

# **Consolidated Financial Results** for FY2024

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## **Highlights**



### Summary of FY2024

- Revenue was 1,451.2 billion yen (+9.4% year on year) while adjusted EBITDA was 78.3 billion yen (+8.4%). Operating profit was 57.4 billion yen (+10.3%) and profit<sup>\*1</sup> was 35.8 billion yen (+19.7%).
- Adjusted EBITDA, operating profit, and profit \*1 all reached new record highs.

### FY2025 financial forecasts

- Revenue is forecast to be 1,540.0 billion yen (+6.1% year on year). Adjusted EBITDA is forecast to be 86.5 billion yen (+10.4%). Operating profit is forecast to be 66.0 billion yen (+14.9%) and profit\*1 is forecasted to be 41.0 billion yen (+14.3%).
- Record-high profits are expected to be achieved as a result of steady business growth and profitability improvement.

## Financial strategies (Shareholder returns and cash allocation)

- The year-end dividend for FY2024 will be 5.0 yen, 0.5 yen more than the initial forecast (annual dividends: 9.5 yen), reflecting strong performance.
- The forecast amount of annual dividends for FY2025 is 11.0 yen, a record high (+1.5 yen year on year).
- ROE for FY2025 is forecast to be approx. 20% while ROIC is expected to be approx. 18%, which are the highest ever.
- 1 Profit attributable to owners of parent

- \*2 FY2024 is the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025 and FY2025 is the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026 (the same applies hereinafter).

  \*3 IFRS has been applied since FY2023.

  \*4 In these materials, figures from the previous fiscal year for each SBU are pro forma figures based on a new allocation scheme for the employment of people with disabilities.

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### [President and CEO Wada]

Hello, I am Wada, CEO of PERSOL HOLDONGS. Thank you very much for joining us today.

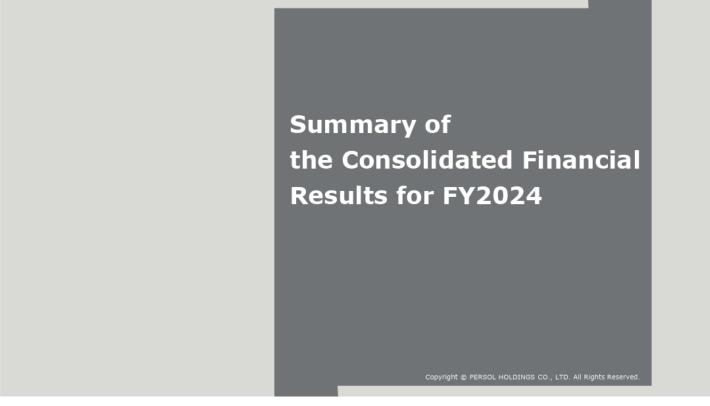
I have 3 points I would like to convey to you today, namely the summary of FY2024 results, the financial forecast for FY2025 and the financial strategies. Please note that FY2025 financial forecast does not take into account the recent Trump tariffs and the accompanying significant exchange rate fluctuations. We will inform you again, if there is a need for significant changes.

First, let me present the summary of FY2024 results. Revenue was 1 trillion 451.2 billion yen, up 9.4% yoy. Adjusted EBITDA was 78.3 billion yen, up 8.4% yoy. Adjusted EBITDA, operating profit, and profit all reached new record highs.

Next is the financial forecasts for FY2025. Revenue is forecast to be 1 trillion 540.0 billion yen, up 6.1% yoy. Adjusted EBITDA is forecast to be 86.5 billion yen, up 10.4%. We will aim for double digit growth.

The third point is the financial strategies. We plan to distribute annual dividends of 9.5 yen, an increase of 0.5 yen compare to the initial forecast. The forecast annual dividends for FY2025 are record high 11 yen, an increase of 1.5 yen yoy. ROE for FY2025 is forecast to be approximately 20% while ROIC is expected to be approximately 18%, which are the highest ever.

Now, we will have CFO Tokunaga explain the financial results.



## [CFO Tokunaga]

Hello, I'm Tokunaga, CFO. I will explain the summary of the consolidated financial results, followed by the status of each SBUs.

## Financial Results for FY2024 (Consolidated)



### Revenue and profits surpassed previous record highs.

	F <b>Y</b> 2023	F <b>Y</b> 2024		
(Million yen)	Actual	Actual	YoY	Latest Forecasts (revised in Nov. 2024)
Revenue	1,327,123	1,451,238	+9.4%	1,455,000
Gross profit	301,161	332,128	+10.3%	-
Operating profit	52,065	57,426	+10.3%	56,000
OP margin	3.9%	4.0%	+0.0pt	3.8%
EBITDA	81,700	90,410	+10.7%	-
EBITDA margin	6.2%	6.2%	+0.1pt	
Adjusted EBITDA	72,287	78,340	+8.4%	76,000
Adjusted EBITDA margin	5.4%	5.4%	-0.0pt	5.2%
Profit*1*2	29,971	35,871	+19.7%	36,500
Adjusted profit	38,839	41,440	+6.7%	42,200
EPS (Yen)	13.22	16.17	+22.3%	16.30
Adjusted EPS (Yen)	17.03	18.50	+8.6%	18.75

<sup>\*1</sup> Profit attributable to owners of parent

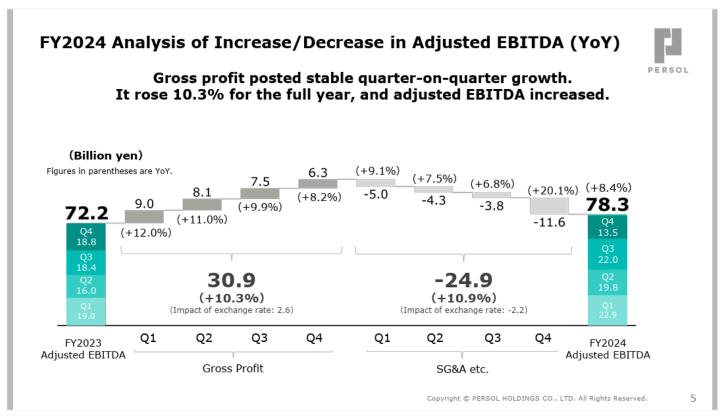
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First, I will start with the summary of consolidated financial results. As Mr. Wada explained, the overall financial results were very solid.

Revenue was 1 trillion 450 billion yen plus, up 9.4% vs FY2023. Operating profit was 57.4 billion yen, up 10.3% yoy. Adjusted EBITDA which we, the management team, consider to be of utmost importance, was 78.3 billion yen, up 8.4% yoy.

