

## EXPLANATORY MATERIAL ON FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 20, 2025

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ASAHI CO., LTD. TSE Prime Market (Securities code: 3333)

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#### **Overview of Financial Results**

- Net sales steadily increased as a result of strengthening OMO<sup>\*1</sup> and CRM<sup>\*2</sup>, and establishing a system for providing repair and maintenance, and other services
- Profitability improved due to the strengthened three growth foundations<sup>\*3</sup> from previous fiscal years

 Growing demand for switching to electric-assist bicycles with enhanced performance features and high unit prices

 Lengthening of the replacement cycle against a backdrop of a growing interest in saving money

Strengthen growth foundations

Market

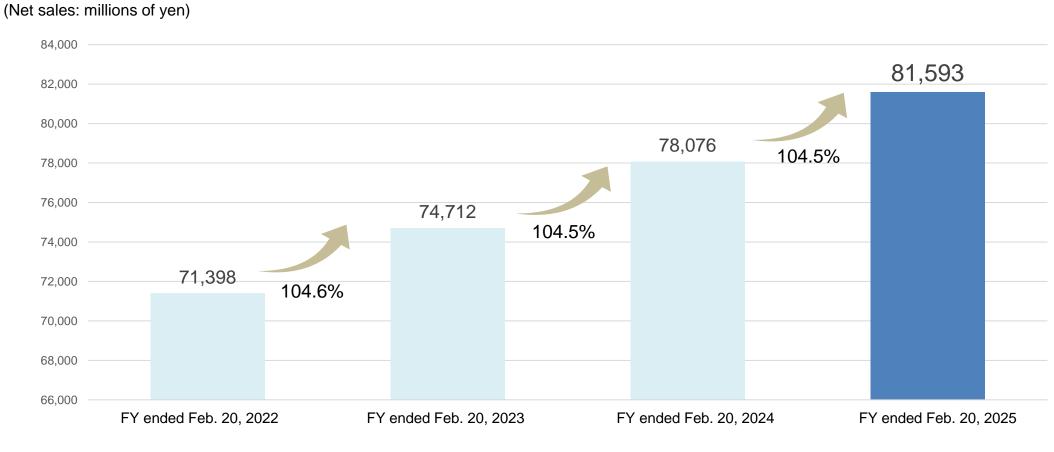
- Strengthened three growth foundations
- Refined the SPA business model

Strategies responding to change

- Strengthened OMO and CRM
  Improved profitability other than new bicycle sales
- \*1 OMO is the abbreviation for Online Merges with Offline. OMO is an approach that merges e-commerce and stores to offer customer experience value, enabling customers to obtain information, shop, and use such channels.
- \*2 CRM is the abbreviation for customer relationship management. We are strengthening our customer relations by providing information via the official Cycle Base Asahi smartphone application to make their bicycle life more convenient and comfortable.
- \*3 Three foundations of "enhancement and optimization of supply chain management," "enhancement of digital and IT platforms," and "enhancement of brand management" to be focused on in realizing the achievement of the Medium-Term Management Plan "VISION 2025."

#### **Changes in Net Sales of the Entire Company**

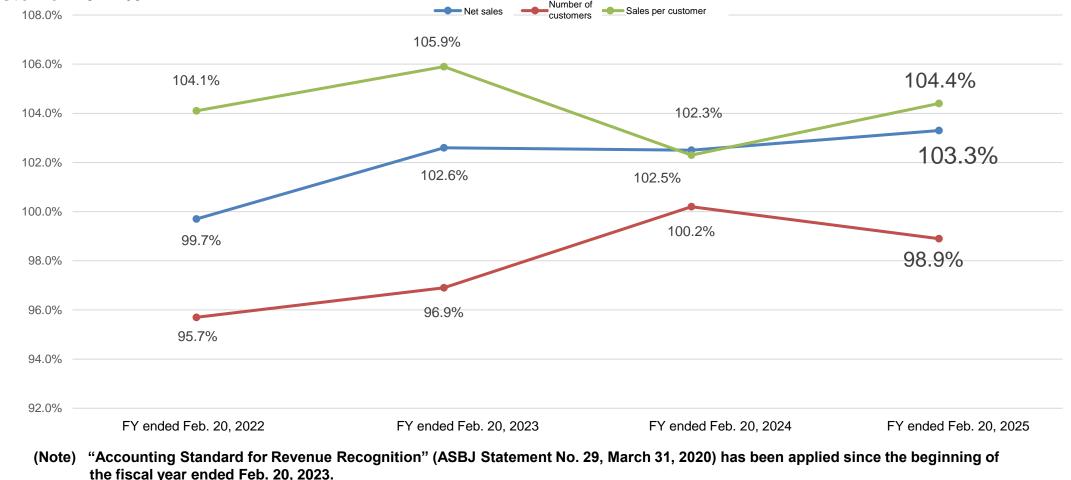
Achieving record highs in net sales consecutively since our listing in 2004
 114.3% compared with the fiscal year ended Feb. 20, 2022, with average annual growth rate of 4.5%



(Note) "Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition" (ASBJ Statement No. 29, March 31, 2020) has been applied since the beginning of the fiscal year ended Feb. 20, 2023.

