Earnings Results for FY 2023 Q3 (Fiscal year ending March 31st, 2024)

(April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023)

Avex Inc.

February 8, 2024



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Consolidated Results

Financial Highlights



Ayumi Hamasaki "ayumi hamasaki COUNTDOWN LIVE 2023-2024 A —A COMPLETE 25—"







Net sales increased 10.4% YoY to 94.3 billion yen, driven by the growth of the Music Business. Operating profit decreased 52.8% YoY to 1.5 billion yen due to a drop in gross profit. Profit attributable to owners of parent decreased 49.1% YoY to 1.4 billion yen.

(million yen)	FY2022 Q3	FY2023 Q3	YoY	Rate
Net sales	85,525	94,382	+8,857	+10.4%
Operating profit	3,344	1,577	-1,766	-52.8%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	2,826	1,437	-1,389	-49.1%

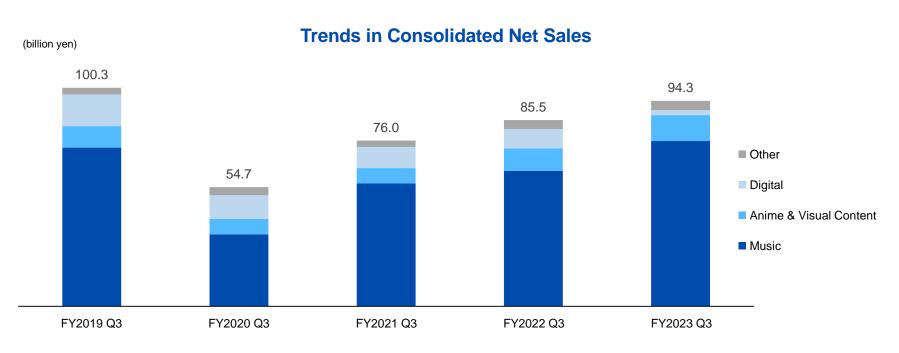
Overview of Business Results

- ✓ Net sales increased, mainly from Live Concerts in the Music Business
- √ The company-wide gross profit margin declined due to changes in the sales mix of each business segment with different profit ratios.
- ✓ Operating profit decreased due to the continuation of investment in IP aimed at achieving the medium-term management plan.
- ✓ Profit decreased in line with operating profit.

Overview



Recovered to the pre-COVID 19 levels, mainly in the Music Business.



Note 1: The net sales breakdown in FY2020 and earlier are reference values that have been reclassified to conform to the current segment standards, without retroactively adjusting for the impact of changes in the accounting standard, etc. Note 2: The net sales figures in the graph are for reference only, as internal sales have been proportionally allocated to each segment and deducted.



Consolidated Statements of Income

Operating profit declined to 1.5 billion yen due to a decline in the gross profit margin and an increase in SG&A expenses associated with net sales.

(million yen)	FY2022 Q3	FY2023 Q3	YoY	Rate
Net sales	85,525	94,382	+8,857	+10.4%
Cost of sales	56,952	65,379	+8,427	
Gross profit	28,573	29,003	+429	+1.5%
Gross profit margin	33.4%	30.7%	-2.7pt	
Personnel expenses	9,309	9,840	+531	
Sales promotion and advertising expenses	5,355	5,529	+173	
General expenses	10,563	12,055	+1,491	
Total SG&A Expenses	25,228	27,425	+2,196	
Operating profit	3,344	1,577	-1,766	-52.8%
Operating margin	3.9%	1.7%	-2.2pt	

Results by Segment



Net sales of Music Business increased due to an increase in the number of Live Concert.

