## Consolidated Results for the First Three Quarters of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2004

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1. Notes to the quarterly financial statements

1) Basis for preparing financial statements

Regulations governing interim consolidated financial statements

2) Differences in recognition methods compared to accounting standards in recent fiscal years

3) Changes in scope of consolidation and equity method application No

Participation of certified public accountant or

4) Participation of certified public accountant or audit corporation No

## 2. Overview of 1Q–3Q FY3/04 results (April 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003)

(1) Consolidated results of operations Note: Amounts in the 1Q–3Q financial statements and supplemental materials are rounded down.

	Operating revenue		Operating income		Ordinary income		Net income	
	¥	m %	¥n	n %	¥r	n %	¥	m %
1Q-3Q FY3/04	354,540		79,169	_	78,907	_	47,473	
1Q-3Q FY3/03								
(Reference) FY3/03	449,458	13.2	115,995	4.2	111,797	6.4	59,910	70.9

	EPS	Diluted EPS
	¥	¥
1Q-3Q FY3/04 1Q-3Q FY3/03	502.53	<u> </u>
(Reference) FY3/03	637.59	_

Note: Percentages for operating revenue, operating income, ordinary income, and net income indicate year-on-year change. Further, because AIFUL began quarterly disclosure in 1Q FY3/04, last year's results and year-on-year comparisons are not available.

#### Qualitative information about consolidated results of operations

### Overview

Looking at the Japanese economy during the first three quarters of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004 (1Q–3Q FY3/04), despite a modest rally in stock prices and signs of a bottoming in macroeconomic indicators, including a decline in the number of corporate bankruptcies and improvement in the diffusion index, uncertainty about the country's economic future could not be entirely dispelled given the slump in consumer spending caused by anxiety about employment and income conditions as well as other factors.

In the consumer finance industry, despite an apparent slowing in the growth rate for personal bankruptcies, because the total number of bankruptcies exceeded last year's level, bad debt expenses accordingly increased.

Given this business environment, the AIFUL Group continued to move forward in diversifying its product lineup and sales channels with the goal of stepping beyond the framework of the consumer finance industry to become a comprehensive retail financial services group targeting the overall consumer credit market. Individual group companies endeavored to enhance the efficiency of business operations while seeking to strengthen the overall group by generating synergies through mutual cooperation and establishing brand value based on the unifying concept of "a company for security and creativity."

#### **Operations**

### 1. AIFUL Corporation

During 1Q–3Q FY3/04, the loan business achieved steady growth in loan balances by continuing to pursue a product diversification strategy focusing on real estate secured loans, small business loans, and especially unsecured loans in order to respond to a broader range of customer needs.

AIFUL opened three new branches and closed 19 branches as part of a scrap and build program to restructure its branch network. At the end of 3Q, the company had a total of 1,564 branches, comprised of 544 staffed branches, 1,018 unstaffed branches, and two branches specializing in secured loans.

As part of efforts to expand the number of locations for depositing and withdrawing funds, AIFUL formed new partnerships with 11 banks and one company (6,772 CD/ATMs), and when adding its own ATMs, customers now have access to a total of 59,206 CD/ATMs.

AIFUL received a total of 414,000 new applications for unsecured loans during 1Q–3Q, a decline of 7.3% year-on-year reflecting the ongoing reluctance of consumers to take out loans owing to deterioration in the income and employment environment and to an uncertain economic outlook. Of these applications, the company acquired 265,000 new customers, down 12.8% year-on-year as a result of its cautious credit policy in preparation for future increases in bad debt expenses.

The proportion of new customers acquired through the Internet, either by personal computer or mobile phone, saw a healthy increase to 8.7%.

For AIFUL Master Card, representing AIFUL's independent credit card business, the company is actively developing a variety of co-branded credit cards with a view to acquiring a wider range of customers. One example is the co-branded card for members of Driver Stand, a leading retailer of car accessories, which AIFUL began issuing in April 2003.

As a result of the foregoing, AIFUL's loans outstanding totaled \\ \pm\$1,436,938 million at the end of 3Q, comprised of \\ \pm\$1,072,279 million in unsecured loans, \\ \pm\$337,697 million in real estate secured loans, and \\ \pm\$26,961 million in small business loans.

