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GIFT HOLDINGS INC.

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Results Briefing Materials for the Three Months Ended January 31, 2025



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01 Financial Highlights for the Three Months Ended January 31, 2025

Net sales

8,504 million yen

Year-on-year: **+24.9%**

Operating profit

774 million yen

YoY: **-14.7%**

Ordinary profit

773 million yen

YoY: **-16.1%**

Overview of financial results

Leading one-time expenses because of the increase in unexpected cost increases, particularly for cabbage and rice as well as aggressive store openings. Also, there was excessive revenue during the same period of the previous year from the deviation in the timing of the price revision. However, this fell during the current period, **resulting in a significant increase in sales but a decrease in profit.**

Steady store openings

The majority of **lease agreement** for the annual store opening target of company-owned stores have been **concluded**. We will proceed with securing human resources and continue opening stores in a steady manner during the current fiscal year as well.

Recruitment

Implemented **substantial wage increases** in January while proceeding with promoting cast to regular employees to **secure human resources** in a timely and appropriate manner.

Strengthening production systems

We are strengthening our production system to **improve the in-house production ratio** while strengthening the production system against increasing demand.

Financial Highlights for the Three Months Ended January 31, 2025



Growth and Profitability

Net sales growth

24.9%

(Annual goal: 20.0%)

Operating profit margin

9.1%

(Annual goal: 10.0%)

YoY Change in Net Sales of Company-owned Stores

All company-owned stores in Japan

128.3%

Existing company-owned stores in Japan

Full business day

106.8%

(Annual goal: 105.0%)

Excludes refurbished stores

107.3%

Stores Opened in the Period

Company-owned stores

10 stores

(Annual goal: 52 stores)

Produced & franchise stores

12 stores

(Annual goal: net increase of 52 stores)

Man-hour Productivity

Net sales per labor hour

Consolidated

6,566 yen

(Same period of the previous year: 6,713 yen)¹

Company-owned stores

6,642 yen

(Same period of the previous year: 6,492 yen)

Labor cost rate

Consolidated

26.7%

(Same period of the previous year: 25.8%)

Company-owned stores

23.8%

(Same period of the previous year: 23.4%)

Recruitment and Retention

Hiring employees

Newly hired **17** mid-career employees

Plan to hire **60** new graduates

Number of employees

641 people

Retirement rate

11.9%

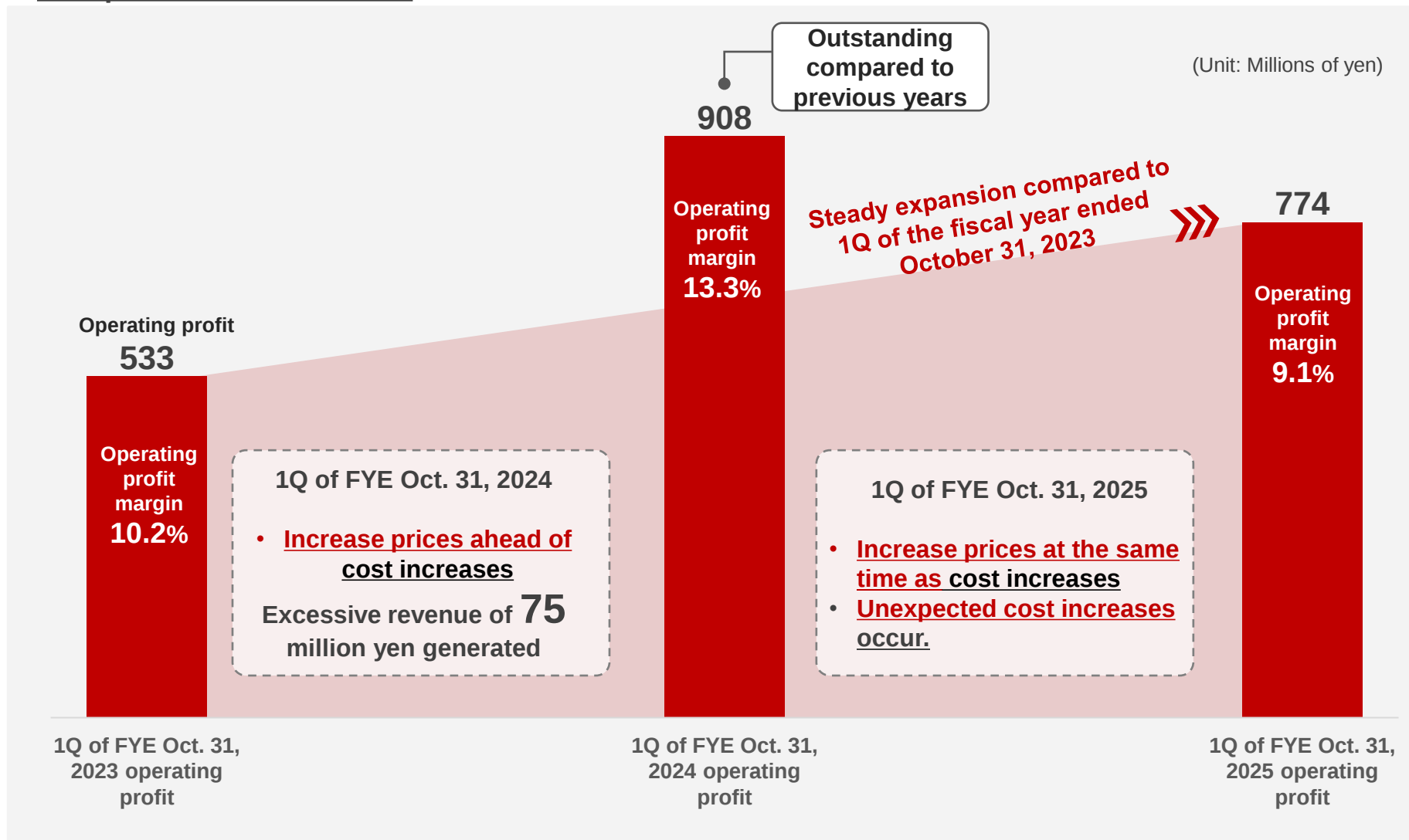
(Same period of the previous year: 14.7%)

26.6%
Industry average*

— Analysis of Changes in Operating Profit (3 Years)

After anticipating increased costs in the previous 1Q, we have increased prices in advance, which generated excessive revenue.

Costs increased during this 1Q while we increased prices at the same time. There were also unexpected cost increases.

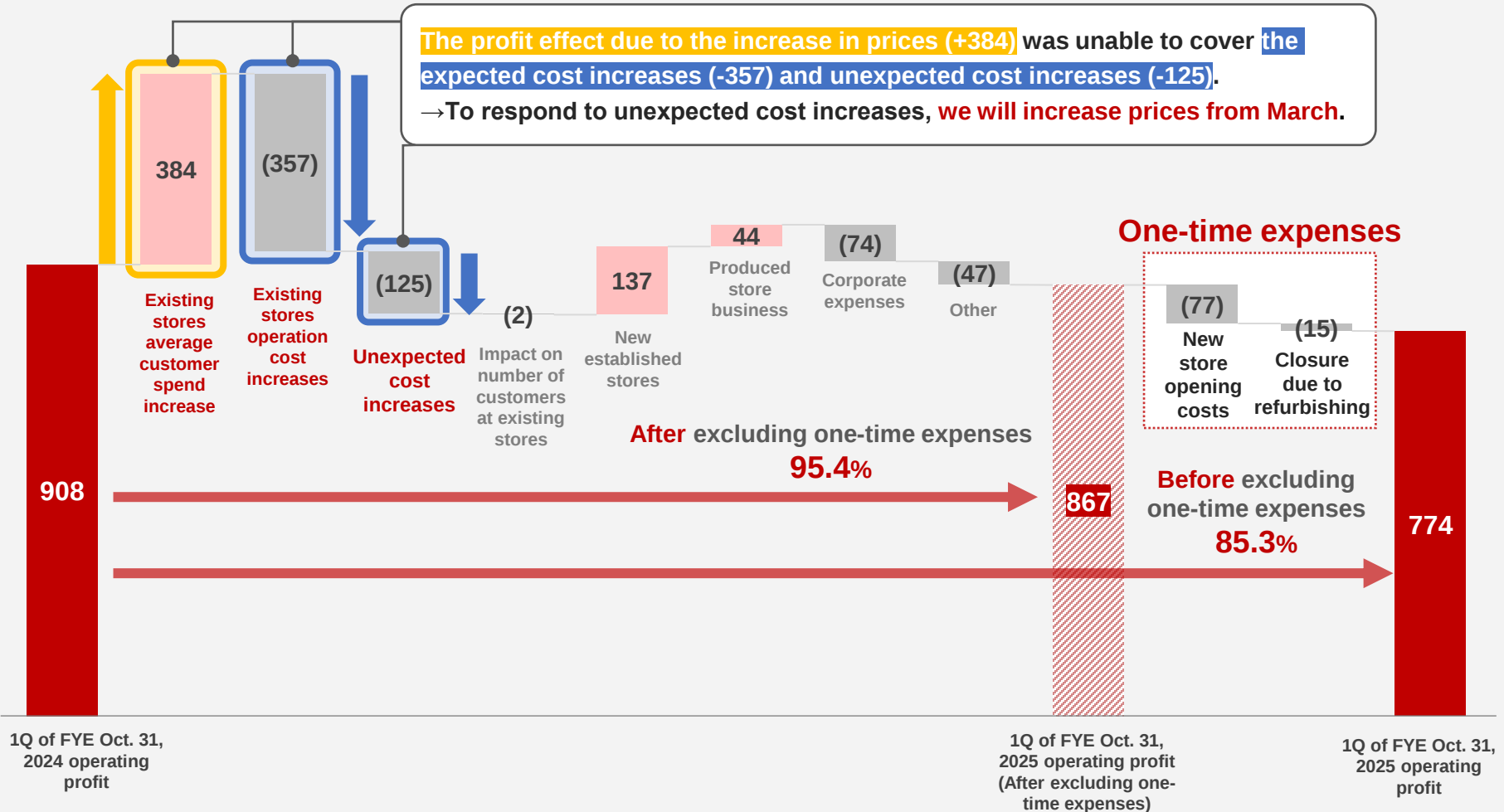


— Analysis of Changes in Operating Profit (1Q, 3-months)

Although there was a profit effect due to the increase in prices, profit was approximately minus 15% year-on-year because of the increase in raw materials and labor costs which exceeded this.

(Unit: Millions of yen)

The profit effect due to the increase in prices (+384) was unable to cover the expected cost increases (-357) and unexpected cost increases (-125).
→To respond to unexpected cost increases, we will increase prices from March.



