

Fiscal Year 2022 Third Quarter

Results Presentation

GMO Pepabo, Inc.

Stock code: 3633 (TSE Prime Market)





The E-commerce Support business was sluggish while the Hosting business and the Financial Support business showed strength.

Net sales rose and profits fell year on year.

- The Hosting business was brisk and the Financial Support business achieved profitability.
- The gross merchandise value was poor in the SUZURI and minne services.
- The full-year consolidated financial results forecast was revised.

Revision of Full-year Consolidated Financial Results Forecast



After changes in consumers' behaviors and the lifting of restrictions on outdoor activities, gross merchandise value in flow-type services was lower than forecast. In light of that, the financial results forecast was revised downwards.

The dividend forecast was changed to 50 yen per share, while remaining in conformity to the standard for a dividend payout ratio of at least 50%.

(Million yen)	FY2022 (Initial forecast)	FY2022 (Revised forecast)	Change (amount)	Change (%)
Net sales	11,482	10,499	-982	-8.6%
Operating profit	1,143	732	-411	-36.0%
Ordinary profit	1,156	760	-396	-34.3%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	785	522	-262	-33.5%
EPS (yen)	147.92	98.64	_	_
Dividends per share (yen)	74.00	50.00	_	_
Payout ratio (%)	50.0	50.7	_	_



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Summary of Results in Q3 FY2022

Summary of Results (Nine Months)



Net sales after the application of the new Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition rose 5.3% year on year. Operating profit declined 18.3% year on year, reflecting increased promotions for SUZURI.

	Before application	After application of the new standard			
(Million yen)	FY2021 (Nine months)	FY2021 (Nine months)*	FY2022 (Nine months)	Change (amount)	YoY
Net sales	8,958	7,414	7,809	+395	105.3%
Operating profit	706	698	570	-127	81.7%
Operating profit margin (%)	7.9	9.4	7.3	_	_
Ordinary profit	739	731	599	-131	82.1%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	533	525	418	-106	79.7%

^{*} The Company has applied the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition (ASBJ Statement No. 29, March 31, 2020), effective from beginning of the first quarter of the fiscal year and the figures for the year ended December 31, 2021 are unaudited figures after retrospective application of the standard and guidance.

Changes in Quarterly Net Sales (Comparison of figures before application of the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition)



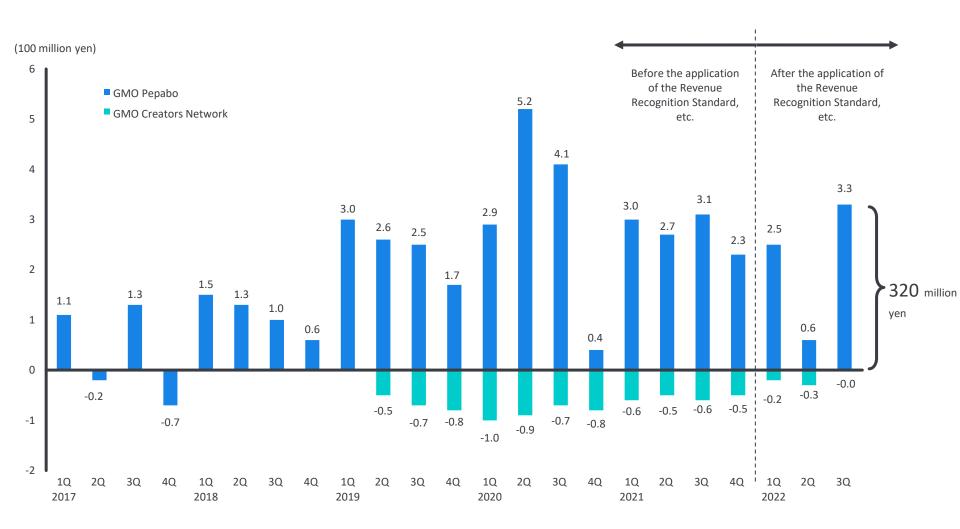
* For long-term changes in net sales, the comparisons are before application of the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition because it is difficult to compare figures after the application with ones before the application.



Changes in Quarterly Operating Profit



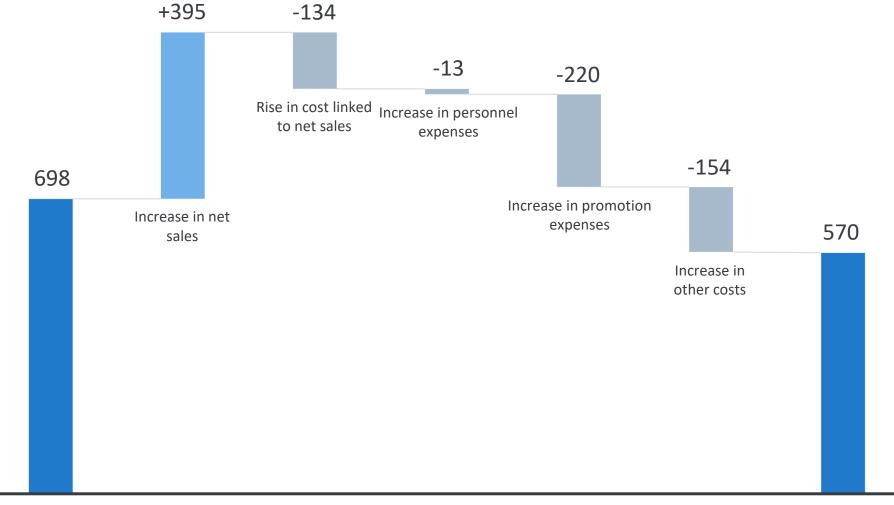
* Starting from Q1 2022, figures after the application of the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition are used for the comparison because the application has only a minor impact on changes in operating profit over the long term.



Analysis of Change in Operating Profit



(Million yen)



Operating profit in Q3 FY2021

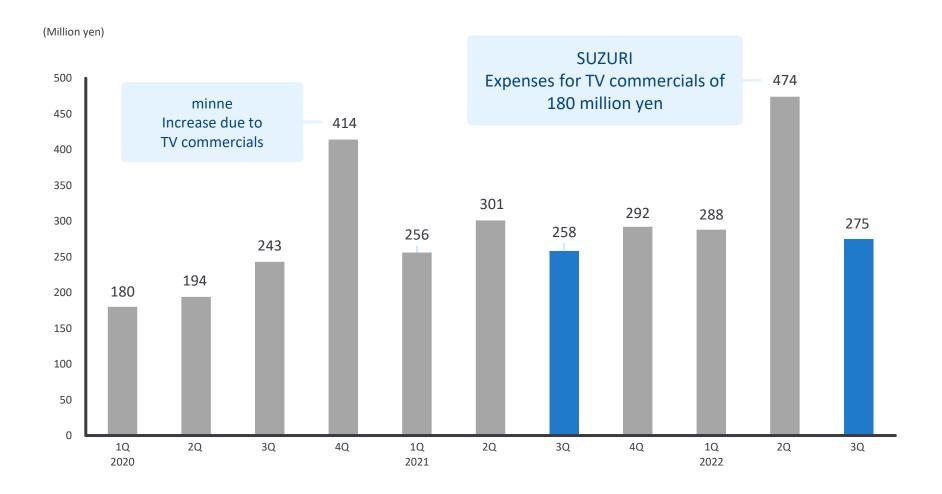
Operating profit in Q3 FY2022

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Trends in Promotion Expenses (Consolidated)



Promotion expenses for SUZURI were no longer incurred. The Q3 figure was almost the same as in the same period a year earlier.



