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Company Overview



Korea's mobile communication leader with the undisputed dominant messenger app Kakao Talk

48 mm domestic MAU vs. 52 mm population in Korea (93% penetration)

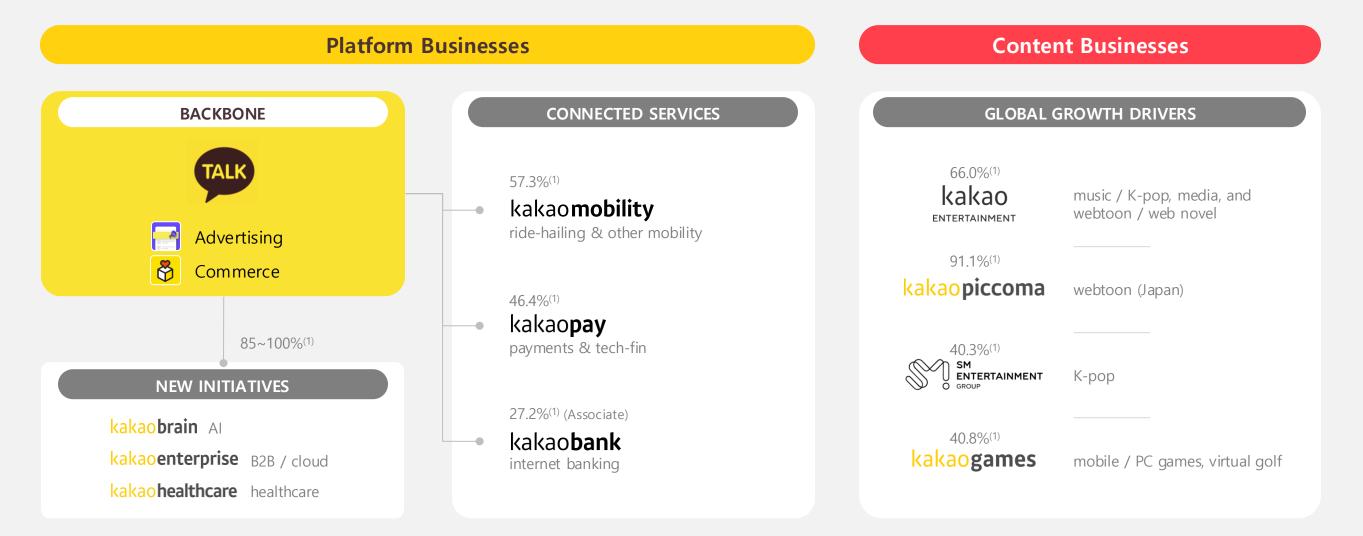


Multiple revenue streams across platform and content business, capturing the full range of **everyday mobile activities** Communication, e-commerce, payment & banking, ride-hailing, music streaming, webtoon, etc.



Total package portfolio across corporate growth cycle

Early-stage growth (AI, healthcare, cloud and VC Investments) to self-sustaining growth (mobility, entertainment, and game) and profitable growth (Kakao Talk's advertising and commerce)



Note: (1) Percentage figures indicate Kakao Corp's ownership stake in subsidiaries; all entities are consolidated subsidiaries but for Kakaobank (equity method accounting).

REINVENTING

Redefining Kakao Talk and its Business Model

- Ongoing transition from a messenger app to a comprehensive communication service platform
- Ramp-up and monetization of new tabs, expansion of user base and ad inventory, insulating the e-commerce business from domestic competitors and the value-for-money Chinese platforms

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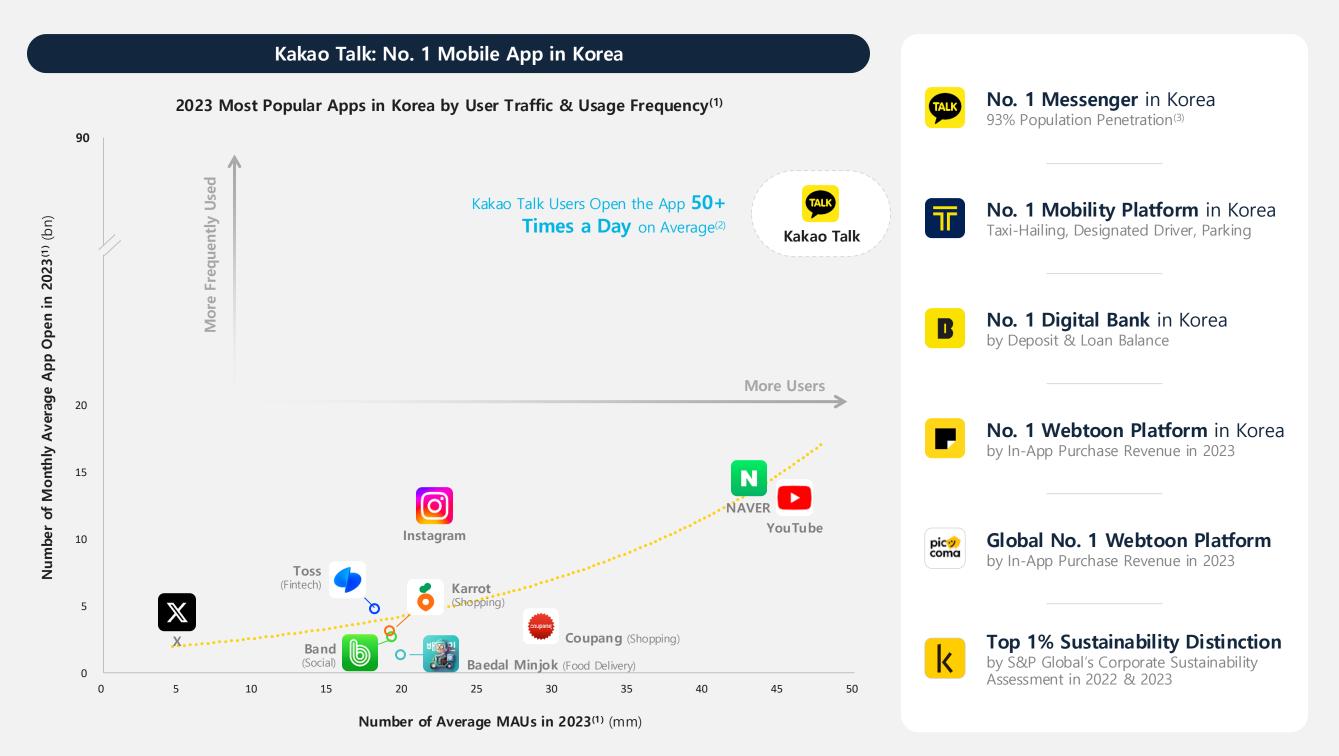
More Focused Resource Allocation and Business Portfolio Optimization

- Ploughing the growing profits back into major Al initiatives and key capex projects to drive growth
- Streamlining the group structure to channel key resources to more promising areas and reduce holdco discount

RECALIBRATING Better Financial Discipline and Improved Transparency

- New management's rigorous focus on financial discipline to drive profitability amid higher interest environment
- Key divisions delivering **profit upside** with new initiatives **narrowing losses**
- Transition to a more **conservative and transparent** accounting practice

