Morito Co., Ltd.

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**Company Profile** 

# **Morito Group Values**

**Founding Principles** 

### **Active and Steadfast**

**Corporate Principle** 

DESIGN YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE WITH OUR VARIOUS PARTS.

**Corporate Vision** 

Create Morito's existence value,

Realize "New Morito Group"

## **Company Profile**

#### Founded in 1908

- Began operating in Osaka as a broker of eyelets and hooks
- Later expanded operations mainly for sales of MAGIC TAPE® and other clothing accessories, automotive interior components, etc.

#### Trading company with manufacturing functions

- A specialized trading company that handles everything from planning and development to manufacturing, wholesale, and distribution
- · Operating 19 locations around the world

#### Operating three businesses

- Apparel, product, and transportation businesses form the core of our operations
- Ratio between in-house production and procurement is 3:7



\*Eyelet: A metal ring attached to a hole in shoes, clothing, etc. through which a lace or cord is threaded







# **Operations by Business**

#### **Apparel Business**

<Examples of products handled>









Hooks

MAGIC TAPE®

**Buttons** 



Tape Evelets and shoelaces

In-house brands

<Applications> Casual wear/shoes Sportswear/shoes Working wear/shoes Medical wear, baby wear Formal wear/shoes, bags

#### **Product Business**

<Examples of products handled>







Resin parts Insoles



Straps



snowboards, and

surfboards



In-house brands

#### <Applications>

Insoles and shoe care products Video equipment-related products such as camera and PC cases, braces and supports, safety products, teaching tools and stationery Skateboards, surfboards, etc.

Active sports products

#### **Transportation Business**

<Examples of products handled>







Hooks

MAGIC TAPE®

Nets







**Emblems** 

Trunk floor lining

Door armrests

#### <Applications>

Automotive interior components Railway and Shinkansen interior components Aircraft interior components

(FY 2022)

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# **Morito's Strengths**

#### Lines of business for daily necessities, which are unaffected by trends

Since we deal in parts for things that are vital to people's daily lives, many of our businesses are essentially immune to trends or economic downturns and can continue to operate as usual.

#### Stable performance with a diversified portfolio

Operating worldwide with three core businesses focused on apparel, products, and transportation, we have maintained a stable financial performance without falling into the red despite the impact of the oil crisis, the 2008 financial crisis, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Enjoying high market share for various products targeting niche areas

Many products dominate the market in their respective industry.

We have the top market share for metal hooks in Japan, and the highest or second highest in the world.

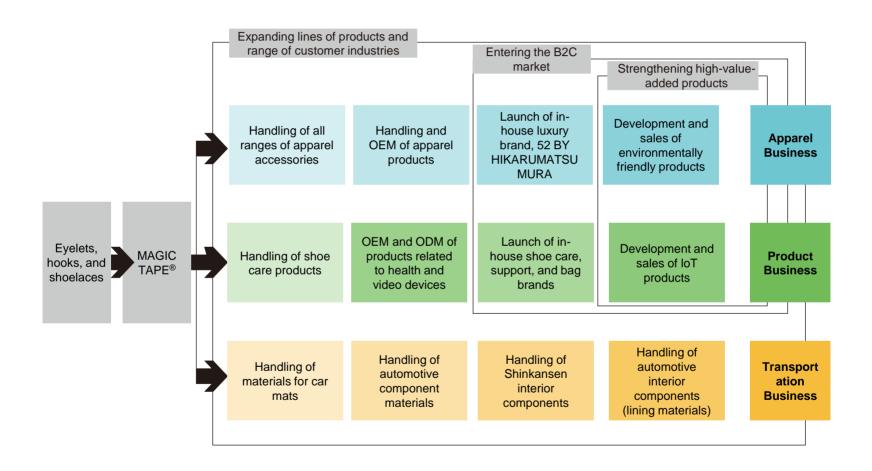
#### Global manufacturing, procurement, and sales capabilities

In addition to our own locations, we have partner plants and distributors all over the world, giving us close proximity to our customers and the ability to respond to their every need.

