

Mid-to Long-term Vision

Connect with Fans

Under our Purpose, “Fun for All into the Future,” we position “Connect with Fans,” which is a vision we have been aiming for since the previous Mid-term Plan, as our Mid-to Long-term Vision. As the second chapter and action phase of this vision begins, we will make greater efforts than ever before to establish 360° connections with fans around the world (IP fans, a wide range of business partners, shareholders, Group employees, and society) that are broad, deep, and multifaceted by boldly taking on new challenges.

We Grow by Connecting with More Fans

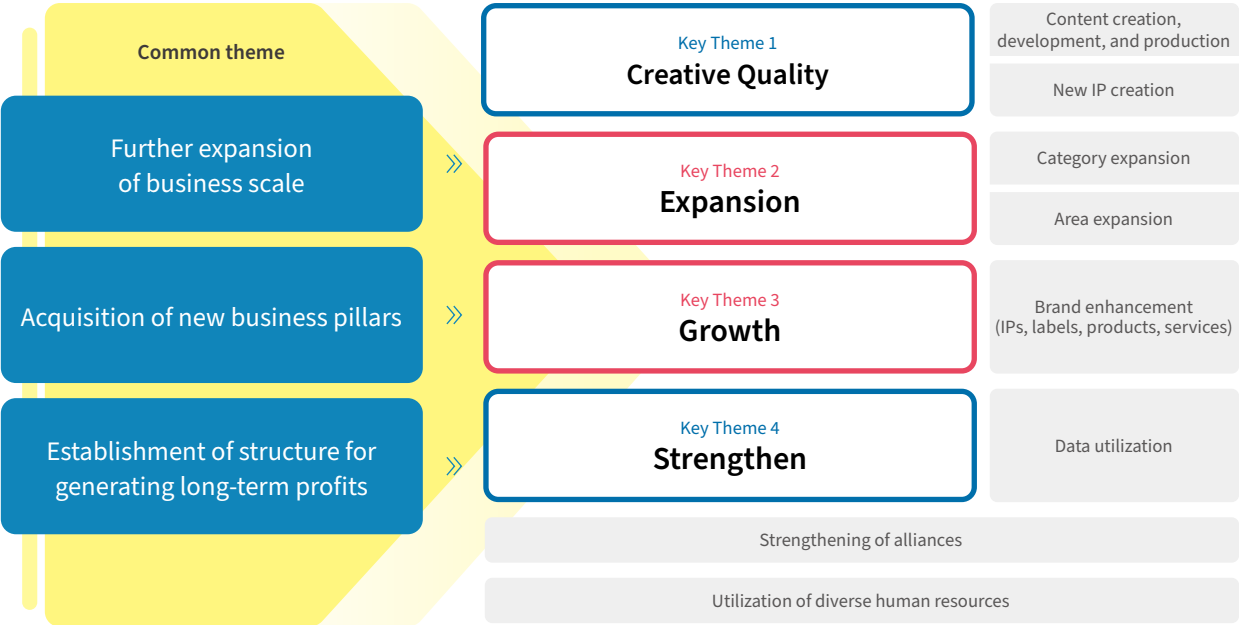


Numerical Targets for the Final Year of the Mid-term Plan (Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2028)

Net Sales ¥1,450.0 billion	Operating Profit ¥200.0 billion	Overseas Sales Ratio on a Destination Basis 50% or more
Sustained Targets	Operating Profit Margin 12% or more	Equity Spread 5% or more

