First Quarter of 2018
Presentation of Results
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## First Quarter of 2018 Performance Highlights

## First Quarter of 2018: Key Points

■ Net sales and ordinary income slightly exceeded those in 2017 Q4, but they are still in a difficult situation.

■ Net sales and operating income have been close to the forecasts at the beginning of the year.

■We have been swiftly and carefully adjusting to the specification changes in ITP and search engine and changes in ad network environment.

## Consolidated Results of Operations

## Performance Highlights

| (¥ thousands) | 2018 Q1 | 2017 Q1 | Year-on- <br> Year Change | \% of Net <br> Sales |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net sales | $9,035,240$ | $9,870,565$ | $-8.5 \%$ | $100 \%$ |
| Operating income | $1,207,628$ | $1,546,148$ | $-21.9 \%$ | $13.4 \%$ |
| Ordinary income | $1,226,226$ | $1,554,564$ | $-21.1 \%$ | $13.6 \%$ |
| Profit attributable to <br> owners of parent | 818,649 | $1,094,808$ | $-25.2 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ |
| Ordinary income <br> margin | $13.6 \%$ | $15.7 \%$ | -2.1 points | - |
| Net income per share | $¥ 10.65$ | $¥ 14.27$ | $-25.4 \%$ | - |
| Diluted net income per <br> share | $¥ 10.64$ | $¥ 14.24$ | $-25.3 \%$ | - |

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

| (¥ thousands) | December 31, 2017 | March 31, 2018 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Assets |  |  |
| Current assets | $\mathbf{2 2 , 4 3 1 , 0 7 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 , 8 2 2 , 9 6 1}$ |
| Cash and deposits | $16,822,087$ | $16,061,384$ |
| Notes and accounts receivable - trade | $4,202,825$ | $4,457,801$ |
| Securities | 997,031 | 965,951 |
| Other | 422,514 | 351,005 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | $-13,383$ | $-13,181$ |
| Fixed assets | $\mathbf{3 , 6 5 4 , 2 8 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 5 6 8 , 2 5 6}$ |
| Property and equipment | 263,718 | 332,402 |
| Intangible assets | 926,507 | 893,646 |
| Investments and other assets | $2,464,057$ | $2,342,207$ |
| Total assets | $\mathbf{2 6 , 0 8 5 , 3 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 , 3 9 1 , 2 1 8}$ |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | $\mathbf{6 , 3 9 3 , 1 6 4}$ |  |
| Current liabilities | $4,642,423$ | $\mathbf{6 , 3 5 4 , 0 6 4}$ |
| Notes and accounts payable - trade | 675,112 | $4,667,043$ |
| Income taxes payable | $1,075,627$ | 384,513 |
| Other current liabilities | $\mathbf{1 4 8 , 7 1 5}$ | $1,302,505$ |
| Tong-term liabilities | $\mathbf{6 , 5 4 1 , 8 7 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 7 , 3 1 5}$ |
| Total liabilities | $\mathbf{1 9 , 5 4 3 , 4 7 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 5 0 1 , 3 7 9}$ |
| Total liabilities and net assets | $\mathbf{2 6 , 0 8 5 , 3 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 , 8 8 9 , 8 3 8}$ |

## Performance Highlights

Main component was $¥ 1,984,160$ thousand in investment securities.

A key factor in the change was a $¥ 290,598$ thousand decrease in income taxes payable.

Net assets decreased despite net income of $¥ 818,649$ thousand due mainly to dividend payments of $¥ 1,460,758$ thousand.

## Consolidated Performance Forecast

## Performance Highlights

| ( $¥$ millions) | 2018 <br> Full-Year <br> Forecast <br> (\% Change from Same Period of Previous Year) | 2018 <br> Interim Period Forecast (\% Change from Same Period of Previous Year) | $\begin{gathered} 2018 \\ \text { 1Q Actual } \end{gathered}$ | Progress (\% of Full-Year Forecast |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | 38,500 (-1.5) | 18,600 (-6.3) | 9,035 | 23.5\% |
| Operating income | 5,000 (-13.0) | 2,300 (-25.7) | 1,207 | 24.1\% |
| Ordinary income | 5,020 (-13.3) | 2,310 (-25.7) | 1,226 | 24.4\% |
| Profit attributable to owners of parent | 3,470 (-17.9) | 1,590 (-31.8) | 818 | 23.6\% |

Dividend Forecast

|  | 2018 <br> Forecast | 2017 <br> Actual |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year-end dividend <br> per share | $¥ 19$ | $¥ 19$ |

## Management Indicators (Quarterly Basis)

Net Sales, Ordinary Income and Ordinary Income Margin (Consolidated/Quarterly basis)

Management Indicators


Ordinary income margin increased by 0.8 percentage points quarter on quarter to $13.6 \%$.