# Changes (Y/Y) in Net Sales, Number of Customers, and Sales per Customer of Existing Stores

- Growth rate of net sales of existing stores steadily increased due to an increase in sales per customer with transition to electric-assist bicycles and other merchandise with enhanced performance features and high unit prices
- For existing stores in the fiscal year ended Feb. 20, 2025, net sales 103.3%, number of customers 98.9%, sales per customer 104.4%



#### Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ended Feb. 20, 2025

- Net sales steadily increased as sales of electric-assist bicycles and repair and maintenance services increased
   SG&A expenses have been optimized through proper personnel allocation and improved productivity
- <u>Sales and profits increased</u> from the previous fiscal year

	FY endec 20 Res	24	FY ended Feb. 20, 2025 Results				
	Amount	Ratio to net sales	Amount	Ratio to net sales	Y/Y change	Major factors	with plan
Net sales	78,076	100.0	81,593	100.0	104.5	Strengthened OMO and CRM Captured demand for repair and maintenance services	98.9
Gross profit	37,305	47.8	38,739	47.5	103.8	Sales per customer increased (104.4% Y/Y) amid weak new bicycles sales	97.8
Operating profit	4,912	6.3	5,485	6.7	111.7		99.7
Ordinary profit	5,192	6.7	5,626	6.9	108.4	Control of SG&A expenses	97.0
Profit	3,113	4.0	3,555	4.4	114.2		96.6

#### Fiscal Year Ended Feb. 20, 2025 Analysis in Comparison with the Plan

- Net sales for the full year failed to meet the plan due to lower net sales in September, November, and February
   Operating profit for the full year was at the same level as planned due to decreased net sales in the second half
  - Comparison with the plan for the first half and second half of the fiscal year ended Feb. 20, 2025

		FY e	ended Feb. 20,	2025	Major factors	
		First half	Second half	Full year		
	Results	46,420	35,172	81,593	Factors accounting for decreased net sales in the second half	
Net sales	Plan	46,000	36,500	82,500		
	Difference	420	(1,327)	(906)	November : Temporary inventory taken February : Impact of heavy snow	
	Results	4,763	722	5,485	Sales and profits increased compared with the plan through the first half	
Operating profit	Plan	4,400	1,100	5,500	Operating profit for the full year was at	
	Difference	363	(377)	(14)	the same level as planned due to decreased net sales in the second half	

#### **Results of SG&A Expenses and Capital Expenditures**

- Although personnel expenses increased due to the impact of wage increases, ratio to net sales decreased as a result of proper personnel allocation and improved productivity
- Logistics expenses increased as a result of temporary parallel operations of new and old centers due to the relocation of West Japan Logistics Center (Millions of yen, %)

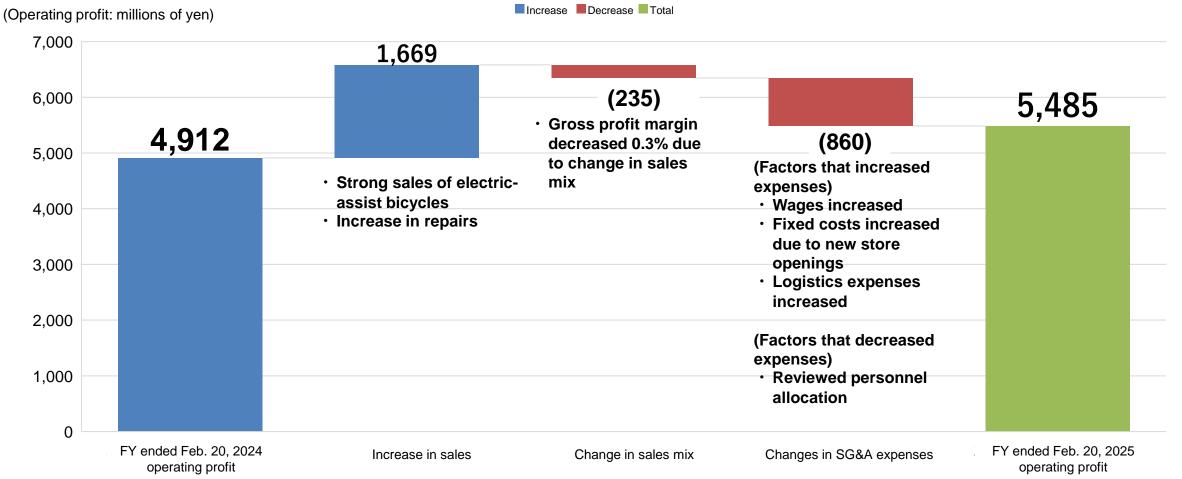
			FY ended Feb. 20, 2024 Results		FY ended Feb. 20, 2025 Results					
		Amount	Ratio to net sales	Amount	Ratio to net sales	Y/Y change	Factors			
SGa	&A expenses	32,393	41.5	33,253	40.8	102.7	Control of SG&A expense ratio			
	Personnel expenses	15,595	20.0	15,880	19.5	101.8	Proper personnel allocation, improved productivity			
Bre	Advertising expenses	715	0.9	794	1.0	111.2	Effective sales promotion, 75th anniversary measures			
Breakdown	Logistics expenses <sup>*</sup>	1,761	2.3	2,071	2.5	117.7	Increase in the number of bicycles sold, relocation of West Japan bases			
n	Depreciation	1,583	2.0	1,688	2.1	106.6	Opened new stores and renovated existing stores			
	Other	12,737	16.3	12,817	15.7	100.6	Opened new stores Fees for cashless payment, electricity rates			
	oital penditures		3,219		2,774	86.2	Core systems			