Net Sales by Segment

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(million yen)	FY2022 Q3	FY2023 Q3	YoY	Rate
Music	65,570	78,944	+13,374	+20.4%
Anime & Visual Content	10,881	12,485	+1,603	+14.7%
Digital	9,463	2,489	-6,973	-73.7%
Other Business	4,368	4,480	+111	+2.6%
Company-wide Adjustment	-4,758	-4,016	+741	_
Total	85,525	94,382	+8,857	+10.4%

Operating Profit by Segment

(million yen)	FY2022 Q3	FY2023 Q3	YoY	Rate
Music	2,876	1,250	-1,626	-56.5%
Anime & Visual Content	423	258	-165	-39.0%
Digital	-575	367	+942	_
Other Business	613	-298	-911	_
Company-wide Adjustment	6	0	-6	_
Total	3,344	1,577	-1,766	-52.8%

Note: Business segments have been partially revised since FY2022 Q2, and the YoY figures have been restated in accordance with the new segment classification.

Music



Net sales increased mainly in live concerts, e-commerce and music packages

(million yen)	FY2022 Q3 FY2023 Q3		YoY	Rate
Net Sales in the Music Business	65,570	78,944	+13,374	+20.4%
Live	21,637	30,020	+8,383	+38.7%
Merchandising	3,389	4,995	+1,605	+47.4%
Management	5,658	5,319	-339	-6.0%
Music package	15,995	17,731	+1,735	+10.9%
Digital music distribution	9,696	9,581	-114	-1.2%
Music publishing	2,105	2,199	+94	+4.5%
E-Commerce	8,340	10,309	+1,968	+23.6%
Other	4,548	5,185	+637	+14.0%
Operating profit	2,876	1,250	-1,626	-56.5%
Operating margin	4.4%	1.6%	-2.8pt	_

Note 1: The business segments have been partially revised since FY2022 Q2, and the YoY figures have been restated in accordance with the new segment classification.

			FY2022 Q3	FY2023 Q3	YoY
Ove	Total num	ber of performances	832	1,017	+185
Overview of Live Concerts	Stadiun	n	11	15	+4
of L	Arena		127	91	-36
ive (Hall & I	ive House class	694	911	+217
Conc	Audience (ten thousand people)		166	211	+45
erts	Average ticket price (yen)		9,150	11,141	+1,990
	Albums	Unit price (yen)	2,829	2,578	-252
M _O	Albums	Units (thousands)	2,554	3,068	+514
Overview of Music Package	Overview of	Unit price (yen)	1,222	1,134	-88
iew o		Units (thousands)	3,169	3,678	+509
of ige	DVD/	Unit price (yen)	5,461	5,246	-215
	Blu-ray	Units (thousands)	1,138	2,168	+1,030

Note 3: Due to the revision of the criteria for listing the number of live concerts since the consolidated financial results for FY2022, the figures do not match those disclosed in the previous year's financial results presentation materials.

Note 2: In the net sales in each sub-segment, transactions within the subsegment have not been eliminated.

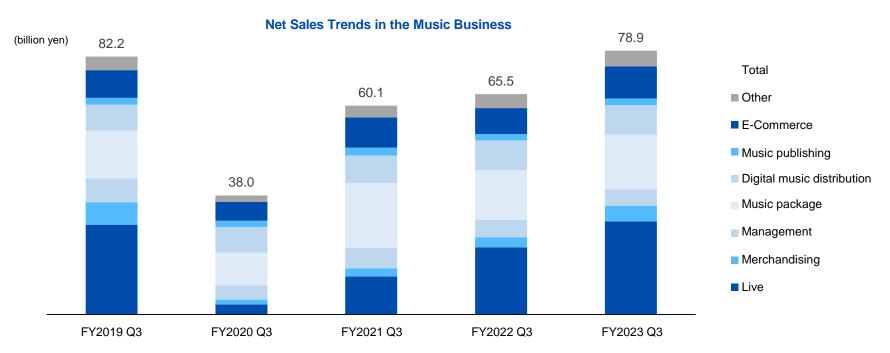
Note 4: Number of performances, audience, and average price for the overview of Live Concerts include our commissioned live concerts and exclude online live concerts, stage performances, events, etc.

