

# EXPLANATORY MATERIAL ON FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MAY 20, 2025

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ASAHI CO., LTD.

**TSE Prime Market (Securities code: 3333)** 

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## Recognition of Environment and Initiatives for the Final Year of the Medium-Term Management Plan "VISION 2025"

- Although household income conditions are improving, consumer sentiment is on a downward trend due to heightened concerns about the future of the economy in light of U.S. tariff policies, etc. and growing interest in saving money in response to high prices.
- Strengthening of OMO\*1 and CRM\*2, establishment of a system for providing repairs and maintenance, and strengthening of the three growth foundations\*3

Market changes

- Growing demand for switching to electric-assist bicycles with enhanced performance features and high unit prices
- Lengthening of replacement cycle against a backdrop of growing interest in saving money

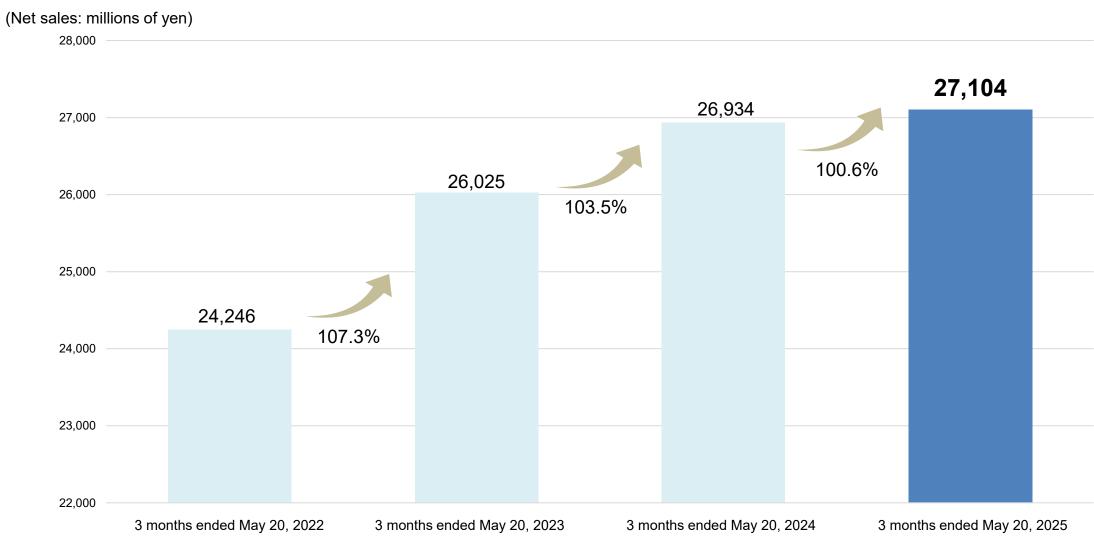
Strengthen growth foundations

- 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."

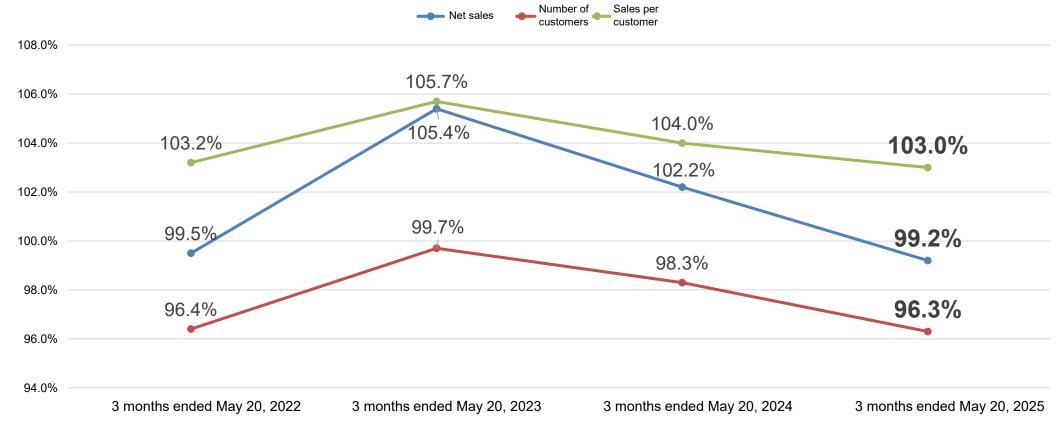
## **Changes in Net Sales of the Entire Company**



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

- Sales per customer increased due to switch to electric-assist bicycles and other merchandise with enhanced performance features and high unit prices
- For existing stores in the three months ended May 20, 2025, net sales 99.2%, number of customers 96.3%, sales per customer 103.0%



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#### Financial Results for the Three Months Ended May 20, 2025

- Despite weak sales of new bicycles, sales continued to grow due to an increase in sales of electric-assist bicycles
- In SG&A expenses, although there were positive results due to proper personnel allocation and improved productivity, operating profit decreased due to wage increases, new store openings, core systems running cost and other factors.