\* Transport + Storage

#### **Analysis of Changes in Operating Profit**

Gross profit increased as sales of electric-assist bicycles and repair and maintenance services increased

Although SG&A expenses increased due to wage increases, new store openings, and temporary parallel operations of logistics warehouses, operating profit increased by 573 million yen due to the optimization of personnel allocation



#### **Net Sales by Division**

■ In stores, net sales repair and maintenance services increased

■ In e-commerce, net sales increased due to enhancing the content of website and securing popular merchandise

(Millions of yen, %)

		FY ended Feb. 20, 2024 Results		2024 FY ended Feb. 20, 2025 Results				
		Amount	Retail share <sup>*1</sup>	Amount	Retail share <sup>*1</sup>	Y/Y change	Factors	
	Stores	65,566	86.4	66,643	84.0	101.6	E-commerce share grew significantly	
	E- commerce	10,321	13.6	12,705	16.0	123.1	due to strengthened OMO platform	
Reta (sub	il total)	75,887	100.0	79,348	100.0	104.6	Sales per customer (104.4% year on year)	
Othe	r <sup>*2</sup>	2,188	-	2,244	-	102.6		
Tota		78,076	-	81,593		104.5		
Mark	tet share*3	24%	-	25%	-	-		

\*1 Ratio of stores and e-commerce in retail.

\*2 Royalty income, product sales to franchise stores and wholesale customers, out-of-store sales, etc.

\*3 Our own estimate: Market share = Asahi bicycles sold ÷ bicycles sold on the domestic market (sources: Trade Statistics of Japan and Current Survey of Production by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

#### Net Sales by Item

- Sales of Asahi brand bicycles increased in the category of sports bicycles, children's bicycles, and electric-assist bicycles
- In the parts/other category, sales of repair and maintenance services increased even after the price revisions in the previous year
  (Millions of yen, %)

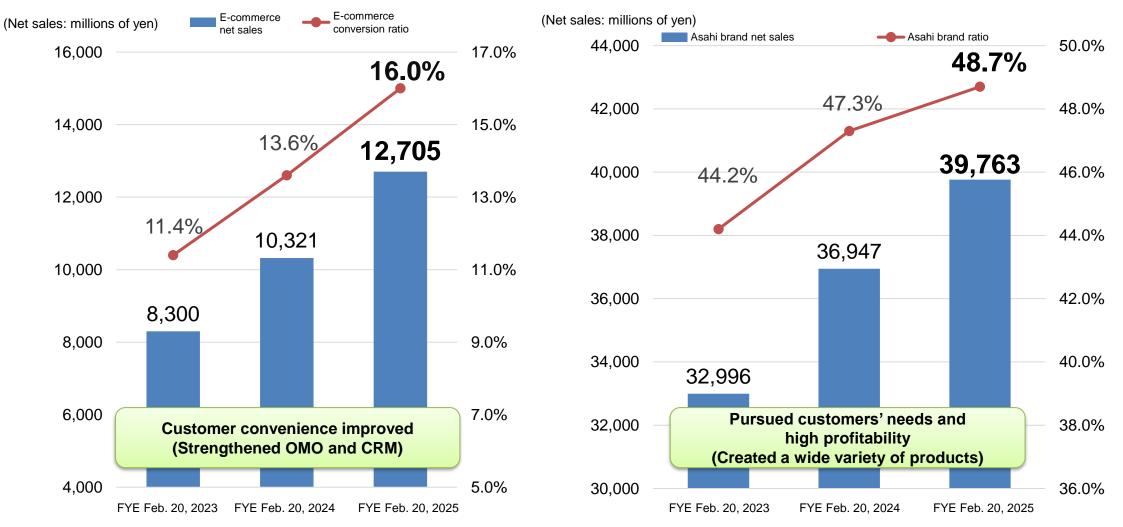
	FY ended Feb. 20, 2024 Results		FY ended Feb. 20, 2025 Results				
	Amount	Share	Amount	Share	Y/Y change	Factors	
Ordinary bicycles	13,117	16.8	13,312	16.3	101.5		
Sports bicycles	9,580	12.3	10,076	12.4	105.2	Strong sales of Asahi brand	
Children's bicycles	8,320	10.7	8,632	10.6	103.8	Strengthened product lineup	
Electric-assist bicycles	21,148	27.1	23,278	28.5	110.1	Strong sales of Asahi brand's ENERSYS	
Other bicycles	2,611	3.3	2,487	3.0	95.3		
Parts/Other	23,298	29.8	23,805	29.2	102.2	Decrease: Special demand for helmets in the previous year Increase: Repair and maintenance services	
Total	78,076	100.0	81,593	100.0	104.5		
Asahi brand net sales	36,947	47.3	39,763	48.7	107.6	Highly competitive product lineup offered to meet customers' needs	

