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# KRAFTON

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# **2022 Growth Strategy**

# **Our Quests Never End : A Glimpse at 2022**

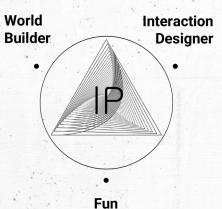
**Our Core: Games** 

#### **Beyond the Game**

"The Potential"

- Games-as-a-Service: Boost player engagement and improve efficiency of the live service
- New Titles
  - Project M and The Callisto Protocol are scheduled to launch in '22

 Expanding into new areas where KRAFTON's game production capabilities can be leveraged (Virtual Human, Deep Learning, Web 3.0/NFT, VR, etc.)



- A new program that encourages a constant flow of small and quick trials/challenge-taking
  - A team of max 20 people can try out new project ideas for one year and undergo user testing

#### Boost Play Engagement and Improve Operational Efficiency for the Three Most Important PUBG Games



#### "Battlegrounds for All"

The transition to F2P led to improved new user care and monetization efficiency, making PUBG a game that is even more loved in the long run



#### "Repositioning"

Set a clearly distinctive position in the market with a focus on hardcore/proficient players to expand the service and make it sustainable



#### "Further grow PUBG fandom"

Strengthen the fandom by constantly updating fresh content and creating continued momentum

#### **KRAFTON Pipeline**: 2022 and Beyond<sup>(1)</sup>

#### **Defense Derby**

Rising Wings Real-time strategic defense

Targeting the first half of 2022 for a soft launch

#### **Project M**

Unknown Worlds
Turn-based strategy

Targeting the second half of 2022 for an Early Access

#### **Project Biringam**

KRAFTON HQ
Open world PvP shooter

Targeting 2023 for an Early Access

#### **Project Black Budget**

PUBG Studios PvPvE Looter Shooter

**TBD** 

#### Road to Valor: Empires

DreaMotion
Real-time strategic simulation

Targeting the first half of 2022 for a global launch

#### **The Callisto Protocol**

Striking Distance Studios Action/Horror

Targeting the second half of 2022 for launch

#### **Project FF**

Bluehole Studio Hero Collector RPG

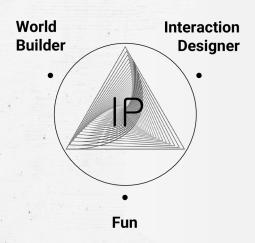
Targeting 2023 for launch

#### **Project Windless**

KRAFTON HQ
The Bird that Drinks Tears

TBD

#### **Expandable Areas Leveraging KRAFTON's Game Production Capabilities**



**Virtual Reality (VR)** 

**Deep Learning** 

Web 3.0 & NFT

- A platform that allows a fully immersive experience that goes beyond gamers and can offer expanded interactive content to a broader audience
  - The market is still young to reach mainstream popularity, but the COVID pandemic and the rise of the Oculus Quest 2 install base has grown the VR market into a size that is worthy of making small-scale attempts
    - Devices sold in 2021: PS5 around 12M, Xbox Series around 8M, Oculus Quest 2 around 7M
- Internalizing generation technology, which is key to developing a virtual human
  - Text-to-Speech / Speech-to-Text
  - Open-Domain Conversation
  - Vision / Character Generation & Animation
- Has the unique trait of an open API that allows for payment (asset transfer) that facilitates a network effect
- The role of traditional platforms have further shrunken down due to ecosystems where more power is shared to creators and consumers
- Gaming companies must be able to provide new value to gamers and creators in the new Web 3.0 environment and this must be based on fun games

#### New Projects within the Web 3.0 & NFT Area

#### **Web 3.0 Business Direction**

#### **New Web 3.0 Projects**

Fun

We have come a long way as a gaming company and while we continue to do what we do best, we will also nurture a C2E ecosystem wherein fresh content is created endlessly.

Communitydriven We will grow together alongside a community centered around core fans and set priorities in alignment with them.

Cooperation

We will collaborate with a variety of partners to create and operate a scalable ecosystem

#### User-Generated Metaverse Platform

- Create a high quality metaverse with content production tools based on the Unreal Engine
- Activate a creator economy based on NFT

#### "The Potential" - A New Program that Encourages a Constant Flow of Small and Quick Trials/Challenge-Taking

A max 20person team

Able to set up a team with up to 20 like-minded colleagues



# Aiming to produce a build within 1 year that is worthy of user testing

The monthly milestone review on the 12<sup>th</sup> month will determine whether the build will be opened for user testing



# Support is offered to conduct user tests (soft launch) to verify the core gameplay/fun

 If the build passes the user test hurdle, it will get a chance to be greenlit as an official new project via THE NEW process

