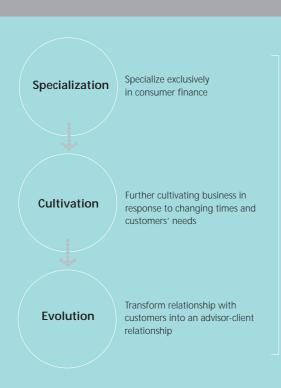
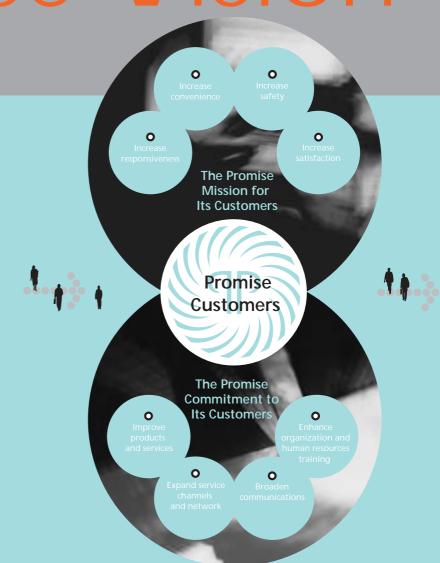


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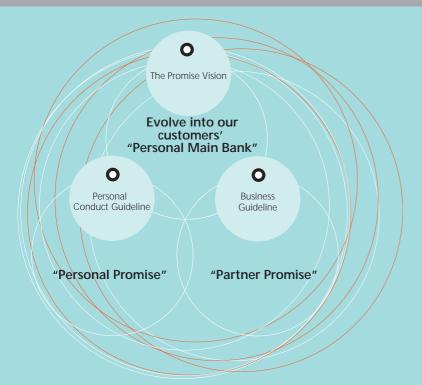
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Promise Co., Ltd., is one of the leading companies in Japan's consumer finance industry, and its principal business is providing unsecured loans to individuals. Promise has experienced steady expansion since its establishment in 1962.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, Promise took further steps to sharpen its focus on the consumer finance business and provide a broader range of services for its customers, based on its Promise Vision long-term corporate guidelines, which were prepared in 1998. Moreover, to strengthen the position of the Promise Group, the Company acquired another medium-sized consumer finance enterprise and proceeded with preparations to merge Rich Co., Ltd., Shinkou Co., Ltd., and TOWA Co., Ltd.—consumer finance companies acquired in the previous year—with the aim of enhancing their efficiency and performance. In addition, MOBIT Co., Ltd., a joint-venture consumer finance company established with UFJ Bank Limited, which saw its second year of operations, is steadily expanding its balance of consumer loans and is expected to reach breakeven in the near future.

Accompanying the implementation of Promise's strategy for its consolidated business structure, the Promise Group is aiming for further substantial increases in net income and is working to respond to the expectations of its shareholders and investors.

We thank you for your continuing support of our activities.



#### Cautionary Information with Respect to Forward-Looking Statements

In addition to historical facts regarding Promise's past performance, this annual report contains forward-looking statements, including plans and strategies that are based on the management's current assumptions and beliefs in light of currently available information. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, risks associated with changes in the general economic conditions and business environment in Japan as well as changes to Japanese laws and regulations.

# Financial Highlights

## Consolidated Basis

Promise Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries Years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

	Million	s of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
For the Year:	2002	2001	2002
	¥ 394,495	¥ 359.641	\$ 2,960,565
Total operating income	•		
Operating profit		127,418	859,418
Income before income taxes	112,308	107,392	842,834
Net income	62,941	64,845	472,355
Credit losses including provision for uncollectible loans	96,996	55,990	727,924
At Year-end:			
Total assets	1,833,777	1,679,394	13,761,928
Consumer loans receivable: Principal	1,543,288	1,418,656	11,581,901
Total shareholders' equity	574,866	517,504	4,314,195
Interest-bearing debt		1,094,274	8,742,008
Allowance for credit losses	87,213	61,349	654,507
Amounts per Share (Yen/U.S. Dollars):			
Net income, basic*	¥ 504.78	¥ 525.02	\$ 3.79
Cash dividends	100.00	90.00	0.75
Shareholders' equity	4,580.66	4,161.18	34.38

<sup>\*</sup> Based on Japanese accounting standards

Note: U.S. dollar amounts in this annual report are translated from yen, for convenience only, at the rate of ¥133.25 to US\$1, the approximate exchange rate at March 31, 2002.

# Non-Consolidated Basis

Promise Co., Ltd. Years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars	
	2002	2001	2002	
For the Year:				
Total operating income	¥ 316,247	¥ 292,774	\$ 2,373,335	
Operating profit	104,165	116,178	781,726	
Income before income taxes	106,423	101,853	798,675	
Net income	61,250	63,521	459,664	
Credit losses including provision for uncollectible loans	76,627	43,827	575,058	
At Year-end:				
Total assets	1,670,481	1,503,919	12,536,444	
Consumer loans receivable: Principal	1,324,663	1,228,026	9,941,187	
Total shareholders' equity	552,889	501,332	4,149,260	
Interest-bearing debt	1,042,619	952,354	7,824,531	
Allowance for credit losses	68,000	46,500	510,319	
Amounts per Share (Yen/U.S. Dollars):				
Net income, basic*	¥ 491.09	¥ 513.24	\$ 3.69	
Shareholders' equity	4,401.48	4,019.80	33.03	
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<sup>\*</sup> Based on Japanese accounting standards

Note: U.S. dollar amounts in this annual report are translated from yen, for convenience only, at the rate of ¥133.25 to US\$1, the approximate exchange rate at March 31, 2002.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, Japan experienced severe economic conditions, including the highest rate of unemployment to date, the lowest level of stock prices since the collapse of the bubble economy, and negative growth in GDP. In particular, the economy's further slide into recession since summer 2001 has brought an increase in the number of personal bankruptcies accompanying further deterioration in the employment environment. These developments have had an effect on Promise Co., Ltd.'s performance, and, as a result, the Company reported a decline in net income for the fiscal year under review. Nevertheless, we are steadily implementing strategies to achieve growth in the years ahead.

Turning to our performance during the fiscal year, amid a challenging operating environment, we were successful in increasing the number of our customers and our balance of consumer loans. At fiscal year-end, consolidated consumer loans outstanding stood at ¥1,543.3 billion, 8.8% above the level for the previous fiscal year. Total operating income for the year was ¥394.5 billion, a gain of 9.7% over the previous year, and income before income taxes rose 4.6%, to ¥112.3 billion. We believe these gains in performance are a reflection of a high appraisal of our corporate stance of responding to increasingly diverse customer needs with services carefully tailored to their requirements. However, the increase in the number of personal bankruptcies and settlements of claims through legal proceedings has been higher than anticipated. Accordingly, the parent company reported increased credit losses and made additions to the allowance for credit losses. As a consequence, operating profit declined 10.1%, to ¥114.5 billion, and net income decreased 2.9%, to ¥62.9 billion. These were the first declines in profitability since we listed our shares in 1993.

Amid this environment, the Promise Group is implementing effective strategies aimed at creating a new earnings structure for the future. Our consumer finance joint venture with UFJ Bank Limited, MOBIT Co., Ltd., which is developing the consumer loan market segment with interest rates of 15% and 18%, began operations in September 2000. MOBIT has subsequently steadily expanded its customer base. At the end of the fiscal year under review, MOBIT had 89,000 customer accounts, and its consumer loans outstanding had risen to ¥64.1 billion. For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003, MOBIT's consumer loans outstanding are expected to exceed ¥110.0 billion, and it will show its first profit for a full-year period. MOBIT is moving forward aggressively with the development of its target market segment, drawing fully on Promise's credit analysis and administrative know-how and UFJ Bank's brand and service delivery channel capabilities.

In addition, in April 2002, we merged three consumer finance subsidiaries, Rich Co., Ltd., Shinkou Co., Ltd., and TOWA Co., Ltd., which were acquired previously, to form a new consumer finance company, Plat Corporation. This newly created company will focus on providing loans with an interest rate of 29.2% and conducting low-cost operations. We have reduced the number of branches formerly operated by the three companies from 194 to 81 and given Plat's customers access to Promise's nationwide network of automated contract machines and ATMs, thus enabling them to conclude loan contracts and make repayments and loan withdrawals conveniently. These measures have significantly increased Plat's cost efficiency and customer-drawing power.

We are therefore aiming to expand our share of the consumer finance market by implementing a unique business model involving the development of our activities using three brands: MOBIT, Promise, and Plat. Thus, as we also focus on increasing the quality of our assets, we are working to build a new foundation for growth. The merits of this business model have been recognized in the United States, the most advanced country in finance globally, and, since April 2001, this business model has become the subject of case studies on several occasions in the MBA course at Harvard Business School.

The path toward recovery in the Japanese economy is still not in view, but the Promise Group is devoting its resources to implement strategies that will further improve its financial position and, through active marketing efforts, is working to improve its performance.

We have decided to pay a cash dividend of ¥100 per common share, including a commemorative 40-year anniversary dividend, for the fiscal year. As a result, we will have increased our dividend for eight consecutive years. Moreover, as a result of careful consideration of market conditions, we made the decision to reduce our share-trading unit from 100 shares to 50. We will implement this reduction in August 2002 and expect it to increase liquidity and expand our shareholder base.

Although economic conditions will continue to require careful monitoring, we are moving forward to develop systems that can respond flexibly to all kinds of economic environments. We are fully committed to devoting our fullest efforts and resources to respond to the expectations of our shareholders and investors.

July 2002

Masaaki Uchino.

Chairman and Representative Director

Hiroki Jinnai.

President and Representative Director

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In an increasingly challenging environment, Promise is continuing to innovate in its activities, looking always to future development. While we are proceeding with reforms in the parent company, we are also significantly strengthening the management of the Promise Group, aiming for sustained growth in earnings.

The Japanese economy is confronting a difficult set of conditions. Looking back over the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, how would you evaluate Promise's performance?

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The operating environment for Promise's activities during the fiscal year changed significantly from previous years. First, an increase in the unemployment rate to more than 5% is something that could not have happened before in Japan. As a result of the increase in the number of customers without the funds to repay their loans due to unemployment, concerns about loans past due and credit losses rose sharply. In addition, there have been no signs of a peaking out of the number of personal bankruptcies in Japan, and we must give our attention to the impact of the Civil Rehabilitation Law for individuals, which went into effect in April 2001, and other developments.

Looking back over the fiscal year, we not only were obliged to monitor our loan portfolio carefully but also found these developments were having an impact on our performance. In parallel with this, the entry of foreign companies and banks into the consumer loan industry has become quite conspicuous. The entry into our industry of foreign companies through M&A and domestic banks through the establishment of joint ventures and alliances in the loan guarantee field will most likely contribute to the expansion of the consumer finance market, but it will also bring substantially increased competition. There was virtually no impact from these latter developments during the fiscal year, but we expect them to gradually have an effect in the years ahead. Amid this environment, we reported increases in consumer loans outstanding, total operating income, and income before income taxes. Unfortunately, the rise in provisions to the allowance for credit losses of the parent company had a strong negative impact, causing us to report our first decline in net income since we listed our shares.

What is your view of future developments in the operating environment? What is the outlook for Promise's performance for the year ending March 31, 2003?

We believe there will be no major changes in the economic environment for the foreseeable future. Some forecasters and others have expressed views that the Japanese economy would begin to recover in mid-2002, but, even if the economy recovers, this will first have an impact on corporate performance and other indicators, such as private-sector capital investment. The performance of consumer finance companies is influenced by trends among income earners. However, indicators that are directly linked to income earners, such as the unemployment rate and the propensity to consume, tend to lag behind other indicators during periods of recovery. Although actual results will depend on the strength of the recovery, real recovery in our customer segments will probably take at least another one to two years.

For this reason, we believe the operating environment during the fiscal year ending March 2003 will be as difficult as it was in the previous year. Our current outlook is for further real increases in credit losses. Nevertheless, since we set aside a sufficient allowance for credit losses during the year ended March 2002, credit losses, including provision for uncollectible loans, for the year ending March 2003 will remain at virtually the same level as for the previous year. As a consequence, we are forecasting an increase in net income.

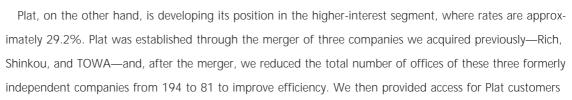
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What are your views concerning growth prospects in the medium term?

Since the fiscal year ended March 2001, we have implemented strong measures to increase our consolidated earnings power. These measures are based on our business model, which calls for winning customers in all segments of the consumer loan market by providing a broad range of loans with interest rates suited to the risk profiles of customers in differing segments. In more specific terms, we are developing various market segments through MOBIT, a joint venture with UFJ Bank; Promise; and its M&A subsidiaries.

MOBIT is targeting its marketing efforts toward relatively low-risk customers and is focusing on providing revolving credit lines with interest rates at 15% and 18% that customers can apply for via such telecommunications channels as the Internet or telephone. In principle, to keep its costs to a minimum, MOBIT has no branches, and customers make loan withdrawals and repayments through Promise, UFJ Bank, and the channels of its other alliance partners.

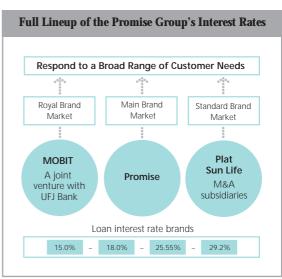


to Promise's nationwide network of automated contract machines and ATMs, so they could receive loans and make repayments conveniently. Consequently, Plat became a consumer finance company

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How would you appraise the market response to MOBIT and Plat's marketing efforts? What

is the outlook for their performance?

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At present, we have a 45% equity stake in MOBIT, and, for the year ended March 2002, we reported ¥3.1 billion in equity in its net loss. However, for the year ending March 2003, MOBIT is expected to show a profit; therefore, the impact of this loss on Promise will be eliminated. In its customer development activities, MOBIT is steadily expanding its base among customers who have different attributes from those of Promise customers, and—as this brand has the potential to develop a new customer segment—we are anticipating contributions to consolidated performance from a steady increase in MOBIT's consumer loans and profits.

As a result of the merger, Plat is a more streamlined company than its three predecessors, and we expect it to conduct low-cost operations. Looking ahead, Plat set its target for the ratio of expense to the loan balance at less than 20% to realize low-cost operations. We believe that Plat will expand its number of customers and consumer loans using its various competitive strengths, which include the know-how of the three former companies as well as Promise's customized credit analysis and approval system and its nationwide channels.

For the year ending March 2003, Plat's net income is forecast to decline temporarily because of costs associated with the merger and advertising expenditures to familiarize customers with the new brand, but we anticipate major improvements in performance for the year ending March 2004.

You acquired another consumer finance company, Sun Life Co., Ltd., during the fiscal year. Could you please tell us how you will position this company and also what your future M&A strategy will be?

Sun Life became a wholly owned subsidiary of Promise in December 2001. The financial statements of this company are fully reflected in our consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2002, and in our consolidated statements of income for the period since this company was acquired. At the end of the fiscal year under review, Sun Life had consumer loans outstanding of ¥20.2 billion. Sun Life has pursued a strategy of maintaining dominance in the four prefectures of Shikoku Island and in Okayama Prefecture. Therefore, brand awareness of the company is high in those areas. For this reason, we are planning to have Sun Life continue its activities without modification.

Regarding our M&A strategy, thus far we have not diversified our activities into completely new businesses but have aimed for a greater diversity of business activities through expansion of our operations within the limits of our know-how. If there are good potential M&A opportunities in the consumer finance

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field, we will consider acquisitions after examining the quality of the acquisition candidate's assets and possibilities for cutting costs. In addition, we will include companies outside consumer finance areas, including those in the credit card and installment sales finance businesses, if we believe an acquisition would produce mutual benefits. The most important point is that the business model underlying the acquisition has to generate profits.

As you develop the market using three brands, Promise, with the largest volume of the three companies, seems to be experiencing a decline in the growth of its consumer loans. What are the prospects for growth, both in loans and in net income?

The balance of consumer loans outstanding of Promise alone as of March 31, 2002, was ¥1,324.7 billion, representing an increase of 7.9% over the previous fiscal year-end. Until the fiscal year ended March 2001, we recorded double-digit growth, so our loan growth rates are gradually declining. Thus far, Promise alone has grown organically, and there were no increases at all in its loan balance because of mergers or acquisitions. If we assume that we had continued this policy of organic growth, there appear to be two causes for a decline in the growth rate. One is relative de-

cline because of a high volume of assets, and the other



is the impact of our cautious stance toward lending. If we assume that we increased the balance of our loans by the same amount each period, the denominator would expand each period, and the growth rate would decline just because of the laws of mathematics. That is one factor at work here. On the other hand, if we consider the current economic environment, tightening our credit standards results in restraint in making new loans, and that also leads to lower growth in our assets. When implementing a lending policy, it is important to make selective use of the accelerator and the brakes. We believe that in the current operating environment, it is necessary to rely mainly on the brakes. Therefore, our policy is to pay close attention to the quality of our assets while maintaining an appropriate rate of growth, but this will lead to a decline in growth on a non-consolidated basis. However, we want to maintain growth in profit. That is why we have designated cost reductions as a key issue and have begun to reduce our expenses. During the fiscal year under review, among operating expenses, loan losses rose and put pressure on profit. We are continuing to focus on restraining loan losses, but we are aware that reducing loan losses is difficult in this recessionary environment. In addition, there is a possibility that, among financial costs, our cost of funds may rise, but there is likely to be no further decline. In short, to increase profit, the key will be how

much we can lower other operating expenses. Compared with other companies in the consumer finance industry, our ratio of operating expenses is relatively high; therefore, we believe there should be ample potential for cost reductions. We are beginning to review each of our expense categories this fiscal year, and our plans call for reducing short-term expenses starting with the year ending March 2003. In the case of medium-term expenses, we will begin to make reductions in the year ending March 2005.