(Millions of yen, %)

	Ended Ma	Months y 20, 2024 ults		Three Months Ended May 20, 2025 Results			
	Amount	Ratio to net sales	Amount	Ratio to net sales	Y/Y change	Major factors	
Net sales	26,934	100.0	27,104	100.0	100.6	Strengthened OMO and CRM  New store opening effect	
Gross profit	12,313	45.7	12,309	45.4	100.0	Sales of electric-assist bicycles was strong amid weak new bicycles sales	
Operating profit	3,667	13.6	3,270	12.1	89.2		
Ordinary profit	3,648	13.5	3,403	12.6	93.3	Proper personnel allocation, improved productivity, wage increases, New store opening expenses	
Profit	2,486	9.2	2,336	8.6	94.0		

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

■ Although proper personnel allocation and improved productivity produced results, personnel expenses increased due to the impact of wage increases

(Millions of yen, %)

		Three Mont May 20, Resu	2024	Three Months Ended May 20, 2025 Results				
		Amount	Ratio to net sales	Amount	Ratio to net sales	Y/Y change	Factors	
SG	&A expenses	8,645	32.1	9,038	33.3	104.6	Control of SG&A expense ratio	
	Personnel expenses	4,125	15.3	4,204	15.5	101.9	(Proper personnel allocation, improved productivity)	
Br	Advertising expenses	233	0.9	240	0.9	103.0		
Breakdown	Transport + Storage expenses*	647	2.4	713	2.6	110.2		
<b>ס</b>	Depreciation	379	1.4	434	1.6	114.5	Opened new stores	
	Other	3,259	12.1	3,445	12.7	105.7	Increased the number of stores Core systems running costs	
	oital enditures		275		331	120.1	Growth foundation of stores and systems	

<sup>\*</sup> From the fiscal year ending February 20, 2026, the term "Logistics expenses" has been replaced with "Transport + Storage expenses."

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

- In both stores and e-commerce, sales of electric-assist bicycles increased
- In e-commerce, net sales increased due to Asahi brand measures and securing popular merchandise

(Millions of yen, %)

		May 20	nths Ended 0, 2024 sults	Three Months Ended May 20, 2025 Results				
Amount Retail share*1 Amount Retail Y/Y change			Y/Y change	Factors				
	Stores	21,725	83.0	21,378	80.9	98.4	E-commerce share grew significantly	
	E- commerce	4,459	17.0	5,043	19.1	113.1	due to strengthened OMO platform	
Reta (sub	il total)	26,184	100.0	26,421	100.0	100.9		
Othe	r* <sup>2</sup>	749	-	683	_	91.2		
Total		26,934		27,104		100.6		

<sup>\*1</sup> Ratio of stores and e-commerce in retail.

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

## **Net Sales by Item**

- Sales of Asahi brand bicycles increased
- In children's bicycles, replacement purchases slowed due to decline in consumer sentiment caused by rising prices (Millions of yen, %)

	Three Months Ended May 20, 2024 Results  Amount Share Amount Share Three Months Ended May 20, 2025 Results  Three Months Ended May 20, 2025 Results  Factor								
			Factors						
Ordinary bicycles	4,992	18.5	4,698	17.3	94.1				
Sports bicycles	3,983	14.8	4,003	14.8	100.5	Strong sales of Asahi brand			
Children's bicycles	2,727	10.1	2,528	9.3	92.7	Holding off replacement due to rising prices			
Electric-assist bicycles	7,814	29.0	8,486	31.3	108.6	Strong sales of Asahi brand's ENERSYS			
Other bicycles	757	2.8	703	2.6	92.9				
Parts/Other	6,658	24.7	6,684	24.7	100.4				
Total	26,934	100.0	27,104 100.0 100.6						
Asahi brand net sales	13,145	48.8	13,343	49.2	101.5	Highly competitive product lineup offered to meet customers' needs			

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

■ Average annual growth rate of e-commerce net sales: 27.7% ■ Average annual growth rate of Asahi brand net sales: 5.9%



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

		As of Feb. 21, 2025	Number of stores opened	As of May 20, 2025
Nun	nber of stores*	545	+2	547
	Of which, urban stores	11	+1	12

<sup>\*</sup> 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)

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

Increased awareness ⇒ number of customers increased ⇒ increase in profit

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



Meguro Yamatedori store (Meguro-ku, Tokyo)

■ List of urban stores

Tokyo (10 stores): Kamiochiai store, Takadanobaba store, Minamisenju store, Hikifune store, Minamikamata store,

Kiyosumishirakawa store, Honancho store, Ryogoku Kamezawa store, Ikejiri store, and Meguro Yamatedori store

Osaka (2 stores): Naniwasaiwaicho store and Osaka Honjonishi store

#### **TOPICS: Established New Tokyo Office (July 2025)**

■ We established a new Tokyo Office so that we could more closely support the bicycle life of our customers in urban areas.





