



Annual Report 2021

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Creating New Values for Local Communities

Corporate Philosophy

The Valor Group has defined its philosophy, "Creation, Advance & Challenge" in mission statements.

Shared with all the employees since 1958, they have been considered as guiding principles in management.

Mission Statements

All the employees of the Valor Group should be aware of its social responsibilities for advancement of local communities and culture. To fulfill them, we perform our duties sincerely; set challenging goals in the spirit of the philosophy "Creation, Advance & Challenge"; and put together our wisdom and power.

There is only one truth, "Pursuing prosperity is good".

"Valor" is derived from a Late Latin word meaning 'a person of courage'. We believe in courage as essential to fulfill our social responsibilities.

On our way to becoming a destination company* that continues to provide new value to local communities



*Destination company \cdots a company that is chosen by society.

Our Journey in Creating Corporate Values

We will create new values in response to changing social needs by strengthening our connection with customers leveraging Group management resources.

The Valor Group has met the diverse needs of local communities by rolling out multi-format retailing which comprises supermarkets, drugstores and home improvement centers, while maintaining business models that optimize the entire process from sourcing to retailing. We will achieve medium- & long-term growth by making a transition to a more competitive format and strengthening our connection with customers.

Clarifying our vision under the influence of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Under the influence of COVID-19, we were reminded of both our unwavering social mission of providing a stable supply of products essential to daily life, as well as the necessity to rethink the way we deliver products and services to address new lifestyles and consumption behaviors. This led us to reorganize our thoughts on just how we see the Group's role in society and how we will create value.

As a result, we established "Valor Group Vision 2030" and "Sustainability Vision 2030," our medium- to long-term management policies with an eye to the year 2030, and to bring these to reality, formulated the "Valor Group New FY2021-2023 Strategic Plans." We will continue to strive toward sustainable growth and the realization of a sustainable society, taking the stance of "Creation, Advance & Challenge," as set forth in our Corporate Philosophy.

Revenues Growth

(Revenues from operations)

Supermarket Business

Sports Club Business

Distribution-related operations

69 1970 71 72 75 76 77 78 79 1980 81 1958 59 1960 61 62

1958 - Startup of Supermarket and Related Businesses of Manufacturing, Wholesale & Logistics



In 1958, we established Shufu-no-Mise Co., Ltd. (changed the company name to Valor Co., Ltd. in 1974) and opened the first supermarket in Ena-shi, Gifu. We subsequently established Chubu Yakuhin Co., Ltd., a drugstore subsidiary, and Chubu Foods Co., Ltd., a prepared food manufacturing subsidiary, and started a materials wholesale business through Chubu Ryutu Co., Ltd. We entered into the logistics business through Chubu Kosan Co., Ltd., a logistics subsidiary, and in 1989, established the first distribution center in Tajimi-shi, Gifu.

Changing Objectives of Capital and Business Partnerships

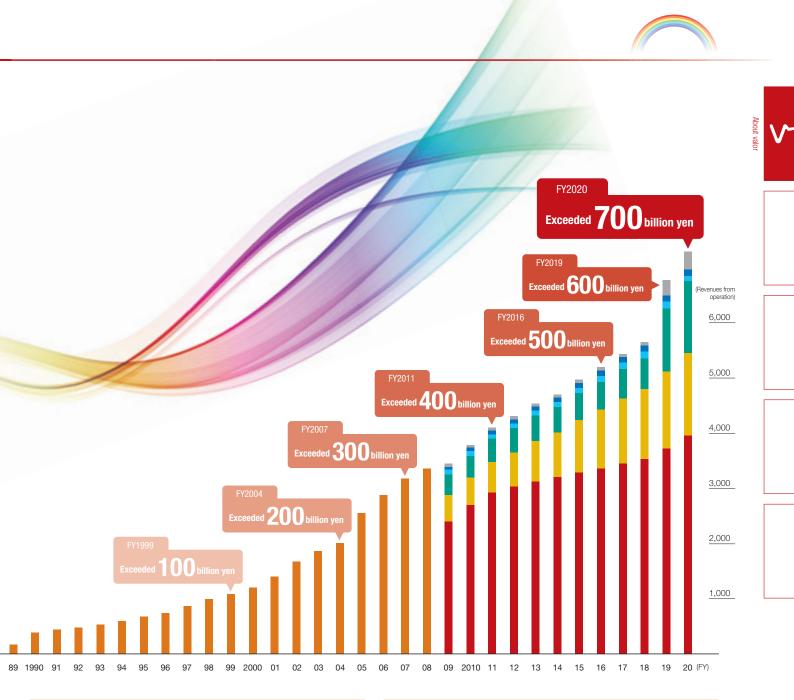
In the past, we executed M&As centering on the supermarket business to expand the size and scope of our business. Since 2015, we have acquired food manufactures with unique products and have concluded capital and business partnerships that lead not only to product sourcing and development improvements, but also to comprehensive approaches.

1995 - Rolling out of Multi-format Retailing and **Establishment of Distribution Network**



While expanding the scale of our supermarket business, we solidified our foundations for multi-format retailing. We merged with Fujiya Co., Ltd., a home improvement center company, and then established AXTOS Co., Ltd. and spun off a sports club business. We also established a distribution network in Hokuriku region in response to expanding business areas.

Pursuit of Economies of Scales 1995 ▶



2005 - Expansion of Supermarket Business and Challenge to Integrate Business **Processes**



In the supermarket business, we expanded our scale through organic growth and M&As. The major companies acquired are as follows: Tachiya Co., Ltd., Youth Co., Ltd. and Sun-Friend Co., Ltd.(currently Shokusenkan-Taiyo Co., Ltd.). We also integrated the entire process from sourcing to retailing via our manufacturing and wholesale subsidiaries, and developed production bases and distribution centers.

2015 - Business Process Integration and **Growth Gained from Multi-format Group Management**



In October 2015, we made a transition to a holding company to promote the growth of business companies and improve corporate governance. We took the next step for growth by integrating home center businesses as of April 1, 2019 through a share exchange agreement between Alleanza Holdings Co., Ltd. and Home Center Valor Co., Ltd.

Expansion of Operational Areas 2005

Increase in Market Share 2005

Enhancement of Product Appeal/ Evolution of Business Models

2015

The Valor Group Business Models for Sustainable Growth

Social Issues

Imbalance between Food Supply and **Demand**

- Intense competition between formats
- · Aging and lack of successors in regional agriculture
- Possible impact of trade policies on local suppliers



Changes in Labor Market

- · Aging and decline in workforce
- Changing labor-related policies
- · Labor shortage and increasing labor costs



Accelerating Change in Consumer & Retail Market

- Aging and declining population
- Impact of IT innovation on shopping behavior
- Decreasing local suppliers serving local communities

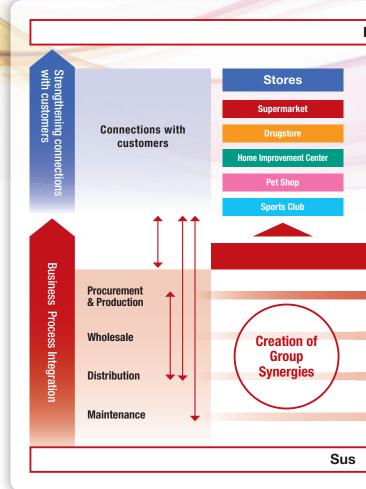


Changing Global Environment

• Impact of global warming and climate changes on supply of produces



The Valor Group Business Models



Solutions

Valor Group Vision2030

Our aim is to build a "Valor Economic Zone" that connects local communities conveniently and prosperously with the Valor Group's products, services, and payments and become a "destination company," that is chosen through the appeal of products. To realize this goal, we will strengthen our connections with customers and evolve our business model as a manufacturing and retailing company.



Connections with products

Valor Group's product appeal

In creating a "destination store" that offers seasonal foods and gives customers a purpose to shop, we will connect with customers through appealing products that are only available from the Valor Group by utilizing the Group's manufacturing capabilities.

Business Process Integration

Together with enhancing the product development and manufacturing capabilities, and productivity of each manufacturing company that makes

up the Group, we will coordinate supply chain information through digital transformation (DX) and work to accommodate the expansion of procurement and manufacturing bases as well as inter-company collaboration







Connections with customers

Strengthening connections with customers

Going beyond just our connections with customers that had been primarily gained through stores, we will work to strengthen new relationships that address the diversifying lifestyles of people by utilizing e-commerce (EC) and the Lu Vit Card and app. In regions with less developed EC infrastructure, we will promote "the Company as a dominant force in EC" by using our own management resources, and in large areas where EC infrastructure is more mature, we will promote "wide-area collaborative EC" by working with our partners.

Connections with local communities as a particular to be strengthened

We will use the Group's management resources to strengthen ties with local communities while striving to resolve local issues.



Management that is conscious of ties with society

Strengthening Group governance

We will further promote the Group's growth potential by ensuring transparency and strengthening functions of the Board of Directors, as well as by enhancing the governance of Group management.

Promoting activities of all Group employees

By promoting activities of all Group employees, we consider the "global environment," "local communities," and "diversity of human resources" to

be key initiatives, to which we will endeavor to find solutions while strengthening ties to the local community. We will implement problem-solving programs in six subcommittees, namely, Energy and Water, Food Loss, Recycling, Local Communities, Shopping Issues, and Human Resource Activities.



Growth Strategy Message from CEO





To evolve into a destination company that is chosen by society, and grows together with the community

Transformation by transitioning into a destination store

Since 2020, COVID-19 has cast a dark shadow across all of society, causing stagnation in a wide range of economic activities and leading to changes in consumer behavior. The Group, belonging to the food distribution industry and active in peripheral fields, has been no exception when it comes to feeling such impact, and there is an ongoing situation where each company endeavors to adapt to environmental changes in order to survive.

However, looking back from a medium- to long-term perspective, even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Group's business environment that focused on supermarkets had for a decade or so dealt with management issues concerning questions of just how do we perceive and address changing customer needs for the past ten years. The COVID-19 pandemic, is, we believe, a factor that is accelerating those changing needs. Approximately five years ago, we began trials of a new store model, and based on the direction its transformation has taken, we are adapting stores to the COVID-19 environment.

A pillar of that transformation is the transition to "destination stores." In recent years, convenience stores and drugstores have bolstered sales of food products, and furthermore, with the increasing introduction and use of EC sales, the "proximity to market area" that supermarkets had used to their advantage has diminished in merit. In other words, we can say that it is no longer possible for a store to survive unless its customers feel a strong purpose in making a visit. While curtailing what had been aggressive launches of new stores, the Group believed that it needed to convert existing stores to a model where the unique product and category mix itself would be the motivation for customer visits. We therefore moved forward on the renovation and expansion of fresh food sections, and strived to improve product appeal by renewing private brands.

This management policy, based on "undertaking a paradigm shift from expanding standardized stores to enhancing the appeal of products," has enabled us to enhance store competitiveness and go beyond market areas to acquire customers that would not normally be targets, while growing the support that they offer.

Accomplishments made through medium-term strategic plans to date

Consolidated operating results for FY2020 were revenues from operations of ¥730,168 million, an increase of 7.7% year on year, which marked an increase for the 26th consecutive year. In terms of profit, operating income amounted to ¥25,648 million, an increase of 65.3%; ordinary income was ¥28,397 million, an increase of 68.2%; and profit attributable to owners of parent was ¥12,592 million, an increase of 94.4% for a substantial increase and a new record high.

As a result, the three-year medium-term strategic plan, which commenced in FY2018, has achieved all its final-year targets, namely, revenues from operations of ¥680.0 billion, ordinary income of ¥21.0 billion, ROA of 5.6% or higher, and ROE of 7.7% or higher. We believe that we are on track to improve the profitability of the supermarket business, mainly in existing stores, which had been a pending issue.

In the supermarket business in FY2020 we leveraged the stay-at-home demand that existed under the COVID-19 pandemic to make huge gains, and this was a driver of performance growth throughout the Group. Both the drugstore business and the home improvement center business increased revenues from operations due to increased sales of products that meet the needs of new lifestyles within the COVID-19 environment and products that catered to stay-athome demand. The home improvement center business made a particularly significant contribution to the Group's overall profit growth owing to the effects of the consolidation of Alleanza Holdings Co., Ltd. On the other hand, the sports club business experienced an

Message from CEO

unavoidable decline in sales and profit due to the voluntary suspension of store operations in response to the request for suspension of operations following the declaration of a state of emergency, as well as the closure of certain stores.

Looking back on the past, the Group's basic policy in the five-year medium-term strategic plan that began in FY2010 was to "expand the scale of operations," and we aggressively opened new stores and expanded our manufacturing and retailing functions. In the following three-year medium-term strategic plan that began in FY2015, the Group sought to enhance efficiency, and focused on structural reforms and streamlined infrastructure in its supermarket business, while continuing to open a high level of new stores and entrusting the drugstore business to drive the Group's growth.

As I mentioned earlier, in the final plan, which is a succession of the previous plans, we have navigated management toward a basic policy of "undertaking a paradigm shift from expanding standardized stores to enhancing the appeal of products," and have achieved steady growth amid an environment transformed by the COVID-19 pandemic, which we did not anticipate when we formulated the plan.

Realizing two medium- to long-term visions on our way to 2030

In rethinking just how we see the Group's role in society and in what way we will create value in the society of tomorrow, the Valor Group has clarified its medium- to long-term management policies leading up to 2030 as the "Valor Group Vision 2030" and "Sustainability Vision 2030." In order to endure as an indispensable company that is chosen by society, over the next nine years we will realize the two visions stated here, and through these efforts we will build overwhelming strength.