Bad debt expenses totaled \(\frac{\pmax}{85,715}\) million at the end of the 3Q as a result of an increase in the number of personal bankruptcies and the rising unemployment rate. The number of personal bankruptcy applications, as announced by the Supreme Court of Japan, has declined year-on-year since July 2003, and was down 11.5% in November, for the first double-digit decline in about nine years since September 1994.

In the guarantee business, which AIFUL is promoting as a new source of income, in addition to unsecured and non-guaranteed personal loans, the company is utilizing its accumulated credit and screening expertise in the area of small business loans to actively pursue a guarantee business for small business loans. The company has formed guarantee partnerships with 35 financial institutions and its guarantee balance totaled \(\frac{4}{2}\)24,126 million at the end of 3Q.

In order to provide high-quality customer service while raising the efficiency of operations and cutting costs, AIFUL is integrating automated loan machine operations, telephone inquiries, applications, and other inbound operations as well as sales-related operations currently dispersed at its nationwide network of 544 staffed branches at two contact centers located in eastern and western Japan. The contact center in western Japan launched full-scale operations in October 2003. For the eastern Japan contact center, integration is steadily moving forward, and the company plans to launch operations by the end of March 2004. Moreover, accompanying this change in the sales structure, the company is revising its organization to facilitate more efficient operations.

## 2. Life Co., Ltd.

During 1Q–3Q FY3/04, with the aim of developing a stable earnings base, Life continued to focus on steadily transforming its loan portfolio from a low-profit structure to a high-profit structure by concentrating resources in the credit card business, per-item credit business, and consumer finance business.

In the credit card business, Life has been expanding the number of cardholders by issuing co-branded cards with leading home electronics retailer Eiden and then major home center operator Sanwado, beginning in April 2003. The company also enriched its lineup of proper cards by adding to the GLAY Card, Atashin'Chi Card, and other current cards by issuing a variety of entertainment cards, including the Taka Card as a fan club card for professional soccer player Naohiro Takahara, the Bayside Shakedown 2 Card for the widely popular movie of the same name, and the Odoru Life Card as another card associated with Bayside Shakedown. Moreover, Life used the occasion of surpassing 10 million cardholders in June 2003 to hold the Life Card 10 Million Cardholders Campaign, offering the industry's most substantial prizes, with a view to improving its brand image. To expand the availability of cash advance services, Life formed new partnerships with eight banks, bringing the total number of partnering financial institutions and credit card companies to 499 and the number of CD/ATMs to about 120,000.

As a result of these efforts, the number of credit cardholders has increased by 880,000 during the current fiscal year to reach a total of 10,720,000 cardholders.

In the per-item credit business, Life conducted aggressive sales promotion activities and actively expanded its network of affiliated stores by strengthening its sales organization through integrating branch operations. The company also focused on boosting transaction volume and accumulating high-quality assets.

In the consumer finance business, Life sought to bolster customer acquisition by continuing to expand its branch network. The company opened 34 new unstaffed branches and closed three branches, bringing the total number of Life Cash Plaza outlets to 195.

In the guarantee business, Life worked to expand bank loan guarantee products capable of securing advantageous guarantee rates, and it formed new partnerships with 22 banks to bring the total number of guarantee partners to 92 banks.

As a result of the foregoing, Life's transaction volume in 1Q–3Q totaled \(\frac{\pma}{2}\)37,227 million in the credit card business, \(\frac{\pma}{9}\)8,726 million in the per-item credit business, and \(\frac{\pma}{2}\)226,666 million for credit card advances, the Life Play Card, and other loans.

The balance of loans, installment receivables, and credit guarantee receivables totaled \(\frac{\pmathbf{7}}{700,648}\) million (includes \(\frac{\pmathbf{2}}{212,943}\) million in off-balance-sheet receivables resulting from receivables factoring), comprised of \(\frac{\pmathbf{7}}{78,658}\) million for credit cards, \(\frac{\pmathbf{1}}{172,403}\) million for per-item credit, \(\frac{\pmathbf{3}}{328,861}\) million for credit card cash advances and other loans, \(\frac{\pmathbf{1}}{108,671}\) million for credit guarantee receivables, and \(\frac{\pmathbf{1}}{12,053}\) million for other items.