Undisputed Market Leader in Korea's Mobile Space



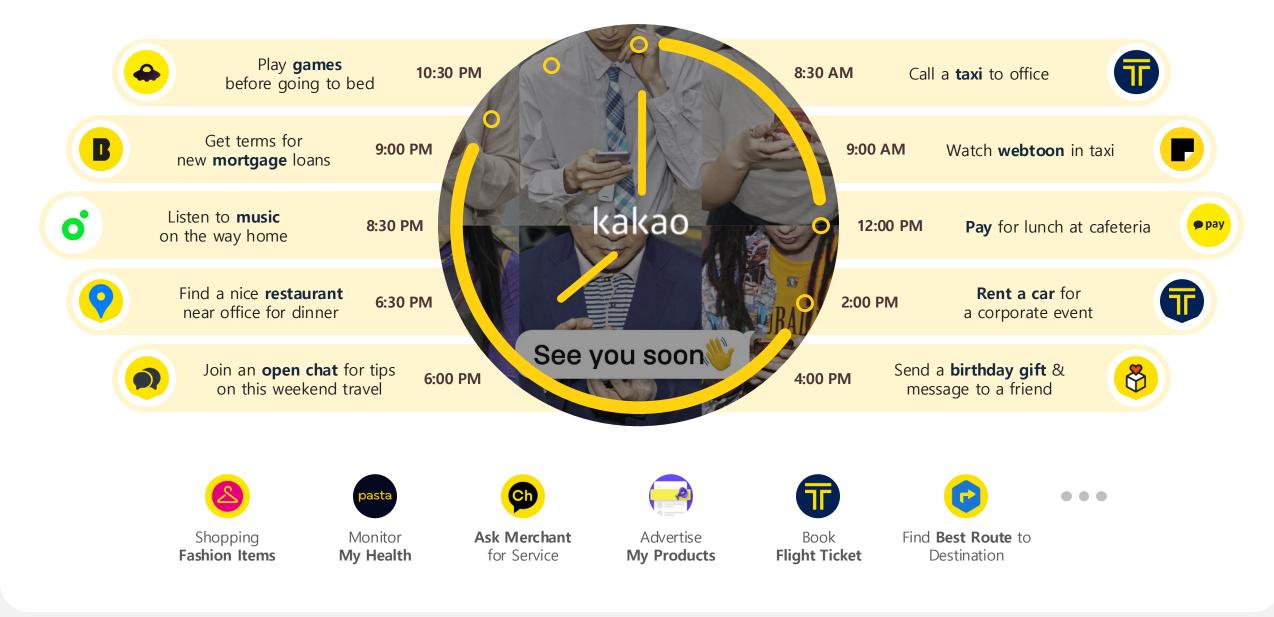
Source: Company Information, Wiseapp Retail Goods, Korea's Fair Trade Commission, Sensor Tower, Mobile Index.

Note: (1) Based on mobile app user data in January – November 2023 for Android and iOS, except for X (MAU as of 1H 2023 as compiled by Mobile Index). (2) Calculated as [avg. monthly app launch by MAUs] / [avg. 5 number of MAUs] / 30 days based on the data from Wiseapp Retail Goods. (3) Based on annual average MAUs in 2023 and the number of total population in Korea as of April 2024.

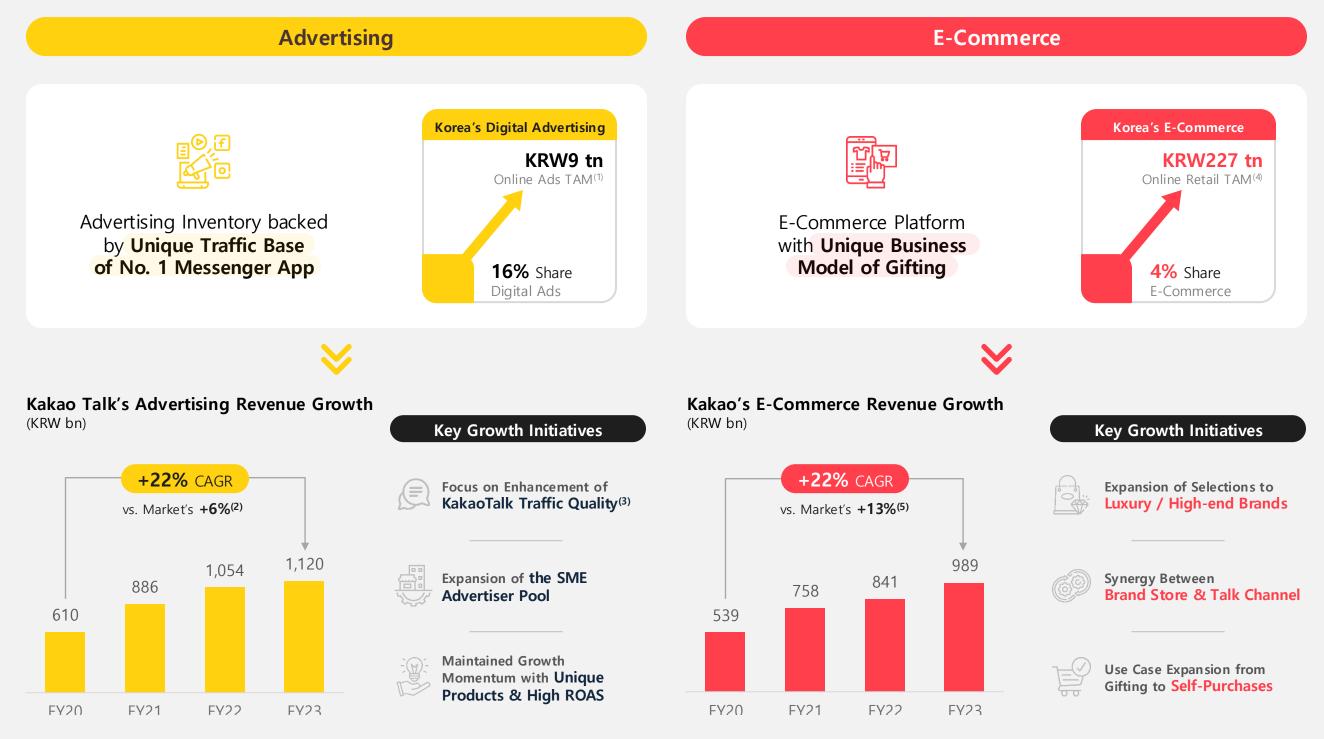
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Making Every Korean's Daily Lives Better

A Life that Cannot Be Imagined without kakao



Solid Growth and Profitability Built on Unique, Differentiated Competitive Moat



Source: Korea Broadcast Advertising Corporation (KOBACO), Korea Statistical Information Service (KOSIS), Company Filings.

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Note: All revenue figures are before restatement as per the recent changes in accounting policy for the purpose of consistent growth comparison.

(1) Korea's online advertisement market as of FY2023. (2) Korea's online advertisement market as per KOBACO.

(3) Ultimately leading to inventory expansion on the back of increased traffic in open chat and friend tabs. (4) Korea's online shopping market as of FY2023. (5) Korea's online shopping GMV as per KOSIS.