With Valor Group Vision 2030 we will position our dominant areas as central to the creation of Valor Economic Zone that connects local communities with the Valor Group's products, services, and payments. As a concept for all areas set for further development, we aim to evolve from a destination store to a "destination company" that is chosen by society. The expansion of business development and diverse functionality of the Group are generating new business opportunities at the request of local communities, governments, and companies, and by giving form to these opportunities we will build a comprehensive economic zone that surpasses the framework of stores. Nine years from now, in FY2029, we are keen to expand the scale of our business to "over ¥1 trillion in revenues from operations," "over ¥48.0 billion in operating income," and "over ¥50.0 billion in ordinary income," and to secure an efficiency of "9% ROIC" by increasing the operating margin and the return on invested capital.

Sustainability Vision 2030 seeks to contribute to a sustainable society through our business activities and to continue as a company that grows together with all our stakeholders. We have set KPIs relevant to the realization of a decarbonized society and the reduction of food waste, and will continue efforts to reduce our environmental impact over the long term. Specifically, we aim to lower by 40% total greenhouse gas emissions from our supply chain in FY2029 (compared to FY2020) and a 45% reduction in food waste generation (compared to FY2016).

New three-year medium-term strategic plans to connect products, customers, and society

Valor has commenced our new FY2021-2023 strategic plans as the first step toward realizing the Valor Group Vision 2030 and Sustainability Vision 2030. The strategic goal of this plan is "Connect 2030: Connecting Products, Customers, and Society," and through the implementation of this goal we seek to achieve growth into a destination company. Connect 2030 is the foundation that supports the realization of our vision, and guides the direction of our efforts toward our vision for 2030 as the three "connections."

First, in "connections with products," we will respond to changes in society and consumer behavior by evolving our business model through leveraging our fresh food sales and product capabilities and our manufacturing and retail supply chain functions. The second is "connections with customers." Here we will strengthen ties woven through the new lifestyles of customers by reinforcing the Lu Vit Card, our proprietary card with app that provides prepaid services, and will also build out e-commerce capabilities. The third is "management that is conscious of ties with society," where we confront issues of sustainability, promote the activities of all



Group employees as a company that contributes to future environmental and community development, while also endeavoring to bolster governance.

Using these to map out our course, over the next three years, the Group will implement major policies and sustainability management, aiming to achieve revenues from operations of ¥780.0 billion, operating income of ¥29.0 billion, ordinary income of ¥31.0 billion, ROE of 9.3%, ROIC of 6.3%, and D/E ratio of 0.6 times in FY2023. In FY2021, the first year of the strategy, we will invest heavily in the renovation of approximately 30 existing supermarkets to transform them into "destination stores," and we also plan to make other DX-related investments that will lead to the evolution of our business model. As a result, profit is expected to decline, but the current operating conditions are healthy.

Becoming a company that grows together with all our stakeholders

In terms of the return of profit to our shareholders, we will continue to pay stable and continuous dividends

with a target consolidated dividend payout ratio of 25%. Based on this policy, we plan to pay an annual dividend of ¥56 per share (interim dividend: ¥26 per share; year-end dividend: ¥30 per share) for FY2021, an increase of ¥2 over the previous fiscal year. To meet the expectations of our shareholders, we will strive to further improve our business performance and increase our corporate value while raising even higher the level of returns.

In July 2021, the Company received the results of the determination of compliance with the listing maintenance standards for the new market category from the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and confirmed that it complies with the standards for the Prime Market. Based on the results, we have selected the Prime Market as our new market category and will proceed with the application process. We would like to ask for the continued support of our shareholders and investors.

By providing new value to local communities and supporting the creation of a prosperous future, the Valor Group will continue to grow together with all its stakeholders. Please look forward to seeing us tackle further challenges.



Review of medium-term strategic plans

Flow of three-year medium-term strategic plans

The Valor Group develops a diverse range of businesses, including supermarkets, drugstores, and home improvement centers, and builds business models oriented toward manufacturing and retailing, which encompasses every step along the way, from manufacturing to distribution and sales, creating synergies while integrating the Group's management resources. The Group has been formulating and implementing medium-term strategic plans since the fiscal year ended March 31, 2011, with the aim of increasing corporate value. In the first five years, we set the strategic goal of "expanding scale" and accelerated the opening of supermarkets and drugstores while establishing and enhancing infrastructure such as logistics, manufacturing, and processing functions to keep up with business expansion. In the three years under the FY2015-2017 plans, we aimed to "improve efficiency" through renovation of existing stores and streamlining of infrastructure, and positioned the drugstore business as a key driver of the Group's growth while continuing to open stores a high pace. In the following threeyear medium-term strategic plans that started FY2018, we promoted the transformation of supermarkets and other stores into "destination stores" that offered products and categories that customers would find compelling to visit, and focused on heightening the appeal of products, a component of this transformation. As stated in our basic policy of "undertaking a paradigm shift from expanding standardized stores to enhancing the appeal of products," we successfully transitioned away from growth based on store openings.

	Founding FY2009	FY2014	FY2017	FY2020	FY2023 FY2026 FY2029
Corporate Philosophy	"Creation, Adv	ance & Challeng	e" ————		•
Medium- to long-term management policy		FY2010-2014 Strategic Plans	FY2015-2017 Strategic Plans	FY2018-2020 Strategic Plans	New three-year medium-term strategic plans Valor Group Vision2030 Sustainability Vision 2030
Strategic goals		Expanding scale	Improving efficiency	Undertaking a paradigm shift from expanding standardized stores to enhancing the appeal of products	Connect 2030 Connecting products, customers, and society
Growth driver		Expansion of store network	Stable growth backed by main businesses	Product appeal	Product appeal
Connections with customers	Store (Various business formats)	Store (Various business formats)	Store (Various business formats)	Store Partial EC, other	Stores, e-commerce (EC) Proprietary electronic money Lu Vit

Results and topics of past medium-term strategic plans

Period	Results	Challenges
FY2010-2014 Strategic Plans	 Secured a scale of operations and improved infrastructures Improved profitability Improved balance sheet Enhanced corporate values 	 Increase efficiency in the supermarket business Strengthen existing stores and improve efficiency of infrastructure utilization Nurture key drivers for growth Improvement of governance in the holding company and development of human resources
FY2015-2017 Strategic Plans	Expanded the drugstore business Revenues increased from 80.4 billion yen to 117.9 billion yen. Improved utilization and efficiency of infrastructures enhanced product development and secured manufacturing profits changed sales floor allocation centered on fresh vegetables & fruits, fresh meat and prepared food Created group synergies by combining resources collaborations in opening new stores	Improvement of profitability Improve profitability by enhancing the appeal of products and frontline competitiveness Improvement of asset efficiency Enhance strategic functions of the holding company From closed innovation to cooperation Human resources development and improvement of productivity
FY2018-2020 Strategic Plans	Enhanced competitiveness gained by transitioning format to destination stores that clarified motivation to visit store Platform creation for manufacturing and retailing Human resources fostered by promoting exchange within Group	Improved management efficiency Strengthened financial structure Higher product appeal across Group Crystallization of corporate value in response to accelerating changes in environment and society



Basic policy of the FY2018-2020 strategic plans

In the previous strategic plan commenced in FY2018, we established a basic policy of "undertaking a paradigm shift from expanding standardized stores to enhancing the appeal of products." We set "creation of a more competitive format with a focus on products" as a medium-to long-term growth initiative, with the intention of improving profitability by growing sales and broadening the market area of respective stores.

Results (Millions of yen)

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	,	FY2009 results (FY ended March 31, 2010)	FY2014 results Final year of FY2010-2014 strategic plans	FY2017 results Final year of FY2015-2017 strategic plans	FY2020 results Final year of FY2018-2020 strategic plans
Revenues from o	operations	344,900	470,564	544,020	730,168
Operating incom	ne	9,452	15,000	13,470	25,648
Ordinary income)	9,916	16,108	14,937	28,397
Net income		3,945	9,214	7,570	12,592
Total assets		176,440	245,386	285,905	404,458
Net assets		58,578	90,881	113,167	155,190
Interest-bearing	debt	69,107	86,880	88,821	120,884
Management efficiency indicator	ROA	5.7%	6.7%	5.4%	7.2%
	ROE	7.0%	10.7%	6.9%	9.2%
	D/E ratio	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.8
Capital Expenditures (composition ratio)	Based on payment	11,537 (single year)	20,131 (5-year average)	24,019 (3-year average)	30,615 (3-year average)
	for new store openings	71.7%	59.9%	57.1%	49.1%
	for refurbishing existing stores	23.1%	15.4%	29.4%	38.2%
	for others	5.2%	24.7%	13.5%	12.7%

Summary of medium-term strategic plans

Results

Quantitative targets achieved

We achieved all our quantitative targets for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021, which were revenues from operations of ¥680.0 billion, ordinary income of ¥21.0 billion, ROA of 5.6% or higher and ROE of 7.7% or higher. We are on track to improve the profitability of our supermarket business, especially in existing stores.

Challenges

Improving management efficiency is an ongoing issue

We are still on the starting line in terms of initiatives to raise product appeal across the Group and business in the post COVID-19 period. Although the acquisition of Alleanza Holdings Co., Ltd. as a subsidiary has contributed to enhancing the appeal of products, issues remain when it comes to management efficiency and financial position after consolidation, and our efforts to make further improvements are ongoing.

Formulating a medium- to long-term management policy

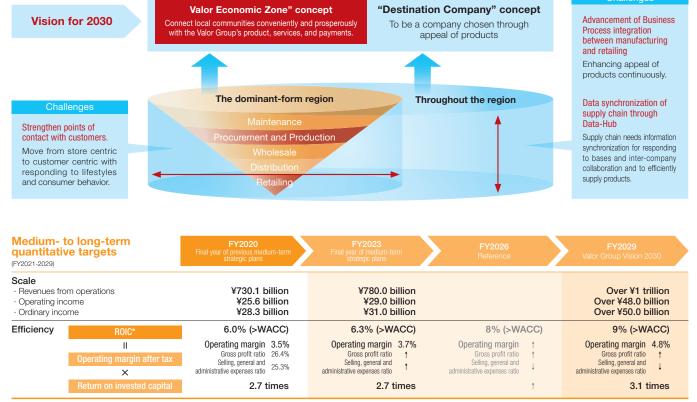
Valor Group Vision2030

Aiming "Destination Company" with product strength throughout the region, and the "Valor Economic Zone" in the dominant-form region.

Under the previous three-year medium-term strategic plan, along with promoting our transformation into a "destination store" with attractive products and categories that motivate customers to visit our stores, as well as advancing partnerships on comprehensive initiatives, we are beginning to see results in areas such as product procurement, although we believe that it is necessary to make full use of our diverse management resources in order to achieve further improvements in management efficiency. Our aim is to realize a sustainable society and achieve corporate growth through the evolution of our business model, while utilizing our management resources.

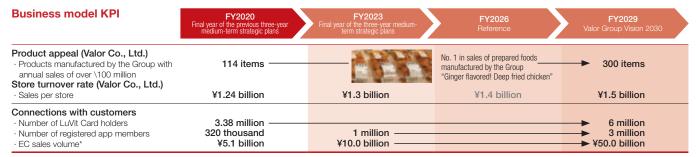
Evolving our business model

Today we have a sales network of more than 1,200 stores, including supermarkets, drugstores, home improvement centers, and others, which gives us the advantage of being in close proximity to our customers. In the future, though, we will strengthen connections with our customers not only through our stores, but also through e-commerce (EC) and our own electronic money, Lu Vit. In addition to making our manufacturing capabilities more robust, the transition to a destination company will require the establishment of an efficient supply chain that can accommodate the expansion of procurement and manufacturing bases and collaboration with partners. For this reason, we will work to evolve our business model by linking information through digital transformation (DX).



Note: Effective from the beginning of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, the Company will apply "Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition" (ASBJ Statement No. 29). In the summer of 2021, launch of a new service in collaboration with Amazon Japan G.K

"Calculated as follows: Operating income after tax (using the income tax burden ratio after the application of tax effect accounting) / (interest-bearing debt + shareholders' equity +



Note: *EC sales (drugstore and home improvement center businesses), ainoma online supermarket service delivering to offices, drive-through, and other non-store sales businesses. In the summer of 2021, launch of a new service in collaboration with Amazon Japan G.K.





