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Q3 FY2018 Consolidated Financial Results

(Three months ended December 31, 2018)

February 1, 2019

Sony Corporation

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				(Bln Yen, Mln US o
	Q3 FY17	Q3 FY18	Change	Q3 FY18 USD Amount*1
Sales & operating revenue	2,672.3	2,401.8	-270.5 bln yen	\$ 21,274
Operating income	350.8	377.0	+26.2 bln yen	3,339
Income before income taxes	343.1	340.5	-2.6 bln yen	3,016
Net income attributable to Sony Corporation's stockholders	295.9	429.0	+133.1 bln yen (+45%)	3,799
Net income attributable to Sony Corporation's stockholders per share of common stock (diluted)	228.91 yen	330.77 yen	+101.86 yen	2.93 usp
Restructuring charges*2	3.1	6.9	+122%	61
Additions to long-lived assets*3	94.8	93.9	-1%	832
Depreciation and amortization*4	88.2	106.6	+21%	944
Research and development expenses	115.8	121.0	+5%	1,072
Average rate				
1 US dollar	113.0 yen	112.9 yen		
1 Euro	133.0 yen	128.8 yen		

^{*1} US dollar amounts have been translated from yen, for convenience only, using the average rate listed on this slide.
*2 Restructuring charges are included in operating income as operating expenses (applies to all following pages).
*3 Does not include increase in intangible assets resulting from acquisitions (applies to all following pages).
*4 Includes amortization expenses for intangible assets and for deferred insurance acquisition costs (applies to all following pages).

Q3 FY2018 Consolidated Results: Year-on-year Change

	Year-on-year Change	Factors Contributing (+) Better/(-) Worse
Sales & operating revenue	-270.5 bln yen -10 %	·(–) Significant decreases in Financial Services and MC segment sales On a constant currency basis*, sales decreased 9%.
Operating income	+26.2 bln yen +7 %	·(+) Remeasurement gain recorded in the Music segment as a result of the consolidation of EMI (+116.9 bln yen)
Net effect of other income and expenses	28.7 bln yen deterioration (7.7 bln yen expense → 36.5 bln yen expense)	\cdot (–) Recording of a loss on valuation of equity securities, net (-44.8 bln yen) \cdot (+) Improvement of net foreign exchange gain (loss) (+11.0 bln yen)
Income tax expense	-129.0 bln yen (Effective tax rate $8\% \rightarrow -30\%$	·(+) Reversal of valuation allowances against a significant portion of deferred tax assets in the U.S. consolidated tax group and not recording income tax expense on the remeasurement gain for the equity interest in EMI, resulting in a significant reduction in the effective tax rate.
* See page 26 for information about the impact	ct of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on sale	es and operating income (loss) (applies to all following pages).

	Operating Income	Adjusted Operating Income	Adjusted Operating Income excludes the following items*
Q3 FY17	350.8 bln yen	344.1 bin yen	 Gain resulting from the sale of manufacturing equipment in the Semiconductors segment (+6.7 bln yen)
Q3 FY18	377.0 bln yen	260.1 bln yen	 Remeasurement gain recorded in the Music segment as a result of the consolidation of EMI (+116.9 bln yen)

-84.0 bln yen

(-24%)

Adjusted operating income is not a measure in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, Sony believes that this disclosure may be useful information to investors.

Adjusted Operating Income (Q3)

+26.2 bln yen

Change from FY17

^{*} These monetary amounts have been disclosed in the Financial Statements, the Presentation slides and the Quarterly Securities Reports for the relevant quarters.

Adjusted Income Before Income Taxes (Q3)

	Income Before Income Taxes	Adjusted Income Before Income Taxes
Q3 FY17	343.1 bln yen	336.4 bln yen
Q3 FY18	340.5 bln yen	223.6 bln yen
Change from FY17	-2.6 bln yen	-112.8 bln yen (-34%)

Adjusted Income Before Income Taxes excludes the following items*

- Gain resulting from the sale of manufacturing equipment in the Semiconductors segment (+6.7 bln yen)
- Remeasurement gain recorded in the Music segment as a result of the consolidation of EMI (+116.9 bln yen)