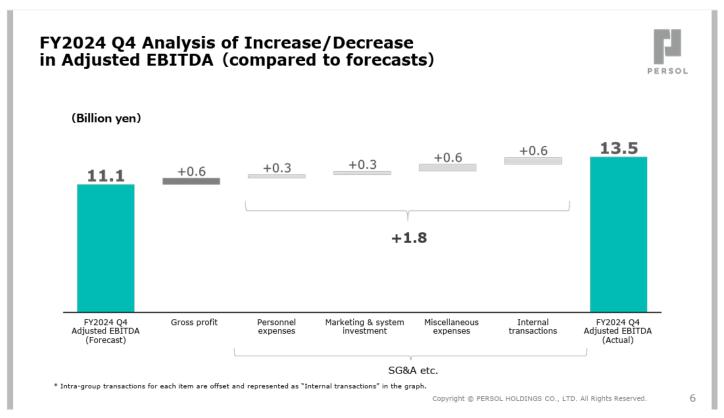
Profits for the current fiscal year also increased 19.7% yoy to 35.8 billion yen, but fell slightly short of the November forecast. The factors behind this are noted in the comments, but we had expected to be eligible for tax deductions under the wage increase tax system. However, we did not quite meet conditions, resulting in an increase in taxes, which was the main factor behind the decline.

<sup>\*2</sup> The difference between actual and forecasts profit is mainly due to the impact of tax credits. \*3 Exchange rates/ [AUD] FY2023: 95.1 yen, FY2024: 99.5 yen

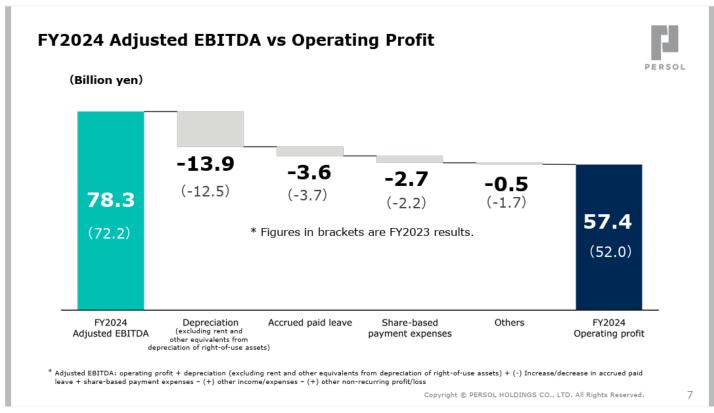


Next is a comparison of adjusted EBITDA with FY2023. Adjusted EBITDA for FY2023 was 72.2 billion yen. Gross profit increased 10.3% yoy or 30.9 billion yen.

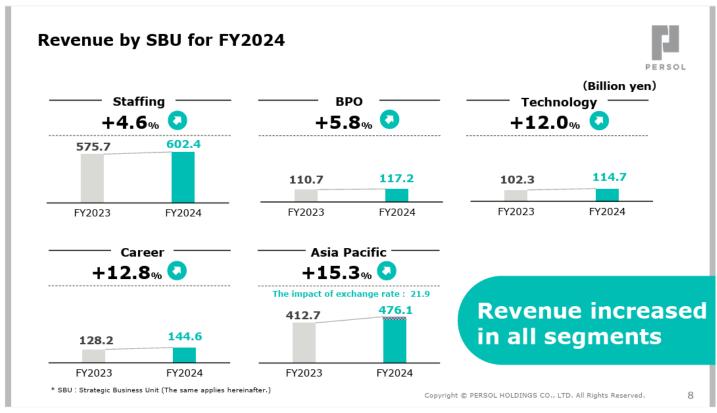
On the other hand, SG&A increased 24.9 billion yen. As explained in our February financial results briefing, we allocated approximately 6 billion yen more than usual for marketing investment and system development costs in the fourth quarter, resulting in a total of 11.6 billion yen. As a result, we recorded adjusted EBITDA of 78.3 billion yen.



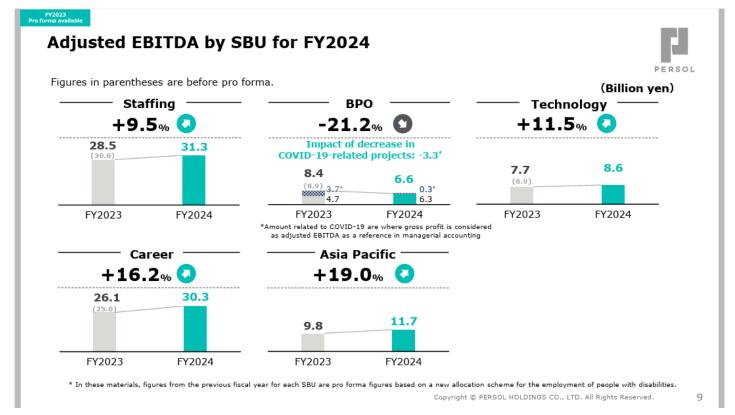
Next, I will explain the analysis of increase in adjusted EBITDA forecast of 11.1 billion yen to 13.5 billion yen actual. First, gross profit exceeded the forecast by 600 million yen. There were no major items in SG&A expenses, but we were able to reduce personnel expenses and marketing investments, resulting in a cost reduction of approximately 1.8 billion yen, achieving 13.5 billion yen of adjusted EBITDA.



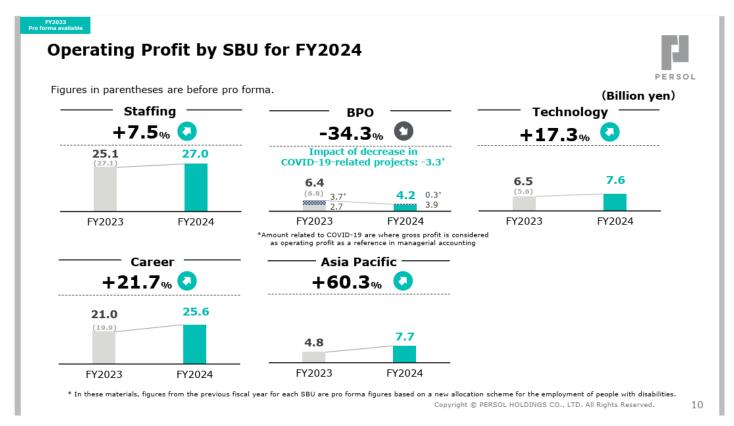
This is adjusted EBITDA vs operating profit. First, depreciation expenses for the FY2023, was 12.5 billion yen, while for FY 2024, they were 13.9 billion yen. There were no significant differences in accrued paid leave expenses or share-based payment expenses.



This slide is revenue by SBU. We achieved revenue increase in all segments. Especially, we achieved significant revenue growth of over 10% in Technology and Career SBUs. For Asia Pacific SBU, although there was an impact of approximately 5% from foreign exchange rates, we achieved a 10% increase in revenue in local currency.



This is yoy adjusted EBITDA by SBU. Although BPO SBU had an impact of decrease of 21.2% due to COVID-19-related projects, all other SBUs achieved increase in profits. Specifically, Staffing SBU achieved a 9.5% increase, while Technology, Career, and Asia Pacific SBUs achieved increases of over 10%.



Operating profit by SBU is the same as adjusted EBITDA, so I will omit the explanation and ask you to refer to the figures.