FY2021-2023 Strategic Plans

Quantitative targets (FY ending March 31, 2024) Revenues from operations \(\frac{\pman}{780.0}\) billion operating income \(\frac{\pman}{29.0}\) billion ordinary income \(\frac{\pman}{31.0}\) billion Scale **ROE 9.3** % ROIC **6.3** % D/E ratio **0.6** times Management efficiency

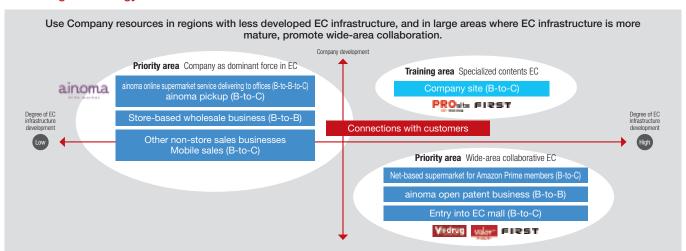
Connecting products,		Enhancing the appeal of products	Promoting the transition to a "destination store" Making our manufacturing capabilities more robust Linking information in the supply chain
	Major Policies	Strengthening connections with customers	Promoting EC strategy Leveraging Lu Vit Card and app data
Ct cus		Improving productivity	Formation of foundation for low-cost management Improving asset efficiency
and	Sustainability	Strengthening Group governance	Improving Board of Directors' effectiveness Strengthening supervision of Group companies
society	Management	Realizing a de-carbonized society Reducing food waste	10% reduction in CO _z emissions at Company sites (compared to FY2019) 35% reduction in food waste generation (compared to FY2016)

Details of major policies



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Promote transition to a "destination store"	 Approximately 30 existing stores in the supermarket business renovated annually Expand product knowledge and sales training programs Operation of the Meister system for the training and treatment of experts
Make manufacturing capabilities more robust	Review of product development process for Group manufacturing capabilities Improve quality and productivity through the replacement of equipment
Link information in the supply chain	Introduction of data HUB and improved accuracy of registered information
Promote EC strategy	Company as dominant force in EC/ wide-area collaborative EC
Leverage LuVit Card and app data	 Promotion of digital sales promotions, testing, and marketing using purchase history information (ID-POS data) linked to membership information Respond to reservation sales, business format links, and diversification of payment methods by enhancing app functionality
Formation of foundation for low-cost management	Maintain a smart device environment in stores Business automation and simplification with RPA and AI utilization
Improve asset efficiency	Effective use of store assets, integration of functions among Group companies

Promoting EC strategy



Segment Overview/Segment Information

Revenues from operations by segment and their distribution

Supermarket Business

54.3%

396.2 billion yen

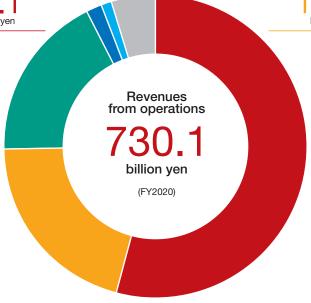
16.1 billion yen

Drugstore Business

Revenues from operations

150.5 billion yen

3.9 billion yen



Home Improvement Center Business

Revenues from operations

130.1

Operating income

Sports Club Business

Revenues from operations

Operating income

△1.9

Distribution-related operations

Revenues from operations

11.2

Operating income

Supermarket Business



Business summary

This business segment includes the operations of supermarket operators Valor Co., Ltd., Tachiya Co., Ltd., Shokusenkan-Taiyo Co., Ltd., Kohseiya Co., Ltd., Futabaya Co., Ltd., Sanko Co., Ltd. and Terao Store Inc.; food processing subsidiaries Chubu foods Co., Ltd. and Daien Foods Co., Ltd.; and food wholesalers Shufu-no-Mise Shoji Chubu Honsha Co., Ltd., Chubu Meat Co., Ltd., and V-Solution Co., Ltd. These companies aim at creating business models that optimize the entire business process from sourcing to retailing.

Besides opening new stores, the segment has expanded in scale through M&As. The operating companies have shared knowledge and skills in sourcing and selling fresh foods through the conversion of Tachiya Co., Ltd. and others into subsidiaries. As for operating areas, Valor Co., Ltd. operates stores in 13 prefectures, mainly in Gifu and Aichi prefectures; Tachiya Co., Ltd. has stores in Aichi, Gifu and Mie prefectures; Shokusenkan-Taiyo Co., Ltd. operates in Shizuoka prefecture; Kohseiya Co., Ltd. has stores in Yamanashi and Kanagawa prefectures; Futabaya Co., Ltd. operates in Shiga prefecture; Sanko Co., Ltd. has stores in Toyama prefecture; and Terao Store Inc. operates in Chiba prefecture.



Drugstore Business

No. of stores 449 Ave. floor space 764 m^2



Business summary

We started the drugstore business by establishing Chubu Yakuhin Co., Ltd. and selling medicines in February 1984. Expanding its store network under the brand name of "V-drug", Chubu Yakuhin Co., Ltd. reached 100 stores in 2003, 200 stores in 2012, 300 stores in 2016, and 400 stores in 2019. It extends across ten prefectures, primarily in Aichi and Gifu prefectures. The chain has increased convenience by expanding food offerings as well as medicines and cosmetics.

As a local medical support provider, it has developed pharmacies and drugstores with pharmaceutical functions, and acquired shares of Hida Pharmaceutical LLC in July 2019. In 2020, it also acquired Sun Pharmacy LLC and Aoi Pharmaceutical LLC as it continues to expand stores with pharmaceutical functions.

*As of April 1, 2021, Sun Pharmacy LLC was merged into Chubu Yakuhin Co., Ltd.

No. of stores------ 152

Home Improvement Center Business



Business summary

The home improvement center business began its operations in August 1990 after the business transfer from Valor Co., Ltd. The segment grew in scale in October 1995 resulting from a merger with Fujiya Co., Ltd. Home Center Valor Co., Ltd. offers building and agricultural materials for professional needs, mainly at large stores. It also strives to meet customers' lifestyle needs by offering a tire replacement and storage service through "Tire Ichiba". In February 2018, we acquired shares of FIRST Co., Ltd., an online retailer of materials and tools. In April 2019, we integrated the home improvement center business through a share exchange between Home Center Valor Co., Ltd. and Alleanza Holdings Co., Ltd. As for operating areas of the major three operators, Daiyu Eight Co., Ltd. operates in the Tohoku and Kanto regions; Home Center Valor Co., Ltd. has stores in the Tokai region; and Time Co., Ltd. operates in the Chugoku and Shikoku regions.

Sports Club Business





Business summary

The sports club business commenced operations in April 1998 following the transfer of assets from Valor Co., Ltd. AXTOS Co., Ltd., which formerly operated general sports clubs with swimming pools and tennis courts, began operating the low investment chain of "Sports Club AXTOS Will_G," also establishing its franchise operations. These sports clubs are not only growing in the prefectures of Aichi and Gifu, but are also expanding throughout the country, including regions with higher population densities such as Kanto and Kansai. Considering the impact caused by the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, we are moving forward with business operations that contribute to local health-related demand while improving management efficiency by reducing fixed costs and reviewing expenses.

Distribution-related operations



Business summary

The principal subsidiaries operating in this segment are the logistics operator Chubu Kosan Co., Ltd.; food, sundries and materials wholesaler Chubu Ryutu Co., Ltd.; and the facilities maintenance services provider Mentex Co., Ltd. Besides helping to increase the operational efficiency of other Group companies, these firms also engage in transactions with external customers.

Segment Financial Review

Store Network

	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Supermarkets	202	218	238	251	263	266	275	281	290	298	297
Valor Co.,Ltd.	147	163	179	221	232	235	238	243	240	240	239
Tachiya Co., Ltd.	10	11	11	13	13	13	14	15	16	17	17
Youth Co., Ltd.*	28	29	31	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_
Shokusenkan-Taiyo Co.,Ltd.	17	15	15	15	17	17	17	17	17	17	16
Kohseiya Co.,Ltd.	-	-	_	_	_	-	5	5	5	6	6
Futabaya Co.,Ltd.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	3	3	3
Sanko Co.,Ltd.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	8	8	8
Terao Stores Inc.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	4	4
Yamato Store LLC.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1
VARO Co.,Ltd.	_	_	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	3
Other	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Drugstores	174	193	214	241	271	301	337	361	379	416	449
Home Improvement Centers	36	34	35	35	36	37	35	36	36	148	152
Sports Clubs	51	51	52	54	58	65	75	95	146	192	190
Pet Shops	16	17	17	17	17	18	19	21	22	107	110
Others	15	15	11	3	3	3	4	5	7	14	28
Total	494	528	567	601	648	690	745	799	880	1,175	1,226

Note: *merged into Valor in October, 2013.

Number of Stores by Region and Locations of Infrastructures (FY2020) Number of Stores by Region The figures indicate the number of stores; the size of the pie charts corresponds to the number of stores by prefectures. Supermarkets Nanto-shi Drugstores Hokkaido 2 Home Improvement Centers Sports Clubs Pet Shops Fukui-shi Others Kani-shi Ogaki-shi Tajimi-shi Toyota-shi Koshinetsu region Ichinomiya-shi Tohoku region 25 115 Yokkaichi-shi Shimada-shi Hokuriku region 148 5₋₅ Kinki region Kanto region 84 Supermarket Business Chugoku region Distribution: for chilled products 42 77 [25] Centers for ambient- temperature products for chilled & ambient- temperature products Processing : \triangle for fresh meat Centers 194 ✓ for fresh fish Production: Ofor prepared food -6 Overseas 3 for fresh bakery Bases Kyushu region Shikoku region o for fish products 5 **Drugstore Business** Distribution Centers ☐ Distribution Centers (Shared with the Supermarket Business) Home Improvement Center Business Tokai region 696 Distribution Centers





(Millions of yen)

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	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Supermarkets											
Revenues from operations	269,918	293,505	303,521	313,208	321,458	329,266	336,555	345,960	353,311	372,733	396,248
Operating income	9,580	10,783	11,028	8,443	9,760	9,887	9,738	8,518	9,433	9,050	16,103
Total assets	114,693	119,293	127,490	142,260	144,604	153,045	176,384	184,386	195,231	200,720	207,938
Capital expenditures	12,012	9,199	12,915	17,931	12,078	10,506	11,887	12,574	13,376	7,462	13,562
Depreciation and amortization	5,430	5,978	6,346	6,826	7,381	7,556	7,339	7,490	7,633	8,431	8,363
Drugstores											
Revenues from operations	50,651	54,850	62,497	73,028	80,470	95,152	107,045	117,949	127,781	139,358	150,575
Operating income	1,357	2,294	1,934	2,449	1,961	2,736	2,692	2,532	3,488	4,317	3,978
Total assets	22,814	26,501	29,065	33,649	38,557	44,602	52,019	58,849	58,725	67,755	75,511
Capital expenditures	1,400	2,547	3,134	3,893	4,333	5,776	8,087	5,359	4,622	6,135	7,123
Depreciation and amortization	860	979	1,183	1,454	1,780	2,114	2,588	2,927	3,104	3,170	3,533
Home Improvement Centers											
Revenues from operations	38,928	41,734	43,810	46,559	46,556	48,629	50,373	53,555	55,173	114,301	130,177
Operating income	1,269	1,677	1,869	2,330	2,011	2,450	2,302	2,149	2,616	3,465	7,327
Total assets	17,479	18,553	19,456	19,068	22,430	22,499	23,942	25,562	31,020	81,239	81,602
Capital expenditures	730	1,943	1,259	464	2,276	1,478	4,777	1,316	645	4,677	3,595
Depreciation and amortization	876	867	899	875	910	945	1,000	1,099	1,083	2,505	2,440
Sports Clubs											
Revenues from operations	8,514	8,604	8,788	8,955	9,271	9,838	10,459	11,397	13,157	13,597	9,146
Operating income	77	247	420	419	463	532	639	680	672	556	(1,933)
Total assets	12,009	11,287	10,760	10,382	10,611	10,634	10,776	13,059	15,175	15,768	15,331
Capital expenditures	146	124	319	338	527	791	1,119	3,114	2,565	1,960	140
Depreciation and amortization	770	669	666	636	655	711	785	882	1,080	1,295	1,236
Distribution-related operations											
Revenues from operations	5,929	6,383	6,699	7,228	7,638	8,590	9,610	9,075	10,265	10,687	11,269
Operating income	2,410	2,761	3,062	2,995	3,395	3,647	3,699	3,725	2,910	2,793	3,210
Total assets	15,339	17,514	18,809	22,351	24,082	23,961	24,894	27,230	28,569	29,733	32,519
Capital expenditures	439	1,659	1,888	2,155	624	478	2,018	3,044	384	1,050	965
Depreciation and amortization	381	439	550	784	819	716	721	758	817	846	976

Sustainability Management

The Valor Group Sustainability Management

The Valor Group has established its Valor Group Vision 2030, its vision of itself for 2030, and aims to build "Valor Economic Zone" that connects local communities conveniently and prosperously with the Valor Group's products, services, and payments. It also seeks to become a "destination company" that is chosen through the appeal of products while realizing a sustainable society through its Sustainability Vision 2030. As one basic policy under its FY2021-2023 strategic plans, the Company has the goal of management that is conscious of ties with society, and it endeavors to strengthen Group governance that underpins its business model while forging ahead on the three priority areas of "global environment," "local communities," and "diversity of human resources" that support sustainable business growth.

Sustainability Vision 2030

"The Valor Group will contribute to the development of local communities and the advancement of social life and culture based on the efforts of all its employees, and through its business activities that lead to the realization of a sustainable society."

The Valor Group has established six subcommittees, namely, Food Loss, Recycling, Energy and Water, Local Communities, Shopping Issues, and Human Resource Activities, for the three priority areas of the "global environment," "local communities," and "diversity of human resources," through the activities of all employees, with the promotion manager of each Group company taking the lead to carry out efforts.

Initiatives taken from order of high priority throughout the Valor Group

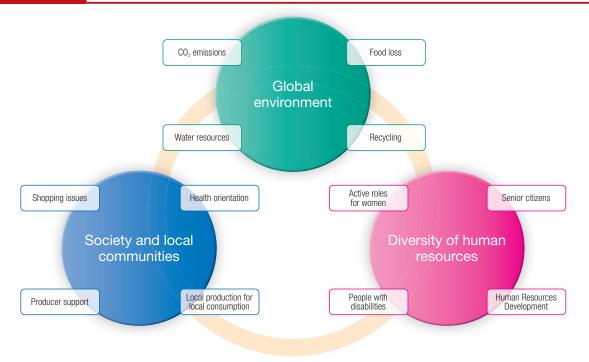
Platform (shared platform) upon which actions are taken in FY2021

Global environment

*Tackling the challenge of meeting numerical targets with the goal of delivering the connection of a sustainable global environment to the next generation

Society and local communities

Diversity of human resources



Subcommittee activities

In addition to the retail business, which includes supermarkets, drugstores, and home improvement centers, in each of the operating companies involved in the sports business, manufacturing and processing business, distribution business, wholesale business, cleaning business, security business, and others, we have been working on how to ensure the sustainability of business activities and how to manage their impact on the environment and society. Based on this, we promote subcommittee activities to identify key issues and define targets for addressing these issues, and to strengthen cooperation and information sharing within the Group on matters that are strongly related to achieving the goals of each operating company and the Group. A total of 70 members that comprise the six subcommittees gather at the subcommittee meetings, which are held seven times a year (both online and offline), to promote the exchange of information that transcends business segments and responsibilities. This works to expand food bank initiatives, to accelerate the installation of solar panels, and also the development of new ways to utilize food waste and other efforts that promote activity throughout the Group. The progress of subcommittee activities is reported to the Group Management Executive Committee.



