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# 1. FY2023/02 Overview



#### **Progress**

The three-year plan for dealing with the pandemic was completed as planned.

Businesses have returned to growth and consolidated sales increased to an all-time high.

#### Issues

Earnings were below the plan, which had been revised upward, because of IT system problems.

**The speed of changes in society**, such as Japan's falling population, the use of digital technologies, and sustainability measures, is increasing.

#### Outlook

**Medium-term plan is producing benefits as expected**; expect to achieve the goals.

Aiming to help the Japanese economy return to normal with operations backed by **strong demand for spring and summer apparel**.





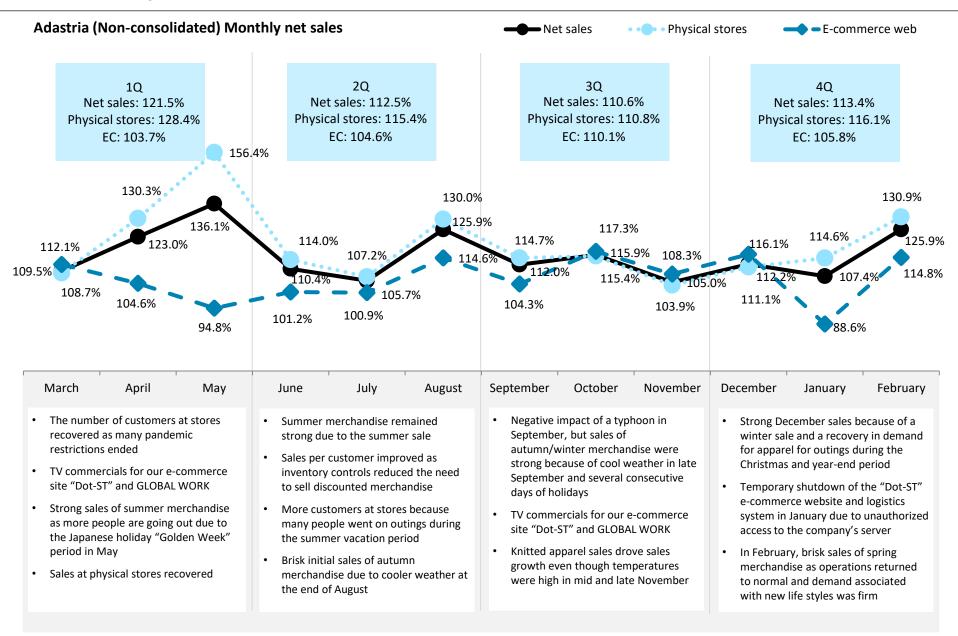
- Using the 70th anniversary to reinforce ties with other companies and customers
   Incorporated the "good community" spirit in our anniversary logo
- Further step up investments in people during FY2024/02
- Average wage hike of 6% and planning to recruit highly motivated and skilled people
- No change in the three priority sectors for investments: digital, global, sustainability
- Continue investments that look beyond the current medium-term plan while recognizing and managing risk

Explanation of the 70th anniversary logo

- The combination of an underline and vertical line (plus) under the "A" expresses our dedication to operating businesses that bring together many types of people.
- Using two lines for "70th" expresses the combination of Adastria and our co-creation partners. We will work side-by-side in order to make this a successful year.

