## Supplementary Material for FY2024 Q2 Financial Results

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#### Consolidated Financial Highlights



(Millions of yen)

	FY23 NovApr.	FY24 NovApr.	Percentage change	FY23 Feb.–Apr.	FY24 Feb.–Apr.	Percentage change	FY24 forecast	Progress towards full-year forecast	
Net sales	221,968	248,123	11.8%	114,025	127,218	11.6%	498,000	49.8%	
Gross profit (Gross margin)	24,518 (11.0%)	29,239 (11.8%)	19.3%	13,256	15,008	13.2%	_	_	
SG&A expenses (SG&A ratio)	10,384 (4.7%)	11,519 (4.6%)	10.9%	5,461	5,819	6.6%	ı	-	
Operating profit (Operating margin)	14,133 (6.4%)	17,720 (7.1%)	25.4%	7,795	9,188	17.9%	31,000	57.2%	
Ordinary profit (Ordinary margin)	13,198 (5.9%)	18,036 (7.3%)	36.7%	11,079	9,972	-10.0%	33,000	54.7%	
Profit attributable to owners of parent (Net margin)	9,110 (4.1%)	12,345 (5.0%)	35.5%	7,761	6,821	-12.1%	21,500	57.4%	

#### [Financial Overview]

#### Net sales

Net sales increased by ¥26,154 million (11.8%) year on year with robust new store openings and continued strong product shipments to existing stores.

#### Gross profit

Gross profit increased by ¥4,721 million (19.3%) year on year due to the continued strong net sales despite the impact of the exchange rate fluctuations.

#### SG&A expenses

SG&A expenses increased by  $\pm 1,135$  million (10.9%) year on year due to increases in freight costs along with increased net sales of the Gyomu Super Business and personnel and rent expenses resulting from the opening of Premium Karubi restaurants.

#### Operating profit

As a result of the factors above, operating profit increased by ¥3,586 million (25.4%) year on year.

#### • Ordinary profit

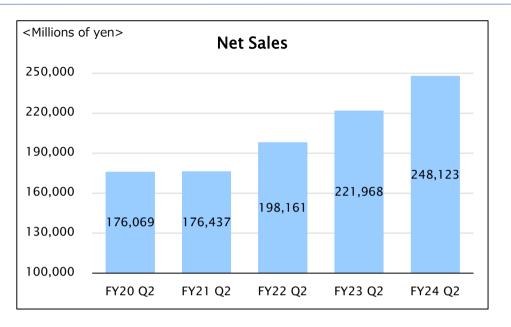
Ordinary profit increased by ¥4,838 million (36.7%) year on year due to the absence of the significant valuation loss on derivatives for forward exchange contracts recorded in FY2023 resulting from the temporary appreciation of the yen.

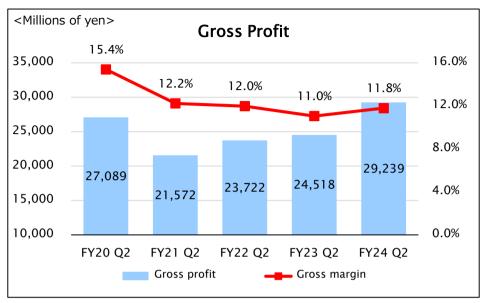
#### • Profit attributable to owners of parent

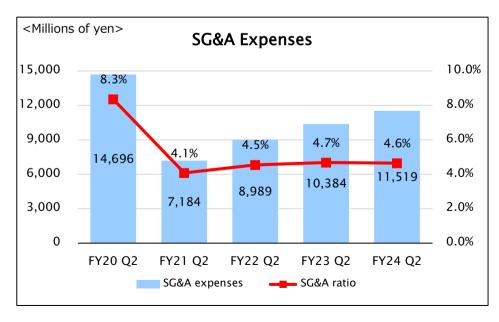
As a result of the factors above, profit attributable to owners of parent increased by ¥3,235 million (35.5%) year on year.