Recent management initiatives at Promise have included a major reorganization implemented in April 2002 and then the introduction of the executive officer system. Could you please explain the background and objectives for these rapidly implemented changes?

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If we look at the operating environment, we see a number of uncertainties that may well have an impact on the performance of consumer finance companies. These include the cloudy outlook for the economic environment, growing competition as banks and foreign companies enter the market, and the review and possible revision of the legal upper limit on interest rates, which is scheduled for June 2003. To further substantially improve our performance in this environment, we have to have marketing and service delivery capabilities that are better than those of our competitors, and we must strengthen the abilities of our staff and our organization, both of which are key to providing superior services.

In the reorganization we implemented in April this year, we eliminated our previous three-layered structure consisting of our head office, regional offices, and branches and made the transition to a horizontal organization that directly links our head office with the branches. Under this new organization, the proposals of our staff who are in direct contact with customers and data on customer needs are fed back quickly to the head office. Moreover, strategies prepared by the head office can be put into action by all employees in a short period of time. In these times of rapid change, the most important thing is for our organization to move flexibly and accurately in response to trends among customers. The executive officer system we have adopted is intended to make decision making faster in all our operating divisions and make the new organizational setup work more effectively.



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Will you continue to implement management reforms like these?





We are moving forward with reforms that involve the entire Promise Group in three areas. These are management structure, personnel and organizational structure, and business structure. As soon as the details of these reforms are finalized, we will move forward to implement them one by one. The reorganization and the introduction of the executive officer system that I just described were implemented as part of these

reform plans. We have an ongoing program of activities to improve

our capabilities for winning

Number of Promise JCB Cards Issued

(Thousands)
400

300
200
100
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\* Promise JCB cards issued from June 25, 1999

new customers and increasing the repeat business ratio of existing customers. These activities include: the implementation of a visual identity program; strengthening our advertising and promotion; the provision of services over the Internet and via mobile phones; the expansion of our service delivery channels through alliances with other companies in other business fields, including financial institutions, installment sales companies,

and convenience store chains; the issuance of Promise JCB cards with credit features; and the provision of financial products with preferential interest rates to our premium account customers. Looking ahead, we will aggressively develop and implement new measures as we work toward further corporate reforms.

What steps are you taking to prepare for the possibility of an increase in interest rates and any other changes in the funding environment?

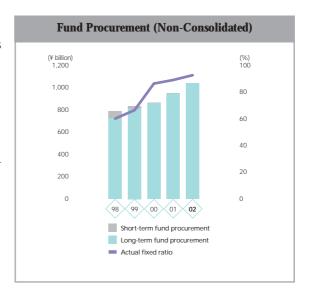
For our borrowings from financial institutions, we have a basic policy of obtaining stable funding at low rates, namely the long-term prime rate. At present, funding rates remain at low levels, but, even if our borrowing rates begin to rise, we will not be able to increase our lending rates to customers. Therefore, we are increasing our ability to deal with rising interest rates by increasing the ratio of fixed-rate borrowings. Our total fixed-rate debt, including bonds, on a consolidated basis represented 88.7% of our total debt. On a non-consolidated basis, the ratio was 92.9%. Basically, as the maturity of our borrowings is five years, even if the level of interest rates rises, we will be able to keep the effect to a

minimum. We are also actively working to reduce our funding costs and diversify our funding sources by issuing unsecured straight bonds in the domestic capital market. Our outstanding balance of bonds issued at the end of the fiscal year under review was ¥312.0 billion, and direct funding from capital market sources accounted for 27.2% of our total debt. We have set a goal of raising capital market funding to 30% of total debt.

To prepare for any sudden changes in the funding environment, we are making use of commitment facilities and other contractual arrangements

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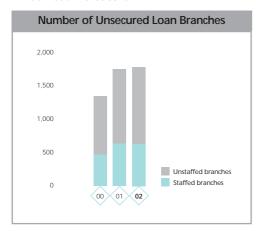
as backups for our funding program. The total contractual value of these arrangements as of March 31, 2002, was ¥130.0 billion, which we believe is sufficient. Also, to further diversify our sources of funds, we are taking necessary measures to ensure the stability of our funding base.

Is there any message to shareholders and investors that you would like to emphasize?

We will continue to work to substantially strengthen the management of the Group as a whole and enhance its performance. When a group of companies becomes this large, it becomes more difficult to sustain double-digit rates of growth, but we intend to continue to increase net income and earnings per share through a range of initiatives. These include the sharing of management resources within the Promise Group, aiming for stable funding from a diversity of sources, and pursuing greater efficiency in the Group's operations. As we continue to implement structural reforms in the parent company, we will remain committed to the active development of our business operations and responding to the expectations of our shareholders.

# Data Section (Consolidated Basis)

## **■**Business Indicators



2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
1,352	1,755	1,785
470	637	630
882	1,118	1,155
1,909	2,182	2,208
1,297	1,645	1,651
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			(Triousarius)
	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Number of accounts	2,588	3,129	3,233
Individual customers	2,588	3,129	3,233
Unsecured loans	2,585	3,126	3,230
Secured loans	2	2	2
Corporate customers	0	0	0
Secured loans	0	0	0



	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Number of employees	4,372	5,376	5,723

Consumer Loans O	utstanding
(¥ billion) 2,000	
1,500	
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	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Consumer loans outstanding	1,159,253	1,418,656	1,543,288
Individual customers	1,155,154	1,414,999	1,540,288
Unsecured loans	1,147,310	1,406,327	1,532,578
Secured loans	7,843	8,671	7,710
Corporate customers	4,098	3,656	3,000
Secured loans	4,098	3,656	3,000

(¥ million)

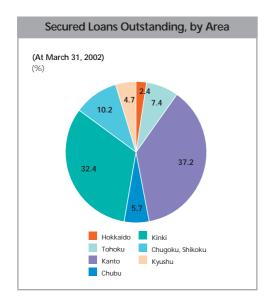
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Unsecured Loans Outstanding, by Area

(At March 31, 2002)
(%)

1.2
4.8
10.0
8.6
17.4
34.4
13.0
Hokkaido
Tohoku
Kyushu
Overseas

			(¥ million)
	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Unsecured loans outstanding	1,147,310	1,406,327	1,532,578
Domestic	1,139,233	1,393,576	1,514,506
Hokkaido	53,072	70,779	73,831
Tohoku	123,369	146,932	152,743
Kanto	379,436	474,849	526,717
Chubu	158,265	184,857	198,731
Kinki	208,861	253,076	267,302
Chugoku, Shikoku	82,930	105,151	132,012
Kyushu	133,297	157,930	163,167
Overseas	8,077	12,750	18,071
Hong Kong	8,077	12,750	18,071

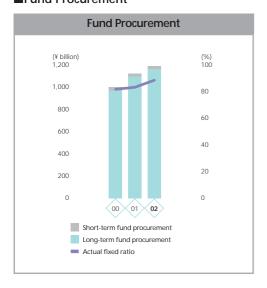


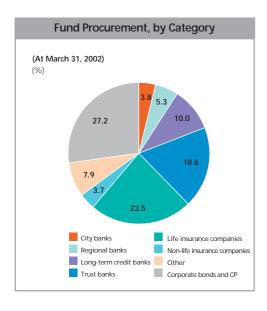
			(¥ million)
	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Secured loans outstanding	11,942	12,328	10,710
Hokkaido	152	205	254
Tohoku	953	924	793
Kanto	5,564	4,339	3,980
Chubu	747	754	617
Kinki	3,800	4,036	3,469
Chugoku, Shikoku	681	1,692	1,093
Kyushu	42	374	501

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	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Consumer loans outstanding	1,159,253	1,418,656	1,543,288
Loan losses	34,088	48,789	72,324
Loan loss ratio (%)	2.94	3.44	4.69
Expenses for loan losses	40,030	55,990	96,996
Provision for loan losses	40,030	55,990	86,215
Additional expense for loan losses	_	_	10,780
Collection of written-off loans	6,957	8,518	7,920

#### **■Fund Procurement**





			(¥ million)
	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Total fund procurement (interest-bearing debt)	970,598	1,094,274	1,164,873
Short-term fund procurement	29,846	29,158	24,855
Ratio of short-term fund procurement (%)	3.1	2.7	2.1
Short-term borrowings	23,216	24,090	19,835
Commercial paper (CP)	6,630	5,068	5,020
Long-term fund procurement	940,752	1,065,117	1,140,017
Ratio of long-term fund procurement (%)	96.9	97.3	97.9
Long-term borrowings	755,752	808,117	828,017
Fixed interest rate	477,197	512,990	572,877
Variable interest rate	278,555	295,127	255,140
Of which, interest rate swaps and caps	142,907	162,806	168,509
Straight bonds	185,000	257,000	312,000
Of which, floating rate notes	10,000	20,000	20,000
Convertible bonds	_	_	_
Actual fixed ratio (%)	81.9	83.4	88.7
Average interest rate on fund procurement	2.49	2.43	2.09

(¥ million)

(¥ million)

Notes: 1) Actual fixed ratio = [long-term borrowings at fixed interest rates + long-term borrowings with interest rate swaps and caps + straight bonds + convertible bonds] ÷ total fund procurement 2) Figures include interest on bonds and commercial paper but exclude commission payments on interest rate swaps and caps.

The Company procures long-term borrowings at fixed interest rates, taking into account market interest rates. At March 31, 2002, the Company's actual fixed ratio stood at 88.7%, including corporate bonds.

2000/3 2001/3 2002/3 Total fund procurement (interest-bearing debt) 1,164,873 970,598 1,094,274 Total borrowings 778.968 832.207 847.852 City banks 28,653 35,019 44,120 38,934 61,403 Regional banks 36,962 Long-term credit banks 115,022 114,874 117,010 229,463 229,003 216,219 Trust banks 12,846 64,074 Non-Japanese banks 38,676 Credit associations 1,520 4,128 7,252 Prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives 3,000 273,513 Life insurance companies 282,933 271,962 Non-life insurance companies 51,344 46,200 43,609 Leasing, finance, and other companies 20,225 53,411 17,653 Corporate bonds and other 191,630 262,068 317,020

Since 1996, the Company has issued corporate bonds and commercial paper to diversify its fund procurement sources. At March 31, 2002, corporate bonds and CP as a percentage of total fund procurement was 27.2%.

#### ■Subsidiaries and Affiliate

	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Consolidated subsidiaries	7	9	11
Affiliate accounted for under the equity method	_	1	1

For more information about consolidated subsidiaries, please refer to page 54.

[Reference]

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Straight bonds

Convertible bonds

Commercial paper (CP)

April 2000 May 2000 December 2000 January 2001 December 2001

March 2002

Acquired Shinkou Co., Ltd.
Acquired Rich Co., Ltd.
Liquidated PAL Research Center Co., Ltd.
Made TOWA Co., Ltd., wholly owned subsidiary
Acquired Sun Life Co., Ltd.
Included System Trinity Co., Ltd., in consolidation

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257,000

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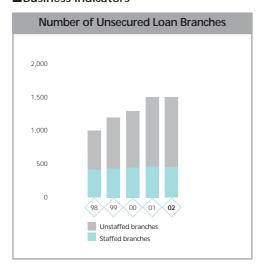
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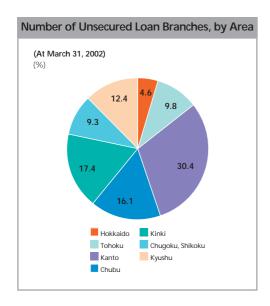
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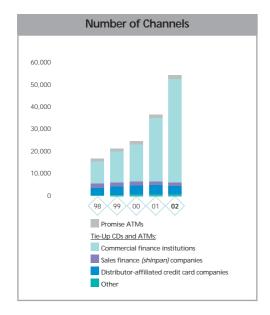
#### **■**Business Indicators



	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Number of branches	1,015	1,207	1,299	1,507	1,510
Unsecured loan branches	1,003	1,201	1,299	1,507	1,510
Staffed branches	418	435	451	466	457
Unstaffed branches	585	766	848	1,041	1,053
Secured loan branches	2	2	_	_	_
Audio & video software rental	7	_	_	_	_
Outdoor and leisure goods	3	4	_	_	_
Number of automated contract machines	977	1,164	1,258	1,458	1,462



	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Number of unsecured loan branches	1,003	1,201	1,299	1,507	1,510
Hokkaido	50	58	63	67	69
Tohoku	113	131	132	148	148
Kanto	305	365	399	463	459
Chubu	147	191	200	259	243
Kinki	176	213	238	249	263
Chugoku, Shikoku	90	102	117	140	140
Kyushu	122	141	150	181	188



	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Number of channels	17,037	21,475	24,843	36,865	54,491
Promise ATMs	1,335	1,511	1,590	1,777	1,808
Tie-up CDs and ATMs	15,702	19,964	23,253	35,088	52,683
Commercial finance institutions	9,911	13,830	16,715	28,507	46,545
Sales finance (shinpan) companies	1,920	1,844	1,729	1,632	1,581
Distributor-affiliated credit card companies	3,435	3,769	4,048	4,207	3,875
Other	436	521	761	742	682
Intermediaries: Convenience stores*	_	5,280	5,532	5,798	14,069

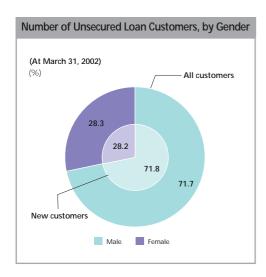
<sup>\*</sup> Started tie-ups with FamilyMart Co., Ltd., on September 21, 1998; with Lawson, Inc., on August 27, 2001; and with Three F Co., Ltd., on March 4, 2002.

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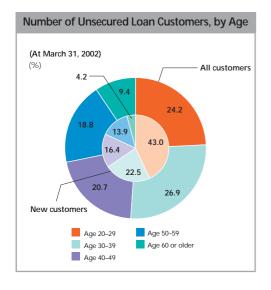
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	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Number of customers	2,136	2,242	2,384	2,544	2,583
Year-on-year growth (%)	7.2	5.0	6.3	6.7	1.5
Unsecured loans	2,135	2,240	2,381	2,541	2,581
Secured loans	1	2	2	2	2



#### (Thousands)

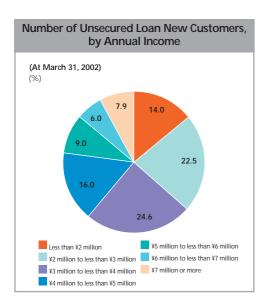
	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
All customers	2,135	2,240	2,381	2,541	2,581
Male	1,533	1,611	1,712	1,823	1,850
Female	602	629	669	718	730
New customers	420	395	430	473	410
Male	312	289	311	336	295
Female	107	105	119	136	115



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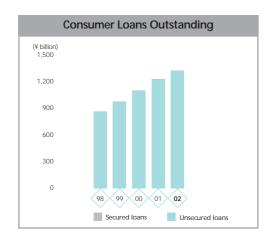
	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
All customers	2,135	2,240	2,381	2,541	2,581
Age 20–29	572	592	619	642	624
Age 30–39	541	577	622	673	695
Age 40–49	506	509	518	535	533
Age 50–59	346	381	424	468	485
Age 60 or older	168	178	196	221	242
New customers	420	395	430	473	410
Age 20–29	200	185	195	202	176
Age 30–39	94	89	95	104	92
Age 40–49	76	69	73	81	67
Age 50–59	39	41	52	65	56
Age 60 or older	8	9	14	20	17

(Thousands)



	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
New customers	420	395	430	473	410
Less than ¥2 million	39	42	50	60	57
¥2 million to less than ¥3 million	89	84	94	104	92
¥3 million to less than ¥4 million	106	99	107	115	100
¥4 million to less than ¥5 million	75	69	73	78	65
¥5 million to less than ¥6 million	42	38	40	44	36
¥6 million to less than ¥7 million	29	26	27	29	24
¥7 million or more	37	34	36	39	32

Customers with annual incomes of up to ¥7 million accounted for slightly more than 90% of all new customers. Of the 44.9 million private-sector wage earners in Japan, approximately 37.5 million fall into this income range (National Tax Administration Agency data, 2000), indicating substantial latent demand.