# 2. FY2023/02 Financial Results and FY2024/02 Forecast





|  | FY2022/ | ′02    |         | FY2023/02 |        |
|--|---------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
|  | Result  | :S     |         | Results   |        |
|  |         | Ratio  |         | Ratio     | YoY    |
| et sales                                       | 201,582 | 100.0% | 242,552 | 100.0%    | 120.39 |
| Adastria (Non-consolidated)                    | 174,065 | 86.3%  | 196,727 | 81.1%     | 113.09 |
| Domestic subsidiaries *1*2                     | 17,275  | 8.6%   | 22,332  | 9.2%      | 129.39 |
| Overseas subsidiaries *3                       | 13,352  | 6.6%   | 18,017  | 7.4%      | 134.99 |
| Zetton (Food & Beverage Subsidiary) *4         | -       | -      | 9,040   | 3.7%      | _      |
| ross profit                                    | 111,012 | 55.1%  | 132,664 | 54.7%     | 119.59 |
| G&A expenses                                   | 104,448 | 51.8%  | 121,149 | 49.9%     | 116.0  |
| Advertising & promotion                        | 8,153   | 4.0%   | 8,037   | 3.3%      | 98.6   |
| Personnel                                      | 37,226  | 18.5%  | 43,076  | 17.8%     | 115.7  |
| Rent & depreciation *5                         | 37,830  | 18.8%  | 43,810  | 18.1%     | 115.8  |
| Amortization of goodwill                       | 58      | 0.0%   | 263     | 0.1%      | 446.6  |
| Others   | 21,178  | 10.5%  | 25,961  | 10.7%     | 122.6  |
| perating profit                                | 6,564   | 3.3%   | 11,515  | 4.7%      | 175.4  |
| Adastria(non-consolidated)                     | 5,533   | 2.7%   | 10,384  | 4.3%      | 187.7  |
| Domestic subsidiaries *1*2                     | - 106   | -      | 178     | 0.1%      | _      |
| Overseas subsidiaries *3                       | 385     | 0.2%   | 524     | 0.2%      | 136.1  |
| Adastria Logistics                             | 504     | 0.3%   | 94      | 0.0%      | 18.8   |
| Zetton (Food & Beverage Subsidiary) *4         | -       | -      | 285     | 0.1%      | -      |
| rdinary profit                                 | 8,166   | 4.1%   | 12,026  | 5.0%      | 147.3  |
| et income attributable to owners of the parent | 4,917   | 2.4%   | 7,540   | 3.1%      | 153.3  |
| BITDA  | 13,302  | 6.6%   | 19,964  | 8.2%      | 150.1  |
| Depreciation and amortization                  | 6,679   | 3.3%   | 8,185   | 3.4%      | 122.6  |
| Amortization of goodwill                       | 58      | 0.0%   | 263     | 0.1%      | 446.6  |

9,974

12,600

Capital expenditure

<sup>\*1:</sup> Domestic subsidiaries are the sum of four domestic subsidiaries: BUZZWIT Co.,Ltd., ELEMENT RULE Co., Ltd., Adastria eat Creations Co.,Ltd., ADOORLINK Co., Ltd., Gate Win Co., Ltd.(Period Feb.2022 to Feb.2023)

<sup>\*2:</sup> Sales of BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. include its consolidated subsidiary OPEN AND NATURAL, Inc.

<sup>\*3:</sup> Overseas subsidiaries are the sum of overseas subsidiaries: Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan, USA.(Period Jan. 2022 to Dev.2022)

<sup>\*4 :</sup> Operating profit of Zetton, Inc. is shown after consolidation adjustments.(Period Feb. 2022 to Jan.2023)

<sup>\*5 :</sup> Rent & depreciation costs are the sum of Rent expenses, Lease expenses and Depreciation.

#### **Consolidated Income Statement – Summary (1)**



**Summary:** Sales higher than planned due to higher demand involving outings and brisk sales of

major brands

■ Net sales: **242.5** billion yen (+20.3% YoY)

Parent company: Up 13.0% YoY. Higher demand for apparel for outings, promotions and merchandise strategies

supported sales growth.

Strong sales of major products of GLOBAL WORK and of LAKOLE, as more stores were opened,

contributed to sales growth.

Domestic subsidiaries: Up 29.3% YoY. Strong sales of high-end brands made ELEMENT RULE profitable.

BUZZWIT, an e-commerce company, posted sales and earnings growth due to the launch of a

new brand and acquisition of a company.

Overseas subsidiaries: Up 34.9% YoY. Information is on another page.