## 3. Other group companies

The small business loan companies Businext Corporation and City's Corporation sought to acquire new high-quality customers while maintaining a cautious credit screening policy in view of the current economic environment. Consequently, loans outstanding totaled \(\frac{4}{23}\),997 million at Businext and \(\frac{4}{29}\),825 million at City's at the end of 3Q FY3/04.

The consumer finance companies Happy Credit Corporation, Sinwa Co., Ltd., and Sanyo Shinpan Co., Ltd. worked to bolster credit provision in preparation for an increase in bad debt expenses. As a result, loans outstanding totaled ¥28,097 million at Happy Credit, ¥20,422 million at Sinwa, and ¥11,397 million at Sanyo Shinpan (includes installment receivables).

At the end of 3Q FY3/04, the entire AIFUL Group had loans outstanding of \(\frac{\pmathbf{\frac{4}}}{1,879,182}\) million, installment receivables of \(\frac{\pmathbf{\frac{25}}}{251,574}\) million, credit guarantee receivables of \(\frac{\pmathbf{\frac{413}}}{132,799}\) million, and other receivables of \(\frac{\pmathbf{\frac{413}}}{132,520}\) million. These figures include a total of \(\frac{\pmathbf{\frac{212}}}{232,943}\) million in off-balance-sheet receivables resulting from receivables factoring, comprised of \(\frac{\pmathbf{413}}{131,030}\) million in loans and \(\frac{\pmathbf{481}}{81,912}\) in installment receivables.

AsTry Loan Services Corporation focused on expanding receivables in order to manage and collect a variety of monetary receivables.

In an effort to improve operating efficiency by optimizing the allocation of branches, personnel, and other resources of group companies, Sanyo Shinpan will divest and transfer its credit card business and installment sales finance business to Life on April 1, 2004 and then merge with the other two consumer finance subsidiaries Happy Credit and Sinwa. Happy Credit will be the surviving company, and it will re-launch operations under the new name Tryto Corporation.

### **Operating results**

As a result of the foregoing activities, group operating revenue totaled \(\frac{\pma}{3}\)54,540 million in 1Q-3Q FY3/04.

AIFUL's operating revenue was \(\frac{\text{\tex

Loan interest at AIFUL accounted for 76.3% of consolidated loan interest, and AIFUL's loan interest consisted of 81.5% from unsecured loans, 16.6% from real estate secured loans, and 1.9% from small business loans

Group operating expenses totaled \(\frac{\pmath{\text{

Additionally, AIFUL booked ¥2,007 million in operating expenses to amortize consolidation adjustments related to the acquisitions of Life, Sinwa, and other companies.

As a result of the foregoing, the AIFUL Group recorded operating income of \(\frac{\pmathbf{47}}{79,169}\) million, ordinary income of \(\frac{\pmathbf{47}}{78,907}\) million, and net income of \(\frac{\pmathbf{447}}{473}\) million in 1Q-3Q FY3/04. On a non-consolidated basis, AIFUL had operating income of \(\frac{\pmathbf{467}}{755}\) million, ordinary income of \(\frac{\pmathbf{470}}{70,429}\) million, and net income of \(\frac{\pmathbf{436}}{36,321}\) million.

## Basic stance and current policies for corporate governance

AIFUL's basic policies on improving corporate governance call for swift decision-making, enhancing management monitoring functions, providing more complete disclosure, and strengthening its compliance system.

On the basis of these policies, AIFUL's Board of Directors meets weekly to discuss and promptly decide on business strategies for addressing the challenges and opportunities facing the company.

Moreover, with the objective of further clarifying management responsibility, AIFUL adopted a resolution to shorten the appointment term of directors from two years to one at the 26th General Meeting of Shareholders on June 26, 2003.

