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## Presentation

**Moderator:** Thank you very much for taking time out of your busy schedules today to participate in the financial results briefing for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, of USS Co., Ltd.

In attendance today are Mr. Ando, Chairman and Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Seta, President and Representative Director, Chief Operating Officer; and Mr. Yamanaka, Director, Executive Vice President, Officer of the Supervisory Office. First, CEO Ando will explain the financial results, followed by a Q&A session. The entire meeting will last approximately one hour.

Now, Mr. Ando will give an explanation. Thank you, CEO.

Ando: Yes. Hello everyone. My name is Ando, and I am the CEO. Thank you very much for taking time out of your busy schedules today to participate in the FY2022 financial results briefing. As the secretariat has just informed you, the system allows for a question-and-answer session and interactive communication with all of you.

I will begin with an explanation of the financial results according to the presentation materials, followed by a question-and-answer session. We would like to take as many questions as time permits, so please do not hesitate to contact us.



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Please see page four of the document. There are three key points in today's explanation.

The first is the consolidated financial results for the full year. Since the fall of 2022, the shortage of new vehicles due to semiconductor and parts shortages has improved and the backlog of orders, or so-called back orders, has been eliminated. As the number of used cars in circulation increased, the used car market began to decline. The auction market as a whole saw a 5% increase in the number of units consigned and a 2% increase in the number of units contracted compared to the previous year. In this environment, the number

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of units consigned by the Company was 108% of the previous year's total, and the number of units contracted was 104% YoY. Consolidated results reached record highs in all sales and profit categories.

The second point is the full-year forecast. With the expected recovery in the number of new car registrations, sales are expected to reach JPY92.4 billion, 104% of the previous year's level. Operating income is projected to be JPY45.3 billion, 103% of the previous year's level.

The third point is about shareholder returns. The annual dividend per share for FY2022 will be JPY67.5, as announced in November, marking the 23rd consecutive fiscal year of dividend increase since the Company was listed on the stock exchange. In addition, we forecast an increase of JPY1.9 to JPY69.4 in dividends for FY2023, aiming to increase dividends for 24 consecutive fiscal years.

## FY2022 Summary of Consolidated Results of Operations



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- Sales was up 9.0% YoY to ¥88.77 billion, operating profit was up 5.3% to ¥43.77 billion, and profit attributable to owners of parent up 0.9% to ¥30.00 billion.
- (Million yen) Revised plan FY2021 (per sales) FY2022 (Per sales) Year on year (per sales) VS. plan Net sales 81,482 88,778 109.0% 85,529 103.8% 30,710 37.7% 35.135 39.6% 114.4% 32,459 38.0% 108.2% Cost of sales 50,772 62.3% 53,642 60.4% 105.7% 53,070 62.0% Gross profit 101.1% Selling, general and 9,197 11.3% 9,864 11.1% 107.3% 9,609 11.2% 102.7% administrative expenses Operating profit 41,574 51.0% 43,778 49.3% 105.3% 43,460 50.8% 100.7% 52.0% 44,491 105.0% Ordinary profit 42,374 50.1% 44,176 51.7% 100.7% Profit attributable to 29,745 36.5% 30,008 33.8% 100.9% 30,000 35.1% 100.0% owners of parent
- Record-high sales, operating profit, ordinary profit and Profit attributable to owners of parent

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The slide you are looking at is the consolidated financial results for FY2022, as explained in the key points of the financial results.

As I mentioned earlier, we recorded record highs in sales and all profit categories.

