

# **Financial Results Highlights** FY12/2024 Q1

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# **Roland Corporation**

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- As expected, softer sell-in due to adjustments in Dealer inventories, etc., but this has already been factored into our budget.
- Both sales and profits **exceeded the internal plan for Q1**.
- New product development is **progressing well**.
- Although there are uncertainties in demand especially in North America, we maintain 1H and full-year guidance.

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# Highlights

<b>Sales</b> <b>22.0</b> bn (YoY : -3.4%)	<ul> <li>Rebound from aggressive sell-in in Q4 of the previous year aimed at improving balance sheet health, but within our expectations</li> </ul>
<b>Operating Profit</b> <b>1.5</b> bn (YoY : -22.5%)	<ul> <li>YoY decrease in profit due to volume decline is within expectations</li> <li>Normalization of sales strategy is slightly slower than expected, but this is covered by tighter cost execution.</li> </ul>
<b>Net Income<sup>1</sup></b> <b>0.9</b> bn (YoY : -30.4%)	No major extraordinary gains or losses

#### **Consolidated Financial Forecast**

• Gross profit margin improved by 1.6pt from Q4 of the previous year (3M: 40.9%)

	FY12/2023 Q1 <sup>1</sup>		FY12/2023 Q1 <sup>1</sup>			FY12/2024 Q1 <sup>2</sup>		
(JPY mn)	Actual	% of Sales	Forecast	% of Sales	YoY			
Sales	22,861	100.0%	22,083	100.0%	-3.4%			
Gross Profit	9,748	42.6%	9,392	42.5%	-3.7%			
SG&A	7,729	33.8%	7,827	35.4%	+1.3%			
Operating Profit	2,018	8.8%	1,564	7.1%	-22.5%			
Net Income <sup>3</sup>	1,408	6.2%	980	4.4%	-30.4%			
EBITDA	2,663	11.7%	2,269	10.3%	-14.8%			

1 Exchange rates for FY12/2023 Q1 USD/JPY: 132.36, EUR/JPY: 142.16, EUR/USD: 1.074 2 Exchange rates for FY12/2024 Q1 USD/JPY: 148.61, EUR/JPY: 161.36, EUR/USD: 1.086 2 Not increase of the terms of terms of the terms of the terms of the terms of terms

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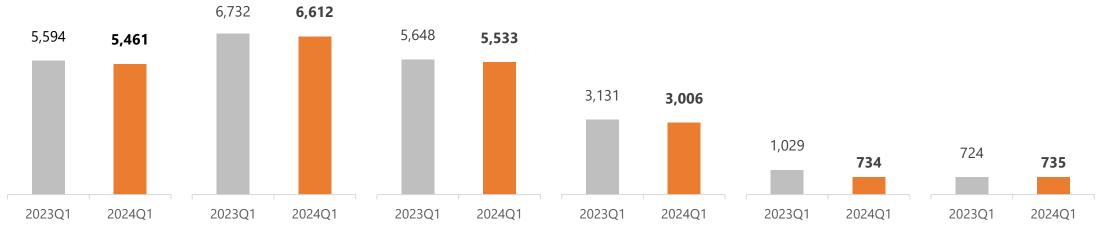
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# Sales by Category

- The main reason for the YoY decline excluding FX in the major categories was the impact of dealer inventory adjustments, which was in line with internal assumptions.
- (vs. Q1 Plan) Keyboards:  $\bigcirc$ , Percussion & Wind:  $\bigcirc$ , Guitar-related:  $\triangle$ , Creation-related:  $\bigcirc$ , Video & Pro Audio:  $\triangle$ , Others:  $\bigcirc$

#### (JPY mn)

	Keyboards	Perc. & Wind	Guitar-related	Creation-related	Video & Pro Audio	Others	Total
YoY <sup>1</sup>	-2.4%	-1.8%	-2.0%	-4.0%	-28.7%	+1.6%	-3.4%
101	(-11.8%)	(-11.9%)	(-11.7%)	(-14.0%)	(-34.5%)	(-8.1%)	(-13.0%)



1 Figures in ( ) are comparisons excluding the effect of FX rates

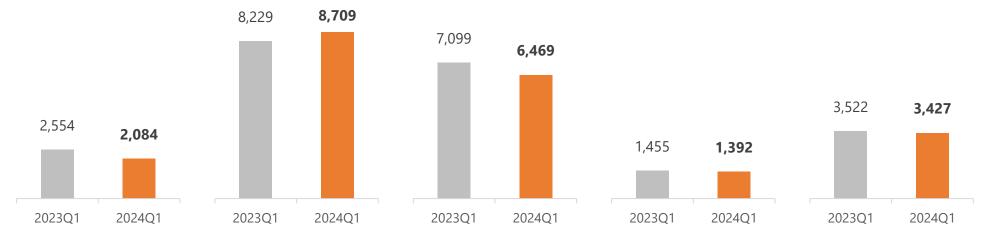
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# Sales by Region