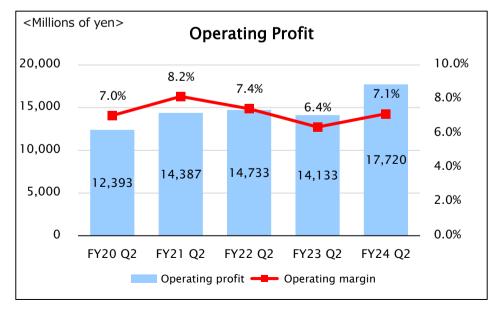
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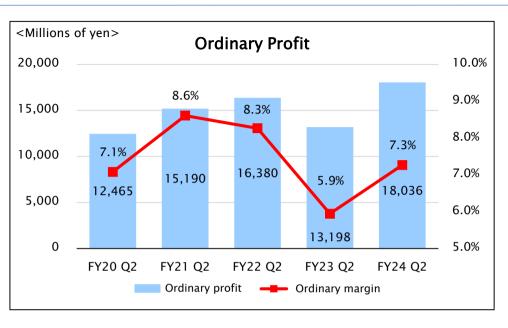


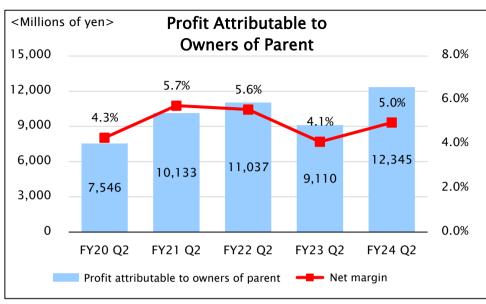
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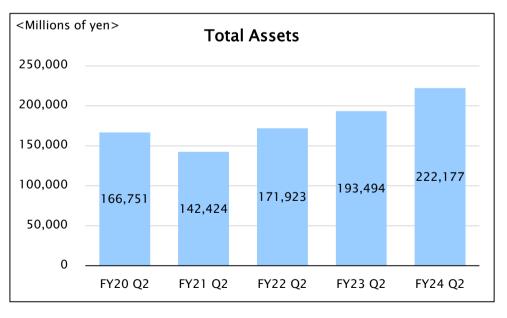


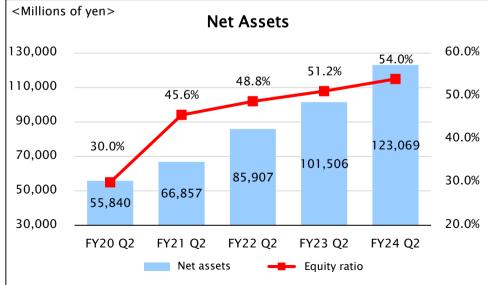
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#### Gyomu Super Business

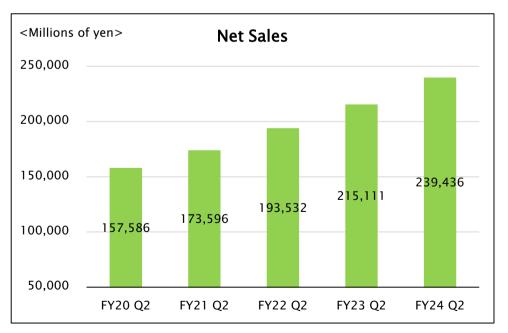


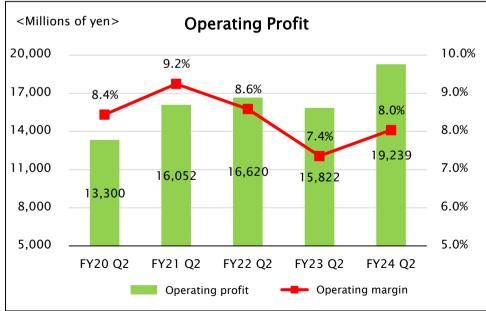
Gyomu Super is our core business. Operating results of this business segment reflect wholesale sales to, and royalty fee from, Gyomu Super franchisees earned by Kobe Bussan, a franchisor (franchising headquarters), as well as earnings of Kobe Bussan Group's plants.

- Gyomu Super stores have expanded nationwide with 1,062 stores as of April 30, 2024.
- Net sales for FY2024 Q2 exceeded the planned amount due to strong performance of the existing stores.
- With Kagoshima being classified into the directly managed areas on April 1, all the prefectures of Kyushu are now classified as the directly managed areas.