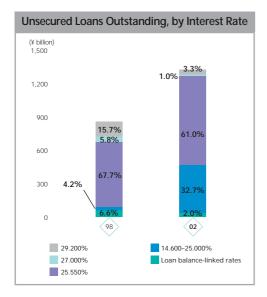


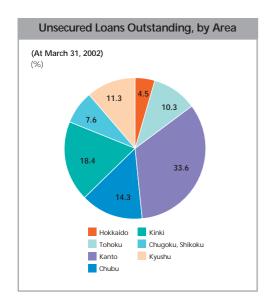
					(¥ million)
	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Consumer loans outstanding	866,633	976,613	1,100,546	1,228,026	1,324,663
Year-on-year growth (%)	10.5	12.7	12.7	11.6	7.9
Unsecured loans	858,225	967,880	1,093,725	1,220,447	1,317,203
Year-on-year growth (%)	10.7	12.8	13.0	11.6	7.9
Secured loans	8,408	8,733	6,820	7,578	7,460
Year-on-year growth (%)	-7.0	3.9	-21.9	11.1	-1.6

Unsecured Loans Outstanding, by Amount of Account						
(¥ billion) 1,500						
1,200		9.8%				
900	14.2%	40.0%				
600	59.8%	29.4%				
300	26.0%	20.8%				
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				(¥ million)
1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
858,225	967,880	1,093,725	1,220,447	1,317,203
122,087	122,882	132,653	136,012	129,644
513,200	515,802	523,353	534,997	526,743
222,936	264,592	286,740	335,458	387,484
_	64,601	150,977	213,978	273,330
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The percentage of accounts with outstanding balances greater than ¥500,000 has risen over the years due to an increase in the number of customers with superior credit ratings who have been provided with comparatively high credit lines.





Unsecured	Loans Outstanding per Customer
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	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Unsecured loans outstanding	858,225	967,880	1,093,725	1,220,447	1,317,203
Flat rates					
*29.200%	135,153	96,302	72,475	55,745	43,126
*27.000%	49,512	32,963	23,628	17,093	12,679
25.550%	580,961	685,357	758,304	807,886	803,079
25.000%	4,442	3,296	2,676	21,246	46,439
24.500%	_	_	_	14,006	40,078
23.900%	_	12,708	29,324	39,406	51,830
23.500%	_	_	_	6,455	18,121
22.995%	31,288	67,662	115,310	137,179	156,558
14.600-21.900%	_	21,496	51,055	88,091	118,435
Loan balance-linked rates					
*23.200-29.200%	25,302	18,163	14,023	10,715	8,530
23.725–25.550%	16,572	15,107	13,880	11,804	9,629
22.675–25.550%	14,588	14,008	11,847	9,849	7,934
Other	402	813	1,200	968	760

Notes: 1. \* refers to discontinued products.

Loan balance-linked rates are applied to unsecured loans according to the amount of the loan outstanding.

(¥ million)

	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Unsecured loans outstanding	858,225	967,880	1,093,725	1,220,447	1,317,203
Hokkaido	44,745	49,382	53,072	56,157	58,823
Tohoku	90,284	102,239	115,759	129,422	136,177
Kanto	266,070	304,699	347,844	396,192	442,074
Chubu	122,056	137,275	156,795	173,218	188,281
Kinki	157,481	178,294	204,026	228,954	242,275
Chugoku, Shikoku	65,717	73,275	82,930	93,377	100,812
Kyushu	111,869	122,713	133,297	143,125	148,757

(¥ thousand)

	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Unsecured loans outstanding per customer	401	432	459	480	510

Note: Unsecured loans outstanding per customer = unsecured loans outstanding (term-end)  $\div$  the number of customers (term-end)

Unsecured Loans Outstanding per Branch

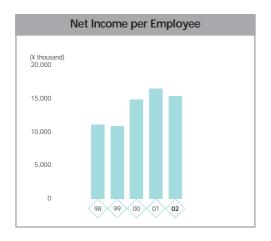
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(¥ million)

	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Unsecured loans outstanding per branch	855	805	841	809	872

Note: Unsecured loans outstanding per branch = unsecured loans outstanding (term-end)  $\div$  the number of unsecured loan branches (term-end)



	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Number of employees	3,482	3,692	3,847	3,844	3,979
Male	2,010	2,118	2,205	2,198	2,249
Female	1,472	1,574	1,642	1,646	1,730
Loans outstanding per employee (¥ millio	on) 248	264	286	319	332
Net income per employee (¥ thousand)	11,105	10,881	14,878	16,524	15,393

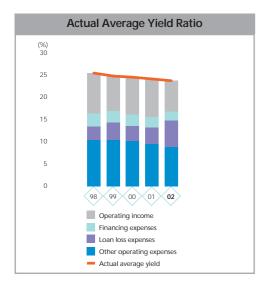
Notes: 1) Part-time, temporary, and seconded employees are not included in the above figures.
2) Loans outstanding per employee = consumer loans outstanding (term-end) + number of employees (term-end)

3) Net income per employee = non-consolidated net income ÷ number of employees (term-end)

At March 31, 2002, the average age of employees was 32.6 years (36.2 for males and 27.8 for females), while the average period of continuous service was 8.5 years (11.5 for males and 4.7 for females).

Actual Average Yield of Unsecured Loans					
(%) 30					
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20					
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					(%)
	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Actual average yield of unsecured loans	25.70	24.97	24.63	24.24	23.83



					(%)
	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Actual average yield of unsecured loans	25.50	24.83	24.57	24.18	23.78
Operating expenses	16.42	16.88	16.09	15.61	16.88
Financing expenses	2.95	2.59	2.51	2.39	2.09
Loan loss expenses	3.07	3.86	3.35	3.75	5.94
Other operating expenses	10.39	10.43	10.23	9.47	8.85
Operating income	9.07	7.94	8.47	8.57	6.89

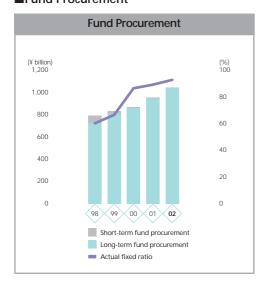
	Loan Losses	
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	Loan losses	
	Consumer loans outstanding	
	<ul><li>Loan loss ratio</li></ul>	

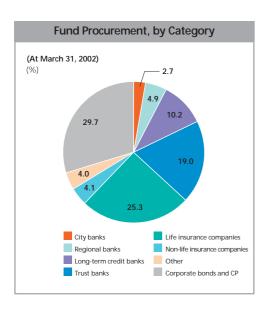
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	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Consumer loans outstanding	866,633	976,613	1,100,546	1,228,026	1,324,663
Loan losses	21,556	27,644	29,815	36,437	55,126
Unsecured loans	21,195	27,231	29,801	36,390	54,948
Secured loans	361	413	13	47	178
Loan loss ratio (%)	2.49	2.83	2.71	2.97	4.16
Expenses for loan losses	25,597	35,874	34,866	43,827	76,627
Provision for loan losses	25,597	35,234	34,866	43,827	67,726
Additional expense for loan losses	_	640	_	_	8,900
Collection of written-off loans	4,381	4,282	6,299	7,173	6,419

(¥ million)

(¥ million)

#### **■**Fund Procurement





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	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Total fund procurement (interest-bearing debt)	792,473	834,048	869,676	952,354	1,042,619
Short-term fund procurement	64,800	22,800	6,400	4,900	1,300
Ratio of short-term fund procurement (%)	8.2	2.7	0.7	0.5	0.1
Short-term borrowings	44,800	22,800	6,400	4,900	1,300
Commercial paper (CP)	20,000	_	_	_	_
Long-term fund procurement	727,673	811,248	863,276	947,454	1,041,318
Ratio of long-term fund procurement (%)	91.8	97.3	99.3	99.5	99.9
Long-term borrowings	688,742	742,317	678,276	692,454	731,318
Fixed interest rate	438,826	474,206	436,504	454,462	520,303
Variable interest rate	249,916	268,111	241,772	237,992	211,015
Of which, interest rate swaps					
and caps	_	12,840	141,720	160,600	158,000
Straight bonds	30,000	60,000	185,000	255,000	310,000
Of which, floating rate notes	_	_	10,000	20,000	20,000
Convertible bonds	8,930	8,930	_	_	_
Actual fixed ratio (%)	60.3	66.7	86.6	89.3	92.9
Average interest rate on fund procurement	2.68	2.56	2.40	2.24	1.94

Notes: 1) Actual fixed ratio = (long-term borrowings at fixed interest rates + long-term borrowings with interest rate swaps and caps + straight bonds + convertible bonds) ÷ total fund procurement

2) Figures include interest on bonds and commercial paper but exclude commission payments on interest rate swaps and caps.

The Company procures long-term borrowings at fixed interest rates, taking into account market interest rates. At March 31, 2002, the Company's actual fixed ratio stood at 92.9%, including corporate bonds.

					(¥ million)
	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Total fund procurement (interest-bearing debt)	792,473	834,048	869,676	952,354	1,042,619
Total borrowings	733,542	765,117	684,676	697,354	732,618
City banks	25,745	20,447	15,460	18,719	28,362
Regional banks	40,590	45,274	33,104	34,575	50,909
Long-term credit banks	104,948	108,224	105,204	105,204	106,832
Trust banks	196,185	210,907	214,783	209,308	198,093
Non-Japanese banks	24,000	29,000	2,260	23,940	22,200
Credit associations	2,000	2,000	1,520	2,620	5,500
Prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives	_	_	_	_	3,000
Life insurance companies	286,955	287,588	263,327	256,390	263,553
Non-life insurance companies	52,419	58,477	46,678	43,578	43,233
Leasing, finance, and other compa	nies 700	3,200	2,340	3,020	10,936
Corporate bonds and other	58,930	68,930	185,000	255,000	310,000
Straight bonds	30,000	60,000	185,000	255,000	310,000
Convertible bonds	8,930	8,930	_	_	_
Commercial paper (CP)	20.000				_

Since 1996, the Company has issued corporate bonds and commercial paper to diversify its fund procurement sources. At March 31, 2002, corporate bonds and CP as a percentage of total fund procurement was 29.7%.

## ■Bond Issues (As of March 31, 2002)

Туре	Date Issued	Face Amount (¥ million)	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate (%)	Rating	Purpose
Straight bonds	June 26, 1997	10,000	June 26, 2002	2.60	AA- (R&I)	Equipment funding and other
Straight bonds	Nov. 25, 1997	10,000	Nov. 25, 2002	2.00	AA- (R&I)	Equipment funding and other
Straight bonds	Dec. 4, 1998	10,000	Dec. 4, 2002	2.05	A+ (R&I)	Equipment funding and other
Straight bonds	May 12, 1999	20,000	May 12, 2004	2.03	A+ (R&I)	Tax funding
Straight bonds	May 26, 1999	10,000	May 26, 2004	1.79	A+ (R&I)	Tax funding and other
Straight bonds	June 17, 1999	10,000	June 17, 2003	1.40	A+ (R&I)	Equipment funding and other
Straight bonds	July 7, 1999	10,000	July 7, 2005	2.27	A+ (R&I)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	July 28, 1999	20,000	July 28, 2006	2.51	A+ (R&I)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Sept. 13, 1999	20,000	Sept. 12, 2003	1.90	A (R&I)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Nov. 10, 1999	10,000	Nov. 10, 2009	2.95	A (R&I)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Feb. 15, 2000	15,000	Feb. 15, 2010	2.56	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Mar. 22, 2000	10,000	Mar. 22, 2005	Floating rate note (Six-month yen LIBOR+0.5%)	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Apr. 26, 2000	10,000	Apr. 25, 2008	2.27	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	May 31, 2000	10,000	June 1, 2012	2.90	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	June 14, 2000	20,000	June 14, 2007	2.04	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Oct. 6, 2000	10,000	Oct. 6, 2005	2.08	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Nov. 21, 2000	10,000	Nov. 21, 2005	Floating rate note (Six-month yen LIBOR+0.75%)	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Feb. 1, 2001	10,000	Feb. 1, 2005	1.75	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Apr. 25, 2001	10,000	Apr. 25, 2006	1.70	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	June 13, 2001	10,000	June 13, 2008	1.74	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Aug. 10, 2001	15,000	Aug. 10, 2006	1.20	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Sep. 26, 2001	10,000	Sep. 26, 2008	1.63	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Oct. 23, 2001	20,000	Oct. 23, 2007	1.40	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding
Straight bonds	Dec. 11, 2001	20,000	Dec. 9, 2005	0.92	A (R&I) AA- (JCR)	Consumer loans funding

Note: Ratings are those published by R&I (Rating and Investment Information, Inc.) and JCR (Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.) and are as of the respective date issued.

[Ratings of Promise]	(As of March 31, 200			
	Long-Term Bond	Short-Term Bond		
Rating and Investment Information, Inc.	А	a-1		
Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.	AA-	J-1+		
Standard & Poor's Corporation	BBB+	A-2		
Moody's Investors Service, Inc.	Baa1			

## **■Industry Data**

## New Consumer Credit, by Type of Lender

(¥100 million, %)

	1996/12	YOY	1997/12	YOY	1998/12	YOY	1999/12	YOY	2000/12	YOY
Consumer credit	756,177	3.8	765,205	1.2	760,811	-0.6	731,252	-3.9	735,868	0.6
Sales on credit	322,020	7.1	330,416	2.6	330,469	0.0	332,667	0.7	346,490	4.2
Consumer finance	434,157	1.4	434,789	0.1	430,342	-1.0	398,585	-7.4	389,378	-2.3
Of which, consumer loans	220,522	4.6	230,077	4.3	232,100	0.9	228,669	-1.5	236,050	3.2
Commercial finance institutions	58,544	-7.1	55,521	-5.2	49,343	-11.1	39,788	-19.4	41,126	3.4
Consumer finance companies (including Promise)	75,886	14.8	83,550	10.1	91,404	9.4	94,966	3.9	99,811	5.1
Sales finance <i>(shinpan)</i> companies	38,784	4.8	39,553	2.0	37,285	-5.7	38,733	3.9	39,768	2.7
Bank-affiliated credit card companies	28,151	5.0	29,925	6.3	31,294	4.6	31,614	1.0	31,526	-0.3
Distributor-affiliated credit card companies	9,770	10.4	11,763	20.4	12,849	9.2	13,609	5.9	13,823	1.6
Others	9,387	3.0	9,765	4.0	9,925	1.6	9,959	0.3	9,996	0.4

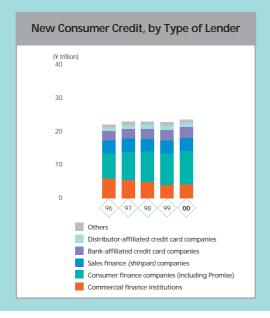
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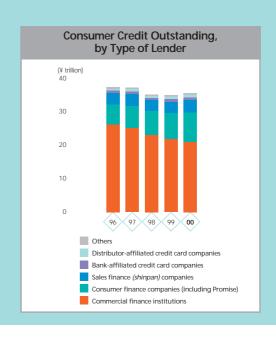
#### Consumer Credit Outstanding, by Type of Lender

(¥100 million, %)

	1996/12	YOY	1997/12	YOY	1998/12	YOY	1999/12	YOY	2000/12	YOY
Consumer credit	752,407	0.6	743,335	-1.2	709,823	-4.5	668,243	-5.9	652,247	-2.4
Sales on credit	182,892	3.2	182,621	-0.1	171,535	-6.1	163,518	-4.7	159,639	-2.4
Consumer finance	569,515	-0.2	560,714	-1.5	538,288	-4.0	504,725	-6.2	492,608	-8.5
Of which, consumer loans	374,035	0.5	372,867	-0.3	355,959	-4.5	351,211	-1.3	356,620	1.5
Commercial finance institutions	262,502	-3.7	251,897	-4.0	231,478	-8.1	217,957	-5.8	210,091	-3.6
Consumer finance companies (including Promise)	59,634	14.5	65,179	9.3	71,371	9.5	78,586	10.1	88,489	12.6
Sales finance (shinpan) companies	34,968	9.9	37,278	6.6	33,387	-10.4	33,995	1.8	36,317	6.8
Bank-affiliated credit card companies	6,910	7.4	7,477	8.2	7,848	5.0	8,335	6.2	8,730	4.7
Distributor-affiliated credit card companies	5,415	11.9	6,173	14.0	6,953	12.6	7,433	6.9	8,342	12.2
Others	4,606	5.4	4,863	5.6	4,922	1.2	4,905	-0.3	4,651	-5.2

Note: "YOY" stands for year-on-year percentage increase or decrease. Source: Japan Credit Industry Association, *Japan Credit Industry Statistics 2002* 





## Financial Review

#### Overview

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, the Japanese economy slipped further into recession, owing in part to a decelerated world economy. As a result of these and other circumstances, Japan's exports and industrial production experienced further substantial declines and corporate profits came under increased pressure. The unemployment rate rose above 5%, the highest level reported to date, and the average price on the Tokyo Stock Exchange dropped to the lowest levels since the bursting of Japan's bubble economy. In addition, personal consumption remained stagnant and deflationary pressures increased. All of these factors led to negative growth in Japan's GDP and created a severe economic environment. On the other hand, use of the Internet and broadband communications expanded rapidly, and several Internet-based banks went into full-scale operations. As a consequence, e-commerce increasingly became a part of our daily lives, and signs emerged that it would bring major changes in future customer transactions.