#### **Key Direction**

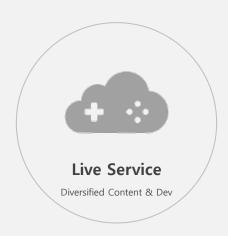
- Spirit: quickly taking on meaningful challenges on a small scale
- A streamlined process, so that more trials can be continued
- Going beyond traditional forms of games and expanding new tech areas such as Web 3.0/NFT games

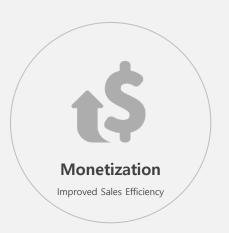
# 1Q22 Highlights

## 2022 1Q Results at a Glance

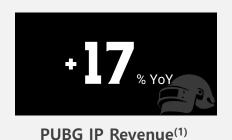
#### **KEY PERFORMANCE**

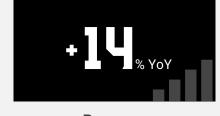






#### **KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**





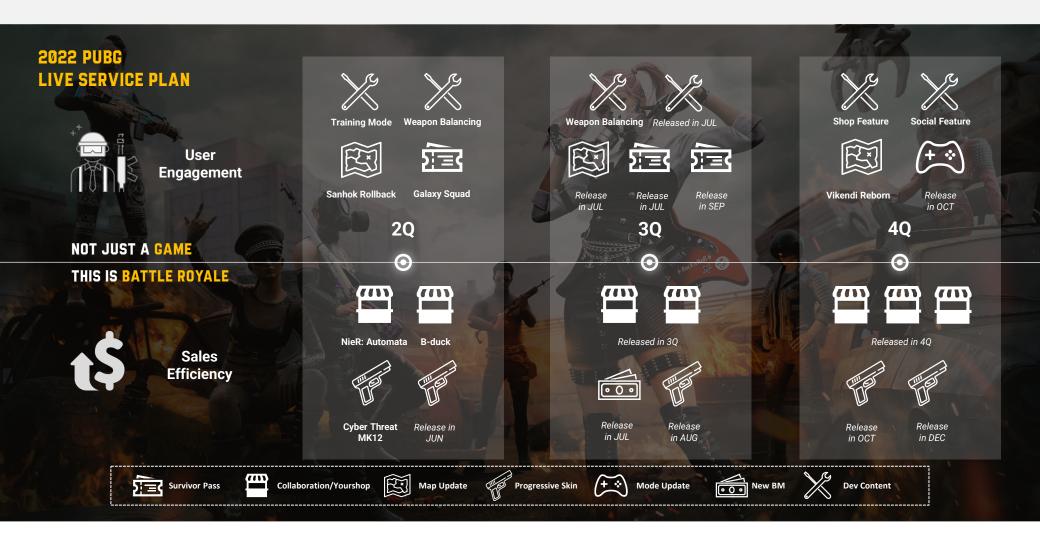


Revenue

**Operating Profit** 

## PC / Console

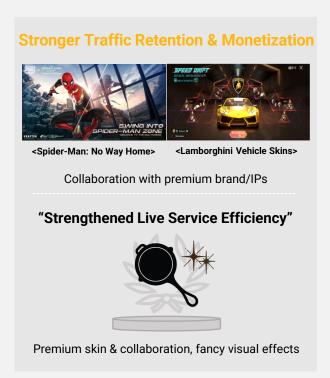
Looking Ahead Next 10+ Years, Successful F2P, Full-Packed Live Service, and Increased Traffic will Further Solidify Growth



#### **Mobile**

Continued Growth from PUBGM, BGMI with Diversifying BM and Content, Fresh BR Experience from New State via New Map

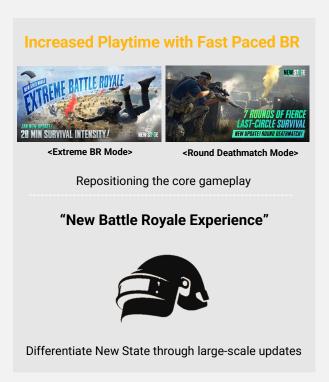




## BATTLEGROUNDS MOBILE INDIA







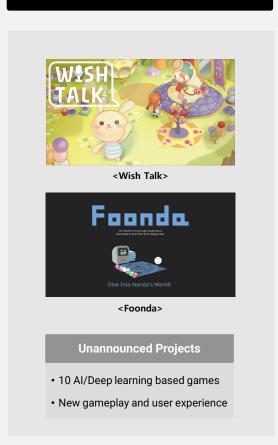
# New Growth (I) - Pipeline



# New Growth (II) - Special Project 2 (SP2), Deep Learning

Leveraging Our Core Strength and R&D in Deep Learning into Both Gaming/Non-Gaming, Investing More on Global Deep Tech