Inside the Gyomu Super Yokohama Izumi Store





Note: Due to a change in the reportable segment structure in FY2021, the figures for FY2020 are reclassified retrospectively to reflect the change.

#### Outline of Gyomu Super Franchise Agreement



#### We operate Gyomu Super stores under a franchise system except 4 stores of our own.

Our franchise agreement has 2 types as follows:

• General franchise contract, which allows a franchisee to open 1 store in our directly managed areas (\*1).

• Area franchise contract, which allows a franchisee to open multiple stores in a defined prefecture in our indirectly managed areas (\*2).

Also, we own 4 stores in Hyogo, Osaka and Kanagawa prefectures under direct operations.

\*1 Directly managed areas

Hokkaido area: Hokkaido prefecture

Kanto area: Tokyo, Chiba, Kanagawa, and Saitama prefectures

Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo (excl. Awaji Island), Nara, Wakayama, and Shiga prefectures Kansai area: Fukuoka, Saga, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Oita, Miyazaki, and Kagoshima prefectures Kvushu area:

\*2 Indirectly managed areas

Prefectures other than those listed above Other areas:

#### **Outline of Franchise Contract & Requirements**

(as of April 30, 2024)

	Directly managed areas	Indirectly managed areas		
Number of franchisees	91	14		
Type of franchise agreement	Single-unit franchise (A general franchisee can open 1 store per contract.)	Multi-unit franchise (An area franchisee has an exclusive right to open multiple stores in a prefecture defined under the contract.)		
Initial franchise fee (excl. consumption taxes)	¥2,000,000	Population in the prefecture x ¥2		
Franchise deposit	¥10,000,000	Population in the prefecture $x  imes 5$		
Royalty fee	1% of total purchase of goods	1% of purchase of defined goods		
Facility expenses	It costs between ¥32 million and ¥38 million to construct racks for shelf-stable foods and refrigeration equipment (the above construction cost is a rough estimate and varies depending on properties). Equipment, construction work, POS registers, and other funds for start-up are required separately.			
Distribution expenses	Principally paid by franchise headquarters	Negotiable		

#### Simulated Earnings

(Standard Store Franchisees)

P&L account	Monthly amount	Composition
Net sales	¥43,500,000	100.0%
Gross profit	¥7,395,000	17.0%
SG&A expenses	¥6,499,000	14.9%
(Rent expenses)	¥1,300,000	3.0%
(Personnel expenses)	¥2,393,000	5.5%
Operating profit	¥896,000	2.1%

<sup>\*</sup> By purchasing items such as fresh food separately, many of franchisees operate more efficiently than the above simulation.

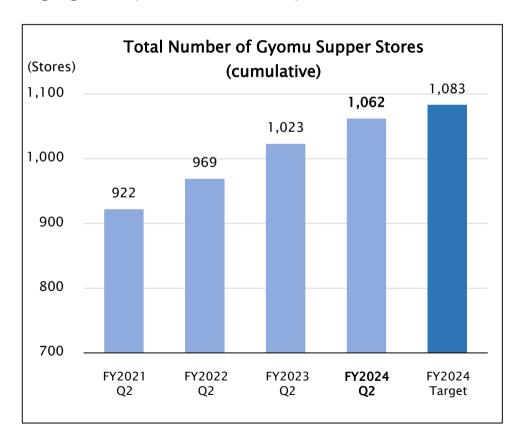
#### Changes in Total Number of Gyomu Super Stores



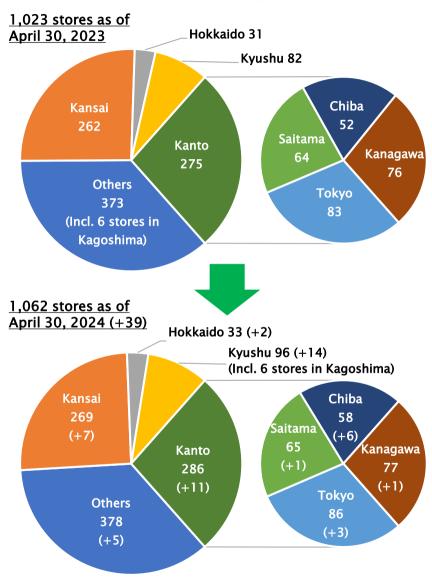
Gyomu Super opened 23 stores and closed 9 during FY2024 Q2 cumulative, and opened 20 stores and closed 9 stores during FY2024 Q2 alone.