### **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position for FY2024**



(Million yen)	As of Mar. 31, 2024	As of Mar. 31, 2025	Change	
Current assets	312,690	299,974	-12,716	
(Major breakdown)				
Cash and cash equivalents	108,369	82,818	-25,551	
Trade and other receivables	169,008	179,794	+10,785	
Non-current assets	206,040	239,771	+33,731	
(Major breakdown)				
Right-of-use assets	35,973	49,078	+13,105	
Goodwill	59,019	70,065	+11,046	
Intangible assets	39,655	48,544	+8,889	
Total assets	518,730	539,746	+21,015	

	As of Mar. 31, 2024	As of Mar. 31, 2025	Change
Current liabilities	257,416	266,159	+8,743
(Major breakdown) Trade and other payables	95,270	99,508	+4,238
Bonds and borrowings	14,144	10,300	-3,844
Accrued paid leave	50,859	55,721	+4,862
Non-current liabilities	52,996	67,203	+14,206
(Major breakdown)			
Bonds and borrowings	20,000	20,000	-
Total liabilities	310,412	333,363	+22,950
Total equity	208,317	206,382	-1,935
Total equity attributable to owners of parent	192,349	189,633	-2,716
Total liabilities and equity	518,730	539,746	+21,015

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The financial results for the full year have been finalized, so I will explain the balance sheet and cash flow.

First, as a major change, cash and cash equivalents decreased by approximately 25 billion yen. This is due to the acquisition of a subsidiary of Fujitsu, which will be explained later, an increase of approximately 5 billion yen in working capital, and a decrease of approximately 4 billion yen in borrowings. In addition, regarding capital, share buyback was performed, resulting in a decrease in equity.

### **Balance of Goodwill**



The balance of goodwill of BPO SBU increased due to the acquisition of PERSOL COMMUNICATION SERVICES\*1.

Figures for Asia Pacific SBU changed due to exchange rates\*2 and the sale of the part of business.

SBU	As of Mar. 31, 2024	As of Mar. 31, 2025
Staffing	8,177	9,207
ВРО	6,362	18,676*3
Technology	1,988	1,988
Career	16,712	16,712
Asia Pacific	24,080	21,782
PERSOLKELLY	2,443	2,462
Programmed Staffing	6,305	5,961
Programmed Property Services	1,484	1,402
Programmed Facility Management	12,651	11,956
Programmed Others	1,195	0*4
Other than the above	1,698	1,698
Total	59,019	70,065

<sup>\*1</sup> Formerly Fujitsu Communication Services \*2 Exchange rates (end of fiscal year) / [AUD] As of Mar. 31, 2024: 98.7 yen; as of Mar. 31, 2025: 93.3 yen \*3 Other than goodwill, intangible assets of 5.6 billion yen were identified in connection with the acquisition of PERSOL COMMUNICATION SERVICES and

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This slide shows the balance of goodwill. As a result of the acquisition of Fujitsu's subsidiary mentioned earlier, goodwill increased by approximately 12 billion yen in the BPO SBU. In addition to the goodwill, as noted in the footnote below, we recognized 5.6 billion yen in intangible fixed assets of customers. We plan to amortize this over a period of 16 years.

will be amortized over 16 years (amount and number of years are provisional). \*4 Changes due to the sale of some businesses.

### Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for FY2024

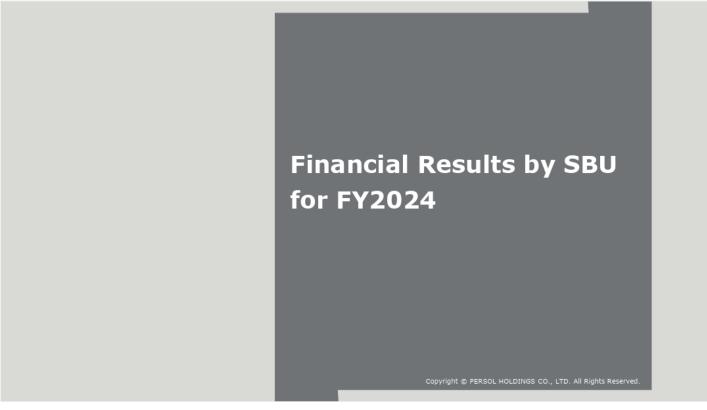


(Million yen)	FY2023	FY2024	Change	
Cash flows from operating activities	77,753	68,854	-8,899	
(Major breakdown) Profit before income taxes	48,926	57,156	+8,230	
Depreciation and amortization*1	29,634	32,984	+3,349	
Increase (decrease) in accrued consumption taxes and others*2	14,222	-6,669	-20,892	
Cash flows from investing activities	-19,000	-29,765	-10,764	
(Major breakdown) Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-3,279	-5,139	-1,859	
Purchase of intangible assets	-12,207	-13,284	-1,076	
Purchase of shares of subsidiaries resulting in change in scope of consolidation	-646	-17,839	-17,193	
Free cash flow	58,753	39,089	-19,664	
Cash flows from financing activities	-53,803	-63,878	-10,075	
(Major breakdown) Issuance/redemption of bonds, proceeds/repayments of borrowings	-18,065	-4,825	+13,239	
Purchase of treasury shares	-0	-20,000	-19,999	
Dividends paid	-18,921	-19,809	-887	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	108,369	82,818	-25,551	

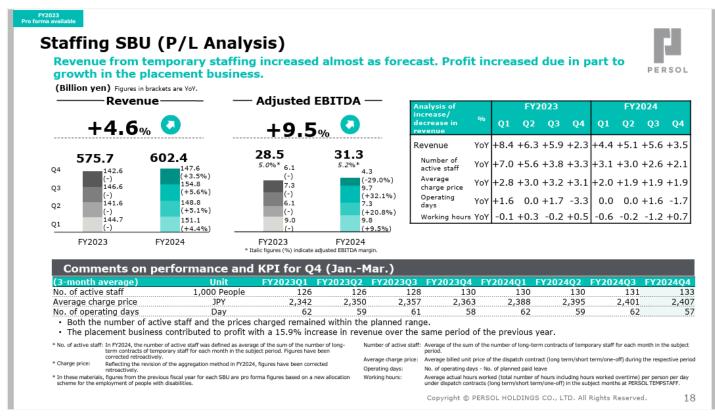
<sup>\*1</sup> Including rent and other equivalents (17,079 million yen in FY2023 and 19,019 million yen in FY2024)
\*2 Impact of the holiday on March 31, 2024, etc.

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This is consolidated cash flow. Compared to FY2023, operating cash flow in FY2024 decreased by approximately 9 billion yen. The payment was rescheduled to FY2024 due to the fact that March 31, 2024, the last day of FY2023, was a weekend. Operating cash flow for the business remains solid. Also, regarding investing cash flow, as explained earlier, the acquisition of a subsidiary of Fujitsu resulted in an acquisition cost of 20.3 billion yen. However, since the acquired company held approximately 3 billion yen plus in cash and cash equivalents, the negative investing cash flow amounts to approximately 17.8 billion yen.



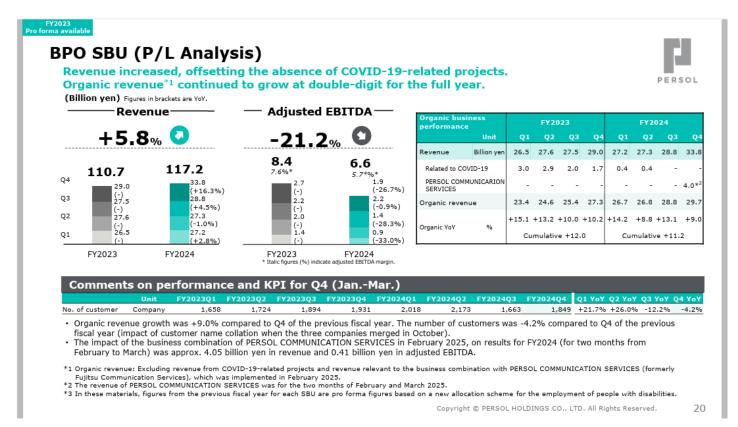
Next, I will explain the financial results by SBU.