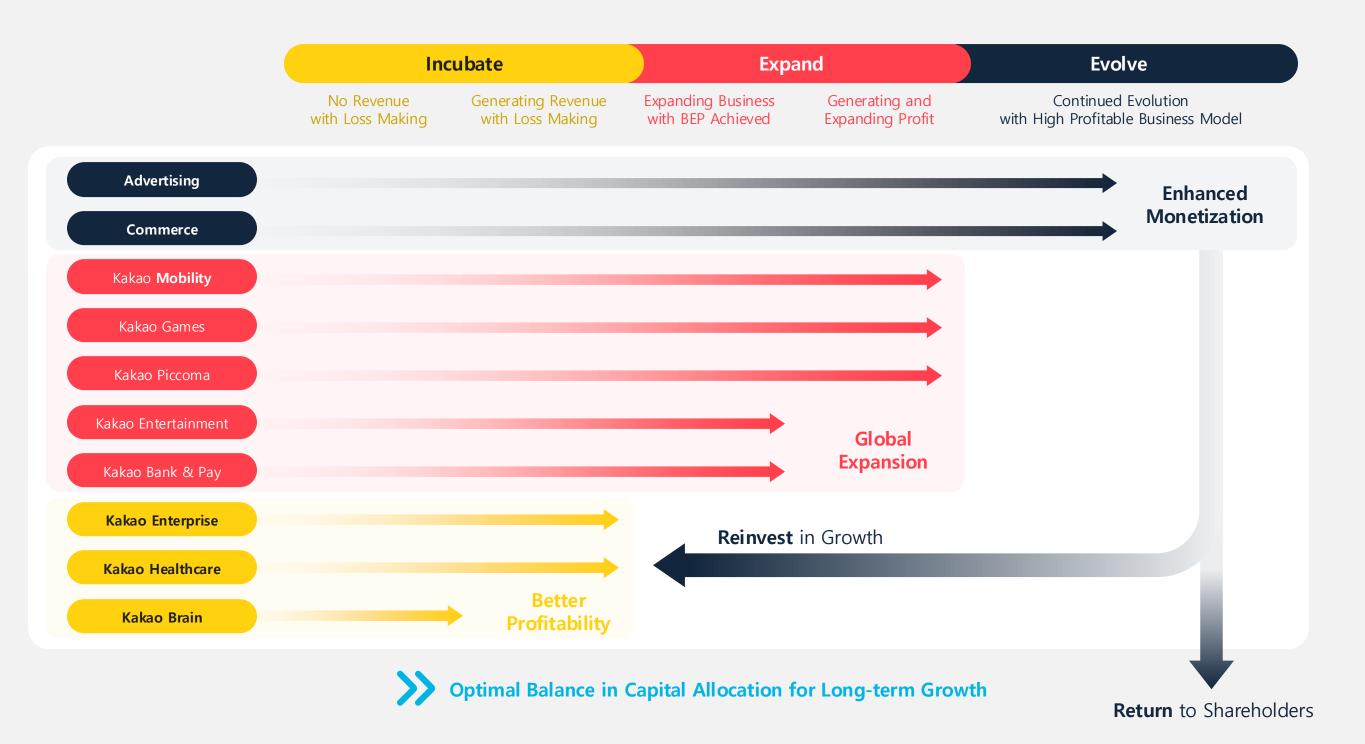
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Leadership Across Key Verticals With Continued Business Model Innovation



Source: Company Information, Korea's Fair Trade Commission, Sensor Tower.

Operating on the Full Range of Growth Cycle



1Q24 Results Summary

- 1Q24 revenue grew by 22% YoY to reach KRW 1.99tn, driven by strong ad business and platform subsidiaries
- Consolidated operating margin improved from 4% in 1Q23 to 6% in 1Q24 thanks to continued cost discipline; standalone margin remained healthy at 21.5%

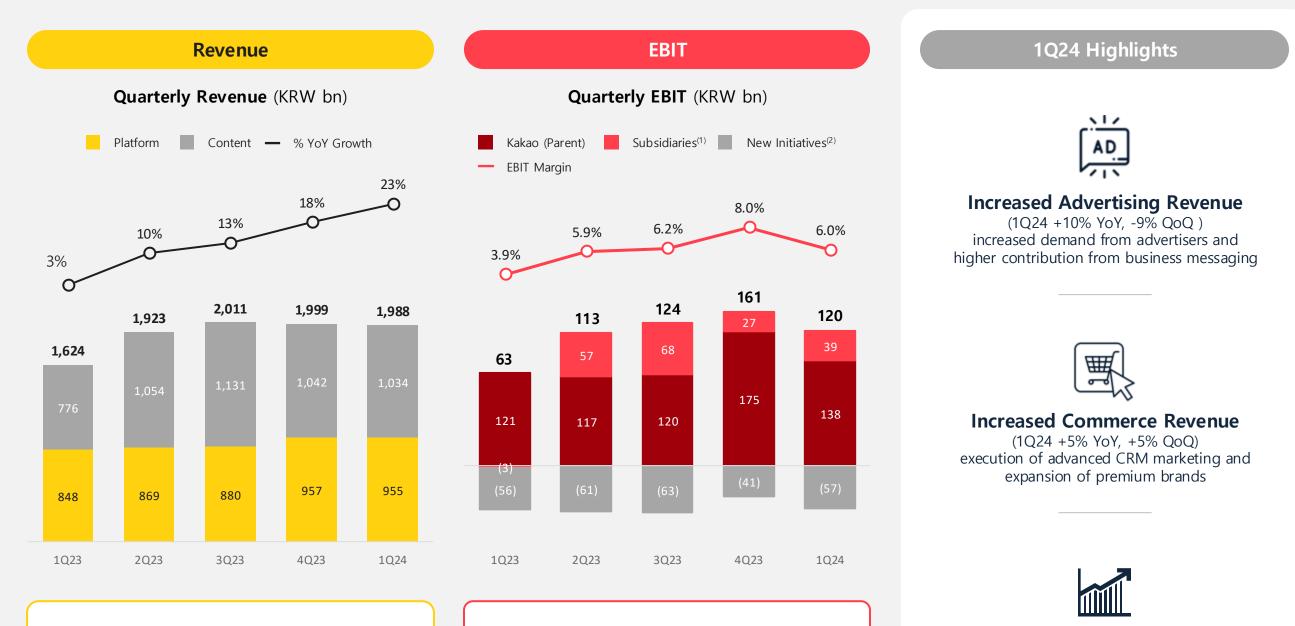
New Management Focus

- Reinventing KakaoTalk by providing users with expanded relationship base and tailored chatting experiences for better monetization
- Optimizing AI investments and pursuing business agility; AI research co (KakaoBrain) to be integrated into Kakao's AI service units in June to enable faster and more efficient rollout of user functions or services

FY2024 Guidance and Strategy

- Expect **double-digit growth in consolidated revenue and improved operating profit margin** vs 2023; Talk Biz aims to outperform the overall industry growth rate
- Focusing on improving messaging experience for better monetization of KakaoTalk, while channeling financial resources to growth initiatives like AI to further lock users into KakaoTalk for the longer term

Robust Financial Performance With Continued Transformation



- **Overall growth** with continued growth of Kakao Talk MAUs and Kakao Talk-native biz.
- Driven by robust performance of advertising (+10% YoY) and commerce (+5% YoY)
- Subsidiaries EBIT turnaround in 2Q23 with continued business development
- New Initiative's narrowing loss with ongoing optimization of operations