Confronting these developments, Promise and its consolidated subsidiaries worked to use the resources of the entire Group more efficiently to respond flexibly to the severe conditions in the operating environment and build a strong management base. As a result, total operating income increased, but credit losses rose, as the number of personal bankruptcies expanded along with the deterioration in the employment situation, and legal settlements of claims rose at a faster pace than expected. To deal with these developments, Promise increased its allowance for credit losses, thus resulting in the Company's first decline in profitability since it listed its shares.

#### **Results of Operations**

#### **Total Operating Income**

Consolidated total operating income during the year under review increased 9.7%, to  $\pm$ 394.5 billion. Of this total, income from financial service activities advanced 10.1%, to  $\pm$ 377.3 billion, thus making the largest contribution to the rise in operating income. Interest on consumer loans, which accounts for most of this income, was up 10.7%, to  $\pm$ 362.8 billion. The percentage of income from this source increased 0.8 percentage point, to 92.0%. An analysis of operating income is as follows.

The rise in interest on consumer loans was in response to a higher balance of consumer loans outstanding. Additional factors accounting for

the increase included a quantitative expansion in the number of service outlets and qualitative improvements in service delivery systems.

Looking first at service outlets, we added a net 30 operating offices during the fiscal year, bringing the total to 1,785 at fiscal year-end, resulting in an increase in the number of opportunities to provide services to our customers. We also added a net 6 automated contract machines, bringing the total to 1,651, and a net 26 automated cash-handling machines (cash dispensers and ATMs), thus increasing the total to 2,208.

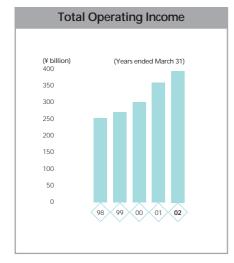
Looking next at qualitative improvements in our services, we took steps to upgrade our service delivery systems. For example, beginning in July 2001 we put our "Navigation System" into full operation, which offers advice tailored to individual customers regarding the best loan products and repayment plans for their needs. In addition, in November 2001 we merged our call center functions and Internet functions to establish a comprehensive service center. With this new system, customers can make a "one-stop phone call" to access the full range of our services—from responses to their questions to advice on repayment.

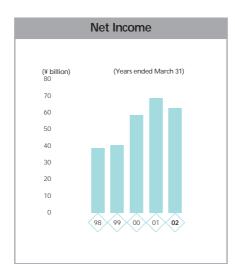
As a consequence of the aforementioned initiatives and other factors, the number of customer accounts rose 3.3% over the previous fiscal year, to 3.2 million, and the balance of consumer loans outstanding was up 8.8%. The weighted average contracted interest rate charged on the balance of consumer loans outstanding declined 13 basis points, to 25.35%. The principal reason for this drop was the decline in average contractual interest rates on unsecured consumer loans. Even though this decline in the average contractual interest rate acted to reduce operating income during the fiscal year, the rise in consumer loans outstanding was greater, thus leading to an overall increase in interest on consumer loans.

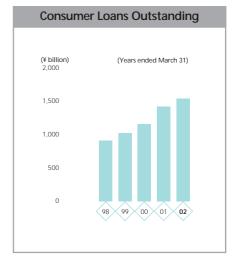
Sales of merchandise declined 2.6%, to  $\pm 12.3$  billion, because of a drop in automobile sales of an overseas subsidiary. Other operating income increased 1.3%, to  $\pm 19.4$  billion. This was due to an increase in revenues of PAL Corporation Ltd. and Net Future Co., Ltd.

#### Operating Expenses and Other Income (Expenses)

Consolidated operating expenses rose 20.6%, or ¥47.8 billion, from the previous fiscal year, to ¥280.0 billion. As a result, operating profit declined 10.1%, to ¥114.5 billion, and the operating profit ratio fell 6.4 percentage points, to 29.0%. The principal factor accounting for







the rise in operating expenses was the increase in credit losses including provision for uncollectable loans of ¥41.0 billion. This was due to the rise in nonperforming loans accompanying the deterioration in the employment situation. The composition of operating expense items was as follows.

Financial expenses declined 6.9%, to ¥24.9 billion. This decrease, despite an increase in interest-bearing debt, was due to lower funding costs. The average funding rate fell from 2.43% in the previous fiscal year to 2.10%. This fall was the result of a shift from higher-cost bank loans and an increase in the percentage of direct funding from capital markets, including bond issues. The cost of sales decreased 4.4%, to ¥10.6 billion, paralleling the drop in sales.

General and administrative expenses rose ¥9.1 billion, or 6.6%, to ¥147.5 billion. One of the factors accounting for this increase was the consolidation of two additional companies. By expense item, the principal cause of the increase was personnel expenses, including salaries of employees. Also accounting for some of the increase were higher advertising and promotion costs, rents, and fees paid. The rise in fees paid was primarily due to expenses incurred in connection with the development of computer systems to increase the quality of services and expenses for customer information introduction fees. Credit losses including provision for uncollectable loans rose 73.2% from the previous year, to ¥97.0 billion.

Total other expenses, net, posted a marked decline from ¥20.0 billion in the previous fiscal year to ¥2.2 billion for the fiscal year under review. The principal cause of this decline was a drop in net loss on sales or disposal of property and equipment, which fell from ¥18.2 billion in the previous year to ¥1.1 billion. Other expense items in the previous fiscal year included the amortization of deferred charge related to the issuance of new shares amounting to ¥1.0 billion (nil in the fiscal year under review) and an impairment loss on deposits for a golf club membership of ¥1.1 billion (compared with an impairment of ¥200 million for the year under review). The absence or decline of such items contributed to profitability during the year under review.

As a result of the foregoing factors, income before income taxes rose 4.6%, to ¥112.3 billion. The ratio of income taxes to income before income taxes increased slightly from 39.6% to 44.0%, but both figures are close to the legal tax rate in Japan of 42%. As a consequence, net income declined 2.9%, to ¥62.9 billion, and the ratio of net income

to total operating income was down 2.0 percentage points, to 16.0%. Return on equity declined 2.1 percentage points, to 11.5%.

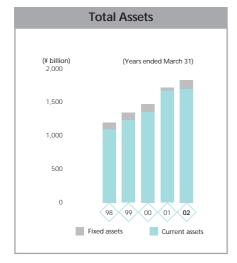
#### **Financial Condition**

The total assets of the Promise Group rose ¥154.4 billion, or 9.2%, to ¥1,833.8 billion. A portion of this increase, as well as the increase in liabilities described below, was due to the expansion of the scope of consolidation to include two additional companies. Current assets of the Promise Group increased ¥138.0 billion, or 8.8%, to ¥1,703.2 billion. Of this total, consumer loans outstanding expanded ¥124.6 billion and accounted for approximately 81% of the rise in total assets. Among other assets, cash and cash equivalents increased ¥20.4 billion; deferred tax assets (in both current assets and investments and advances) rose ¥18.0 billion; and investments in securities—undertaken primarily to strengthen the Company's business portfolio (investments in securities and in non-consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates)—increased ¥7.4 billion.

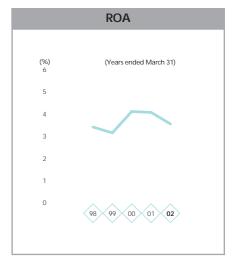
Total consolidated liabilities increased ¥97.0 billion, or 8.4%, to ¥1,258.9 billion. Current liabilities decreased ¥14.4 billion, to ¥340.2 billion. On the other hand, long-term liabilities rose ¥111.4 billion, to ¥918.7 billion. Short-term interest-bearing debt, net, dropped ¥44.6 billion, but long-term interest-bearing debt, net, posted a gain of ¥115.2 billion. As a result, the current ratio improved approximately 60.0 percentage points, to 500.7%. Total short-term and long-term interest-bearing debt rose ¥70.6 billion on a net basis, to ¥1,164.9 billion.

Shareholders' equity increased 11.1%, to ¥574.9 billion, reflecting an increase in retained earnings from net income and a rise in additional paid-in capital accompanying the issuance of new shares. The issue of new shares was in connection with the exchange of shares, as provided for under the Japanese Commercial Code, for the acquisition of Sun Life. As a result of this acquisition, Sun Life became a wholly owned subsidiary of Promise and was consolidated with the parent beginning with the fiscal year under review.

The Company's debt-to-equity ratio declined 9.0 percentage points, to 202.6%, while the equity ratio increased 0.5 percentage point, to 31.3%. As a consequence of these various factors, the liquidity position and capital structure both showed improvement over the end of the previous fiscal year.







# Consumer Loans Outstanding and the Allowance for Credit Losses

Consumer loans outstanding expanded 8.8% over the previous fiscal year-end, to ¥1,543.3 billion. The ratio of consumer loans to consumer loans outstanding expanded 0.1 percentage point, to 99.8%. The ratio of unsecured loans to consumer loans outstanding rose 0.2 percentage point, to 99.3%. The balance of loans made under revolving credit contracts accounted for 99.6% of consumer loans outstanding, representing a 0.1-percentage-point rise from the previous fiscal year-end. On the other hand, consumer loans outstanding due in more than one year declined from 0.4% to 0.1%. The unused portion of revolving credit facilities stood at ¥427.7 billion at fiscal year-end. The amount of consumer loans outstanding classified as nonperforming at the end of the fiscal year was ¥50.6 billion, ¥11.6 billion higher than at the end of the previous fiscal year. The coverage ratio for the Company's loan portfolio (defined as the allowance for credit losses divided by the balance of consumer loans outstanding) was increased 1.3 percentage points, to 5.6%, in view of the rising incidence of nonperforming exposure. The increase in nonperforming loans reflects the higher number of individuals filing for personal bankruptcy, accompanying the rise in the unemployment ratio, and the increase in the use of legal procedures for dealing with disputes regarding monetary claims. Credit losses written off for the year under review amounted to ¥72.3 billion, ¥23.5 billion higher than in the previous fiscal year.

#### **Capital Expenditures**

Capital expenditures during the year under review amounted to ¥6.6 billion, compared with ¥6.9 billion for the previous fiscal year. The bulk of this amount was for IT-related investments required for conducting the Company's financial services business operations and went for setting up new offices and automated contract machines or relocating existing offices and facilities. The funds used for these investments were derived from the Company's own funds or from borrowings. The number of offices and related information were mentioned previously.

#### **Fund-Raising**

The Company is actively engaged in ensuring that it has diversified and stable funding sources, while also aggressively introducing new funding schemes, such as commitment facilities. Interest-bearing debt at the

end of the fiscal year under review, including borrowings from financial institutions, was ¥1,164.9 billion. Of this total, 27.2% was raised through the issuance of corporate bonds and commercial paper (CP). At the end of the fiscal year, the balance of unsecured straight bonds outstanding amounted to ¥312.0 billion, ¥55.0 billion higher than at the end of the previous fiscal year. This total includes ¥85.0 billion raised during the fiscal year under review. In addition, the Company also raises funds through the issuance of CP and had ¥6.8 billion outstanding at fiscal year-end, ¥3.5 billion less than at the end of the previous fiscal year. The average interest rate on bonds and CP was 1.80%, versus 1.96% for the previous fiscal year.

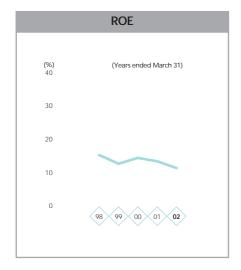
For fund-raising from financial institutions, Promise (the parent company) has a basic policy of preparing for any future fluctuations in interest rates by borrowing mainly long-term funds from stable sources at the long-term prime rate and increasing the percentage of borrowings at fixed rates. For borrowings with floating rates, Promise uses derivatives, such as interest rate swaps and caps to reduce the risk of future interest rate fluctuations. The contractual amount of interest rate swaps and caps at the end of the fiscal year under review was ¥1,685 billion. The total outstanding short-term and long-term borrowings from financial institutions at year-end amounted to ¥846.1 billion, ¥19.1 billion higher than at the end of the previous fiscal year. The average interest rate on these borrowings was 2.22%, versus 2.59% for the previous fiscal year.

In addition to the above sources, Promise has arranged for overdraft facilities and commitment lines to increase its flexibility in fund-raising. The unused portion of these facilities at fiscal year-end was ¥139.4 billion.

#### **Cash Flows**

Cash flows from operating activities were not sufficient to cover the Company's need for the conduct of operations. The shortfall in operating cash flow and funds for capital investment and cash dividends was covered by borrowings. As a result of the raising of sufficient funds, cash and cash equivalents at the end of the fiscal year amounted to ¥124.4 billion, an increase of ¥20.4 billion from the beginning of the fiscal year. Cash and cash equivalents for the year under review were as follows.

Net cash used in operating activities was ¥7.1 billion, representing a ¥24.4 billion improvement from the previous fiscal year. The principal reasons for this improved cash flow position were: (1) a ¥21.8 billion







improvement in the sum of income before income taxes and adjustments for depreciation and amortization and the provision for credit losses on consumer loans outstanding and (2) an improvement of ¥33.8 billion, owing to lower commitments to consumer loans outstanding. However, these improvements were partially offset by: (1) a decline in the net loss on sales or disposal of property and equipment (which is an expense item similar to depreciation and requires no cash outflow) of ¥17.2 billion and (2) a shift in the direction of notes and accounts receivable, from a decline for the previous fiscal year to an increase for the fiscal year under review, thus requiring an additional ¥12.7 billion in cash.

Net cash used in investing activities rose \$3.4 billion, to \$13.1 billion, compared with the previous fiscal year. This was due primarily to an increase in payments for purchase of investment securities of \$12.9 billion, due mainly to the acquisition of \$13.3 billion in preferred securities and the underwriting of a third-party allocation of shares by MOBIT, amounting to \$5.0 billion. This increase in payments for the purchase of investment securities was partially offset by a decline of \$5.8 billion in net cash used for loans.

Net cash provided by financing activities rose ¥24.9 billion, to ¥39.9 billion. This was mainly due to a net increase (after deduction of repayments) in fund-raising of ¥20.7 billion, including short-term and long-term borrowings, CP, and bonds. The Company reported a ¥2.9 billion cash outlay for purchases of treasury stock for use in its stock option program, but no such purchases were made during the fiscal year under review.

#### **Dividend Policy**

The Company believes that returning a portion of profits to shareholders is an issue of the highest priority. Therefore, while expanding retained earnings and strengthening its financial position, the Company is working to improve its performance through the active expansion of its activities and aims at all times to respond to the expectations of shareholders for returns on their investments. The Company's policy regarding retained earnings is to place emphasis on employing these funds for capital investments in new facilities and the expansion of facilities that will strengthen competitiveness. Key areas for capital investment include the expansion of service delivery channels and other uses of these funds that will lead to the application of increasingly sophisticated IT.

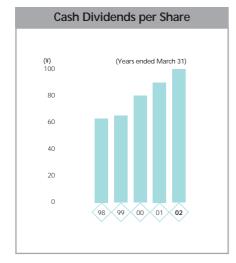
Based on these policies, the Company will increase its annual cash dividend by ¥10, to ¥100 per common share. This includes a commemorative dividend of ¥10. As a consequence, the Company's dividend payout ratio will rise 2.8 percentage points, to 20.4%, and the ratio of dividends to shareholders' equity will increase 0.1 percentage point, to 2.3%.

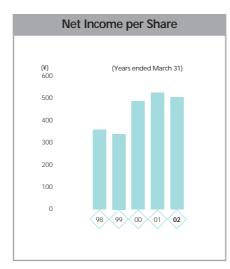
#### **Business Outlook and Forecasts for Performance**

The outlook on the Japanese economy is for continued difficult conditions for the foreseeable future despite the appearance of signs of a bottoming out in certain sectors. Therefore, conditions warrant continued close monitoring. Amid this environment, as a result of pressures on corporate profits and employment adjustments, the number of customers who have lost their jobs and do not have funds to repay their loans is increasing. Concern is therefore rising sharply that the consumer finance industry in Japan will experience an increase in nonperforming loans.

Given this market outlook, the parent company, which is the core company in the Promise Group, has made the decision to implement a Groupwide program of structural reforms to ensure the Group's competitiveness. Also, as a structural reform of the Group organization, the regional office system has been abolished and replaced in April 2002 by two operating headquarters, one for eastern and the other for western Japan. Under this new operational system, the Company will structurally reform its business activities with the aims of "concentrating" its business infrastructure for greater efficiency while "diversifying" its service capabilities. The goal of these reforms will be to create a more powerful corporate structure that can adapt to market conditions and continue to generate stable earnings.

For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003, the Company is forecasting a 5.2% rise in total operating income on a consolidated basis, to ¥415.2 billion, and a 13.5% increase in net income, to ¥71.5 billion. These forecasts are judgments prepared by the Promise Group based on information available at the time these estimates were made and are subject to latent risks and uncertainties. Accordingly, if the various factors that are the basis for these forecasts differ from the assumptions made by the Group, actual performance may differ substantially from these forecasts.







## **Management**

(As of June 25, 2002)

#### **Directors**

**Chairman** Masaaki Uchino

President Hiroki Jinnai — Chief Executive Officer

Senior Managing Directors Shunji Kosugi ———— Administration and Industry-Related Activities

Hideshige Tsukamoto ———— Senior Executive Officer, Marketing Administration Div.

