# **1Q 2023 Earnings Results**

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### 2023 1Q Results at a Glance

### **KEY PERFORMANCE**



### **KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**



## PC / Console

PUBG PC/Console Recorded the Highest Ever In-game Revenue with Expanded Traffic and New Monetization Content



### Mobile



### **Scale-Up the Creative**

#### Scale-Up the Future Growth Potential with Transition from a Global Game Company into a Global Publisher



# **Beyond Game**

B Focusing on Enhancing Efficiency in Game Development and Discovering New Gameplay Through AI/Deep Learning

#### Virtual Game Friend













Virtual Friends just like usual friends who play games together

- Can offer advice and strategic suggestions enabled by RL
- Able to engage in conversations about topics beyond games

#### **Innovations in Game Development Process**

#### **Project Migaloo**





Al/Deep Learning technology applied to develop core components and content in the open-world

#### Game Development Efficiency



Programming, art, personal avatars, 3D modeling, game design

## **1Q23 Financials**

#### Revenue

KRW 538.7bn (+13.7% QoQ, +3.0% YoY)

Solid revenue from strong PC revenue and favorable seasonality for mobile, PUBG PC led the growth setting a new record high for quarterly revenue

#### Operating Profit KRW 283.0bn (+124.3% QoQ, -10.1% YoY)

Rose QoQ on sound revenue growth leveraging PUBG IP, Increased 12% YoY from 1Q22 OP of 261.7bn when excluding share-based payment expenses

#### **Net Profit**

KRW 267.2bn (Turned to Profit QoQ, +9.0% YoY)



### **Expense Breakdown**

#### Operating Costs KRW 255.7bn (-26.4% QoQ, +22.9% YoY)

• (Personnel) KRW 100.8bn (+59.0% QoQ, -6.9% YoY)

Declined YoY due to the limited increase in headcount

#### • (Paid Commissions) KRW 61.6bn (-40.0% QoQ, +10.3% YoY)

Declined QoQ on falling expenses related to Esports and outsourcing, Rose YoY on higher server and engine costs

KRW bn	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	QoQ	ΥοΥ	
Operating Costs	208.0	257.7	289.1	347.6	255.7	-26.4%	22.9%	
% of Revenue	39.8%	60.8%	66.7%	73.4%	47.5%	-25.9%p	7.7%p	
Personnel	108.3	94.2	98.9	63.4	100.8	59.0%	-6.9%	
Platform Fees/Cost of Revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	51.6	50.1	47.8	57.7	46.7	-19.0%	-9.4%	
Paid Commissions	55.8	81.5	85.2	102.7	61.6	-40.0%	10.3%	
Marketing	17.5	11.3	19.7	81.2	5.1	-93.7%	-70.9%	
Share-based Payment Expenses	(53.2)	(8.4)	7.8	(9.7)	10.0	n/a	n/a	
Others	28.0	29.0	29.7	52.4	31.4	-40.0%	12.3%	
Operating Profit	315.0	165.8	144.6	126.2	283.0	124.3%	-10.1%	
% OP Margin	60.2%	39.2%	33.3%	26.6%	52.5%	25.9%p	-7.7%p	
Adj. EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	280.5	177.4	174.5	160.3	319.0	99.0%	13.7%	
% Adj. EBITDA Margin	53.6%	41.9%	40.2%	33.8%	59.2%	25.4%p	5.6%p	

Note: (1) Platform Fees/Cost of Revenue consist of Steam, market commissions, etc, (2) Adj. EBITDA = EBITDA + Share-based payment expenses

# **Operating Profit / Adj. EBITDA**

 Operating Profit
 KRW 283.0bn (+124.3% QoQ, -10.1% YoY)

Adj. EBITDA

**KRW 319.0bn** (+99.0% QoQ, +13.7% YoY)

• Adj. EBITDA increased 14% YoY, with Adj. EBITDA margin of 59%



### **Operating Profit**

Note: (1) Adj. EBITDA = EBITDA + Share-based payment expenses, (2) Reversal of Share-based payment expenses





Profit Before Income Tax KRW 362.4bn (Turned to Profit QoQ, +8.9% YoY)

**Net Profit** 

KRW 267.2bn (Turned to Profit QoQ, +9.0% YoY)

• Net profit rose QoQ and YoY on increased non-operating profit impacted by low base from impairment of intangible assets in 4Q22 and FX effects, with net profit margin of 50%

#### Non-Operating Profit & Profit Before Income Tax

Unit: KRW bn

	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23
Non-operating Profit	17.8	94.5	169.1	(349.1)	79.4
Non-Operating Income	43.7	108.9	206.1	(40.2)	141.8
Other Income	37.0	101.3	196.2	(49.8)	131.9
Finance Income	6.7	7.5	9.9	9.6	9.9
Non-Operating Expense	25.9	14.4	37.0	308.9	62.4
Other Expense	24.3	12.8	35.5	306.0 <sup>(1)</sup>	60.5
Finance Expense	1.6	1.6	1.5	2.8	1.9
Profit Before Income Tax	332.7	260.3	313.7	(222.9)	362.4