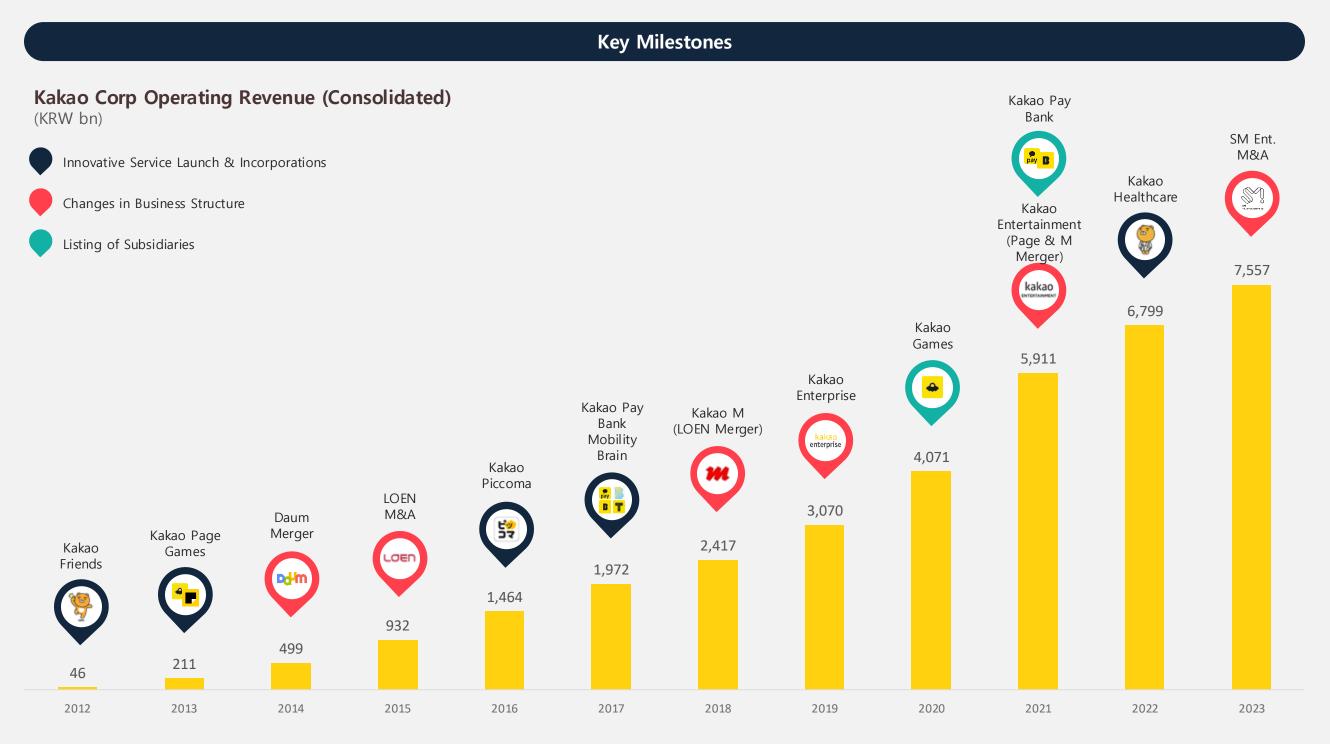
Expanded Profitability (1Q24 EBIT +92% YoY, -25% QoQ) cost reduction of New Initiatives with continued profit generation from Subsidiaries

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Note: (1) All business segments excl. Kakao (Parent) and New Initiatives. (2) Includes Kakao Enterprise, Kakao Brain, and Kakao Healthcare.

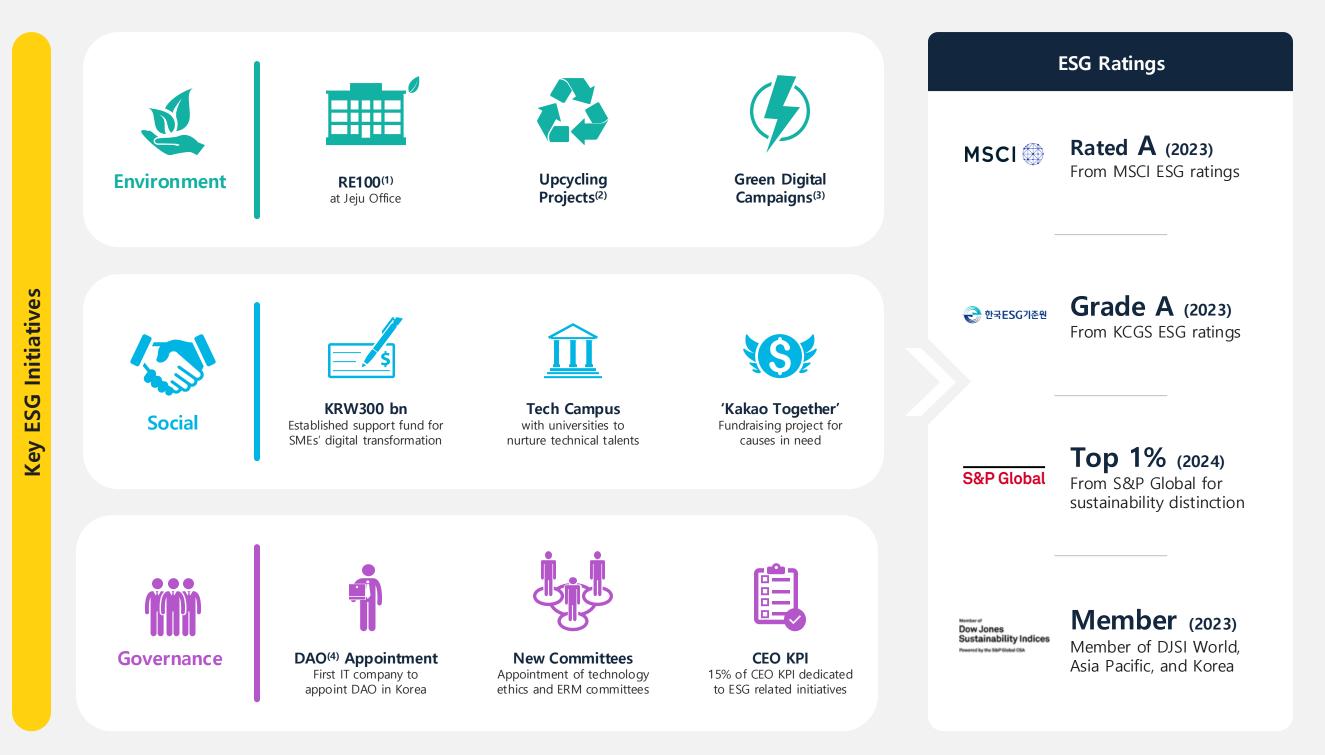
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Phenomenal Growth Trajectory Along With Growing Ecosystem