To strengthen management monitoring functions, AIFUL established a Board of Auditors comprised of four standing corporate auditors, including two outside auditors. In addition to management monitoring through the presence of auditors at weekly meetings of the Board of Directors, AIFUL is working to develop a preventive auditing system through auditor attendance of Compliance Committee meetings and close cooperation with the Inspection Department, which is AIFUL's internal auditing department. Outside auditors do not have business relationships or other interests in AIFUL.

AIFUL's basic stance toward disclosure is to provide shareholders, investors, and other interested parties with a wide range of pertinent information about the company's business in a timely manner in order to enhance external checks and achieve effective corporate governance. AIFUL is working to improve corporate governance, and in addition to information disclosure activities, it regularly presents the opinions and wishes of shareholders and investors to the Board of Directors and department heads.

On the basis of a management philosophy aiming for this type of high transparency management, AIFUL established the Public Relations and Investor Relations Department to specialize in disclosure activities. The Investor Relations Department was made independent in October 2003 in order to strengthen investor relations. AIFUL strives to achieve timely and straightforward disclosure through a variety of means, including publishing press releases, financial statements, and other material, domestic and overseas mass media activities, interviews with investors and analysts, informational briefings, and so forth. Moreover, with the aim of further improving disclosure, the company completely revamped its investor relations website (http://www.iraiful.com) in April 2003.

## **Compliance activities**

Regarding compliance activities, AIFUL's Inspection Department and Legal Department have been working to ensure compliance for some time, and in April 2002, the company established the Compliance Committee, which includes lawyers and other members from outside the company, as an advisory body to the Board of Directors. The Compliance Committee meets monthly to gather information about risk, implement preventive measures, educate employees, and take other actions to enhance AIFUL's company-wide compliance system.

AIFUL prepared the AIFUL Group Code of Ethics and distributed it to all group employees. It also established a hotline operated by the Personnel and Inspection Departments to allow employees to discuss actions that may be in violation of the Code of Ethics. AIFUL further set up a new compliance hotline within the Legal Department in June 2003, prepared regulations for internal company communications, and developed a system to prevent legal violations and infringements of internal company rules.

(2) Consolidated financial position

	Total assets	Shareholders' equity	Equity ratio	Equity per share
	¥m	¥m	%	¥
1Q-3Q FY3/04 1Q-3Q FY3/03	2,361,971 —	530,654	22.5	5,617.31
(Reference) FY3/03	2,282,113	485,991	21.3	5,143.45

#### Consolidated cash flows

	Cash flows from	Cash flows from	Cash flows from	Cash and cash
	operating activities	investing activities	financing activities	equivalents at term-end
	¥m	¥m	¥m	¥m
1Q-3Q FY3/04	-41,783	36,985	47,237	174,035
1Q-3Q FY3/03		_	_	_
(Reference) FY3/03	-90,062	-57,172	131,652	131,643

## Qualitative information about changes in the consolidated financial position

#### Assets

Loans totaled ¥1,748,151 million, with AIFUL accounting for ¥1,436,938 million, Life for ¥197,830 million, Businext for ¥23,997 million, and City's for ¥29,825 million. These companies recorded favorable growth.

Installment receivables totaled \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{169,661}\) million on steady growth in Life's credit card business and per-item credit business. Credit guarantee receivables totaled \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{132,799}\) million.

The allowance for bad debts totaled ¥148,521 million in consideration of the recent economic environment. Figures for loans and installment receivables on the consolidated balance sheets do not include off-balance-sheet items at Life, comprised of ¥131,030 million in loans and ¥81,912 million in installment receivables, resulting from receivables factoring.

#### Liabilities

AIFUL's balance of funds procured through borrowings, commercial paper, bonds, and other means totaled \(\xi\_1,558,215\) million on a consolidated basis. AIFUL raised funds in response to favorable growth in receivables at AIFUL, Life, Businext, and City's.

#### Shareholders' equity

Consolidated shareholders' equity stood at \\$530,654 million, for an equity ratio of 22.5%, at the end of 3Q FY3/04. On a non-consolidated basis, shareholders' equity was \\$504,453 million for an equity ratio of 26.5%.