— Unexpected Cost Increases

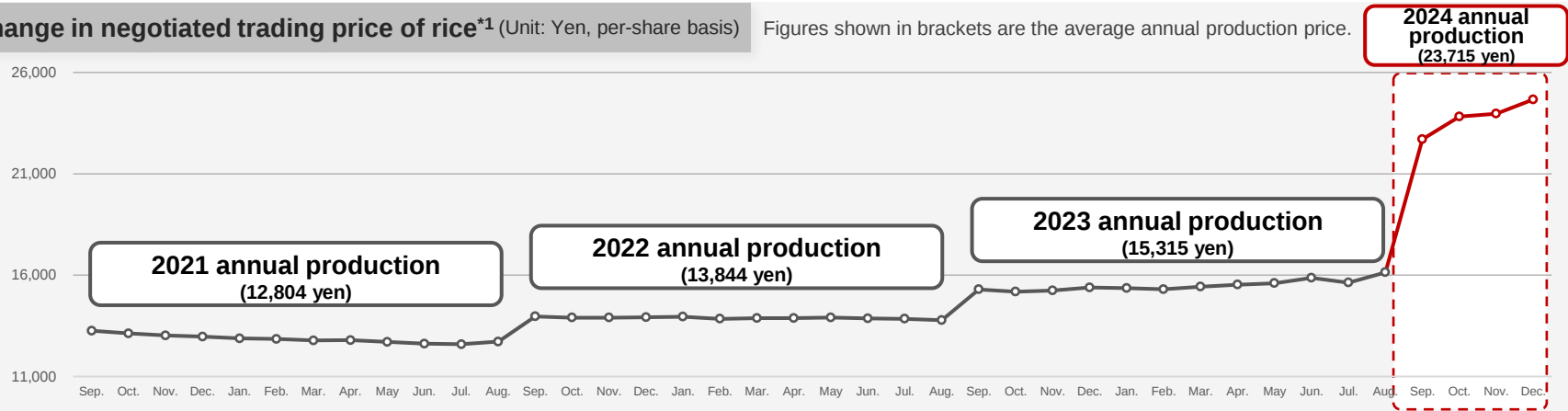
Rice, cabbage and labor cost increased unexpectedly.

Rice remains high but cabbage is forecast to stabilize.

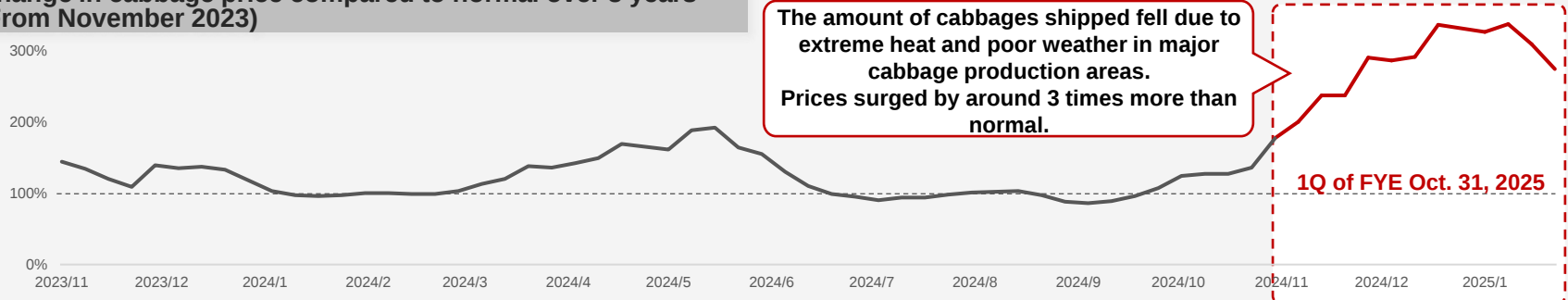
$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Raw materials} \\ \hline -48 \text{ million yen} \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Labor cost} \\ \hline -76 \text{ million yen} \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Total} \\ \hline -125 \text{ million yen} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Change in negotiated trading price of rice*1 (Unit: Yen, per-share basis)

Figures shown in brackets are the average annual production price.



Change in cabbage price compared to normal over 3 years*2 (From November 2023)



*1: The average annual production price of 1st grade rice including shipping fees, packing costs and consumption tax equivalent based on the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries "Report on Rice Trade" is the average price for the full year from the supply of the relevant annual production until October of the following year (2024 annual production is a preliminary figure from supply until December 2024).

*2: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries "Food Price Trend Survey (normal year comparison)"

Impact on Operating Profit due to Refurbishing Closures and New Stores



From 2Q of the current fiscal year, the impact of refurbishing closures is expected to contribute positively to operating profit.

30 stores have not yet been refurbished and the refurbishment is expected to be completed for 16 stores during the current fiscal year and for 14 stores during the next fiscal year.

FYE Oct. 31, 2023

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total	Impact on operating profit	
Refurbishing closure	0.9 months (1 store)	5.5 months (5 stores)	1.7 months (2 stores)	3.3 months (5 stores)	11.3 months (13 stores)	Full-year	-49 million yen
New stores	8 stores	9 stores	7 stores	4 stores	28 stores	Full-year	-207 million yen*

FYE Oct. 31, 2024

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total	Impact on operating profit	
Refurbishing closure	1.9 months (1 store)	8.0 months (4 stores)	17.7 months (13 stores)	7.1 months (5 stores)	34.7 months (23 stores)	Full-year	-147 million yen YoY -98 million yen
New stores	6 stores	8 stores	12 stores	16 stores	42 stores	Full-year	-345 million yen* YoY -137 million yen

FYE Oct. 31, 2025 (1Q is actual results, 2Q and later is projection)

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total	Impact on operating profit	
Number of refurbishing closure months	5.3 months (3 stores)	---*Approx. 6.0 months/Q forecast---			23.1 months (16 stores)	Full-year (projection)	-101 million yen YoY +45 million yen
New stores	10 stores	Pending	Pending	Pending	52 stores	Full-year (projection)	-427 million yen※ YoY -82 million yen

*The impact on operating profit for new stores is the cost involved in opening stores.

Impact of Price Revisions

Customer traffic is steady even after the price revision. There is still room to implement flexible price revisions.

Price revisions have not caused customer numbers to decline significantly. Sales and customer numbers are both steady.

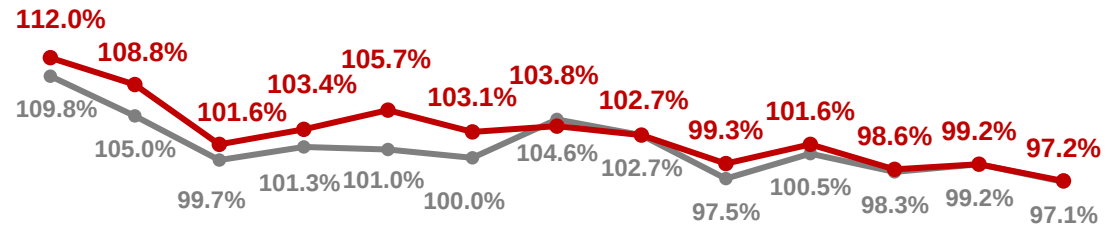
Most recent price revision

July 2024:
approximately 5%
January 2025:
approximately 2%

Number of customers (year-on-year comparison)*1

Full business day

Excludes refurbished stores



Feb. Mar. Apr. May Jun. Jul. Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb.*2

FYE Oct. 31, 2024

Price revision

FYE Oct. 31, 2025

*1 Conditions for February 2024 to February 2025 in existing stores

*2 There was one less business day in February 2025, due to the absence of a leap day, compared to February 2024.

Year-on-year % change (compared to 1Q of FYE Oct. 31, 2024)*

Net sales (yen)



Full business day

106.8%

Excludes
refurbished stores

107.3%

Number of
customers (persons)



99.3%

99.8%

Average customer
spend (yen)



107.5%

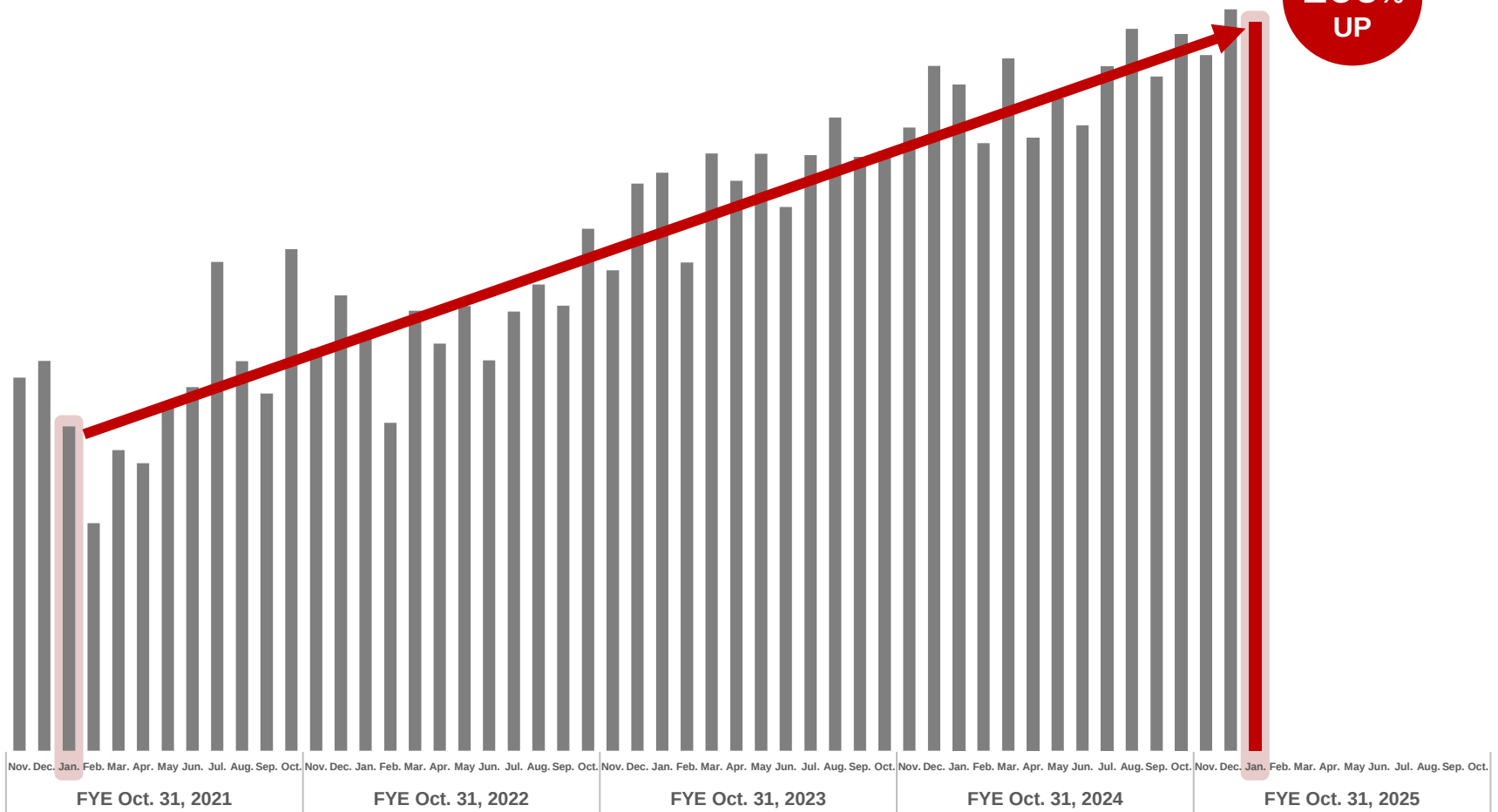
107.5%

Existing Company-owned Domestic Stores: Average Net Sales per Store



Average monthly sales per company-owned domestic store continue to advance and expand thanks to initiatives to continuously improve store QSCA.