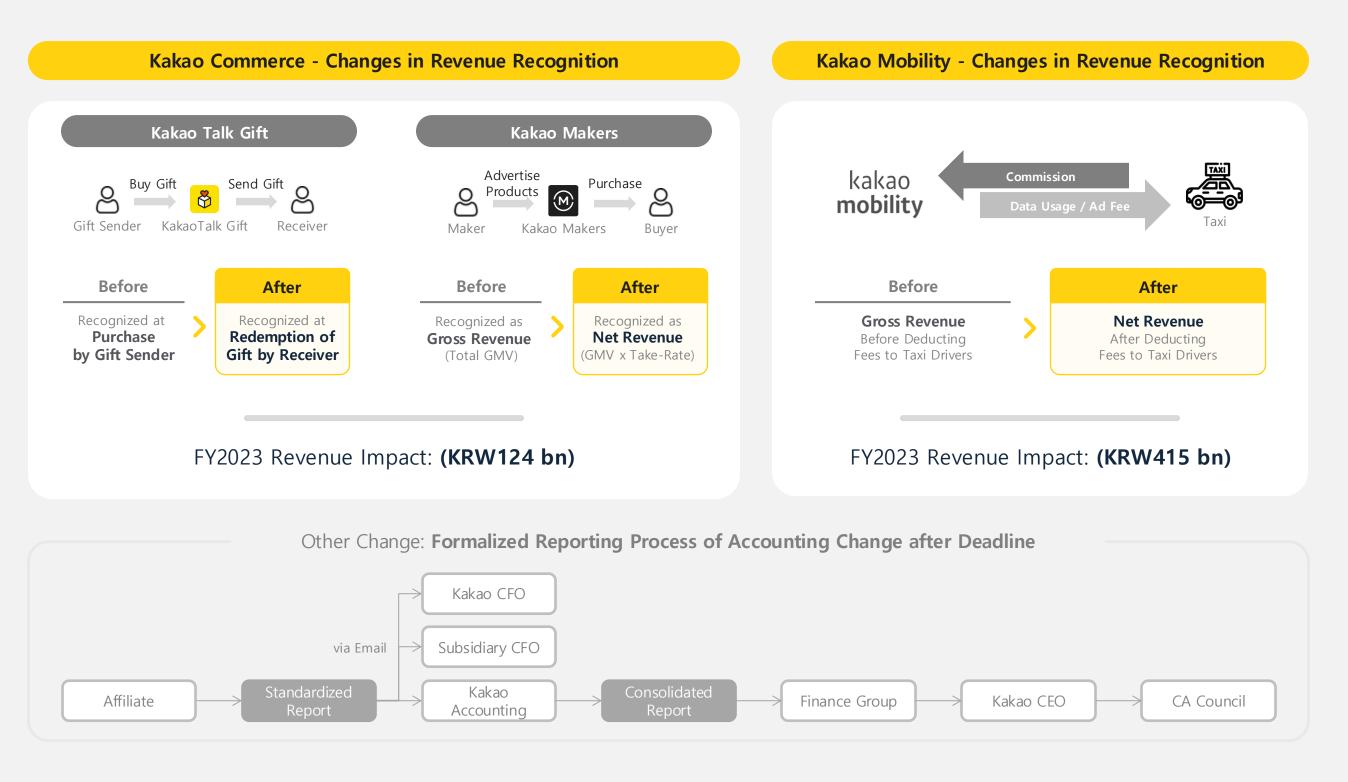
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Kakao's Continued Focus on ESG Initiatives



Note: (1) RE100: An international agreement to replace 100% of electricity used by businesses with renewable energy by 2050. (2) Upcycling used T-shirts and sweaters to socks and cardigans. (3) Dark-mode of Kakao Talk, mobile e-bills, etc.

More Conservative Accounting Practice to Enhance Financial Soundness





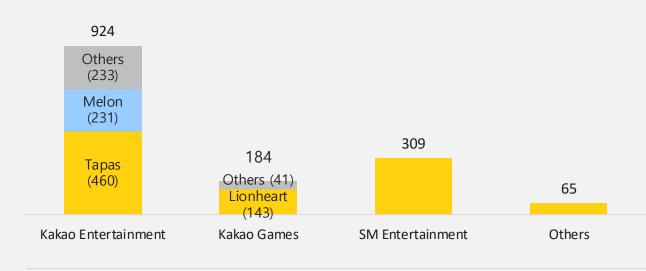
As the result of intangible impairment in Q4 2023, quarterly amortization cost is expected to decrease by KRW10 bn

Goodwill impairment of KRW1,483 bn and PPA impairment of KRW314 bn in 4Q23 alone, reflecting recent challenging macro environment

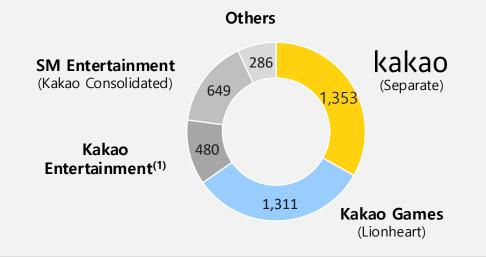


Implementation of more disciplined monitoring and transparent assessments of intangible assets Regular monitoring on the value of intangible assets, and timely disclosure of the details of any potential impairments

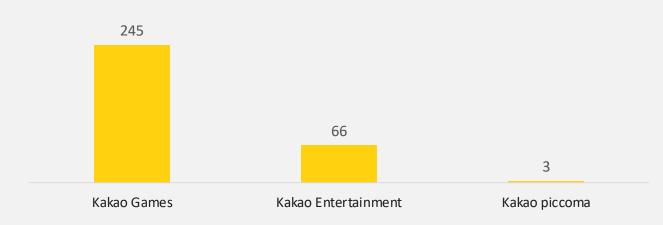
Goodwill Impairment (4Q23, in KRW bn)



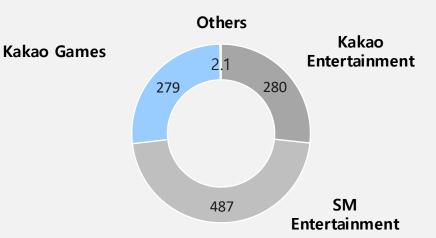
Goodwill Balance (as at end of FY2023, in KRW bn)



PPA Impairment (4Q23, in KRW bn)



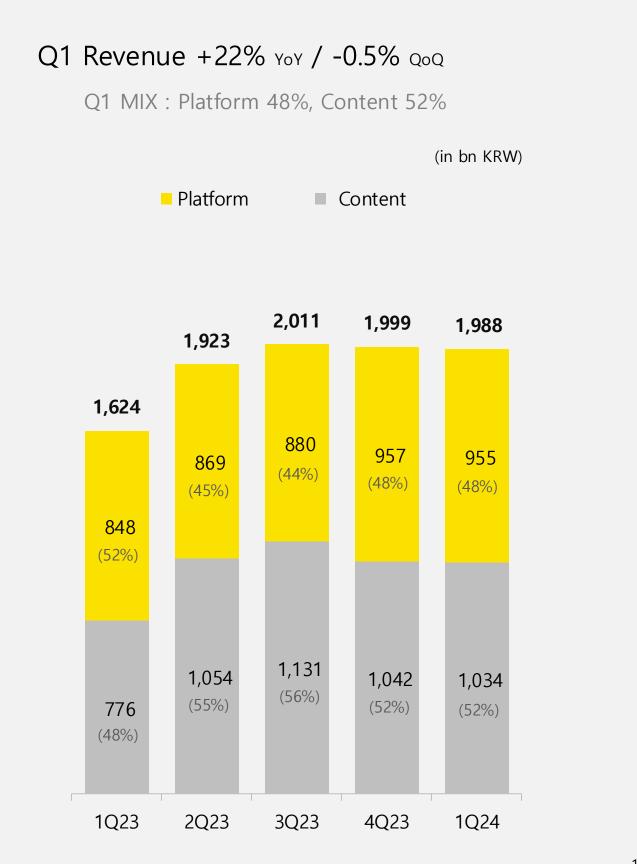
PPA Balance (as at end of FY2023, in KRW bn)



Note: (1) Remaining goodwill balance of Melon and Tapas is only KRW4.6 bn and 11.4 bn, respectively.