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# Results from Strengthening Growth Foundations (E-commerce Conversion Ratio and Asahi Brand Ratio)

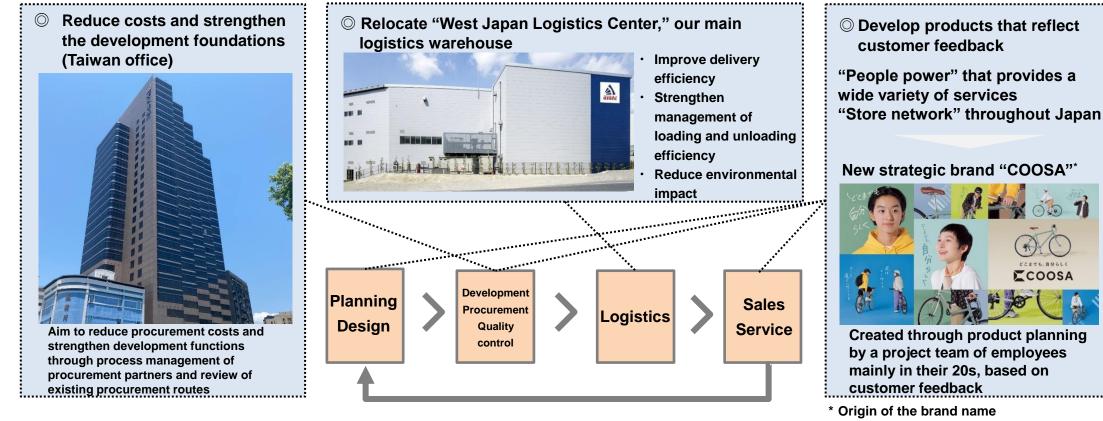
Average annual growth rate of e-commerce net sales: 23.7%

Average annual growth rate of Asahi brand net sales: 9.8%



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#### **Refining the SPA Business Model: Examples of Initiatives**



"COOSA" incorporates the following aspiration: we provide moments of interaction between people and bicycles, just like people interacting each other, hoping to bring bicycles that make communication even more fun for young people who value self-expression

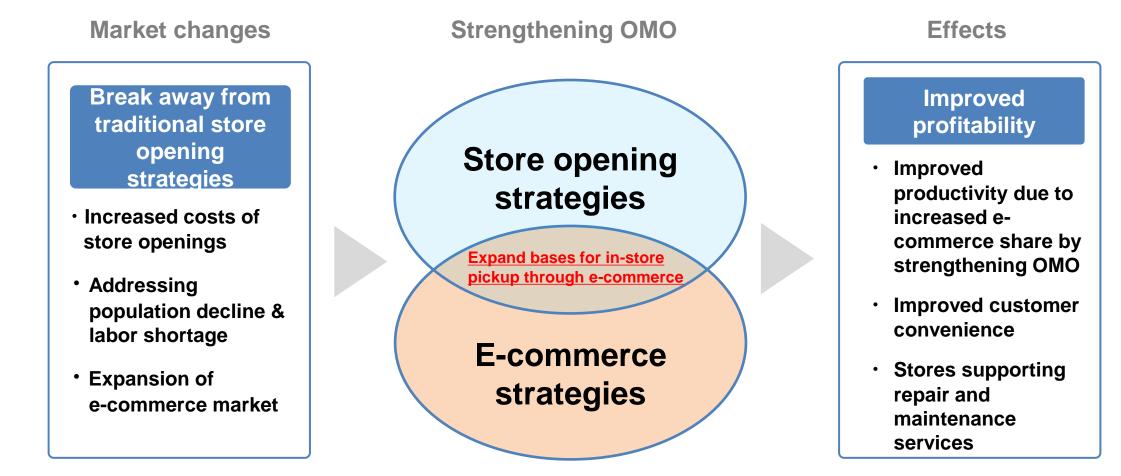
## Refining the SPA business model

Partner that supports customers' comfortable bicycle lifestyle

(Products and services that appropriately meet customers' needs)

#### **Store Opening Strategy in Response to Market Changes**

Responded to market changes such as increased costs of store openings and labor shortage
 Profitability improved as a result of accelerating store openings in areas with high e-commerce usage rate, as part of our efforts to strengthen OMO



#### **Promoted Expansion of Urban Format**

	As of Feb. 21, 2024		Number of stores opened	As of Feb. 20, 2025
Nur	nber of stores*	533	+12	545
	Of which, urban stores	9	+2	11

\* Includes 17 franchise stores (6 stores in Osaka, 1 store in Hyogo, 4 stores in Kyoto, 4 stores in Mie, and 2 stores in Kagoshima)

 $\bigcirc$ **Progress of urban stores** (Bases for in-store pickup through e-commerce sales, stores supporting demand for repairs)

Increased awareness  $\Rightarrow$  number of customers increased  $\Rightarrow$  increase in profit

#### **Established as a second format**



Osaka Honjonishi store, the second urban store in Kansai region (Kita-ku, Osaka)

#### List of urban stores

Tokyo (9 stores):