Existing stores: Average net sales by month



166%
UP

Overseas Expansion

Mainly opened company-owned stores in North America, which has a significant food service market.

Mainly opened franchise stores in Asia.

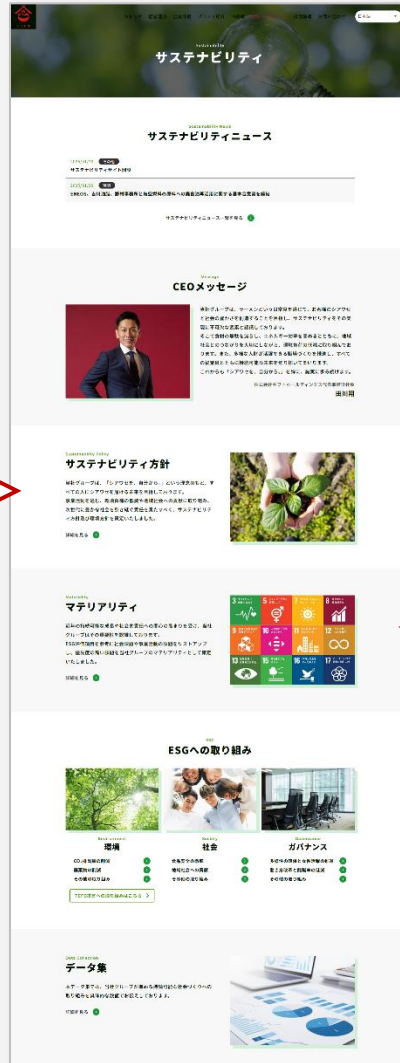
Total number of stores overseas **30** stores

Company-owned stores 4 stores			Franchise stores 12 stores			Produced stores 14 stores		
	US	3 stores		Thailand	1 store		US	1 store
	China	1 store		Vietnam	4 stores		Malaysia	2 stores
				Cambodia	1 store		Philippines	2 stores
				Philippines	2 stores		Taiwan	6 stores
				Korea	2 stores		Hong Kong	1 store
				Hong Kong	1 store		Thailand	1 store
				Mongolia	1 store		Vietnam	1 store

Establishing a Sustainability Website

In addition to activities for local communities and initiatives to reduce the environmental burden through business activities, the website provides information on the three important issues (materiality) and various types of policies to achieve sustainability.

Sustainability policy



Materiality



[Click here to view the sustainability website.](#)

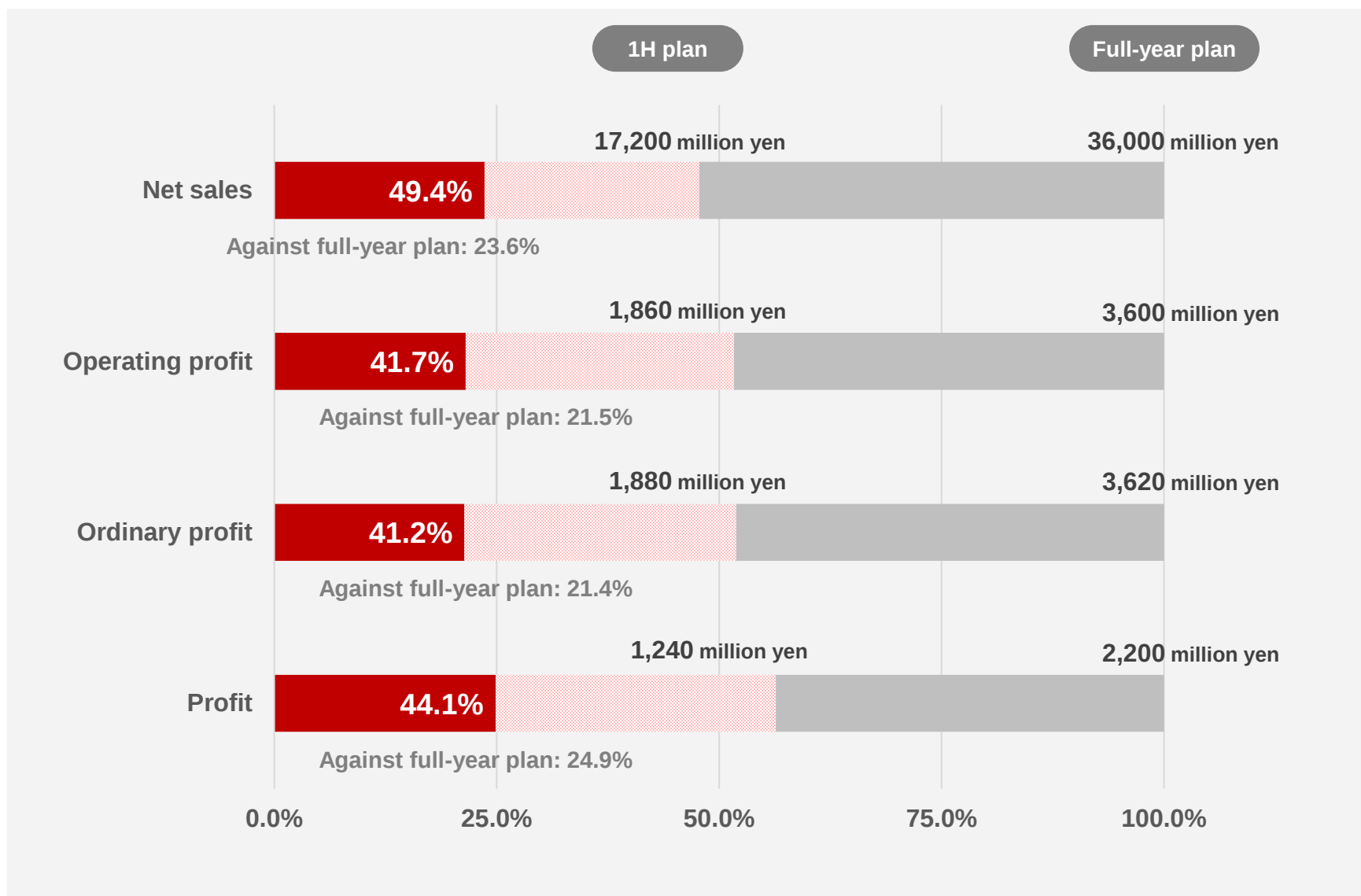
02 Overview of Financial Results for the Three Months Ended January 31, 2025

— Statements of Income

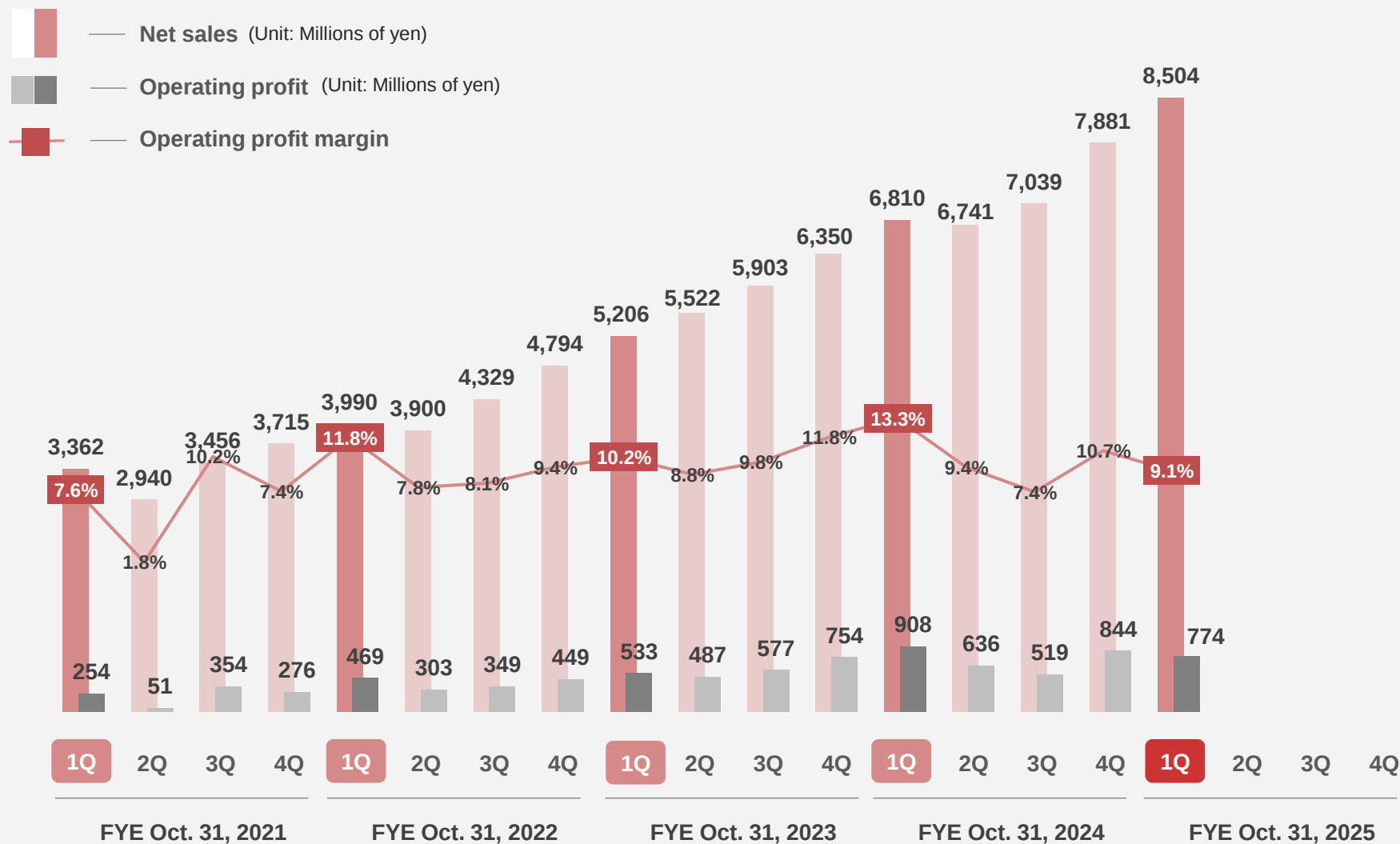


Three months ended January 31, 2024			Three months ended January 31, 2025			Compared to plan			
(Unit: Millions of yen)	Amount	Percentage to sales	Amount	Percentage to sales	Year-on-year % change	1H plan	Progress	Full-year plan	Progress
Net sales	6,810	-	8,504	-	+24.9%	17,200	49.4%	36,000	23.6%
Cost of sales	2,210	32.5%	2,861	33.6%	+29.4%	-	-	-	-
Gross profit	4,600	67.5%	5,642	66.4%	+22.7%	-	-	-	-
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3,691	54.2%	4,868	57.2%	+31.9%	-	-	-	-
Operating profit	908	13.3%	774	9.1%	(14.7%)	1,860	41.7%	3,600	21.5%
Ordinary profit	921	13.5%	773	9.1%	(16.1%)	1,880	41.2%	3,620	21.4%
Quarterly profit attributable to owners of parent	620	9.1%	547	6.4%	(11.8%)	1,240	44.1%	2,200	24.9%