Adjusted net income attributable to Sony Corporation's stockholders (Q3)

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	Income Before Income Taxes	Taxes	Effective Tax Rate	Net income attributable to Sony Corporation's stockholders
Financial results	343.1	28.2	8.2%	295.9
djusted items impacting effective tax rate				
Impact from tax reform in the United States *1	-	+13.8	-	-13.8
ubtotal	343.1	42.0	12.3%	282.1
other Adjusted items *2	-6.7	-0.8	12.3%	-5.9
Adjusted results	336.4	41.2	12.3%	276.2

FY18

	Income Before Income Taxes	Taxes	Effective Tax Rate	Net income attributable to Sony Corporation's stockholders
Financial results	340.5	-100.7	-29.6%	429.0
Adjusted items impacting effective tax rate				
Remeasurement gain relating to consolidation of EMI *1,2	-116.9	-	-	-116.9
Reversal of valuation allowance for deferred tax assets *1	-	+154.2	-	-154.2
Subtotal	223.6	53.5	23.9%	157.9
Other Adjusted items *2	-	-	-	-
Adjusted results	223.6	53.5	23.9%	157.9

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Beginning from the Biscal quarter ended December 31, 2018, Adjusted Income Before Income Taxes will not include unrealized gains or losses recorded in the relevant quarter for securities investments which result from changes in their value, other than unrealized gains or losses resulting from the occurrence of an extraordinary event pertaining to such securities (e.g., such securities (e.g., such securities) and in the present of the p

Q3 FY2018 Results by Segment

(Bln Yen)

		Q3 FY17	Q3 FY18	Change	FX Impact
Come & Naturals Complete (CRNC)	Sales	718.0	790.6	+72.6	-9.5
Game & Network Services (G&NS)	Operating income	85.4	73.1	-12.3	-4.2
Manada	Sales	218.4	209.4	-9.1	-0.1
Music	Operating income	39.3	147.1	+107.8	
Di-dama-	Sales	260.3	276.7	+16.4	-0.2
Pictures	Operating income	10.5	11.6	+1.1	
Home Entertainment &	Sales	429.8	388.8	-41.0	-12.9
Sound (HE&S)	Operating income	46.2	47.5	+1.3	-10.2
Imaging Products &	Sales	181.1	188.0	+6.9	-3.3
Solutions (IP&S)	Operating income	26.0	34.2	+8.3	-2.4
Mobile Communications	Sales	217.5	137.2	-80.3	-1.1
(MC)	Operating income	15.8	-15.5	-31.3	-0.2
O-material desired	Sales	250.9	230.3	-20.6	-0.3
Semiconductors	Operating income	60.6	46.5	-14.0	-0.2
Figure 1-1 0 1	Revenue	373.3	163.6	-209.7	
Financial Services	Operating income	56.3	37.9	-18.4	
All Odices	Sales	108.6	101.4	-7.2	
All Other	Operating income	2.3	6.1	+3.8	
Cornerate and alimination	Sales	-85.7	-84.2	+1.5	
Corporate and elimination	Operating income	8.5	-11.5	-20.0	
Consolidated total	Sales	2,672.3	2,401.8	-270.5	
Consolidated total	Operating income	350.8	377.0	+26.2	

Sales and Revenue in each business segment represents sales and revenue recorded before intersegment transactions are eliminated. Operating income in each business segment represents operating income reported before intersegment transactions are eliminated and excludes unallocated corporate expenses (applies to all following pages).

Both Sales and Revenue include operating revenue and intersegment sales (applies to all following pages).

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Q1-Q3 FY2018 Consolidated Results

 * US dollar amounts have been translated from yen, for convenience only, using the average rate listed on this slide.