Let me start with Staffing SBU, our main pillar of business. Revenue increased 4.6% from FY2023. In addition, adjusted EBITDA increased 9.5% to 31.3 billion yen, reflecting steady performance in the placement business. Regarding the KPIs for the fourth quarter, please refer to the right side of the table. Number of active staffs increased by 2%, and average charge price also increased by approximately 2%. However, revenue growth slowed slightly in the fourth quarter. As shown in the table below, this was due to the fact that there were 58 operating days in the fourth quarter of FY2023, compared to 57 operating days in the fourth quarter of FY2024.



There are 2 topics related to Staffing SBU. Please take a look at them later.



Next is BPO SBU. We achieved revenue increase, offsetting the impact of absence COVID-19-related projects.

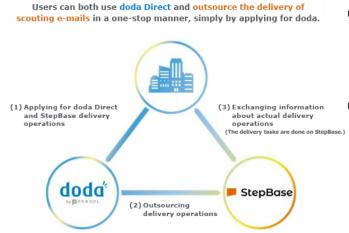
On the right side, we have the impact of absence of COVID-19-related projects and the acquisition of Fujitsu's subsidiary, which we explained earlier. February and March are included in the consolidated results, and the acquisition resulted in 4 billion yen increase in revenue and 410-million-yen impact on adjusted EBITDA.

## Business Topics: BPO SBU $\times$ Career SBU





▶ Providing one-stop support for operations related to scouting, aiming to reduce the workload of recruiters staff by 15%



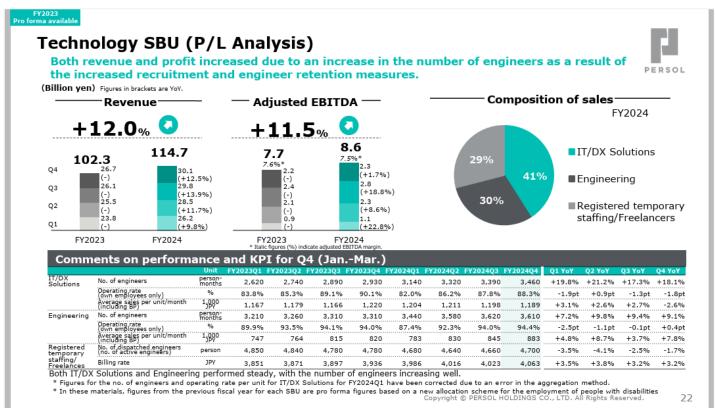
- Collaboration between <u>StepBase</u>, an online BPO service involving back-office operations that is provided by BPO SBU, and <u>doda Direct</u>, a leading scouting service in Japan operated by Career SBU, was launched.
- Tasks that have been done by corporate users of doda Direct, such as creating job postings and delivering scouting e-mails, can now be outsourced to StepBase, enabling a significant reduction in labor for recruiters and speedy, easy implementation of effective recruitment activities.

Details are available  $\underline{\text{here}}$  (only available in Japanese).

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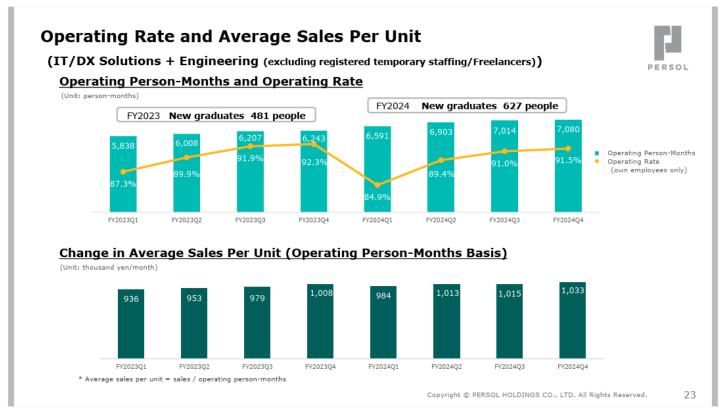
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This slide shows business topics related to BPO SBU and Career SBU. BPO SBU's 'StepBase' and Career SBU's 'doda Direct', are collaborating, and are starting to provide services to consumers as a group.



Let me move on to the third SBU, Technology SBU.

Technology SBU reported a 12% increase in revenue and an 11.5% increase in adjusted EBITDA, reflecting strong performance. Regarding KPIs, the number of engineers increased 18% in the IT/DX Solutions and 9% in Engineering, indicating a healthy growth in the number of engineers. Regarding average sales per unit /month, the IT/DX Solutions saw a 2.6% decrease compared to the fourth quarter of FY2023. However, this decrease is due to the rescheduling of system development project within the group to FY2025, and we do not anticipate any significant business concerns.



We have the number of full-time employees (excluding registered temporary staffing and freelancers) in the IT/DX Solutions and Engineering as well as their operating rate.

Number of operating persons increased steadily from 6,243 in fourth quarter of FY2023 to 7,080 in fourth quarter of FY2024. The operating rate decreased slightly from 92.3% to 91.5%, but our group is shifting from temporary staffing to contracting services. As a result, the operating rate will decline slightly, but on the other hand, the average sales per unit will increase, so our overall strategy is to increase our gross profit, and the figures are almost as planned.

## **Business Topics: Technology SBU**



#### Initiatives to strengthen the solution business

- Responding to issues faced by companies and social needs by providing advanced technologies as easy, convenient, effective solutions instead of handling them as mere technologies -

## Providing solutions to optimize Azure cost

- We have released a simulator that is capable of estimating the reduction in the cost of Microsoft Azure easily and for free, so as to reduce the growing cost of the cloud.
- Based on the expertise we have cultivated through the provision of solutions related to Microsoft products, the simulator provides knowledge, tools, etc. that are not available with standard functions to help optimize cloud costs. It thus helps improve the productivity of the organization.



Details are available here (only available in Japanese).

### Japan's first laser-AI total tire tread measurement system

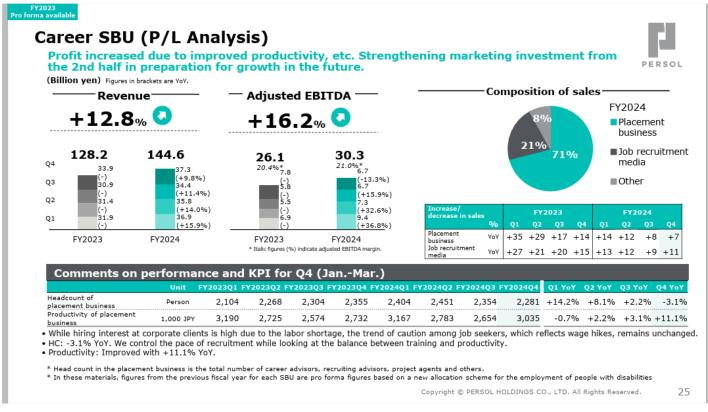
- We have developed AI Mizo-miru-kun®, Japan's first handy tire tread measurement system that uses a unique laser technology to measure tire tread depth with high precision and check for tire deterioration with AI and image-processing technologies on behalf of a professional auto technician.
- The system automates conventional inspection processes as much as possible to help reduce errors and workload, helping to improve safety.