- We expanded our store support team to further raise the standard of service provided to our customers, while
  deepening our existing business. At the same time, we strengthened the IT, digital, and marketing areas and have
  positioned the new office as a base for business transformation, including the exploration of new business
  domains.
- We strengthened our recruitment activities to secure outstanding talent for the co-creation of new value in our aim to enhance corporate value. We also pursued the reinforcement of human-capital oriented talent management.

#### TOPICS: Safety Support Month (From May 19, 2025 to July 21, 2025)

■ To continue offering customers the absolute value of safety and peace of mind, we are conducting a campaign to strengthen maintenance and inspection activities in line with our promotion of the spread of new and reused bicycles affixed with the BAA\* mark

\*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.



• As part of our efforts to strengthen CRM, through safety and security support, we provided maintenance that accommodates the change in season and services to meet up-to-date needs, to bring fun and comfort to customers' bicycle life \*2

\*2 Discounts for rustproof coating (chain, stand, key) and for labor costs of grip/saddle replacement offered at time of inspection, discounts for helmets, holding ride events and kids' schools, etc.

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

O Plan for the final year of the Medium-Term Management Plan "VISION 2025"

	Plan for the fiscal year ending Feb. 20, 2026
	Target value
Net sales	¥85,800M
Operating profit	¥5,620M
Number of stores	561
E-commerce share	16.9%
Market share	27%

## 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 ⇒ improve LTV* Improve expertise ⇒ increase in sales of repair and maintenance services and parts  Net sales increase 105% year on year = sales per customer 100% x number of customers 105%

<sup>\*</sup> 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

(Millions of yen, %)

	FY ended Fo	•	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

(Millions of yen, %)

		FY ended Feb. 20, 2025 Results			FY ending Feb. 20, 2026 Plan		
		Amount	Retail share*1	Amount	Retail share*1	Y/Y change	Factors
	Stores	66,643	84.0	69,400	83.1	104.1	
	E- commerce	12,705	16.0	14,100	16.9	111.0	Strengthen links between OMO and CRM Increase sales of reused products, parts,
Retail (subto	tal)	79,348 100.0 83,500 100.0 1		105.2	and repair and maintenance services		
Other*2	2	2,244	-	2,300	-	102.5	
Total	Total		_	85,800	_	105.2	
Market share*3		25%	-	27%		•	

<sup>\*1</sup> Ratio of stores and e-commerce in retail.

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

<sup>\*3</sup> Our own estimate: Market share = Asahi bicycles sold ÷ bicycles sold on the domestic market (sources: Trade Statistics of Japan and Current Copyright © 2025 ASAHI CO., Survey of Production by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

## **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

  (Millions of yen, %)

	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	

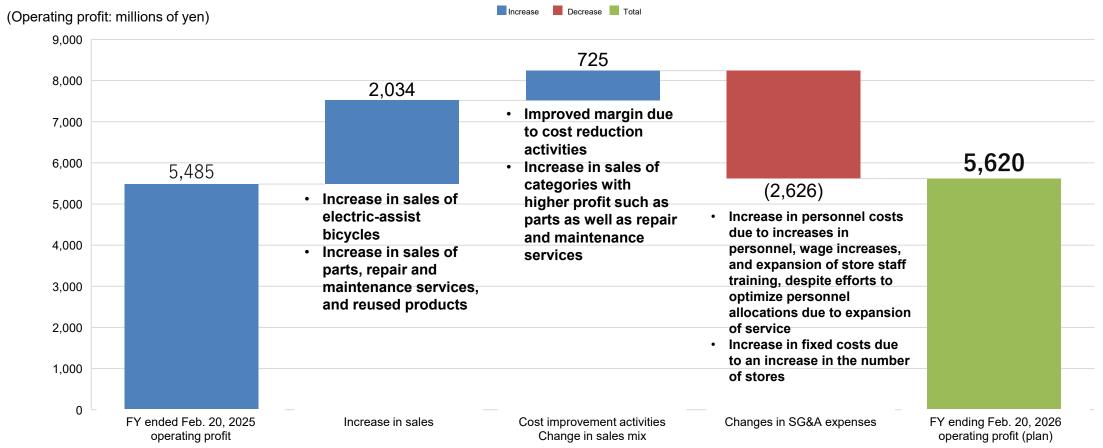
#### **SG&A Expenses and Capital Expenditures**