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# **Medium- and Long-term Policy**

# Past Efforts to Become a "Global Niche Top Company"



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Sales and Hong Kong, USA, Netherlands, China (Shanghai), Thailand, Myanmar, Mexico procurement **Building global** Manufacturing China (Shenzhen), USA (Georgia), Vietnam network M&A Scovill (USA), Matex (Japan), Maneuverline (Japan) · Establishing a global quality assurance system **Enhancing** · Establishing an in-house logistics center profitability · Transitioning to a holding company structure · Splitting operating company, Morito Japan **Strengthening** · Diversity and work style reform management · Personnel strategies, including hiring mid-career workers system

#### Medium- and Long-term Policy Morito's Vision

#### Become a global niche top company that keeps making a big difference in the world with small parts



8th Mid-term Management Plan



2020-2021

**Business strategies** 

- · Enter the B2C market and step up efforts
- · Gain top global market share across all markets
- · Localize management, manufacturing, and procurement, and establish new locations
- · Make capital investments in manufacturing companies and increase their production efficiency
- · Sign M&A deals
- · High-value-added products (safety, health, and environmental initiatives)

Corporate strategies

- · Leverage IT to support manufacturing, business, and sales activities
- Strengthen management of operations and procurement to build a sound financial structure and improve capital efficiency
- · Operate the company with SDGs in mind

Building a business structure to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic

- · Streamline costs
- · Enhance profitability
- · Streamline unprofitable businesses



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8th Mid-term Management Plan

# 8th Mid-term Management Plan (Running through FY 2026)

#### Made partial changes to the 8th Mid-term Management Plan in January 2023

#### **Key Changes**

1. Formulated a sustainability policy

https://www.morito.co.jp/sustainability\_en/

2. Revised capital policy

Build a stable and well-balanced financial capital structure in order to procure and manage funds necessary for corporate activities in a stable and efficient manner over the long run

#### Strategies

- (1) Improve medium- to long-term capital efficiency (ROE) → Adopt efficient management practices
- (2) Add stability to the performance-based capital return to shareholders → Distribute profits appropriately
- (3) Improve asset efficiency → Streamline balance sheet, create cash flows, and actively invest funds
- (4) Optimize capital structure → Utilize financial leverage

# 8th Mid-term Management Plan (Running through FY 2026)

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#### 3. Change in shareholder return policy

Determine based on the Basic Dividend Policy below, taking into consideration investment projects and financial conditions (beginning in FY 2023)

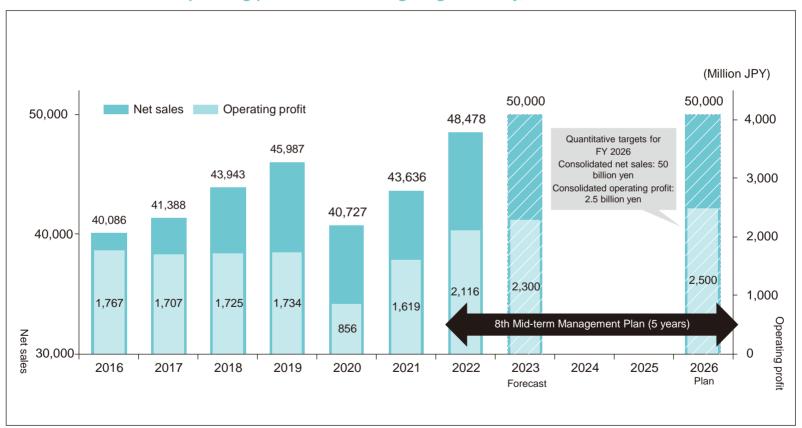
- Realize stable and continuous dividend payments
- Dividend payout ratio of 50% or more on a consolidated basis in relation to profit attributable to owners of parent
- Dividend on equity (DOE) ratio target of 4.0% on a consolidated basis

However, in a fiscal year with a significant fluctuation in after-tax profit attributable to owners of parent due to special factors such as extraordinary income or losses, the dividend amount will be determined in light of the corresponding impact.

## 8th Mid-term Management Plan Quantitative Targets (for FY 2026)

Set FY2022–FY2026 quantitative targets for net sales and operating profit at 50,000 million JPY and 2,500 million JPY respectively

\*If both net sales and operating profit reach the target figures early, revise them.