Q1 2024 Earnings Results

Revenue



Revenue Breakdown					
Platfor m	Talk Biz	Advertising : Bizboard, Talk Channel, Emoticon			
		Commerce : Gift, Store, Makers, Kakao Friends Online			
	Portal Biz	Daum PC / Mobile Kakao Story / Style / Page Other Subsidiaries' Ad			
	Platform- Others	Mobility Pay Enterprise Blockchain Other Subsidiaries Kakao Friends-Others			
	Game	Mobile PC Other			
Content	Music	SM Entertainment Melon Digital Music Distribution Album Distribution Music Production			
	Story	Entertainment			
		Piccoma			
	Media	Video Production Talent Agency			

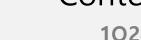
Revenue

Platform

1Q24 +13% YoY, -0.2% QoQ

(in bn KRW)



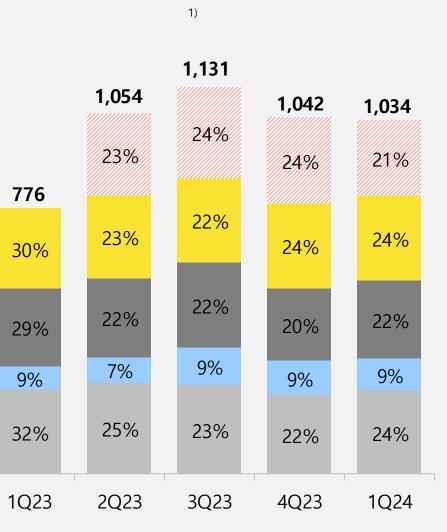


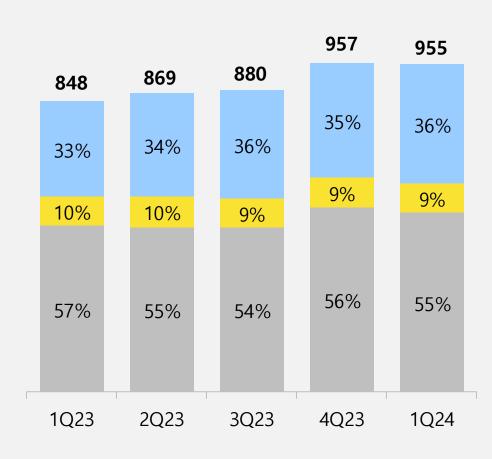
Content

1Q24 +33% YoY, -0.8% QoQ

(in bn KRW)

Game Media Story Music SM Entertainment

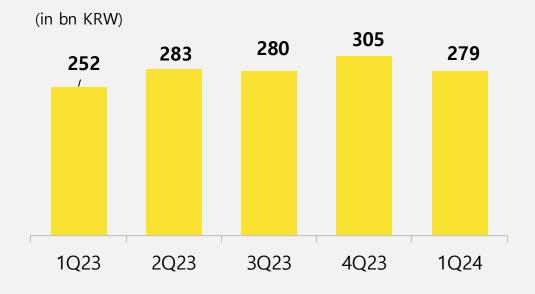




1) SM – before consolidation adjustment

Platform | Talk Biz

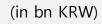
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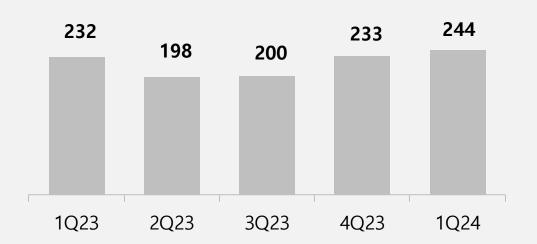


1Q24 +10% yoy, -9% QoQ

- (YoY) ① Business Messaging +14%, Increased demand from financial and commerce sector ② Bizboard +11%, Increased user traffic and higher revenue contribution from Friends tab Bizboard CPT
- (QoQ) Low seasonality

Commerce





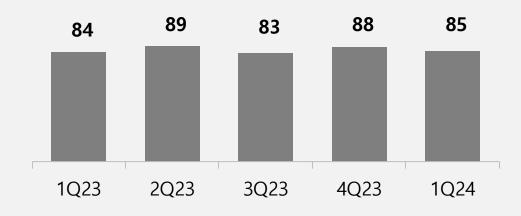
1Q24 +5% yoy, +5% goq

- Total Commerce GMV : 2.6 tn KRW(+7% YoY)
- Talk Gift revenue increased by +6% YoY, non-gift commerce led lower revenue growth rate relative to GMV growth rate
- (YoY) ① Premium gift ② Advanced CRM marketing
- (QoQ) Maximizing peak seasonality with gift reservation

Platform | Portal, Others

Portal Biz

(in bn KRW)

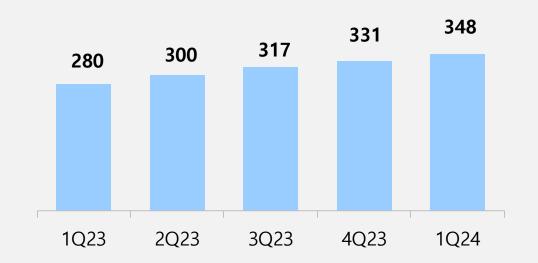


1Q24 +1% YoY, -4% QoQ

- Proactive endeavor on profitability improvement through partnership with global leading ad partners
- Expecting improved user engagement with the launch of short-form video dedicated tab

Platform-Others

(in bn KRW)

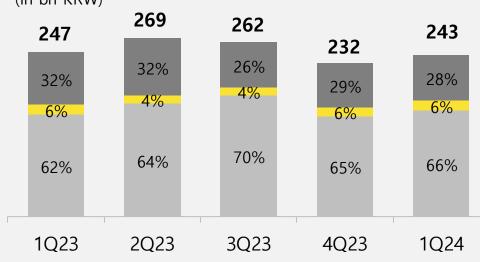


1Q24 +24% yoy, +5% gog

- Mobility : Stable growth across all divisions: taxi, designated driver, and parking
- Pay: Record-high TPV of 40.9 tn KRW, +26% YoY
 (YoY) Secured largest payment network in Korea via partnership with Samsung Pay and Zero Pay
 (QoQ) Strong growth from financial services, achieving record-high quarterly revenue (50 bn)

Content | Game, Music

Game Mobile (in bn KRW) 269



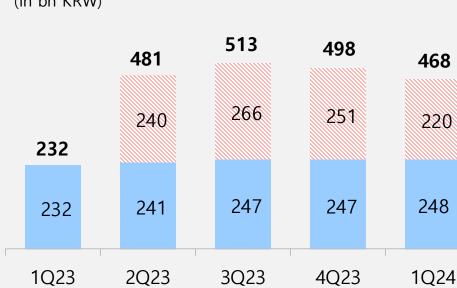
PC

Others

1Q24 - 2% YoY, +5% QoQ

- (YoY) Revenue decline of original IPs
- (QoQ) Successful launch of new mobile game 'ROM'

Music



SM Entertainment¹⁾

(in bn KRW)

(QoQ) Less concert and album line-ups incl. SM artists

1Q24 +102% yoy, -6% QoQ

(YoY) Impact from the consolidation of SM

1) Before consolidation adjustment of SM Entertainment

Content | Story, Media

Story Entertainment Piccoma (in bn KRW) 249 231 229 227 213 129 128 122 133 116 120 105 100 98 97 1Q24 1Q23 2Q23 3Q23 4Q23

1Q24 -1% YoY, +6% QoQ

• Piccoma:

(YoY) Weakness in Yen offsetting increase in GMV(QoQ) Virtuous content cycle through IP media production

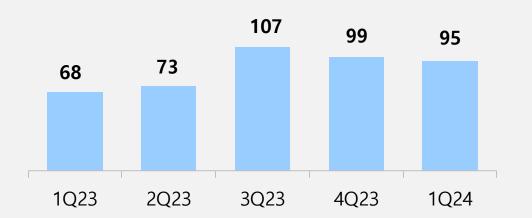
(in Yen) GMV +8% YoY, +1% QoQ Revenue +1% YoY, +7% QoQ

• Entertainment :

(YoY) Increased paying user base(QoQ) Increased GMV through enhanced CRM marketing