Note 5: Average price and units for the overview of Music Package are for new releases only (including sales on consignment).

Music



Recovered to the pre-COVID 19 levels, mainly in the Live Concerts Business.



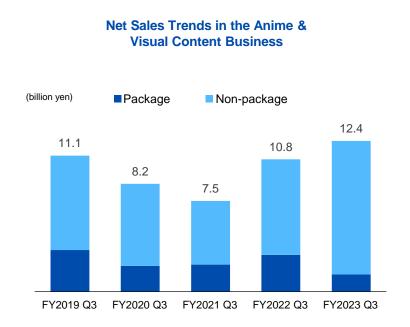
Note: The net sales breakdown for FY2020 and earlier is for reference only and does not reflect the impact of changes in the accounting standards, etc. or restatements or adjustments within the segment.



Anime & Visual Content Business

Profit decreased due to the lower gross profit margin and greater SGA expenses, despite the higher non-package net sales, including overseas sales and events, etc.

(million yen)	FY2022 Q3	FY2023 Q3	YoY	Rate
Net sales in the Anime & Visual Content Business	10,881	12,485	+1,603	+14.7%
Package	3,043	1,490	-1,552	-51.0%
Non-package	7,838	10,994	+3,156	+40.3%
Operating profit	423	258	-165	-39.0%
Operating margin	3.9%	2.1%	-1.8pt	_



Note 1: Non-package net sales include distributed profit from production committee, film distribution, events, live concerts, etc.

Note 2: In the net sales in each sub-segment, transactions within the subsegment have not been eliminated.

Note 3: Sales figures for FY2020 and earlier are for reference only and do not reflect changes in accounting standards, etc.

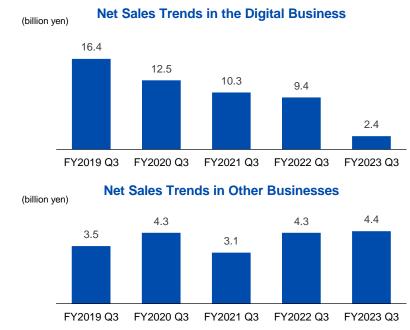


Digital and Other Businesses

Profit from the Digital Business increased because sales from the outsourcing of the digital video distribution service were recorded, offsetting a decrease in the business's net sales after the dissolution of a joint venture company for the service.

Net sales increased and profit decreased in other businesses.

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(million yen)	FY2022 Q3	FY2023 Q3	YoY	Rate
Net sales in the Digital Business	9,463	2,489	-6,973	-73.7%
Digital video distribution*	7,751	_	-7,751	_
Fan clubs	1,221	1,021	-200	-16.4%
Other	485	1,468	+983	+202.6%
Operating profit	-575	367	+942	_
Operating margin	_	14.7%	_	_
Net sales in Other Businesses	4,368	4,480	+111	+2.6%
Operating profit	613	-298	-911	_
Operating margin	14.0%	_	_	_
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^{*:} On January 31, 2023, all shares of Avex Broadcasting & Communications Inc., a specified subsidiary (sub-subsidiary) engaged in the Digital Streaming Business, were transferred and excluded from the scope of consolidation Note 1: Other sales from the Digital Business include those from the outsourced operations of Avex Broadcasting & Communications Inc. (which continued until the end of June, 2023)

Note 2: In net sales in each sub-segment, transactions within the subsegment have not been eliminated. Net sales for each business segment in FY2020 and earlier are reference values that have been reclassified to conform to the current segment standards, without retroactively adjusting for changes in the accounting standards, etc.

Appendix.