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## Net Sales and Operating Profit by Business Segment

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Net sales	FY2020		FY2021		FY2022	k (	Year on year
Auto auction		61,048		64,858		69,304	106.91
Used vehicle purchasing and selling		8,646		9,300		10,391	111.79
Recycling		4,829		7,238		8,982	124.19
Other		351		85		99	116.3
Total		74,874		81,482		88,778	109.0
Operating profit (operating margin)	FY2020		FY2021		FY2022		Year on year
Auto auction	35,463 (	(57.7%)	40,217	(61.7%)	42,267	(60.7%)	105.1
Used vehicle purchasing and selling	271	(3.1%)	136	(1.5%)	130	(1.3%)	95.4
Recycling	376	(7.8%)	1,142	(15.8%)	1,333	(14.8%)	116.7
Other	23	(6.8%)	58	(68.0%)	27	(28.0%)	47.9
Adjustment	91	(-)	19	(-)	18	(-)	94.9
Total	36,227	(48.4%)	41,574	(51.0%)	43,778	(49.3%)	105.3

nt profit by seg \*1 Net sales are sales to external cultumers and operating profit is based on business segment earnings. Operating margins (shown % in parenthese) are calculated by dividing segment profit to \*2 Beginning with FY2X02, the recycle business, which was previously included in 'other,' is a reportation segment. Figures for 'recycling' and 'other' have been revised to conform with this char.

The following table shows sales and operating income by segment.

The details of each segment will be explained later.

## FY2022 Reasons for Change in Operating Profit (Actual)



This chart shows the change in operating income compared to the previous year.

The first factor behind the increase in net sales was an increase in commissions due to an increase in the number of units consigned, as well as an increase in the number of orders for large-scale demolition projects in the plant recycling business.

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Continuing on with the increase in guaranteed purchase of low value vehicles, USS has placed some low value vehicles that are older in age and have high mileage in some corners and is auctioning them with a guaranteed purchase price. Due to the impact of higher scrap market prices, the guaranteed purchase unit price for low value vehicles also increased.

The increase in cost of goods sold in the cost of sales factor is due to an increase in the number of vehicles sold in the low value car purchase and used car purchase and sales businesses. The increase in purchase amount was due to an increase in transaction volume related to large-scale demolition work in the plant recycling business. The increase in outsourcing costs can be attributed to higher labor costs, as some of the auction operations on the premises are outsourced.

In addition, the allowance for doubtful accounts, which is a factor in selling, general and administrative expenses, was increased in the finance business.

### Consolidated Balance Sheets and Statements of Cash Flows USS

- Increase in purchase of property, plant and equipment and time deposits were the primary uses of cash for investing activities.
- The primary use of cash in financing activities was dividends paid.
- Equity ratio : 78.8%

	FY21	FY22		FY21	FY22		FY20	FY21	FY22	Changes
Current assets	103,872	116,057	Current liabilities	37,884	39,273	Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	38,407	36,630	36,907	27
Cash and deposits	79,380	92,692	Payables due to member dealers at auction	21,213	22,595	Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	-9,330	-1,339	-9,074	-7,73
Other	24,491	23.365	Other	16,670	16,678	Free cash flow	29,076	35,290	27,832	-7,45
ion-current issets	125,481	126,295	Non-current liabilities	8,996	8,925	Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	-15,035	-24,680	-17,121	-7,55
Property, plant and equipment	100.379	100,604	Total liabilities	46,880	48,198					
Other	25,102	25,690	Total net assets	182,473	194,154	Capital expenditures (Terms of cash flows)	8,985	2,036	4,567	2,53
otal assets	229,354	242,352	Total liabilities and net assets	229,354	242,352	Depreciation	5,334	4,959	4,626	-33

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Next, the consolidated balance sheet shows that the equity ratio was 78.8%, maintaining a high level of financial security.

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## Automobile Market



From here, we will explain the trends in automobile distribution.

Trends in new and used cars are as explained at the beginning of this report. The number of used vehicles exported has a significant impact on the overall demand in the auto auction market.

Looking at the current fiscal year, the export volume has recovered to 1.29 million units, the level before the coronavirus disaster, as the container shortage has been resolved and marine transportation costs have fallen.