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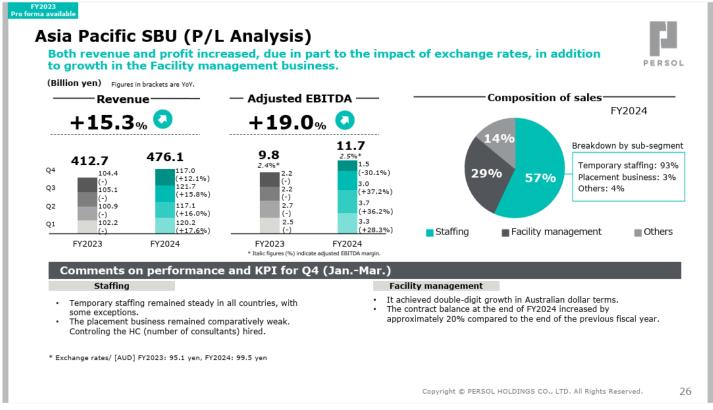
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We have 2 topics from Technology SBU. Please refer to it later.



This is Career SBU. Revenue increased 12.8% and adjusted EBITDA grew 16%. Although there were some uncertainties at the beginning of FY2024, we believe we were able to achieve our targets within the scope of our forecasts.

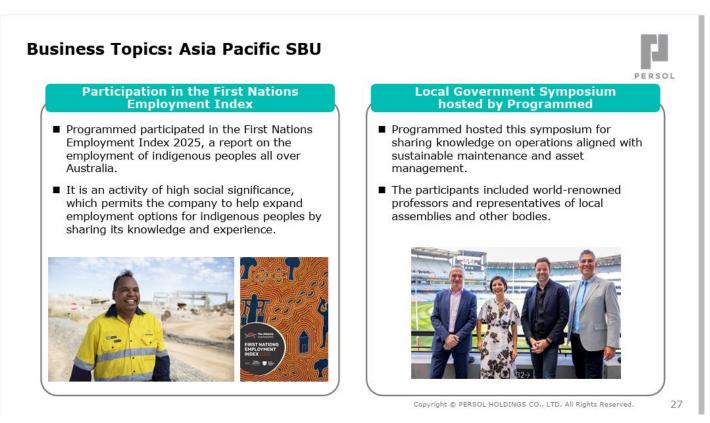
At the same time, revenue in the fourth quarter of FY2024 grew approximately 10%. While hiring interest at corporate clients are high, it seems that there is a bit of a cautionary trend among job seekers due to wage hikes. Based on that, the table in the middle shows our intention to control the number of consultants while improving the productivity of each consultant.



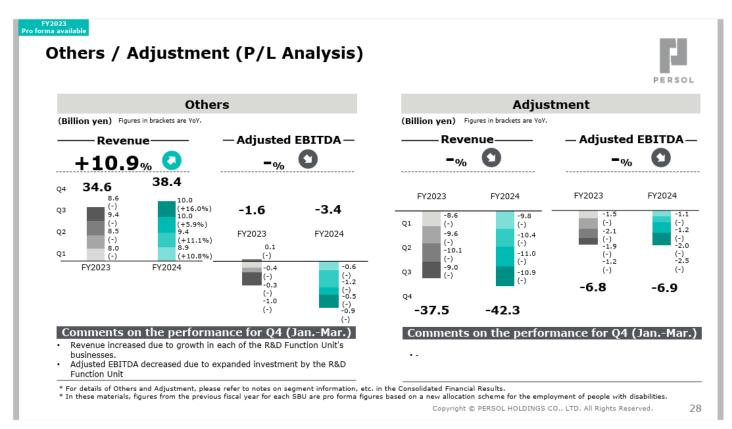
Last of all is Asia Pacific SBU. As I mentioned at the beginning, there was a 5% impact from foreign exchange, but even on a local currency basis, we were able to increase revenue by approximately 10%.

The market situation for Asia Pacific SBU is that temporary staffing is somehow slow in Australia but remains strong in Asia. Regarding placement business, the situation is somewhat weak in both Asia and Australia. We thus intend to focus on cost control, including the number of consultants.

On the other hand, facility management continues to perform well, achieving double-digit growth. The contract balance at the end of FY2024 increased by approximately 20% compared to the end of the previous fiscal year.



Please refer to the business topics from Asia Pacific SBU later.



Last of all is Others / Adjustment. For Others, adjusted EBITDA expanded from negative 1.6 billion yen to negative 3.4 billion yen, and the loss increased. This is because of an upfront investment by Sharefull, specifically for strengthening sales personnel and marketing investment. There is no significant gap in consolidated adjustments between FY2023 and FY2024.

## Business Topics: PERSOL RESEARCH AND CONSULTING





We have the business topics for PERSOL RESEARCH AND CONSULTING. Please refer to it later.

That concludes my presentation on the consolidated financial results and the results of each SBU. Overall, I believe that the results were very solid and favorable. That is all from me.

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[President and CEO Wada]

Next, I will explain the full-year earnings forecast for FY2025.

## Full-Year Financial Forecasts for FY2025 (Consolidated)



### Targeting double-digit growth in adjusted EBITDA, forecasting record profit

	FY2	024 Actu	al	FY2025 Forecasts						
							YoY			
<sup>(</sup> Billion yen)	1H	2H	Full Year	1H	2H	Full Year	1H	2H	Full Year	
Revenue	717.5	733.6	1,451.2	757.0	783.0	1,540.0	+5.5%	+6.7%	+6.1%	
Operating profit*1	32.1	25.3	57.4	34.3	31.7	66.0	+6.8%	+25.2%	+14.9%	
OP margin	4.5%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	4.0%	4.3%	+0.1pt	+0.6pt	+0.3pt	
Adjusted EBITDA	42.7	35.5	78.3	43.0	43.5	86.5	+0.5%	+22.3%	+10.4%	
Adjusted EBITDA margin	6.0%	4.8%	5.4%	5.7%	5.6%	5.6%	-0.3pt	+0.7pt	+0.2pt	
Profit*1*2	21.3	14.4	35.8	21.0	20.0	41.0	-1.8%	+38.0%	+14.3%	
Adjusted profit	24.8	16.6	41.4	22.5	23.0	45.5	-9.3%	+38.4%	+9.8%	
EPS (Yen)*1	9.56	6.61	16.17	9.41	8.96	18.37	-1.6%	+35.6%	+13.6%	
Adjusted EPS (Yen)	10.99	7.51	18.50	10.08	10.30	20.39	-8.3%	+37.2%	+10.2%	

<sup>\*1</sup> The gain on the sale of businesses (approx. 2.5 billion yen) is included in forecasts for the first half of FY2025. This gain on sale is included in operating profit, profit, and EPS but not included in adjusted EBITDA, adjusted profit, and adjusted EPS. The amount may change after scrutiny in the future.