#### **Net Profit**



## **KRAFTON** Pipeline

### **Incubating Pipeline**

### **Game Release Plan**



Title Categories	Total	<b>'23</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'2</b> 5~	Details	
Strategic	6	-	4	2	<ul> <li>Project BlackBudget</li> <li>The Next Subnautica</li> <li>Project Impact</li> <li>Project GoldRush</li> <li>Project Windless</li> </ul>	
Creative Studio (PC, Console)	7	3	2	2	Project Isegye	
Creative Studio (Mobile)	7	5	2	-	Defense Derby	
Publishing	4	1	1	2		

### **KRAFTON Pipeline – Project Introduction**

#### **Project BlackBudget**

Challenging ourselves to popularize the extraction shooter genre based on our PUBG production & service experience

- An ever-changing PvPvE open-world and satisfying gunplay that deliver unpredictable and exciting experiences
- Considering release on PC/Console

#### **The Next Subnautica**

The sequel to Subnautica, a survival adventure game that has garnered massive following

- Developing an expanded Subnautica experience and industry-competitive quality
- Additions include more expansive maps, creatures and interactions, augmented experience, and more

#### **Project GoldRush**

Targeting a Western audience of the action-adventure sandbox genre, and challenging to present instant action and rewarding progression

- A Game-as-a-Service inviting players to enjoy pick-up-and play action inside a compelling PvPvE sandbox – solo, or together with friends
- A challenging online world appealing to a new generation of gamers with a distinct identity and novel features



Aspiring for high-quality global game based on the original 'The Bird That Drinks Tears'

Currently finalizing game concept (on console) and development direction

 Established Montreal studio, recruited key talent with successful track record

- Patrik Methe: Far Cry Game Director
- lain McCaig: Star Wars, Avengers Design Director
- Gwangjae Son: Krafton Art Director







Concept arts to be released later









## Mid-to-Long Term Shareholder Return Policy



- Shareholder return policy to create higher shareholder value as a listed company
- Build trust with our shareholders and the market **in the long term**
- ✓ 3-Year Plan (FY2023~2025)

#### **Financial Resource**

- ✓ (FCF<sup>(1)</sup> Investment) x 40%
- 'Investment' excludes investments made using the IPO proceeds<sup>(2)</sup>

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- Buyback and Retirement of Treasury Shares
- Retire 100% of the purchased shares in the first year, FY2023
- Retire minimum 60% of the purchased shares years ahead



Note: (1) 'FCF' is calculated by deducting Capital Expenditures (CAPEX) and Payment of Lease Liabilities from Operating Cash Flow as reported in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow, (2) 'Investment' is calculated by Cash outflows related to non-CAPEX investments, mainly M&A activities such as acquisitions and investments, excluding investments made using the proceeds from the Initial Public Offering

## **Summary of Financial Statements**

#### **Consolidated Income Statement**

#### **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

(KRW bn)	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	(KRW bn)	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23
Revenue	523.0	423.6	433.7	473.8	538.7	Current Assets	3,715.7	3,811.0	3,979.2	3,892.6	4,075.3
Operating Costs	208.0	257.7	289.1	347.6	255.7	Cash and Cash Equivalents $^{(1)}$	2,913.6	3,079.2	3,261.1	3,125.3	3,216.0
Operating Profit	315.0	165.8	144.6	126.2	283.0	Non-current Assets	2,054.2	2,117.7	2,321.6	2,145.2	2,237.1
EBITDA	333.7	185.8	166.7	170.0	309.0	Total Assets	5,769.9	5,928.7	6,300.8	6,037.8	6,312.4
Adj. EBITDA	280.5	177.4	174.5	160.3	319.0	Current Liabilities	529.4	434.7	480.6	411.5	398.6
Non-Operating Profit	17.8	94.5	169.1	(349.1)	79.4	Non-current Liabilities	393.7	416.2	418.5	509.9	513.3
Other Income	37.0	101.3	196.2	(49.8)	131.9	Total Liabilities	923.1	850.8	899.1	921.4	911.9
Other Expenses	24.3	12.8	35.5	306.0	60.5	Paid-in Capital	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Finance Income	6.7	7.5	9.9	9.6	9.9	Capital Surplus	1,474.1	1,475.1	1,475.1	1,448.6	1,467.7
Finance Expenses	1.6	1.6	1.5	2.8	1.9	Other Components of Equity	155.1	191.1	288.5	190.1	188.0
Profit Before Income Tax	332.7	260.3	313.7	(222.9)	362.4	Retained Earnings	3,212.7	3,406.6	3,633.0	3,467.6	3,735.0
Income Tax	84.5	63.0	83.1	(61.9)	95.2	Non-controlling Interests	0.1	0.2	0.2	5.2	4.9
Profit from Discontinued Operations	(3.0)	(3.4)	(4.2)	(4.4)	-	Total Equity	4,846.8	5,077.9	5,401.7	5,116.4	5,400.5
Net Profit	245.2	194.0	226.4	(165.4)	267.2						



**Our Vision** 

WHY

We believe games will become the world's most powerful medium.

HOW

Based on our **creativity**, steadfast dedication toward **new challenges** and **technological development**,

WHAT

We will further **expand our original IPs** and build **immersive, virtual worlds**, where our fans play together and share fun moments.

We will meet everyone in the world we are building.