Number of Employees
(Consolidated/Quarterly basis)

## Management

 Indicators

The total number of employees was 504, an increase of 118 from the same period of the previous year. Employees increased by five from the previous quarter.

## Cost of Sales Ratio and SG\&A Expenses Ratio (Consolidated/Quarterly basis)

## Management Indicators



The cost of sales ratio decreased 0.3 percentage points compared with 2017 Q4 due to an increase of net sales. The selling, general and administrative (SG\&A) expenses ratio also decreased 0.8 percentage points.

## Selling, General and Administrative Expenses (Consolidated/Quarterly basis)

## Management Indicators



Other expenses consist largely of amortization of goodwill, depreciation expenses, equipment and supplies expenses, recruiting and education expenses, and taxes (primarily corporate income taxes).
There was no significant change compared with 2017 Q4. Personnel expenses for temp staff were continuously needed to adjust to the specification changes in ITP.

## Cost of Sales <br> (Consolidated/Quarterly basis)

## Management Indicators



Affiliated programs have included A8.net, seedApp, adcrops and others, and media expenses have included nend, nex8 and others since 2018 Q1. Overhead expenses include infrastructure expenses such as data center expenses.
Media expenses and affiliated programs increased following an increase in sales, and there has been no significant change in their ratios.

## Overview by Main Service Area

## Net Sales by Reportable Segment (Consolidated/Quarterly basis)

## Overview by Service Area

| (¥ thousands) | 2018 Q1 <br> (Jan. - Mar.) | 2017 Q1 <br> (Jan. - Mar.) | Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| CPA Ad Network <br> Business | $6,185,493$ | $6,624,123$ | $-6.6 \%$ |
| cPCTTargeting Ad <br> Network Business | $2,640,933$ | $3,246,442$ | $-18.7 \%$ |
| Others | 208,812 |  | - |
| Total net sales | $9,035,240$ | $9,870,565$ | $-8.5 \%$ |

Main services of CPA Ad Network Business: A8.net, seedApp, adcrops, own media operations, ad agency, others


Main services of CPC/Targeting Ad Network Business: nend, nex8, medi8, viidle, others

Note: "Others" consist of the sales of subsidiary Seesaa Inc.

Sales after elimination of consolidated intercompany transactions.
Sales in the CPA Ad Network Business decreased 6.6\%, and sales in the CPC/Targeting Ad Network Business dropped a substantial 18.7\% year-onyear.

Net Sales by Reportable Segment
(Consolidated/Quarterly basis)

"Others" consist of the sales of subsidiary Seesaa Inc.
The ratio of the CPA Ad Network Business slightly increased compared with 2017 Q4

## A8.net

## CPA Ad Network Business

|  | 2018 Q1 <br> (Jan. - Mar.) | 2017 Q1 <br> (Jan. - Mar.) | Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sales (¥ thousands) | $5,583,199$ | $5,613,342$ | $-0.5 \%$ |
| Number of operating <br> advertiser IDs | 3,412 | 3,318 | $2.8 \%$ |
| Number of registered <br> partner sites | $2,412,716$ | $2,207,629$ | $9.3 \%$ |

## Sales before elimination of consolidated intercompany transactions

The number of operating advertiser IDs increased by 94 from the same period of the previous year.

## A8.net

## CPA Ad Network Business

Net Sales (Quarterly basis)


Sales before elimination of consolidated intercompany transactions.
Sales slightly decreased compared with the same period of the previous year, but increased compared with 2017 Q4.

## A8.net




## A8.net

## CPA Ad Network Business

Number of Operating Advertisers and Media (Quarterly basis)


Notes: 1. The number of operating advertisers is as of the final month of each quarter
2. The number of overseas advertisers is included from 2014 Q3.

The number of operating advertisers decreased by 34 from 2017 Q4.
The number of overseas operating advertisers increased by six from 2017 Q4 to 208.

## A8.net

## CPA Ad Network Business

New Advertiser Start-ups and Cancellations


Note: "Change in inactive" is the difference in the number of customers who switched between "operating" and "inactive," adjusted for the number of customers who switched from "inactive" to "cancelled" included in the number of cancellations.
New advertiser start-ups were sluggish.

## A8.net

## CPA Ad Network Business

## Average Monthly New Media Registrations and Withdrawals



The number of monthly new media registrations slightly increased.

## A8.net

## Average Monthly Sales per Advertiser

( $¥$ thousands)


Average monthly sales per advertiser are around 550 thousand yen and there has been no significant change.