Media

(in bn KRW)



1Q24 +41% YoY, -4% QoQ

- (YoY) Base effect due to production lineup concentrated in 2H23
- (QoQ) Difference in production stage of new IPs

Earnings Summary

(in bn KRW)	1Q23	4Q23	1Q24	ΥοΥ	QoQ
Total Revenue	1,624	1,999	1,988	22%	-0.5%
Platform	848	957	955	13%	-0.2%
Talk Biz	485	538	522	8%	-3%
Portal Biz	84	88	85	1%	-4%
Platform-Others	280	331	348	24%	5%
Content	776	1,042	1,034	33%	-0.8%
Game	247	232	243	-2%	5%
Music	232	498	468	102%	-6%
Story	229	213	227	-1%	6%
Media	68	99	95	41%	-4%
OPEX	1,561	1,838	1,868	20%	2%
Operating Profit	63	161	120	92%	-25%
OPM	3.9%	8.0%	6.0%	2.2%р	-2.0%р
Net Profit	8	-1,917	68	712%	-
Controlling Interests	22	-1,112	74	232%	-
Non-controlling Interests	-14	-805	-6	_	-
Net Profit Margin	0.5%	-	3.4%	2.9%p	-

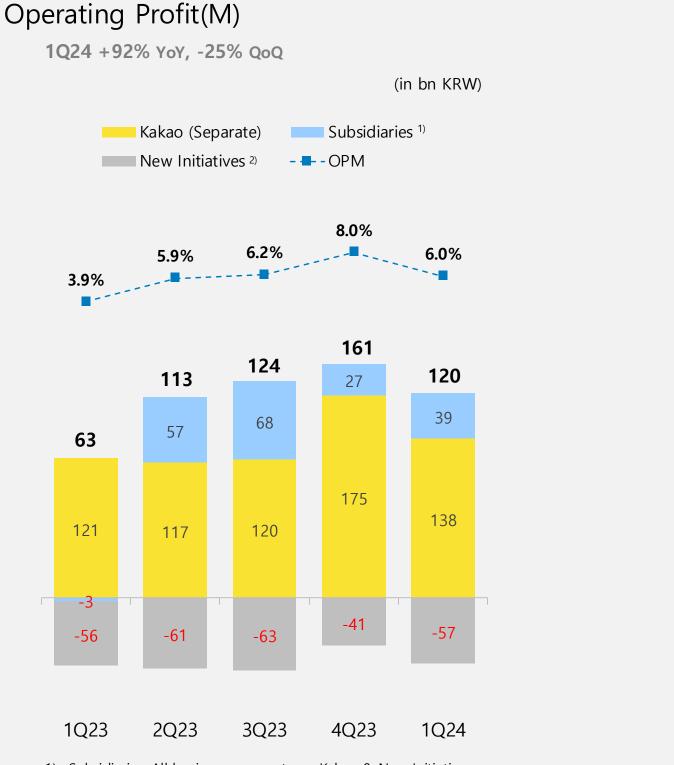
Operating Expenses

(in bn KRW)	1Q23	4Q23	1Q24	ΥοΥ	QoQ
Operating Expenses	1,561	1,838	1,868	20%	2%
Labor	448	472	479	7%	1%
Cost of Revenue	642	714	820	28%	15%
Outsourcing / Infrastructure	174	257	202	16%	-21%
Marketing	97	104	89	-8%	-14%
Depreciation & Amortization	150	210	198	32%	-6%
1Q Analysis	50	80	80	61%	-1%

•	Labor	(YoY) Consolidation of new subsidiaries including SM, ex. SM YoY decrease (QoQ) Recognition of salary increase, bonus allocation based on 2024 annual performance plan
•	Cost of revenue	(YoY) Consolidation of SM, increased media and production revenue from Kakao Entertainment (QoQ) Base effect from SM cost account conversion effect ¹⁾
•	Outsourcing / Infrastructure	(YoY) Consolidation of SM, increase in AI-related infrastructure cost (QoQ) Base effect from SM cost account conversion effect ¹⁾
•	Marketing	(YoY, QoQ) Focus on marketing cost efficiency
•	Depreciation & Amortization	(YoY) Increase in depreciation expenses for servers & other tangible assets, recognition of PPA amortization expenses of SM (QoQ) Reduced PPA amortization due to impairment recognized 4Q23

1) Converted commission fee of SM into labor cost and outsourcing/infrastructure cost under Kakao's consolidation accounting policy

Profits



1) Subsidiaries: All business segments ex. Kakao & New Initiatives

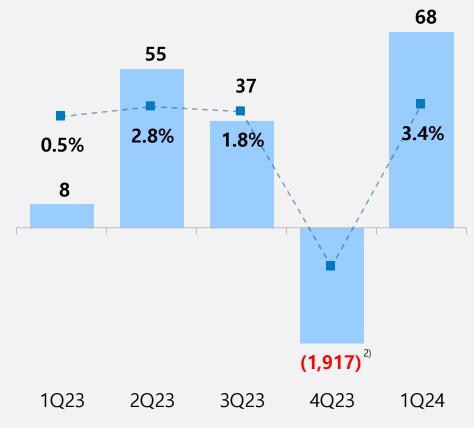
2) New Initiatives: Kakao Enterprise, Kakao Brain, Kakao Healthcare

3) Subsidiaries includes internal transaction

Net Profit(M) 1Q24 +712% YoY, TR QoQ

(in bn KRW)

Net Profit – – - NPM

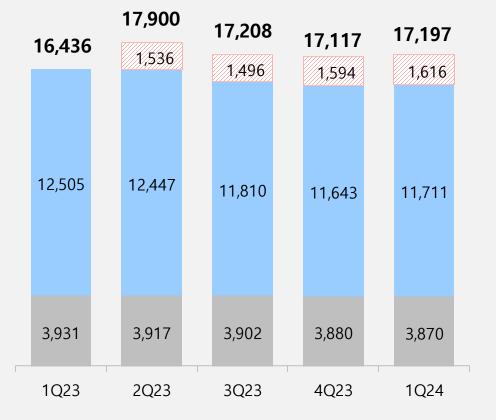


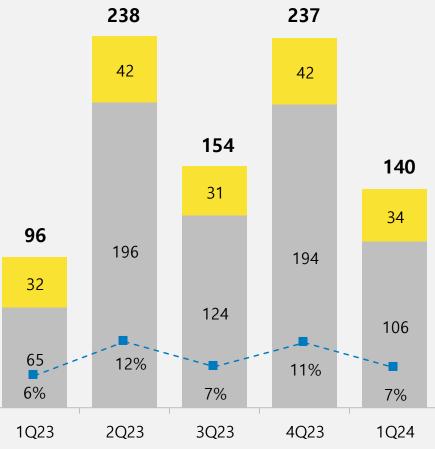
1) CapEx : Based on cash outflow for acquisition of tangible/intangible assets

2) 4Q23 : Net loss due to impairment of goodwill (1.48 tn) and PPA impairment (311 bn)

Employees / CapEx

Employees	СарЕх
+80 QoQ with hiring in subsidiaries YoY decrease ex. SM consolidation	-97 bn QoQ with completion of in-house IDC
(# of people)	(in bn KRW)
Kakao Subsidiaries(ex. SM) 🛛 SM Entertainment	PP&E Intangible Capex to Revenue
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1) PP&E : Assets under construction related to data centers and machinery such as server networks