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FY2023.11 1Q Financial Results

# FY2023 1Q Highlights

- Stagnant demand due to slowing consumption in Europe, the U.S., and China on top of rising raw material prices, delays in marine transportation, and rising transportation costs
- Despite signs of recovery, the semiconductor shortage continued into 1Q
- Gross profit ratio improved significantly due to an improvement in the cost of sales ratio through price negotiations and an increase in sales of highvalue-added products
- 1Q net sales, operating profit, ordinary profit, and net income hit all-time highs since we began reporting quarterly results

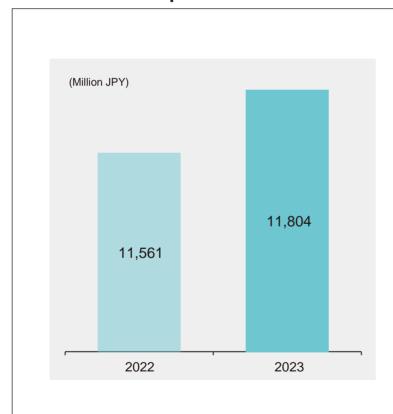
# **FY2023 1Q** Summary of Financial Results

	FY 2022	FY 2023	Increase/Decrease	Y/Y
Net sales	11,561	11,804	+243	+2.1%
Gross profit	3,058	3,232	+174	+5.7%
Gross profit ratio	26.5%	27.4%		
Cost	2,448	2,613	+165	+6.8%
Cost ratio	21.2%	22.1%		
Operating profit	610	619	+9	+1.5%
Operating profit ratio	5.3%	5.2%		
Ordinary profit	655	661	+6	+0.9%
Ordinary profit ratio	5.7%	5.6%		
Net income	449	516	+67	+14.9%
Net income ratio	3.9%	4.4%		

### FY2023 1Q Net Sales

Net sales: 11,804 million JPY Y/Y: +243 million JPY (+2.1%)

Increased due to higher sales for Japan segment and recovery of transportation business in Europe and the U.S.



Japan 8,502 million JPY

Y/Y: +590 million JPY (+7.5%)

Asia 1,719 million JPY

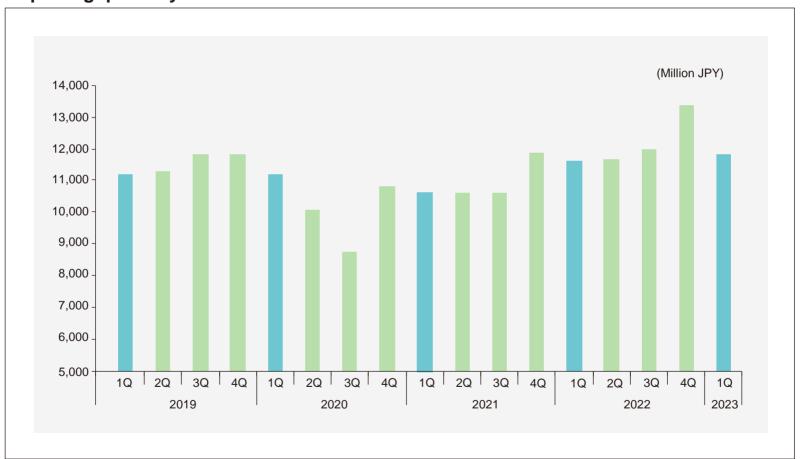
Y/Y: -493 million JPY (-22.3%)

Europe & the U.S. 1,582 million JPY

Y/Y: +146 million JPY (+10.2%)

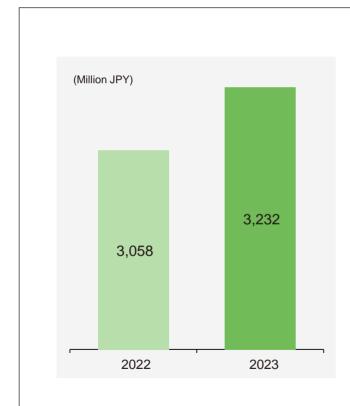
# **FY2023 1Q Quarterly Financial Trends**

1Q was off to a good start. Net sales hit a record high since we began reporting quarterly results.