Results by Segment (First Nine Months of FY2022)



	Sales were strong, enjoying a positive effect of price revision and sales in the domain of high-priced services.			
Hosting	Net sales:	3,840 million yen (108.6 %)		
	Operating profit:	1,318 million yen ($122.4%$)		
	Color Me Shop results were flat year on year. SUZURI performance was poorer than forecasted.			
E-commerce Support	Net sales:	2,347 million yen (94.9 %)		
	Operating profit:	557 million yen (62.8 %)		
Handmade Products	Changes in consumers' behaviors led to weakness in gross merchandise value. Promotion and other expenses grew.			
	Net sales:	1,233 million yen ($100.6%$)		
	Operating profit:	69 million yen (41.4%)		
Financial Support	As the amount of purchases of invoices continued to increase, a positive profit was attained.			
	Net sales:	386 million yen $(267.7%)$		
	Operating profit:	4 million yen (an increase of 117 million yen)		

^{*} The figures in parentheses are year-on-year changes.

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Hosting business



Nine months

Net sales:

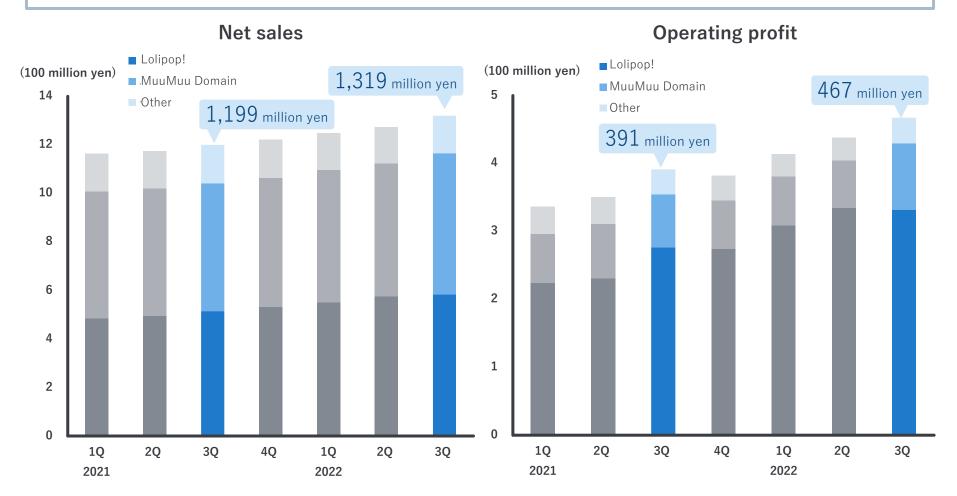
3,840 million yen

(up 8.6% year on year)

Operating profit:

1,318 million yen

(up 22.4% year on year)



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Hosting business (Lolipop!)



Nine months

Net sales:

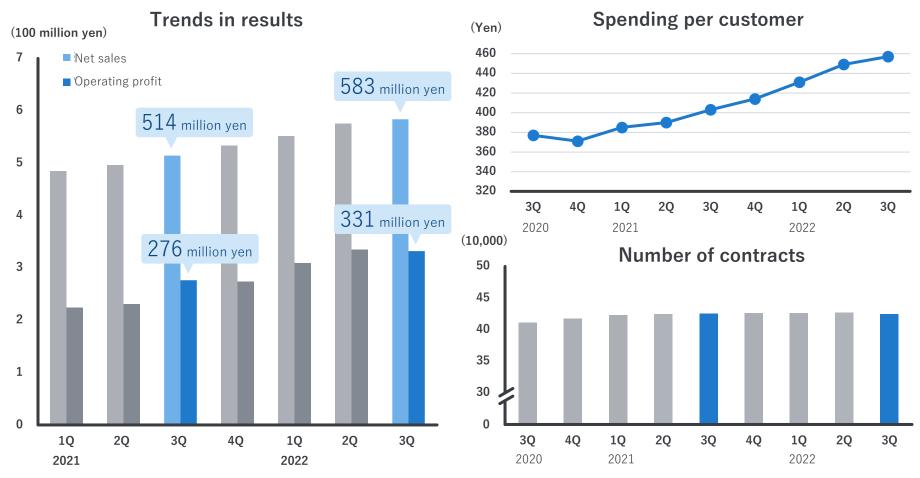
1,710 million yen

(up 14.4% year on year)

Operating profit:

975 million yen

(up 33.4% year on year)



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Hosting business (MuuMuu domain)



Nine months

Net sales:

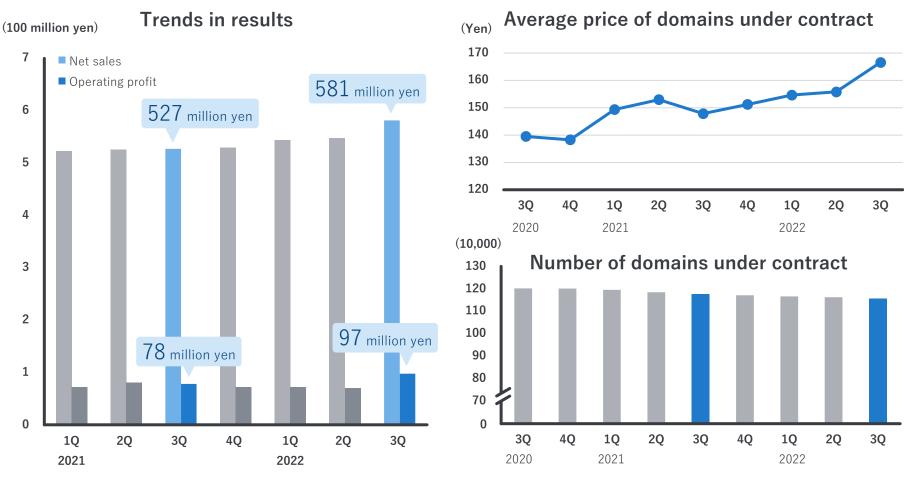
1,674 million yen

(up 6.2% year on year)

Operating profit:

239 million yen

(up 3.7% year on year)



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E-commerce Support business

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Nine months

Net sales:

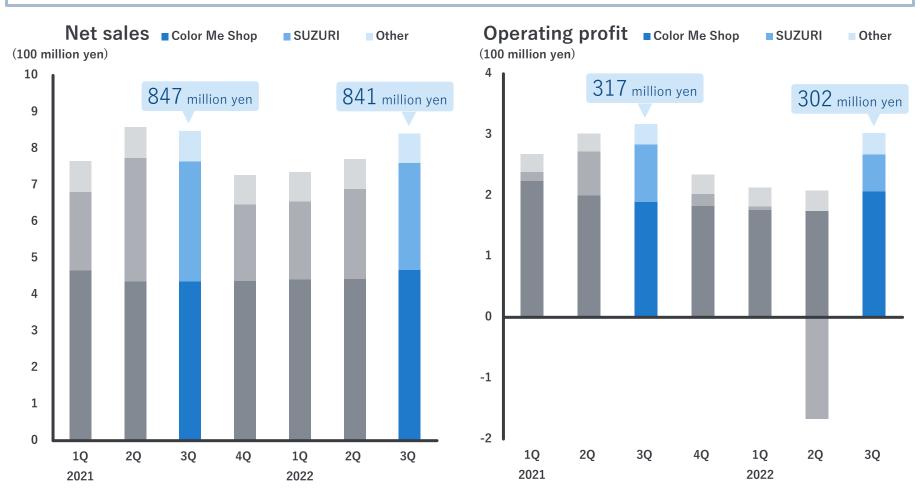
2,347 million yen

(down 5.1% year on year)