Food and beverage business: Increased because of the addition of Zetton, Inc. as a consolidated subsidiary.

| Effect of fiscal year changes*                            | Consolidated sales: +882 million yen (+0.4% YoY)    |
|---|---|
| Effect of the new revenue recognition accounting standard | Consolidated sales: -2,378 million yen (-1.2% YoY)  |
| Increase due to M&A                                       | Consolidated sales: +11,136 million yen (+5.5% YoY) |

■ Gross profit margin: 54.7% (-0.4p YoY)

Negative effects of foreign exchange rates, 4Q IT system interruption, distribution of coupons and inventory reduction measures

| Effect of the new revenue recognition accounting standard | Gross profit margin: -0.4% |
|---|----------------------------|
| Effect of higher food and beverage business sales         | Gross profit margin: +0.8% |

<sup>\*</sup>BUZZWIT, ELEMENT RULE, ADASTRIA eat Creations, ADOORLINK and Gate Win changed their fiscal year end to the end of February, resulting in a 13-month period included in FY2023/02.

<sup>\*</sup>Zetton changed its fiscal year end to the end of January, resulting in an 11-month period included in FY2023/01.

#### Consolidated Income Statement – Summary (2)



■ **SG&A expense ratio: 49.9%** (-1.9p YoY)

Advertising & promotions: 3.3% (-0.7p YoY) (-0.11 billion yen YoY)

Decreased due to the application of revenue recognition accounting standard

Personnel: 17.8% (-0.7p YoY) (+5.85 billion yen YoY)

Higher salaries and bonuses as stores returned to normal operating

Rent & depreciation: 18.1% (-0.7p YoY) (+5.97 billion yen YoY)

Higher rent due to higher sales; includes 0.2 billion yen increase in intangible assets

because of Zetton and OPEN AND NATURAL PPA\*

Other: 10.7% (+0.2p YoY) (+4.78 billion yen YoY)

Higher credit card fees, electricity fees and other expenses

Effect of the new revenue recognition accounting standard
Effect of higher food and beverage business sales

SG&A expenses: -2,244 million yen (SG&A expenses ratio: -0.4%)

SG&A expenses ratio: +0.8%

#### ■ Operating profit: 11.5 billion yen (+4.95 billion yen YoY)

Operating income ratio: 4.7%, EBITDA margin: 8.2%



■ Ordinary profit: 12.0 billion yen (+3.86 billion yen YoY)

Non-operating income: Subsidy income of 231 million yen, employment adjustment subsidy of 37 million yen and

foreign exchange gains of 291 million yen

■ Net income: 7.5 billion yen (+2.62 billion yen YoY)

<sup>\*</sup>PPA (Purchase Price Allocation): Purchase price allocation is the allocation of the cost of acquiring a company based on fair values of all assets and liabilities of the acquired company.

#### **IT System Suspension and Effects**



#### What happened

- Early in the morning of January 18, unauthorized access was detected at the servers for business operations that are operated by Adastria.
  - → To limit damage, the servers were isolated from the network and all internal business operations systems were shut down.
  - → The suspension of the logistics system temporarily stopped operations of the "Dot-ST" e-commerce website. (Restarted on January 26)
- Although no loss of information has been identified at this time, there is still a possibility of an external leak of customer information. As a result, announcements concerning this incident were made on January 24 and March 31.
- Eligible customers were contacted individually by email or post.

#### Responses

- Reestablished a safe environment and fully restored systems for internal business operations.
- Installed the latest security software and established defensive measures and countermeasures to use in the event of another attack.
- Worked with an external organization to determine the cause of this incident and perform an examination that confirmed no information was lost.
  - → Taking actions based on the cause of this incident to prevent a similar problem from happening again and for further upgrading IT system security.

#### **■** Financial Impact

- Loss of sales of about 2 billion yen and gross profit of about 1 billion yen because of the suspensions of Adastria's e-commerce and logistics systems (supply of merchandise to physical stores)
- Loss of about 400 million yen due to distribution of coupons after the e-commerce website reopened, expenses for responses and inventory
   valuation losses, resulting in a loss of operating profit of about 1.4 billion yen

<sup>\*</sup>For more information, see the press release announced on January 24 and March 31, 2023.