# FY2023 1Q Gross Profit

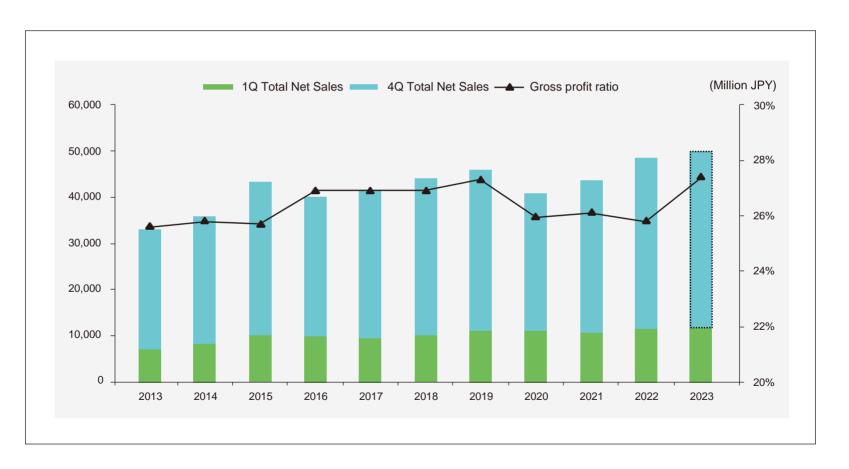
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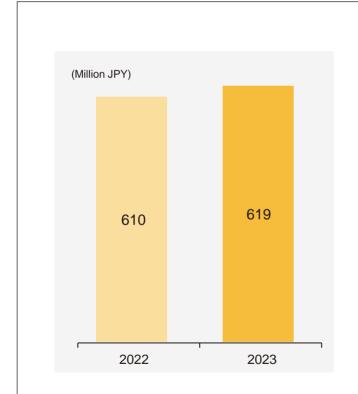
## FY2023 1Q Trends in Net Sales & Gross Profit Ratio

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# **FY2023 1Q** Operating Profit

Operating profit: 619 million JPY Y/Y: +9 million JPY (+1.5%) Increased due to higher gross profit.

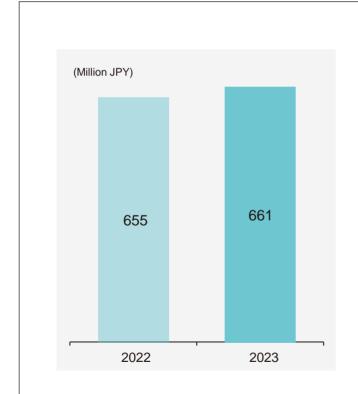


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# **FY2023 1Q** Ordinary Profit

Ordinary profit: 661 million JPY Y/Y: +6 million JPY (+0.9%) Increased due to higher operating profit.

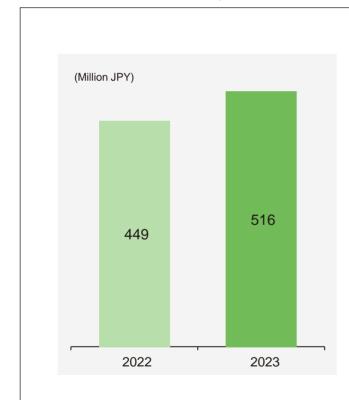
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# FY2023 1Q Net Income

Net income: 516 million JPY Y/Y: +67 million JPY (+14.9%)
Increased due to an increase in extraordinary income as a result of sale of investment securities, etc.