				(Bln Yen, Mln US de
	Q1-Q3 FY17	Q1-Q3 FY18	Change	Q1-Q3 FY18 USD Amount*
Sales & operating revenue	6,593.0	6,538.2	-54.8 bln yen (-1%)	\$58,797
Operating income	712.7	811.5	+98.8 bln yen (+14%)	7,298
ncome before income taxes	690.6	899.0	+208.4 bln yen (+30%)	8,085
Net income attributable to Sony Corporation's stockholders	507.6	828.4	+320.8 bln yen (+63%)	7,450
Net income attributable to Sony Corporation's stockholders per share of common stock (diluted)	393.05 yen	638.89 yen	+245.84 yen	5.75 USD
Restructuring charges	7.1	11.9	+66%	107
Additions to long-lived assets	238.0	226.2	-5%	2,034
Depreciation and amortization	258.2	278.4	+8%	2,504
Research and development expenses	326.4	345.0	+6%	3,103
Average rate				
1 US dollar	111.7 yen	111.2 yen		
1 Euro	128.5 yen	129.5 yen		

Adjusted	Operating Inco	ome (Q1-Q3)	
	Operating Income	Adjusted Operating Income	Adjusted Operating Income excludes the following items [*]
Q1-Q3 FY17	712.7 bln yen	668.4 bin yen	 Gain resulting from the sale of an equity interest in a manufacturing subsidiary in the camera modules business (+28.3 bln yen) Insurance recoveries related to the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquakes (+9.3 bln yen) Gain resulting from the sale of manufacturing equipment in the Semiconductors segment (+6.7 bln yen)
Q1-Q3 FY18	811.5 bln yen	712.0 bln yen	 Impairment charge against long-lived assets in the MC segment (-17.4 bln yen) Remeasurement gain recorded in the Music segment as a result of the consolidation of EMI (+116.9 bln yen)
Change from FY17	+98.8 bln yen	+43.6 bln yen	
*These monetary amounts h	nave been disclosed in the Financial	l Statements, the Presentation slides	and the Quarterly Securities Reports for the relevant quarters

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Adjusted	Adjusted Income Before Income Taxes (Q1-Q3)				
	Income Before Income Taxes	Adjusted Income Before Income Taxes	Adjusted Income Before Income Taxes excludes the following items*		
Q1-Q3 FY17	690.6 bln yen	646.3 bln yen	 Gain resulting from the sale of an equity interest in a manufacturing subsidiary in the camera modules business (+28.3 bln yen) Insurance recoveries related to the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquakes (+9.3 bln yen) Gain resulting from the sale of manufacturing equipment in the Semiconductors segment (+6.7 bln yen) 		
Q1-Q3 FY18	899.0 bln yen	681.7 bln yen	 Impairment charge against long-lived assets in the MC segment (-17.4 bln yen) Remeasurement gain recorded in the Music segment as a result of the consolidation of EMI (+116.9 bln yen) Unrealized and realized gains on shares of Spotify (+117.8 bln yen, net) 		
Change from FY17	+208.4 bln yen	+35.4 bln yen (+5%)			

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* Beginning from the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2018, Adjusted Income Before Income Taxes will not include unrealized gains or losses recorded in the relevant quarter for securities investments which result from of changes in their value, other than unrealized gains or losses resulting from the focurrence of an extraordinave very the praining to such securities (e.g., such securities being listed on a securities exchange).

Therefore, unrealized losses related to Spotify shares recorded for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2018 are not included.

Adjusted income before income taxes is not a measure in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, Sony believes that this disclosure may be useful information to investors.

Adjusted net income attributable to Sony Corporation's stockholders (Q1-Q3) (Bln Yen) **FY17** Income Before Income Taxes Effective Tax Rate Taxes 138.5 Financial results 690.6 20.1% 507.6 Adjusted items impacting effective tax rate +13.8 -13.8 Impact from tax reform in the United States *1 22.1% Subtotal 690.6 152.3 493.8 Other Adjusted items *2 -44.3 -9.8 -34.5 22.1% Adjusted results 646.3 142.5 459.3 22.1% **FY18** Income Before Effective Taxes Income Taxes Financial results 33.8 899.0 3.8% 828.4 Adjusted items impacting effective tax rate Remeasurement gain relating to consolidation of EMI $^{\star 1,2}$ -116.9 -116.9 Reversal of valuation allowance for deferred tax assets $^{\star 1}$ +154.2 -154.2 782.1 188.0 24.0% 557.3 Other Adjusted items *2 -100.4 -24.1 -76.3 24.0% Adjusted results 681.7 163.9 24.0% 481.0 * 1 These monetary amounts are disclosed in the Quarterly Financial Statements, the Presentation Slides and the Quarterly Securities Reports for the relevant quarters. * 2 See page 9 for the detail of adjusted items. Adjusted results are not a measure in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, Sony believes that this disclosure may be useful information to investors.