#### **Adastria and Major Domestic Subsidiaries Income Statement**



| (Adastria (N  | lon-consolidated) ]    |           |         | Millions of yen |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|
|               |                        | FY2022/02 | FY202   | 23/02           |
|               |                        | Results   | Res     | ults            |
|               |                        |           |         | YoY             |
| Net sales     |                        | 174,065   | 196,727 | 113.0%          |
|               | (Same stores YoY)      | 107.0%    | 112.4%  |                 |
|               | GLOBAL WORK            | 37,762    | 45,597  | 120.7%          |
|               | niko and               | 27,227    | 29,825  | 109.5%          |
|               | LOWRYS FARM            | 20,374    | 21,369  | 104.9%          |
|               | studio CLIP            | 18,970    | 20,325  | 107.1%          |
|               | LEPSIM                 | 11,790    | 12,414  | 105.3%          |
|               | JEANASiS               | 10,526    | 11,209  | 106.5%          |
|               | BAYFLOW                | 9,122     | 10,180  | 111.6%          |
|               | LAKOLE                 | 4,843     | 7,934   | 163.8%          |
| Gross profit  | ·                      | 95,437    | 105,281 | 110.3%          |
|               | Gross margin           | 54.8%     | 53.5%   | - 1.3p          |
| SG&A expens   | ses                    | 89,904    | 94,896  | 105.6%          |
|               | SG&A ratio             | 51.6%     | 48.2%   | - 3.4p          |
| Operating pro | ofit                   | 5,533     | 10,384  | 187.7%          |
|               | Operating margin       | 3.2%      | 5.3%    | +2.1p           |
| Major Dom     | nestic Subsidiaries    |           |         |                 |
| Net sales     | BUZZWIT Co., Ltd.      | 6,884     | 10,369  | 150.6%          |
|               | ELEMENT RULE Co., Ltd. | 9,828     | 11,068  | 112.6%          |

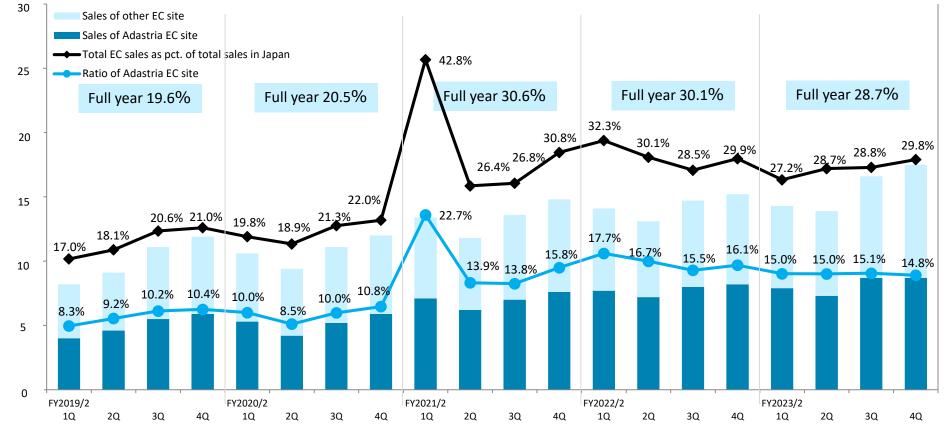
<sup>\*</sup> Adastria (Non-consolidated) : Amortization of goodwill for FY2022/02 : 58 million yen, FY2023/02 : 54 million yen

<sup>\*</sup> Adastria (Non-consolidated) : Net sales are shown before elimination of internal transactions.

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{*}}$  Sales of BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. include its consolidated subsidiary OPEN AND NATURAL, Inc.