The progress at the end of FY2024 Q2 was 40% toward the full-year target of a net increase of 35 stores.

During FY2024 Q2, we expanded store openings ranging widely from Kanto to Kyushu.



#### Number of Stores by Area



Directly managed areas: Hokkaido, Kanto, Kansai, and Kyushu Indirectly managed areas: Other

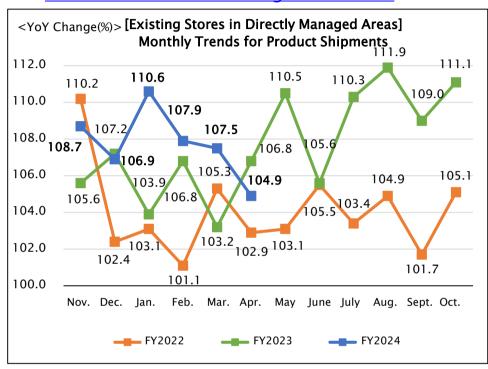
Note: Effective April 1, 2024, the area category of Kagoshima prefecture was changed from indirectly managed areas to directly managed areas.

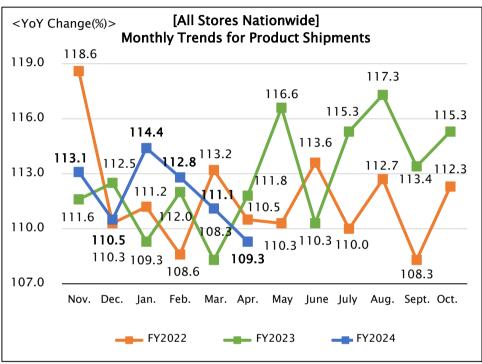


## Year-on-year Changes in Product Shipments to Gyomu Super Stores



Product shipments to existing stores during FY2024 Q2 increased year on year, with the number of customer visits recovering nationwide.





#### [Year-on-year % Changes in Product Shipments to Gyomu Super Stores]

		FY2023			FY2024						
		H1	H2	Full	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Н1
Directly	Existing stores	105.6	109.4	107.7	108.7	106.9	110.6	107.9	107.5	104.9	107.7
managed areas	All stores	111.4	114.7	113.1	112.7	110.2	113.8	111.7	111.0	109.1	111.3
Nationwide	All stores	111.0	114.7	112.9	113.1	110.5	114.4	112.8	111.1	109.3	111.7

Products shipments to existing stores in directly managed areas for each quarter alone

Q1: 108.6%

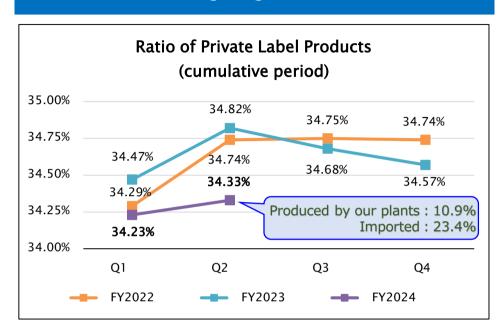
Q2: 106.7%

Note: "Nationwide" represents the product shipments to the stores in both directly and indirectly managed areas.

#### Kobe Bussan's Strengths: "Unique Products with Competitive Advantages"



#### **Enhancing Original Products**



#### **■** Import products









Peking duck ¥1,274 (1,000g)

Peking duck wrappers ¥192 (200a)

Taiwanese braised pork rice sauce made of soybean meat ¥267 (195g)

Chocolate brownies ¥235 (5 pieces)

#### **New Plant Started Operations**

The new plant increased Miyagi Seifun's production capacity by approx. 2.5 times.