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- (vs. Q1 Plan) Japan: $\triangle$ , North America: $\triangle$ , Europe: $\bigcirc$ , China: $\bigcirc$ , Emerging countries:  $\bigcirc$

(JPY mn)





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# **Consolidated Operating Profit**

Ch	anges (vs Previous year)		Factors
<ul> <li>Sales Volume change</li> <li>Selling Price / Cost ratio c</li> <li>SG&amp;A change</li> <li>FX impact</li> </ul>	hange	(JPY bn)	<ul> <li>Sales Volume</li> <li>✓ Rebound from aggressive sell-in in Q4 of the year (Dealer inventory has been adjusted)</li> </ul>
2.0 -1.1	+0.4 +0.4	.7	<ul> <li>Selling Price / Cost ratio</li> <li>Although progress has been made compared to Q4/2023, normalization of sales strategy is still underway (-)</li> <li>DW earnings improvement (+)</li> <li>SG&amp;A</li> <li>Decrease in expenses due to lower sales volume</li> <li>Tighter execution with close monitoring of market conditions</li> </ul>
FY12/2023 Q1		FY12/2024 Q1	

# **Topics: Major new products and services announced in the first quarter**

## **Creation-related equipment & services**

## **Stage Pianos**

Reasonably priced stage piano with expressive sound and playability
Upgrade software available from **Roland Cloud**



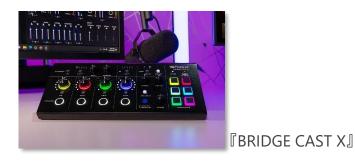


Image of **[RD-08**]

Upgrade software available on Roland Cloud 『RD-08 Upgrade』

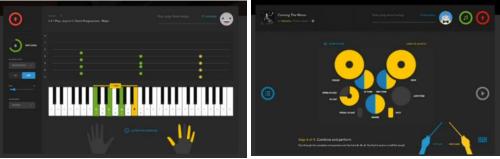
# Gaming Audio Mixer / Video Capture

- High-end model with video functions added to Roland's first audio mixer for game distributors released last year
- Compatible with the "BGM CAST" service of **Roland Cloud**, which enables the use of copyright-free background music and sound effects



# **Roland Cloud**

- In collaboration with Melodics<sup>™</sup>, the acclaimed casual music lesson app, we now offer "Melodics Essentials for Roland".
- Lesson services on Roland Cloud will be expanded in the future.



Screen image of **[**Melodics Essentials for Roland]

	2023Q4	2024Q1
<b>Roland Account</b>	2.7M 🔾	2.8M
R. Cloud User <sup>1</sup>	1.2M 🗳	1.4M
Paid User <sup>2</sup>	115K 🧳	123K
Subscriber	28K 🧳	29.5K

1 Cumulative number of users of the Roland Cloud service

2 Number of subscribers registered at the end of each financial year + number of single purchases during 10 each financial year

# Topics: Major new products and services announced in the first quarter

# Keyboards

## Home Piano

- Equipped with the **latest modeling sound source** completely redesigned from the ground up from the previous sound source
- The latest **Piano Reality Technology** has significantly improved the quality of all basic functions, including sound, keyboard, pedals, etc.
- Compatible with the original free "Roland Piano App"

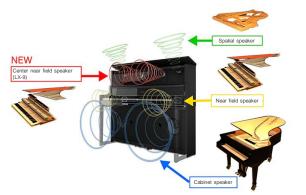






『LX-6』





New speaker system to reproduce a piano sound with greatly improved expressiveness



10-year warranty, which is now offered in major countries, is now available in Japan for the newest GP and LX series models.

# Portable Keyboard

- Full-scale Re-entry into the Portable Keyboard Market
- Supports performance & music creation linking with PC, Smartphone Additional contents can be purchased from the **Roland Cloud**
- Compatible with the Melodics Essentials for Roland music lesson application





Supports Roland Cloud Connect, which enables wireless connectivity with Roland Cloud



Image of [Melodics Essentials for Roland]

# **Topics: Major new products and services announced in the first quarter**

## **Guitar-related equipment**

#### **Vocal Effectors**

- Vocal effect pedal with full range of effects and harmony functions to bring more expressive power to vocalists
- Highly versatile for recording, practicing, live streaming, and performing on stage





『VE-22』



# Image of **[VE-22]** & Custom carrying bag **[CB-VE22]**



**Roland Corporation and Universal Music Group Form Strategic Relationship to Empower Human Artistry** 





#### UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP

- Published "Principles for Music Creation with AI"
- Establishing joint research on the responsible use of AI in music creation.
- Aims to use AI technology to support/develop music and musicians' creativity