Operating profit:

557 million yen

(down 37.2% year on year)



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E-commerce Support business (Color Me Shop)



Nine months

Net sales:

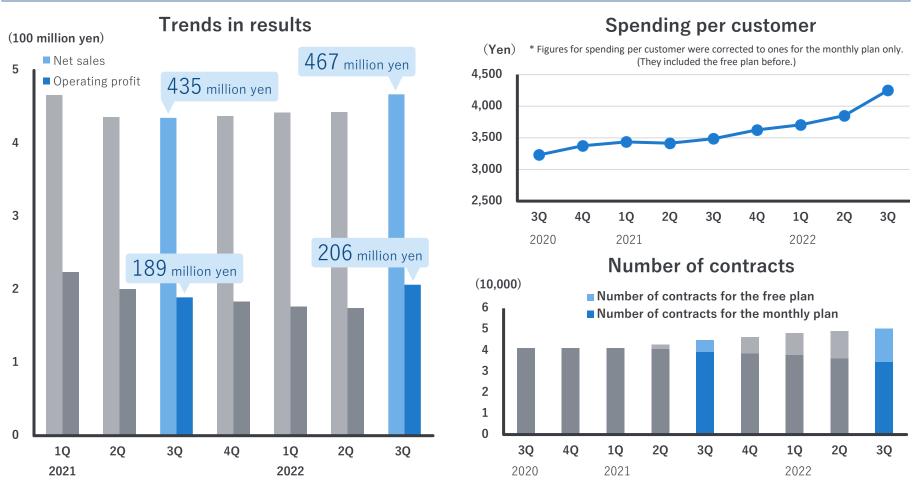
1,352 million yen

(up 1.1% year on year)

Operating profit:

557 million yen

 $(\mathsf{down}\ 9.1\%\ \mathsf{year\ on\ year})$



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E-commerce Support business (SUZURI)



Nine months

Net sales:

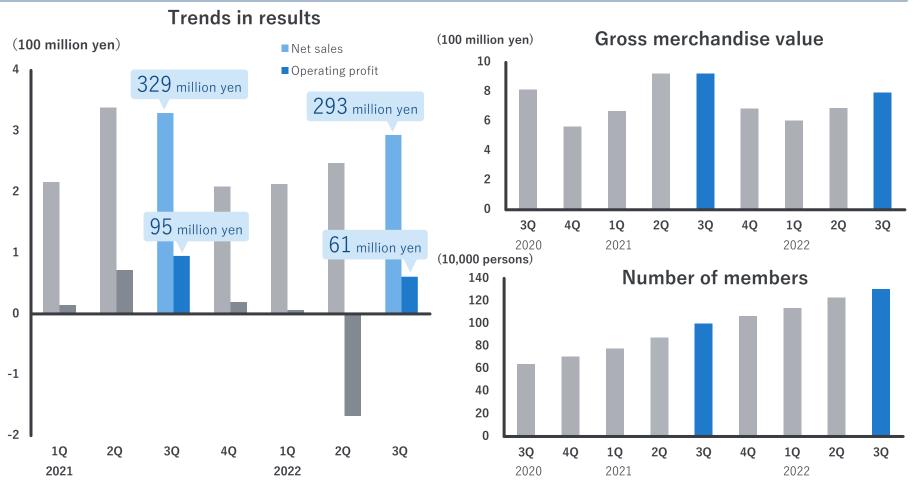
753 million yen

(down 14.8% year on year)

Operating profit:

-99 million yen

(down 281 million yen year on year)



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Handmade Products business

Handmade Products business (minne)



Nine months

Net sales:

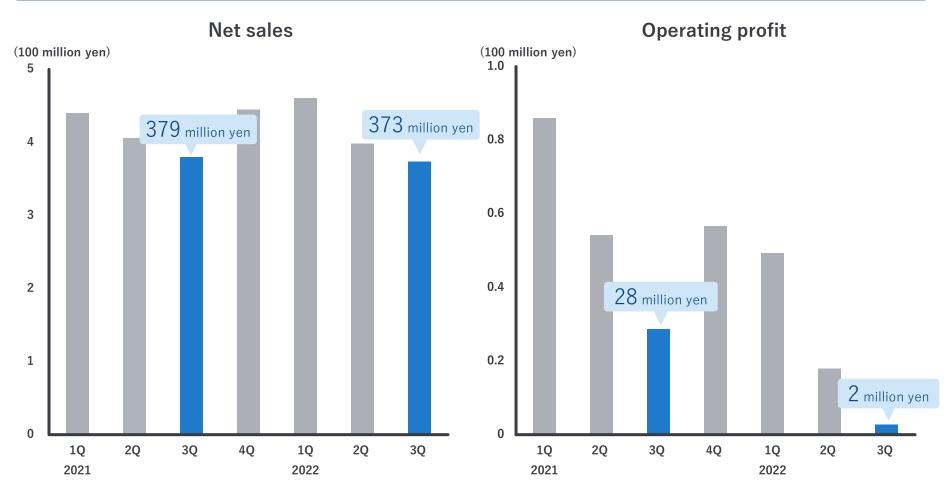
1,233 million yen

(up 0.6% year on year)

Operating profit:

69 million yen

(down 58.6% year on year)



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The Numbers of minne Creators, Works and App Downloads





Number of creators and brands:

0.84 million people

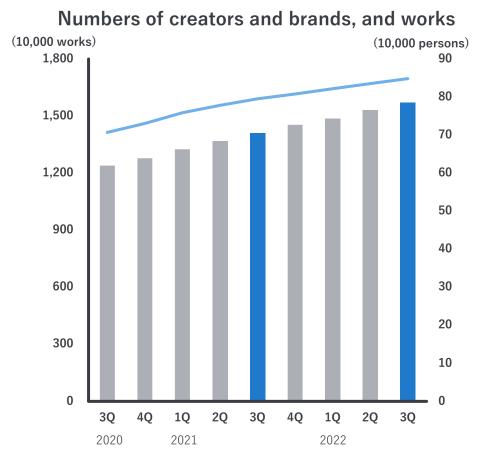
(up 6.7% year on year)

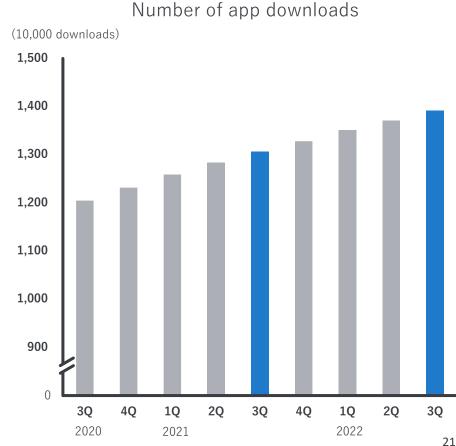
Number of works: 15.68 million

(up 11.2% year on year)

Number of app downloads: 13.92 million

(up 6.6% year on year)





Gross Merchandise Value, Average Price of Orders, and Number of Orders (minne)



Gross merchandise value: 11,240 million yen

(up 0.5% year on year)