#### Cash flows

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \(\frac{\pmathbf{\text{\tinit}}}}}}}} \end{entropy}}}}} million, owing to fund procurement through bond issuances and other means, and despite the decrease caused by growth in loans and other receivables.}}}

## Cash flows from operating activities

Net cash used in operating activities totaled \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{4}\)1,783 million owing to an increase in loans and other receivables and the payment of income taxes, and despite net income before income taxes of \(\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{8}\)0,352 million in the previous quarter.

#### Cash flows from investing activities

Net cash provided by investing activities totaled \(\frac{\pmax}{36,985}\) million due to the collection of loans and other receivables, and despite ongoing capital investment in contact centers and other facilities.

#### Cash flows from financing activities

Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \(\frac{\pm447}{237}\) million because proceeds from borrowings and bond issuances exceeded repayments of borrowings and payments for bond redemption.

Reference 1. Non-consolidated results of operations for 1Q–3Q FY3/04 (April 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003)

	Operating revenue	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income
	¥m	¥m	¥m	¥m
1Q-3Q FY3/04	251,084	67,755	70,429	36,321

	Total assets	Shareholders' equity		
	¥m	¥m		
1Q-3Q FY3/04	1,900,470	504,453		

3. FY3/04 consolidated earnings forecast (April 1, 2003 – March 31, 2004)

	Operating revenue	Ordinary income	Net income	EPS					
	¥m	¥m	¥m	¥					
FY3/04	480,243	112,000	61,215	648.00					

## Qualitative information about earnings forecasts

Concerning AIFUL Group earnings in FY3/04, the consolidated and non-consolidated earnings forecasts announced along with 1H FY3/04 results are unchanged. These forecasts call for consolidated operating revenue of \$480,243 million, ordinary income of \$112,000 million, and net income of \$61,215 million, and non-consolidated operating revenue of \$338,814 million, ordinary income of \$101,000 million, and net income of \$52,154 million.

Reference 2. FY3/04 non-consolidated earnings forecast (April 1, 2003 – March 31, 2004)

	Operating revenue		Ordinary income	Net income	Annual dividend per share		
			Ordinary income Net income		Year-end		
		¥m	¥m	¥m	¥	¥	
	FY3/04	338,814	101,000	52,154	30.00	60.00	

Note: The foregoing earnings forecasts are based on information available at the present time, and actual results may differ for a variety of reasons.

# **Supplemental material**

## 1. Consolidated financial statements

## (1) Consolidated statements of income

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	1Q-3Q FY	73/03	1Q-3Q FY	73/04	FY3/0	3
Term	April 1, 2002 –			April 1, 2003 –		002 –
	December 3	1	December 3	1	March 31,	1
Item	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Operating revenue	_	_	354,540	100.0	449,458	100.0
Loan interest	_	_	321,395	90.7	406,483	90.4
Credit card revenue	_	_	6,122	1.7	7,877	1.8
Per-item credit revenue	_	_	12,114	3.4	15,178	3.4
Credit guarantee revenue	_	_	4,045	1.2	4,132	0.9
Other financial revenue	_	_	78	0.0	321	0.1
Other operating revenue	_	_	10,782	3.0	15,463	3.4
Operating expenses	_	_	275,370	77.7	333,462	74.2
Financial expenses	_	_	28,776	8.1	38,479	8.6
Cost of sales	_	_	137	0.1	562	0.1
Other operating expenses	_		246,457	69.5	294,420	65.5
Operating income			79,169	22.3	115,995	25.8
Non-operating income	_		747	0.2	1,303	0.3
Non-operating expenses	_	_	1,008	0.2	5,501	1.2
Ordinary income	_		78,907	22.3	111,797	24.9
Extraordinary income	_		4,824	1.4	444	0.1
Extraordinary losses	_		3,379	1.0	4,788	1.1
Net income before income			80,352	22.7	107,453	23.9
taxes	_	_			107,433	
Income taxes	_	_	36,088	10.2	57,555	12.8
Income tax adjustments	_	_	-3,502	-1.0	-10,129	-2.2
Minority interest	_	_	292	0.1	116	0.0
income/loss						
Net income	_	_	47,473	13.4	59,910	13.3