Kamiochiai store, Takadanobaba store, Minamisenju store, Hikifune store, Minamikamata store, Kiyosumishirakawa store, Honancho store, Ryogoku Kamezawa store, and Ikejiri store Osaka (2 stores): Naniwasaiwaicho store and Osaka Honjonishi store

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© Revised plan for the final year of the Medium-Term Management Plan "VISION 2025"

	VISION2025	Plan for the f	iscal yea	r ending Feb. 20, 2026
	Target value	Target value	Evaluation*	Key points
Net sales	¥85,000M	¥85,800M	0	[Changes since the plan was formulated] • Weakening of the yen
Operating profit	¥6,800M	¥5,620M	×	<ul> <li>Rising construction and labor costs</li> <li>Market size in terms of units</li> </ul>
Number of stores	560	561	0	has declined well below expectations
E-commerce share	15%	16.9%	0	Expected profit will be
Market share	26%	27%	0	significantly lower due to the deviation from the assumptions

#### \* Evaluation

O: VISION 2025 targets are expected to be achieved

#### Assumptions for the Plan for the Fiscal Year Ending Feb. 20, 2026

#### Market conditions and initiatives

Item	FY ending Feb. 20, 2026
Market conditions	Number of bicycle imports will gradually decline Replacement cycle will be prolonged Repair and maintenance services will be concentrated in specialty bicycle stores
Initiatives	Strengthen links between OMO and CRM $\Rightarrow$ improve LTV* Improve expertise $\Rightarrow$ increase in sales of repair and maintenance services and parts Net sales increase 105% year on year = <u>sales per</u> <u>customer 100%</u> x <u>number of customers 105%</u>

\* Lifetime value, or LTV, is the total value provided throughout the customer's full lifetime.

#### Plan for the Fiscal Year Ending Feb. 20, 2026

- Net sales will increase by improving e-commerce share and expanding business domain other than new bicycle sales
- Gross profit margin will improve through cost reduction initiatives for Asahi brand
- In SG&A expenses, personnel expenses and system-related expenses will increase

	FY ended Fe Res	eb. 20, 2025 ults	FY ending Feb. 20, 2026 Plan					
	Amount	Share	Amount	Share	Y/Y change	Factors		
Net sales	81,593	100.0	85,800	100.0	105.2	Strengthen links between OMO and CRM Increase sales of parts, repair and maintenance		
Gross profit	38,739	47.5	41,500	48.4	107.1	services		
Operating profit	5,485	6.7	5,620	6.6	102.4			
Ordinary profit	5,626	6.9	5,750	6.7	102.2	Improve human productivity Enhance digital and IT		
Profit	3,555	4.4	3,650	4.3	102.6	platforms		

#### **Net Sales by Division**

In stores, promote the expansion of business domain with high customer needs other than new bicycle sales
 In e-commerce sales, further promote OMO strategy by building a highly convenient website and using the store and logistics network

FY ended Feb. 20, FY ending Feb. 20, 2026 2025 Plan Results Y/Y Retail Retail Amount Amount Factors share\*1 share<sup>\*1</sup> change 66.643 84.0 69,400 83.1 104.1 Stores Strengthen links between OMO and CRM E-14,100 111.0 12,705 16.0 16.9 commerce Increase sales of reused products, parts, and repair and maintenance services Retail 79,348 100.0 83,500 100.0 105.2 (subtotal) Other<sup>\*2</sup> 2,244 102.5 2,300 81,593 85,800 Total 105.2 25% 27% Market share<sup>\*3</sup>

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#### Net Sales by Item

- Number of bicycles sold will increase as the competitiveness of Asahi brand will improve in each item, particularly electric-assist bicycles
- Sales of parts/other will increase by strengthening repair and maintenance systems

	FY ended Fel Resu	•	FY ending Feb. 20, 2026 Plan			
	Amount	Share	Amount	Share	Y/Y change	
Ordinary bicycles	13,312	16.3	13,800	16.1	103.7	
Sports bicycles	10,076	12.4	10,800	12.6	107.2	
Children's bicycles	8,632	10.6	9,000	10.5	104.3	
Electric-assist bicycles	23,278	28.5	24,500	28.6	105.2	
Other bicycles	2,487	3.0	2,600	3.0	104.5	
Parts/Other	23,805	29.2	25,100	29.3	105.4	
Total	81,593	100.0	85,800	100.0	105.2	