## seedApp

Net Sales (Quarterly basis)


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## adcrops

Net Sales (Quarterly basis)


Notes: 1. Figures through 2016 Q4 are sales prior to the absorption merger before elimination of consolidated intercompany transactions for 8 crops only.
2. Sales before elimination of consolidated intercompany transactions
3. adcrops sales are recognized in F@N Communications' CPA Ad Network Business.

## nend <br> Summary

## CPC/Targeting Ad Network Business

|  | 2018 Q1 <br> (Jan. - Mar.) | 2017 Q1 <br> (Jan. - Mar.) | Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sales ( $¥$ thousands) | $2,102,071$ | $2,539,608$ | $-17.2 \%$ |
| Number of operating <br> advertiser IDs | 368 | 425 | $-13.4 \%$ |
| Number of registered <br> partner sites | 859,026 | 730,851 | $17.5 \%$ |

[^1]
## nend <br> Net Sales (Quarterly basis)

## CPC/Targeting Ad Network Business



[^2]Sales slightly increased from 2017 Q4.

## nend

Number of Operating Advertisers and Ad Spaces on Registered

## CPC/Targeting Ad Network Business

 Partner Sites (Quarterly basis)

Note: The number of operating advertisers is as of the final month of each quarter.
The number of operating advertisers decreased by 27 from 2017 4Q. However, this does not signify a major shift in the trend.

## nend

Average Monthly Sales per Advertiser

## CPC/Targeting <br> Ad Network Business

( $¥$ thousands)


Average monthly sales per advertiser was $¥ 1.90$ million.
nex8
Net Sales (Quarterly basis)

## CPC/Targeting Ad Network Business



Sales before elimination of consolidated intercompany transactions
Dynamic retargeting was impacted by ITP.

## Consolidated Group Businesses

## Ad Japon Inc.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Established: March 1, } 2012 \\
& \text { (Wholly owned by F@N Communications) } \\
& \text { Main Business } \\
& \text { Design and operation of an integrated } \\
& \text { platform for global ad networks, multilingual } \\
& \text { affiliate services and a media localization } \\
& \text { business }
\end{aligned}
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| ( $¥$ thousands) | 2018 Q1 | 2017 Full Year |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Net sales | 169,297 | $1,016,436$ |
| Operating income | $-12,929$ | $\mathbf{- 2 1 , 5 8 7}$ |
| Profit attributable to <br> owners of parent | $-20,351$ | $\mathbf{- 2 6 , 0 5 9}$ |

Note: The above figures are before elimination of consolidated intercompany transactions.

## Seesaa Inc.

## Became a subsidiary on July 3, 2017

Established: October 2003
(Wholly owned by F@N Communications)

## sccsoo

## Main Business

Development, operation and sales of blog systems, planning, development and sales of smartphone applications, and management of own media

| ( $¥$ thousands) | 2018 Q1 | Cumulative total for <br> July-Dec. 2017 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Net sales | $\mathbf{2 1 3 , 7 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 7 2 , 5 0 1}$ |
| Operating income | 38,359 | $\mathbf{9 4 , 8 2 8}$ |
| Profit attributable to <br> owners of parent | $\mathbf{2 5 , 3 4 1}$ | $\mathbf{6 6 , 9 1 8}$ |



Notes: 1. Became a consolidated subsidiary In July 2017.
2. The above figures are before elimination of consolidated intercompany transactions.

## Stock Information

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Number of Individual Shareholders and Percentage of Shares Held by Foreign Shareholders


## Reference Materials

## Management Vision

## F@N seeks to become one of the largest affiliated program network corporate groups in the world.

We build ad networks that bring a performance marketing advertising model to advertisers, affiliate site application developers (media), and consumers, resulting in optimal win-win-win relationships.

Our model provides sustainable benefits such as the optimization of marketing costs for advertisers, the maximization of profit for affiliate site application developers, and the reduction of consumption costs and enhanced quality of service for consumers.

We are the world's largest corporate group that structures ad networks committed to effective advertisements. We contribute to society by creating new added value in the cycle of production, sales, and consumption that is changing with the Internet.

## Company Overview

Company name

Securities code
$\square$ Fiscal year-end

- Established
- Capital
$\square$ President and Representative Director
■ Number of employeesHeadquarters
- Phone

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2461 (Tokyo Stock Exchange, First Section)
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October 1, 1999
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[^0]:    Note: Sales before elimination of consolidated intercompany transactions

[^1]:    Sales before elimination of consolidated intercompany transactions.
    Note: Figures are those of nend only, and do not include other services.
    Sales results decreased by 17.2\% compared with 2017 1Q.

[^2]:    Sales before elimination of consolidated intercompany transactions