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# Auto Auction Segment (1) Overview



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## Auto Auction Segment (2) Average Price of Vehicle Contracted



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- Lower supply of new cars because of shortage of auto parts → Decline in trade-in vehicles
- → Decline in the number of used cars on the market → Tight supply-demand balance --- Spike in auction prices
- The average prices were higher compared to the same month in the previous year from June 2020 to Jan. 2023.
- The average price of vehicles contracted remains high, although it has been declining since the September 2022 peak.



We would now like to explain the auction segment.

The slide you see shows the changes in the unit price per contracted vehicle for USS and the industry as a whole, excluding USS, since January 2019.

From around May 2020, the demand for used vehicles as a means of transportation increased due to the coronavirus disaster, and the global shortage of semiconductors caused the auction market price to soar and the per-vehicle value to rise due to a shortage of supply of used vehicles as a result of reduced production of new vehicles. Vehicle unit prices have exceeded the previous year each year between June 2020 and January

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2023. Although the unit price of contracted vehicles is lower than in the same month of the previous year, it is still at a high level compared to the pre-coronavirus period.

As you can see, the difference between USS and the industry as a whole, excluding USS, was about JPY200,000 around January 2019, but has widened to about JPY400,000 in March 2023. Looking at the average price difference between USS and the industry, USS is considered to be overwhelmingly competitive in the listing of used vehicles with relatively high unit prices that are three or five years old, which are considered to be retail-oriented in Japan.



This slide shows an explanation of the changes in auction results. The market share transition in the lower left-hand corner shows that the share for FY2022 was 40%. There are three factors contributing to the increase in market share.

The first is the growing demand for late model, relatively high unit-price used cars as a replacement business for new cars, and this price range is the area in which USS has the greatest expertise.

Second, the decline in new car sales is likely to have reduced the share of automaker-affiliated auction houses.

Third, compared to the previous year, the distribution of low value vehicles decreased, and the number of auctioned items at cooperative auctions, which mainly deal with low value vehicles, declined.

If new car sales recover in the future, the number of vehicles auctioned by automaker-affiliated auctions will recover and the USS market share may decline, but the number of used cars in circulation will increase, and as a result, USS will also see an increase in the number of vehicles auctioned.

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## Auto Auction Segment (4) Fees, etc.





We will continue with an explanation of changes in the unit price of commissions.

In January, we raised contract and successful bidding fees in almost all sections at our Tokyo and Nagoya venues. All other venues also implemented price increases in April.

The listing fee per unit was JPY5,629, an increase of JPY36 from the previous period. The main positive factor was an increase in the percentage of exhibits in the high commission unit price area at the Nagoya site, while the percentage of exhibits in the low unit price area at the Tokyo site and other sites decreased.

Next, the contracted commission per unit was JPY8,483, a decrease of JPY8 from the previous period. This was mainly due to an increase in rebates to large retailers.

Next, the bidding fee per unit was JPY12,880, a decrease of JPY44 from the previous period. The main reason for this was a decrease in the ratio of off-site bids.

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The following section describes the segment of used vehicle purchasing and selling.

As for Rabbit, sales volume increased, and the handling of high-value vehicles also increased. As a result, net sales increased 16% from the previous year to JPY6.1 billion, and operating income increased 45% from the previous year to JPY110 million.

In the accident-damaged vehicle purchasing and selling business, although unit sales prices and sales volume increased, gross profit decreased due to the decline in auction prices since October, resulting in sales of JPY4.2 billion, 105% of the previous year's level, and operating profit of JPY19 million, 32% of the previous year's level.

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I will continue with the recycling segment.

The resource recycling business, operated by subsidiary ARBIZ, posted lower sales and profits, with net sales of JPY5 billion, 94% of the previous year's level, and operating income of JPY500 million, 57% of the previous year's level, due to a decline in the number of end-of-life vehicles handled and a drop in scrap metal market prices.

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The plant recycling business, operated by SMART, saw an increase in the number of orders for large-scale demolition work. As a result, net sales increased 108% from the previous year to JPY3.9 billion and operating income increased 278% from the previous year to JPY0.8 billion.