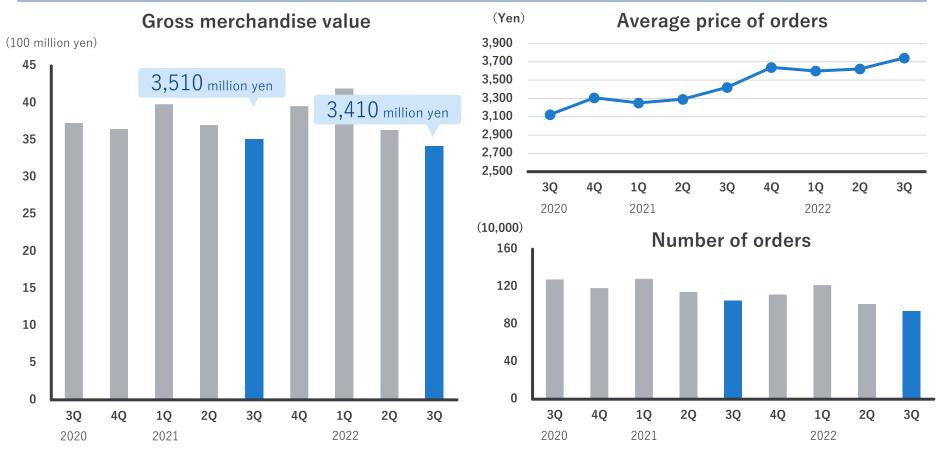
Nine months

Average price of orders: 3,743 yen

(up 9.4% year on year)

Number of orders: 3.167 million

(down 8.9% year on year)



^{*} Total prices (excluding taxes) (including the prices of options) of works delivered excluding merchandise delivery charges and cancellations.



Financial Support business

Financial Support business



Nine months

Net sales:

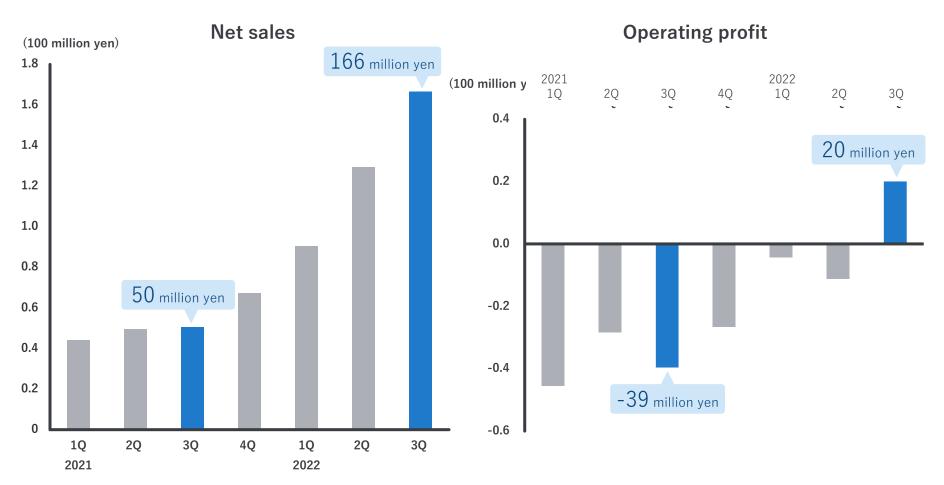
386 million yen

(up 167.7% year on year)

Operating profit:

4 million yen

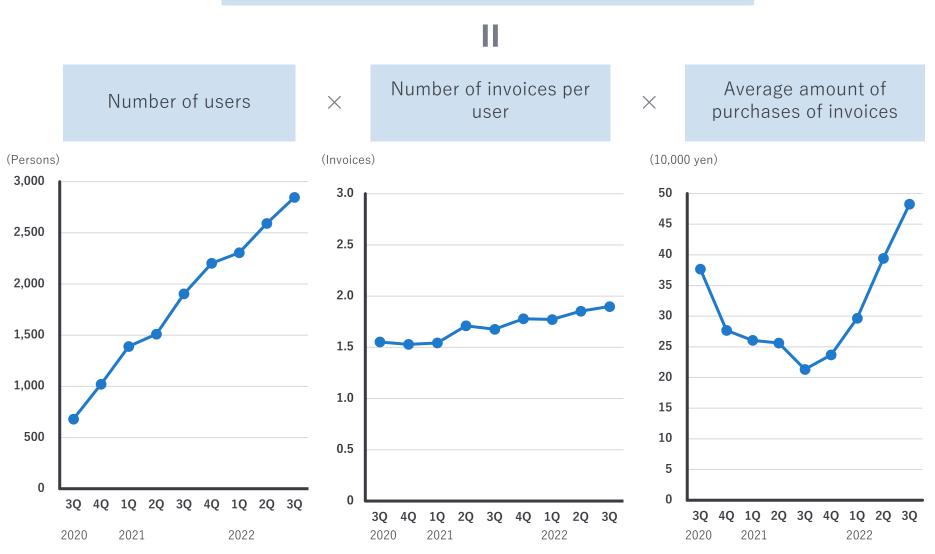
 $(\mathsf{up}\ 117\ \mathsf{million}\ \mathsf{yen}\ \mathsf{year}\ \mathsf{on}\ \mathsf{year})$



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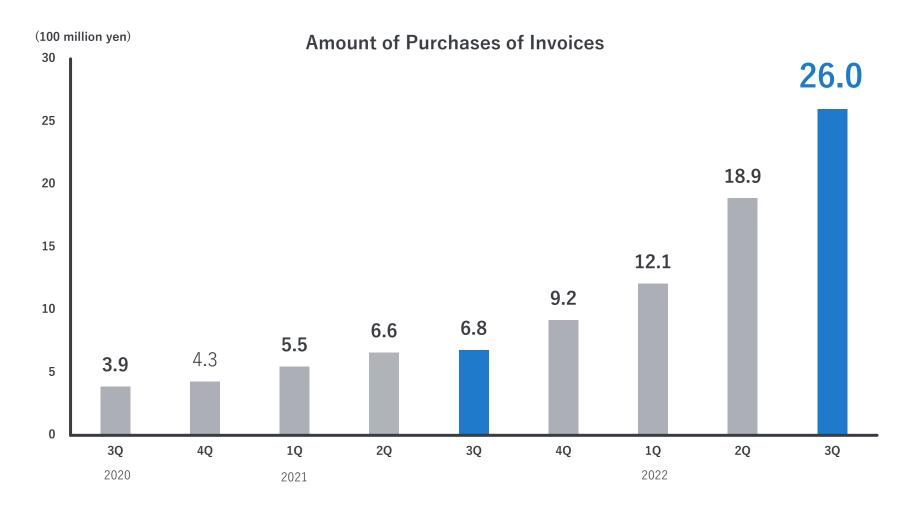


Total amount of purchases of invoices





The number of users and the average amount of purchases of invoices were on an upward trend. The amount of purchases of invoices hit a record high.