Setting goals for key issues

Establishing goals for key issues to be prioritized under the FY2021-2023 strategic plans

Objectives

	Three-year targets (2021-2023)	2030 challenge targets	2050 challenge targets	Initiatives	
Climate change countermeasures	of CO, from Company sites		Greenhouse gas emissions in the supply chain gross volume of zero *Compared to FY2020	Promoting EMS utilization, energy conservation activities Promoting introduction of renewable energy Collaboration with suppliers Environmental training for all employees	
Food waste	• 35% reduction *Compared to FY2016	• 45% reduction *Compared to FY2016	• 55% reduction *Compared to FY2016	Improvement of store operations, infrastructure maintenance, collaboration with suppliers Environmental training for all employees	

Initiatives for all Valor Group employees



For the Valor Group to support in realizing a sustainable society, we held study sessions and moved forward on the distribution of action declaration cards with the aim of enabling each and every employee of the Group to think about social issues and take action to address them. Considering what each of us can do and taking action will allow us to expand our circle of activities.

1,000 participants in the Group SDGs learning program

To live prosperously even a century from now SDG initiatives, taken together with customers



Connections with customers

Under the Company-wide slogan of "Delicious Future," we are rolling out the "Temaedori (pick the item on the front of the shelf) Movement." In addition to promoting the reduction of food waste at food processing and manufacturing sites and at each and every company in the Group, we are also expanding the scope of our activities for what we can do together with our customers.



Exhibiting at SDGs AICHI EXPO 2021 (Oct. 2021)



2021 store SDGs educational poster

Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

At Valor Holdings Co., Ltd., we are working to calculate and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at Group companies and to create renewable energy sources.

Calculating greenhouse gas in the supply chain

Concerning the calculation of greenhouse gas emissions, following the calculation of its own emissions in FY2019, Valor Co., Ltd. expanded the scope of its calculation to the entire supply chain in FY2020, and calculated its emissions in accordance with the GHG Protocol, a recommended international standard. Going forward, we will continue to calculate the emissions of our Group companies and work to accomplish reductions.

FY2020⁻¹ Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions⁻²

	Category	Calculation target	Emission volume (t-CO ₂)		
Scope 1	Direct emissions from	Emissions associated with fuel combustion ^{'3}	7,270		
Scope 1	business operators themselves	Emissions due to leakage of CFCs ^{'4}	46,979		
Scope 2	Indirect emissions fror or steam supplie	Indirect emissions from the use of electricity, heat, or steam supplied by other companies ¹⁵			
Scope 3	Indirect emissions	Indirect emissions other than Scope 1, 2			

Scope 3 emissions

	Scope/Category	Emission volume (t-CO ₂)	Ra	tio
	Scope/Category	Emission volume (t-co ₂)	Scope3	Scope1,2,3
Supp	oly chain emissions volume	1,245,264		100.0%
	Scope1	54,249		4.4%
	Scope2	131,252		10.5%
Category 1	Purchased goods	964,188	91.1%	77.4%
Category 2	Capital goods	30,937	2.9%	2.5%
Category 3	Fuel- and energyrelated activities	22,633	2.1%	1.8%
Category 4	Upstream transportation and distribution	9,795	0.9%	0.8%
Category 5	Waste generated in operations	24,685	2.3%	2.0%
Category 6	Business travel	344	0.0%	0.0%
Category 7	Employee commuting	3,819	0.4%	0.3%
Category 8	Upstream leased assets	_	_	_
Category 9	Downstream transportation and distribution	_	_	_
Category 10	Processing of sold products	_	_	_
Category 11	Use of sold products	_	_	_
Category 12	End-of-life treatment of sold products	3,360	0.3%	0.3%
Category 13	Downstream leased assets	_	_	_
Category 14	Franchises	_	_	_
Category 15	Investments	_	_	_
	Scope3	1,059,763	100.0%	85.1%

^{*1} April 2020 to March 2021

^{*2} Among consolidated business operators, all locations (239 supermarkets, as well as distribution centers, chilled centers, processing centers, produce centers, etc.) of Valor Co., Ltd.
*3 Usage of city gas and LP gas at each site (including tenant usage), gasoline usage by Company-owned vehicles, usage of autogas for forklifts, etc.
*4 Leakage of HFCs due to the use of freezing and refrigeration, as well as air conditioning equipment at each site. Converted to CO₂ equivalent by multiplying a global warming potential.
*5 Power usage at each site (including tenant usage)



Development of renewable energy

The Group will work to create renewable energy sources in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The use of renewable energy is expected to reduce CO₂ emissions by about 20% compared to before the panels were installed. Concerning the third-party ownership model of solar power generation systems with BCP functions (the "PPA model"), Valor Co., Ltd. made installations at two stores in FY2019 and two stores in FY2020. Even in the event of a power outage due to lightning strikes, disasters, or other emergencies, store operations can be continued with power automatically supplied from the energy storage system, enabling activities without suspending shopping by local customers.

Reduction of food waste

The Group views the reduction of food waste as an important issue, and each company strives at activities to reduce food waste. In Valor Co., Ltd.'s sales policy, it has worked with its customers as it endeavors to reduce food waste by improving order accuracy, product turnover rate, and product sell-through, while incorporating customer feedback. Initiatives at each Group company remain ongoing.

Number of solar panel installation sites and cumulative power generation capacity



Note: Installed at Valor Holdings Co., Ltd., Valor Co., Ltd., Chubu Yakuhin Co., Ltd., Home Center Valor Co., Ltd., AXTOS Co., Ltd. and Chubu Kosan Co., Ltd. Added stores with PPA model type

Changes in the rate of food waste generated for every 1 million yen of net sales



Note*: Calculation covers Valor Co., Ltd., Tachiya Co., Ltd., Shokusenkan-Taiyo Co., Ltd., and Kohseiya Co., Ltd.
From FY2019, Futabaya Co., Ltd. and Sanko Co., Ltd. were added for calculation

Activity Highlights

Results of the major management items for the year under review will be the basis for performance indicators for the next year and

We pursue initiatives in order to contribute to the environment, society and our customers.

Environmental Performance

	Management items	Specific initiatives	FY2019 results	FY2020 results	Evaluation	Causes and Effects
se gas emis	Development of power consumption	Demand management Management of air- conditioning temperature Turning off of unnecessary lighting Introduction of highly efficient facilities and equipment	ont of air- g temperature unnecessary lighting of highly efficient 1.04 [kWh/million yen]* [kWh/million yen]*		*	At Valor, we achieved an approximately 4% reduction in usage. We will continue to make efforts to improve the efficiency of our energy use by utilizing energy management systems.
Reduction of greenhouse	Energy-saving deliveries	Store deliveries • Encouragement of idling stop practice • Instructions and education for energy-saving driving	Compared with the previous year Driving distance: Amount of fuel used: Fuel economy improved: 98% 101%	Compared with the previous year Driving distance: 106% Amount of fuel used: 106% Fuel economy improved: 99%	•	Driving distance and amount of fuel used decreased by reviewing the number of deliveries and routes, and fuel economy also improved. We will continue to aim to improve delivery efficiency.
Redu	Reduction of specified CFCs emissions	Replacement of refrigerators and air-conditioners Regular facility inspections	Stores covered: 37	Stores covered: 26	*	We will continue replacement and regular facility inspections.
Development of renewable energy	Development of energy	Total wattage generated: 11,841kV Business premises coverec 6		Total wattage generated: 7,586kW Business premises covered: 45	*	We will consider where to install the system in each Group company and make efforts in conjunction with the BCP by introducing storage batteries.
Reduction and recycling of food waste	Reduction of food waste	Implementation of planned ordering and production Store shelf management Review of product lineups in evenings and volume adjustment	46.6 [kg/million yen]**	45.4 [kg/million yen]**	*	Through planned production and sales floor planning and management, we significantly reduced the amount of waste compared to last year. We will continue to aim for zero waste.
	Recycling encouragement of food waste	Reduction of disposing products Expansion of stores to conduct recycling	• Recycling rate: 42.0%	• Recycling rate: 44.8%	•	Although the number of stores to conduct recycling increased, the volume decreased. We will strive to improve the recycling rate.

Note: Covers each Valor Holdings Co., Ltd. company. Calculation covers food retail industry regarding power consumption and food waste generation. Covered: Valor Co., Ltd., Tachiya Co., Ltd., Shokusenkan-Taiyo Co., Ltd., Kohseiya Co., Ltd., Futabaya Co., Ltd. and Sanko Co., Ltd. *Electricity usage as a percentage of net sales [1,000 kWh/million yen] (Units) **Food waste generated as a percentage of net sales [kg/million yen] (Units)

Local Communities and Global Environment

We are cooperating in local activities while advancing sustainable production initiatives through resource circulation in order to solve global environmental issues.

Participation in the ethical Re DESIGN PROJECT

Aiming for ethical production, this project is a collaboration among various organizations, companies, and others across industries to make local unused fiber materials usable and sell products made of these fiber materials. Valor agrees with this project and has participated mainly as a sales outlet.

This year stores began charging for plastic bags, so the theme was "SDGs Shopping," which involved producing multipurpose reusable bags that are made of unused fiber materials. Valor stores in Tajimi (Gifu Prefecture) and Ryoge (Gifu Prefecture) sold the Valor Prize bags and other bags and original bags, which were popular among customers.





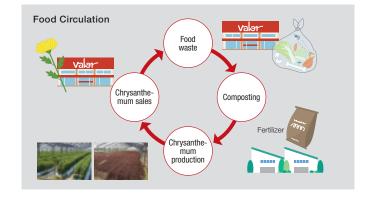


Sales outlet

Valor Prize award ceremony

Food circulation initiatives

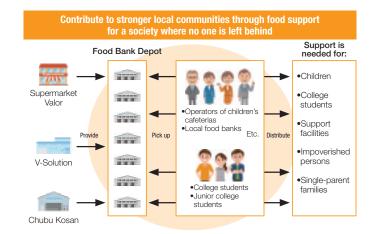
Valor promotes food recycling. In FY2020, food waste from stores in Mie Prefecture was composted by a contracted facility and used to improve the soil for chrysanthemum production by a contracted flower producer, and then the chrysanthemums were sold at Valor Group stores.



Food Banks: Support mainly for children

Starting in Tajimi-shi in Gifu Prefecture, food support expanded to Ena-shi and Aichi Prefecture. In FY2020, food support worth approximately ¥8 million was provided from a total of 21 Valor, Chubu Kosan, and V-Solution locations. By providing food support to local Kodomo Shokudo (children's cafeterias) and social welfare councils, we are creating a model for support that meets the needs of individual organizations and results in zero food loss by partnering with Food Bank Aichi, which widely promotes support activities primarily in the Tokai Region.

In FY2021, other Group companies will also begin providing food, and we will work to provide food and other support to local children with the aim of expanding locations and the type of support offered.



DX paperless initiative

The Valor Group has operated using paper for pay slips, various personal information filings and applications, and so forth. Some companies have already systematized and gone paperless in more than 20 categories for which data can be collected and applications filed using digital systems and smart phones. As a result, ¥15 million and 1.5 million sheets of paper have been saved.



Response to Consumer Needs

Improving Private Labels

In 2008, three brands were launched from the former "Aji Quality" brand. "V-Select" offers good quality products at low prices. "V-Quality" offers tasty food items made from carefully chosen methods and ingredients. "V-Organic" was developed to offer JAS certified organic products. In addition, in 2014, "V-Premium" debuted to offer food made from handpicked and superior ingredients and recipes. We have reinforced safety and security initiatives through audits in areas such as hygiene management and manufacturing process management at manufacturing outsourcing plants, nutrition labels, and other measures, while also contributing to the expansion of sales to companies outside the Group. In October 2020, we started to consolidate into two new brands, "Valor Select" and "Valor Plus," in order to further strengthen our brands. Our logo uses a flag meaning "support," "symbol," and "goal" in order to simply express Valor's position of supporting daily life, "Tasty Food Worth Eating from Valor to the Table."

Valor Select: Support for daily life

This brand supports daily life and offers a wide variety of tasty basic product categories at satisfactory prices.



Valor Plus: Better quality

A little better quality and a little more luxury than usual. This brand offers familiar high quality products that brighten daily life



Establishing a Sustainable Supply Chain

The Group believes it is essential to build a supply chain in order to increase the effectiveness of its business model as a manufacturing and retailing company.

Initiatives for "White Logistics"

The Company submitted a declaration of voluntary actions in agreement with the objectives of the "White Logistics Movement" in which the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries are calling on to participate.

1. Utilize reservation system for product delivery

There have been problems at our distribution centers where our suppliers (manufacturers, wholesalers, and delivery companies) had to wait upon delivery, while we also had problems such as taking too long to handle delivery, causing issues on both sides. Therefore, since March 2019, we have introduced a reservation system for product delivery at multiple distribution centers. As more suppliers utilize the system, the advance reservation rate exceeded 90% by the end of June, reducing waiting time and improving the efficiency of handling the delivery.

2. Extend lead time for delivery orders of processed food

Regarding delivery to distribution centers for ambient-temperature products, our suppliers (manufacturers and wholesalers) used to receive the order data from Valor Co., Ltd. one day prior to the product delivery date to stores. Our suppliers had to secure the necessary trucks in a short period of time between receipt of data and shipment to the distribution center, which placed a burden on the shipping process, while distribution centers also had to deal with problems such as different delivery time by each supplier. Therefore, we have extended the lead time to receive the order data to two days before the product delivery to stores. As a result, our suppliers have sufficient time to arrange shipments, and we are now able to flexibly schedule deliveries from the distribution centers to stores, which has helped us to level the workload.