\*2 Profit attributable to owners of parent

\*3 Exchange rates/ [AUD] FY2024 1H: 101.3 yen, FY2024 Full year: 99.5 yen, FY2025 Forecasts (1H and full year): 95.0 yen

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Full-year revenue is expected to increase 6.1% to 1 trillion 540 billion yen. Operating profit is expected to increase 14.9% to 66 billion yen, and adjusted EBITDA is expected to increase 10.4% to 86.5 billion yen, representing double-digit growth. We expect adjusted EPS to increase 10.2% to 20.39 yen.

## Forecasts by SBU



		FY2025		Mid- to long- term					
Figures in the parentheses indicate YoY change.	Revenue (Billion yen)	Adjusted EBITDA (Billion yen)	Adjusted EBITDA margin	Adjusted EBITDA margin target	FY2025 forecasts				
Consolidated	1,540.0	86.5	5.6%						
Consolidated	(+6.1%)	(+10.4%)	(+0.2pt)	-					
Staffing*1	618.0	34.2	5.5%	FY27	No. of active staff: +3% YoY, Average charge price: +2% YoY Continuing system investments to reduce future costs, and optimizing SG&A expenses				
Starring -	(+5.2%)	(+10.4%)	(+0.3pt)	6%	with a focus on personnel expenses.				
ВРО	147.0	10.0	6.8%	FY28	Organic revenue growth*2 is forecast to be approx. 10%.				
БРО	(+25.4%)	(+50.0%)	(+1.1pt)	8%	Improving the margin with revenue increase and control of SG&A expenses.				
Technology	129.0	10.0	7.8%	FY28	No. of engineers*3 at the end of FY25 (compared to the end of FY24): +12%				
reclinology	(+12.5%)	(+15.7%)	(+0.2pt)	10%	No. of persons hired*3: +9% YoY, Turnover rate*3: 8%				
Career	155.0	34.1	22.0%	Maintaining a	Placement: +5.4% YoY, Job recruitment media: +7.9% YoY				
Career	(+7.2%)	(+12.3%)	(+1.0pt)	20% level	Continuing to improve consultants' productivity.				
Asia Pacific	482.0	11.0	2.3%		Revenue growth excluding the impact of exchange rates is forecast to be +5.1%. Adjusted EBITDA margin is forecast to be 2.7% if there is no system renewal (approx.				
ASIA PACITIC	(+1.2%)	(-6.0%)	(-0.2pt)	-	2.0 billion yen).				
Others*1	59.0	-1.8	-		Adjusted EBITDA is forecast to be improved by 1.2 billion yen from the previous year				
Others 1	(+10.4%)	-	-	-	due to business expansion.				
Adiustment	-50.0	-11.0	-		-				

<sup>\*1</sup> Some businesses of Staffing SBU has transferred to Others in April 2025. FY2024 figures will be disclosed retrospectively from FY2025 Q1 results, so FY2025 forecasts and YoY figures take this transfer into account

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This is forecasts by SBU. Starting this time, we will be providing a breakdown of each SBU's initiatives for the current fiscal year. Under the FY2025 forecasts, we have outlined how each SBU plans to achieve the growth.

I would like to draw your attention especially to Staffing, BPO, and Technology SBUs. We will actively promote initiatives to improve profitability toward FY2027 and FY2028. We are working toward achieving adjusted EBITDA margins of 6% for Staffing SBU in FY2027, 8% for BPO SBU in FY2028, and 10% for Technology SBU in FY2028.

<sup>\*2</sup> Rate of growth excluding revenue related to COVID-19-related projects and revenue relevant to the business combination with PERSOL COMMUNICATION SERVICES, which was implemented in February 2025.

\*3 Excluding dispatched engineers and freelancers

### Outlook for Businesses of Career SBU



### Outlook for the market environment

#### The current trend of the majority group\*1 will continue.

- Corporate demand will be brisk reflecting the labor shortage, but there will be a trend of careful selection.
- Job seekers will be cautious about making moves, mainly due to the enhancement of retention measures by their current companies, including wage hikes.
- The high-income group\*1 will continue its high rate of growth.

#### Our actions

- Continuing to strengthen marketing investment for acquiring top-of-mind awareness among job seekers, aiming for double-digit revenue growth from FY2026.
- Continuing to strengthen high-income group\*1.

### High market growth potential

Short

Mid-to

long-term

- Existence of many potential job changers\*2
- Both the number of job seekers and that of jobs available will increase due to the increasing mobility of employment.
- The cautious trend among the majority group\*1 will be stabilize over the next few years and will be active again.
- Strengthening technology investment to achieve improved efficiency and further enhance the value of human intervention, thus improving the customer experience
  - Companies seeking employees: Streamlining the recruitment process
  - Job seekers: Simplification of the application process
  - Matching:
  - Significant improvement in quality and speed
- \*1 Majority group: Job seekers with an average annual income range of 4 to 6 million yen, High-income group: Job seekers with an average annual income range of more than 6 million yen \*2 The gap between the number of job seekers (10 million) and the number of actual job changers (3 million) is defined as potential job changers (7 million). [Source] Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Labor Force Survey, "Recent Trends of Job Changers and Job Seekers 2024".

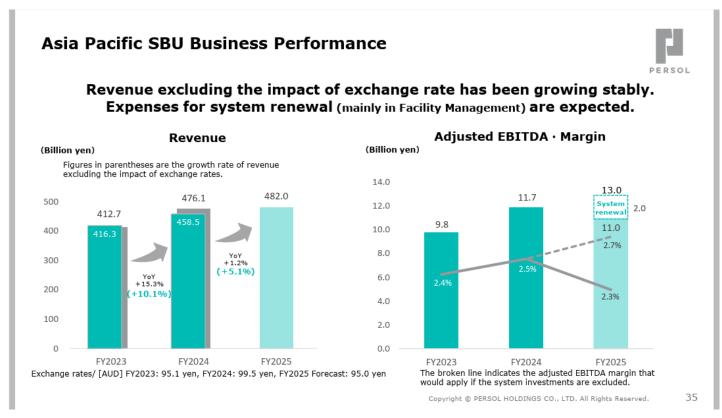
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I will briefly explain the business outlook for Career SBU.

In FY2025, we recognize that job seekers will continue to be cautious about changing jobs and will remain in a wait-and-see mode. We believe that this trend has continued from the second half of FY2024. In particular, we recognize that wage increases, improved treatment, and employee retention measures by companies are proving effective, but we also recognize that this will lead to continued caution.

However, in the long run, the number of people intending to change jobs exceeds 10 million nationwide, but the actual number of people who are changing jobs is now only 3 million. We therefore believe that the job changes of these 3 million people, as well as the remaining 7 million people, will become more active over a period of time in the future. With that in mind, we are aiming for doubledigit growth again in FY2026, but for FY2025, we are forecasting growth of around 7%.

In order to achieve double-digit growth in FY2026, we believe it is necessary for job seekers to recognize and be aware of PERSOL Group and doda as their first name to remember. Therefore, we intend to continue to invest appropriately and actively in marketing. In addition, we plan to accelerate our investment in technology this year and work to enhance customer experience so that customers can further appreciate the value of human involvement. Of course, we will utilize DX and AI as a matter of course, and we intend to enhance the value of our Career business in various ways, including reviewing the entire business process.