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## FY2023 1Q Consolidated Balance Sheets

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	2022 4Q	2023 1Q						
	Assets							
Current assets	30,481	28,924 (1,557)						
Fixed assets	19,790	19,348 (442)						
Total assets	50,271	48,272 (1,999)						

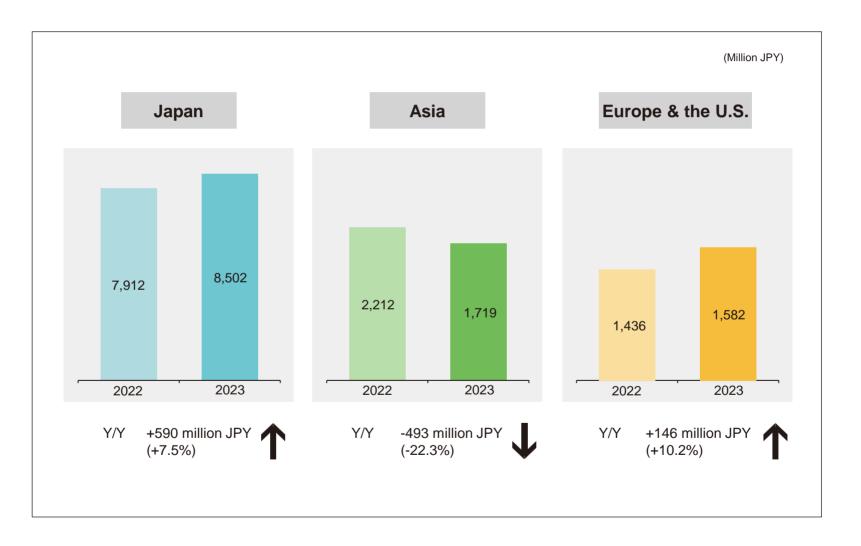
	2022 4Q	2023 1Q			
	Liabilities				
Current liabilities	9,309	<b>7,958</b> (1,351)			
Fixed liabilities	4,278	4,231			
Total liabilities	13,587	12,189 (1,398)			
Net assets					
Shareholders' equity	31,860	31,933 (+73)			
Accumulated other comprehensive income	4,768	4,101 (667)			
Share acquisition rights	55	48 (7)			
Total net assets	36,684	36,083 (601)			
Total liabilities and net assets	50,271	48,272 (1,999)			

Equity ratio 74.6% (FY2022 4Q 72.9%)

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FY2023.11 1Q Business Overview

# FY2023 1Q Net Sales by Region

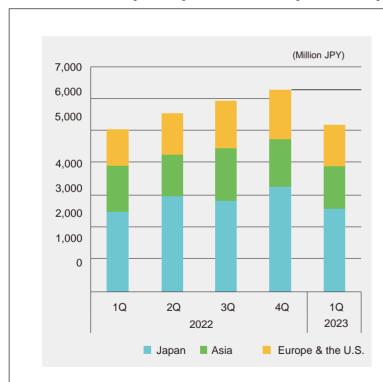


# FY2023 1Q Net Sales for Apparel Business

Net sales: 5,158 million JPY Y/Y: +116 million JPY (+2.3%)

Sales of accessories for athletic shoes were strong.

In Asia, Europe, and the U.S., demand remained stagnant and inventories continued to pile up as consumption dropped off.



#### Japan

- · Increase in accessories for working wear
- Increase in accessories for athletic shoes

#### Asia

- Increase in accessories for baby wear in China and Hong Kong
- · Increase in accessories for athletic shoes in Vietnam
- In China and Hong Kong, decrease in accessories for casual wear and working wear sold in Europe and the U.S.

#### Europe & the U.S.

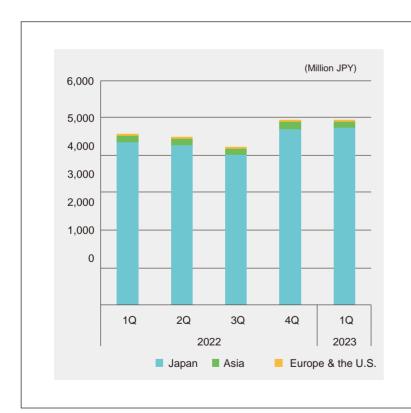
- · Decrease in accessories for casual wear
- · Increase in accessories for leisure products

### FY2023 1Q Net Sales for Product Business

Net sales: 4,920 million JPY Y/Y: +365 million JPY (+8.0%)

Demand remained strong for products sold in Japan.

Large amount of winter snowfall boosted sales of snowboarding products.