## (2) Consolidated balance sheets

(Unit: ¥ million)

			(Unit: \(\frac{1}{2}\) million)			
Term	End-3Q FY	Y3/03	End-3Q FY3/04		End-FY3/03	
	(As of December 31, 2002)		(As of December 31, 2003)		(As of March 31, 2003)	
Item	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
(Assets)						
Current assets	_		2,194,968	92.9	2,097,467	91.9
Cash and deposits	_		174,623		132,296	
Loans	_		1,748,151		1,670,781	
Installment receivables	_		169,661		147,857	
Credit guarantee receivables	_		132,799		128,744	
Other operating receivables	_		12,520		12,738	
Deferred tax assets	_		26,966		25,582	
Other	_		57,034		92,904	
Allowance for bad debts	_		-126,789		-113,438	
Fixed assets	_	_	166,472	7.1	184,110	8.1
Tangible fixed assets	_	_	46,073	2.0	42,012	1.8
Land	_		14,635		14,801	
Other	_		31,437		27,210	
Intangible fixed assets	_	_	39,777	1.7	39,243	1.8
Consolidation adjustments	_		19,346		22,046	
Other	_		20,431		17,197	
Investments and other assets	_	_	80,622	3.4	102,854	4.5
Claims in bankruptcy	_		23,899		17,363	
Deferred tax assets	_		16,690		16,591	
Other	_		61,764		87,591	
Allowance for bad debts	_		-21,732		-18,691	
Deferred assets	_	_	530	0.0	535	0.0
Bond issuing expenses	_		530		535	
Total assets			2,361,971	100.0	2,282,113	100.0

(Unit: ¥ million)

Term	End-3Q FY3/03		End-3Q F	Y3/04	End-FY3/03	
	(As of Decembe	er 31, 2002)	(As of December 31, 2003)		(As of March 31, 2003)	
Item	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
(Liabilities)						
Current liabilities	_	_	871,570	36.9	804,845	35.3
Notes and accounts payable	_		29,123		22,932	
Credit guarantees payable	_		132,799		128,744	
Short-term borrowings	_		83,811		55,365	
Current portion of bonds	_		135,000		74,500	
Current portion of long-term borrowings	_		396,476		416,152	
Commercial paper	_		12,000		13,500	
Income taxes payable	_		15,797		37,627	
Accrued bonuses	_		1,884		3,759	
Gains on deferred installments	_		12,169		11,089	
Other	_		52,507		41,174	
Fixed liabilities	_	_	955,427	40.4	987,247	43.2
Bonds	_		345,000		377,500	
Long-term borrowings	_		585,928		567,950	
Allowance for retirement benefits for employees	_		2,764		7,636	
Allowance for retirement benefits for directors	_		1,254		1,150	
Other			20,479		33,010	
Total liabilities	_		1,826,997	77.3	1,792,092	78.5
(Minority interests)	_	_	4,319	0.2	4,028	0.2
Minority interests			4,319		4,028	
(Shareholders' equity)						
Capital stock	_	_	83,317	3.5	83,317	3.6
Additional paid-in capital	_	_	104,124	4.4	104,125	4.6
Retained earnings	_	_	342,630	14.5	300,924	13.2
Gain/losses on valuation of other securities	_	_	2,637	0.1	-323	-0.0
Treasury stock	_	_	-2,056	-0.0	-2,052	-0.1
Total shareholders' equity			530,654	22.5	485,991	21.3
Total liabilities, shareholders' equity, and minority interests		_	2,361,971	100.0	2,282,113	100.0