3. Review the "one-third rule" for acceptable rate of storage period

Valor Co., Ltd. has been making a full-scale effort to reduce food waste. As part of this initiative, we took steps to ease the limit on acceptable number of days for storage, targeting products delivered to the distribution center for ambient-temperature products in Kani-shi, starting in July 2019. By reducing the number of returned products to suppliers (manufacturers and wholesalers), we hope to contribute to the reduction of food waste generated during the process from manufacture to delivery to the distribution centers.

Initiatives to solve shopping issues

In order to develop mobile sales using 10 vehicles from five stores in Gifu Prefecture in cooperation with a partner for locations where shopping is inconvenient and in order to solve a problem of the working generation not having time to go shopping, we started a service called "ainoma," an online supermarket service delivering to offices in July 2019, and based on this system, we started "ainoma pick-up" for product pickup via drive-through in May 2020. We are also proceeding to develop services that meet local needs, such as deliveries to childcare and other facilities, personal delivery, in-store pickup, and catalog-based shopping agency service.

Diversity of Human Resources

Supporting a diversified workforce in HR system

We support people who are highly motivated and whose experience and backgrounds are diverse. The principal HR systems are as described below.

	Status		FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	
Promoting female workers	Aside from offering all our employees opportunities to display their personalities and their capabilities, we also aim to enhance the workplace environment where female workers can flourish in their careers.	Ratio of female managerial personnel to all managerial personnel (managers or higher) (The number of female managerial personnel/The number of all managerial personnel)	5.3 % (23people/437people)	5.6 % (43people/774people)	5.8 % (48people/826people)	
Diverse workstyles		Number of female workers who took maternity leave or child care leave				
M	We are working to improve the workplace environment corresponding to the phase of the individual's life and career, including raising awareness of maternity leave, childcare leave, and	Maternity leave (Employees/Part-timers)	169 people (66people/103people)	224 people (92people/132people)		
Mar. 3	family care leave, and creation of a workplace that facilitates easy return to work.	Child care leave (Employees/Part-timers)	179 people (71 people/108 people)	205 people (68people/137people)	201 people (75people/126people) Including 4 male employees	
Hiring of the disabled	We are actively recruiting people with disabilities who	The rate of hiring people* with disabilities	2.20%	2.40%	2.40%	
The state of the s	wish to work for regular companies and be indepen- dent. The Gifu Prefectural Government established a registration system in November 2011 to enable	Contracted by Gifu Prefecture			:	
130	companies to support the employment of people with disabilities in cooperation with schools for learners with special needs. Valor registered in February 2012.	Adviser for people with disabilities seeking jobs	fro	m FY2013 to prese	ent	
	In order to facilitate employment of people with disabilities also in other regions and support them so that they can work at Valor for a long time, we intend	Adviser for employment of people with disabilities	from FY2015 to present			
	to promote education and training of our store staff and while facilitating collaborations with regional recruitment centers and the social welfare departments of municipalities.	Member of Gifu Prefecture taskforce for abolition of discrimination against people with disabilities	fro	from FY2015 to present		
Post-retirement reemployment program	Against the backdrop of population aging, Valor has introduced a post-retirement reemployment program whereby Valor reemploys all the employees who are willing to work after retirement, in principle. Eligible employees may be reemployed after they retire until they reach 65 years old if they wish to do so.	Usage rate of post- retirement reemployment program	87.2%	95.7%	79.1%	
Promotion to full-time employees	16 key operating companies of the Group have programs to promote part-time workers to full-time employees. Part-time workers have periodic opportunities for promotion to full-time employees. Part-time workers who satisfy the criteria can apply for promotion and, after screening, successful applicants are promoted to full-time employees. In addition, heads of departments can recommend part-time workers as candidates for promotion to full-time employees.	Number of part-time workers promoted to full-time employees	122 people	205 people	238 people	
Number of Employees	Following the transition of important issue in human resources development to "Frontline performance development", the Company will further promote	Number of employees (Average length of service)	6,501 people (9.0years)	8,168 people (9.0 years)	8,661 people (9.1 years)	
	initiatives to establish an environment for better places to work including programs for human resources development and supporting diverse human resources. Through such policies, we aim to retain talented	Female workers (Average length of service)	1,739 people (5.6years)	2,299 people (5.9years)	2,552 people (5.9years)	
	human resources in addition to improving productivity and organizational capabilities through developing individual abilities and skills.	Male workers (Average length of service)	4,762 people (10.2years)	5,869 people (10.2years)	6,109 people (10.5 years)	

Note: The above figures are based on the following 17 companies accounting for 89.1% of the Group's total employees: Valor Holdings Co., Ltd., Valor Co., Ltd., Tachiya Co., Ltd., Shokusenkan-Taiyo Co., Ltd., Kohseiya Co., Ltd., Futabaya Co., Ltd., Sanko Co., Ltd., Chubu Foods Co., Ltd., Chubu Yakuhin Co., Ltd., Daiyu Eight Co., Ltd., Home Center Valor Co., Ltd., Time Co., Ltd., Amigo Co., Ltd., AXTOS Co., Ltd., Chubu Ryutu Co., Ltd., Chubu Kosan Co., Ltd. and Core Support Co., Ltd.
*In FY2016, we started group reporting of the rate of hiring people with disabilities for operating companies, of which voting rights are directly held by the Company.



Human resources development to support medium-term growth

Based on its Corporate Philosophy of "Creation, Advance & Challenge," Valor seeks individuals who are ambitious and eager to take up challenges. We are actively recruiting people with expertise in such areas as food production, processing and distribution, in order to establish business models that optimize the entire process from sourcing to retailing, as well as in preparation for expansion of the scope of the supermarket, drugstore, and home improvement center businesses.

Sales capabilities and frontline performance capabilities are important for "enhancing the appeal of products," one of the basic policies of our three-year medium-term strategic plans. Supermarket Valor established a new human resources system that appoints a Meister product and sales professional to lead frontline performance capabilities. We support human resources development that bolsters mediumto long-term growth.

In August 2020, two Meisters in agricultural products and two Meisters in marine products were appointed, who support store growth and act as examples for employees who aim to be true professionals, while also doing their best to create sales floors that continue to evolve.

Meister Interview





The part that I feel is most enjoyable is the fact that there may be wrong answers about how to work but there are no right answers. The results of continuing to move forward and challenge myself appear in the numbers and lead to my evaluation. I think the criteria for this evaluation are my biggest motivators. I try to see things subjectively from the customer's perspective and feeling. Daily conversations with customers are also important to me so that I do not forget that this work naturally is for the benefit of customers.

Human resources development

We aim to strengthen our organizational competencies and improve corporate value by improving frontline performance capabilities through offering on-the-job training and fostering self-motivating leaders who can identify problems and execute solutions. The Company's human resources development programs are based on Group-wide training programs plus training on the techniques and expertise needed at each business operation. The Group-wide position-based programs focusing on Corporate Philosophy (DNA) education are mainly designed for those who have just joined the Company or those who have passed the Group qualification screening and been promoted. Attendees are helped to link philosophy to practice by cultivating an understanding of the Corporate Philosophy advocated by Valor's founder Yoshimi Ito, and listening to lectures by the current management. The Valor Historical Museum and the Company Founder Yoshimi Ito Memorial Gallery, which are housed in the Human Resources Development Center, serve as venues for experience to understand the Corporate Philosophy. In addition, we have incorporated human rights related themes into position-based programs since FY2018 in which participants learn how employee satisfaction leads to customer satisfaction by appropriately responding to various human rights issues in the workplace and in business activities.

Expanding the field of activity for diverse human resources

Connecting with society

Flower seedlings raised by students from the Gifu Prefectural Kamo Special Needs School were sold at Supermarket Valor stores. We will continue such activities that connect the students who raised the seedlings with our customers who bought them.



Promoting diverse workstyles

The Valor Group is improving and revising its systems in response to employee opinions, with the aim of creating an environment where diverse workstyles are possible. In FY2020, four male employees took childcare leave. While working to raise awareness, which is necessary for the penetration of this system, we will promote the sharing of experiences and the exchange of opinions within the Group, as well as proceed to create a workplace environment where it is easy to work.

Corporate Governance

Basic Policy

The fundamental objectives of Valor Holdings' corporate governance are to achieve efficient management and faster decision-making and enhance corporate value continuously, while ensuring management transparency and fairness, thorough risk management as well as timely and appropriate disclosure from the viewpoints of shareholders, customers, and all other stakeholders.

Corporate Governance Systems

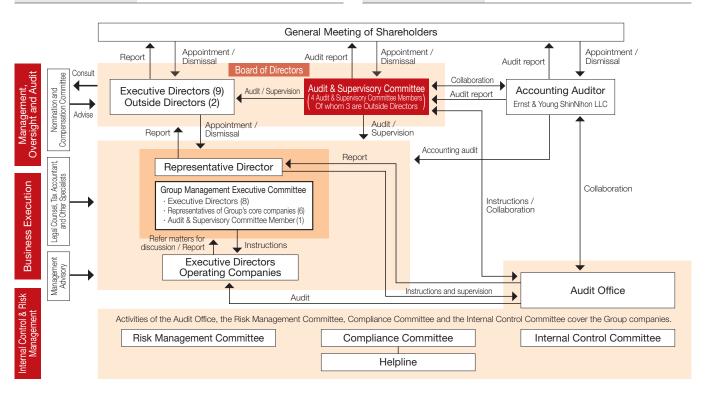
Overview of Valor's Corporate Governance Structure (As of June 25, 2021)

Upon the transition to a holding company structure in October 2015, the Company separated its management decision-making and oversight system and business execution system, aiming for faster business execution and strengthening oversight. For faster business execution, we have established the Group Management Executive Committee which is comprised of the Company's Executive Directors, the Standing Audit & Supervisory Committee Member and Representatives of the Group's core companies, where decisions are made on investment projects and management issues of operating companies are discussed. All decisions of the Group Management Executive Committee are reported to the Board of Directors.

At the 59th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 30, 2016, a partial amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was approved and the Company transitioned to a company with Audit & Supervisory Committee System. By establishing an Audit & Supervisory Committee with more than half of the members being Outside Directors, the Company aims to enhance the oversight function of the Board of Directors and further strengthen corporate governance.

Organization Form	Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee System	ı
Chairperson of the Board	Chairman & CEO	- !

Number of Directors	15 (of whom 5 are Outside Directors)
Number of Audit & Supervisory Committee Members	4 (of whom 3 are Outside Directors)



Performance evaluation on the Board of Directors

Since 2015, the Company has been considering whether or not the Board of Directors is functioning effectively. Based on the results of this consideration, the Company intends to improve the Board of Directors as a whole through a continuous process of taking appropriate actions to rectify weaknesses and build up strengths.

To improve the Board of Directors, all of the Directors have been conducting self-evaluation questionnaires, which are designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the structure of the Board of Directors and its discussion and consideration, etc. on a scale of one to five. In FY2020, the Board of Directors scored 3.9 on average, up 0.1 points from FY2019, and the result indicates that the Board of Directors is generally deemed to be effective. However, as the Group's range of business expands, the number of matters to be resolved and reported has increased, there have been requests for stronger corporate governance and deeper discussions on business strategies.



Policy and procedures for appointment and removal of management executives by the Board of Directors, and reasons for nomination of candidates for Director Reasons for appointment, removal and nomination

(1) Policy

- · Regarding Directors who are not Audit & Supervisory Committee Members, people with specialized knowledge and excellent management & decision-making capabilities or people who execute important businesses or are responsible for key operating companies are nominated as candidates. For Outside Directors, people with abundant experience in their respective fields, excellent character, and high level of insight as well as the capability of providing objective and multifaceted suggestions about management, are nominated as candidates.
- · Regarding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members, people with knowledge of finance and accounting, understanding of the Group's business and diverse viewpoints about corporate management are nominated as candidates to ensure accurate auditing of compliance and appropriateness of business execution.
- · The dismissal of a Director shall be deliberated at the Board of Directors meetings in the event that the Director is in violation of laws and regulations or the Articles of Incorporation, other circumstances occur that prevent the Director from properly performing his or her duties, or the Company's corporate value is significantly damaged by the Director due to negligence of his or her duties, etc.

(2) Procedures

- · Regarding Directors who are not Audit & Supervisory Committee Members, candidates shall be determined by the Board of Directors after consideration by the Nomination and Compensation Committee chaired by Representative Director Masami Tashiro consisting of two Executive Directors and three Outside Directors.
- · Regarding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members, candidates shall be determined by the Board of Directors after consideration by the Nomination and Compensation Committee and subsequent consent of the Audit & Supervisory Committee.
- · The dismissal of a Director shall be determined by the Board of Directors after hearing opinions of the Audit & Supervisory Committee, in addition to reports from the Nomination and Compensation Committee.
- (3) Explanation about appointment, removal and nomination
 - · Reasons for election of each candidate for Director are disclosed in the reference document for the General Meeting of Shareholders.
 - · Reasons for election of each candidate for Outside Director are disclosed in [Directors] "Relations with Valor Holdings Co., Ltd. (2)" of "II Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems Concerning Management Decision-Making, Execution and Supervision" in the Corporate Governance Report.
 - · Explanation of the dismissal of Directors (excluding non-reappointment) shall be disclosed in the reference documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders.