Progress Rate vs. Plan (1H progress)



Quarterly Trends in Net Sales and Operating Profit



Open up Stores



+21 stores compared to the end of the previous fiscal year



As of Oct. 31, 2024 **As of Jan. 31, 2025**

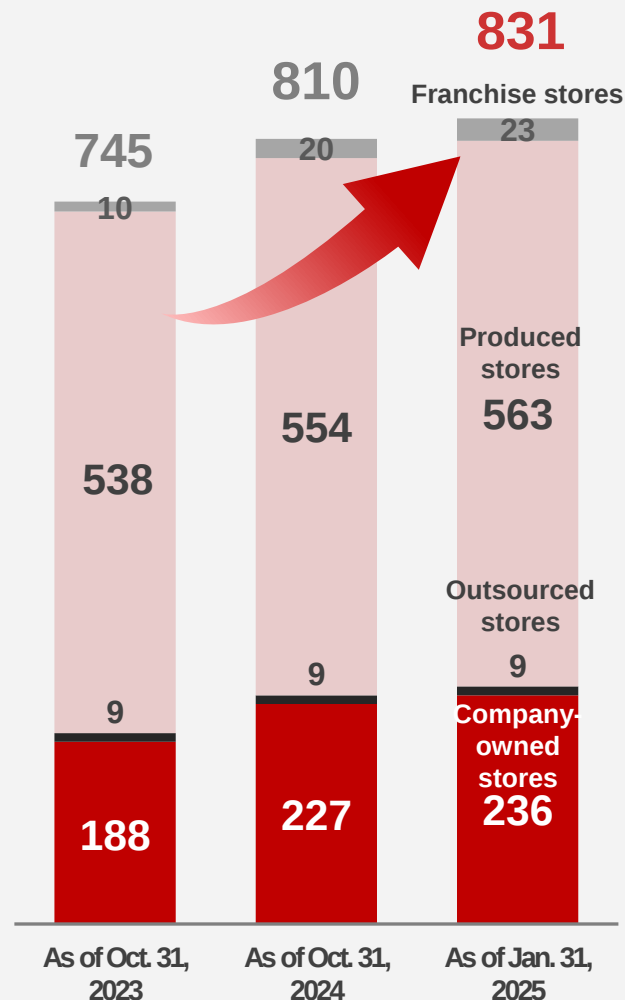
Produced stores 554 stores **»» 563 stores**

Franchise stores 20 stores **»» 23 stores**

Outsourced stores 9 stores **»» 9 stores**

Company-owned stores 227 stores **»» 236 stores**

Total number of stores 810 stores **»» 831 stores**



03 Forecasts for the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2025 (Unchanged)

Consolidated Earning Forecasts for the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2025



Plan significant increases in net sales and operating profit by steadily implementing the medium-term business plan.

(Unit: Millions of yen)	FYE Oct. 31, 2024 Results		FYE Oct. 31, 2025 Forecast		Change (%)
	Amount	Percentage to sales	Amount	Percentage to sales	
Net sales	28,472	-	36,000	-	+26.4%
Operating profit	2,909	10.2%	3,600	10.0%	+23.7%
Ordinary profit	2,972	10.4%	3,620	10.1%	+21.8%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	1,875	6.6%	2,200	6.1%	+17.3%

Existing stores sales

Company-owned stores

105.0%

(Number of customers 100.7%,
average customer spend 104.3%)

Produced stores

105.0%

Store opening plan

Company-owned stores

50 stores in Japan

2 stores overseas

Net increase of **51** stores

Franchise & produced stores

40 stores in Japan

12 stores overseas

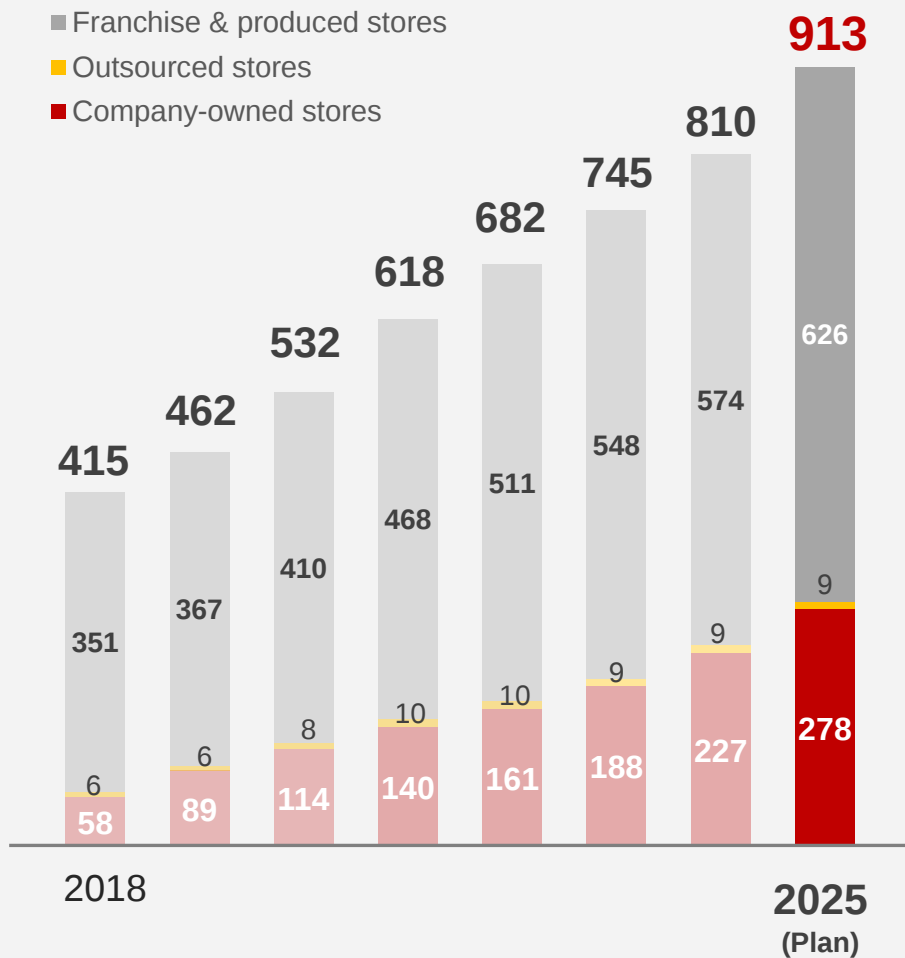
Net increase of **52** stores

Store Opening Plan



Number of stores

- Franchise & produced stores
- Outsourced stores
- Company-owned stores



Number of stores as of
Oct. 31, 2025 (plan)

913 stores

Plan for **+103** stores year on year

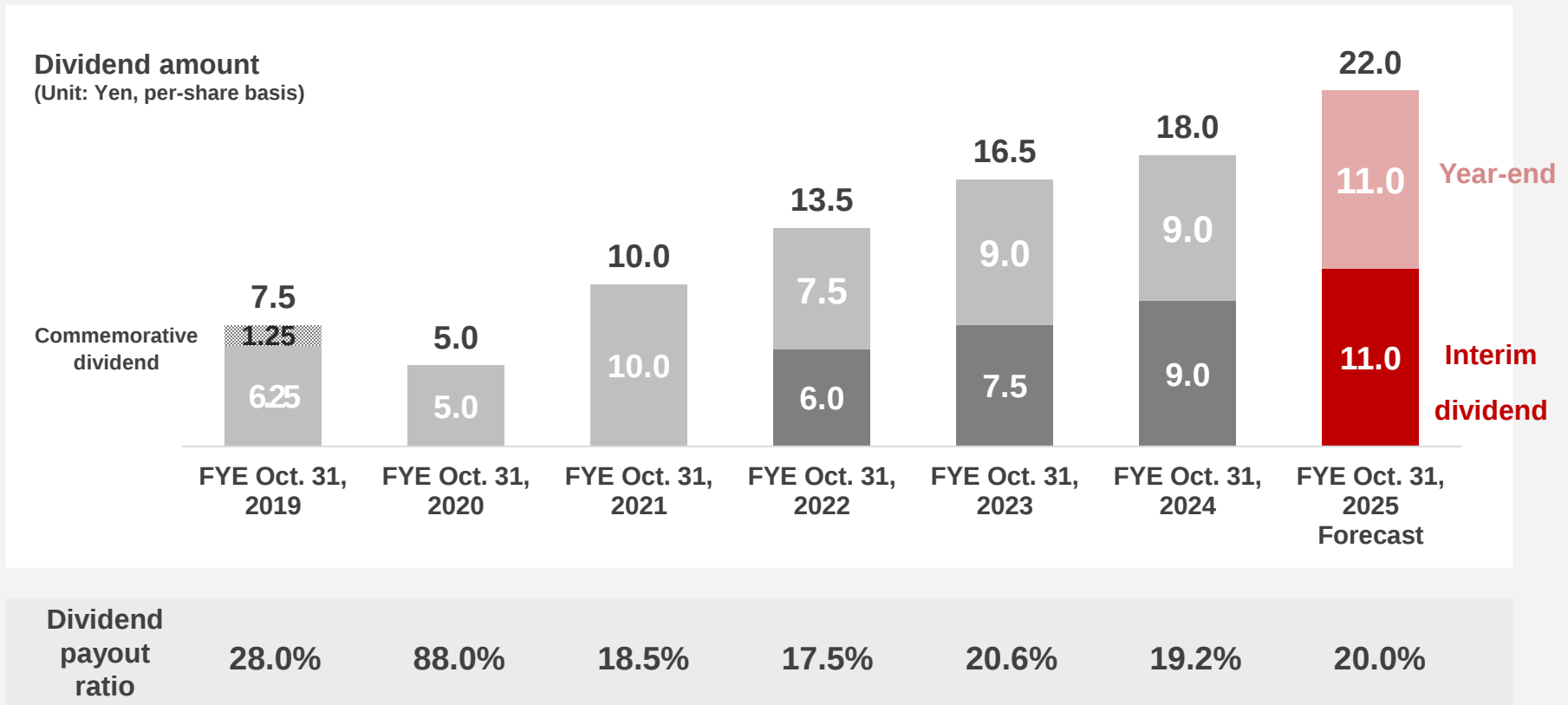
Company-owned stores: **+51** stores

Produced & franchise stores: **+52** stores

— Returns to Shareholders

Consecutive increase in dividend accompanying expanded performance. For FYE October 31, 2025, at this point both interim and year-end will be 11.0 yen each, with annual dividend of 22.0 yen planned.

Aiming for a payout ratio of 20.0% or more.