#### **SG&A Expenses and Capital Expenditures**

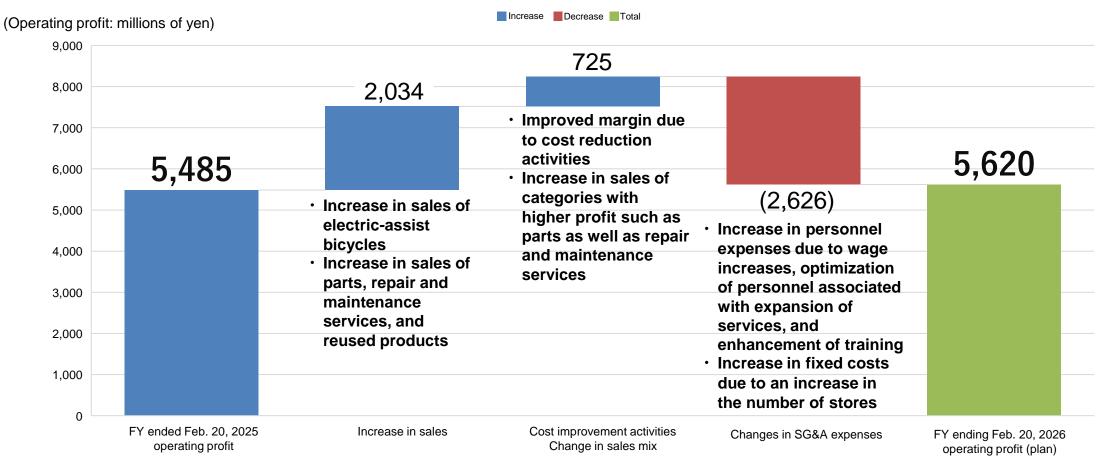
- Although personnel expenses will increase due to wage increases for the second consecutive fiscal year, they will be optimized through proper personnel allocation and improved human productivity
- The amount of other items will increase due to the impact of increased number of stores and reduction in subsidies for utility expenses (Millions of yen, %)

		FY ended F Res	•	FY ending Feb. 20, 2026 Plan					
		Amount	Ratio to net sales	Amount	Ratio to net sales	Y/Y change	Factors		
SG&A expenses		33,253	40.8	35,880	41.8	107.9			
	Personnel expenses	15,880	19.5	17,223	20.1	108.5	Increase wages, enhance training of store staff Optimize personnel due to increased service revenue		
Brea	Advertising expenses	794	1.0	805	0.9	101.4	Continue to run more online advertisements		
Breakdown	Transport and storage expenses <sup>*</sup>	2,234	2.7	2,336	2.7	104.6	Increase in transport expenses due to increased number of bicycles sold		
	Depreciation	1,688	2.1	1,880	2.2	111.4	Start system operation, open new stores		
	Other	12,655	15.5	13,635	15.9	107.7	Increase in the number of stores, increase in utility expenses		
-	oital expenditures		2,774		3,504	126.3	Growth foundations for stores and systems		

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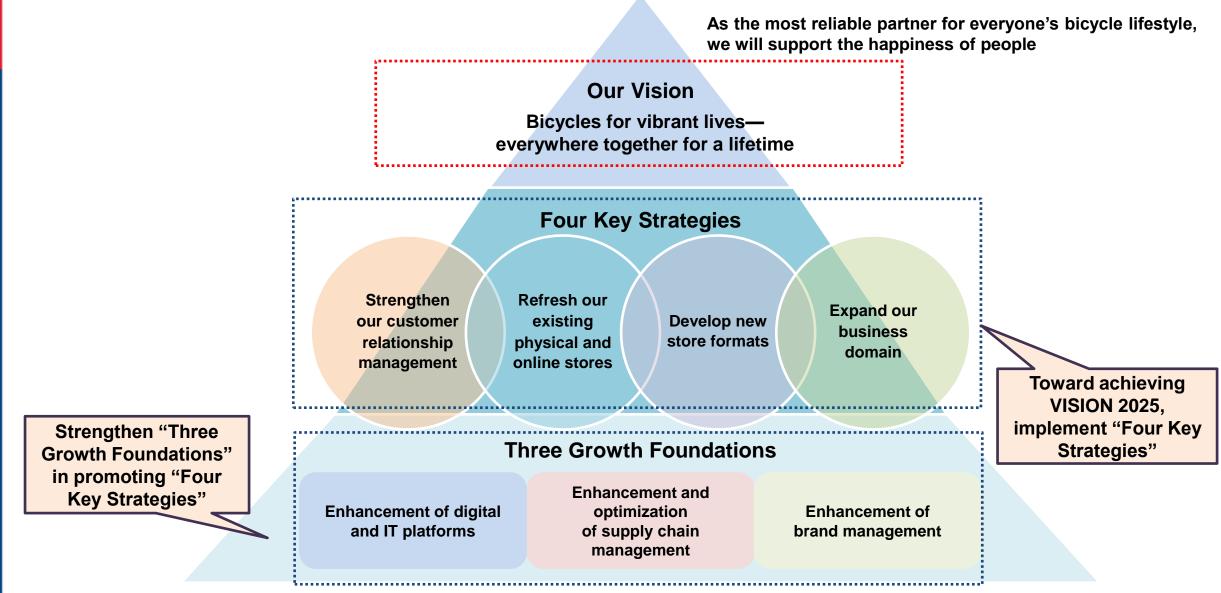
#### **Analysis of Changes in Operating Profit**

- Gross profit will increase due to an increase in sales of electric-assist bicycles and categories other than new bicycle sales
- Gross profit will increase due to the outcome of cost reduction activities and an increase in sales of categories with higher profit other than new bicycle sales
- In SG&A expenses, personnel expenses will increase due to wage increases and the optimization of personnel associated with expansion of services, as well as enhancement of training to store staff. Fixed costs will also increase due to an increase in the number of stores