Managing Directors Isao Takeuchi ———— Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Communications Dept., Compliance Dept., Treasury and Accounting Div.

Teruaki Watanabe ——— Senior Executive Officer, Personnel and General Affairs Div.

Tsutomu Kasori ———— Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Planning Dept.

Corporate Auditors Kazuyuki Furukawa

Hidetsugu Iriyama Kazuo Nagasawa

## **Corporate Executive Officers**

Chief Executive Officer Hiroki Jinnai

Senior Executive Officers Hideshige Tsukamoto ——— Marketing Administration Div

Isao Takeuchi — Corporate Communications Dept., Compliance Dept., Treasury and Accounting Div.

Yukio Yoshida — Eastern Area Marketing Div.

Hiroshi Obata ——— IT Div.

**Executive Officers**Tadanobu Sato ———— CR Center, Legal Center (Eastern Area Marketing Div.)

Nobuo Kato ———— CR Center, Legal Center (Western Area Marketing Div.)

Takeshi Hirai ———— Promise Call, ST Center (Eastern Area Marketing Div.)

Hirotada Otohiro ———— Inspection Dept., Compliance Dept.
Shuichi Suzuki ———— Corporate Planning Dept.

Masayuki Fujihara ———— Accounting Dept. (Treasury and Accounting Div.)

Naohisa Tonami ———— Legal Dept. (Personnel and General Affairs Div.)

Yukihiro Suzuki ———— Promise Call, ST Center (Western Area Marketing Div.)

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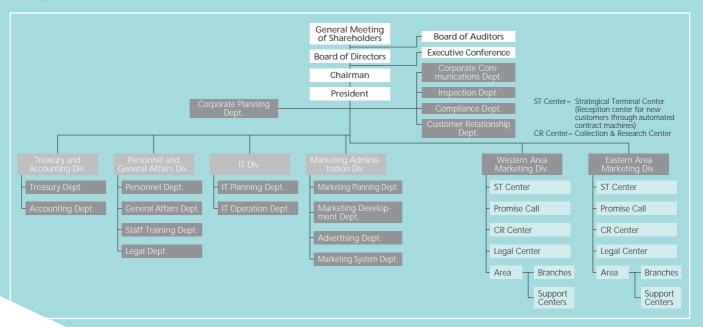
Yasuyuki Ishida ——— Marketing Planning Dept. (Marketing Administration Div.)

Tetsu Suzuki ———— General Affairs Dept. (Personnel and General Affairs Div.), Customer Relationship Dept.

Yoshiyuki Tateishi — Corporate Communications Dept.

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(As of April 1, 2002)



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# Six-Year Summary (Consolidated Basis)

Promise Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries Years ended March 31

	Millions of Yen							
	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997		
Results of Operations:								
Interest on consumer loans	¥ 362,760	¥ 327,821	¥ 271,743	¥ 244,570	¥ 224,079	¥ 201,026		
Other operating income	19,449	19,199	15,202	11,513	9,961	9,149		
Total operating income	394,495	359,641	300,724	271,054	253,086	225,009		
Financial expenses	. 24,868	26,714	23,932	23,108	23,752	25,201		
General and administrative expenses		138,407	118,073	106,914	95,204	85,570		
Credit losses including provision for uncollectible loans	. 96,996	55,990	40,483	40,764	28,751	22,379		
Total operating expenses	. 279,977	232,223	194,697	183,700	164,692	146,186		
Operating profit		127,418	106,027	87,354	88,394	78,823		
Income before income taxes	. 112,308	107,392	103,201	84,561	83,852	75,152		
Net income		64,845	58,572	40,632	38,941	35,124		
Financial Position:								
Consumer loans receivable: Principal	¥1,543,288	¥1,418,656	¥1,159,253	¥1,025,452	¥ 913,564	¥ 821,857		
Allowance for credit losses		61,349	44,411	39,112	30,244	25,016		
Total current assets	1,703,180	1,565,165	1,354,961	1,234,842	1,095,008	954,833		
Total investments and advances	70,304	54,644	48,288	38,897	32,663	34,324		
Property and equipment, net	45,371	44,354	59,907	61,042	60,131	59,004		
Fixed leasehold deposits	14,922	15,231	13,166	13,509	13,247	11,712		
Total assets	. 1,833,777	1,679,394	1,477,849	1,350,496	1,201,075	1,059,873		
Short-term borrowings and current portion								
of long-term debt	. 265,958	305,114	287,781	316,953	294,515	252,041		
Total current liabilities	. 340,165	354,540	339,370	365,035	341,826	300,834		
Long-term debt	. 898,915	789,160	682,817	599,635	568,666	500,550		
Total long-term liabilities	918,746	807,350	700,388	616,849	586,195	519,403		
Total shareholders' equity	574,866	517,504	438,091	364,315	268,868	235,300		
Other Financial Data and Indicators:								
Depreciation and amortization	. 8,611	9,266	9,547	8,523	7,779	6,183		
Ratio of non-consolidated to consolidated operating income (Times)	. 1.24	1.22	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.13		
Ratio of non-consolidated to	1.24	1.22	1.13	1.13	1.17	1.15		
consolidated net income (Times)	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.01		
Return on equity (ROE) (%)		13.57	14.59	12.83	15.44	15.90		
Return on assets (ROA) (%)		4.10	4.14	3.18	3.44	3.49		
Amount per Share (Yen):								
Net income, basic	¥ 504.78	¥ 525.02	¥ 486.92	¥ 346.59	¥ 359.31	¥ 324.08		
Cash dividends		90.00	80.00	65.00	63.00	60.00		

<sup>1.</sup> Prior to fiscal 1998, consolidated adjustment account amortization was accounted for as an adjustment to income before income taxes. However, subsequent to a revision of the regulations governing consolidated financial statements, from fiscal 1998 this amount has been included under other income (expenses). The relevant amount for fiscal 1997 was ¥141 million. However, there has been no restatement of figures for this fiscal year.

<sup>2.</sup> Prior to fiscal 1998, the consolidated adjustment account was included as a separate item under long-term liabilities. However, subsequent to a revision of the regulations governing consolidated financial statements, from fiscal 1998 the relevant amount has been included in the figure for long-term liabilities. The relevant amount for fiscal 1997 was ¥97 million. However, there has been no restatement of figures for this fiscal year.

<sup>3.</sup> Depreciation and amortization on the consolidated statements of cash flows excludes new common stock issue expense and amortization expenses.

<sup>4.</sup> Net income, basic, per share has been restated to conform with International Accounting Standards' Accounting Principles Board Opinion No.15 (APB-15), "Earnings per Share."

# Six-Year Summary (Non-Consolidated Basis)

Promise Co., Ltd. Years ended March 31

		Millions of Yen							
	20	002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997		
Results of Operations:									
Interest on consumer loans	¥ 30	06,847	¥ 282,664	¥ 256,414	¥ 230,583	¥ 212,314	¥191,401		
Other operating income		9,400	10,110	8,585	7,740	8,016	7,496		
Total operating income	31	16,247	292,774	264,999	238,323	220,330	198,897		
Financial expenses	2	21,179	22,069	21,298	20,882	22,064	23,673		
General and administrative expenses	11	14,276	110,700	106,496	96,853	86,529	78,005		
Credit losses including provision									
for uncollectible loans	7	76,627	43,827	34,866	35,874	25,597	20,305		
Total operating expenses	21	12,082	176,596	162,660	153,609	134,190	121,983		
Operating profit	10	04,165	116,178	102,339	84,714	86,140	76,914		
Income before income taxes	10	06,423	101,853	100,303	82,971	82,423	73,876		
Net income	6	51,250	63,521	57,238	40,175	38,668	34,690		
Financial Position:									
Consumer loans receivable: Principal	¥1,32	24,663	¥1,228,026	¥1,100,546	¥ 976,614	¥ 866,634	¥784,201		
Allowance for credit losses		58,000	46,500	39,110	35,170	27,790	23,750		
Total current assets	1,52	29,481	1,381,819	1,228,030	1,132,240	1,005,394	883,571		
Total investments and advances	9	98,302	77,582	54,522	42,269	35,895	37,455		
Property and equipment, net	3	30,305	31,886	58,220	59,496	58,323	57,877		
Fixed leasehold deposits	1	12,393	12,632	12,344	12,491	12,273	10,767		
Total assets	1,67	70,481	1,503,919	1,354,079	1,248,422	1,111,885	989,670		
Short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term debt	22	21,217	245,107	231,414	267,924	258,198	226,975		
Total current liabilities		79,035	279,881	269,247	305,872	295,195	260,411		
Long-term debt		21,402	707,247	638,262	566,124	534,275	479,137		
Total long-term liabilities		38,557	722,706	654,575	583,236	551,674	497,900		
Total shareholders' equity		52,889	501,332	430,257	359,314	265,016	231,359		
Other Financial Data:									
Credit losses written off	5	55,126	36,437	29,815	27,644	21,556	17,405		
Return on equity (ROE) (%)		11.62	13.63	14.50	12.87	15.58	15.98		
Return on assets (ROA) (%)		3.85	4.44	4.40	3.40	3.68	3.68		
Amount per Share (Yen):									
Net income, basic	¥ 4	191.09	¥ 513.24	¥ 475.84	¥ 342.69	¥ 356.78	¥ 320.08		
Shareholders' equity		101.48	4,019.80	3,538.37	3,003.91	2,439.95	2,348.15		
Payout ratio (%)		20.40	17.55	16.91	19.35	16.92	17.04		

Net income, basic, per share has been restated to conform with International Accounting Standards' Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 15 (APB-15), "Earnings per Share."

# **Consolidated Balance Sheets**

Promise Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries March 31, 2002 and 2001

	Millions	Millions of Yen	
	2002	2001	2002
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 4)	¥ 124,390	¥ 103,968	\$ 933,505
Time deposits (Note 12)	7,344	9,572	55,114
Receivables and consumer loans:			
Notes and accounts receivable (Notes 5 and 12)	53,654	52,293	402,660
Consumer loans receivable (Notes 6 and 12):			
Principal	1,543,288	1,418,656	11,581,901
Accrued interest income	15,734	13,259	118,075
Less: Allowance for credit losses (Note 7)	(86,667)	(61,138)	(650,410)
	1,526,009	1,423,070	11,452,226
Prepaid expenses		3,221	23,257
Deferred tax assets (Note 19)		16,789	235,113
Other current assets		8,545	82,620
Total current assets		1,565,165	12,781,835
Investments and advances: Investments in securities (Notes 8 and 12) Investments in and advances to unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates Investments in equity other than capital stock Long-term prepaid expenses	7,805 2,507	18,661 6,059 3,419 1,614	182,358 58,575 18,816 7,951
Excess investment cost over net assets of consolidated subsidiaries acquired, net	6,557	6,158	49,205
Deferred tax assets (Note 19)		1,563	37,516
Other investments and advances	23,624	17,381	177,285
Less: Allowance for credit losses (Note 7)	(546)	(211)	(4,097)
Total investments and advances	70,304	54,644	527,609
Property and equipment, net (Notes 10 and 12)	45,371	44,354	340,493
Fixed leasehold deposits (Note 11)	14,922	15,231	111,991
Total assets	¥1,833,777	¥1,679,394	\$13,761,928

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

	Millions	Millions of Yen	
	2002	2001	U.S. Dollars (Note 3) 2002
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Short-term borrowings (Note 12)	¥ 21,732	¥ 32,609	\$ 163,089
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 12)	244,226	272,505	1,832,837
Accounts payable:			
Trade	3,364	1,145	25,247
Other	9,404	9,456	70,571
	12,768	10,601	95,818
Accrued income taxes (Note 19)		20,496	319,277
Accrued expenses		8,423	57938
Other current liabilities	11,175	9,906	83,872
Total current liabilities	340,165	354,540	2,552,831
Long town linkilities			
Long torm dobt (Note 12)	898,915	789,160	6,746,082
Long-term debt (Note 12)		•	
Non-current accounts payable		3,576	20,785
Accrued severance indemnities (Note 13)		12,951	113,119
Other long-term liabilities		1,663	14,916
Total long-term liabilities	918,746	807,350	6,894,902
Commitments (Notes 6, 12 and 14)			
Shareholders' equity (Note 15):			
Common stock:			
Authorized—300,000,000 shares			
Issued—125,966,665 shares at March 31, 2002	49,054	_	368,133
—124,715,592 shares at March 31, 2001	—	49,054	_
Additional paid-in capital	92,288	82,484	692,589
Retained earnings	436,003	384,668	3,272,072
Net unrealized gain on securities	1,058	4,518	7,938
Adjustments on foreign currency financial statement translation	172	(299)	1,295
Less: Treasury stock			
(468,286 shares in 2002 and 351,003 shares in 2001)	(3,709)	(2,921)	(27,832
Total shareholders' equity	574,866	517,504	4,314,195
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	¥1,833,777	¥1,679,394	\$13,761,928

# Consolidated Statements of Income

Promise Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries For the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

		Millions of Yen 2002 2001	
	2002	2001	2002
Operating income:	V262 760	V227 024	£2.722.40F
Interest on consumer loans		¥327,821	\$2,722,405
Sales		12,621	92,205
Other operating income (Note 16)		19,199	145,955
Total operating income	394,495	359,641	2,960,565
Operating expenses:			
Financial expenses (Note 17)	24,868	26,714	186,628
Cost of sales	10,620	11,112	79,700
General and administrative expenses (Note 18)	147,493	138,407	1,106,895
Credit losses including provision for uncollectible loans (Note 7)	96,996	55,990	727,924
Total operating expenses	279,977	232,223	2,101,147
Operating profit	114,518	127,418	859,418
Other income (expenses):			
Interest and dividend income on investments		335	2,097
Amortization of deferred charge	–	(963)	_
Interest expense	(498)	(498)	(3,735)
Equity in earnings of Tokumei Kumiai	1,093	1,862	8,200
Net gain on sales of investments in securities	1,846	1,956	13,854
Net loss on sales or disposal of property and equipment	(1,049)	(18,242)	(7,871)
Past service cost of retirement benefits		(709)	_
Equity in net loss of affiliated companies	(3,164)	(3,154)	(23,741)
Gain on liquidation of unconsolidated subsidiaries	–	639	_
Impairment loss on deposits for golf club membership	(217)	(1,110)	(1,632)
Other, net	(500)	(142)	(3,756)
Total other expenses, net	(2,210)	(20,026)	(16,584)
Income before income taxes	112,308	107,392	842,834
Income taxes (Note 19):			
Current		42,888	483,760
Deferred	(15,094)	(341)	(113,281)
Net income	¥ 62,941	¥ 64,845	\$ 472,355
	Ye	n	U.S. Dollars (Note 3)
Amount per share:			
Net income:			
Basic		¥525.02	\$3.79
Diluted		_	3.78
Cash dividends	100.00	90.00	0.75
Weighted average number of shares (Thousands):			
Basic	124,691	123,510	
Diluted	125,075	_	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

# Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

Promise Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries For the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

				Millions o	f Yen		
	Number of shares of common stock	Common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Net unrealized gain on securities	Adjustments on foreign currency financial statement translation	Treasury stock
Balance at March 31, 2000	121,597,202	¥48,898	¥58,692	¥330,502	¥ —	¥ —	¥ (1)
Net income	_	_	_	64,845	_	_	_
Cash dividends paid	_	_	_	(10,421)	_	_	_
Bonuses to directors and corporate auditors	_	_	_	(258)	_	_	_
Issuance of new shares through stock exchange	3,118,390	156	13,544	_	_	_	_
Increase due to valuation of securities, net of tax	_	_	_	_	4,518	_	_
Stock exchange adjustments	_	_	10,248	_	_	_	_
Adjustments on foreign currency							
financial statement translation	_	_	_	_	_	(299)	_
Increase in treasury stock							(2,920)
Balance at March 31, 2001	124,715,592	¥49,054	¥82,484	¥384,668	¥4,518	¥(299)	¥(2,921)
Net income	_	_	_	62,941	_	_	_
Cash dividends paid	_	_	_	(11,815)	_	_	_
Bonuses to directors and corporate auditors	_	_	_	(260)	_	_	_
Increase due to inclusion of							
a newly consolidated company	_	_	_	469	_	_	_
Issuance of new shares through stock exchange	1,251,073	_	8,720	_	_	_	_
Decrease due to valuation of securities, net of tax	_	_	_	_	(3,460)	_	_
Stock exchange adjustments	_	_	1,084	_	_	_	_
Adjustments on foreign currency							
financial statement translation	_	_	_	_	_	471	_
Increase in treasury stock							(788)
Balance at March 31, 2002	125,966,665	¥49,054	¥92,288	¥436,003	¥1,058	¥ 172	¥(3,709)

			Thousands of U.S. D	ollars (Note 3)		
	Common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Net unrealized gain on securities	Adjustments on foreign currency financial statement translation	Treasury stock
Balance at March 31, 2001	\$368,133	\$619,016	\$2,886,811	\$33,907	\$(2,241)	\$(21,918)
Net income	_	_	472,355	_	_	_
Cash dividends paid	_	_	(88,665)	_	_	_
Bonuses to directors and corporate auditors	_	_	(1,952)	_	_	_
Increase due to inclusion of a newly						
consolidated company	_	_	3,523	_	_	_
Issuance of new shares through stock exchange	_	65,440	_	_	_	_
Decrease due to valuation of securities, net of tax	_	_	_	(25,969)	_	_
Stock exchange adjustments	_	8,133	_	_	_	_
Adjustments on foreign currency						
financial statement translation	_	_	_	_	3,536	_
Increase in treasury stock	_	_				(5,914)
Balance at March 31, 2002	\$368,133	\$692,589	\$3,272,072	\$ 7,938	\$ 1,295	\$(27,832)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