- 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 Feb. 20,2025 Results		FY ending Feb. 20, 2026 Plan					
		Amount	Amount Ratio to net sales Am		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		
Bre	Advertising expenses	794	1.0	805	0.9	101.4	Continue to run more online advertisements		
Breakdown	Transport and storage expenses*	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		
Capital expenditures			2,774		3,504	126.3	Growth foundations for stores and systems		

#### **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, despite efforts to optimize personnel allocations associated with expansion of service, personnel expenses will increase due to increases in personnel, wage increases, and enhancement of store staff training due to the expansion of business size. Fixed costs will also increase due to increase in the number of stores



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

As the most reliable partner for everyone's bicycle lifestyle, we will support the happiness of people

#### **Our Vision**

Bicycles for vibrant lives— everywhere together for a lifetime



Strengthen our customer relationship management Refresh our existing physical and online stores

Develop new store formats

Expand our business domain

Strengthen "Three Growth Foundations" in promoting "Four Key Strategies"

#### **Three Growth Foundations**

Enhancement of digital and IT platforms

Enhancement and optimization of supply chain management

Enhancement of brand management

Toward achieving VISION 2025, implement "Four Key Strategies"

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

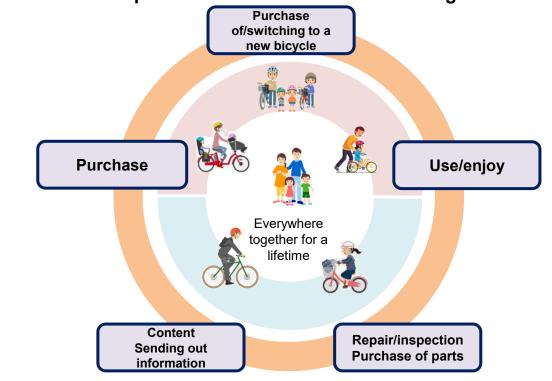
[Initiative 1]
Balance "safety and peace of mind" and "recycling-oriented society"



[Initiative 2]
System of purchase and sale of bicycles (reuse business)



Bicycles for vibrant lives—everywhere together for a lifetime Proposal tailored to customers' life stages



[Initiative 4] Expand customer base (Asahi membership)



[Initiative 5]
Provide information on special offers and services (official app)





[Initiative 3]
Sending out information on goods,
services, and experience\* through
comprehensive bicycle ride information
website "Chiririn," which proposes fun of
bicycle life

[Initiative 6]
Strengthen service structure to respond to customer issues





- \* 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.

#### **Investment Plan**

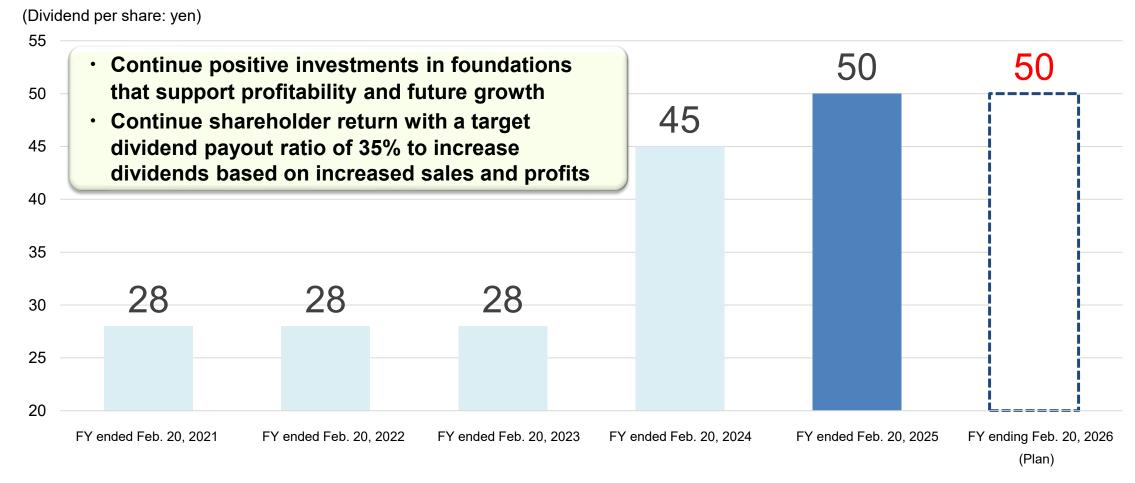
- Accelerate investment in foundations that support future growth (digital and IT platforms, logistics infrastructure, stores)
  - Breakdown of major capital investments
    - Investment in growth foundations: DX, infrastructure development, system investment (logistics, CRM)
    - Investment in maintenance 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
Nui	mber of stores*	545	+16	561
	Of which, urban stores	11	+4	15

<sup>\*</sup> 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%)



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