Photo: Exterior view of the new plant



- A new head factory of Miyagi Seifun in Watari-gun, Miyagi started its operations in April 2024.
- With the factory added to the Group, we have come to own 26 domestic food plants.
  - Products produced by the new plant of Miyagi Seifun







Tenderly braised pork ¥505 (550g)



Petit daifuku ¥321 (750g)

The Restaurant & Delicatessen Business covers restaurants and delicatessen shops that we operate directly or as a franchisor (franchising headquarters). This business segment includes Kobe Cook World Buffet, a buffet-style restaurant chain; Premium Karubi, a served a-la-carte buffet style BBQ restaurant chain; and Chisouna, a delicatessen shop chain.

- All the three brands performed well.
- Both restaurant businesses successfully attracted customers driven by events, such as a spring break.
- Chisouna steadily opened new shops.

As a result of the above, the segment performance improved significantly.



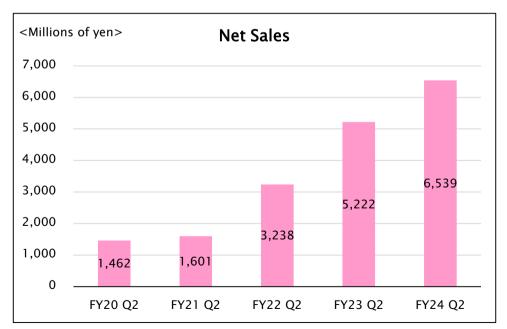


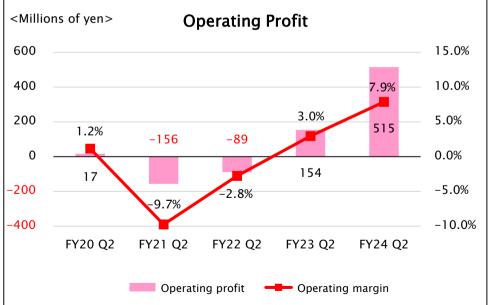


Kobe Cook World Buffet

Premium Karubi

Chisouna





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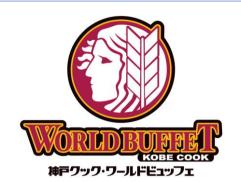


#### **Kobe Cook World Buffet**

Total Number of Restaurants: 15 (as of April 30, 2024)

Kobe Cook World Buffet opened 1 restaurant and closed none, resulting in a net increase of 1 restaurant during FY2024 Q2 cumulative, and did not open or close any restaurants during FY2024 Q2 alone.

We got increased exposure to TV programs and YouTube channels.





#### **Measures to Attract Customers**

We offer a world cuisine fair whose feature area changes every two months. We held the "South Korea Fair" from December 26 to February 29 and the "Italia Fair" in March 1 to April 30. Each fair introduces 10 to 20 new menu items to meet needs from many different guests. The Italia Fair had enormous visitors partly thanks to a spring break included in its period. The kids menu, which is limited to weekends and public holidays, was also well received. We will continue to create an environment where small children can eat with a peace of mind.

#### **Business Strategy for FY2024 H2**

During the spring break period, net sales of all restaurants almost recovered to prepandemic levels due to high demand from families. We will aim to keep prepandemic sales levels and further grow throughout the fiscal year, not just during this quarter alone. Demand from large party guests such as tourists from home and abroad is also expected to continue. Going forward, we will encourage customers to visit the restaurant more frequently by continuing to offer services that satisfy customers with a dining experience unparalleled to any other restaurant chains in terms of the menu, volume of food, and price.



Seasonal special offer in March and April: "Italia Fair"



#### Premium Karubi

Total Number of Restaurants: 21 (as of April 30, 2024)

Premium Karubi opened 1 restaurant and closed none, resulting in a net increase of 1 restaurant during FY2024 Q2 cumulative, and did not open or close any restaurants during FY2024 Q2 alone.



We plan to start franchising the brand.

#### Overview of FY2024 H1

At the Shonandai Store, which opened in December 2023, installation of express lanes has significantly shortened waiting time for ordered items and reduced operating costs through labor saving. In terms of desserts as a specialty of Premium Karubi, we offer baked sweets such as raw butter financiers using fermented butter and canelés as well as homemade gelatos with more flavors than the existing restaurants, which were well received by customers.

In March and April, our restaurants successfully attracted customers by capturing demand for auspicious occasions such as graduation and enrollment. We are aiming to franchise this brand by developing services that meet customer needs.