Finally, I would like to mention our initiatives in Asia Pacific SBU. As I mentioned earlier, Asia Pacific is also achieving double-digit growth and improving its adjusted EBITDA margin by 0.1pt, but we are planning to make investment in systems in FY2025. We decided that it is specifically necessary to strengthen the systems of our facility management business, which is performing very well and is highly profitable. In FY2025, we plan to make a total of 2 billion yen in system investment in Asia Pacific SBU, focusing on facility management systems. We intend to continue this investment in the coming 2 years, FY2025 and FY2026, investing 2 billion yen each year. By doing so, we aim to increase the likelihood of winning larger APAC businesses and contract awards, as well as improve our operational performance.

### Financial Forecasts for FY2025 by SBU Revenue



(Billion yen)	FY2024 Actual			FY20	25 Foreca	ists	YoY		
	1H	2H	Full Year	1H	2H	Full Year	1H	2H	Full Year
Consolidated	717.5	733.6	1,451.2	757.0	783.0	1,540.0	+5.5%	+6.7%	+6.1%
Staffing*1	292.5	294.8	587.3	307.0	311.0	618.0	+4.9%	+5.5%	+5.2%
вро	54.5	62.6	117.2	70.0	77.0	147.0	+28.2%	+22.9%	+25.4%
Technology	54.7	59.9	114.7	62.0	67.0	129.0	+13.3%	+11.7%	+12.5%
Career	72.8	71.7	144.6	78.0	77.0	155.0	+7.0%	+7.3%	+7.2%
Asia Pacific*2	237.3	238.7	476.1	236.0	246.0	482.0	-0.6%	+3.0%	+1.2%
Others*1	25.7	27.7	53.4	28.0	31.0	59.0	+8.8%	+11.8%	+10.4%
Adjusted	-20.3	-21.9	-42.3	-24.0	-26.0	-50.0	_	-	_

<sup>\*1</sup> Some businesses of Staffing SBU has transferred to Others in April 2025. FY2024 figures will be disclosed retrospectively from FY2025 Q1 results, so FY2024 results,

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## Financial Forecasts for FY2025 by SBU Adjusted EBITDA & Adjusted EBITDA Margin



(Billion yen)	FY2	FY2024 Actual FY2025 Forecasts YoY			ctual FY2025 Forecasts				
	1H	2H	Full Year	1H	2H	Full Year	1H	2H	Full Year
Consolidated	42.7	35.5	78.3	43.0	43.5	86.5	+0.5%	+22.3%	+10.4%
Consolidated	6.0%	4.8%	5.4%	5.7%	5.6%	5.6%	-0.3pt	+0.7pt	+0.2pt
Ch-66:*1	16.9	14.0	30.9	17.9	16.3	34.2	+5.5%	+16.3%	+10.4%
Staffing <sup>*1</sup>	5.8%	4.8%	5.3%	5.8%	5.2%	5.5%	+0.0pt	+0.5pt	+0.3pt
BDO	2.4	4.2	6.6	3.5	6.5	10.0	+44.5%	+53.1%	+50.0%
ВРО	4.4%	6.8%	5.7%	5.0%	8.4%	6.8%	+0.6pt	+1.7pt	+1.1pt
Tachnalamı	3.4	5.1	8.6	4.2	5.8	10.0	+20.5%	+12.5%	+15.7%
Technology	6.4%	8.6%	7.5%	6.8%	8.7%	7.8%	+0.4pt	+0.1pt	+0.2pt
Camaan	16.8	13.5	30.3	17.7	16.4	34.1	+5.3%	+20.9%	+12.3%
Career	23.1%	18.9%	21.0%	22.7%	21.3%	22.0%	-0.4pt	+2.4pt	+1.0pt
Asia Dasifis*2	7.0	4.6	11.7	5.5	5.5	11.0	-22.3%	+18.8%	-6.0%
Asia Pacific <sup>*2</sup>	3.0%	1.9%	2.5%	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%	-0.7pt	+0.3pt	-0.2pt
Others*1	-1.6	-1.4	-3.0	-1.6	-0.2	-1.8	_	_	_
Adjusted	-2.3	-4.5	-6.9	-4.2	-6.8	-11.0	_	_	_

<sup>\*1</sup> Some businesses of Staffing SBU has transferred to Others in April 2025. FY2024 figures will be disclosed retrospectively from FY2025 Q1 results, so FY2024 results, FY2025 forecasts and YoY figures take this transfer into account (unaudited).

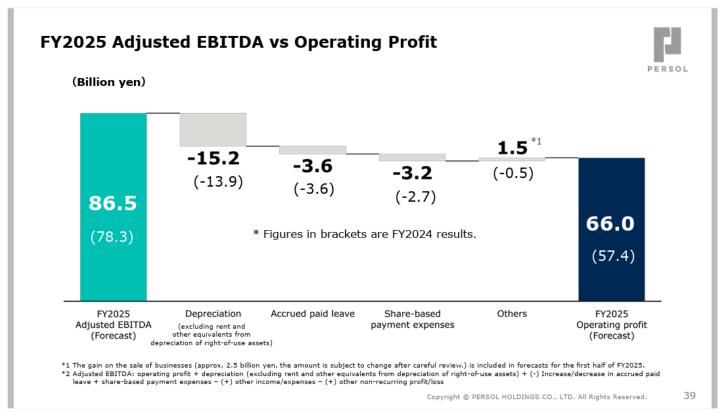
\*2 Exchange rates / [AUD] FY2024 1H: 101.3 yen, FY2024 Full year: 99.5 yen, FY2025 Forecast (1H and full year): 95.0 yen

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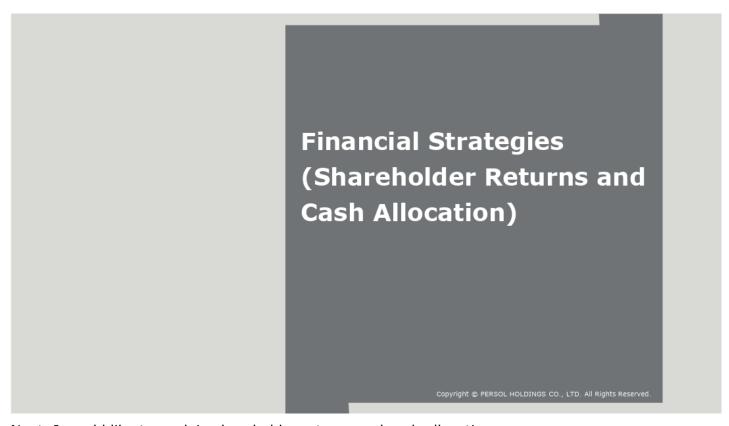
Based on the explanation I just gave, we have full-year financial forecasts for FY2025 by SBU. We have the revenue and on page 37, adjusted EBITDA by SBU. What we would like to highlight on this page specifically, is that Staffing and Career SBUs both are expected to achieve adjusted EBITDA of over 34 billion yen, and that BPO, Technology, and Asia Pacific SBUs each are forecast to secure adjusted EBITDA of over 10 billion yen. We believe that you will acknowledge once more that our business portfolio is firmly established.