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		Q1-Q3 FY17	Q1-Q3 FY18	Change	FX Impact
Game & Network Services (G&NS)	Sales	1,499.2	1,812.8	+313.5	-3.3
Game & Network Services (Gans)	Operating income	157.8	247.2	+89.3	-0.3
Music	Sales	593.6	594.7	+1.1	-1.4
Music	Operating income	96.9	210.7	+113.8	
Distance	Sales	710.1	692.7	-17.4	-2.6
Pictures	Operating income	8.7	27.5	+18.8	
Home Entertainment &	Sales	987.6	935.8	-51.8	-18.0
Sound (HE&S)	Operating income	93.2	89.3	-3.9	-15.1
Imaging Products &	Sales	493.5	516.1	+22.6	-1.6
Solutions (IP&S)	Operating income	68.1	82.1	+14.1	-1.5
Mobile Communications	Sales	570.8	387.5	-183.2	-2.8
(MC)	Operating income	17.0	-56.1	-73.0	+2.8
0	Sales	683.6	687.0	+3.5	-2.3
Semiconductors	Operating income	165.4	123.6	-41.8	-1.9
Financial Services	Revenue	955.7	852.2	-103.4	
Financiai Services	Operating income	139.1	117.6	-21.5	
All Other	Sales	330.6	273.4	-57.2	
All Other	Operating income	-6.0	11.4	+17.4	
Corporate and elimination	Sales	-231.7	-214.1	+17.6	
Corporate and eminination	Operating income	-27.4	-41.9	-14.5	
Consolidated total	Sales	6,593.0	6,538.2	-54.8	
Consolidated total	Operating income	712.7	811.5	+98.8	

FY2018 Consolidated Results Forecast

-	Bln	Yen

	FY17	FY18 October Forecast	FY18 February Forecast	Change from October Forecast		
Sales & operating revenue	8,544.0	8,700	8,500	-200 bln yen (-2%)		
Operating income	734.9	870	870	-2707		
Income before income taxes	699.0	975	950	-25 bln yen (-3%)		
Net income attributable to Sony Corporation's stockholders	490.8	705	835	+130 bln yen (+18%)		
Restructuring charges	22.4	27	27	-		
Additions to long-lived assets	332.1	360	360	-		
Depreciation and amortization	361.4	360	370	+10 bln yen		
Research and development expenses	458.5	470	470	-		
Operating Cash Flow* (Sony without Financial Services)	770.6	830	830	-		
A		Assumption	Assumption	Dividend per Share		
Average rate	Actual	(2H FY18)	(Q4 FY18)	Interim 15 yen		
1 US dollar	110.9 yen	Approx. 112 yen	Approx. 111 yen	Year-end (Planned) 20 yen		
1 Euro	129.7 yen	Approx. 132 yen	Approx. 127 yen	Full year (Planned) 35 ven		

* Operating cash flow (Sony without Financial Services) is not a measure in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, Sony believes that this disclosure may be useful information to investors. Please refer to F-11 in "Q3 FY18 Financial Statements" for Condensed Statements of Cash Flows for Sony without Financial Services.

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FY2018 Consolidated Results Forecast: Change from October Forecast

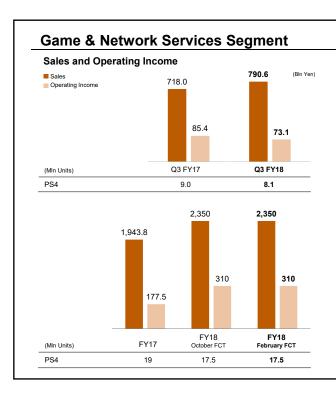
	Change from October Forecast	Contributing Factors (+) Better ∕ (-) Worse
Sales & operating revenue	-200 bin yen -2 %	·(–) Lower-than-expected sales in the Financial Services, Semiconductors, MC and IP&S segments
Operating income	-	·(+) Removal of allocation for contingencies incorporated into the October forecast for All Other, Corporate and elimination ·(-) Downward revision in operating income of the Financial Services and Semiconductors segments
Net income attributable to Sony Corporation's stockholders	+130 bln yen +18 %	·(+) Reversal of valuation allowances against a significant portion of deferred tax assets in the U.S. consolidated tax group, resulting in a tax benefit being recorded ·(-) Downward revision in the forecast for income before income taxes