#### Restaurants Opened during FY2024

Shonandai 7-37-9 Shonandai, Fujisawa-shi, Kanagawa

A new store with a beverage station is scheduled to open in Shizuoka in July.









Premium Karubi Shonandai Store

Note: Menus may vary by restaurant and season.



#### **Chisouna**

Total Number of Shops: 121 (as of April 30, 2024)

Chisouna opened 7 shops and closed none, resulting in a net increase of 7 shops during FY2024 Q2 cumulative, and opened 4 shops and closed none during FY2024 Q2 alone.

The number of shops has been expanding since we started establishing them in Gyomu Super stores while our franchisees remained eager to open new shops.



#### **Factors behind Strong Performance**

Despite continuous soaring prices of raw materials, Chisouna maintains a price advantage by working on menu changes and improvement in cooking operations efficiency. In addition, a strong synergy effect on attracting more customers to Gyomu Super stores is accelerating the willingness of franchisees to open new shops.

The store policy of providing freshly prepared dishes by instore cooking staff with large serving size keeps attracting customers.

To create more attractive shop floor that satisfies customers, we continue to expand a variety of menu items while increasing the number of shops along with Gyomu Super store openings.









Note: Products and prices may vary by shop and season.

#### Eco Renewable Energy Business



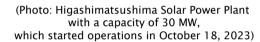


We provide eco-friendly, safe, and reliable renewable energy by operating solar and woody biomass power plants.

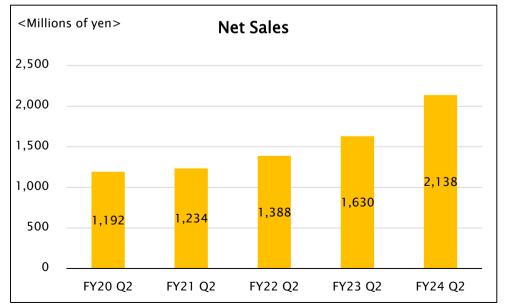
- A new plant in Higashimatsushima-shi, Miyagi with a generation capacity of 30 MW started operations on October 18, 2023, which is generating electricity steadily.
- As a result of the above, all of our planned solar power plants are now in operation with a total capacity of 81 MW.