# **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

Promise Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries For the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

	Millions	of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars (Note 3
	2002	2001	2002
Operating activities:			
Income before income taxes	¥112,308	¥107,392	\$ 842,834
Adjustments for:		, , , , , ,	Ţ C.=,C.
Depreciation and amortization	8,611	9,266	64,622
Provision for credit loss on receivables and consumer loans		7,200	185,326
Provision for accrued severance indemnities		2,959	14,678
Equity in earnings of Tokumei Kumiai		(1,862)	(8,200)
Net gain on sales of investments in securities		(1,956)	(13,854)
Net loss on sales or disposal of property and equipment		18,242	7,871
Equity in net loss of affiliated companies		3,154	23,741
Gain on liquidation of unconsolidated subsidiaries		(639)	
Impairment loss on deposits for golf club membership		1,110	1,632
Increase in consumer loans receivable: Principal		(136,769)	(773,039)
Decrease (increase) in notes and accounts receivable		4,699	(57,520)
Increase in accounts payable		249	12,326
Income taxes paid		(47,666)	(321,053)
Other, net		3,059	(33,015)
Net cash used in operating activities			
Investing activities:	(7,149)	(31,562)	(53,651)
Payment for purchases of property and equipment	(6 E60)	(6.002)	(40.220)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment		(6,902) 307	(49,230) 810
Payment for purchase of investments in securities			
Proceeds from sales of investments in securities		(6,349)	(144,091)
Acquisition of shares of subsidiaries resulted in the change in scope of consolidation		8,382	35,596
Proceeds from issuance of new shares through stock exchange, net of cash acquired		(3,798) 6,195	15,028
Increase in loans			-
Decrease (increase) in other investments	, ,	(6,314) (1,256)	(3,902) 48,153
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,010)	(9,735)	(97,636)
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Proceeds from long-term debt		323,708 (360,086)	2,434,035 (1,879,053)
Proceeds from issuance of bonds, net of expenses		71,547	634,068
Redemption of bonds		/1,54/	
		(6,748)	(225,141)
Decrease in short-term borrowings		` ' '	(577,695)
Increase in treasury stock		(2,920)	(77)
Cash dividends paid		(10,421)	(88,665) 2,236
		15.000	
Net cash provided by financing activities.		15,080	299,708
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		54	645
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(26,163)	149,066
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		131,329	780,248
Effect of the increase (decrease) in scope of consolidated subsidiaries	559	(1,198)	4,191
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	¥124,390	¥103,968	\$ 933,505
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:			
Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest	¥ 23,763	¥ 24,608	\$ 178,339
Major non-cash financing activities:			
Increase in common stock through stock exchange	—	156	_
Increase in additional paid-in capital through stock exchange		23,792	73,573

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Promise Co., Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

#### 1. BASIS OF PRESENTING THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounting records of Promise Co., Ltd. (the "Company") and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries are maintained in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Commercial Code of Japan (the "Commercial Code") and in conformity with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan, which are different in certain respects as to application and disclosure requirements of International Accounting Standards.

The accounts of overseas subsidiaries consolidated with the Company are based on the financial statements prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and practices prevailing in the countries where the subsidiaries have been incorporated. Financial statements have not been materially affected by the differences between the GAAP prevailing in these

countries and Japanese GAAP. Therefore, no adjustments have been reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements to present the accounts of the subsidiaries in compliance with Japanese accounting principles and practices.

Certain account balances, as disclosed in the basic consolidated financial statements in Japan, have been summarized or reclassified to the extent deemed necessary to enable presentation in a form which is more familiar to readers outside Japan.

The consolidated financial statements are not intended to present the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in countries and jurisdictions other than Japan.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (1) Scope and Significant Accounting Policies

The Company had 15 subsidiaries and 3 affiliates as of March 31, 2002 and 14 subsidiaries and 3 affiliates as of March 31, 2001. The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and 11 (9 for each of the previous years) of its subsidiaries (together, the "Companies"), which are listed below:

Name	Country of incorporation	Fiscal year-end
GC Co., Ltd.	Japan	March 31
Shinkou Co., Ltd.	Japan	March 31
Rich Co., Ltd.	Japan	March 31
TOWA Co., Ltd.*1	Japan	March 31
Sun Life Co., Ltd.* <sup>2</sup>	Japan	March 31
PAL Corporation Ltd.	Japan	March 31
Net Future Co., Ltd.	Japan	March 31
System Trinity Co., Ltd.* <sup>3</sup>	Japan	March 31
Liang Jing Co., Ltd.	Taiwan	December 31
Yuukei Co., Ltd.	Taiwan	December 31
PROMISE (HONG KONG) CO., LTD.	Hong Kong	December 31

Notes: \*1 Effective from the year ended March 31, 2001, the equity method was used for the consolidation of TOWA Co., Ltd., since the Company acquired additional shares in TOWA Co., Ltd. in January 2001, following its initial acquisition of 25.69% of the shares in April 2000.

- \*2 Sun Life Co., Ltd. has been included in consolidation from December 17, 2001, the date on which Sun Life Co., Ltd. became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company through a stock exchange.
- \*3 System Trinity Co., Ltd. has been included in consolidation from the year ended March 31, 2002.

The remaining 4 unconsolidated subsidiaries at March 31, 2002 were not consolidated because their aggregate amount of sales, assets, net income and retained earnings were not material to the consolidated results of operations, total assets, net income and retained earnings, respectively.

On the acquisition of a subsidiary, all of the subsidiary's assets and liabilities that exist at the date of acquisition are recorded at their fair value.

Any material difference between the cost of investment in a subsidiary and the equity in its net assets at the date of acquisition is amortized over 10 years.

For the purpose of preparing the accompanying consolidated financial statements, all significant intercompany transactions,

account balances and unrealized profits among the Companies have been eliminated. The amounts of certain subsidiaries have been included in consolidation on the basis of their fiscal periods ended three months prior to March 31.

### (2) Application of the Equity Method

Investments in companies that the Company has significant influence or ownership of more than 20% but less than or equal to 50% are accounted for under the equity method. An affiliate accounted for under the equity method is listed below:

Name	Country of incorporation	Equity ownership percentage at March 31, 2002	Fiscal year-end
MOBIT Co., Ltd.	Japan	45.00%	March 31

Under the equity method, investments are stated at cost plus/minus the Company's equity in undistributed earnings (losses).

Any material difference between the cost of investment in an affiliated company and the equity in its net assets at the date of acquisition is amortized over 10 years.

Investments in 4 unconsolidated subsidiaries and the remaining 2 affiliates as of March 31, 2002 and 5 unconsolidated subsidiaries and 2 affiliates as of March 31, 2001 are carried at cost and are not adjusted for equity in earnings (losses) of such subsidiaries and affiliates for each period because the effect of applying the equity method is not material.

#### (3) Translation of Foreign Currency Financial Statements

The accounts of overseas consolidated subsidiaries are translated into Japanese yen by the methods prescribed under the statements issued by the Business Accounting Deliberation Council of Japan. Under this method, balance sheet accounts are translated at current rates, shareholders' equity is translated at the historical rate and revenues and expenses are translated at the average rate for the respective periods.

Differences arising from the translations are recorded "Adjustments on foreign currency financial statement translation" in shareholders' equity.

## (4) Recognition of Revenues

#### (a) Interest income

Interest income on consumer loans is recognized when collections are made during each financial period. At the end of each financial period, the accrual basis is used to reflect the interest income earned, in accordance with Japanese tax practices, at the lower of interest rates provided by the Interest Rate Restriction Law of Japan or contracted interest rates, and any excess of contractual rates over statutory rates is not reflected for accounting purposes.

#### (b) Installment sales

Gross margins on installment sales are only recognized when the related installment receivables become due.

#### (5) Allowance for Credit Losses and Write-Offs

The allowance for credit losses of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries are provided in an amount deemed necessary to cover possible non-collectible accounts, based on the percentage of their own actual experience of bad debt loss written off against the balance of receivables and consumer loans.

Consumer loans are written off against the allowance for credit losses when both interest and principal of the loans have been unpaid for a certain specified period of time or after follow-up requests for payment and/or uncollectibility of accounts is clearly demonstrated by conditions such as the customer's bankruptcy or death.

The written-off balances of these consumer loans are managed by the special collection department. This department makes an effort to collect the previously written-off balances as long as these balances are legally collectible. When the previously written-off balances and the related interest are subsequently recovered and collected, the collected amounts are included in "Other operating income" in the accompanying statements of income in the year of recovery.

#### (6) Valuation of Securities

All equity securities and debt securities are classified as "Other securities" which represents securities other than trading or held-to-maturity securities.

The Company and its domestic subsidiaries have adopted the Financial Accounting Standard on "Accounting for Financial Instruments" issued by the Business Accounting Deliberation Council. Following the standard, the Company and its domestic subsidiaries management determine the appropriate classification of securities and records trading securities in current assets and other securities as investments in securities.

Marketable "Other securities" are stated at market value. Adjustments to market value are recorded as an increase or a decrease in shareholders' equity, net of tax. Under the Commercial Code, unrealized holdings gains on securities, net of tax, are not available for distribution as dividends and bonuses to directors and corporate auditors. Costs of their sales are determined by the moving average method. "Other securities" which are not marketable are stated at cost, cost being determined by the moving average method.

An impairment loss on deposits for golf club membership is also required to be recognized in accordance with the new standard.

#### (7) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment (other than new buildings acquired on or after April 1, 1998, to which the straight-line method is applied) are depreciated by the declining-balance method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The range of useful lives is principally

from 3 to 50 years for buildings and from 2 to 20 years for furniture, fixtures and equipment.

### (8) Computer Software

Amortization of computer software, which is included in "Other investments and advances" in the accompanying balance sheets, is principally computed using the straight-line method over five years, as the estimated useful lives.

#### (9) Foreign Currency Translation

The Company and its domestic subsidiaries have adopted the Financial Accounting Standard on "Accounting for Foreign Currency Transactions."

Following the standard, receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Japanese yen at the relevant exchange rates prevailing at the respective balance sheet dates.

The resulting transaction gains or losses are included in the determination of "Other operating income" ("Financial expenses") for the respective periods.

#### (10) Leases

Where financing leases do not transfer ownership of the leased property to the lessee during the terms of the leases, the leased property is not capitalized and the related rental expenses are charged to income in the periods in which they are incurred.

#### (11) Accrued Severance Indemnities

The Company and its domestic subsidiaries have adopted the Financial Accounting Standard on "Accounting for Retirement Benefits" issued by the Business Accounting Deliberation Council.

Following the standard, the amount of accrued severance indemnities for employees is provided based on the amount of the projected benefit obligation less the fair value of the pension plan assets. The accrued severance indemnity cost for the fiscal period is charged to income as incurred.

Unrecognized past service cost and net actuarial loss arising in the years are charged to income in the year in which they arise.

The directors and corporate auditors of the Company and certain subsidiaries are covered by a retirement benefit plan under which the retiring directors or corporate auditors are entitled to receive lump-sum retirement benefits. The amount of such benefits is determined based on these companies' pertinent rules. The accrued severance indemnities for directors and corporate auditors in the accompanying balance sheets represent the estimated amount to be paid if all directors and corporate auditors retired at the balance sheet dates.

## (12) Bond Issue Expenses

Bond issue expenses are charged to income as incurred.

#### (13) Appropriation of Retained Earnings

Under the Commercial Code and the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, proposals by the Board of Directors for the appropriation of retained earnings (principally the payment of annual cash dividends) should be approved by a shareholders' meeting which must be held within three months after the end of each fiscal year. The appropriation of retained earnings reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements for each fiscal year represents the appropriations which were approved by the shareholders' meeting and disposed of during that year but were related to the immediately preceding fiscal year.

The payment of bonuses to directors and corporate auditors is made out of retained earnings instead of being charged to income for the year and constitutes a part of the appropriations referred to above.

#### (14) Net Income and Dividends per Share

Basic net income per share is based upon the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during each period.

Diluted net income per share is based upon the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding after consideration of the dilutive effect of treasury stock for stock option plans during each year.

Cash dividends per share represent interim dividends paid and annual dividends declared as applicable to the respective years.

#### (15) Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments, generally with an original maturity date of three months or less, that are

#### 3. UNITED STATES DOLLAR AMOUNTS

The Company prepares its consolidated financial statements in Japanese yen. The U.S. dollar amounts included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto represent the arithmetical results of translating yen into dollars at the rate of ¥133.25 to US\$1, being the effective rate of exchange at

readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are so near maturity that they present an insignificant risk of change in value due to interest rates.

#### (16) Derivatives

Following the Financial Accounting Standard on "Accounting for Financial Instruments," derivative financial instruments are recognized in the financial statements and measured at fair value, effective April 1, 2000. Gains and losses on designated hedged instruments are deferred on the balance sheet to the period when gains and losses on the positions hedged have been recognized to match gains and losses on the hedging instruments. Certain derivative instruments satisfying the condition prescribed under the standard are not evaluated at fair value.

#### (17) Reclassifications

Certain prior-year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

March 31, 2002. The inclusion of such dollar amounts is solely for convenience and is not intended to imply that yen amounts have been or could be readily converted, realized or settled in dollars at the rate of ¥133.25 to US\$1 or at any other rate.

#### 4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents included ¥49,409 million (\$370,802 thousand) of short-term commercial notes, as of March 31, 2002. The Companies received securities, commercial paper and others as collateral for short-term commercial notes. Market values of collateral as of March 31, 2002 were as follows:

4	Millions of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
Securities	¥17,849	\$133,953
Commercial paper	17,090	128,254
Others	14,401	108,077
	¥49,340	\$370,284

#### **5. NOTES AND ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

The financing from consumer loans receivable liquidated on or before March 31, 2000 is recognized as long-term liabilities secured. Those liquidated on and after April 1, 2000 have been accounted for as sales transactions in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standard on "Accounting for Financial Instruments,"

effective April 1, 2000. The effect of this change was to decrease "Notes and accounts receivable" as of March 31, 2001 and net income for the year then ended by ¥10,125 million and nil, respectively.

#### **6. CONSUMER LOANS RECEIVABLE**

- (1) Unsecured loans to individual customers, which were included in "Consumer loans receivable," were ¥1,532,578 million (\$11,501,524 thousand) and ¥1,406,327 million as of March 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively.
- (2) The amounts of loans which were disclosed in accordance with the enactment of the Nonbank Bond Issuing Law in May 1999 were as follows:

	Millions	of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Credits of bankrupt borrowers	¥ 2,648	¥ 109	\$ 19,871
Delinquent loans	706	171	5,299
Delinquent loans past due three months or more	9,842	7,924	73,862
Restructured loans	37,429	30,788	280,894
	¥50,625	¥38,992	\$379,926

Credits of bankrupt borrowers are loans under declaration of bankruptcy, reconstruction and similar proceedings and whose accruing interest is not recorded as income because the principal or interest on such loans is unlikely to be recovered in view of the considerable period of postponement of the principal or interest, or other circumstances.

Delinquent loans are credits whose accruing interest is not recorded as income for the same reason as the above and do not include credits of bankrupt borrowers and the loans to which postponement of interest payment was made with the object of reconstructing and supporting the borrowers.

Delinquent loans past due three months or more are loans which are delinquent for three months or more from the due date of interest or principal under the terms of the related loan agreements and do not include credits of bankrupt borrowers and delinquent loans, as described above.

Restructured loans are loans to which a certain concession faivorable to borrowers, such as postponement of interest payment and other methods, was made with the object of encouraging repayment and do not include credits of bankrupt borrowers, delinquent loans and delinquent loans past due three months or more, as described above.

Restructured loans which are 30 days or less past due were ¥32,676 million (\$245,223 thousand) and ¥27,406 million as of March 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

(3) A revolving credit facility agreement is a contract whereby the Companies are obligated to loan repeatedly up to a predetermined amount to a customer on request, if the customer has met the terms and conditions of the contract.

The total balance of revolving credit facilities unused, including credit facilities of customers without any loan balance, except for those making no payment or receipt for two years or more, was ¥427,663 million (\$3,209,476 thousand) as of March 31, 2002. The balance of revolving credit facilities unused and unsecured was ¥325 million (\$2,442 thousand) as of March 31, 2002. Since revolving credit facilities expire without making a loan, the total balance of unused credit facilities must not impact on future cash flows of the Companies.

Revolving credit facilities contain provisions that allow the Companies to refuse to loan to the customers or reduce the contract amount of the credit facilities if credit exposures or similar conditions change. After contracted, the Companies periodically monitor customers' creditworthiness and, if necessary, take measures to manage credit exposures, such as revising the terms of the contract.