#### SP2 → New Era of Gaming



#### **Deep Learning R&D** → **Impacting Non-Gaming Areas with Virtual Human & Chatbot**

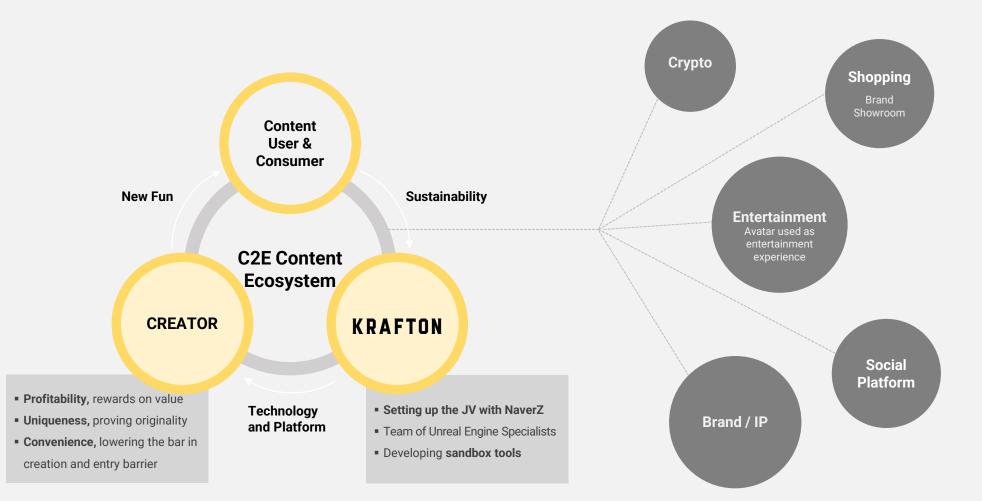




"Continue R&D in Foundation Model, Achieve Multi-Modality to Create More Immersive Interactive Experience"

# New Growth (III) - Web 3.0, NFT Metaverse Platform

To Provide New Value for Gamers & Creators thru Content Production Tools where Fresh Interactive Content is Created Endlessly



## **1Q22 Financials**

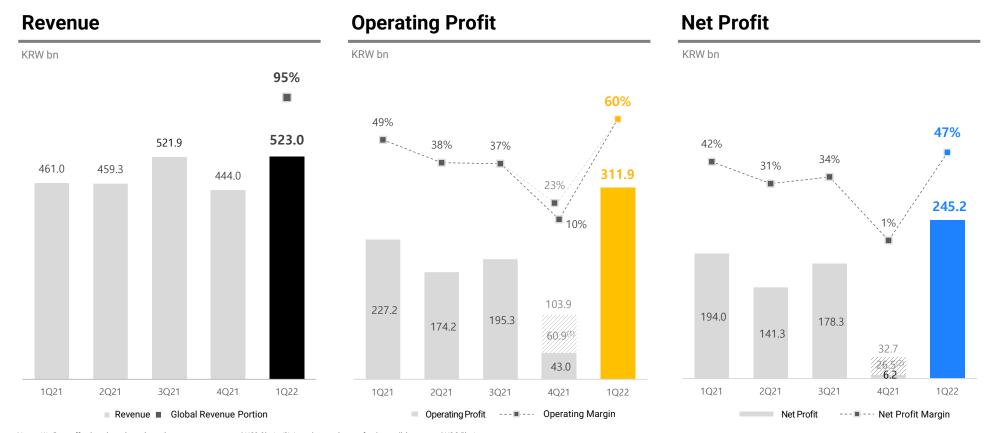
**Revenue** KRW 523.0bn (+13.5% YoY, +17.8% QoQ)

Sustained growth momentum of PUBG, on back of accumulated game development and global service expertise, led to another record high quarterly revenue