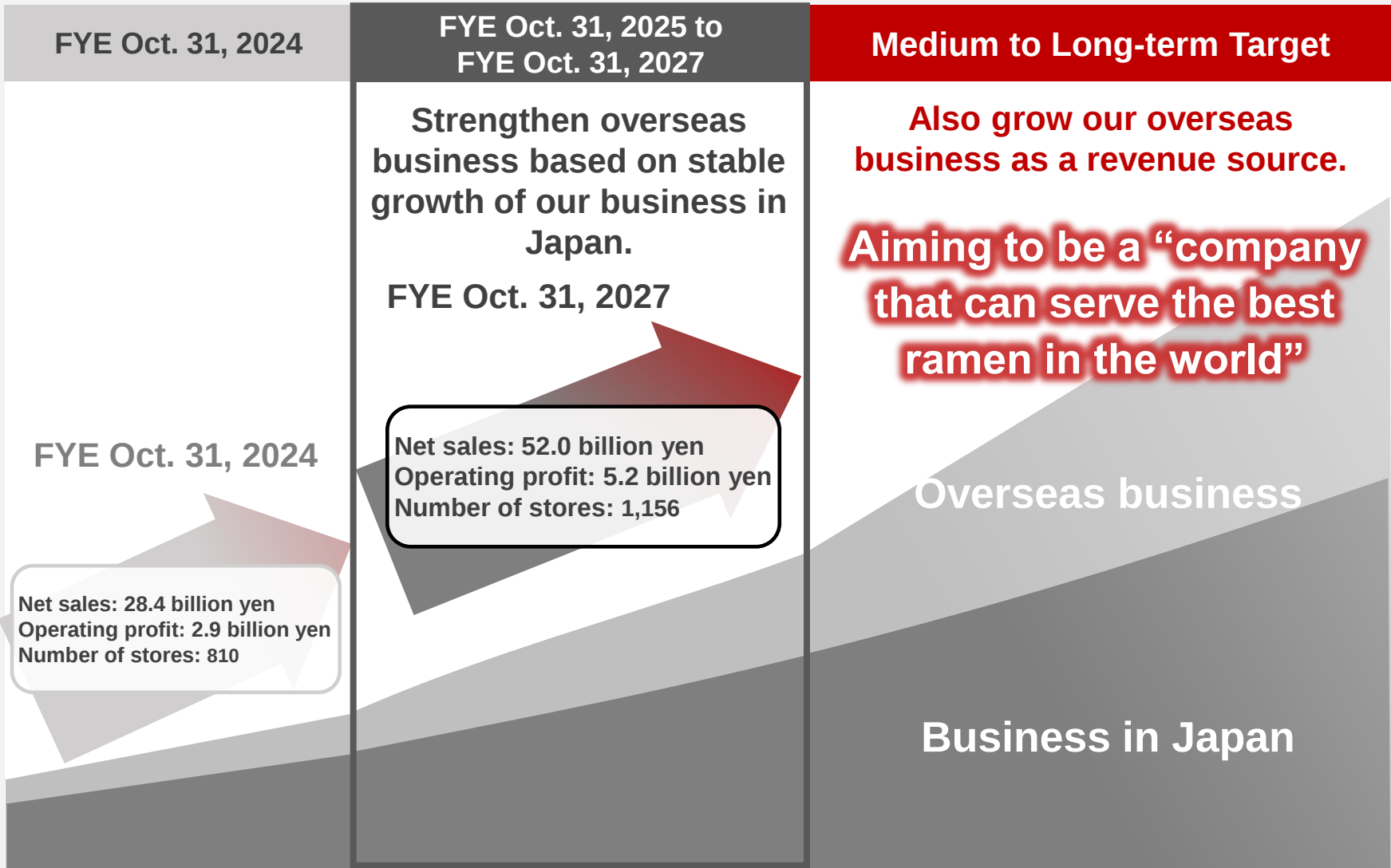


Note: We implemented stock splits on March 19, 2020, and August 1, 2023, wherein our common shares were split with a ratio of 1:2. The dividend figures per share in this briefing material have therefore been calculated retroactively based on the stock splits.

04 Medium-term Business Plan
(Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2025 to
Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2027)

— Medium to Long-term Target

We are aiming to be a “company that can serve the best ramen in the world” as a medium to long-term target by growing the organic business in Japan and aggressively expanding our business overseas.



Overseas Expansion

Invest revenue and experience earned from business in Japan into overseas business in an effective manner.

Business in Japan



Logos shown on the map of Japan include: 横濱家系ラーメン (Yokohama Family Ramen), 町田商店 (Machida Shoten), 豚山 (Ibura), 元祖油そば (Genso Abura Sobu), 中華そば (Chunghwa Sobu), 長岡食堂 (Nagaoka Shokudo), 四天王 (Shitenno), 釜蓋うどん (Kamadai Udon), がとん (Gaton), 赤味噌家 (Akamiso Uchi), 赤味噌家 (Akamiso Uchi).

Cash and Expertise acquired from business in Japan.



Invest

Overseas business



Logos shown on the world map include: E. A. K. RAMEN, 町田商店 (Machida Shoten), MACHIDA SHOTEN JAPANESE RAMEN, and more...

Steadily promote overseas expansion

- ① Establish a model for thriving stores
- ② Expand horizontally to various location types
- ③ Accelerate store openings

Targets to be achieved in FYE October 31, 2027

Net sales **52.0**
billion yen

Operating profit **5.2**
billion yen



Expansion of business and strengthening of structure



Promotion of digital transformation (DX)

Raise operating profit margin by 0.5 points from the target for FYE Oct. 31, 2024.

	KPI	Targets
Growth	1. Net sales growth	20% or above
Profitability	2. Operating profit margin	10.0% or above
Gain on investments	3. ROE (net profit)	20% or above
Returns to shareholders	4. Dividend payout ratio	20% or above

Relationship Between Store Opening Strategy and Sales, Profit and Profit Margin



By opening company-owned stores in areas with concentrated population that have large markets, and opening produced stores in regional areas, we aim to maximize net sales and profit and also maintain profit margin.

Company-owned stores

Store openings in population concentration areas and areas with high ramen consumption

Strengthening store openings

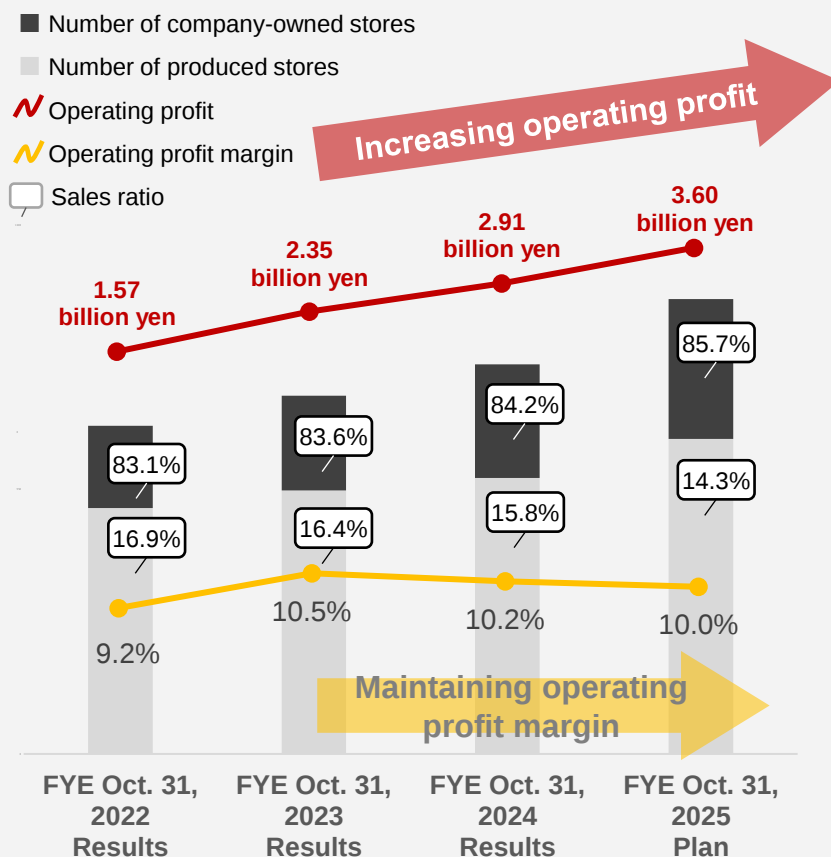
Aim to **maximize net sales and profit**

Franchise & produced stores

Open stores in regional areas

Aim to **maximize profit margin**

Percentage of stores (company-owned stores and produced stores), sales ratio, and the amount of profit and profit margin



Medium-term Business Plan (FYE October 31, 2025 to FYE October 31, 2027) / Quantitative Plan



Created a new three-year plan using the rolling method.

Aiming for operating profit of over 5 billion yen in 2027.

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Net sales	22.9 (billion yen)	28.5 (billion yen)	36.0 (billion yen)	43.0 (billion yen)	52.0 (billion yen)
Operating profit	2.35 (billion yen)	2.90 (billion yen)	3.6 (billion yen)	4.3 (billion yen)	5.2 (billion yen)

*For FYE October 31, 2026 and 2027, planned figures assume that existing store sales is 100% YoY.

Japan	Total number of stores	726 stores	783 stores	873 stores	973 stores	1,083 stores
	Company-owned stores	194 stores	232 stores	282 stores	342 stores	412 stores
	Franchise & produced stores	532 stores	551 stores	591 stores	631 stores	671 stores
Overseas	Total number of stores	19 stores	27 stores	40 stores	54 stores	73 stores
	Company-owned stores	3 stores	4 stores	5 stores	5 stores	5 stores
	Franchise & produced stores	16 stores	23 stores	35 stores	49 stores	68 stores
Total	Total number of stores	745 stores	810 stores	913 stores	1,027 stores	1,156 stores
	Company-owned stores	197 stores	236 stores	287 stores	347 stores	417 stores
	Franchise & produced stores	548 stores	574 stores	626 stores	680 stores	739 stores

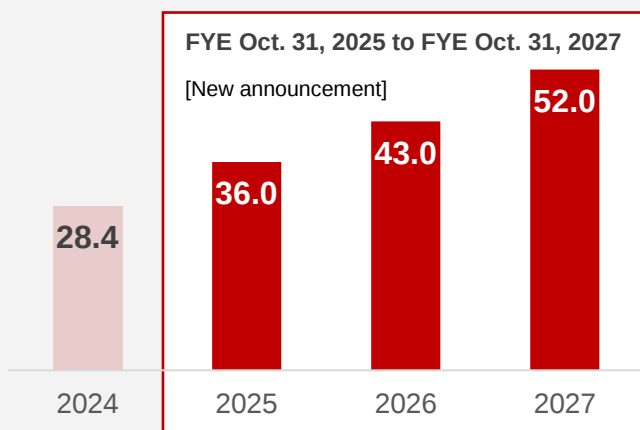
Variance Against the Previously Announced Medium-term Business Plan



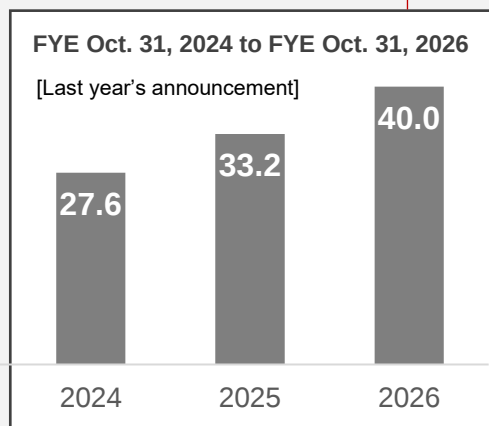
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Net sales