Mid-term Plan

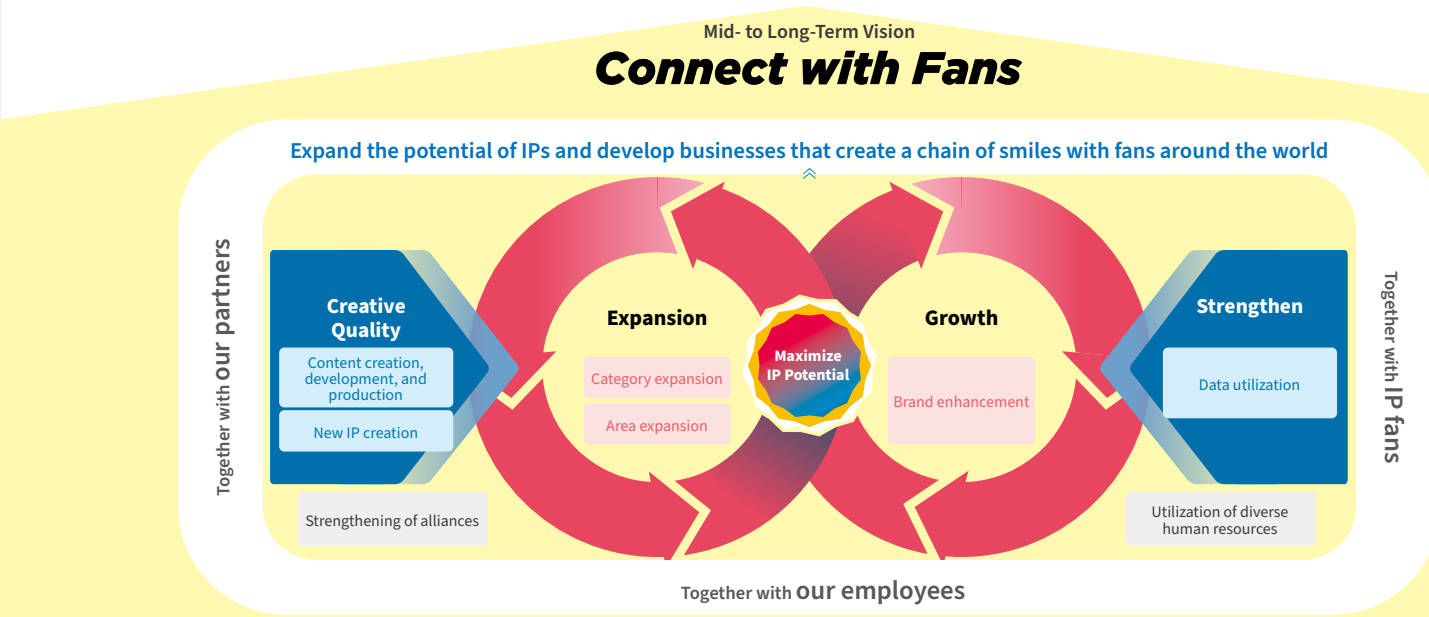
Based on the issues to be addressed for the Group’s sustainable growth and the challenges of the current Mid-term Plan, we have established three common themes: “Further expansion of business scale,” “Acquisition of new business pillars,” and “Establishment of structure for generating long-term profits.” Based on the common themes, we formulated the four key themes of “Creative Quality,” “Expansion,” “Growth,” and “Strengthen” and defined eight key initiatives that concretely represent these themes.



Overview of Mid-term Plan

The two central circles in the Mid-term Plan diagram below comprise the four key themes of “Creative Quality,” “Expansion,” “Growth,” and “Strengthen” as well as eight key initiatives that build on these themes. These two central circles embody various complementary dynamics including, “digital and physical,” “offense and defense,” and “centrifugal and centripetal forces.”

Guided by our Purpose, “Fun for All into the Future,” and our Mid-to Long-term Vision, “Connect with Fans,” we will expand the potential of IPs and strengthen the various multifaceted connections we have with fans around the world (IP fans, a wide range of business partners, shareholders, Group employees, and society). By doing so, we will achieve further growth of the Bandai Namco Group.