#### 7. ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES

Transactions affecting the "Allowance for credit losses" account for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 are summarized as follows:

	Millions	of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Balance at beginning of year	¥61,349	¥44,411	\$460,402
Adjustments for newly consolidated subsidiaries	895	9,623	6,718
Credit losses written off against the allowance	(61,269)	(48,553)	(459,806)
Provision for uncollectible loans	86,238	55,868	647,193
Balance at end of year	¥87,213	¥61,349	\$654,507

#### **8. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES**

Investments in securities held by the Companies as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 are summarized as follows:

	Millions	of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Investments in securities:			
Equity securities	¥10,838	¥18,042	\$ 81,336
Bonds and debentures	_	421	_
Other	13,461	198	101,022
	¥24,299	¥18,661	\$182,358

Book value and acquisition cost information on marketable "Other securities" as of March 31, 2002 is summarized as follows:

	Millions of Yen			Thousands of U.S. Dollars		
	Acquisition cost	Book value per balance sheet	Difference	Acquisition cost	Book value per balance sheet	Difference
Securities whose book values on the accompanying						
consolidated balance sheet exceed their acquisition costs:						
Equity securities	¥5,685	¥7,649	¥1,964	\$42,661	\$57,407	\$14,746
Securities whose book values on the accompanying						
consolidated balance sheet do not exceed their acquisition costs:						
Equity securities	892	657	(235)	6,691	4,926	(1,765)
Other	259	161	(98)	1,948	1,210	(738)
	1,151	818	(333)	8,639	6,136	(2,503)
	¥6,836	¥8,467	¥1,631	\$51,300	\$63,543	\$12,243

"Other securities" sold during the year ended March 31, 2002 were as follows:

Millions of Yen			Millions of Yen Thousands of U.S. Dollars		
Proceeds from sales	Gain on sales Loss on sales		Proceeds from sales	Gain on sales	Loss on sales
¥5,880	¥2,745	¥899	\$44,131	\$20,600	\$6,746

Book values of "Other securities" which were not marketable as of March 31, 2002 are summarized as follows:

	Millions of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
Investments in securities:		
Equity securities	. ¥ 2,532	\$19,003
Other:		
Preference shares	. 13,300	99,812

Book value and acquisition cost information on marketable "Other securities" as of March 31, 2001 is summarized as follows:

		Millions of Yen		
	Aquisition cost	Book value per balance sheet	Difference	
Securities whose book values on the accompanying				
consolidated balance sheet exceed their acquisition costs:				
Equity securities.	¥6,402	¥14,898	¥8,496	
Bonds and debentures	400	421	21	
	6,802	15,319	8,517	
Securities whose book values on the accompanying				
consolidated balance sheet do not exceed their acquisition costs:				
Equity securities	2,522	1,564	(958)	
Other	260	198	(62)	
	2,782	1,762	(1,020)	
	¥9,584	¥17,081	¥7,497	

"Other securities" sold during the year ended March 31, 2001 were as follows:

		Millions of Yen		
	Proceeds of sales	Gain on sales	Loss on sales	
	¥1,620	¥51	¥788	
Book values of "Other securities" which were not marketable as of March 31, 2001 are summarized as	follows:			
			Millions of Ye	
Investments in securities:				
Equity securities			¥1,580	
The aggregate annual maturities of debt securities included in "Other securities" outstanding as of Mai	ch 31, 2001	were as fo	llows:	
			Millions of Ye	
2002			¥ —	
2003–2006			199	
2007–2011			222	
2011 and thereafter				

#### 9. DERIVATIVES AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES

The Company and certain subsidiaries enter into interest rate swap agreements to convert variable interest rates on the principal amount of certain debts to fixed interest rates. In addition, the Company enters into interest rate cap agreements. These agreements are used to reduce the exposure to market risk from fluctuation in interest rates. The Companies do not hold or issue any financial instruments for trading purposes. The hedging instruments are measured for effectiveness by correlation with respect to the difference between

interest rate indicators upon the instruments and positions hedged. The market risk associated with these instruments is managed under the Company's internal manual approved by the Board of Directors. The derivatives and hedging activities of the subsidiaries are subject to the Company's approval.

The fair values of the off-balance-sheet financial instruments, excluding those deferred on the balance sheet in accordance with the accounting standard were as follows:

		Millions o	of Yen	
	Notional	amount		
	Total	Due after one year	Fair value	Unrealized loss
Year ended March 31, 2002:				
Interest rate swap:				
Changing floating rates into fixed rate	¥28,629	¥20,000	¥(589)	¥(589)
Interest rate cap:				
Purchased	8,000	4,000	0	(34)
	¥36,629	¥24,000	¥(589)	¥(623)
Year ended March 31, 2001:				
Interest rate swap:				
Changing floating rates into fixed rate	¥22,807	¥20,000	¥(407)	¥(407)
Interest rate cap:				
Purchased	. 10,000	8,000	5	(64)
	¥32,807	¥28,000	¥(402)	¥(471)
		Thousands of U	.S. Dollars	
	Notional a	amount		
	Total	Due after one year	Fair value	Unrealized loss
Year ended March 31, 2002:				
Interest rate swap:				
Changing floating rates into fixed rate	\$214,853	\$150,094	\$(4,418)	\$(4,418)
Interest rate cap:				
Purchased	60,038	30,019	1	(257)
	\$274,891	\$180,113	\$(4,417)	\$(4,675)

### **10. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 are summarized as follows:

	Millions	Millions of Yen		
	2002	2001	2002	
Buildings	¥26,146	¥25,081	\$196,218	
Structures	5,092	5,113	38,214	
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	40,258	39,036	302,125	
Other	136	190	1,018	
	71,632	69,420	537,575	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(41,538)	(37,795)	(311,729)	
	30,094	31,625	225,846	
Land	13,903	12,729	104,341	
Construction in process	1,374	_	10,306	
	¥45,371	¥44,354	\$340,493	

#### 11. FIXED LEASEHOLD DEPOSITS

Fixed leasehold deposits as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 were mainly those paid to the lessors in connection with the leases of facilities for office space. Lessors in Japan require large amounts of leasehold deposits equivalent to several months' lease rental payments. Such leasehold deposits do not bear interest and are generally returnable only when the lease is terminated.

#### 12. SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

(1) Information on the amount of short-term borrowings outstanding as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 is as follows:

	Millions	Millions of Yen		Millions of Yen	
	2002	2001	2002		
Short-term bank loans*:					
Secured	¥ 2,037	¥ 2,124	\$ 15,284		
Entered into the forward contract of assigning consumer loans receivable	1,300	4,042	9,756		
Unsecured	13,375	17,924	100,378		
	16,712	24,090	125,418		
Commercial paper and other:		·			
Secured	1,758	4,748	13,193		
Unsecured	3,262	3,771	24,478		
	5,020	8,519	37,671		
	¥21,732	¥32,609	\$163,089		
* Maximum month-end balance outstanding during the period	¥27,513	¥29,417	\$206,476		
Average month-end balance outstanding during the period		26,486	171,619		
Weighted average interest rate for the period	2.611%	4.130%			

Short-term bank loans outstanding as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 were represented mainly by overdrafts with banks bearing interest at annual rates ranging from 0.585% to 5.125% and from 0.630% to 7.941%, respectively.

The principal ranges of annual interest rates applicable to commercial paper and other as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 were from 0.500% to 2.910% and from 2.160% to 5.520%, respectively.

## (2) Long-term debt outstanding as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 consisted of the following:

	Millions	Millions of Yen	
	2002	2001	2002
Loans, principally from banks and other financial institutions with interest rates indicated below*:			
Secured	¥256,134	¥261,602	\$1,922,208
Entered into the forward contract of assigning consumer loans receivable	370,936	351,351	2,783,762
Unsecured	204,071	191,712	1,531,486
	831,141	804,665	6,237,456
Bonds issued by Promise Co., Ltd.:		·	
2.100% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2002	—	10,000	_
2.600% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2002		10,000	75,047
2.000% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2002		10,000	75,047
2.100% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2001		10,000	_
2.100% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2001		10,000	_
2.050% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2002		10,000	75,047
2.030% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2004	20,000	20,000	150,094
1.790% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2004		10,000	75,047
1.400% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2003		10,000	75,047
2.270% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2005		10,000	75,047
2.510% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2006		20,000	150,094
1.900% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2003	20,000	20,000	150,094
2.950% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2009		10,000	75,047
2.560% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2010	15,000	15,000	112,569
Floating rate (six-month Japanese yen—LIBOR+0.5%) uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2005	10,000	10,000	75,047
2.270% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2008	10,000	10,000	75,047
2.900% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2012	10,000	10,000	75,047
2.040% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2007		20,000	150,094
2.080% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2005	10,000	10,000	75,047
Floating rate (six-month Japanese yen—LIBOR+0.75%) uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2005		10,000	75,047
1.750% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2005	10,000	10,000	75,047
1.700% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2006	10,000	_	75,047
1.740% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2008	10,000	_	75,047
1.200% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2006	15,000	_	112,569
1.630% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2008	10,000	_	75,047
1.400% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2007	20,000	_	150,094
0.920% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2005	20,000	_	150,094
Bonds issued by GC Co., Ltd.:			
1.600% per annum uncollateralized yen bonds, due 2003	2,000	2,000	15,009
Less: Portion due within one year	(244,226)	(272,505)	(1,832,837)
	¥898,915	¥789,160	\$6,746,082
Weighted average interest rate for the period	2.105%	2.305%	

<sup>\*</sup> Annual interest rates on loans from banks and other financial institutions outstanding as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 ranged from 1.000% to 5.500% and from 1.070% to 9.500%, respectively.

(3) The Companies' assets pledged as collateral for short-term bank loans, commercial paper and other and long-term loans with banks and other financial institutions as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 were as follows:

	Million	Thousands of U.S. Dollars	
	2002	2001	2002
Time deposits	¥ 752	¥ 712	\$ 5,642
Notes and accounts receivable*	17,432	23,742	130,824
Consumer loans receivable*	254,369	277,841	1,908,959
Investments in securities	_	431	_
Property and equipment	8,337	9,065	62,569
Other	4	205	30
	¥280,894	¥311,996	\$2,108,024

<sup>\*</sup> In addition to the above assets pledged, the Companies entered into the forward contract of assigning notes and accounts receivable and consumer loans receivable. The contract amounts were ¥386,091 million (\$2,897,490 thousand) and ¥370,542 million as of March 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

The aggregate annual maturities of long-term debt outstanding, excluding the preceding bonds, as of March 31, 2002 were as follows:

Year ending March 31,	Millions of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
2003	¥214,226	\$1,607,697
2004	232,758	1,746,781
2005	214,025	1,606,188
2006	109,746	823,610
2007 and thereafter	60,386	453,180
	¥831,141	\$6,237,456

(4) The outstanding bank overdraft and loan commitments contracted but not provided for and similar agreements as of March 31, 2002 were as follows:

	Milli	ions of Yen		nousands of J.S. Dollars
Bank overdraft commitments:				
Credit facilities	¥	14,922	\$	111,981
Used		(9,230)		(69,265)
Unused	¥	5,692	\$	42,716
Bank loan commitments:				
Credit facilities	¥1	145,699	\$1	,093,426
Used	(	(12,013)		(90,155)
Unused	¥1	133,686	\$1	,003,271

### 13. SEVERANCE AND PENSION PLANS

Under the terms of the severance plans of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, employees of the Companies with more than two years of service are generally entitled to lump-sum payments at the time of retirement.

The amount of the retirement benefit is, in general, based on the length of service, the accumulated points of individual performance evaluations and the cause of retirement.

The Company and its domestic subsidiaries have non-contributory pension plans, which are defined benefit plans, covering a portion of their severance plans.

In addition, the Company has contributory funded benefit pension plans, which are pursuant to the Japanese Welfare Pension Insurance Law, and defined benefit plans. These plans cover a portion of the governmental welfare pension program, under which both employers and employees contribute.

The overseas subsidiaries sponsor defined contribution plans. The following is a reconciliation of benefit obligation to net liability recognized in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2002 and 2001.

	Millions	of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Benefit obligation	¥(30,465)	¥(27,288)	\$(228,634)
Fair value of plan assets	16,437	15,325	123,359
Funded status	(14,028)	(11,963)	(105,275)
Net liability recognized in balance sheet	(14,028)	(11,963)	(105,275)
Prepaid pension expense	_	7	_
Accrued severance indemnities for employees	¥(14,028)	¥(11,970)	\$(105,275)

Components of net periodic benefit cost for the year ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 are summarized as follows:

	Millions	of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Service cost	¥2,309	¥2,067	\$17,330
Interest cost	799	717	6,001
Expected return on plan assets	(343)	(331)	(2,577)
Past service cost	_	709	_
Net actuarial loss	1,089	1,586	8,171
Net periodic benefit cost	¥3,854	¥4,748	\$28,925

Service cost does not include employers' contributions to the contributory funded benefit pension plan.

The benefit obligation was determined using a discount rate of 3.0% for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001. The expected long-term rate of return on the non-contributory pension plan assets and contributory funded benefit pension plan assets ranged from 2.4% to 4.0% and 2.1%, respectively, for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001.

Net periodic service cost is attributed based on years of service. Certain subsidiaries' benefit obligations were calculated using a simplified method, which is permitted to be applied by small companies, in conformity with the Financial Accounting Standard on "Accounting for Retirement Benefits."

#### **14. LEASE COMMITMENTS**

(1) Rental, depreciation and interest expense relating to financing leases which do not transfer ownership of the leased properties to the lessee during the terms of the leases as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 were as follows:

	Million	Millions of Yen		
	2002	2001	2002	
Rental expense	¥1,980	¥2,254	\$14,856	
Depreciation expense	1,730	1,925	12,987	
Interest expense	202	264	1,512	

Depreciation expense is computed by the straight-line method over the terms of the related leases. The interest expense is computed by the interest method.

The aggregate future lease payments as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 were as follows:

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Due within one year	¥1,761	¥1,617	\$13,219
Due after one year	2,660	1,894	19,962
	¥4,421	¥3,511	\$33,181

A summary of the leased properties under the above leases as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 were as follows:

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	¥8,060	¥6,279	\$60,489
Other	608	1,587	4,563
	8,668	7,866	65,052
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(4,406)	(4,520)	(33,065)
	¥4,262	¥3,346	\$31,987

(2) Aggregate future lease payments under ordinary operating leases as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 were as follows:

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Due within one year	¥107	¥110	\$ 803
Due after one year	33	136	250
	¥140	¥246	\$1,053

#### 15. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Under the Commercial Code, at least 50% of the issue price of new shares, with a minimum of the par value thereof, is required to be designated as common stock. The portion which is to be designated as common stock is determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. Proceeds in excess of the amounts designated as common stock are credited to additional paid-in capital.

Effective from October 1, 1999, the Commercial Code was revised, and the procedure for stock exchange was established. In this procedure, at least the par value of new shares was required to be designated as common stock. The portion, which is to be designated as common stock, was determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. Proceeds in excess of the amounts designated as common stock were credited to additional paid-in capital.

For the year ended March 31, 2001, the Company issued 3,118 thousand shares through stock exchange, and common stock and additional paid-in capital increased by ¥156 million and ¥23,792 million, respectively.

Effective from October 1, 2001, the Commercial Code was revised, and par-value stock was abolished. Under the revised Code, concerning new shares issued through stock exchange, the minimum amount required to be designated as common stock

#### 16. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

As described in Note 2 (5), the collected amounts are included in "Other operating income" in the accompanying statements of income in the year of recovery when the previously written-off

is not regulated. The portion which is to be designated as common stock was determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. The amounts not designated as common stock are credited to additional paid-in capital.

For the year ended March 31, 2002, the Company issued 1,251 thousand shares through a stock exchange, and additional paid-in capital increased by ¥8,720 million (\$65,440 thousand).

The Commercial Code provided that an amount equal to at least 10% of cash dividends and other appropriations of retained earnings paid out with respect to each financial period be set aside in a legal reserve until such reserve equals 25% of the amount of common stock. This reserve may be transferred to common stock by a resolution of the Board of Directors or used to reduce a deficit with the approval of the shareholders' meeting but is not available for dividend payments.

Effective from October 1, 2001, the provision of the Commercial Code was revised, and an amount equal to at least 10% of cash dividends and other appropriations of retained earnings paid out with respect to each financial period is required to set aside until the total amount of additional paid-in capital and legal reserve equals 25% of the amount of common stock.

balances of consumer loans and the related interest are subsequently recovered and collected.

Collected amounts for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 were as follows:

	Millions	s of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Collected amounts	¥7,920	¥8,518	\$59,438

#### **17. FINANCIAL EXPENSES**

Interest expense, which was included in "Financial expenses" in the accompanying consolidated statements of income, for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 was as follows:

	Millions	s of Yen	Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Interest expense	¥23,892	¥25,569	\$179,299

### 18. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

General and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of income for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 consisted of the following:

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Advertising expenses	¥ 27,164	¥ 25,998	\$ 203,858
Employees' salaries and bonuses		30,045	241,842
Rent expenses	14,424	13,264	108,249
Other	73,679	69,100	552,946
	¥147,493	¥138,407	\$1,106,895



#### 19. INCOME TAXES

The Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries are subject to a number of different taxes based on income, which in the aggregate indicate a normal effective statutory income tax rate of approximately 42% for each of the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001. Overseas consolidated subsidiaries are subject to income taxes of the countries in which they operate.