(billion yen)

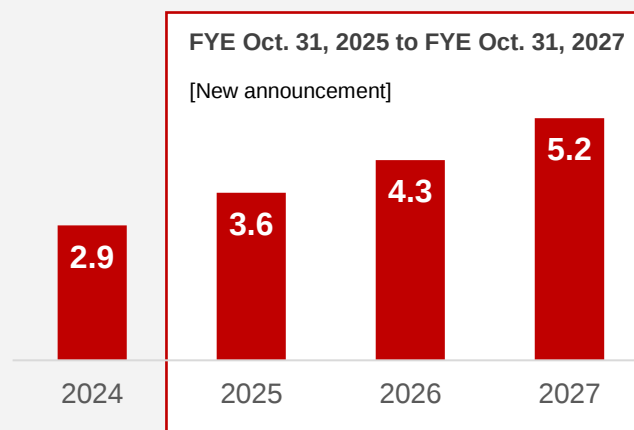


Upwardly revised

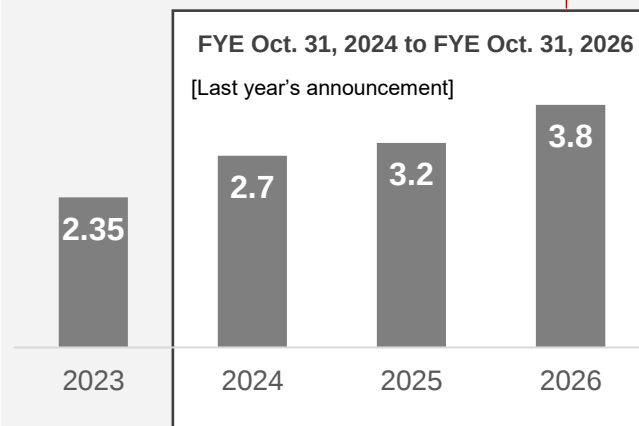


Operating profit

(billion yen)



Upwardly revised



— Medium-term Business Plan



Key themes	Overview of initiatives
Expansion of existing business	(1) Quality enhancement at each store (2) Improvements in store operation NEW
Recruitment PICK UP	(3) Strengthening recruitment capability (4) Measures to reduce turnover (5) Improvement of education system (6) Reexamination of store operation system
Strengthening of ability to open stores	(7) Advancement of opening business development stores (8) Development of M&A and new business types
Overseas expansion	(9) Establishing an overseas promotion system (10) Recruitment and training of overseas human resources (11) Establishment of ingredient supply system overseas
Strengthening of manufacturing system	(12) Reduction of manufacturing costs (13) Enhancement of manufacturing quality (14) Enhancement of in-house production ratio NEW (15) Creation of stable supply systems (by area)
Strengthening of purchasing and logistics systems PICK UP	(16) Optimization of logistics costs (17) Stockout risk control (18) Improvement of distribution frequency and distribution quality (year-round next-day delivery) (19) Establishment of a scheme for automated ordering NEW (20) Improved quality and reduced costs of ingredients by scaling up purchasing
DX	(21) Improvement of customer convenience (22) Reduction of internal man hours and development of a secure work environment (23) Stronger data integration
Sustainability	(24) Promotion and disclosure of sustainability management

PICK UP

Recruitment

Initiatives to secure human resources

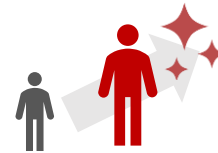
■ Strengthening recruitment capability

✓ Measure effect of relocating head office, strengthen employee conversions, strengthen foreigner recruitment



■ Measures to reduce turnover

✓ Wage increases, improve in-store working environment, improve overtime system



■ Improvement of education system

✓ Establish education system for foreigners in particular



■ Reexamination of store operation system

✓ Examine number of employees per store



Medium-term Business Plan

PICK UP

Strengthening of purchasing
and logistics systems

To also improve distribution efficiency
accompanying store expansion

Improvement of distribution frequency and distribution quality (year-round next-day delivery)



Expand the
number of
stores



Increase purchasing
volume
Improve distribution
efficiency



Improve purchasing
conditions
Reduce distribution
costs



Improve distribution
quality at less cost

- Improve cost performance
- Maintain and improve quality by increasing the distribution frequency
- Improve operation at stores with limited stocking space

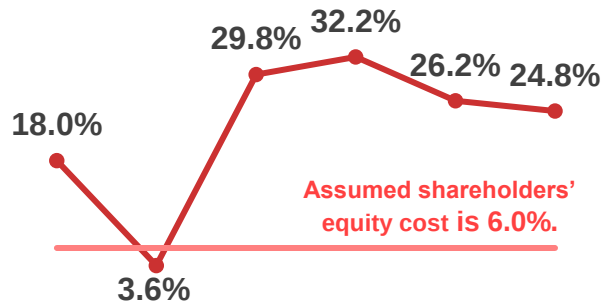
Management Initiatives That Consider the Capital Cost

- Maintain high ROE for the current capital cost of around 6%, and aim to control the shareholders' equity cost,

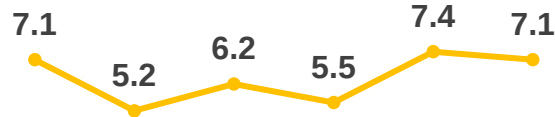
The Company's ROE and PBR trends

ROE (%)

PBR (multiplicative)



Assumed shareholders' equity cost is 6.0%.



FYE Oct. 31, 2019	FYE Oct. 31, 2020	FYE Oct. 31, 2021	FYE Oct. 31, 2022	FYE Oct. 31, 2023	FYE Oct. 31, 2024

Shareholders' equity costs based on the Company's PBR and ROE

$$\frac{\text{ROE} - \text{Expected growth rate}}{\text{Capital cost} - \text{Expected growth rate}} = \text{PBR} \iff \frac{\text{ROE} - \text{Expected growth rate}}{\text{PBR}} + \text{Expected growth rate} = \text{Capital cost}$$

ROE	PBR	Expected growth rate	Capital cost
24.8%	7.1 times	2 to 3%	5.2% to 6.0%

Shareholders' equity costs based on CAPM

$$\text{Risk free rate} + \text{Stocks } \beta \times (\text{Risk premium} - \text{Expected growth rate}) = \text{Capital cost}$$

Risk free rate	Risk premium	Stocks β	Expected growth rate	Capital cost
0.95%	5%	0.97	2 to 3%	3.4% to 4.3%

Various assumptions

ROE

Use FYE Oct. 31, 2024 average

Expected growth rate

Assumes 2 to 3% by adding our company's growth rate to the long-term economic growth rate.

Risk free rate

Refer to the standard 10-year Japanese bond yield.

Stocks β

Sensitivity of our stocks and TOPIX volatility

— Management Initiatives That Consider the Capital Cost

Create proper understanding of the business situation through appropriate information disclosure to investors and constructive dialogue, achieve improved corporate value by providing management with feedback from the dialogue contents, and aim to reduce the shareholders' equity cost.

Dialogue situation (annual)

Results for FYE Oct. 31, 2024

Individual meetings for analysts
and institutional investors

298 times

Of which in Japan **231** times

Of which overseas **67** times

Results Briefing for analysts
and institutional investors

2 times, interim and year-end

Main responders

President & Representative Director

Director & Corporate Planning Office Manager



Feedback to Board of Directors about
dialogue contents

Reflect dialogue contents

Foreign language support

- Simultaneous disclosure in English and Japanese of the Results Briefing Materials
- Increased scope of disclosure in English text

Enhanced disclosure contents

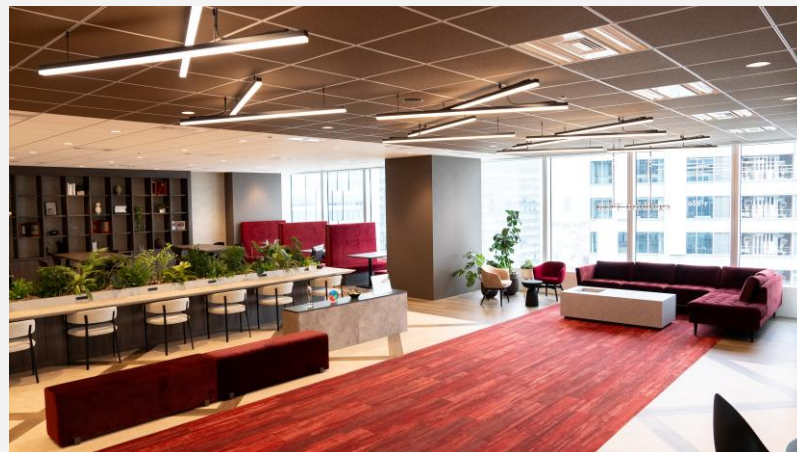
- Newly establish sustainability website, provide a wealth of descriptive content
- Restructure company website
- Create documents for new investors