Key Theme 1

Creative Quality

Content creation, development, and production

New IP creation

Positioning *Monozukuri* as the Starting Point of the Group and Creating Products and Services Unique to Bandai Namco

Create new experience-based value unique to Bandai Namco

Points

Continue to take on the challenge of new IP creation

Pursue greater efficiency

The starting point of the Bandai Namco Group is Monozukuri (craftsmanship). To deliver experience-based value unique to Bandai Namco to our fans across the globe, we develop games, produce animated series, plan and produce products, and create new services. At the same time, we take a multifaceted approach to new IP creation, including initiatives driven by visual content, products, services, and Groupwide projects. As part of these initiatives, we will strengthen IP co-creation by working more closely with external creators, studios, and IP holders from new perspectives. We will also pursue greater efficiency in terms of content creation, development, and production as we work to realize higher-quality Monozukuri.

Key Theme 2

Expansion

Category expansion

Area expansion

Aiming to Increase Fans Around the World by Expanding Our Area of Rollouts as Well as Product Categories

Expand areas in which we roll out existing businesses

Points

Establish robust local sales networks

Expand scope of products and services and offer them to fans

In the Toys and Hobby Business, we are expanding rollouts of products for the mature fanbase, trading card games, capsule toys, and other products. The Business is also collaborating with the Amusement Business to open official stores and hold workshops and other hands-on events. In these ways, we are working to enhance engagement with our products and services and deepen connections with fans.

Furthermore, we are actively pursuing collaborations with local IPs and corporations. With regard to expanding our areas of operations, we are stepping up the rollout of e-commerce services in each country and region.

In the Digital Business, we have further refined the structure to oversee worldwide marketing activities in Japan and the United States, thereby working to accelerate decision-making and information sharing.

In the Visual and Music Business, we established a visual and music works operating company in North America. This new company will serve as an investment hub for the worldwide release of the live-action Hollywood adaptation GUNDAM (tentative title) while also working to strengthen the overseas licensing, promotions, and events for the Mobile Suit Gundam series. By doing so, we will maximize the value of the Gundam IP.

Key Theme 3

Growth

Brand enhancement (IPs, labels, products, and services)

Fostering Brands That Are Deeply Loved by Many Fans Over Time by Recognizing the Importance of Continuously Nurturing What We Create

Strengthen licensing business

Points

Create worldviews together with IP fans, thereby enhancing brand power

IPs serve as the key element of the IP axis strategy, which is our greatest strength as a corporate group, and we understand the importance of not only creating IPs but also growing them. Under the current Mid-term Plan, we will strengthen the licensing business for Group IPs. At the same time, we will expand the worldview of our IPs in a manner that transcends our business domains. For game titles, we will focus on expanding the popularity of our series titles and continuing series development, while making effective use of them. By doing so, we will establish a strong presence for such titles and strengthen our brand power.

Also, products in the Toys and Hobby Business, such as Gundam model kits, which are the flagship product of the Gundam IP, use various raw materials, including plastics. Amid growing concerns regarding the environmental impact of plastics, we have established the Bandai Namco Group Plastic Environmental Consideration Policy. We have been pursuing such efforts as recycling programs involving fans and the utilization of alternative materials. Moving forward, under the Plastic Environmental Consideration Policy, we will continue to reduce plastic usage to the greatest extent possible while utilizing renewable plastics and alternative materials and promoting recycling. As a member of society, promoting Groupwide environmentally friendly initiatives will help us enhance the brand value of IPs and products.

Key Theme 4

Strengthen

Data utilization

“Strengthening” and Evolving Our Business by Utilizing Accumulated Data to the Greatest Extent Possible

Utilize the Data Universe concept

Points

New technology utilization

Under the previous Mid-term Plan, we promoted the Data Universe, which connects, integrates, and utilizes Groupwide data, and began to utilize it across numerous businesses. Under the current Mid-term Plan, we will begin the genuine utilization of accumulated data and further deepen our application of it. By doing so, we will formulate optimized marketing plans and enhance the accuracy of our product planning and demand forecasting, thus refining our operations in each business. In addition, primarily in the fields of game development and visual content production, we will actively promote the research and application of new technologies through discussions and collaborations between external partners and our internal studios and research and development departments. Through such efforts, we will realize our goals for the theme “Strengthen.”