Policy for determining the amount of compensation and the calculation method

(1) Basic policy

- · Directors' compensation consists of basic compensation, performance-linked bonuses and share-based compensation, all of which shall be set separately for inside and outside directors. For Outside Directors and Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee members, compensation consists only of basic compensation, in view of their roles and independence.
- · Basic compensation, paid monthly, shall be, in principle, provided in an amount that is adequate for securing (recruiting) excellent people as executives and shall be determined based on comprehensive evaluation of the Company's financial performance, each Director's performance of duties, achievements and degree of contribution. Regarding Directors who are also employees, the salary as an employee shall be paid in accordance with the Rules for Wages for Employees. For Directors (excluding executive directors) from a consolidated subsidiary, compensation at the subsidiary shall be paid in accordance with the subsidiary's rules for directors' compensation.
- · The amount of performance-linked bonuses shall be determined within the maximum amount approved at the General Meeting of Shareholders in consideration of the previous amount of bonuses paid, the Company's financial results for the current year and the business performance that the Director is delegated.
- · Share-based compensation is an employee stock ownership plan approved at the 60th General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 29, 2017. At the time of resignation or retirement of a Director, the Company's shares are delivered to the Director in accordance with the Rules for Delivering Shares to Directors, which was approved at the Board of Directors meeting held on the same date.

(2) Procedures

The amount of compensation for Directors shall be an agenda item of the General Meeting of Shareholders and shall be determined within the maximum amount decided at the General Meeting of Shareholders.

Regarding the amount of basic compensation and bonuses, in order to increase transparency and objectiveness, the Nomination and Compensation Committee, which is an advisory organ for the Board of Directors consisting of two Executive Directors and three Outside Directors, shall examine and review the details, after which the amount shall be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors; then the decision is redirected to the discretion of Chairman & CEO Masami Tashiro, on the condition that the report of the Nomination and Compensation Committee is emphasized.

The amount of compensation for Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members shall be determined by resolution of the Audit & Supervisory Committee.

Independence criteria and qualifications for Independent Outside Directors

Our criteria for selecting Outside Directors are that they satisfy the requirements for independent officers pursuant to the Companies Act and as specified by the stock exchanges where the Company's shares are listed; that they are unlikely to have conflicts of interest with general shareholders; that they are not affiliated with a supplier or a customer of the Company with which transactions exceed an amount egual to 2% of the Company's consolidated net sales or exceed ¥10 million in direct individual transactions; and they have specialized knowledge about finance, accounting, law, management, etc. or experience in corporate management, etc.

Corporate Governance

Number of meetings of the Board of Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board held and attendance status (FY 2020)

	Meetings of the Board of Directors	Meetings of the Audit & Supervisory Board*
Number of meetings	14	13
Attendance of Outside Directors	100%	100%

Note: The figures are based on the number of meetings held from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

Dialogues with shareholders in FY2020

64th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders (Held June 25, 2021)	89 shareholders attended	65 minutes (FY2020: 93 attendees, 46 minutes)
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Directors (as of June 25, 2021)

Name	Title	Significant concurrent positions at major subsidiaries
Masami Tashiro	Chairman & CEO	
Satoru Yokoyama	Executive vice-president	CEO, AXTOS CO., Ltd. Executive vice-president, Valor Co.,Ltd.
Akira Shinohana	Managing Director	CEO, Chubu Agri Co.,Ltd.
Katsuyuki Mori	Director	Chairman, Tachiya Co., Ltd. Senior Managing Director, Valor Co., Ltd.
Takayuki Koike	Director	Retail Technology CEO, Chubu Kosan Co., Ltd.
Satoshi Yoneyama	Director	Director and General Manager, LuVit Business Department
Morisaku Wagato	Director	Executive vice-president, Alleanza Holdings Co.,Ltd. CEO, Home Center Valor Co., Ltd.
Motohiko Takasu	Director	CEO Chubu Yakuhin Co.,Ltd.
Shunichi Asakura	Director	Chairman, Alleanza Holdings Co.,Ltd.
Toshiyuki Takahashi	Outside Director	
Mihoko Hayashi	Outside Director	
Takashi Takayama	Director	Audit & Supervisory Committee Member (full-time)
Mutsuo Masuda	Outside Director	Audit & Supervisory Committee Member
Hirofumi Hata	Outside Director	Audit & Supervisory Committee Member
Tokimitsu Ito	Outside Director	Audit & Supervisory Committee Member

Basic Policy on the internal control system and the status of its development

The Company considers internal control and compliance to be an important management issue and has articulated the Corporate Philosophy, the basic management policy, and the Action Guidelines for Corporate Ethics in order to gain trust from society and contribute to social development. Efforts are made to ensure that all officers and employees comply by defining and implementing the basic policies and basic rules.

Internal control and compliance system

Regarding the internal control system, the Company has articulated the Basic Policy on the Internal Control System (partially revised on April 19, 2021) and strives to improve and operate the internal control system. The Internal Control Committee meets regularly to confirm the status of the improvement and operation of the internal control system. The Audit & Supervisory Committee Members may attend meetings of the Internal Control Committee and state their opinions. The confirmation results of the Internal Control Committee are reported to the Board of Directors once a year. When promptly reportable matters are confirmed, they are also reported as needed to the Board of Directors.



Compliance and Risk Management Systems

Risk management system

Regarding the establishment of a risk management system, the Company has established the Basic Rules for Risk Management and manages Company-wide risk of losses in a comprehensive, integrated manner under a clearly defined risk management system. The Rules were revised on April 1, 2021, to consolidate the relevant risks into six categories, establish working groups (subcommittees) to manage each risk category, clearly specify the department(s) in charge, define the regular risk management promotion system of the Risk Management Committee and establish an emergency risk management system including BCP.

The secretariat of the Risk Management Committee is the Risk Management Department. Meetings are held twice per year, and reports are made to the Board of Directors once per year. The full-time Audit & Supervisory Committee Member and the Head of the Audit Office may attend meetings of the Risk Management Committee and state their opinions.

Compliance

Regarding the establishment of a compliance management system, the Company has articulated the Company-wide Basic Compliance Rules, and in order to ensure compliance, efforts are made to improve, maintain and develop the internal control system by responding to new and amended laws. In addition, the Compliance Committee usually meets jointly with the Risk Management Committee twice per year and reports to the Board of Directors once per year. When a major compliance violation is discovered, an emergency meeting is convened to discuss the formation and composition of a committee to investigate the matter, and the results of this meeting are escalated to the Board of Directors. If necessary, the committee chairperson selects members. The full-time Audit & Supervisory Committee Member and the Head of the Audit Office may attend meetings of the Compliance Committee and state their opinions. As part of internal control systems concerning violations of the law and other compliance issues, the Compliance Committee also has established rules for whistleblowing and adopted a whistleblowing system with the Audit Office as the contact point. Whistleblowing matters are reported to the Compliance Committee.

System to ensure the appropriateness of business operations of subsidiaries

The Action Guidelines for Corporate Ethics has been applied to all Group companies to foster the legal compliance awareness of all the Group's directors and employees. In addition, the Company has established the Rules for Management of Group Companies and Affiliates and the Rules of Authority of Group Companies and Affiliates, which require Group companies to report to the Company on certain matters based on these rules. Matters that meet certain criteria are submitted to the Company's Board of Directors or the Group Management Executive Committee as matters to be discussed. The Audit Office, which reports directly to the Representative Director, audits the operations of each Group company based on the internal audit plan, and reports the results of its audits to the Board of Directors, the Audit & Supervisory Committee, the Accounting Auditor and other relevant departments to ensure sound business operations.

Risk awareness

The Company considers that the following matters may have a significant impact on investors' decisions concerning the Company's statuses of operations and accounting.

1. Factors that may have an impact on the Group's financial performance

- (1) External environment of the retail business(economic trends, increased price competition, competition, taxation on consumption, climate change, etc.)
- (2) Store opening policies (difficulty in securing land or premises satisfying the store opening criteria, regulatory restrictions, etc.)
- (3) Food safety (quality incidents such as food poisoning and contamination, erroneous food labeling, etc.)
- (4) Natural disasters, infectious diseases, etc. (in case that natural disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons occur or infectious diseases spread)
- (5) Entry to new businesses (in the event that anticipated results cannot be achieved because of changes in the external environment, etc.)
- (6) Interest rate fluctuations
- (7) Securing of human resources (difficulty in recruiting human resources and developing them as planned)
- (8) Security measures for information systems (in case of troubles beyond the Company's expectation)

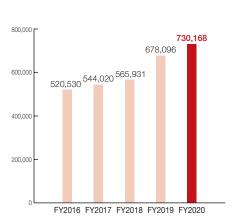
2. Regulatory restrictions concerning the Group

- (1) Act on the Measures by Large-Scale Retail Stores for Preservation of Living Environment (in the event that it is not possible to open new stores or increase the floor space of existing stores as planned)
- (2) Leakage of personal information
- (3) Other regulatory restrictions
- 3. Impairment of noncurrent assets
- 4. Defferred tax assets

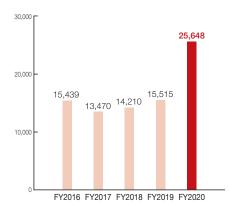
11-year Summary of Financial Results

	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	
For the year:					
Revenues from operations	379,172	410,577	431,218	454,180	
Operating income	12,347	15,236	15,852	14,287	
Ordinary income	12,817	16,020	16,844	15,311	
Net income	4,232	7,149	8,184	9,162	
At year-end:					
Total assets	190,065	199,774	213,629	235,131	
Net assets	61,821	68,134	75,466	82,949	
Net assets (excl. subscription rights to shares and non-controlling interests)	60,998	67,243	74,887	82,395	
Interest-bearing debt	69,746	69,383	75,679	87,265	
Cash Flows:					
Cash flows from operating activities	20,324	19,190	21,139	19,198	
Cash flows from investing activities	(14,428)	(17,793)	(20,961)	(23,746)	
Free cash flows	5,895	1,397	177	(4,547)	
Cash flows from financial activities	(1,608)	(2,283)	2,914	5,983	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of fiscal year	13,547	12,676	15,764	17,055	
Capital Expenditures:					
Capital expenditures (based on payment)	15,245	17,859	22,101	25,226	
Breakdown of expenditures:					
for new store openings	8,995	11,230	14,414	12,851	
for refurbishing existing stores	5,007	4,114	1,788	2,306	
for others	1,243	2,515	5,899	10,069	
Depreciation and amortization (CF)	9,017	9,612	10,255	11,090	
Per Share data:					
Net assets per share (BPS) (yen)	1,197.67	1,320.33	1,454.43	1,600.25	
Net income per share (EPS) (yen)	83.10	140.38	159.56	177.95	
Cash dividends per share (yen)	22	26	29	31	
Dividend payout ratio	26.5%	18.5%	18.2%	17.4%	
Financial indicators:					
Return on total assets (ROA)	7.0%	8.2%	8.1%	6.8%	
Return on equity (ROE)	7.1%	11.2%	11.5%	11.7%	
Shareholders' equity ratio	32.1%	33.7%	35.1%	35.0%	
Debt equity ratio (times)	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	

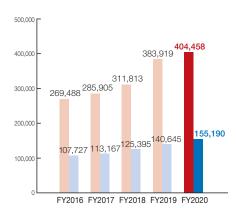
Revenues from operations (millions of yen)



Operating income (millions of yen)



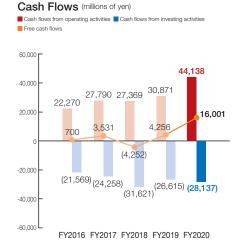
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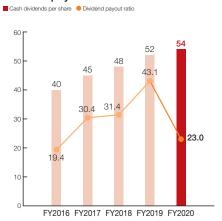


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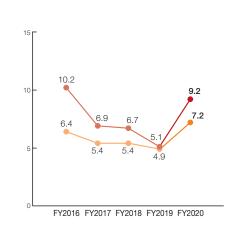
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Annual cash dividends per share (yen) Dividend payout ratio (%)







FY2020 Financial Review

Summary of consolidated results and financial conditions

Consolidated operating results for FY2020 were revenues from operations of ¥730,168 million, an increase of 7.7% year on year; operating income of ¥25,648 million, an increase of 65.3%; ordinary income of ¥28,397 million, an increase of 68.2%; and profit attributable to owners of parent of ¥12,592 million, an increase of 94.4%. Revenues from operations increased for the 26th consecutive year, and operating income, ordinary income, and profit attributable to owners of parent all reached record highs.

The breakdown of the increase in revenues of major segments (¥52,071 million) was ¥23,514 million for the supermarket business, ¥15,876 million for the home improvement center business, and ¥11,217 million for the drugstore business. Sales at existing stores were strong in all three businesses and grew particularly significantly in the supermarket business and home improvement center business due to increased stay-at-home demand in divisions that strengthened merchandising policy.

The breakdown of the increase in earnings of major segments (¥10,133 million) was ¥7,052 million for the supermarket business and ¥3,862 million for the home improvement center business. In the supermarket business, Valor Co., Ltd., one of the core companies, has been steadily refurbishing its stores aiming to become a "destination store," and fresh foods comprised a larger percentage of sales. As a result, the gross profit ratio improved. Lower advertising and other expenses also contributed. In the home improvement center business, the consolidation of Alleanza Holdings Co., Ltd. as a subsidiary resulted in lower cost of goods sold, further development of private label products, and improved gross profit ratio, as well as a lower expense ratio due to increased revenues. Meanwhile, the sports club business was affected by COVID-19 and recorded an operating loss of ¥1,933 million. This was mainly due to a decline in membership fee

revenue caused by factors such as emergency shutdowns under the Japanese government's declarations of a state of emergency, implementation of a special membership suspension system, and sports club closings. Although efforts were made to cut the fixed costs and reduce the breakeven point, we were unable to absorb the expenses and need to work more on earnings optimization.

An extraordinary loss of ¥4,751 million was posted, the major breakdown of which was impairment loss of ¥2,843 million based on the accounting standard for impairment on noncurrent assets, a loss of ¥702 million due to the voluntary business suspension. The loss due to the voluntary business suspension includes ¥602 million for the sports club business and ¥99 million for the pet shop business included in the other businesses.