For more information, please visit the special "Principles for Music Creation by AI" website <u>https://aiformusic.info/</u>

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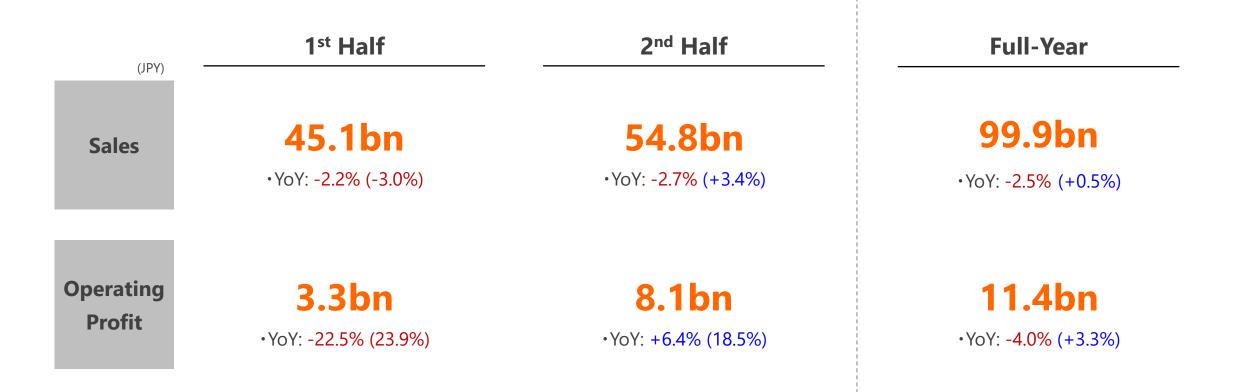
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# No change in 1H and Full-year Guidance

	Q1	Outlook and Strategy for Q2 and Beyond
Sell-thru	<ul> <li>Slightly weaker than expected (mainly U.S, Japan)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gradual recovery due to new product launches and progress in dealer inventory adjustments</li> </ul>
Sell-in	<ul> <li>Weakness due to Dealer inventory adjustments, but in line with plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Steady implementation of MTP</li> <li>Uncertainty in demand in U.S markets</li> </ul>
Gross Profit Margin	<ul> <li>Steady QoQ improvement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continuous improvement due to normalization of sales strategy and DW's PMI progress</li> </ul>
SG&A	<ul> <li>Tighter execution while watching the situation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Careful control watching demand and gross profit improvement</li> </ul>
SCM	<ul> <li>Dealer inventory adjustment progressing gradually</li> </ul>	Continuous improvement

# Sales and Profit Forecasts for the 1<sup>st</sup> Half and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of the Year (No Change)

- Some uncertainties about demand in major countries, but no major trend changes in the near term
- No change in 1H and Full-year forecasts



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# **Consolidated Financial Forecast (Disclosed on 2/14/2024)**

	FY12/2023 <sup>1</sup>		FY12/2023 <sup>1</sup> FY12/2024 <sup>2</sup>			
(JPY mn)	Actual	% of Sales	Forecast	% of Sales	YoY	
Sales	102,445	100.0%	99,900	100.0%	-2.5%	
Gross Profit	43,932	42.9%	44,600	44.6%	+1.5%	
SG&A	32,060	31.3%	33,200	33.2%	+3.6%	
Operating Profit	11,871	11.6%	11,400	11.4%	-4.0%	
Net Income <sup>3</sup>	8,151	8.0%	8,500	8.5%	+4.3%	
EBITDA	14,628	14.3%	14,340	14.4%	-2.0%	

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#### First Half Forecast (Disclosed on 2/14/2024)

	FY12/2023 First Half <sup>1</sup>		FY12/2024 First Half <sup>2</sup>		
(JPY mn)	Actual	% of Sales	Forecast	% of Sales	YoY
Sales	46,096	100.0%	45,100	100.0%	-2.2%
Gross Profit	19,772	42.9%	19,700	43.7%	-0.4%
SG&A	15,516	33.7%	16,400	36.4%	+5.7%
Operating Profit	4,256	9.2%	3,300	7.3%	-22.5%
Net Income <sup>3</sup>	3,195	6.9%	2,500	5.5%	-21.8%

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#### Second Half Forecast (Disclosed on 2/14/2024)