## (3) Consolidated statements of cash flows

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Term	1Q-3Q FY3/03	1Q-3Q FY3/04	FY3/03
	( April 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002 )	( April 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003 )	( April 1, 2002 March 31, 2003 )
Item	Amount	Amount	Amount
I Cash flows from operating activities	rinount	rinount	rinount
Net income before income taxes	_	80,352	107,453
Depreciation and amortization	_	5,477	6,676
Amortization of consolidation adjustments	_	2,700	3,686
Loss on valuation of investment securities	_	196	858
Increase/decrease (–) in allowance for bad debts	_	16,391	20,908
Increase/decrease (–) in accrued bonuses	_	-1,874	-260
Increase/decrease (–) in allowance for retirement benefits for employees Increase/decrease (–) in allowance for retirement	_	-845	1,545
benefits for directors	_	103	82
Non-operating interest and dividends received	_	-119	-152
Amortization of bond issuing expenses	_	342	829
Gain (–)/loss on sale of fixed assets	_	-102	361
Loss on retirement of fixed assets	_	423	409
Loss on valuation of fixed assets	_	_	540
Gain on liquidation of deposits and guarantees	_	-25	-135
Gain on return of pension fund assets	_	-4,025	_
Payment of bonuses to directors	_	-98	-103
Increase (–)/decrease in loans	_	-77,370	-160,195
Increase (–)/decrease in installment receivables	_	-21,804	-27,101
Increase (–)/decrease in other operating receivables	_	218	3,374
Increase (–)/decrease in claims in bankruptcy	_	-6,536	-1,015
Increase (–)/decrease in other current assets	_	6,484	-14,359
Increase/decrease (–) in other current liabilities	_	16,214	5,008
Other	_	-86	-1,801
Subtotal	_	16,015	-53,389
Non-operating interest and dividends received	_	119	152
Income taxes paid	_	-57,918	-36,826
Cash flows from operating activities	_	-41,783	-90,062

(Unit: ¥ million)

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_	Term	1Q-3Q FY3/03	1Q-3Q FY3/04	FY3/03			
		( April 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002 )	( April 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003 )	( April 1, 2002 – March 31, 2003			
Ite	em	Amount	Amount	Amount			
II	Cash flows from investing activities						
	Payments into time deposits	_	-198	-474			
	Proceeds from withdrawal of time deposits	_	317	1,621			
	Payments for purchase of securities	_	-1,499	-499			
	Proceeds from sale of securities	_	_	303			
	Increase (–)/decrease in trust beneficiary rights	_	1,500	-1,744			
	Payments for purchase of new consolidated subsidiaries	_	_	-7,556			
	Payments for purchase of fixed assets	_	-10,985	-17,320			
	Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	_	384	596			
	Payments for purchase of investment securities	_	-308	-3,459			
	Proceeds from sale of investment securities	_	1,806	1,345			
	Payments for investments	_	-0	_			
	Proceeds from withdrawal of investments	_	135	336			
	Increase (–)/decrease in short-term loans receivable	_	30,005	-22,999			
	Payments for long-term loans receivable	_	-35	-8,140			
	Proceeds from collection of long-term loans receivable	_	15,666	173			
	Payments for purchase of investments and other assets	_	-34	-400			
	Proceeds from sale, etc. of investments and other assets	_	332	505			
	Other	_	-101	540			
	Cash flows from investing activities	_	36,985	-57,172			
III	Cash flows from financing activities						
	Proceeds from short-term borrowings	_	468,138	420,365			
	Repayment of short-term borrowings	_	-439,691	-413,452			
	Increase/decrease (–) in commercial paper	_	-1,500	-1,500			
	Proceeds from long-term borrowings	_	389,743	553,965			
	Repayment of long-term borrowings	_	-391,442	-451,921			
	Proceeds from bond issuance	_	59,662	99,925			
	Payments for bond redemption	_	-32,000	-71,000			
	Payments for purchase of treasury stock	_	-4	-6			
	Proceeds from payments from minority shareholders	_	_	400			
	Dividend payments	_	-5,668	-5,123			
	Cash flows from financing activities	_	47,237	131,652			
IV	Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	_	-47	35			
V	Increase/decrease (-) in cash and cash equivalents	_	42,391	-15,547			
VI	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of term		131,643	139,126			
VII	Increase in cash and cash equivalents from new consolidation	_	_	8,064			
VIII	Cash and cash equivalents at end of term	_	174,035	131,643			

## Notes to the quarterly consolidated financial statements

1. Scope of consolidation

(1) Consolidated subsidiaries Nine companies

Company names Happy Credit Corporation, Sinwa Co., Ltd., Life Co., Ltd.,

Sanyo Shinpan Co., Ltd., Businext Corporation, AsTry Loan Services Corporation, Marutoh KK, City's Corporation, and

City Green Corporation

(2) Non-consolidated subsidiaries Three companies

Reason for exclusion from consolidation Non-consolidated subsidiaries (Life Stock Center Co, Ltd. and

two others) are not included within the scope of consolidation because the three companies are small and their total assets, operating revenue, net income (commensurate with equity interest), and retained earnings (commensurate with equity interest) have an immaterial impact on the consolidated

financial statements.