Topics

"Paradox Live THE ANIMATION"





Highlights from Q3 of FY2023

	April 26	Notice	Kuroiwa, Representative Director, CEO, Named as One of Billboard's 2023 International Power Players
1	May 17	Press release	Avex Pictures Inc. Concludes Strategic Partnership Agreement with STUDIO Dragon, One of the Largest Drama Studios in Asia
	May 25	IR	Announcement Regarding Posting of Extraordinary Profit and Revision to Business Results
June 23 Major news releases June 23 June 23 Septemb	June 23	IR	Notice of the Establishment of a New Company (Second-Tier Subsidiary) by a Subsidiary of the Company in Saudi Arabia
	June 23	IR	Notice of Reorganization of Avex Inc. and Group Companies and Changes to Business Execution System
	June 23	IR	Notice Regarding Issuance of New Shares as Restricted Stock Compensation
	September 25	IR	Notice of Shareholder Benefits, Ticket Priority Reservation System
	November 1	IR	Notice of Renewal of Avex Shareholders-Only Website
	November 9	IR	Notice of Change of Representative Director of Sub-Subsidiary
	January 9, 2024	Notice	Disaster Relief for the Areas Stricken by 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake

Content highlights from Q3 of FY2023





	Month(s)	Artist / Genre	Title
	February-June	Tohoshinki	"TOHOSHINKI LIVE TOUR 2023 - CLASSYC -"
	April-June	BLACKPINK	"BLACKPINK WORLD TOUR [BORN PINK] JAPAN"
	June-September	Da-iCE	"Da-iCE ARENA TOUR 2023 -SCENE-"
	July-March 2024	Ayumi Hamasaki	"ayumi hamasaki 25th Anniversary Live Tour"
Live/Event	August-March 2024	Nissy	"10th Anniversary LIVE VIEWING TOUR 2023 -Nissy Meets You-"
	September-October	TREASURE	"2023 TREASURE FAN MEETING~HELLO AGAIN~"
	September	NCT	"NCT STADIUM LIVE 'NCT NATION : To The World-in JAPAN"
	September	Festival	"ULTRA JAPAN 2023"
	October-December	LUNA SEA	"LUNA SEA DUAL ARENA TOUR 2023"
	November	XG	"XG 'NEW DNA' SHOWCASE in JAPAN"







Content highlights from Q3 of FY2023





	Format	Release Date	Artist	Title
		July	SKE48	"Suki ni Nacchatta"
	Singles	August	THE RAMPAGE from EXILE TRIBE	"Summer Riot — Nettaiya — /Everest"
		September	Snow Man	"Dangerholic"
		May	Snow Man	"i DO ME"
Package	Albums	July	TREASURE	"REBOOT"
		September	XG	"NEW DNA"
		October	NCT 127	"Fact Check"
		June	BE:FIRST	"BE:FIRST 1st One Man Tour "BE:1" 2022-2023"
	DVD/Blu-ray	July	Snow Man	"Snow Man LIVE TOUR 2022 Labo."
		December	Snow Man	"Snow Man 1st DOME tour 2023 i DO ME"







SKE48 NCT 127 BE:FIRST

Content highlights from Q3 of FY2023 Anime & Visual Content Business



	Genre	Month(s)	Title
	Live	May	"Paradox Live Dope Show 2023"
Live/Event	Stage	August	Musical "Vincenzo"
-	Stage	November-December	"Osomatsu-san on STAGE — SIX MEN'S SHOW TIME — 2nd SEASON"

	Format	Release Date	Title
	DVD/Blu-ray	June	"ONE PIECE FILM RED: special version linked to the movie"
Package		June-August	"Boku no Kokoro no Yabai Yatsu Blu-ray Vol. 1-3"
		August	"Initial D Stage Series Complete Blu-ray"
		September	"Paradox Live Dope Show 2023 Blu-ray"





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"Paradox Live Dope Show 2023"