#### Japan

- · Increase in medical device-related products
- · Increase in products for one-coin shops
- · Increase in snowboarding and outdoor products
- Increase in kitchen appliance rental, sales, and cleaning business

#### Asia

· On a par with last year

# FY2023 1Q Net Sales for Transportation Business

Net sales: 1,725 million JPY Y/Y: -238 million JPY (-12.1%)

The impact of the semiconductor shortage is easing, but the Chinese market is affected by the zero-COVID policy in addition to the semiconductor shortage.



#### Japan

 Increase in automotive interior components for Japanese automotive manufacturers

#### Asia

 Decrease in automotive interior components for Japanese automotive manufacturers in China

#### Europe & the U.S.

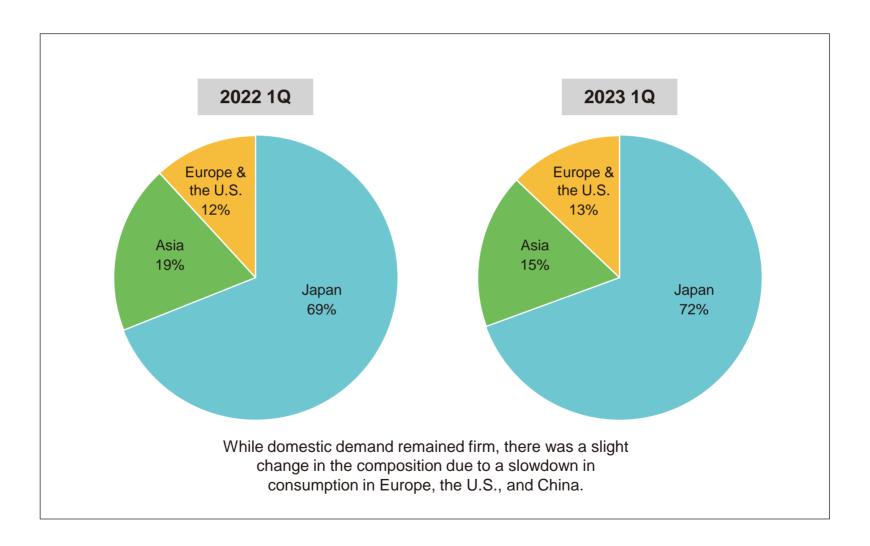
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# FY2023 1Q Net Sales by Region (Quarterly)

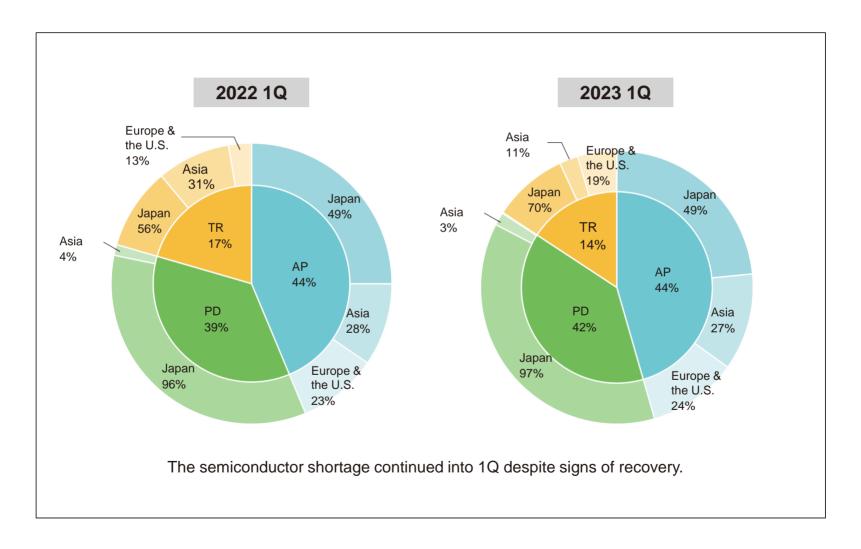
FY 2023						
	1Q Composition Increase/ Decrease Y/Y					
Japan	8,502	72.0%	+590	+7.5%		
Asia	1,719	14.6%	-493	-22.3%		
Europe & the U.S.	1,582	13.4%	+146	+10.2%		
Total	11,804	100.0%	+243	+2.1%		