0 5 Appendix

Company Overview



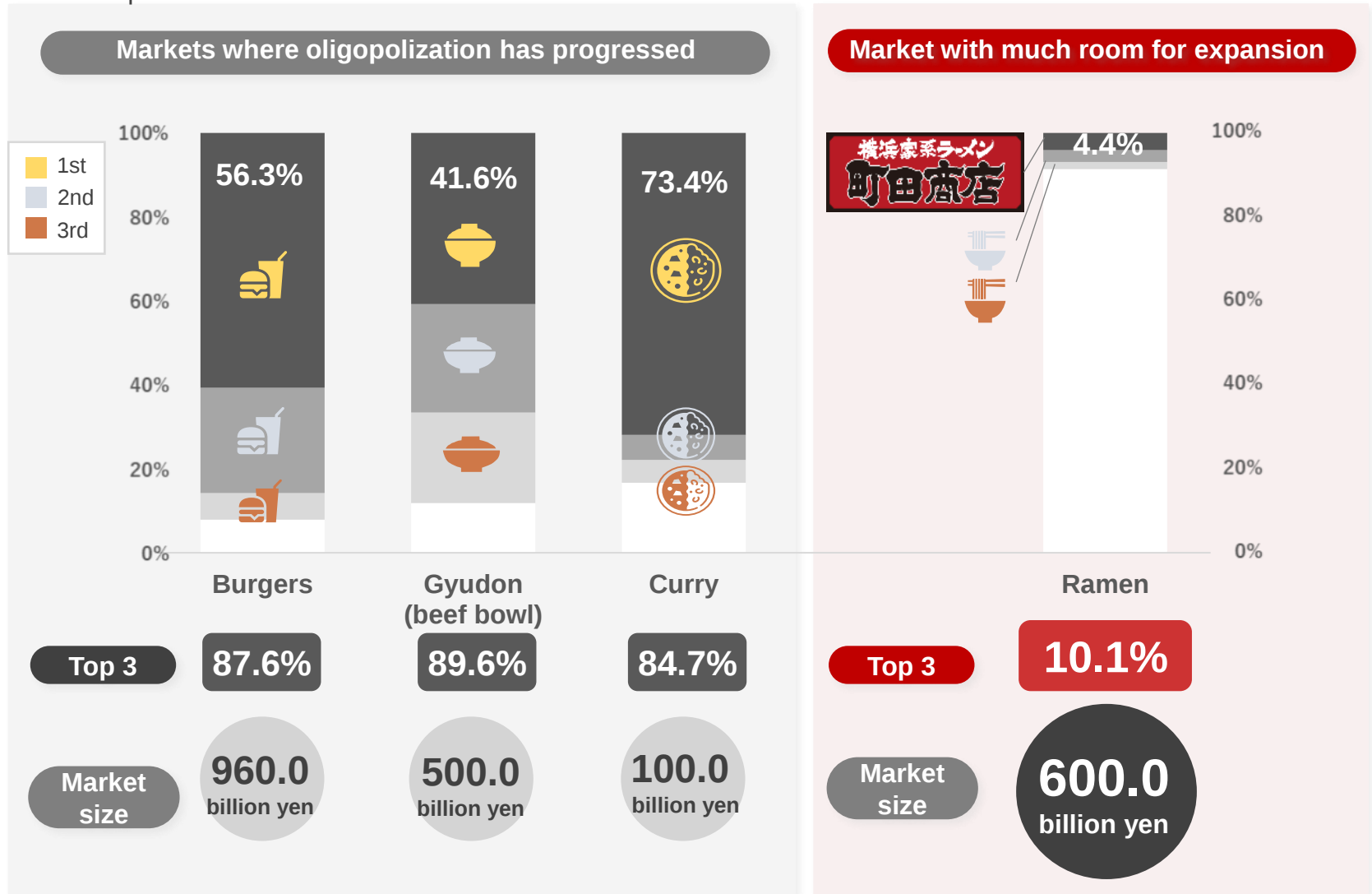
Company name	GIFT HOLDINGS INC.
Business details	Restaurant operation
Head office address	Shibuya Tower 36F, Shibuya Sakura Stage, 1-1 Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
Company factories	Noodle factories: Hiratsuka, Yokohama 1st, Kamisu, Tamba-Sasayama Chasiu factory: Ayase Soup factory: Yokohama 2nd
Established	December 7, 2009 (Founded in January 2008)
Representative	President & Representative Director: Sho Tagawa
End of fiscal year	October
Share capital	824 million yen (as of January 31, 2025)
Group employees	641 employees, 5,976 part-time and casual workers (as of January 31, 2025)
Affiliates	15 consolidated subsidiaries (Names of major consolidated subsidiaries) GIFT INC. GIFT FOODS MATERIAL K.K. GIFT USA INC.



Characteristics of Main Restaurant Industries and Ramen Market in Japan



As opposed to items such as burgers, gyudon (beef bowl), and curry, which are concentrated on major companies, a large portion of the ramen market is taken up by individual stores, offering significant room for chain stores to expand their share.



Business Details

Operation of restaurant business through the two channels of company-owned stores and produced stores

Company-owned stores

245 stores *Including outsourced stores

The Company operates stores under its own brands centered on EAK ramen brand Machida Shoten (Refer to the previous pages for other brands).



Produced stores

586 stores *Including franchise stores

The Company provides support for making stores owned and operated by partners successful by leveraging operating expertise of company-owned stores and supplying ingredients (PB products).

Company-owned stores

Provide operating expertise

Company factories
Contracted factories

Supply PB products

Produced stores



* PB products: Private brand products (Noodles, sauce, soup, dumplings, chasiu)

Brand List (1/2)



Machida Shoten IEKEI

IEKEI Ramen characterized by creamy soup that you never tire of. A popular chain with over 100 stores nationwide offering a lively and transcendent space.



BUTAYAMA Hearty type

A "wild pork mountain ramen" characterized by thick and tender pork and a plentiful helping of vegetables. The powerful soup combined with the sweet soy sauce and chewy "washiwashi" noodles provide a filling experience!



GANSO ABURADO Oil noodles

"Soupless ramen" using carefully made custom noodles that can be customized for your own original taste with tabletop condiments. The stylish atmosphere of the stores is also popular with women, and arrangements of flavor are limitless!



GATTON Kyushu Tonkotsu

"Kyushu tonkotsu ramen" characterized by soup matured by hours of cooking. The specially ordered ultra-thin noodles sought to match the rich and deeply flavored soup provide the ultimate flavor.



SHI-TEN-NOH Soy sauce tonkotsu

Very popular with visitors from foreign countries. "Pork bone broth ramen" characterized by its light richness.

Brand List (2/2)



NAGAOKA SHOKUDO Chinese Soba

"Chinese soba" with ginger soy sauce that is popular as a local ramen in Nagaoka City in Niigata. Popular with men and women of all ages due to the deep flavor of the light soup using carefully selected ingredients.



AKAMISOYA Miso

"Miso based ramen" with plenty of flavor of stir fried vegetables.



E. A. K. RAMEN

Overseas



E.A.K. RAMEN IEKEI

Providing a flavor to match local needs based on "IEKEI Ramen."



Overseas



Machida Shoten IEKEI

Provides "IEKEI" ramen overseas with the same quality as company-owned domestic stores in terms of taste, space and service!

— Making Successful Stores in Any Location



Locations near train stations			Roadside
Downtown areas/ business districts		Residential areas	
			
Competitor C		-	-
Competitor H		-	-
Competitor M	-	-	
Competitor K	-	-	

Store Opening Strategy



Possible to operate successful stores both near train stations and roadside areas

Areas near train stations

Downtown areas

Ikebukuro Shoten



Residential areas

Tsunashima Shoten



Business districts

Yotsuya Shoten



Shibuya Store



Kyodo Store



Suidobashi Store



Roadside areas

Roadside

Shimizu Interchange Store



Nakamachidai Store



Kyoto-Higashi Interchange Store



Himeji Store



Fujinomiya Store



— Roadside Stores



Roadside stores are also popular with families.

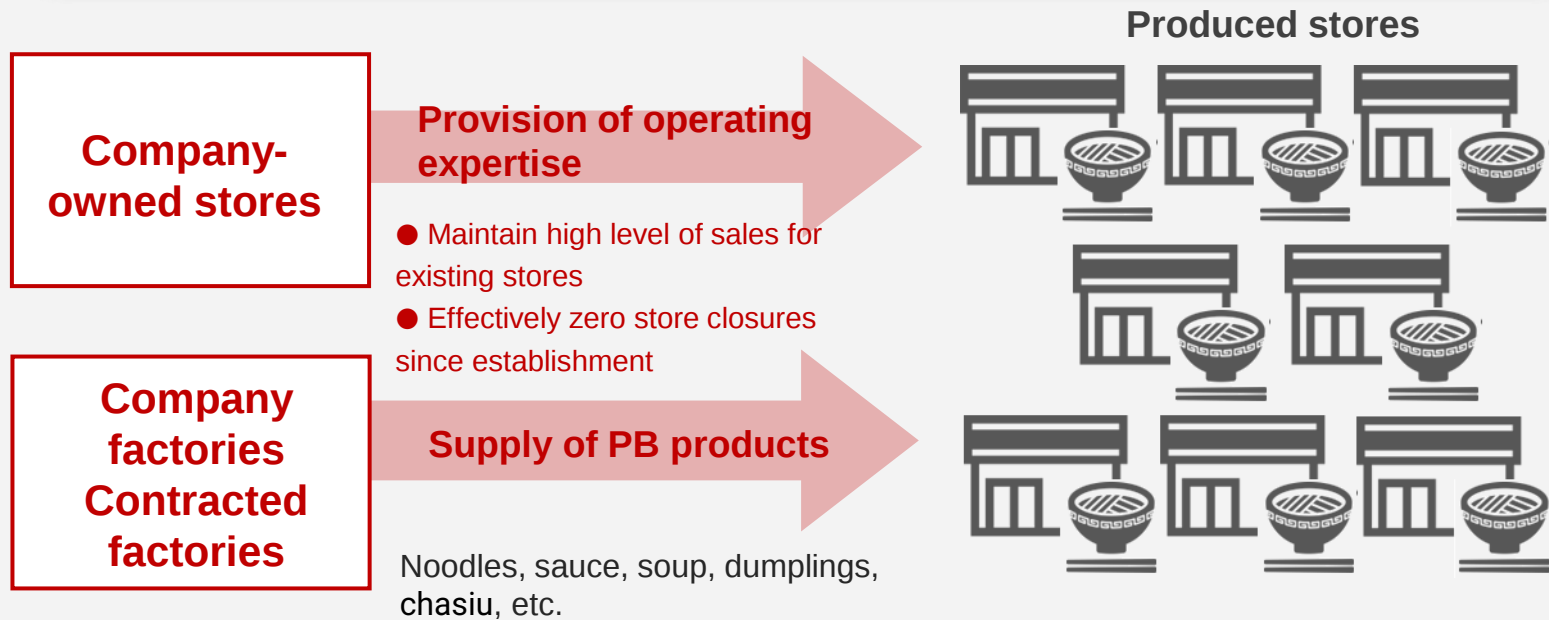
- Parking area (20-30 vehicles)
- Opening stores based on analysis of factors such as the state of competition, population of the trade area and traffic volume
- Creation of stores that can be enjoyed by families
- Improvement of menu for families
- Maintaining trend of increasing customer spend
- Roadside stores are more successful than stores near train stations.



— Produced Stores

<The Company's original channel> Operating scheme of produced stores

The Company provides support for making stores owned and operated by partners successful by leveraging operating expertise of company-owned stores and supplying ingredients (PB products).



* In contrast to a franchise system, no guarantee money, franchise membership fee or consulting fee (royalties) are required. The production of stores at the time of their launch based on operating expertise of company-owned stores is provided free of charge as a general rule on the condition of purchase of ingredients.