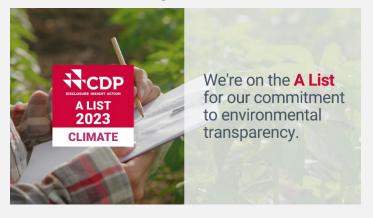
2) Intangible : Goodwill and other intangible assets including video production and distribution rights of story content

ESG Activities

'Dangol Street' Project



2023 CDP Climate Change Awarded 'Leadership A'



'GRS(Global Recycled Standard)' Certification



AI technology and co-prosperity initiative for the local SME's digital transformation

- Signed business agmt with the Small Business Market Promotion Corp.
- Support education and promotion using KakaoTalk Channels, Kakao Map Store Management, and Talk Store
- Message support will reach accum. 20 bn won, and using KakaoTalk Channels for customer service will save up to 141.4 bn won

2023 CDP Climate Change, Awarded 'Leadership A'

- Received the highest rating in the domestic telco sector of <Carbon Management Sector Honors>
- Recognition of efforts to reach carbon neutrality incl. <RE100> membership, procuring renewable energy, and user environmental contribution indicators

Global Recycled Standard (GRS) Certified

- The GRS certification is awarded to products that contain at least 20% recycled materials and can trace their actual usage history.
- Kakao Makers and Kakao Friends plan to continue developing and introducing upcycled products that meet certification standards

(in thousands)

Monthly Active Users in Korea grew by +665K YoY, +240K QoQ



Average of monthly MAUs. Global includes domestic MAUs.

Consolidated FS

(in bn KRW)	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	(in bn KRW)
Total Revenue	1,624	1,923	2,011	1,999	1,988	Current Assets
Platform	848	869	880	957	955	Cash & Cash Equivalents S-T Financial Instruments
Talk Biz	485	480	479	538	522	Account Receivable Other Current
Portal Biz	84	89	83	88	85	Financial Assets Other Current Assets
Platform Others	280	300	317	331	348	
Content	776	1,054	1,131	1,042	1,034	Non-Current Assets Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures
Story	229	231	249	213	227	Tangible Assets
Game	247	269	262	232	243	Intangible Assets Other Non-current Assets
Media	68	73	107	99	95	Financial Assets
Music	232	481	513	498	468	Total Assets
Operating Expenses	1,561	1,810	1,887	1,838	1,868	
Labor Cost	448	472	468	472	479	Current Liabilities Account Payable and Other
Cost of Revenue	642	780	849	714	820	payable Short-term Borrowings
Outsourcing / Infrastructure	174	205	199	257	202	Income Tax Payable Other Current Liabilities
Marketing Expense	97	100	105	104	89	Non-Current Liabilities
Depreciation / Amortization Cost	150	192	198	210	198	Non-Current Finance Lease Obligations
Misc.	50	60	69	80	80	Deferred Income Tax Liabilities
Operating Profit	63	113	124	161	120	Other Non-Current Liabilities
Margin(%)	3.9%	5.9%	6.2%	8.0%	6.0%	Financial Liabilities
Other Non-Operating Income	17	17	73	86	26	Total Liabilities
Other Non-Operating Expenses	42	28	80	2,164	47	Paid-in Capital
Financial Income	79	62	56	121	80	Capital Surplus Other Accumulated Earnings
Financial Expenses	46	51	70	141	54	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income
Equity-method gain	34	28	33	27	43	Retained Earnings Minority Interest
Equity-method loss	40	29	23	27	27	Total Equity
Profit before Income	65	112	113	-1,937	141	Total Liabilities & Equity
Tax 1) Adjusted EBITDA Income Tax	R : included eq	uity compensat	tion expense	-21	73	30

ment of Financial F	Position		
(RW)	2022.12.31	2023.12.31	2024.03.31
Assets	7,756	8,943	9,057
& Cash Equivalents	4,780	5,269	5,666
nancial Instruments	1,210	1,662	1,318
nt Receivable	441	622	649
Current cial Assets	362	575	567
Current Assets	736	314	327
rent Assets	14,451	15,090	15,320
ments in Associates bint Ventures	2,652	2,941	2,937
ole Assets	885	1,322	1,354
jible Assets	6,022	5,689	5,657
Non-current Assets	1,596	1,748	1,902
Assets	757	1,147	1,283
sets	22,964	25,180	25,659
Liabilities	5,210	6,767	6,884
nt Payable and Other	1,374	1,799	1,818
le			
term Borrowings	1,097	1,629	1,629
e Tax Payable	158	144	150
Current Liabilities	1,493	1,729	1,765
rent Liabilities	3,798	3,737	3,840
Current Finance Obligations	1,643	1,731	1,874
red Income abilities	607	719	744
Non-Current ties	113	115	116
Liabilities	440	817	961
abilities	9,448	11,321	11,685
n Capital	45	45	45
l Surplus	8,116	8,840	8,866
Accumulated Earnings	41	8	12
nulated Other	-1,250	-1,050	-1,015
rehensive Income ed Earnings	3,031	1,922	1,964
ity Interest	3,532	4,095	4,102
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uity	13,516	13,859 25 180	13,974 25,659
abilities & Equity	22,964	25,180	kak

Separate FS

Income Statement

(in bn KRW)	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23
Total Revenue	610	612	617	660	64
Operating Expenses	489	495	498	485	50
Labor Cost	135	142	135	104	13
Cost of Revenue	210	195	207	220	21
Outsourcing / Infrastructure	70	78	68	72	6
Marketing Expense	3	5	9	11	
Depreciation and Amortization	60	64	66	66	7
Misc.	12	12	13	13	1
Operating Profit	121	117	120	175	13
Margin (%)	19.8%	19.1%	19.4%	26.6%	21.5
Other Non-Operating Income Other Non-Operating Expenses	3	4	5 16	6 387	
Financial Income	34	14	24	46	Z
Financial Expenses	14	15	14	14	1
Profit before income tax	142	114	120	-174	17
Income Tax	25	21	31	21	3
Net Profit	117	93	88	-196	13
EBITDAR	181	182	186	241	21
Adjusted EBITDAR ¹⁾	195	194	198	247	22

Statement of Financial Position (in bn KRW) 2022.12.31 2023.12.31 2024.03.31 **Current Assets** 2,335 1,932 1,950 Cash & Cash Equivalents 1,249 1,439 1,465 S-T Financial Instruments 211 22 12 Account Receivable 139 157 147 Other Current Assets 736 314 327 **Non-Current Assets** 8,457 9,423 9,610 Investments in Associates, 4,752 5,353 5,362 Subsidiaries & JV 500 737 760 Tangible Assets 1,585 1,586 Intangible Assets 1,609 Other Non-current Assets 1,596 1,748 1,902 **Total Assets** 10,791 11,355 11,560 **Current Liabilities** 2,210 2,662 2,574 Account Payable and Other 547 532 477 payable Short-term Borrowings 29 250 160 Income Tax Payable 142 150 171 Other Current Liabilities 1,493 1,729 1,765 **Non-Current Liabilities** 1,510 1,510 1,678 Non-Current Finance Lease 1,306 1,310 1,462 Obligations Deferred Income 91 86 101 Tax Liabilities Other Non-Current 113 115 116 Liabilities **Total Liabilities** 3,721 4,172 4,252 Paid-in Capital 45 45 45 Capital Surplus 5,637 5,745 5,759 Other Accumulated Earnings 41 8 12 Accumulated Other 11 -5 -5 Comprehensive Income **Retained Earnings** 1,337 1,391 1,497 **Total Equity** 7,071 7,183 7,308 **Total Liabilities & Equity** 10,791 11,355 11,560

1) Adjusted EBITDAR : included equity compensation expense

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