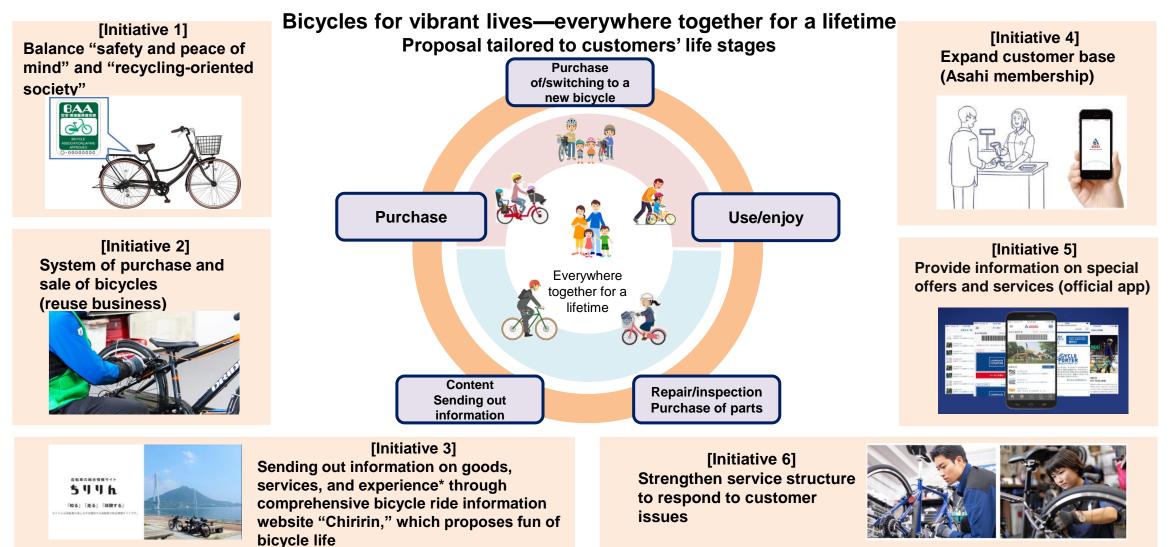


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#### Medium-Term Management Plan "VISION 2025"



#### Management Vision of the Medium-Term Management Plan "VISION 2025"



- \* Concept of our service type
- · Goods: Consumption of goods. A form of offering products and services such as bicycles, parts, accessories, and repair services.
- · Services: Consumption of services. A form of experiential services such as travel business and touring that use bicycles.
- Experience: Consumption of experience. A form of services that allow people to share the excitement that can only be experienced at that time and place, referring to bicycle events such as bicycle riding instructional sessions and kids' schools.

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#### [Initiative 1]: Balance "Safety and Peace of Mind" and "Recycling-Oriented Society"

- Create values based on growing awareness of reducing environmental impact and safety awareness following the revision of the Road Traffic Act
- Promote existing initiatives such as the spread of bicycles affixed with BAA<sup>\*</sup> mark, which indicates industry safety standards, and add purchase criteria for reuse



Handle bicycles that meet BAA only, and promote the spread of BAA (excluding some sports bicycles) Add safety standards at the time of purchase



Adopt BAA for the purchase of ordinary bicycles for reuse

Balance "safety and peace of mind" and "recycling-oriented society"

\* Bicycle Association (Japan) certification mark. BAA is the abbreviation of Bicycle Association Approved.

This mark can be affixed to bicycles that have passed inspections of bicycle safety standards set by the Bicycle Association. These bicycle safety standards are based on the Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS), which are used as a basis for designing and manufacturing bicycles in Japan, and are even more stringent, with approximately 90 items subject to inspection.

#### [Initiative 2]: System of Purchase and Sales of Bicycles (Expansion of Reuse Business)

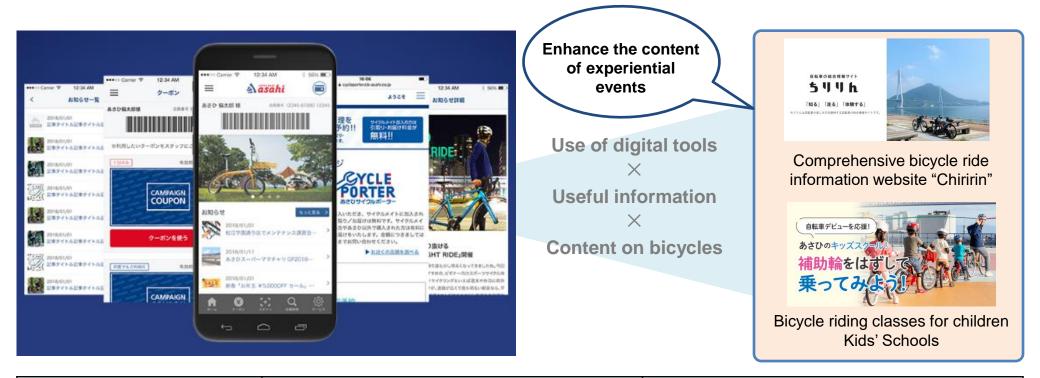
- Started purchasing ordinary bicycles, and now, we purchase all types of bicycles
- Leverage our strengths, such as our nationwide store network and e-commerce, to strengthen the system of purchasing used bicycles and selling reused bicycles
- **Expand the support center and strengthen productization function of purchased bicycles**