Results by Segment (First Nine Months of FY2022)

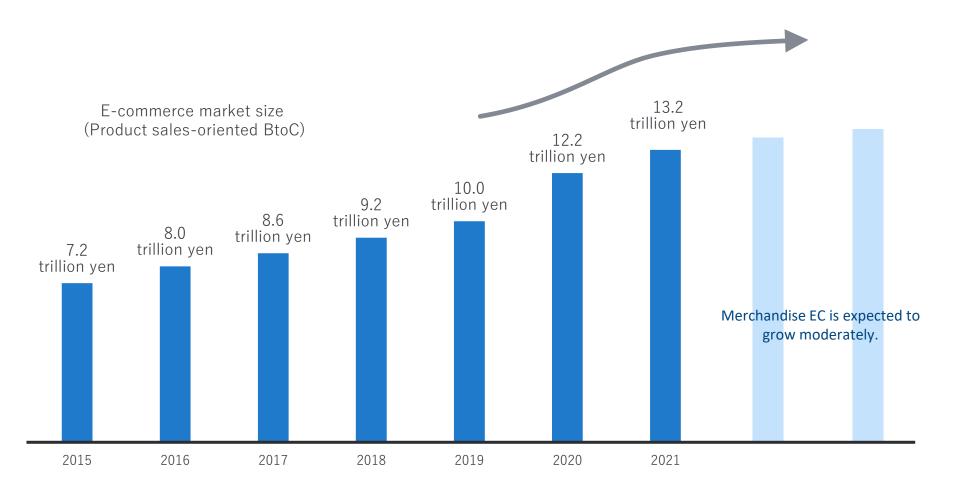
Progress in Results in FY2022 by Segment (Revised forecast)



		Initial forecast (2022 full-year)	Revised forecast (2022 full-year)	Change (%)
Hosting	Net sales	5,059 million yen	5,142 million yen	1.6 %
Buoyant results are expected after the positive effect of the price revision in the previous year.	Operating profit	1,561 million yen	1,712 million yen	9.7 %
E-commerce Support	Net sales	3,826 million yen	3,120 million yen	-18.5 %
Results of Color Me Shop will stay flat year on year and SUZURI will see gross merchandise value lower than initially forecasted.	Operating profit	1,390 million yen	817 million yen	-41.2 %
Handmade Products	Net sales	2,041 million yen	1,673 million yen	-18.0 %
Gross merchandise value will be smaller than initially forecasted despite efforts to attract creators and to increase buyers.	Operating profit	262 million yen	87 million yen	-66.8 %
Financial Support	Net sales	549 million yen	558 million yen	1.6 %
After a huge jump in amount of purchases of invoices, a positive profit figure will be marked for the first time.	Operating profit	4 million yen	4 million yen	12.0 %
Other (Head office cost, etc.)	Net sales	4 million yen	4 million yen	_
Head office cost will be cut, including a review of the recruitment plan.	Operating profit	-2,075 million yen	-1,889 million yen	_

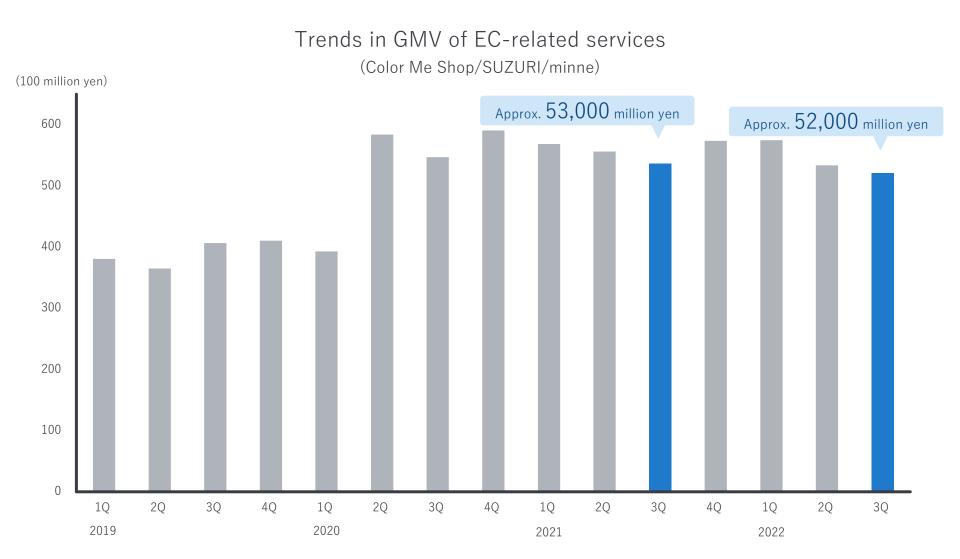


The merchandise EC market is growing. Growth is expected to be moderate.





Total GMV of three services (Color Me Shop, SUZURI, and minne) remained flat.



Gross Merchandise Value in Color Me Shop and minne by Category (Ratio to Year-Earlier Level)



Gross merchandise value for first nine months stayed unchanged on the whole from the same period a year earlier. Growth categories among others will be strengthened with a view to business growth.



y_oy 98.2 %

minne

100.4 %

Ratio of gross merchandise value to year-earlier level by category

Food	112.6%
Sports and outdoors	109.9%
Fashion	104.4%
Household items	91.0 %
Hobby-related items	84.0 %
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Ratio of gross merchandise value to year-earlier level by category

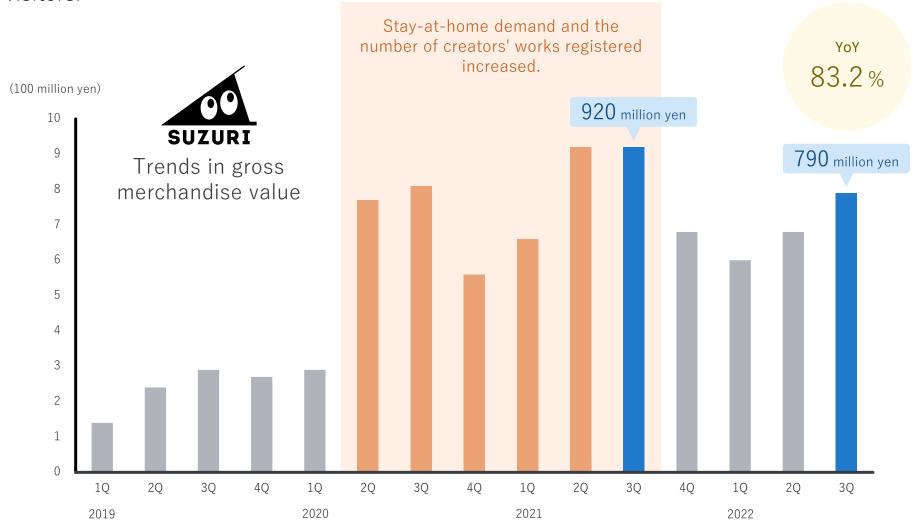
Fashion	110.5 %
Furniture and household items	105.1%
Food	101.2%
Bags, wallets, purses and small articles	99.2 %
Tableware and kitchen items	96.8 %
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Under the pandemic, stay-at-home demand and the number of creators' works registered increased, but currently gross merchandise value is slowing.

Items were added to stimulate registrations of works and ads were placed for winning new

visitors.





Provide non-merchandise e-commerce services, such as handling of digital content

minne

Registration and sales of digital content commenced for broadening activities and delights of handcraft

(Teaching materials, digital materials, etc.)