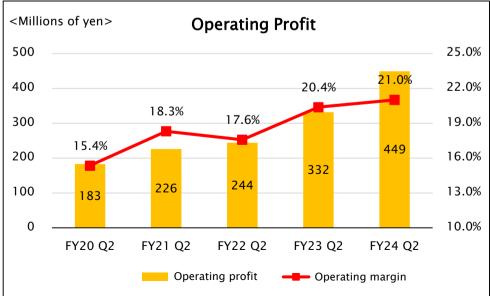






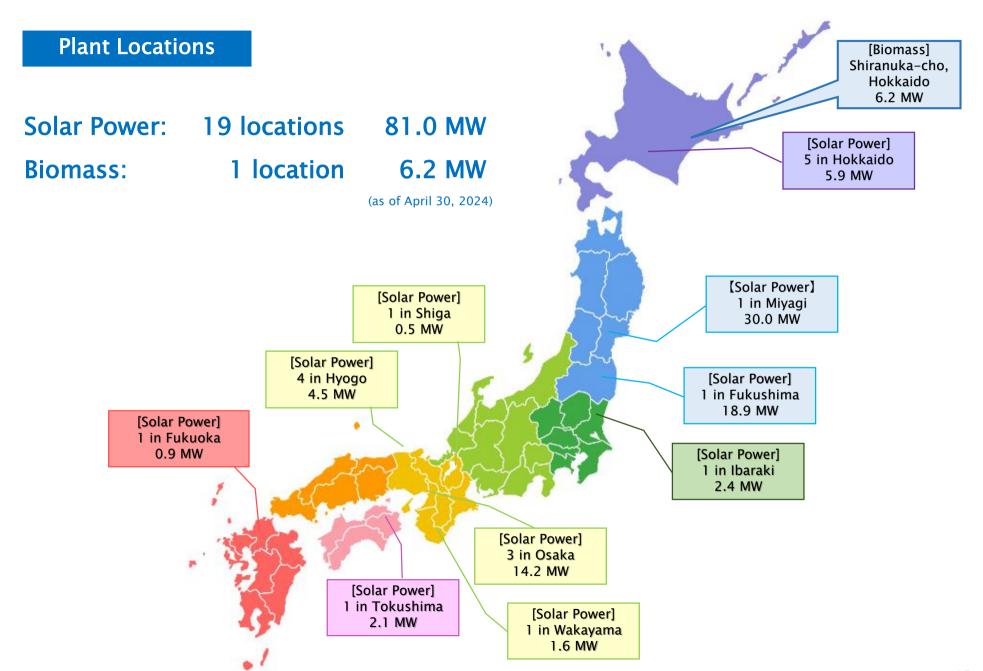






## **Eco Renewable Energy Business**





#### Shareholder Returns



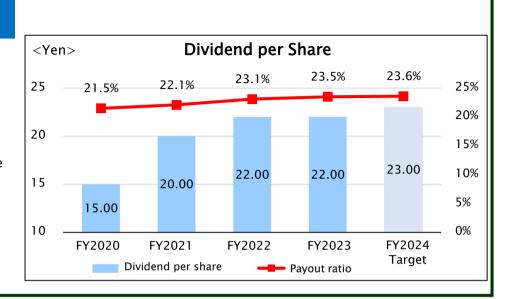
#### **Dividends**

Kobe Bussan regards returning profits to shareholders as one of key management issues. Our basic policy is to secure funds necessary for our business growth and distribute profits to shareholders according to the operating results.

For FY2023, we paid the annual year-end dividends of ¥22.00 per share as in previous years.

For FY2024, we plan to pay the annual dividends of ¥23.00 per share.

Note: The figures in the graph on the right have been adjusted for the effect of the 2-for-1 stock splits carried out in November 2020.



#### **Shareholder Benefit Program**

The shareholder benefit program has been introduced to express Kobe Bussan's gratitude for the continuous support of its shareholders and to gain the deeper understanding of customers for its businesses. We will send JCB Gift Card to shareholders who hold 100 shares or more as of October 31 of each year, according to the number of years of ownership and the number of shares held.

	Shareholder incentives					
Number of shares held	Continuous ownership years Less than 3 years	Continuous ownership years 3 years or more				
100-999	JCB Gift Card ¥1,000	JCB Gift Card ¥3,000				
1,000-1,999	JCB Gift Card ¥10,000	JCB Gift Card ¥15,000				
2,000 or more	JCB Gift Card ¥15,000	JCB Gift Card ¥20,000				



Sample

Note: Shareholders may opt to exchange the gift cards for an assortment of private label products worth the face value.





## Seek to consistently grow our businesses with a focus on the Gyomu Super Business by enhancing private label products.

## ■ Basic Policy and Strategy

- 1. Expand Restaurant & Delicatessen Business
- 2. Strengthen production capacity of private label items produced by our plants
- 3. Consistently grow Gyomu Super Business

## **■**Key Measures

- 1. Open new Gyomu Super stores consistently to exceed 1,130 stores.
- 2. Increase product shipments to existing Gyomu Super stores by 2% or higher year on year.
- 3. Increase the PB ratio to 37%.
- 4. Invest more than 10 billion yen in our group's plants annually to strengthen domestic PB products.
- 5. Encourage our franchisees to introduce energy-saving refrigeration equipment and automatic ordering systems to improve efficiency in store operations.
- 6. Open new shops consistently in the Restaurant & Delicatessen Business and start franchising Premium Karubi.





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	FY2024 Q2 actual	FY2024 forecast	FY2026 target			
Net sales	248,123	498,000	543,000			
Operating profit	17,720	31,000	37,000			
ROIC	Maintain 10% or higher, aiming for growth every year					



# By serving a noble cause of offering more value with less price, we, as an integrated food company, are committed to improving customers' affluent life.

- ■Targets for Achievement of Long-term Vision
- 1. Expand the Gyomu Super chain to reach over 1,500 stores
- 2. Raise the PB ratio to 40% or higher
- 3. Achieve a total of over 500 shops for all brands of the Restaurant & Delicatessen Business
- 4. Reduce the SG&A ratio by investing in distribution centers
- 5. Raise the consolidated operating margin to 10% or higher

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