FY2018 Results Forecast by Segment

(Bln Yen)

		FY17	FY18 October Forecast	FY18 February Forecast	Change from October Forecast
Game & Network Services (G&NS)	Sales	1,943.8	2,350	2,350	-
Gaine & Network Services (G&NS)	Operating income	177.5	310	310	-
Music	Sales	800.0	820	820	-
MUSIC	Operating income	127.8	230	230	-
Pictures	Sales	1,011.1	1,000	1,000	-
Pictures	Operating income	41.1	50	50	-
Home Entertainment &	Sales	1,222.7	1,150	1,150	-
Sound (HE&S)	Operating income	85.8	86	86	-
Imaging Products &	Sales	655.9	680	670	-10
Solutions (IP&S)	Operating income	74.9	81	81	-
Mobile Communications	Sales	723.7	510	490	-20
(MC)	Operating income	-27.6	-95	-95	-
Semiconductors	Sales	850.0	910	870	-40
Semiconductors	Operating income	164.0	140	130	-10
Financial Services	Revenue	1,228.4	1,270	1,180	-90
Financial Services	Operating income	178.9	170	160	-10
All Other, Corporate and elimination	Operating Income	-87.6	-102	-82	+20
•	Revenue	8,544.0	8,700	8,500	-200
Consolidated total	Operating income	734.9	870	870	-

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Q3 FY2018 (year-on-year)

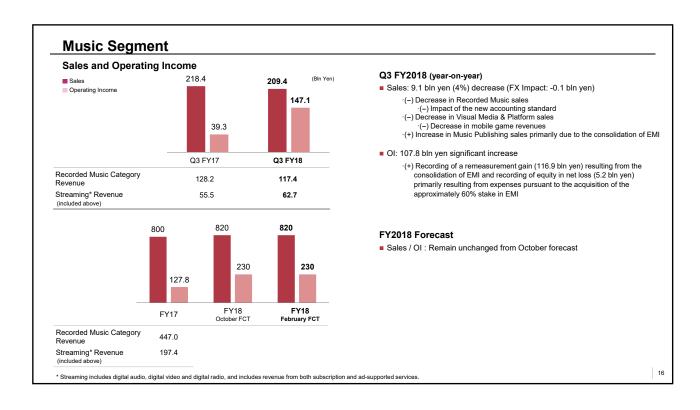
- Sales: 72.6 bln yen (10%) significant increase (FX Impact: -9.5 bln yen)

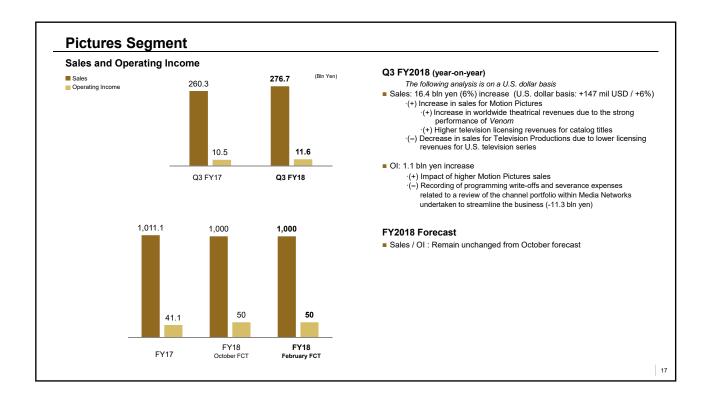
 - · (+) Increase in game software sales ·(-) Impact of decrease in PlayStation®4 (PS4™) hardware unit sales and selling at promotional prices during the year-end selling season
- OI: 12.3 bln yen decrease (FX Impact: -4.2 bln yen)