For the year ended March 31, 2002, the difference between the statutory tax rate and the effective tax rate was immaterial.

Reconciliation of the statutory tax rate to the effective tax rate for the year ended March 31, 2001 was as follows:

Statutory tax rate	42.0%
Loss on valuation of investments in subsidiaries deducted for income tax purposes	(3.9)
Revenue not deductible for income tax purposes—dividends and others	(0.3)
Impairment loss on deposits for golf club membership	0.4
Others	1.4
Effective tax rate	39.6%

The major components of deferred tax assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 are summarized as follows:

	Millions	Millions of Yen	
	2002	2001	2002
Deferred tax assets due to:			
Credit losses for receivables and consumer loans	¥10,627	¥ 7,818	\$ 79,748
Allowance for credit losses	12,299	4,964	92,297
Accrued enterprise taxes	3,696	1,827	35,881
Accrued severance indemnities for employees	4,781	3,904	27,738
Other	5,834	3,543	43,785
	37,237	22,056	279,449
Deferred tax liabilities due to:			
Net unrealized gains on securities	(909)	(3,704)	(6,820)
Net deferred tax assets	¥36,328	¥18,352	\$272,629

Net deferred tax assets as of March 31, 2002 and 2001 were included in the consolidated balance sheets as follows:

	Millions of Yen		Thousands of U.S. Dollars	
	2002	2001	2002	
Current assets:				
Deferred tax assets	¥31,329	¥16,789	\$235,113	
Investments and advances:				
Deferred tax assets	4,999	1,563	37,516	
	¥36,328	¥18,352	\$272,629	

### **20. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Companies' operations by business segment for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 are not disclosed since the Companies' business other than consumer financial business is immaterial.

The Companies' operations by geographic segment for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 are not disclosed since the Companies' business other than in Japan is immaterial.

Information about operating income overseas for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 is not disclosed since the Companies' operating income overseas is immaterial.

#### **21. SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

At the general shareholders' meeting of the Company held on June 25, 2002, the payment of cash dividends, ¥50.0 (\$0.38)

per share, was approved, which amounted to  $\pm 6,281$  million ( $\pm 47,135$  thousand).

# Report of the Independent Accountants

The Board of Directors

Promise Co., Ltd.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Promise Co., Ltd. and its consolidated subsidiaries as of March 31, 2002 and 2001, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, all expressed in Japanese yen. Our audits were made in accordance with auditing standards, procedures and practices generally accepted and applied in Japan and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly the consolidated financial position of Promise Co., Ltd. and its consolidated subsidiaries as of March 31, 2002 and 2001, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan (see Note 1) applied on a consistent basis.

As described in Note 2, effective from the year ended March 31, 2001, Promise Co., Ltd. and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries have adopted new Japanese accounting standards for financial instruments and retirement benefits.

The amounts expressed in U.S. dollars, which are provided solely for the convenience of the reader, have been translated on the basis set forth in Note 3 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

ChuoAoyama Audit Corporation

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Osaka, Japan

June 25, 2002

# Non-Consolidated Balance Sheets

Promise Co., Ltd. March 31, 2002 and 2001

	Millions	Millions of Yen	
	2002	2001	U.S. Dollars 2002
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	¥ 110,984	¥ 91,544	\$ 832,903
Time deposits	5,815	7,926	43,640
Consumer loans receivable:			
Principal	1,324,663	1,228,026	9,941,187
Accrued interest income	13,169	11,898	98,830
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(68,000)	(46,500)	(510,319)
	1,269,832	1,193,424	9,529,698
Prepaid expenses	2,149	2,071	16,127
Deferred tax assets	. 28,315	13,237	212,494
Other current assets	112,386	73,617	843,422
Total current assets	. 1,529,481	1,381,819	11,478,284
Investments and advances:			
Investments in securities	19,947	17,612	149,694
Investments in and advances to subsidiaries and affiliates	-	42,736	450,941
Investments in equity other than capital stock	1,861	2,662	13,969
Long-term prepaid expenses		731	4,116
Deferred tax assets	4,304	1,164	32,301
Other investments and advances		12,677	86,707
Total investments and advances	98,302	77,582	737,728
Property and equipment, net		31,886	227,429
Fixed leasehold deposits		12,632	93,003
Total assets	¥1,670,481	¥1,503,919	\$12,536,444

Notes: 1. U.S. dollar amounts are translated from yen, for convenience only, at the rate of ¥133.25 to US\$1, the approximate exchange rate at March 31, 2002.

2. Under the revised Commercial Code, treasury stock that was previously included in assets has been reflected in shareholders' equity in the non-consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2002.

			Thousands of
		of Yen	U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Short-term borrowings	¥ 1,300	¥ 4,900	\$ 9,756
Current portion of long-term debt	219,917	240,207	1,650,407
Accounts payable	8,238	7,753	61,822
Accrued income taxes	40,111	18,165	301,023
Accrued expenses	6,770	7,205	50,809
Other current liabilities	2,699	1,651	20,257
Total current liabilities	279,035	279,881	2,094,074
Long-term liabilities:			
Long-term debt	821,402	707,247	6,164,368
Non-current accounts payable	2,003	2,884	15,034
Accrued severance indemnities	14,425	12,441	108,254
Other long-term liabilities	727	134	5,454
Total long-term liabilities	838,557	722,706	6,293,110
Commitments			
Shareholders' equity:			
Common stock			
Authorized—300,000,000 shares			
Issued—125,966,665 shares at March 31, 2002	49,054	_	368,133
—124,715,592 shares at March 31, 2001	_	49,054	_
Additional paid-in capital	80,956	72,236	607,549
Legal reserve	12,263	12,252	92,033
Voluntary reserve	350,800	299,300	2,632,645
Retained earnings	61,685	63,978	462,925
Net unrealized gain on securities	1,062	4,512	7,970
Less: Treasury stock (352,541 shares in 2002)	(2,931)	_	(21,995)
Total shareholders' equity	552,889	501,332	4,149,260
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	¥1,670,481	¥1,503,919	\$12,536,444

# Non-Consolidated Statements of Income

Promise Co., Ltd. For the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

	Millions		Thousands of U.S. Dollars
	2002	2001	2002
Operating income:			
Interest on consumer loans		¥282,664	\$2,302,789
Other operating income	9,400	10,110	70,546
Total operating income	316,247	292,774	2,373,335
Operating expenses:			
Financial expenses	21,179	22,069	158,945
General and administrative expenses	114,276	110,700	857,606
Credit losses including provision for uncollectible loans	76,627	43,827	575,058
Total operating expenses	212,082	176,596	1,591,609
Operating profit	104,165	116,178	781,726
Other income (expenses):			
Interest and dividend income on investments	255	416	1,910
Amortization of deferred charge		(963)	_
Bond issue expenses	(25)	(9)	(185)
Insurance money received and insurance divided	392	321	2,940
Equity in earnings of Tokumei Kumiai	963	1,803	7,226
Net gain on sales of investments in securities	1,831	1,972	13,738
Net loss on sales or disposal of property and equipment	(587)	(17,579)	(4,406)
Past service cost of retirement benefits	–	(709)	_
Gain on liquidation of subsidiaries	–	1,780	_
Impairment loss on deposits for golf club membership	(162)	(962)	(1,216)
Other, net	(409)	(395)	(3,058)
Total other income (expenses), net	2,258	(14,325)	16,949
Income before income taxes	106,423	101,853	798,675
Income taxes:			
Current	60,888	39,500	456,946
Deferred	(15,715)	(1,168)	(117,935)
	45,173	38,332	339,011
Net income	¥ 61,250	¥ 63,521	\$ 459,664
	Ύє	'n	U.S. Dollars
Amount per share:			
Net income:			
Basic	¥491.09	¥513.24	\$3.69
Diluted	489.71	_	3.68
Cash dividends	100.00	90.00	0.75
Weighted average number of shares (Thousands):			
Basic	124,724	123,765	
Diluted	125,075	_	

Notes: 1. U.S. dollar amounts are translated from yen, for convenience only, at the rate of ¥133.25 to US\$1, the approximate exchange rate at March 31, 2002.

2. Treasury stock, which was previously included in the weighted average number of shares in 2001, has been excluded from the weighted average number of shares in 2002 in accordance with a revision to the Commercial Code of Japan.

3. Net income, basic, per share has been restated to conform with International Accounting Standards' Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 15 (APB-15), "Earnings per Share."

Treasury

stock

Net

unrealized gain on

securities

Retained

earnings

Millions of Yen

Voluntary

reserve

# Non-Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

Number of shares of

common stock

Promise Co., Ltd. For the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

	common stock	stock	capital	reserve	reserve	earnings	securities	stock
Balance at March 31, 2000	. 121,597,202	¥48,898	¥58,692	¥11,569	¥240,800	¥70,298	¥ —	¥ —
Net income	. —	_	_	_	_	63,521	_	_
Legal reserve	. —	_	_	683	_	(683)	_	_
Cash dividends paid	. –	_	_	_	_	(10,422)	_	_
Bonuses to directors and								
corporate auditors	. –	_	_	_	_	(236)	_	_
Transfer to voluntary reserve	. –	_	_	_	58,500	(58,500)	_	_
Issuance of new shares through								
stock exchange	. 3,118,390	156	13,544	_	_	_	_	_
Increase due to valuation of								
securities, net of tax	. –	_	_	_	_	_	4,512	_
Balance at March 31, 2001	. 124,715,592	¥49,054	¥72,236	¥12,252	¥299,300	¥63,978	¥4,512	¥ —
Net income		· _	· _	, —	, <u> </u>	61,250	· _	_
Legal reserve	_	_	_	11	_	(11)	_	_
Cash dividends paid	_	_	_	_	_	(11,815)	_	_
Bonuses to directors and								
corporate auditors	_	_	_	_	_	(217)	_	_
Transfer to voluntary reserve		_	_	_	51,500	(51,500)	_	_
Issuance of new shares through								
stock exchange	1,251,073	_	8,720	_	_	_	_	_
Decrease due to valuation of								
securities, net of tax	_	_	_	_	_	_	(3,450)	_
Reclassification of treasury stock								
held at the beginning of the year		_	_	_	_	_	_	(2,921)
Increase in treasury stock		_	_	_	_	_	_	(10)
Balance at March 31, 2002	125,966,665	¥49,054	¥80,956	¥12,263	¥350,800	¥61,685	¥1,062	¥(2,931)
				71	1 (116.5.11			
		Thousands of U.S. Dollars			ars	Net		
		C	Additional	Land	Valuatan	Detained	unrealized	T
		Common stock	paid-in capital	Legal reserve	Voluntary reserve	Retained earnings	gain on securities	Treasury stock
Balance at March 31, 2001		\$368,133	\$542,108	\$91,953	\$2,246,153	\$480,136	\$33,859	\$ —
Net income		_	_	_	_	459,664	_	_
Legal reserve		_	_	80	_	(80)	_	_
Cash dividends paid		_	_	_	_	(88,665)	_	_
Bonuses to directors and corporate	auditors	_	_	_	_	(1,638)	_	_
Transfer to voluntary reserve			_	_	386,492	(386,492)	_	_
Issuance of new shares through								
stock exchange		_	65,441	_	_	_	_	_
Decrease due to valuation of							(2E 000)	_
Decrease due to valuation of securities, net of tax		_	_	_	_	_	(25,889)	
		_	_	_	_	_	(23,009)	
securities, net of tax	ld		_	_	_	_	(25,669)	(21,918)
securities, net of tax Reclassification of treasury stock hel	ld	_	_ 	_ 	_ 	_ 	(23,869) — —	(21,918) (77)

Additional

paid-in

capital

Legal

reserve

Common

stock

2. Under the revised Commercial Code, effective from October 1, 2001, treasury stock that was previously included in assets has been reflected in shareholders' equity in the non-consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2002.



## **Consolidated Subsidiaries**

(As of June 30, 2002)

#### **Japan**

GC Co., Ltd.

http://www.gccard.co.jp

Principal Business: Established in September 1979

> GC conducts sales finance and credit card operations mainly in the Kanto and Tohoku regions.

Paid-in Capital: ¥5.6 billion

1-2-4, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0004 Address:

Ownership: 100%

**Plat Corporation** 

http://plat.biz

Principal Business: Established in April 2002 with merger of Rich,

Shinkou, and TOWA

Plat provides consumer finance services accessing Promise's nationwide network of automated

contract machines and ATMs.

Paid-in Capital:

Address: 1-2-900, Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka 530-0001

Ownership: 100%

Sun Life Co., Ltd.

http://www.sunlife-net.co.jp

Principal Business: Became a wholly owned subsidiary in December

Sun Life provides consumer finance services mainly in the four prefectures of Shikoku Island and Okayama Prefecture, based on a strategy of

maintaining regional dominance.

Paid-in Capital:

Address: 2-7-6, Kawaramachi, Takamatsu, Kagawa 760-0052

100% Ownership:

**PAL Corporation Ltd.** 

Principal Business: Established in July 1979

> PAL Corporation operates support businesses for Group companies, such as the management

of branches and buildings.

Paid-in Capital: ¥3 0 billion

Address: 1-1-3-2700, Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka 530-0001

Ownership:

Net Future Co., Ltd.

http://www.netfuture.co.jp

Principal Business: Established in May 1996

> Net Future engages in the management and operation of ATMs and computer peripherals and the provision of telemarketing representatives. Net Future has grown rapidly, providing call center operations for financial institutions.

Paid-in Capital: ¥0.3 billion

Address: 1-2-4, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0004

Ownership:

System Trinity Co., Ltd.

http://www.trinity.co.jp

Principal Business: Established in December 1988

System Trinity provides computer system design,

operation, and management for financial institutions.

Paid-in Capital:

Address: 1-2-4, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0004

100% Ownership:

#### **Overseas**

#### **CHINA**

#### PROMISE (HONG KONG) CO., LTD.

http://www.promise.com.hk

Principal Business: Established in February 1992

> PROMISE (HONG KONG) provides consumer finance services and has introduced an automated

credit system.

HK\$45 million Paid-in Capital:

3rd Floor, Number 80 Building, 80 Gloucester Address:

Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Ownership: 100%

#### **TAIWAN**

#### Liang Jing Co., Ltd.

http://www.kuruma.com.tw

Principal Business: Established in August 1989

Liang Jing conducts installment sales of automobiles

and construction materials.

Paid-in Capital: TW\$250 million

Address: 2, Sec. 3, Minsheng E. Rd., Taipei 100% (Yuukei owns 40%) Ownership:

Yuukei Co., Ltd.

Principal Business: Established in February 1991

Yuukei conducts installment sales of automobiles.

Paid-in Capital: TW\$140 million

2, Sec. 3, Minsheng E. Rd., Taipei Address:

Ownership: 100%

## **Corporate Data**

(As of March 31, 2002)

Head Office: 1-2-4, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku,

Tokyo 100-0004, Japan

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Date of Establishment: March 20, 1962
Fiscal Year: April 1 to March 31
Paid-in Capital: ¥49,054 million

Number of Employees: 3,979

Auditor: ChuoAoyama Audit Corporation

Listing: First Section of Tokyo Stock Exchange

# **Shareholder and Investor Information**

(As of March 31, 2002)

Common Stock: Authorized: 300,000,000 shares

Issued: 125,966,665 shares

Number of Shareholders: 9,106

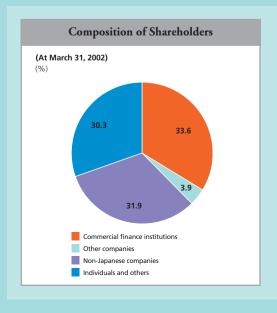
Transfer Agent: The Sumitomo Trust and Banking

Company, Limited

4-5-33, Kitahama, Chuo-ku, Osaka

541-0041, Japan

Principal Shareholders		(Thousands / %)
Name	Shareholdings	Percent of Total Shares Issued
Ryouichi Jinnai	15,134	12.01
Yumiko Jinnai	9,444	7.50
State Street Bank and Trust Company	6,490	5.15
Tsuyako Jinnai	5,983	4.75
Nippon Life Insurance Company	5,710	4.53
Shinsei Bank, Limited	5,682	4.51
The Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corporation (Trust Account)	5,396	4.28
The Sumitomo Trust & Banking Co., Ltd	. 4,500	3.57
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account)	3,510	2.79
The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., London S.L. Omnibus Account	3,253	2.58
Total	65,106	51.69



	1998/3	1999/3	2000/3	2001/3	2002/3
Number of shares outstanding					
at term-end (thousands)	108,615	119,615	121,597	124,715	125,966
Commercial finance institutions	33,743	39,007	40,519	42,281	42,380
Percentage of total (%)	31.1	32.6	33.3	33.9	33.6
Other companies	9,152	7,935	6,836	6,366	4,851
Percentage of total (%)	8.4	6.6	5.6	5.1	3.9
Non-Japanese companies	16,942	24,095	25,992	28,278	40,171
Percentage of total (%)	15.6	20.1	21.4	22.7	31.9
Individuals and others	48,776	48,575	48,247	47,437	38,210
Percentage of total (%)	44.9	40.6	39.7	38.0	30.3
Number of shareholders	4,407	5,622	7,396	4,660	9,106



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