Strengthening of Alliances

As a new initiative, we have established the CW360 (Connect with 360) Division at the Company, embodying our desire to establish 360° connections with fans, based on our Mid-to Long-term Vision of “Connect with Fans.” To date, there have been areas we wished to pursue but could not due to time, budget, and other restrictions. Through CW360, we aim to approach these areas from a Groupwide perspective, embracing challenges without fear of failure and fostering connections with external partners through projects, collaborations, and alliances. These types of efforts to support business growth will lead to the further growth of the Group over the long term.

We established CW360 within Bandai Namco Holdings with the aim of strengthening alliances with partner companies.

Partner companies

CW360

(Connect with 360)

Establish 360°connections with partners

Approach untapped areas of business

Form connections with multiple businesses

Connections with each business

Toys and Hobby

Digital

Visual and Music

Amusement

Provide support for business growth, thereby realizing Groupwide growth

Utilization of Diverse Human Resources

We will promote a broad range of initiatives to ensure that our diverse group of employees can work in a lively manner and with peace of mind. These include developing global talent to support the Group's business growth, reinforcing our corporate personnel and divisions, and establishing employee-friendly environments and systems. By doing so, we will lay a solid foundation for our business.

Initiatives led by CW360 to strengthen alliances with external partners will also provide an excellent opportunity for human resource development. Opportunities created by CW360, such as the promotion of projects and alliances with external partners and the establishment of joint-venture companies, will help us cultivate the talent of the next generation.

Capital Policy

In the current Mid-term Plan, we aim for sustainable growth by maximizing the value of IPs to enhance corporate value. Simultaneously, we focus on long-term profit generation by emphasizing EPS and equity spread, striving to improve ROE while actively engaging in dialogues with capital markets.

The diagram illustrates the Capital Policy framework. At the center is a box for 'Corporate value enhancement Long-term profit generation', which branches into 'Increasing PBR' and 'Increasing EPS'. This leads to 'Increasing ROE' and 'Promote understanding of the stock market'. 'Increasing ROE' further branches into 'Initiatives to promote business growth' (including 'Improvement of capital efficiency' with sub-points: Increase sales, Enhance profitability, Improve capital efficiency, Increase asset turnover rate) and 'Control of shareholders' equity' (including 'Capital policy' with sub-point: Implement appropriate shareholder returns). 'Promote understanding of the stock market' leads to 'Decline in shareholders' equity cost (risk reduction)' (including 'Increase in expected value' with sub-points: Strengthening of alliances, Disclose capital allocation, Increase value of intangible assets, Enhance opportunities for dialogue with markets) and 'Cost of capital' (including 'Respond to ESG issues', 'Improve accuracy of forecasts', 'Improve QCD', and 'Utilize IPs'). All these initiatives converge on a final goal: 'Realized by Maximizing IP Potential'. At the bottom, a box states 'Equity spread: Aim to maintain a continuous increase of 5% or more'.

Capital cost (recognized at roughly 8%)

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HISTORY OF OUR MID-TERM PLANS

The Bandai Namco Group was created in September 2005 through the management integration of Bandai Co., Ltd. and Namco Limited. After the integration, the Group moved quickly to leverage synergy effects by implementing a range of internal measures. However, we were not able to respond adequately to changes in our markets and customers. Our operational speed declined, and we did not effectively utilize the strengths of each Group company. As a result, our performance was sluggish. In April 2010, we launched the Restart Plan with the objective of transforming ourselves into a speedy group under the IP axis strategy. The Group worked together to maximize the shared value of IPs, and in this way we achieved a recovery in our results.

In April 2022, under the Purpose “Fun for All into the Future,” we positioned the Mid-term Vision “Connect with Fans,” which had been set in the previous Mid-term Plan, as our Mid-to Long-term Vision and started the current Mid-term Plan from FY2026.3.