Expand into new digital domains, instead of physical ones, for providing enhanced user experience

(Sales of digital data)



Put into full operation in the next fiscal year



Offer services and functions that support cross-border e-commerce for capturing demand for operations to overseas users

COLOR ME

- Offer a cross-border e-commerce support app, Buyee Connect for Color Me Shop, for free
- Collaborate with WorldShoppingBIZ and support overseas expansion
- Hold cross-border e-commerce seminars for operators starting overseas sales

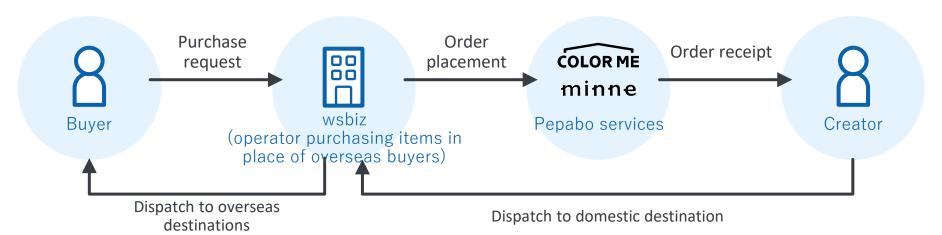
minne

- Collaboration with the cross-border ecommerce site of Neokyo started this past July
- Collaborate with WorldShoppingBIZ and respond to overseas orders
- Display works pages in multiple languages



Collaborate with WorldShoppingBIZ, which purchases items upon contract from overseas users

Schematic of collaboration with WorldShoppingBIZ



Actions for Color Me Shop



Provide support and strengthen functions matched with stores with top-ranked monthly sales for the purpose of creating more earning opportunities in Color Me Shop

Estimated gross merchandise value in e-commerce cart service: Approx. 2 trillion yen*

Large-scale operators with high monthly sales

Gain top-ranked stores with high monthly sales and provide different kinds of support to create more earning opportunities

Approx.

1 trillion yen

Large operators and small- and medium companies running multiple stores

Strengthen the food category, provide support matched with development of stores such as launch of cross-border services and shift them to a higher-level plan (Large Plan)

Approx. 500 billion yen

Small- and medium-sized enterprises and equivalents

Offer a plan with plenty of functions such as regional revitalization, collaboration with regional banks, and wider options that facilitates operation (Regular Plan)

Approx. 300 billion yen

Individuals, self-employed workers and side businesses
Introduce a free plan to gain e-commerce beginners

Approx. 200 billion yen

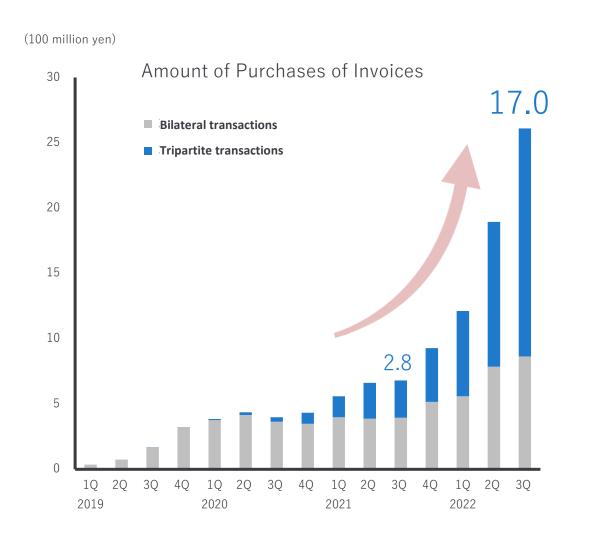
^{*} Estimated by GMO Pepabo from financial results materials of e-commerce cart service operators (2021)

Trends in KPIs in Financial Support Business (FREENANCE)



Expansion of inter-corporate collaboration increased the amount of purchases of invoices based on tripartite transactions.

A positive profit was attained as of Q3.



Attain

profitability

as of Q3 of 2023

Q3 FY2022

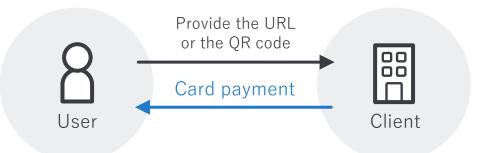
Year-on-year **growth** in tripartite transactions of 611.0% achieved

Actions for Financial Support Business (FREENANCE)



FREENANCE Card Payment, which enables card payment for compensation to businesses and fee-based plans launched on Wednesday, October 19, 2022

FREENANCE card payment FREENANCE members have only to display a URL or a QR code used in invoices and email messages for giving their clients a card payment option for payment to them.



Introduce fee-based plans

	Free plan	Regular plan	Premium plan
Monthly fee*	0 yen	590 yen	1,200 yen
Liability insurance	Covering up to 50 million yen	Covering up to 50 million yen and errors and omissions cover of up to 5 million yen	
Long-term disability cover	Subject to several conditions	Immediately available	
Virtual office	Separate application required	Separate application required	With light plan
Card payment (commission fee rate)	4.43%	3.93%	3.43%

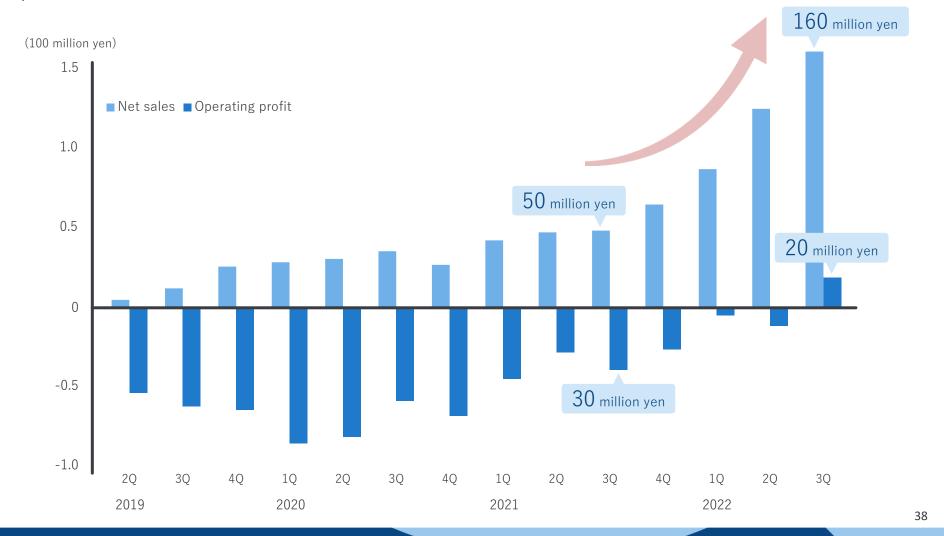
^{*} Annual charges: 5,800 yen (i.e. 490 yen per month) for the regular plan and 11,760 yen (i.e. 980 yen per month) for the premium plan

Trends in Net Sales and Operating Profit in Financial Support Business (FREENANCE)



Net sales grew in line with expansion of the amount of purchases of invoices and profitability was reached.

With the end of the demand slump under the pandemic, the business is moving to a growth phase.





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Questions and answers

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(2) The moderator will allow people to ask questions.

If you are allowed to ask a question, UNMUTE yourself.

(3) Please ask your question.





Reference Materials

Consolidated Statement of Income (Q3)



(Million yen)	FY2021 Q3*	FY2022 Q3	YoY
Net sales	7,414	7,809	105.3%
Cost of sales	2,788	3,291	118.0%
Gross profit	4,625	4,518	97.7%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3,927	3,947	100.5%
Of SG&A expenses, promotion cost*	817	1,037	127.0%
Operating profit	698	570	81.7%
(Operating profit margin)	9.4%	7.3%	_
Ordinary profit	731	599	82.1%
Profit before income taxes	828	610	73.7%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	525	418	79.7%

^{*} Promotion cost is the sum of advertising expenses, promotion expenses, and provision for point card certificates.