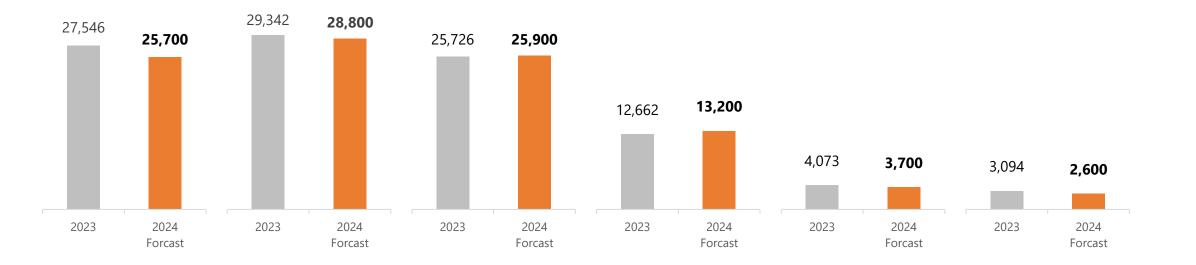
	FY12/2023 Second Half <sup>1</sup>		FY12/2024 Second Half <sup>2</sup>		
(JPY mn)	Actual	% of Sales	Forecast	% of Sales	YoY
Sales	56,349	100.0%	54,800	100.0%	-2.7%
Gross Profit	24,159	42.9%	24,900	45.4%	+3.1%
SG&A	16,544	29.4%	16,800	30.7%	+1.5%
Operating Profit	7,615	13.5%	8,100	14.8%	+6.4%
Net Income <sup>3</sup>	4,956	8.8%	6,000	10.9%	+21.1%

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# Sales Forecast by Category (Disclosed on 2/14/2024)

(JPY mn)

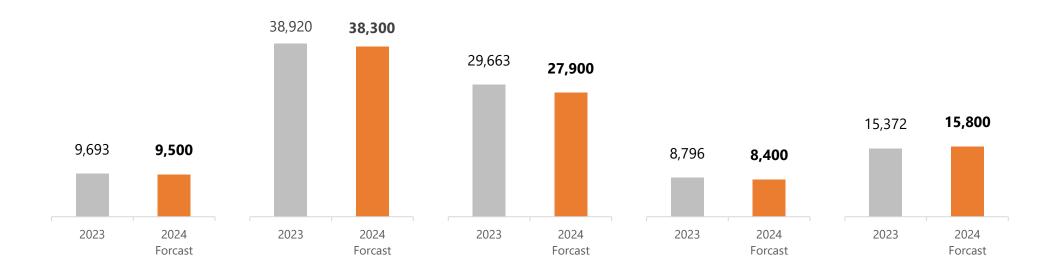
	Keyboards	Perc. & Wind	Guitar-related	Creation-related	Video & Pro Audio	Others	Total
YoY <sup>1</sup>	-6.7%	-1.8%	+0.7%	+4.2%	-9.2%	-16.0%	-2.5%
	<b>(-3.7%)</b>	<b>(+1.3%)</b>	<b>(+3.7%)</b>	<b>(+7.4%)</b>	<b>(-7.1%)</b>	<b>(-13.6%)</b>	<b>(+0.5%)</b>



## Sales Forecast by Region (Disclosed on 2/14/2024)

(JPY mn)





# **Key Consolidated Financials**

(JPY mn)	FY2023 Q1	FY2024 Q1	(JPY mn)	As of Dec. 31, 2023	As of Mar. 31, 2024
Net sales	22,861	22,083	Cash and deposits	12,883	12,259
Gross profit	9,748	9,392	Notes and accounts receivable - trade	13,805	11,484
Selling, general and administrative expenses	7,729	7,827	Inventories	30,144	31,183
Operating profit	2,018	1,564	Other current assets	1,826	1,648
Profit before income taxes	1,864	1,262	Total current assets	58,659	56,576
Profit attributable to owners of parent	1,408	980	Net property, plant and equipment	9,961	9,864
EBITDA	2,663	2,269	Goodwill	3,129	3,244
D/E ratio	0.7x	0.5x	Investments and other assets	9,218	10,144
Equity ratio	44.9%	51.0%	Total non-current assets	22,309	23,253
Debt / EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	1.9x	1.5x	Total assets	80,969	79,830
ROE <sup>1</sup>	26.2%	20.5%	Notes and accounts payable - trade	6,266	6,179
ROIC <sup>1</sup>	16.9%	16.8%	Short-term borrowings	4,300	3,600
R&D Expenses	1,207	1,263	Current portion of long-term borrowings	8,526	5,392
Capital Expenditures <sup>2</sup>	583	295	Other current liabilities	8,948	8,270
Depreciation Expenses	645	704	Long-term borrowings	10,056	12,592
Free Cash Flow <sup>3</sup>	4,654	3,212	Other long-term liabilities	2,756	2,806
1 Debt / EBITDA ,ROE and ROIC are calculated on an anr	nually (recent 12 months) adju	sted basis	Total liabilities	40,854	38,840

Total net assets

Total liabilities and net assets

Debt / EBITDA ,ROE and ROIC are calculated on an annually (recent 12 months) adjusted basis
 The amounts presented in capital expenditures is for property, plant and equipment.
 Free Cash Flow is the sum of cash from operating activities and cash from investing activities

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