No. of bicycles sold: approx. 150% Y/Y, No. of used bicycles purchased: approx. 180% Y/Y

#### [Initiatives 3, 4, and 5]: Strengthen Our Customer Relationship Management (CRM)

- Improve push notifications through linkage with Asahi official app
- Provide various values on goods, services, and experience through the enhancement of our comprehensive bicycle ride information website "Chiririn," which proposes fun of bicycle life

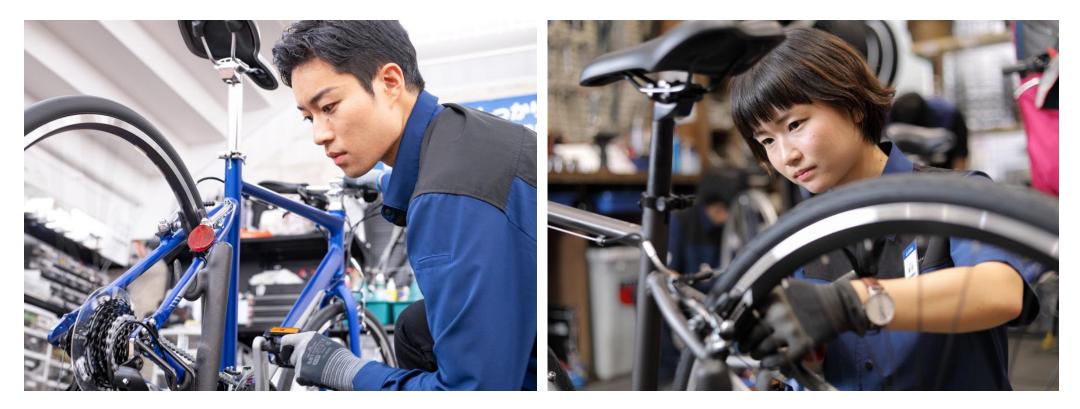


	Status of app use	Number of Cycle Mate subscribers
FY ended Feb. 20, 2025 Results	Number of members: approx. 130% year on year Number of monthly users: approx. 140% year on year	Approx. 120% year on year

#### [Initiative 6]: Strengthen Service Structure to Respond to Customer Issues

Respond to the increased demand for repairs

Respond to the increased customers' awareness of safety



#### Train specialists with repair skills, develop service provision systems

#### **Investment Plan**

Accelerate investment in foundations that support future growth (digital and IT platforms, logistics infrastructure, stores)

◎ Breakdown of major capital investments

- Investment in growth foundations: DX, infrastructure development, system investment (logistics, CRM)
- Investment in maintenance and renewal: Store renewal and relocation for revitalization of existing stores (18 stores, 1 store increase from the previous fiscal year)
- Investment in increasing profits: 16 new store openings per year, including 4 urban stores

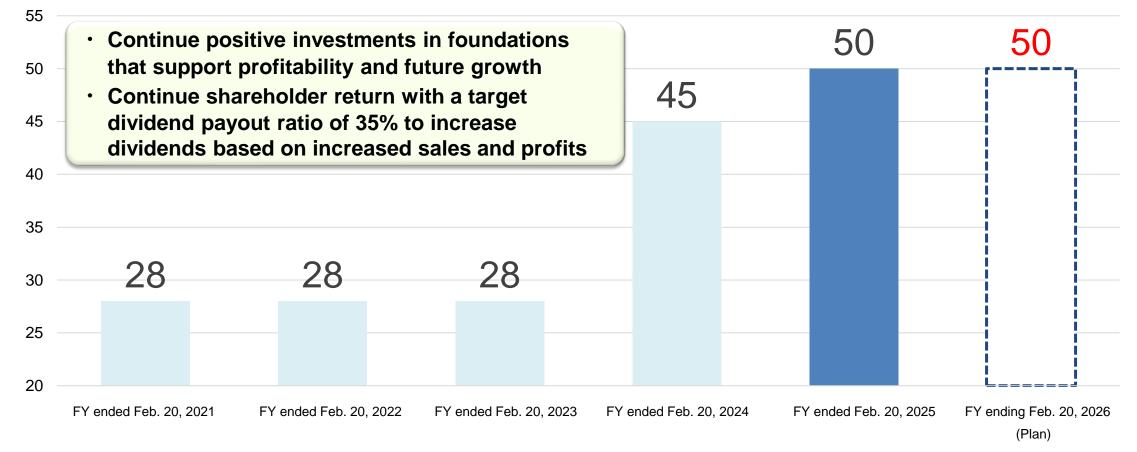
		As of Feb. 21, 2025	Number of stores to open	As of Feb. 20, 2026
Number of stores*		545	+16	561
	Of which, urban stores	11	+4	15

\* Includes 17 franchise stores (as of Feb. 20, 2026) (6 stores in Osaka, 1 store in Hyogo, 4 stores in Kyoto, 4 stores in Mie, and 2 stores in Kagoshima)

#### Management That is Conscious of Cost of Capital and Stock Price

- Dividend per share will be 50 yen to strengthen investment in growth foundations
- For the fiscal year ended Feb. 20, 2025, ROE was 9.3% (dividend payout ratio of 36.6%) against cost of shareholders' equity (considered to be 5-6%)

(Dividend per share: yen)



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