**Operating Profit KRW 311.9bn** (+37.3% YoY, +625.5% QoQ)

High YoY and QoQ growth driven by solid revenue and cost normalization

**Net Profit KRW 245.2bn** (+26.4% YoY, +3,829.7% QoQ)

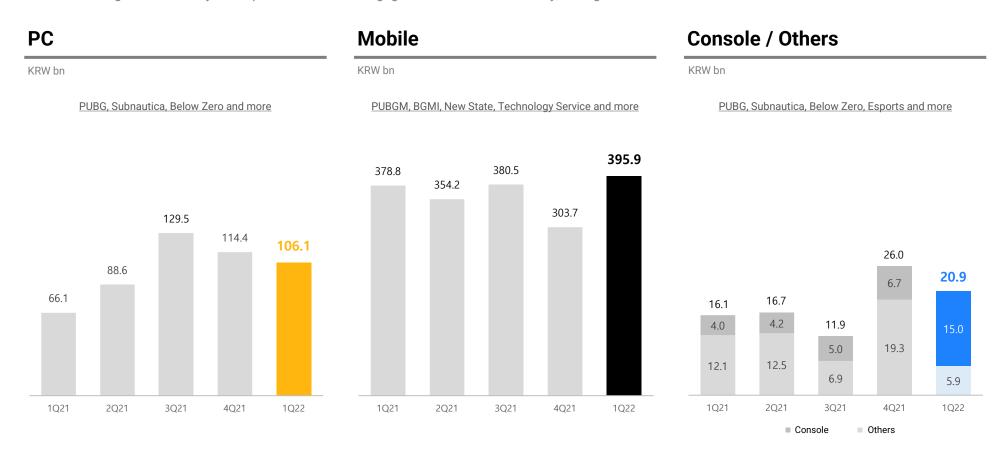


#### **Revenue Breakdown**

#### **Revenue** KRW 523.0bn (+13.5% YoY, +17.8% QoQ)

- (PC) KRW 106.1bn (+60.6% YoY, -7.2% QoQ)
- High YoY growth backed by new BM expansion, yet, QoQ declined due to the impact of free G-Coins distributed thru Starter Pack sales and legacy user rewards
- (Mobile) KRW 395.9bn (+4.5% YoY, +30.4% QoQ)

YoY and QoQ growth driven by the improvement in user engagement and sales efficiency, strong live service structure



# **Expense Breakdown**

**Operating Costs KRW 211.1bn** (-9.7% YoY, -47.4% QoQ)

• (Personnel) KRW 110.5bn (+30.5% YoY, +16.6% QoQ)

YoY and QoQ rose on the increase in headcount from business expansion, employees subject to performance incentives, and inclusion of consolidated subsidiaries

• (Paid Commissions) KRW 55.9bn (-26.5% YoY, -52.6% QoQ)

Sharp YoY and QoQ decline due to the absence of global-scale eSport events (PGI.S in 1Q21, PGC in 4Q21)

KRW bn	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22	YoY	QoQ
Operating Costs	233.8	285.2	326.6	401.0	211.1	-9.7%	-47.4%
% of Revenue	50.7%	62.1%	62.6%	90.3%	40.4%	-10.4%p	-50.0%p
Personnel	84.7	93.4	80.8	94.8	110.5	30.5%	16.6%
Platform fees / Cost of Revenue (1)	35.8	40.2	59.6	57.7	51.6	44.2%	-10.6%
Paid Commissions	76.1	95.3	70.0	118.1	55.9	-26.5%	-52.6%
Marketing	7.4	8.0	20.5	46.4	17.5	134.8%	-62.3%
Share-based payment expenses	10.0	27.4	70.6	59.0	(53.2)	-630.8%	-190.3%
Others	19.8	20.9	25.1	25.1	28.8	46.1%	14.5%
Operating Profit	227.2	174.2	195.3	43.0	311.9	37.3%	625.5%
% Margin	49.3%	37.9%	37.4%	9.7%	59.6%	10.4%p	50.0%p
Adj. EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	252.1	218.2	283.3	120.6	278.1	10.3%	130.6%
% Margin	54.7%	47.5%	54.3%	27.2%	53.2%	-1.5%p	26.0%p
Net Profit	194.0	141.3	178.3	6.2	245.2	26.4%	3,829.7%

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

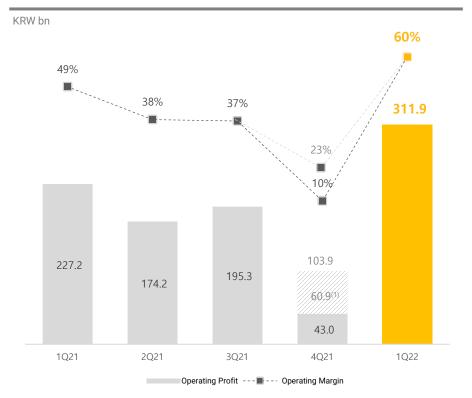
# **Operating Profit / Adj. EBITDA**

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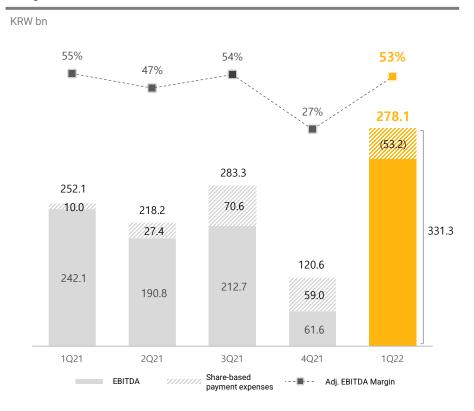
**Adj. EBITDA KRW 278.1bn** (+10.3% YoY, +130.6% QoQ)