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Consolidated Balance Sheet



(Million yen)	FY2021	FY2022 Q3	Change
Current assets	6,943	8,597	+1,653
Cash and deposits*	3,620	3,320	-300
Accounts receivable	2,685	2,507	-178
Non-current assets	1,926	2,093	-166
Total assets	8,870	10,690	+1,820
Current liabilities	5,694	7,761	+2,067
Accounts payable – other	2,142	1,929	-213
Advances received	2,219	3,891	+1,671
Non-current liabilities	222	302	+79
Net assets	2,953	2,626	-327
Liabilities and net assets	8,870	10,690	+1,820

 $[\]ensuremath{^{*}}$ Cash and deposits include deposits paid to subsidiaries and associates.



Company Profile

Company Information



Corporate Philosophy Make it more playful

Mission Using the Internet to deliver new possibilities

Established January 10, 2003

Share capital 262.22 million yen

Representative Director and Kentaro Sato

CEO

Head office Cerulean Tower, 26-1 Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

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Subsidiaries GMO Creators Network, Inc.

GMO Pepabo Guardian, Inc.

Number of employees 465 (372 full-time employees, 93 temporary employees) (consolidated)

(As of September 30, 2022)



Make it more playful

Creative activities on the Internet are changing and the range of them is expanding. In this environment, we want to continue to take on challenges to create more interesting things. That passion is implied in our corporate philosophy.

We can make innumerable things more interesting. We can create interesting services and plans. We can enable users to have interesting experiences. We can work out ways to enjoy our jobs.

We will create more interesting things and make our jobs more interesting. We will continue to evolve ourselves.



Using the Internet to deliver new possibilities

In less than 20 years since we were established in 2003, Internet technologies have seen innovative advances. The ways people express themselves online have also changed, and uses of the Internet have expanded.

One of our missions is to always explore the possibilities of the Internet and continue to provide services that stimulate the creativity of people who express themselves.

Another important mission is, we think, to enable people, companies, and other things to develop their potential and to create environments where everyone can actively participate in a wide range of fields.

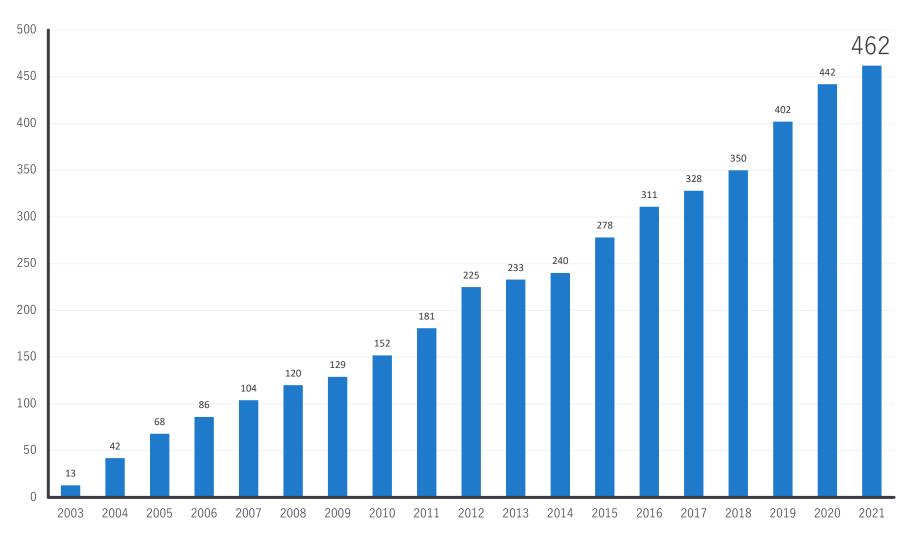
History



November 2001	Starts to provide Lolipop!
January 2003	Established paperboy&co. Y.G. in Fukuoka.
March 2004	Becomes a consolidated subsidiary of GMO Internet, Inc.
May 2004	The head office moves to Tokyo.
February 2005	Starts Color Me Shop, which provides an online shop opening/creation service.
December 2008	Listed on JASDAQ (stock code: 3633)
January 2012	Starts minne, a handmade products market.
April 2014	Renamed GMO Pepabo, Inc.
April 2014	Starts SUZURI, which provides an original goods creation and sale service.
February 2019	Makes GMO Creators Network, Inc. a consolidated subsidiary.
December 2019	Listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange
December 2020	Assigned to the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange
April 2022	Assigned to the Section of the Tokyo Prime Market



Number of partners



Main Service in Hosting Business (i)



Lolipop!

One of Japan's largest rental server services

Usage fee: A monthly fee of 99 yen or more

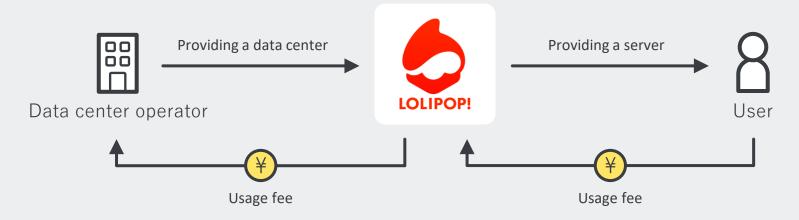
Number of contracts: 0.42 million

Main users: Individuals and small and medium-sized

corporations

(As of September 30, 2022)

Business model





MuuMuu Domain

Domain name acquisition agency

Usage fee: An annual fee of 53 yen or more

Number of contracts: 1.15 million

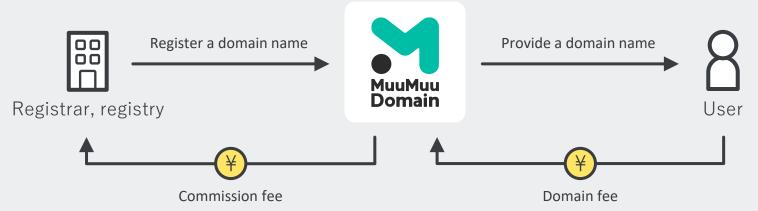
Main users: Individuals and small and medium-sized

corporations

(As of September 30, 2022)



Business model





Color Me Shop

Creation of online shops

Usage fee: A monthly fee of 0 yen or more

Number of contracts: 50,000

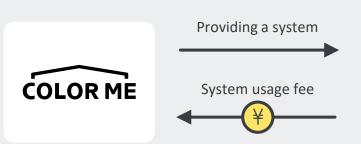
Main users: Private stores, small and

medium-sized stores

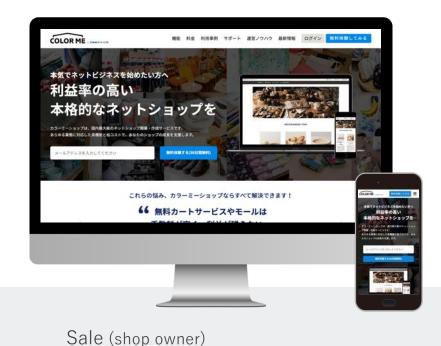
Sale (the Company)

(As of September 30, 2022)

Business model









Main Service in E-commerce Support Business (ii)