 - ·(-) Decrease in PS4 hardware sales ·(-) Negative impact of foreign exchange rates ·(+) Increase in game software sales

FY2018 Forecast

■ Sales / OI : Remain unchanged from October forecast





Home Entertainment & Sound Segment Sales and Operating Income Sales Operating Income 388.8 47.5 46.2 Q3 FY17 Q3 FY18 TVs 4.2 3.8 1,222.7 1,150 1,150 85.8 86 86 FY18 October FCT FY18 February FCT FY17 (Mln Units) TVs 12.4 11.5 11.5

Q3 FY2018 (year-on-year)

- Sales: 41.0. bln yen (10%) decrease (FX impact: -12.9 bln yen)
 - (-) Decrease in television unit sales resulting from a strategic decision not to pursue scale in order to focus on profitability
 (-) Impact of foreign exchange rates
- OI: 1.3 bln yen increase (FX Impact: -10.2 bln yen)
 - (+) Improvement in the product mix of televisions reflecting a shift to high value-added models

 (+) Decrease in indirect costs at sales companies*

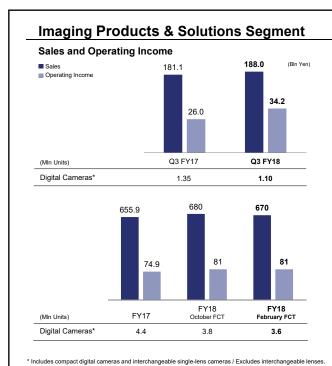
 - (-) Negative impact of foreign exchange rates
 - (-) Decrease in sales

FY2018 Forecast

■ Sales / OI : Remain unchanged from October forecast

A change has been made to the calculation method used for allocating indirect expenses incurred by sales companies to the segments every quarter. For details, please refer to F-5 in "Q3 FY18 Financial Statements".

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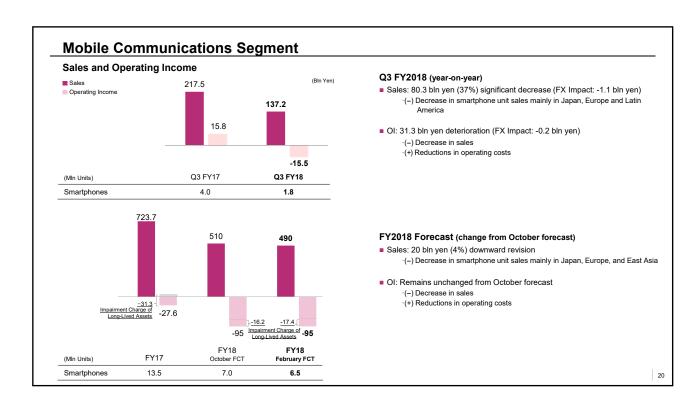
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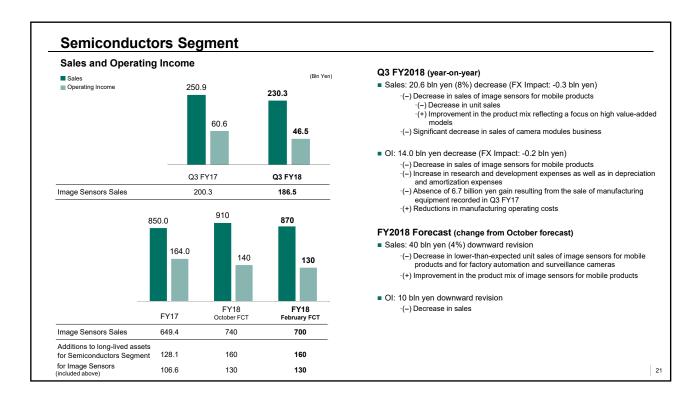
- Sales: 6.9 bln yen (4%) increase (FX Impact: -3.3 bln yen)
 - ·(+) Improvement in the product mix reflecting a shift to high value-added
- OI: 8.3 bln yen increase (FX Impact: -2.4 bln yen)
 - $\cdot (\!+\!)$ Improvement in the product mix reflecting a shift to high value-added models
 - ·(+) Reductions in operating costs