2. Equity method application

Equity method accounting is not applied to the three non-consolidated subsidiaries and an affiliated company (Hakata Daimaru Card Services Co., Ltd.) because the four companies are small and their total net income (commensurate with equity interest) and retained earnings (commensurate with equity interest) have an immaterial impact on the consolidated financial statements.

3. Third quarter settlement dates of consolidated subsidiaries

The third quarter at consolidated subsidiary Marutoh KK ends on November 30. In preparing quarterly consolidated financial statements, Maruthoh's financial statements for the relevant quarter are used, and consolidated accounts are adjustment to reflect any significant events that may occur in the time until the quarterly consolidated balance sheet date.

## 2. Results of operations

(1) Operating revenue (Units: ¥ million, %)

Item		1Q-3Q	FY3/03	1Q-3Q	FY3/04	FY:	3/03
		April 1,	, 2002 –	April 1	, 2003 –	April 1,	2002 –
		December	r 31, 2002	December	r 31, 2003	March 3	31, 2003
		Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Loan interest	Unsecured loans	_	_	268,432	75.7	348,887	77.6
	Secured loans			41,009	11.6	47,650	10.6
	Small business loans	_	_	11,953	3.4	9,945	2.2
	Subtotal	_	_	321,395	90.7	406,483	90.4
Credit card reven	ue	_	_	6,122	1.7	7,877	1.8
Per-item credit re	Per-item credit revenue		_	12,114	3.4	15,178	3.4
Credit guarantee revenue		_	_	4,045	1.2	4,132	0.9
Other financial	Interest on deposits	_	_	6	0.0	18	0.0
revenue	Interest on securities	_	_	1	0.0	1	0.0
	Interest on loans	_	_	41	0.0	267	0.1
	Other	_	_	29	0.0	35	0.0
	Subtotal	_	_	78	0.0	321	0.1
Other operating	Real estate sales	_	_	50	0.0	306	0.1
revenue	Service sales	_	_			935	0.2
	Recovery of bad						
	debts written off	_	_	5,108	1.5	6,431	1.4
	Other		_	5,623	1.6	7,790	1.7
	Subtotal	_	_	10,782	3.0	15,463	3.4
Total		_	_	354,540	100.0	449,458	100.0

Note: "Other" within "Other operating revenue" is comprised of card membership fees, etc.

(Unit: ¥ million)

	Item	End-3Q FY3/03 (As of December 31, 2002)	End-3Q FY3/04 (As of December 31, 2003)	End-FY3/03 (As of March 31, 2003)
Loans	Unsecured loans	_	1,459,830	1,442,980
outstanding	Secured loans	_	340,937	325,436
	Small business loans	_	78,414	65,284
	Total	_	1,879,182	1,833,702
Number of	Unsecured loans	_	3,358,332	3,389,159
accounts	Secured loans	_	92,441	87,459
	Small business loans	_	55,597	45,239
	Total	_	3,506,370	3,521,857
Number of	Staffed branches	_	812	796
branches	Unstaffed branches	_	1,160	1,163
	Branches for secured loans	_	2	4
	Total	_	1,974	1,963
Number of automated loan machines		_	1,851	1,837
Number of	AIFUL ATMs	_	2,045	2,037
ATMs	Partnering ATMs	_	128,702	122,047
	Total	_	130,747	124,084
Number of emplo	yees	_	6,129	6,123

Note: Figures for loans outstanding and number of accounts do not include claims in bankruptcy, etc. However, figures do include off-balance-sheet loans outstanding worth ¥131,030 million in 3Q FY3/04 and ¥162,920 million in FY3/03 resulting from receivables factoring.