Content highlights from Q4 of FY2023 and after





	Month(s)	Artist / Genre	Title	
	January-March	TREASURE	"2024 TREASURE TOUR [REBOOT] IN JAPAN"	
	January-March	NCT127	"NCT 127 3RD TOUR 'NEO CITY : JAPAN - THE UNITY'"	
	January	Da-iCE	"Da-iCE 10th Anniversary LIVE"	
Live/Event	January	SUPER JUNIOR	"SUPER JUNIOR JAPAN Special Event 2024 —Blue World—"	
	January	Ed Sheeran	"+-= ÷ x Tour 2024"	
	February	TAYLOR SWIFT	"TAYLOR SWIFT THE ERAS TOUR"	
	February	Stage	"A Streetcar Named Desire"	



TAYLOR SWIFT



Ed Sheeran



SUPER JUNIOR

Content highlights from Q4 of FY2023 and after





	Format	Release Date	Artist	Title
	Cingles	January	Kis-My-Ft2	"HEARTBREAKER / C'monova"
	Singles	February	Snow Man	"LOVE TRIGGER / We'll go together"
		February	TREASURE	"REBOOT -JP SPECIAL SELECTION-"
Package	Albums	March	FANTASTICS × EPEX	"Peppermint Yum"
J		March	J Soul Brothers III from EXILE TRIBE	"Land of Promise"
		January	Da-iCE	"Da-iCE ARENA TOUR 2023 -SCENE-"
	DVD/Blu-ray	January	BMSG ALLSTARS	"BMSG FES'23"
		March	NCT	"NCT STADIUM LIVE 'NCT NATION : To The World-in JAPAN"



FANTASTICS × EPEX



J Soul Brothers III from EXILE TRIBE



Da-iCE

Anime & Visual Content Business



Content highlights from Q4 of FY2023 and after

	Genre	Month(s)	Title
	Stage	February	Stage: "Jigokuraku Final Chapter"
Live/Event	Stage	February	"DANPRI FESTIVAL"
	Film	March	"Ya Boy Kongming! Road to Summer Sonia"
	Live	March	"Kiyono Yasuno 4th Concert Tour 2024 - Marugotoshibori 100% Re:FRESH -"

	Genre	Release Date	Title
Package	DVD/Dlu rov	January-March	"Paradox Live THE ANIMATION" Blu-ray 1-4
	DVD/Blu-ray February	February	"Bikkuri-Men Blu-ray & DVD box Vol. 1 and Vol. 2"



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Consolidated Statements of Income

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Sales promotion and advertising expenses	5,355	5,529	+173	
General expenses	10,563	12,055	+1,491	
Total SG&A Expenses	25,228	27,425	+2,196	
Operating profit	3,344	1,577	-1,766	-52.8%
Operating margin	3.9%	1.7%	-2.2pt	
Non-operating income	231	82	-149	
Non-operating expenses	224	354	+129	
Ordinary profit	3,351	1,305	-2,046	-61.0%
Extraordinary income	1,553	1,825	+271	
Extraordinary losses	503	295	-208	
Profit before income taxes	4,401	2,835	-1,565	-35.6%
Income taxes	1,336	1,272	-63	
Profit attributable to non-controlling interest	238	125	-113	
Profit attributable to owners of parent	2,826	1,437	-1,389	-49.1%



Consolidated Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement

(million yen)	End of Mar. 2023	End of Dec. 2023
(Assets)		
Current assets	86,217	89,181
Cash and deposits	48,143	49,316
Trade accounts receivable, etc.	22,206	20,711
Inventories	4,196	6,129
Other	11,670	13,024
Non-current assets	22,697	22,924
Property, plant and equipment & intangible assets	8,057	9,850
Investment securities	9,228	6,306
Other	5,411	6,767
Total assets	108,915	112,106
(Liabilities)		
Current liabilities	48,104	53,599
Notes & accounts payable-trade, etc.	3,434	6,561
Accounts payable - other	25,679	23,941
Income taxes payable	1,482	668
Refund Liabilities	2,168	1,802
Other	15,338	20,625
Non-current liabilities	1,972	2,200
Total liabilities	50,076	55,800
(Net assets)		
Total net assets	58,838	56,306
Total liabilities & net assets	108,915	112,106