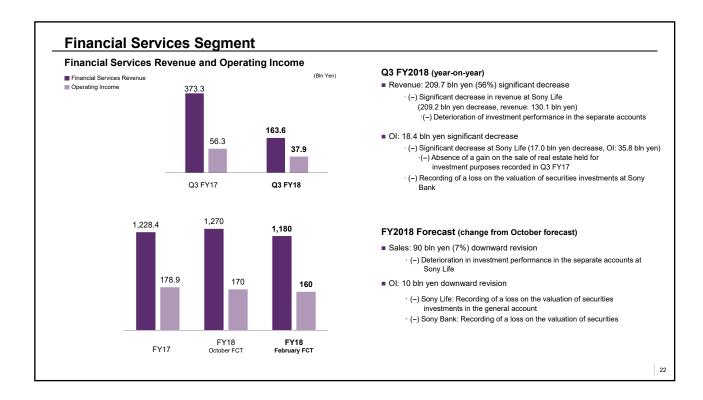
FY2018 Forecast (change from October forecast)

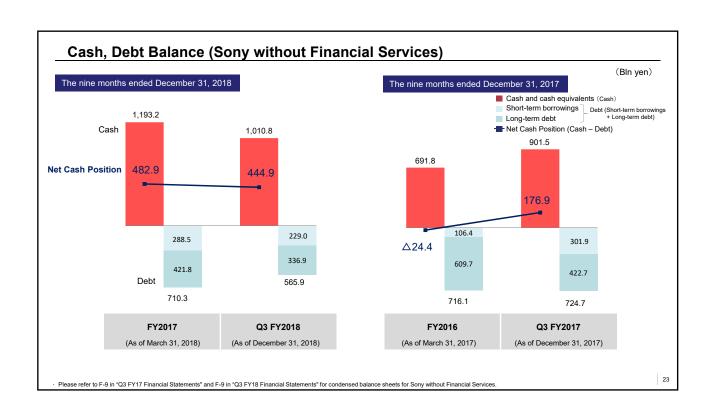
- Sales: 10 bln yen (1%) downward revision
 - ·(-) Decrease in unit sales of compact digital cameras
- OI: Remain unchanged from October forecast
 - ·(+) Improvement in product mix reflecting a shift to high value-added
 - ·(+) Reductions in operating costs
 - ·(-) Decrease in sales

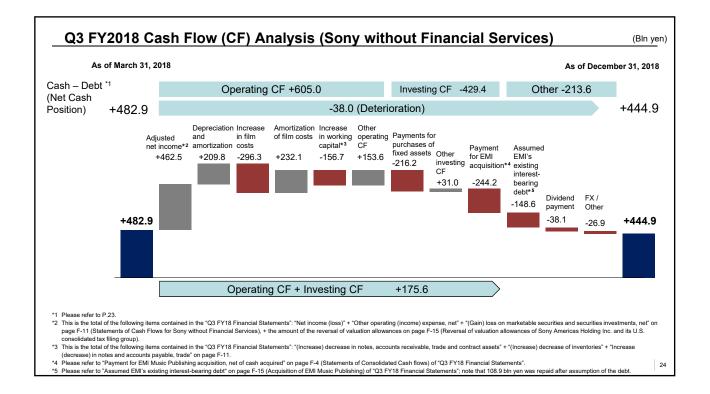
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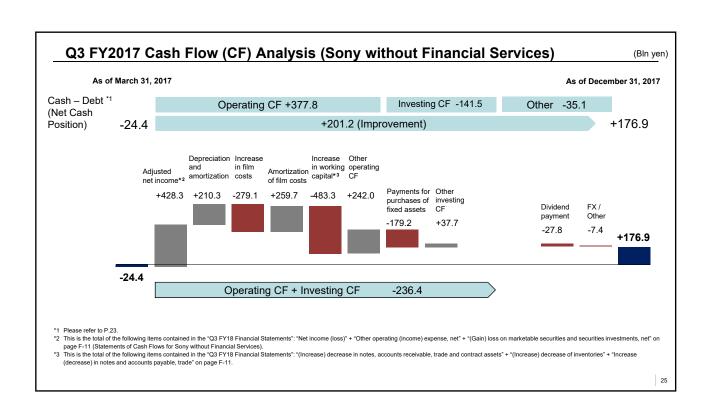