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## TOPICS A New Automobile Loan Product Using a Tie-up with GMS



- USS established an equity and business alliance with Global Mobility Service, which is a provider of a diverse lineup of fintech services.
- The launch of this new automobile loan will enable people who previously were unable to obtain a loan for a variety of reasons to finally own a vehicle.
- This loan is expected to raise activity in the automobile auction market by increasing the number of people who are able to buy a used vehicle.
- This service started in April 2023.



Next, I would like to explain the progress of the capital and business alliance with Global Mobility Service.

First, the content of the business alliance is to provide auto loans to freelancers who have difficulty in being approved for auto loans, those who have been with the company for only a few years, those with a history of past delinguency, and foreign nationals resident in Japan, by using used car dealers who are members of USS auctions as their agents. If you default on your loan, you will not be able to start the engine. Once the delinquency is cleared, yes, the engine will be restarted. GMS provides the fintech service.

We have invested JPY1 billion in GMS to obtain the exclusive rights to sell MCCS in Japan, and both companies are currently working together to recruit agents for the USS auction venues. Last month, in April 2023, we began full-fledged auto loan applications, and in April alone, we had 150 member stores and over 200 auto loan applications, and we are confident that our products and services met the potential needs of our customers.

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## FY2023 Consolidated Forecast



New car sales are expected to recover

USS takes steps to further upgrade convenience and services for members and maintain a large number of vehicles consigned in order to raise its share of Japan's auto auction market.

				Investment yes
	FY21 (Actual)	FY22 (Actual)	FY23 (Forecast)	VS. previous year
Net sales	81,482	88,778	92,400	104.1%
Gross profit (Per sales)	50,772 (62.3%)	53,642 (60.4%)	55.230 (59.8%)	103.0%
Operating profit (Per sales)	41,574 (51.0%)	43,778 (49.3%)	45,300 (49.0%)	103.55
Ordinary profit (Per sales)	42,374 (52.0%)	44,491 (50.1%)	45,000 (49.8%)	103.4%
Profit attributable to owners of parent (Per sales)	29,745 (36.5%)	30,008 (33.8%)	30,800 (33.3%)	102.6%
Profit per share (Yen)	119.80	122.69	125.92	102.63
Capital expenditures (Terms of cash flows)	2,036	4,567	4,400	96.3%
Depreciation	4,959	4,626	4,701	101.6%
Auto Auction Business (excl. JBA)	FY21 (Actual)	FY22 (Actual)	FY23 (Forecast)	VS. previous year
No. of vehicles consigned (Thousends)	2,731	2,958	3,000	101.4%
No. of vehicles contracted (Thousands)	1,787	1,863	1,880	100.9%
Contract completion rate	65.4%	63.0%	62.7%	

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We will now explain our full-year forecasts.

The Company believes that its basic strategy for growth is to secure the number of units on display and increase its share in the auction industry by strengthening services for its members.

For FY2023, we forecast net sales of JPY92.4 billion, 104% of the previous year's level; operating income of JPY45.3 billion, 103% of the previous year's level; ordinary income of JPY46 billion, 103% of the previous year's level; and net income attributable to owners of the parent of JPY30.8 billion, 102% of the previous year's level.

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### Used Car Auction Market and USS Market Share



Maintained higher market shares and profit in the period of sluggish markets following the financial crisis of 2008-2009.



From here, we will explain the market environment and our medium-term initiatives.

First, here are the changes in market share from 1990 to the present. Over the long term, you can see that USS's market share has grown steadily. The automotive industry is said to be in a period of once-in-a-century change, and USS hopes to achieve stable growth by responding to the spread of electric vehicles and automated driving, and by further expanding its market share.

We will be ready for the widespread use of EV vehicles in the future. In order to evaluate EV vehicles, it is important to diagnose battery degradation. To this end, we will work with other companies to develop equipment and devices.

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## Long-term Growth Vision

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Greater contributions to a circular economy and business expansion



The slide you see is an image of our long-term growth.