SUZURI

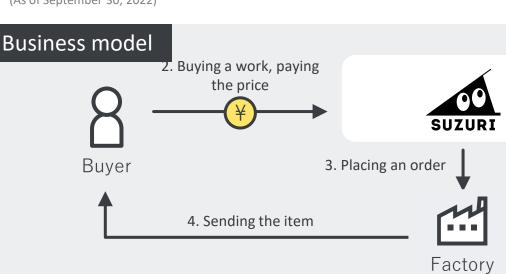
Creation and sale of original goods

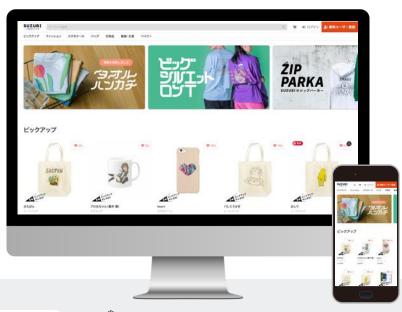
Annual gross merchandise value: 3.2 billion yen (2021 result)

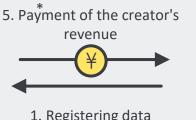
Number of creators: 0.65 million

Number of members: 1.30 million

(As of September 30, 2022)







 Registering data (Creating an item)



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^{*} Revenue that the creator sets = Sales price of the work minus sales at the Company



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One of Japan's largest handmade products markets

Annual gross merchandise value: 15.15 billion yen (2021 result)

Number of creators and brands: 0.84 million

Number of works: 15.68 million

Number of app downloads: 13.92 million

(As of September 30, 2022)





2. Sending the work



FREENANCE

Support sole proprietors' business activities by providing immediate payment (factoring) and liability insurance.

Minimum amount of

invoice purchase: 10,000 yen, no upper limit

Commission rate: 3%-10% of invoice face value

Main services: Immediate payment / GMO Freelance factoring

2. Request for invoice purchase

3. Immediate payment

/ insurance, etc.

Amount of purchases of

invoices

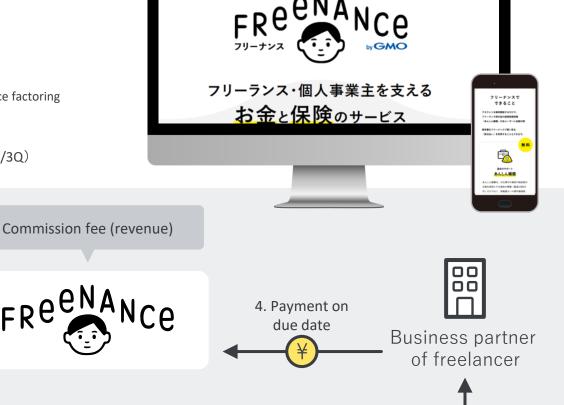
10.72billion yen (2019/1Q~2022/3Q)

(As of September 30, 2022)

User

(Freelancer)

Business model



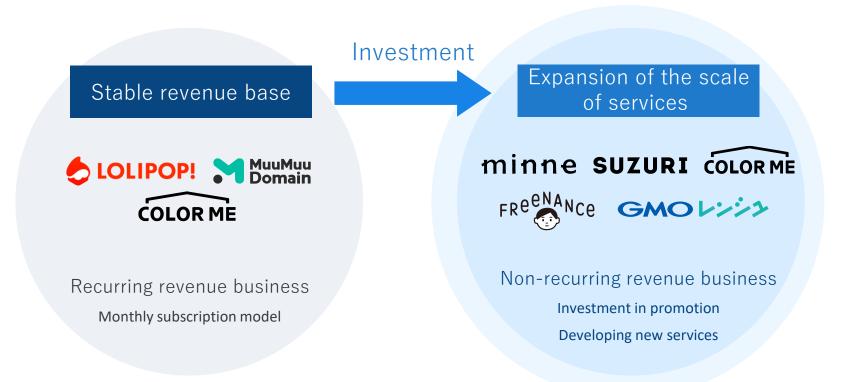
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1. Sending the invoice

Business Development (from Recurring Revenue Business to Non-Recurring Business)



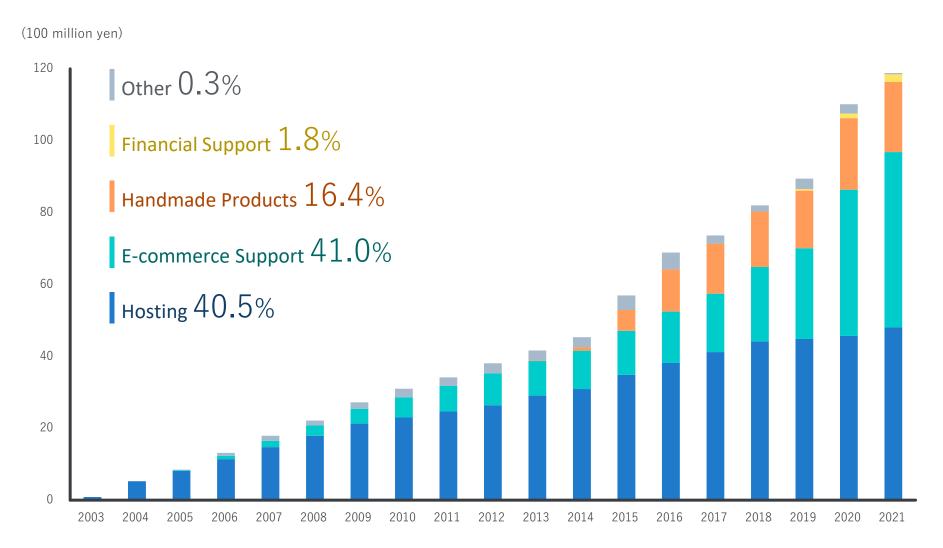
Based on stable, recurring revenue in the recurring revenue business, we are expanding the scale of services by making strategic investments in non-recurring revenue services, which are strongly expected to grow.



Feature (Portfolio Management)



In addition to hosting, we have achieved growth in new core businesses, the E-commerce Support and Handmade Products businesses, and have established a portfolio-based management.



Sustainable Activities (ESG/SDGs)



We have determined three material sustainability issues and contribute to ESG management and the SDGs through business activities.

Under the corporate philosophy of "Make it more playful," we increase the output of humans through business activities and seek to enhance corporate value and solve social issues with every stakeholder to help achieve a sustainable society.

Consideration for the global environment and conservation of it through reduction of environmental impact



Support for people from all walks of life to increase human output









Strengthening governance for sound and transparent corporate management





Please find our sustainability activities and concrete efforts on the websites below.

Sustainability at GMO Pepabo

https://pepabo.com/sustainability/

☐ Sustainability data

https://pepabo.com/sustainability/data/



Dividends				
	2019	2020	2021	2022 (Forecast)
Annual dividends per share (yen)	65.00	81.00	68.00	50.00
Payout ratio (%)	62.4	50.9	50.3	50.7

Note: The stock split of which the effective date is April 1, 2019 is taken into consideration.

Shareholder benefits

Benefit 1

Points and coupons that can be used for services provided by the Company, etc.

• Holding one unit (100 shares)

- Worth 1,500 yen
- Holding two units (200 shares) or more

Worth 3,000 yen

Benefit 2

Cashback equivalent to a commission fee if a shareholder buys or sells certain securities at GMO CLICK securities

- Cashback on buying commission fees (limited to purchases of shares in the Company)
- · Cashback on trading commission fees
 - Holding one unit (100 shares)
- 1,500 yen maximum
- Holding two units (200 shares) or more

3,000 yen maximum

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