	FY 2022							
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full year	Composition	Increase/ Decrease	Y/Y
Japan	7,912	8,196	8,031	9,377	33,516	69.1%	+3,287	+10.9%
Asia	2,212	1,885	2,180	2,063	8,340	17.2%	+286	+3.6%
Europe & the U.S.	1,436	1,564	1,755	1,866	6,621	13.7%	+1,268	+23.7%
Total	11,561	11,646	11,965	13,306	48,478	100.0%	+4,842	+11.1%

# FY2023 1Q Sales Composition by Region



# FY2023 1Q Sales Composition by Region & Business



# FY2023 1Q Forecast & Progress

## Progress in 1Q was on target.

	FY2023 1Q	FY2023 Full-Year Forecast	Progress
Net sales	11,804	50,000	23.6%
Operating profit	619	2,300	26.9%
Operating profit ratio	5.2%	4.6%	
Ordinary profit	661	2,450	27.0%
Ordinary profit ratio	5.6%	4.9%	
Net income	516	1,800	28.7%
Net income ratio	4.4%	3.6%	

**Business Topics** 

## **Environmental Initiatives** Rideeco

We continue to focus on the development and sales of products using materials made from discarded fishing nets.

Our fabric made from discarded fishing nets was adopted for smartphone pouches sold at Lexus Collection Spring/Summer 2023. Sales are expanding in industries other than apparel.



# Participating in Exhibitions in Japan and Overseas

We participated in a number of exhibitions in Japan and overseas to promote our Rideeco initiative and the environmentally friendly products we have developed.



NEW ENERGY TOKYO https://new-energy.ooo/



The NW Materials Show2023 https://americanevents.com



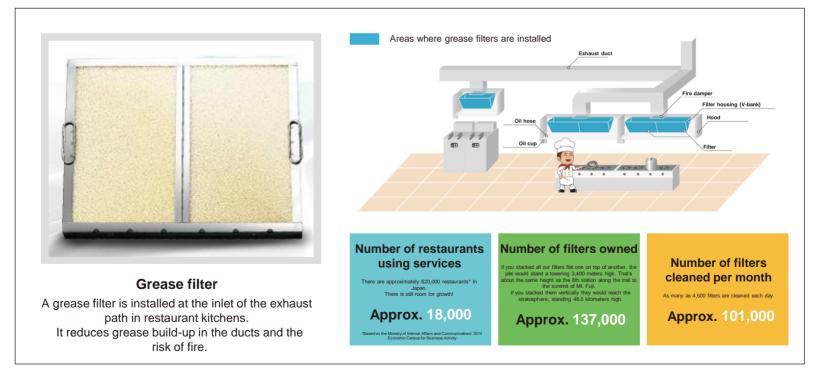
AAP 2023 EXHIBITION CONNECT & SPREAD http://www.aap-net.com/

### **Group Company** Ace Industrial Machinery Co., Ltd. (Product Business)

The company provides rental services for grease filters used in commercial kitchen ventilation hoods and has one of the highest market shares in Japan. It provides filter exchange, delivery, and cleaning services across Japan.

The company also offers kitchen exhaust hood cleaning services, helping restaurant operators realize a comfortable working environment and mitigate the risk of fire.

https://www.ace-kouki.co.jp/index.html



### **Group Company** Ace Industrial Machinery Co., Ltd. (Product Business)

The company operates a cleaning plant equipped with state-of-the-art cleaning systems at each location.

They efficiently remove contaminants from industrial wastewater to protect the environment.

A new service center was set up in Kanagawa Prefecture in 2022 to expand sales.





In-house plant equipment

Automatic filter cleaning and drying with an automatically controlled crane

#### **Environmentally friendly facility**

Ace Industrial Machinery focuses on saving energy in its cleaning plants, reusing water used to clean filters, and appropriately treating wastewater with an eye to achieving the SDGs.