The Company's efficiency improved from the previous year, with ROA rising from 4.9% to 7.2% and ROE rising from 5.1% to 9.2%. The increase in ROA was mainly due to an increase in the ratio of ordinary income to revenues from operations from 2.5% to 3.9%, and in particular due to a decrease in the expense ratio from 26.1% to 25.3%. ROA and ROE exceeded the quantitative targets (ROA at least 5.6%, ROE at least 7.7%) in the final year of the FY2018-2020 strategic plans, but the total asset turnover ratio remained at 1.9 from the previous year. In order to improve efficiency, we believe that further use of Group management resources is necessary. The financial policies of new FY2021-2023 strategic plans starting in FY2021 call for financial discipline in the form of reducing interest-bearing debt, with a debt-equity ratio target of 0.6 times. Assuming a change in the financing balance, in order to shift to management that is more conscious of the cost of capital, we have adopted ROIC as a new management efficiency indicator.

Financial position

Total assets increased ¥20,539 million from the end of the previous year to ¥404,458 million. The main factors were an increase of ¥5,236 million in cash and deposits, an increase of ¥1,851 million in inventories, an increase of ¥8,741 million in property, plant and equipment, and an increase of ¥1,421 million in deferred tax assets.

Total liabilities increased ¥5,993 million from the end of the previous year to ¥249,267 million. The main factors were an increase of ¥1,822 million in notes and accounts payable-trade and an

increase of ¥4,188 million in income taxes payable. Net assets increased ¥14,545 million from the end of the previous year to ¥155,190 million. Net assets excluding non-controlling interests and subscription rights to shares were ¥142,862 million, and the shareholders' equity ratio was 35.3%. As a result, the debt-equity ratio decreased to 0.8 times from 0.9 times from the previous year, thus returning to the target level of the FY2018-2020 strategic plans.

Cash flows

Cash and cash equivalents at March 31, 2021 increased ¥5,190 million from the end of the previous year to ¥29,349 million.

Cash flows from operating activities

Net cash provided by operating activities amounted to ¥44,138 million, having increased ¥13,266 million compared with the previous year. The main factors were increases of ¥11,681 million in income before income taxes, ¥3,170 million in notes and accounts receivable-trade, and ¥568 million in depreciation and amortization, despite a decrease of ¥3,730 million in notes and accounts payable-trade.

Cash flows from investing activities

Net cash used in investing activities amounted to ¥28,137 million, having increased ¥1,521 million compared with the previous year. The main factor was increases of ¥975 million in proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment and ¥4,511 million in payments for purchase of property, plant and equipment resulting from opening of new stores and renovations, despite decreases of ¥487 million in payments for acquisition of subsidiary shares due to a change in the scope of consolidation and ¥1,105 million in payments for acquisition of businesses.

Cash flows from financing activities

Net cash used in financing activities amounted to ¥10,472 million, having increased ¥9,920 million compared with the previous year. The main factor was an increase of ¥10,000 million in proceeds from the issuance of commercial paper, which was offset by a decrease of ¥10,191 million in proceeds from long-term loans payable and increases of ¥7,224 million in repayment of short-term loans payable and ¥2,701 million in repayment of long-term loans payable.



Policy on Profit Distribution and Dividends for FY2020

The year-end dividend for FY2020 was ¥29 per share. Combined with the interim dividend of ¥25 per share, the annual dividend for FY2020 amounted to ¥54 per share, ¥2 higher than for the previous year. The payout ratio was 23.0%. Our policies on creating cash flow, fund employment, and financial discipline are set out in the FY2021-2023 strategic plans, but we will continue to focus on improving our ability to create cash flow. As for our approach to profit distribution, the three-year total for capital expenditure is set at ¥85,000 million, of which 45-50% is planned to be allocated to investments in new store openings, 35% to investments in existing stores, and 15-20% to other investments including DX. While intending to maintain a steady return to shareholders with a dividend payout ratio of 25%, we also believe it is important to maintain business safety by raising our internal reserves.

Forecasts for FY2021

Vaccination is expected to end the spread of COVID-19, but due to concerns over the increase in variants, the situation is likely to remain uncertain. In the food distribution industry, which is the Group's main business, demand for meals at home is expected to continue due to people voluntarily staying at home and refraining from eating out, but because of rapid changes in lifestyle and consumer behavior, the ability to respond to change will be put more to the test.

The year ended March 31, 2021 was the final year of the Group's FY2018-2020 strategic plans, and as stated in the basic policy of "undertaking a paradigm shift from expanding standardized stores to enhancing the appeal of products," we achieved some positive results in shifting from growth by expansion of the store network. However, in order to further improve management efficiency, we believe it is necessary to leverage the diverse management resources. Realizing both our unchanging social mission to provide a stable supply of products essential to daily life and the need to change our methods of providing products and services in conjunction with new lifestyles and consumer behavior due to COVID-19, we also established the Valor Group Vision 2030 and the Sustainability Vision 2030 as medium- to longterm management policies regarding the Group's position in society and how to create value looking ahead to 2030. The Valor Group's new FY2021-2023 strategic plans were formulated to make these visions a reality. In the dominant-form region, we will aim to build a "Valor Economic Zone" that connects local communities conveniently and prosperously with the Valor Group's products, services, and payments, and throughout the region, we will aim to be a "destination company" that is chosen through the appeal of products. In order to achieve this, we will strengthen points of contact with customers and advance a business process integration between manufacturing and retailing through DX (digital transformation). We will also contribute to the development of local communities and the enhancement of society and culture through company-wide business activities for a sustainable society.

The strategic goals of FY2021-2023 strategic plans based on the visions described above are articulated in "Connect 2030: Connecting Products, Customers, and Society," we will strengthen points of contact with customers through efforts to increase product appeal by strengthening manufacturing capabilities, and synchronizing supply chain information and through the promotion of EC strategies and the Lu Vit Card app. We will also strengthen Group governance, work to become a decarbonized society, reduce food waste, and otherwise promote sustainability management.

With regard to capital expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2022, we plan to continue focusing on investing in existing stores and will refurbish approximately 30 supermarkets in order to promote our transition to the "destination store" concept. We also plan to make other investments, including investments in DX, in order to advance our business model. In terms of new store investment, we plan to open a total of 67 new stores, including five supermarkets, 30 drugstores, nine home improvement centers (including specialized formats), eight sports clubs, seven pet shops, and eight other stores.

Based on the above assumptions, forecasts for consolidated financial performance for FY2021 are as follows: revenues from operations of ¥732.0 billion (see Note); operating income of ¥23.0 billion, a decrease of 10.3% year on year; ordinary income of ¥25.0 billion, a decrease of 12.0%; and profit attributable to owners of parent of ¥12.0 billion, a decrease of 4.7%.

Note: The Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition (ASBJ Statement No. 29) has been applied from the beginning of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022. The forecast of revenues from operations presents the figures after said accounting standard is applied, but since accounting methods are different, year-on-year comparison figures are not provided.

Financial policy in the FY2021-2023 strategic plans

Business portfolio management	 Aim for stable growth in the highly efficient home improvement center business and in the core supermarket business, which is expected to see sustained improvement in profitability. Profitability is still low in the drugstore business, but we will allocate funds to capital expenditures for now so that we can benefit from economies of scale in product procurement and development. The sports club business, which was affected by COVID-19, will pursue further structural reforms to optimize profits from its position of forming contacts with customers by providing value in health promotion.
Generation of cash flow	Create operating cash flow totaling at least ¥100.0 billion over the three years ending March 31, 2024.
Capital expenditure	 We plan to make capital expenditures totaling around ¥85.0 billion over the three years ending March 31, 2024, excluding M&A. The breakdown of capital expenditures is 45-50% to new store investment, 35% to existing store investment, and 15-20% to other investment, including DX.
Repayment of interest- bearing debt	Reduce interest-bearing debt to a D/E ratio target of 0.6 times
Shareholder return	• Based on the dividend policy*, we will aim to maintain a steady return to shareholders at a targeted dividend payout ratio of 25%.
Financial discipline	Aim for a D/E ratio of 0.6 times. In light of the changes in the financing balance, we will begin to use ROIC as an indicator of management efficiency and pay more attention to the cost of capital.

Note: *Our basic policy is to maintain steady returns to shareholders while raising internal reserves in order to strengthen the corporate structure in preparation for long-term, stable business development. Based on this policy, our medium- to long-term goal is a consolidated dividend payout ratio of 25%

Consolidated Financial Statements (Summary)

Consolidated Balance Sheet Valor Holdings Co., Ltd. and Subsidiaries (As of March 31, 2020 and 2021)

(Millions of yen)

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	FY2019	FY2020
Assets)		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	24,687	29,924
Notes and accounts receivable-trade	12,779	13,717
Merchandise and finished goods	51,284	52,878
Raw materials and supplies	891	1,149
Other	14,932	14,537
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(10)	(7)
Total current assets	104,565	112,199
Noncurrent assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures	277,323	292,338
Accumulated depreciation	(144,695)	(152,877)
Buildings and structures, net	132,628	139,460
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	10,229	13,593
Accumulated depreciation	(6,966)	(9,094)
Machinery, equipment and vehicles, net	3,263	4,499
Land	51,636	52,096
Lease assets	22,397	23,681
Accumulated depreciation	(13,209)	(14,777)
Lease assets, net	9,188	8,903
Construction in progress	3,576	3,669
Other	42,398	43,311
Accumulated depreciation	(33,259)	(33,767)
Other, net	9,139	9,544
Total property, plant and equipment	209,431	218,173
Intangible assets		
Goodwill	1,390	1,496
Lease assets	144	157
Other	14,172	14,339
Total intangible assets	15,706	15,993
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	7,141	9,964
Long-term loans receivable	1,052	1,106
Deferred tax assets	9,599	11,039
Guarantee deposits	32,102	32,350
Other	4,660	4,023
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(341)	(392)
Total investments and other assets	54,215	58,092
Total noncurrent assets	279,353	292,259
otal assets	383,919	404,458

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	FY2019	FY2020
(Liabilities)		
Current liabilities		
Notes and accounts payable-trade	51,400	59,423
Short-term loans payable	26,159	21,962
Commercial papers	_	10,000
Current portion of bonds	20	10,010
Current portion of long-term loans payable	21,180	20,495
Lease obligations	2,529	2,574
Income taxes payable	3,659	7,848
Provision for bonuses	3,143	3,634
Provision for directors' bonuses	141	205
Provision for point card certificates	1,479	1,542
Provision for loss on recollection of gift certificates	275	291
Asset Retirement Obligations	91	30
Provision for loss on store closing	562	248
Other	31,143	27,218
Total current liabilities	141,786	165,484
Noncurrent liabilities		
Bonds payable	10,010	_
Long-term loans payable	53,489	44,520
Lease obligations	11,483	11,320
Deferred tax liabilities	219	247
Provision for directors' retirement benefits	627	673
Provision for retirement benefits	4,743	5,804
Asset retirement obligations	12,703	13,342
Long-term deposits received	6,906	6,603
Other	1,301	1,269
Total noncurrent liabilities	101,486	83,783
Total liabilities	243,273	249,267
(Net assets)		
Shareholders' equity		
Capital stock	13,609	13,609
Capital surplus	20,076	20,049
Retained earnings	99,256	108,998
Treasury stock	(566)	(561)
Total shareholders' equity	132,375	142,095
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	(1,865)	880
Deferred gains (loss) on hedges	0	_
Foreign currency translation adjustment	273	140
Remeasurements of defined benefits plan	(34)	(254)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	(1,627)	766
Subscription rights to shares	142	134
Minority interests	9,754	12,194
Total net assets	140,645	155,190
Total liabilities and assets	383,919	404,458



Consolidated Statement of Income Valor Holdings Co., Ltd. and Subsidiaries (Consolidated fiscal years ended March 31, 2020 and 2021)

	(Millions of yer	
	FY2019	FY2020
Net sales	655,859	706,331
Cost of sales	485,339	519,555
Gross profit	170,519	186,775
Operating revenues	22,237	23,837
Operating gross profit	192,757	210,613
Selling, general and administrative expenses	0.400	5.040
Advertising expenses	8,486	5,842
Packaging expenses	38	141
Supplies expenses Distribution expenses	1,206 1,353	1,405 1,679
Provision for point card certificates	3,352	3,601
Provision of allowance for doubtful accounts	2	4
Directors' remuneration	972	988
Salaries and wages	65,435	69,773
Bonuses	5,258	6,120
Provision for bonuses	2,919	3,403
Provision for directors' bonuses	136	203
Retirement benefit expenses	908	1,240
Provision for directors' retirement benefits	40	61
Welfare expenses	11,141	12,099
Utilities expenses	10,014	9,299
Rent expenses	29,330	30,286
Repair and maintenance	4,110	4,758
Depreciation	15,412	16,283
Amortization of goodwill	391	434
Other	16,728	17,336
Total selling, general and administrative expenses	177,241 15,515	184,964
Operating income Non-operating income	10,010	25,648
Interest income	133	133
Dividend income	223	186
Office work fee	1,425	1,576
Rent income	834	855
Investment gain on equity method	39	19
Other	1,356	1,927
Total non-operating incomes	4,013	4,698
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	875	854
Foreign exchange losses	710	_
Rent cost of real estate	696	680
Other	367	415
Total non-operating expense	2,650	1,950
Ordinary income	16,878	28,397
Extraordinary income Loss on sales of noncurrent assets	10	47
Gain on receipt of donated land	—	103
Gain on sale of investment securities	2	42
Gain on negative goodwill	40	17
Penalty income	150	170
Subsidy income	283	467
Insurance income	303	_
Other	138	50
Total extraordinary income	930	898
Extraordinary loss		
Loss on sales of noncurrent assets	3	24
Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets	218	287
Impairment loss	3,065	2,843
Loss on reduction of noncurrent assets	221	197
Loss on valuation of investment securities	90	138
disaster Losses losses of business restraint	365 272	_ 702
Other	272 707	702 557
Total extraordinary loss	4,944	4,751
Total oxtraordinary 1000	<u> </u>	24,544
Income before income taxes	17.863	LT.UTT
Income before income taxes Income taxes-current	12,863 6,439	
Income taxes-current	6,439	10,877
Income taxes-current Income taxes-deferred	6,439 (903)	10,877 (1,793)
Income taxes-current Income taxes-deferred Total income taxes	6,439 (903) 5,535	10,877 (1,793) 9,083

