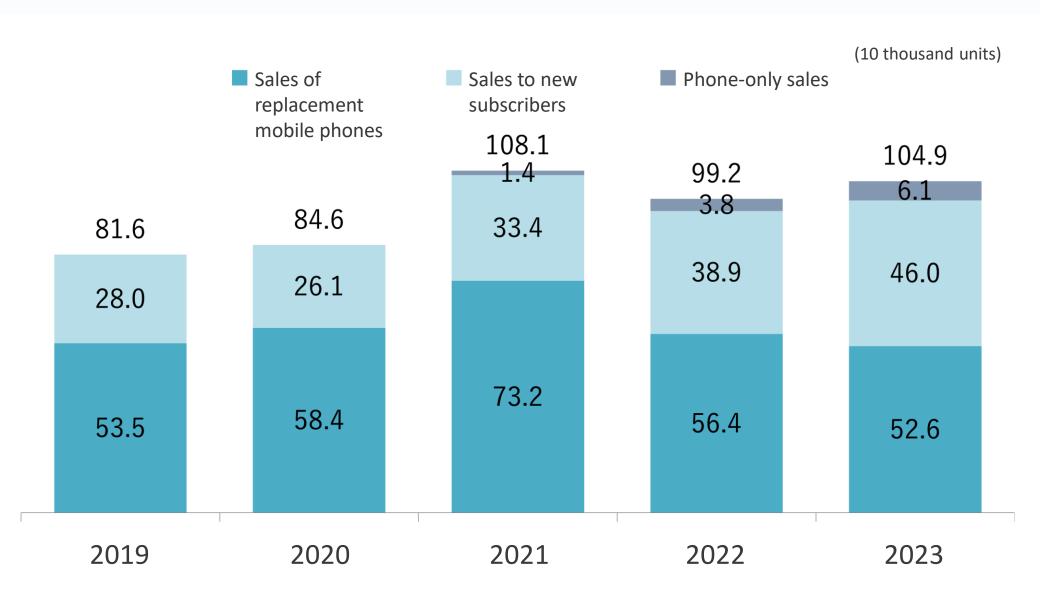


### **Number of Employees**



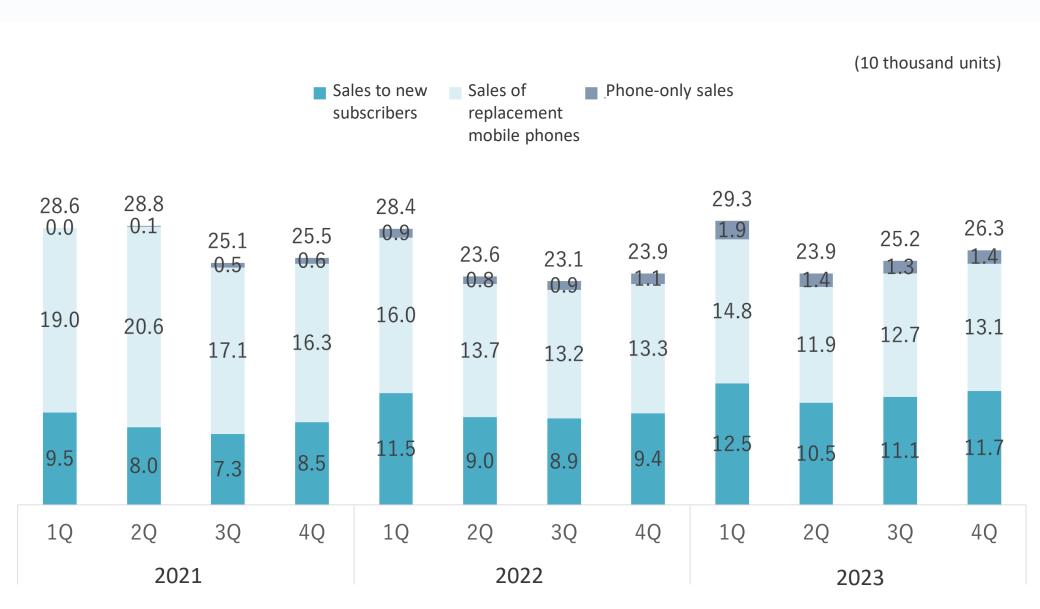


### **Number of Mobile Phones Sold**

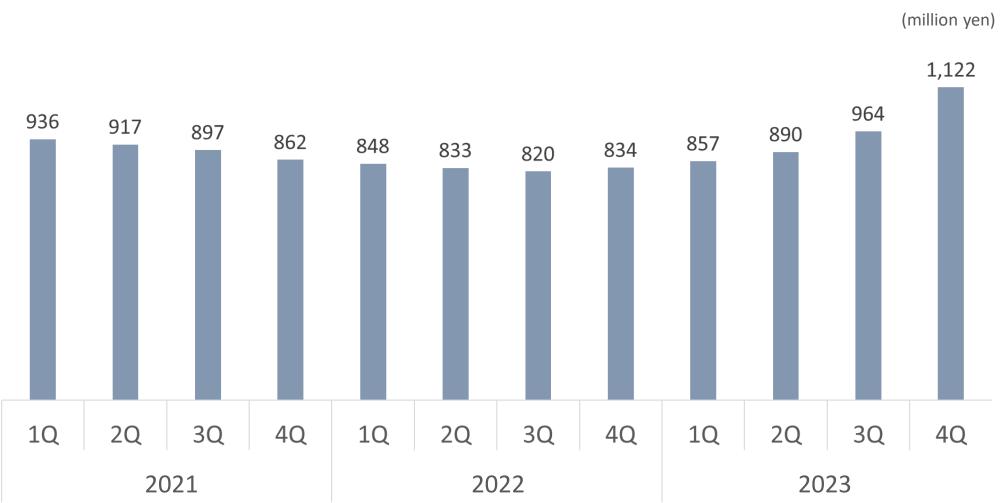




### **Number of Mobile Phones Sold (Quarterly)**



### **Quarterly Change in Consistent Revenue (Gross Profit)**



<sup>\*</sup>Consistent revenue includes the following:

<sup>•</sup> Payments by carriers associated with monthly-charge smartphone support service provided at shops



<sup>•</sup> Payments by carriers to Bell-Park that are a percentage of the monthly mobile phone service fees paid by phone users who purchased their service plans at a shop operated by Bell-Park (renewal commissions)

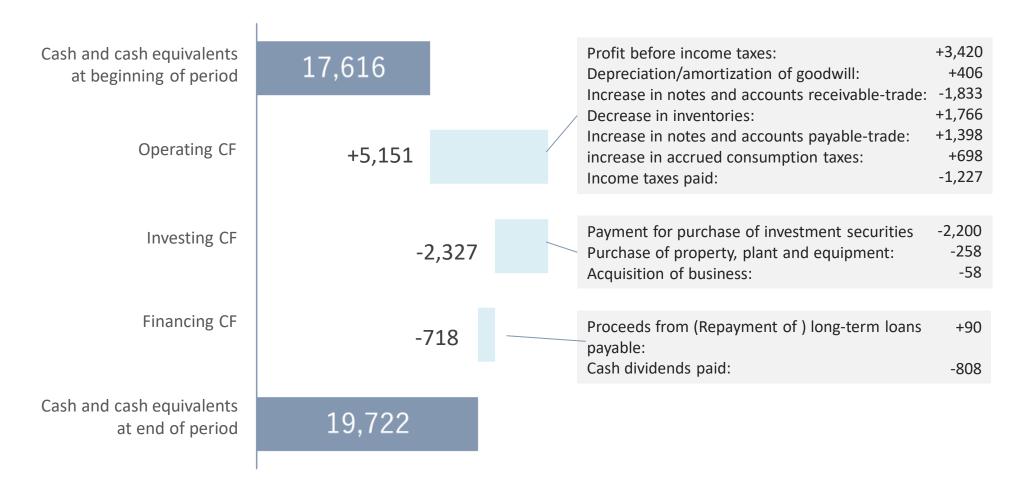
### **Balance Sheet**

(million yen)

	End-Dec. 2022	End-Dec. 2023	Change
Current assets	37,947	40,121	+2,174
Non-current assets	5,676	7,413	+1,736
Assets	43,624	47,535	+3,910
Current liabilities	12,611	14,840	+2,229
Non-current liabilities	672	770	+98
Liabilities	13,283	15,611	+2,327
Net assets	30,340	31,923	+1,582

### **Cash Flows**

(million yen)



### **Activities for a Sustainable Society**

### Key Issues (1)

#### **Environmental Responsibility**

- Internal power generation
- Use of energy from renewable sources
- Activities to lower the environmental impact of business operations





(Reduction of energy consumption, recycling used mobile phones, use of environmentally responsible vehicles, green procurement of office and other supplies, and reduction and elimination of paper use)

### Key Issues (2) Customer's Smile

- · Strengthening consulting skills
- Customer support
- · Improving customer satisfaction
- Voluntary consumer protection activities