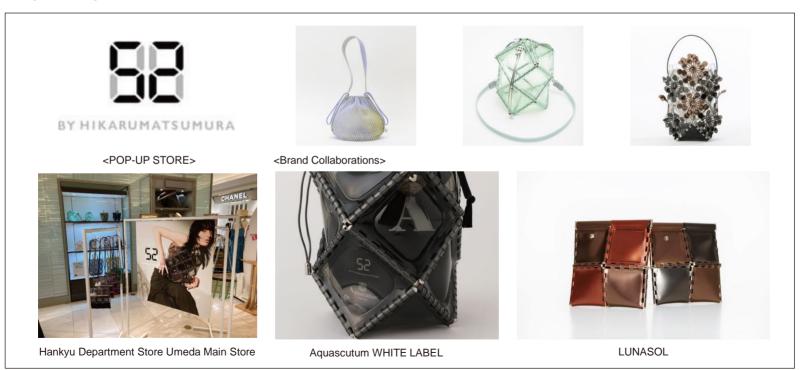
# **52 BY HIKARUMATSUMURA (Apparel Business)**

52 BY HIKARUMATSUMURA is our original brand for high-end designer bags.

Increased purchases from China and other Asian countries bode well for growing demand from inbound tourists.

Products are also sold via live streaming.

https://52byhikarumatsumura.com/

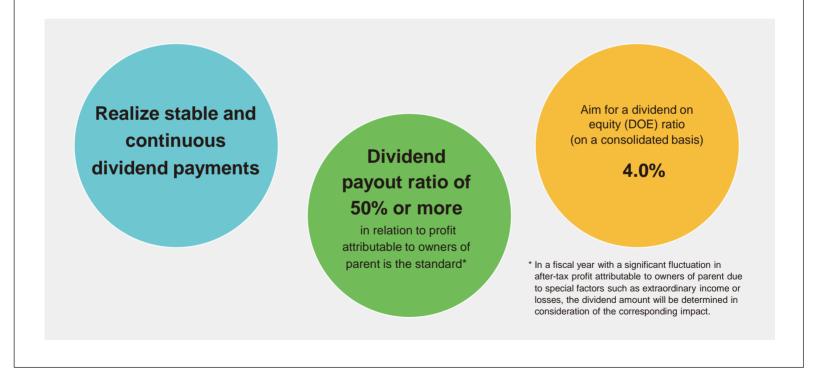


# **Shareholder Returns**

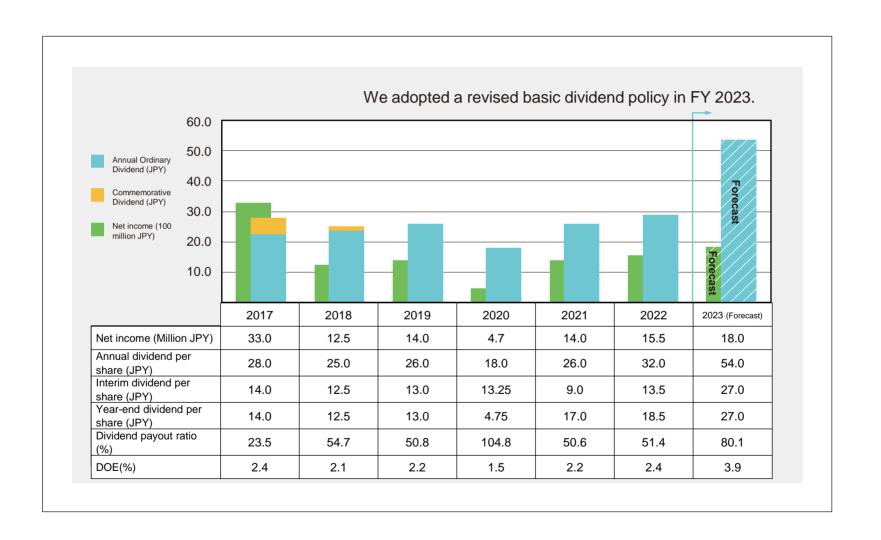
# **Basic Dividend Policy**

The basic policy was revised in FY 2023.

We regard returning profits to shareholders as one of the most important management issues, and determine the amount of dividends based on the following policy, taking into consideration investment projects and financial conditions (net assets, etc.). (Beginning in FY 2023)



# Trends of Dividend, Dividend Payout Ratio & DOE





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