With the auction business, a stable source of income, at the core, we will work to expand the scale of our business, including the recycling business.

#### Medium-term Business Plan and Raising the ROE



The medium-term goal for the ROE is at least 15%.



The slides you see describe USS's business expansion and capital policy, including themes and medium-term plans to achieve a medium-term ROE of 15% or more.

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In addition, the executive compensation system, which was revised last year, has been revised to link bonuses for executives for a single year to medium-term stock-based compensation with a 100% achievement rate of 15% ROE as one of the performance-linked indexes. This is the management's commitment to ROE of 15% or more, a figure we intend to stick to.

## Basic Policy on Finance and Shareholder Distributions (1)



Increase shareholder distributions while continuing investment for growth

Consolidated dividend payout ratio: Over 55% from FY2019



I would like to explain our basic policy on shareholder returns.

First, regarding our basic policy on dividends, we have been raising the consolidated dividend payout ratio in stages, and starting in FY2019, the ratio has been 55% or higher.

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## **Basic Policy on Finance and Shareholder Distributions (2)**

- Stock repurchases: Buy back stock with flexibility, with due consideration to cash flows, capital investment plans and the market environment
- Repurchased stock between November 2021 and May 2022
- USS retired 56.25 million shares of treasury stock on June 30, 2022. Ratio of treasury stock to total number of shares issued : 4.81%(as March 31, 2023)

Type of shares	Common shares
Period of acquisition	From November 9, 2021 to May 31, 2022
Aggregate number of shares repurchased	5,098,500 shares
Aggregate value of shares repurchased	9,605,031,800 yen
Method of acquisition	On the market

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From November 2021 to May 2022, the Company repurchased 5.09 million shares for JPY9.6 billion.



This slide shows the change in dividends since the stock was listed.

As explained at the beginning of this document, the dividend per share for FY2022 is planned to be JPY67.50, an increase of JPY1.3 from the previous fiscal year, which will be the 23rd consecutive fiscal year of dividend increase.

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The annual dividend for FY2023 is planned to be JPY69.4 per share, an increase of JPY1.9 from the previous year. We will aim to increase dividends for 24 consecutive fiscal years.



This is an image of our growth and shareholder returns. We would like to work on improving the USS corporate value by turning not one but two wheels.

## **ESG** Activities

Environment Social Governance Support for the TCFD Training for the advancement Revisions to compensation of women In accordance with the Task Force on Climate-USS has revised compensation to ensure that Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD), USS everyone at the USS Group has a sound incentive For managers and female employees, there are discloses information about climate change. separate training programs concerning the for contributing to sustained growth. There is stock establishment of organizations and implementation of working style reforms. The goal is to raise pct. of compensation linked to results of operations. FY30 CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Target (vs. FY21) compensation linked to the TSR (total shareholder female managers to 5% in FY25 and 10% in FY30. return) and ROE, and compensation linked to Scope 1 & 2 emissions (t CO<sub>3</sub>) external assessments of the USS Group's ESG Training programs 42% reduction activities Scope 3 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>) Compliance with the revised About 60 Managers 25% reduction **Corporate Governance Code** A commitment to all of the principles of Female employees About 50 \*An application for approval of science-based targets (manager candidates) through the Science Based Targets (SBT) initiative this code has been submitted. More information about ESG activities is in the Integrated Report. https://www.ussnet.co.jp/en/ir/library/annual/

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Finally, I would like to discuss our ESG initiatives.

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- Steady progress with numerous ESG initiatives to maintain a sound base for sustained growth

As you can see, our 2030 CO2 reduction target is currently in the process of applying for certification under the SBT Initiative. In addition, we will continue to strive to strengthen ESG for sustainable growth by revising our personnel system to encourage female advancement and operating a highly transparent compensation system to strengthen corporate governance.





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Last but not least, if you have any questions, please contact us.

That is all I have to say today. Thank you very much.

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