• Adj. EBITDA increased 10.3% YoY, with adj. EBITDA margin of 53.2%

#### **Operating Profit**



#### Adj. EBITDA<sup>(2)</sup>



Note: (1) One-off related to share-based payment expenses (W60.9bn), (2) Adj. EBITDA + Share-based payment expenses

### **Net Profit**

**Profit Before Income Tax KRW 329.6bn** (YoY +21.5%, QoQ +785.2%)

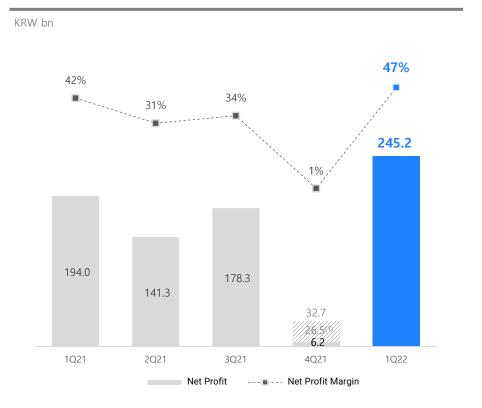
**Net Profit KRW 245.2bn** (YoY +26.4%, QoQ +3,829.7%)

• Strong net profit growth on increased operating profit and non-operating profit, with net profit margin of 47%

#### **Non-operating Profit & Profit Before Income Tax**

KRW bn	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22
Non-Operating Profit	44.2	(2.4)	74.7	(5.7)	17.8
Non-Operating Income	53.7	5.4	86.3	23.9	43.7
Other Income	52.8	4.7	82.3	18.6	37.0
Finance Income	0.8	0.7	4.0	5.3	6.7
Non-Operating Expense	9.5	7.7	11.7	29.7	25.9
Other Expense	7.8	5.7	9.9	28.2	24.3
Finance Expense	1.7	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.7
Profit Before Income Tax	271.4	171.8	269.9	37.2	329.6

#### **Net Profit**



# **Summary of Financial Statements**

#### **Consolidated Income Statement**

KRW bn	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22
Revenue	461.0	459.3	521.9	444.0	523.0
Operating Costs	233.8	285.2	326.6	401.0	211.1
<b>Operating Profit</b>	227.2	174.2	195.3	43.0	311.9
EBITDA	242.1	190.8	212.7	61.6	331.3
Adj. EBITDA	252.1	218.2	283.3	120.6	278.1
Non-operating Profit	44.2	(2.4)	74.7	(5.7)	17.8
Other Income	52.8	4.7	82.3	18.6	37.0
Other Expenses	7.8	5.7	9.9	28.2	24.3
Finance Income	0.8	0.7	4.0	5.3	6.7
Finance Expenses	1.7	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.7
Profit before Income Tax	271.4	171.8	269.9	37.2	329.6
Income Tax	77.4	30.5	91.6	31.0	84.4
Net Profit	194.0	141.3	178.3	6.2	245.2

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

KRW bn	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22
Current Assets	1,440.6	1,554.8	4,441.2	3,653.7	3,715.7
Cash and Cash Equivalents	750.2	624.5	3,593.9	3,019.3	1,952.8
Non-current Assets	657.1	735.7	863.0	1,981.4	2,054.2
Total Assets	2,097.7	2,290.5	5,304.2	5,635.1	5,769.9
Current Liabilities	509.7	532.0	574.1	638.2	529.4
Non-current Liabilities	166.9	188.9	210.0	388.7	393.7
Total Liabilities	676.6	720.8	784.2	1,026.9	923.1
Paid-in Capital	4.3	4.3	4.9	4.9	4.9
Capital Surplus	1,003.8	1,065.6	3,837.2	3,839.1	1,474.1
Other Components of Equity	181.1	126.5	126.2	206.3	155.1
Retained Earnings	232.0	373.3	551.6	557.8	3,212.7
Non-controlling Interests	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Total Equity</b>	1,421.1	1,569.7	4,520.0	4,608.2	4,846.8

#### **Our Vision**



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

# HOW

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

# WHAT

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

We will meet everyone in the world we are building.