— Differences Between Produced Stores and Franchise Stores



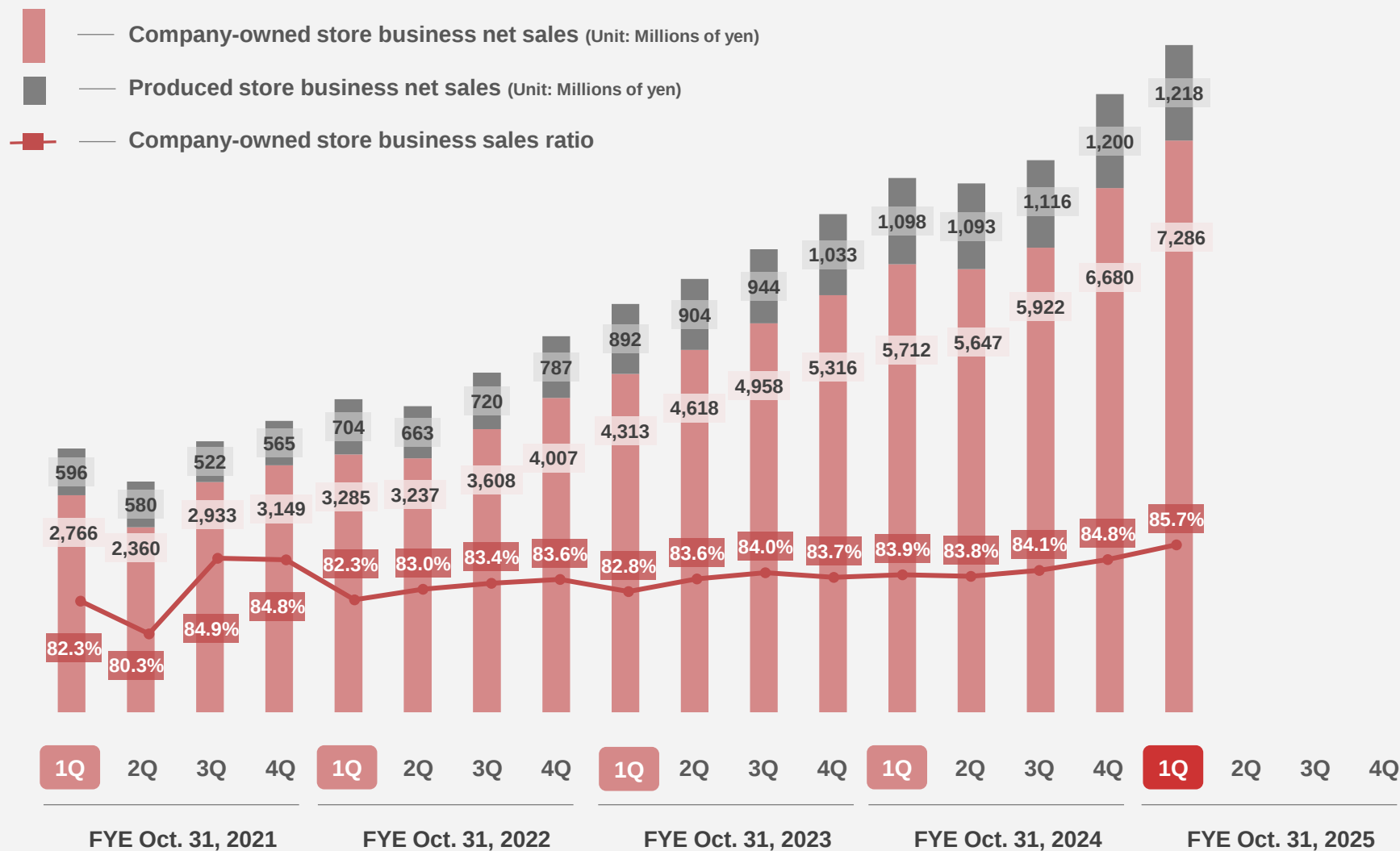
	Franchise stores	Produced stores
Trade name	Not selectable	Freely selectable
Membership fee	1-5 million yen	0 yen
Royalties	Approx. 5% of monthly sales	0 yen
Freedom of store operation and menu development	×	○
Risk of overall ripple effect of damage to brand by a member store	Large	Small
Various support*	Available	Available

* Various support: Property development, store design, employee training, opening support

Quarterly Net Sales in Company-owned Store Business and Produced Store Business



The sales ratio of the company-owned store business is increasing.



Other Quarterly Trends



		FYE Oct. 31, 2023				FYE Oct. 31, 2024				FYE Oct. 31, 2025			
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Number of stores (stores)	Overall	709	730	741	745	755	773	797	810	831			
	Company-owned in Japan	165	174	181	185	190	197	209	223	232			
	Company-owned foreign	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4			
	Outsourced stores	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9			
	Produced & franchise	532	544	548	548	553	564	576	574	586			
Cost of sales rate (%)		31.8	32.4	32.6	32.1	32.5	32.0	32.5	31.6	33.6			
Selling, general and administrative expenses rate (%)		57.9	58.8	57.6	56.0	54.2	58.6	60.2	57.6	57.2			
Of which, Labor cost rate (%)		25.8	26.6	27.6	25.8	25.8	27.1	27.6	26.7	26.7			

— Status of Stores (Breakdown of Change)

(Number of stores)		Number of stores as of October 31, 2024	Number of stores as of January 31, 2025	Change
Company-owned stores	Hokkaido	0	0	-
	Tohoku	22	24	+2
	Kanto and Koshin	147	153	+6
	Hokuriku	0	0	-
	Tokai	36	37	+1
	Kinki	17	17	-
	Chugoku and Shikoku	1	1	-
	Kyushu and Okinawa	0	0	-
	Overseas	4	4	-
	Subtotal	227	236	+9
Net sales	Outsourced stores	9	9	-
	Total	236	245	+9
	Produced stores			
	Hokkaido	18	18	-
	Tohoku	18	18	-
	Kanto and Koshin	325	328	+3
	Hokuriku	14	14	-
	Tokai	59	62	+3
	Kinki	48	50	+2
Net sales	Chugoku and Shikoku	31	31	-
	Kyushu and Okinawa	27	28	+1
	Overseas	14	14	-
	Subtotal	554	563	+9
	Franchise stores in Japan	11	11	-
	Franchise stores overseas	9	12	+3
	Total	574	586	+12
	Total number of stores	810	831	+21

7,286
million
yen

1,218
million
yen

Status of Stores (Company-owned Stores + Franchise Stores / Breakdown of Change by Brand)



“Machida Shoten” and “GANSO ABURADO” are expanding.

Brand					
Number of stores	158	40	23	5	4
Change compared to end of the previous fiscal year	+5	+1	+3	(1)	-

Brand					Other
Number of stores	2	1	3	12	11
Change compared to end of the previous fiscal year	-	-	-	+2	+2

B/S Summary

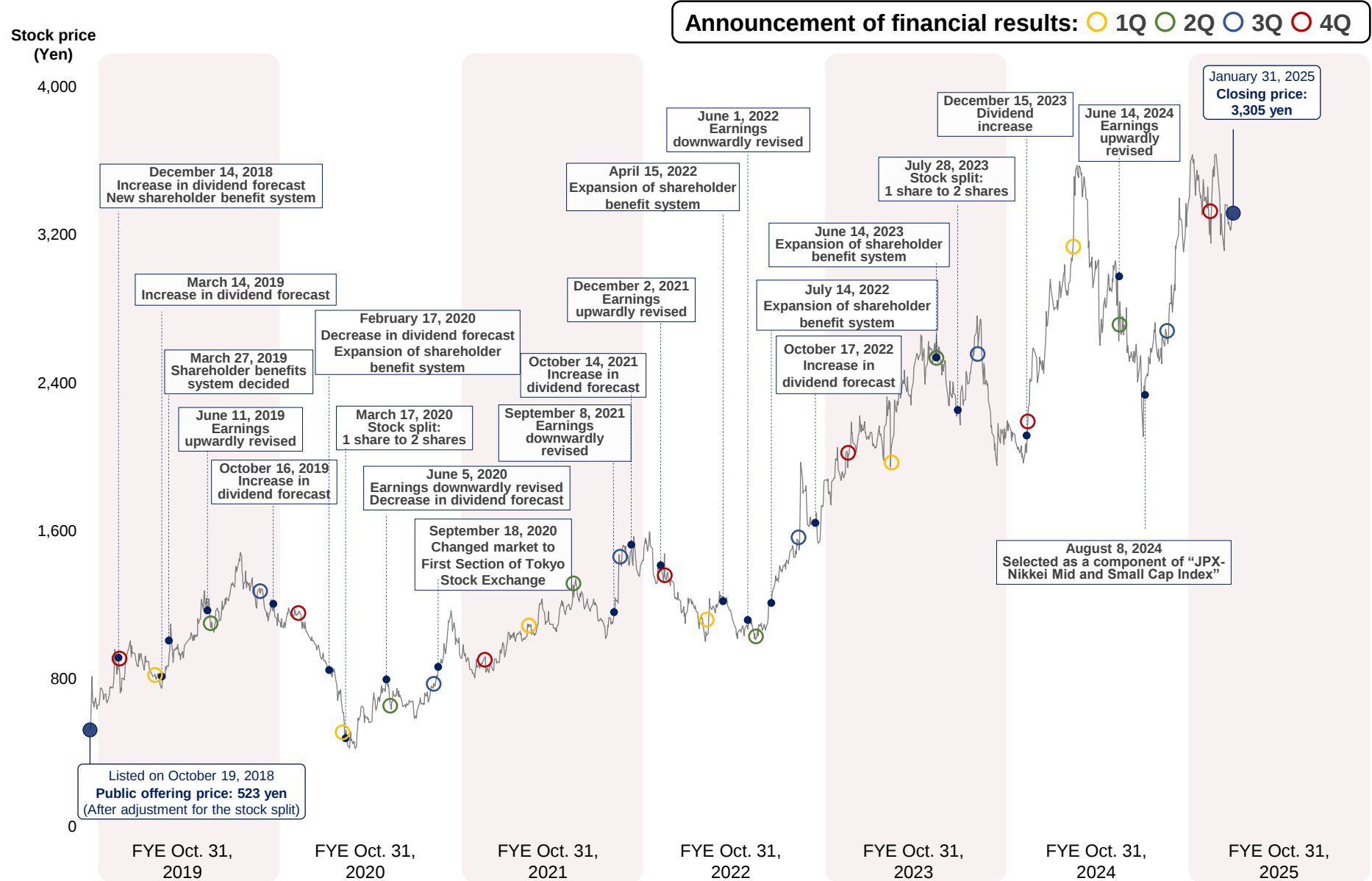


(Unit: Millions of yen)	As of Oct. 31, 2024	As of Jan. 31, 2025	Change
Current assets	4,368	4,511	+142
Cash and deposits	2,442	2,447	+4
Accounts receivable - trade	714	761	+47
Other	1,211	1,301	+90
Non-current assets	12,731	13,933	+1,202
Property, plant and equipment	9,450	10,455	+1,004
Intangible assets	236	222	(13)
Investments and other assets	3,044	3,255	+211
Total assets	17,099	18,444	+1,344

(Unit: Millions of yen)	As of Oct. 31, 2024	As of Jan. 31, 2025	Change
Current liabilities	5,356	5,865	+508
Accounts payable - trade	931	885	(45)
Short-term borrowings	14	1,128	+1,113
Current portion of long-term borrowings	1,198	1,294	+95
Other	3,212	2,556	(655)
Non-current liabilities	3,365	3,693	+328
Long-term borrowings	2,786	3,027	+240
Other	578	666	+87
Total liabilities	8,722	9,559	+836
Total net assets	8,377	8,885	+507
Share capital	824	824	+0
Capital surplus	1,052	1,052	+0
Retained earnings	6,278	6,645	+367
Treasury shares	(1)	(1)	-
Accumulated other comprehensive income	217	357	+140
Non-controlling interests	5	5	+0
Total liabilities and net assets	17,099	18,444	+1,344

— Stock Price Trends (from Listing to January 31, 2025)

The stock price has risen by a little over 6 times since listing.



Information for the IR Website, QA Station and IR News Distribution Service



IR website

Other investor relations (IR) materials are available on our English IR website:



<https://www.gift-group.co.jp/english/>

Machida Shoten

For details of our main brand Machida shoten, please refer to the following website:



<https://us.machidashoten.com>

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