Notes

Sales on a Constant Currency Basis and Impact of Foreign Exchange Rate Fluctuations

The descriptions of sales on a constant currency basis reflect sales calculated by applying the yen's monthly average exchange rates from the previous fiscal year, or the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, to local currency-denominated monthly sales in the current fiscal year, or the current quarter, respectively. For Sony Music Entertainment, Sony/ATV Music Publishing and EMI Music Publishing ("EMI") in the Music segment, and in the Pictures segment, the constant currency amounts are calculated by applying the monthly average U.S. dollar / yen exchange rates after aggregation on a U.S. dollar basis.

The impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on sales is calculated by applying the change in the yen's periodic weighted average exchange rates for the previous fiscal year, or the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, from the current fiscal year, or the current quarter, respectively, to the major transactional currencies in which the sales are denominated. The impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on operating income (loss) is calculated by subtracting from the impact on sales the impact on cost of sales and selling, general and administrative expenses calculated by applying the same major transactional currencies calculation process to cost of sales and selling, general and administrative expenses as for the impact on sales. Additionally, the MC segment enters into its own foreign exchange hedging transactions. The impact of those transactions is included in the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on operating income (loss) for that segment.

This information is not a substitute for Sony's consolidated financial statements measured in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, Sony believes that these disclosures provide additional useful analytical information to investors regarding the operating performance of Sony.

Notes about Financial Performance of the Music, Pictures and Financial Services segments

On November 14, 2018, Sony acquired the entirety of the approximately 60% equity interest held by the investor consortium led by Mubadala Investment Company in DH Publishing, L.P, which owned and managed EMI, resulting in EMI becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sony. Financial results of EMI included in the Music segment include Sony's equity earnings (loss) in EMI from April 1 through November 13, 2018 and sales and operating income (loss) of EMI from November 14, 2018 through December 31, 2018, as well as a non-cash gain recorded as a result of the remeasurement to fair value of the approximately 40% equity interest in EMI that Sony owned prior to the acquisition.

The Music segment results include the yen-translated results of Sony Music Entertainment, Sony/ATV Music Publishing and the above-mentioned EMI, all U.S.-based operations which aggregate the results of their worldwide subsidiaries on a U.S. dollar basis, and the results of Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc., a Japan-based music company which aggregates its results in yen.

The results presented in Pictures are a yen-translation of the results of Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc., a U.S.-based operation that aggregates the results of its worldwide subsidiaries on a U.S. dollar basis

The Financial Services segment results include Sony Financial Holdings Inc. ("SFH") and SFH's consolidated subsidiaries such as Sony Life Insurance Co., Ltd., Sony Assurance Inc. and Sony Bank Inc. The results of SFH and its consolidated subsidiaries discussed in the Financial Services segment differ from the results that these companies disclose separately

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 Sony's ability to implement successful hardware, software, and content integration strategies, and to develop and implement successful sales and distribution strategies in
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- (v) those related to taxation, as well as growing consumer focus on corporate social responsibility;
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 the global economic and political environment in which Sony operates and the economic and political conditions in Sony's markets, particularly levels of consumer spending;
 Sony's ability to meet operational and liquidity needs as a result of significant volatility and disruption in the global financial markets or a ratings downgrade;
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- son's ability to freeast demands, manage timely procurement and control inventories; foreign exchange rates, particularly between the yen and the U.S. dollar, the euro and other currencies in which Sony sasest, labilities and operating results are denominated; Sony's ability to recruit, retain and maintain productive relations with highly skilled personnel; Sony's ability to prevent unauthorized use or theft of intellectual property rights, to obtain or renew licenses relating to intellectual property rights and to defend itself against claims that its products or services infringe the intellectual property rights owned by others; the impact of changes in interest rates and unfavorable conditions or developments (including market fluctuations or volatility) in the Japanese equity markets on the revenue and operating income of the Financial Services segment. (xi)

- (xiv) and operating income of the Financial Services segment; shifts in customer demand for financial services such as life insurance and Sony's ability to conduct successful asset liability management in the Financial Services segment;
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