(million yen)	FY2022 Q3	FY2023 Q3
Cash flow statement		
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,761	5,092
Net cash provided by investing activities	-1,816	-1,574
Net Cash provided by Financing Activities	-2,435	-2,319
Consolidated cash flow	1,510	1,198
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	-100	-25
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,409	1,172
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	44,671	48,143
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	46,081	49,316
Free cash flows	3,945	3,517



Music Business Results

(million yen)	FY2022 Q3	FY2023 Q3	YoY	Rate
Net sales	65,570	78,944	+13,374	+20.4%
Live	21,637	30,020	+8,383	
Merchandising	3,389	4,995	+1,605	
Management	5,658	5,319	-339	
Music package	15,995	17,731	+1,735	
Digital music distribution	9,696	9,581	-114	
Music publishing	2,105	2,199	+94	
E-Commerce	8,340	10,309	+1,968	
Other	4,548	5,185	+637	
Cost of sales	43,825	55,504	+11,679	
Gross profit	21,745	23,439	+1,694	+7.8%
Gross profit margin	33.2%	29.7%	-3.5pt	
Personnel expenses	5,477	5,636	+158	
Sales promotion and advertising expenses	3,758	4,980	+1,222	
General expenses	5,028	5,737	+709	
GMF (Group management fee)	4,604	5,834	+1,230	
Total SG&A Expenses	18,868	22,188	+3,320	
Operating profit	2,876	1,250	-1,626	-56.5%
Operating margin	4.4%	1.6%	-2.8pt	



Anime & Visual Content Business Results

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Net sales	10,881	12,485	+1,603	+14.7%
Package	3,043	1,490	-1,552	
Non-package	7,838	10,994	+3,156	
Cost of sales	7,991	9,383	+1,391	
Gross profit	2,890	3,102	+212	+7.3%
Gross profit margin	26.6%	24.8%	-1.7pt	
Personnel expenses	805	880	+74	
Sales promotion and advertising expenses	537	613	+76	
General expenses	435	471	+35	
GMF (Group management fee)	687	878	+191	
Total SG&A Expenses	2,466	2,843	+377	
Operating profit	423	258	-165	-39.0%
Operating margin	3.9%	2.1%	-1.8pt	



Digital Business Results

(million yen)	FY2022 Q3	FY2023 Q3	YoY	Rate
Net sales	9,463	2,489	-6,973	-73.7%
Video distribution	7,751	_	-7,751	
Fan clubs	1,221	1,021	-200	
Other	485	1,468	+983	
Cost of sales	7,318	1,132	-6,186	
Gross profit	2,145	1,357	-787	-36.7%
Gross profit margin	22.7%	54.5%	+31.8pt	
Personnel expenses	618	472	-146	
Sales promotion and advertising expenses	1,051	27	-1,023	
General expenses	486	169	-316	
GMF (Group management fee)	564	320	-243	
Total SG&A Expenses	2,720	990	-1,730	
Operating profit	-575	367	+942	_
Operating margin	_	14.7%	_	

Note: In net wales in each sub-segment, transactions within the subsegment have not been eliminated.



Other Businesses Results

(million yen)	FY2022 Q3	FY2023 Q3	YoY	Rate
Net sales	4,368	4,480	+111	+2.6%
Cost of sales	2,175	2,999	+824	
Gross profit	2,193	1,480	-713	-32.5%
Gross profit margin	50.2%	33.0%	-17.2pt	
Personnel expenses	688	676	-11	
Sales promotion and advertising expenses	50	52	+1	
General expenses	415	557	+141	
GMF (Group management fee)	427	492	+65	
Total SG&A Expenses	1,580	1,778	+198	
Operating profit	613	-298	-911	-
Operating margin	14.0%	_	_	



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