Consolidated Financial Statements (Summary)

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Valor Holdings Co., Ltd. and Subsidiaries (Fiscal years ended March 31, 2020 and 2021)

		(Millions of yen
	FY2019	FY2020
Cash flows from operating activities		
Income before income taxes	12,863	24,544
Depreciation and amortization	17,665	18,234
Impairment loss	3,065	2,843
Amortization of goodwill	391	434
Gain on bargain purchase	(40)	(17)
Increase (decrease) in allowance for doubtful accounts	(7)	42
Increase (decrease) in defined benefit liabilities	334	624
Increase (decrease) in provision for directors' retirement benefits	28	21
Increase (decrease) in provision for point card certificates	178	57
Interest and dividends income paid	(356)	(320)
Interest expenses received	875	854
Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets	218	287
Loss on reduction of noncurrent assets	221	197
Disaster losses	365	_
Payment for business acquisition	272	702
Loss (gain) on valuation of investment securities	90	138
Equity in losses (earnings) of affiliates	(39)	(19)
Subsidy income	(283)	(467)
Insurance income	(303)	_
Decrease (increase) in notes and accounts receivable-trade	(3,427)	(256)
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(917)	(1,552)
Increase (decrease) in notes and accounts payable-trade	5,095	1,364
Increase (decrease) in accrued consumption taxes	(622)	1,306
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable-other and accrued expenses	988	847
Other	1,486	1,952
Subtotal	38,142	51,822
Interest and dividends income received	255	220
Interest expenses paid	(818)	(834)
	(6,708)	(7,069)
Income taxes paid Not each provided by operating activities		
Net cash provided by operating activities Cash flows from investing activities	30,871	44,138
Payments into time deposits	(283)	(427)
Proceeds from withdrawal of time deposits	(283) 676	532
•	(22,469)	(26,981)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(22,409)	1,023
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment		
Purchase of intangible assets	(1,680)	(1,250)
Purchase of investment securities	(459)	(118)
Proceeds from sales of investment securities	115	227
Payments of loans receivable	(136)	(6)
Proceeds from collection of loans receivable	22	83
Payments for guarantee deposits	(1,607)	(1,766)
Proceeds from collection of guarantee deposits	1,967	1,868
Proceeds from guarantee deposits received	333	450
Repayments of guarantee deposits received	(651)	(770)
Payment for acquisition of shares in subsidiaries resulting in change in scope of consolidation	(680)	(193)
Income for acquisition of shares in subsidiaries resulting in change in scope of consolidation	43	102
Payment for acquisition of business	(1,182)	(76)
Subsidy income	283	467
Other	(953)	(1,300)
Net cash provided by investing activities	(26,615)	(28,137)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net increase (decrease) in short-term loans payable	2,983	(4,241)
Net increase (decrease) in commercial papers	_	10,000
Proceeds from long-term loans payable	22,348	12,156
Repayments of long-term loans payable	(19,516)	(22,218)
Redemption of bonds	(100)	(34)
Repayments of finance lease obligations	(2,821)	(2,802)
Proceeds from sales of treasury stock	0	5
Purchase of treasury stock	(O)	(1)
Purchase of shares of subsidiaries not resulting in change in scope of consolidation	(361)	(46)
Cash dividends paid	(2,690)	(2,848)
Dividends paid to non-controlling shareholders	(393)	(441)
Other	0	0
Net cash provided by financing activities	(551)	(10,472)
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	(487)	(337)
	3,217	5,190
Net increase (decrease)in cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	17,938	24,159
ncrease in cash and deposits due to share exchange	3,003	00.040
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	24,159	29,349



Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets Valor Holdings Co., Ltd. and Subsidiaries (Fiscal years ended March 31, 2020 and 2021)

FY2019

(Millions of yen)

	Shareholders' equity			Accumulated other comprehensive income									
	Capital Stock	Capital Surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Total shareholders' equity	Valuation difference on available-for- sale securities	Deferred gains (loss) on hedges	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Remeasurements of defined benefits plan	Total accumulated other comprehensive income	rights to contr shares inter	Non- controlling interests	controlling lotal net
Balance, March 31, 2018	13,609	15,543	95,468	(566)	124,054	421	0	155	(33)	544	101	693	125,395
Changes of items during the period													
Equity transaction with noncontrolling interests		(269)			(269)								(269)
Increase due to a share exchange		4,802			4,802								4,802
Dividends from surplus			(2,689)		(2,689)								(2,689)
Net income			6,477		6,477								6,477
Purchase of treasury stock				(O)	(0)								(O)
Disposal of treasury stock				0	0								0
Net changes of items during the period						(2,287)	(O)	117	(1)	(2,171)	40	9,060	6,929
Total changes of items during the period	_	4,532	3,788	(O)	8,320	(2,287)	(0)	117	(1)	(2,171)	40	9,060	15,250
Balance, March 31, 2019	13,609	20,076	99,256	(566)	132,375	(1,865)	0	273	(34)	(1,627)	142	9,754	140,645

FY2020

(Millions of yen)

	Shareholders' equity				Accumulated other comprehensive income								
	Capital Stock	Capital Surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Total shareholders' equity	Valuation difference on available-for- sale securities	Deferred gains (loss) on hedges	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Remeasurements of defined benefits plan	Total accumulated other comprehensive income	Subscription rights to shares	Non- controlling interests	Total net assets
Balance, March 31, 2019	13,609	20,076	99,256	(566)	132,375	(1,865)	0	273	(34)	(1,627)	142	9,754	140,645
Changes of items during the period													
Equity transaction with noncontrolling interests		(26)			(26)								(26)
Dividends from surplus			(2,850)		(2,850)								(2,850)
Net income			12,592		12,592								12,592
Disposal of treasury stock				5	5								5
Net changes of items during the period						2,746	(O)	(133)	(219)	2,393	(8)	2,440	4,825
Total changes of items during the period	_	(26)	9,742	5	9,720	2,746	(0)	(133)	(219)	2,393	(8)	2,440	14,545
Balance, March 31, 2020	13,609	20,049	108,998	(561)	142,095	880	_	140	(254)	766	134	12,194	155,190

Corporate Data/ Share Information

(as of March 31, 2021)

Corporate Data

Name Valor Holdings Co., Ltd.

(Changed from Valor Co., Ltd. in 1 October, 2015)

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Established July 1958

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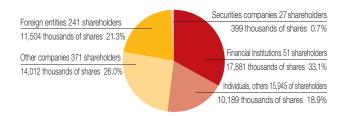
Share Information

Number of authorized shares200,000,000Number of outstanding shares53,987,499Number of shareholders16,635

Stock exchange listings Tokyo Stock Exchange, first section

Nagoya Stock Exchange, first section

Distribution of shareholders by Type



Major Shareholders

Shareholder	Number of Shares Held (Thousands)	Percentage of * Shares Held
Ito Youth Scholarship Foundation	2,910	5.41
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	2,892	5.37
Shiunsha Co.,Ltd.	2,730	5.07
The Norinchukin Bank	2,542	4.72
The Juroku Bank	2,536	4.71
Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	1,762	3.27
Masami Tashiro	1,475	2.74
Retail Partners Co.,Ltd.	1,260	2.34
Arcs Group Co.,Ltd.	1,260	2.34
MUFG Bank, Ltd.	1,223	2.27

Notes: Shareholders are listed by shareholder number if they hold the same number of shares.

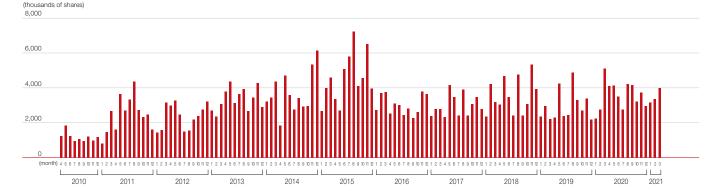
*The percentages of total outstanding shares excluding treasury stock are displayed by rounding down after the three decimal points.

Stock price and trading volume

Stock price (closing price after adjustment)



Volume





Valor Group

Segment	Subs	sidiaries
Supermarkets	Valor Co.,Ltd. Tachiya Co., Ltd. Tachiya Co., Ltd. Shokusenkan-Taiyo Co.,Ltd. Kohseiya Co.,Ltd. Futabaya Co.,Ltd. Sanko Co.,Ltd. Terao Stores Inc. Yamato Store LLC. Chubu Foods Co., Ltd. Daien Foods Co., Ltd. Fukui Chuo Tsukemono Co., Ltd. Honda Suisan Co., Ltd.	Ishinomaki Foods Co.,Ltd. Furuya Sangyo Co., Ltd. Keirinkaku Co., Ltd. Shiroishikandumekouzyou Co. Ltd. Daitoh Shokken Co.,Ltd. Shufu-no-Mise Shoji Chubu Honsha Co.,Ltd. V-Solution Co., Ltd. Chubu Meat Co., Ltd. Chubu Agri Co.,Ltd. Valor Max Co., Ltd.*** VARO Co., Ltd.
Drugstores	Chubu Yakuhin Co., Ltd. Hida Pharmaceutical LLC Sun Pharmacy LLC*	Aoi Pharmaceutical LLC V-drug International Co., Ltd. V-drug Hong Kong Co., Ltd.
Home Improvement Centers	Daiyu Eight Co.,Ltd. Home Center Valor Co., Ltd. Time Co.,Ltd. Alleanza Japan Co.,Ltd.	Nisshiki Co.,Ltd. Aguriru Co.,Ltd FIRST Co., Ltd.
Sports Clubs	AXTOS Co., Ltd.	Approach Co.,Ltd.
Distribution-related operations	Chubu Ryutu Co., Ltd. Chubu Kosan Co., Ltd. SHIGA CHUO PACK Inc. MENTEX Co., Ltd. Seiso Co., Ltd.	V-Flower Co., Ltd. Shanghai Valor co., Ltd. Valor Vietnam Co., Ltd. Valor Agency Co., Ltd. Japan Clean Services LLC
Others	Alleanza Holdings Co.,Ltd. Home Center Valor Co., Ltd.** Amigo Co.,Ltd. Joker Co.,Ltd.	Agri Genki Okayama LLC Gito Family Department Co., Ltd. Chubu Hoken Service Co., Ltd. Valor Max Co., Ltd.***

Note: *In April 1 2021,Ishinomaki Foods Co.,Ltd. was merged into Honda Suisan and Sun Pharmacy LLC was merged into Chubu Yakuhin Co., Ltd. **Pet Shop Business ***Same company

History

1958	Established Shufu-no-Mise Co., Ltd. in Ena-shi, Gifu and opened the first supermarket.
1969	Established Chubu Kosan Co., Ltd., a logistics subsidiary.
1970	Changed the company name to Shufu-no-Mise Valor Co., Ltd.
1974	Changed the company name to Valor Co., Ltd.
1977	Relocated the headquarters from Ena- shi to Tajimi- shi, Gifu.
1984	Established Chubu Yakuhin Co., Ltd., a drugstore subsidiary.
1985	Established Chubu Foods Co., Ltd., a prepared food manufacturing subsidiary.
1989	Established a distribution center in Tajimi- shi.
	Started a material wholesale business for stores by Chubu Ryutu Co., Ltd.
1993	Listed on the Second Section of the Nagoya Stock Exchange.
1995	Merged with Fujiya Co., Ltd., a home improvement center company.
1996	Relocated the headquarters and the distribution center to the current location in Tajimi- shi.
1998	Established AXTOS Co., Ltd. and spun off the sports club business.
1999	Established MENTEX Co., Ltd., a facility maintenance service subsidiary.
2001	Established Hokuriku distribution center in Nanto- shi, Toyama.
2005	Acquired Tachiya Co., Ltd. and Youth Co., Ltd., supermarket subsidiaries.
	Assigned to the First Section of Tokyo Stock Exchange and Nagoya Stock Exchange
2007	Acquired Sun Friend Co., Ltd (currently Syokusenkan- Taiyo Co., Ltd.), a supermarket subsidiary.
2012	Established Hokuriku processing center for fresh meat in Nanto- shi, Toyama.
	Established Kani distribution center for products stored at ambient temperatures in Kani- shi, Gifu.
2013	Established Shizuoka integrated center in Shimada- shi, Shizuoka.
	Established Kani distribution center for chilled products.
	Established Ogaki processing center for fresh meat in Ogaki- shi, Gifu and Kani processing center for fresh vegetables and fruits in Kani- shi.
2015	Made a transition to a holding company and changed the company name to Valor Holdings Co.,Ltd.
2016	Established Nagoya Headquarters in Nakamura-ku Nagoya-shi.
	Acquired Kohseiya Co., Ltd., a supermarket subsidiary.
2018	Acquired Futabaya Co.,Ltd., a supermarket subsidiary.
	Established capital and business partnership with Arcs Co.,Ltd. and Retail Partners Co.,Ltd.
2019	Acquired Sanko Co.,Ltd., a supermarket subsidiary.
	Integrated the home improvement center business by a share exchange between Home Center Valor Co.,Ltd. and Alleanza Holdings Co.,Ltd.
2020	Acquired Daitoh Shokken Co., Ltd. a food and seasonings manufacturing subsidiary.



"Valor" is derived from a Late Latin word meaning 'a person of courage'.

We believe in courage as essential to fulfill our social responsibilities.



Forward Looking Statement

This report's coverage extends beyond current information and date for the Valor Group to future forecasts. These forecasts represent assumptions and viewpoint based on information available at the time of publication. The actual results may differ from the forecasts due to various circumstances and external environmental factors.

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