FY2025 forecasts and YoY figures take this transfer into account (unaudited).

\*2 Exchange rates / [AUD] FY2024 1H: 101.3 yen, FY2024 Full year: 99.5 yen, FY2025 Forecast (1H and full year): 95.0 yen



This slide shows a bridge chart of adjusted EBITDA vs operating profit. As the structure is almost the same as what explained earlier in FY2024's bridge, I believe you can see that the path of adjusted EBITDA of 86.5 billion yen to operating profit of 66 billion yen.

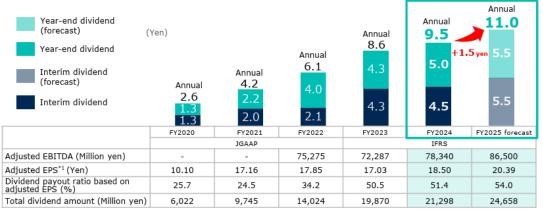


Next, I would like to explain shareholder returns and cash allocation.

### **Dividend Trends and Forecasts**



The year-end dividend for FY2024 will be 5.0 yen,
0.5 yen more than the initial forecast (annual dividends: 9.5 yen).
The annual dividends for FY2025 (forecast) is increased by 1.5 yen YoY,
to 11.0 yen, a record high.

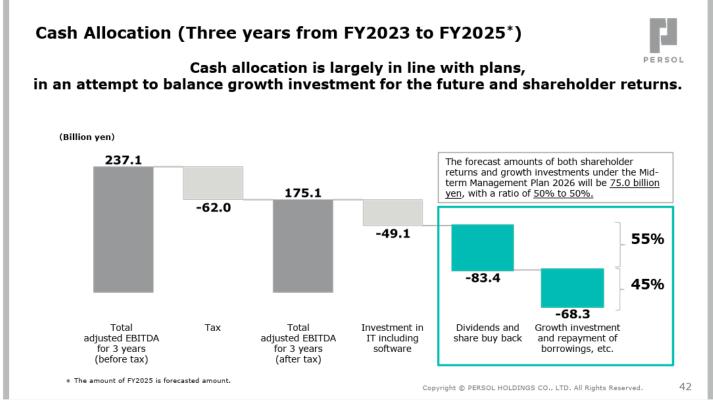


<sup>\*</sup> Due to a 10-for-1 stock split of shares of common stock effective October 1, 2023, the dividend per share and adjusted EPS are calculated as if the stock split had taken place, including those for prior periods.

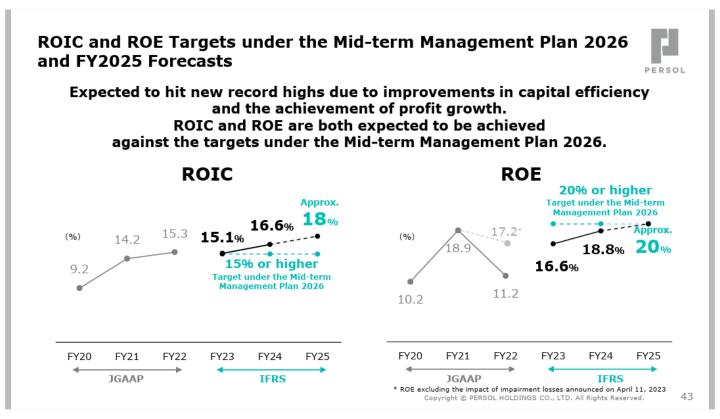
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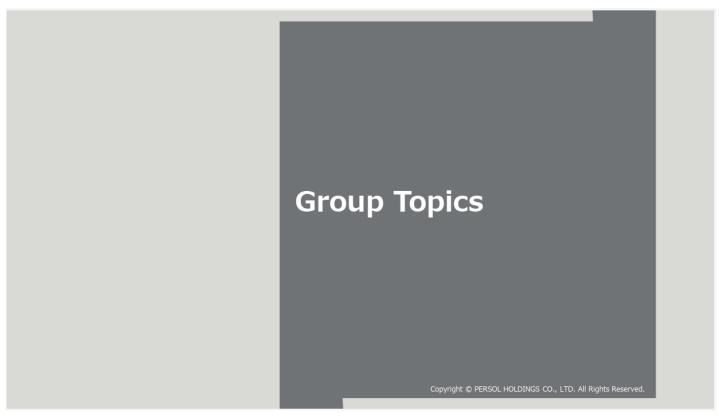
We are showing dividends for FY2024 and forecast for FY2025. For FY2024, the annual dividend will be 9.5 yen, an increase of 0.5 yen compared to the initial forecast. In FY2025, we are planning an annual dividend of 11 yen, an increase by 1.5 yen. We plan to perform well and give returns to shareholders.



This is cash allocation. This is the Mid-term Management Plan announced in 2023 and the target for FY2025. It is in line with the plan. According to our initial plan, we planned to allocate approximately half of the amount to shareholder dividends and share buybacks, and the other half to growth investments and debt repayment, allocating 75 billion yen each. But 83.4 billion yen was used for dividends and share buybacks, and 68.3 billion yen for growth investments and debt repayment. Although the ratio is slightly skewed toward dividends, we expect to achieve this result for the current fiscal year.



This is ROIC and ROE trends. We expect to proceed as planned in our Mid-term Management Plan. We expect ROIC to be approximately 18% for current fiscal year, and ROE to be around 20%, which is in line with our Mid-term Management target.



Finally, I would like to talk about the group topics.

# PERSOL Group Selected among Noteworthy DX Companies 2025 in Digital Transformation Stocks (DX Stocks)





- The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and the Information-technology Promotion Agency, Japan jointly select companies that have constructed internal systems to promote DX leading to greater corporate value and that display outstanding results from their utilization of digital technologies, from among companies listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- PERSOL was selected in recognition of the fact that its story of utilization of digital technologies is made clear in its management vision, that it has adopted remuneration systems reflecting consciousness of personal development of individuals and their market value in the development of digital human resources, and that DX in temporary staffing business has produced successful results steadily, with use of generative AI in the business having been established.

Details are available <a href="here">here</a> (only available in Japanese).

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We have been working on utilizing our technology and promoting DX. And we have been selected as noteworthy DX companies 2025 by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Tokyo Stock Exchange. We hope you will recognize us as one of the DX related stocks. I would like to convey to you that our initiatives in this domain have been evaluated highly.

### Information about IR DAY 2025



We will hold PERSOL IR DAY 2025.

Time: July 22 (Tuesday)

Theme: PERSOL Technology Overview

The Group's initiatives based on AI and DX and future direction —

Speaker: Yuta Tsuge, Executive Officer CIO/CDO

Method: Web (Simultaneous broadcast in Japanese and English)

To whom: Institutional investors and analysts

(to be disclosed on our website at a later date)

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We are planning to host PERSOL IR Day to share our initiatives. We are planning July 22 to share details about the PERSOL group's use of AI, promotion of DX, and other related topics, as well as our future direction, in order to gain your understanding. The event will be held online, and we hope that institutional investors and analysts will join us if they have time.

This concludes my presentation. Thank you.

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