# Key Issues (3) Workforce Motivation and Growth

- Human resources development
- A pleasant and productive workplace environment
- Diversity, equity and inclusion
- Health management





### Key Issues (4) **Social Contribution Activities**

- Eliminating the digital divide
- Using business activities to solve social issues
- · Contributing to community

(Child safety stores, emergency recharging service, community clean-up program, work experience events for children, and other activities)















### Status of Compliance with Standard Market Listing Criteria

	(1) Number of	(2) Tradable shares			(2) = 1:	
	shareholders (At least 1 trading unit)	Number of tradable shares	Market value of tradable shares		(3) Trading volume	(4) Net assets
Standards for retaining a listing	400	2,000 units	1.0 billion yen	25.0%	Avg. of at least 10 trading units/month	Positive net assets
Status of Bell-Park as of the end of December 2023	3,819	65,698 units	10.9 billion yen	32.5%	780.8 units	31.9 billion yen
Status of compliance	(Yes)	(Yes)	O (Yes)	(Yes)	(Yes)	O (Yes)

<sup>\*</sup>These figures are calculated by using the monthly market table (stock market table) on the website of the Japan Exchange Group, the Bell-Park stock distribution table as of the end of December 2023, and other sources. The stock price used to determine the market value of tradeable shares is the average closing price for October-December 2023. Trading volume is the monthly average for the last six months of 2023.

Tradable shares include 3,809,000 shares that were designated as pure investments in shareholding reports submitted by Bell-Park shareholders as of the end of December 2023.



### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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