Continued growth of domestic online business through acquisition of "Dot-ST" e-commerce members, expansion of other companies' products, and mergers and acquisitions.

- FY2023/02 Domestic e-commerce sales: **62.6** billion yen (+8.9% YoY)
- Domestic online business ratio: 28.7% (Adastria EC site: approx.15.0%)
- Own EC site "Dot-ST" has about 15.5 million members (+1.9 million from the end of FY2022/02) (billions of yen)



<sup>\*</sup>Starting in FY2019/02, non-consolidated sales and sales in BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. and ELEMENT RULE Co., Ltd. were included.

<sup>\*</sup>Starting in FY2022/02, sales of ADOORLINK Co., Ltd. was included.

<sup>\*</sup>Starting in FY2023/02 2Q, sales of BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. include its consolidated subsidiary OPEN AND NATURAL, Inc.

<sup>\*</sup>Starting in FY2023/02 4Q, sales of Gate Win Co., Ltd. was included.

#### **Overseas Business**



Millions of yen

|   |                | FY2021/12 |         | FY2022/12    |                         |
|---|----------------|-----------|---------|--------------|-------------------------|
|   |                | Results   |         | Results      |                         |
|   |                |           |         | YoY<br>(JPY) | YoY<br>(Local currency) |
| Net s   | ales           | 13,352    | 18,017  | 134.9%       | 115.8%                  |
| Net sales  Hong Kong  Mainland China  Taiwan  USA | 2,820          | 3,373     | 119.6%  | 100.7%       |                         |
|   | Mainland China | 2,774     | 2,983   | 107.5%       | 94.0%                   |
|   | Taiwan         | 3,053     | 4,438   | 145.3%       | 130.3%                  |
|   | USA            | 4,703     | 7,222   | 153.5%       | 128.3%                  |
| Opera   | ating profit   | 385       | 524     | 136.1%       | 119.2%                  |
|   | Hong Kong      | 242       | 357     | 147.0%       | 123.8%                  |
|   | Mainland China | - 214     | - 1,108 | _            | _                       |
|   | Taiwan         | 389       | 873     | 224.2%       | 201.0%                  |
|   | USA            | - 25      | 402     | -            | -                       |

■ Hong Kong: Sales and earnings up due to measures for the stability of store operations and the

government's distribution of consumption vouchers

Mainland China: Loss increased because of the prolonged lockdown and other effects of the

pandemic; performance is currently recovering

■ Taiwan: Sales and earnings up due to new brands and new stores

■ USA: Sales and earnings up because of strong consumer spending, measures to supply

highly appealing merchandise and large volume of orders in the wholesale business

#### **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

Millions of yen

|                               | End of 202 | 2/02   |         | End of 2023/02 |                                  |                                  |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------|---------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                               |            | Ratio  |         | Ratio          | Compared with the end of 2022/02 | Compared with the end of 2022/02 |
| Current assets                | 48,169     | 49.2%  | 55,772  | 50.1%          | +7,602                           | 115.8%                           |
| Cash and deposits             | 16,976     | 17.3%  | 16,380  | 14.7%          | -596                             | 96.5%                            |
| Inventories                   | 19,259     | 19.7%  | 24,679  | 22.2%          | +5,420                           | 128.1%                           |
| Fixed assets                  | 49,787     | 50.8%  | 55,619  | 49.9%          | +5,831                           | 111.7%                           |
| Property, plant and equipment | 16,005     | 16.3%  | 22,065  | 19.8%          | +6,060                           | 137.9%                           |
| Intangible assets             | 10,836     | 11.1%  | 11,908  | 10.7%          | +1,071                           | 109.9%                           |
| Goodwill                      | 922        | 0.9%   | 1,331   | 1.2%           | +408                             | 144.3%                           |
| Investments and other assets  | 22,945     | 23.4%  | 21,645  | 19.4%          | -1,299                           | 94.3%                            |
| Total assets                  | 97,957     | 100.0% | 111,392 | 100.0%         | +13,434                          | 113.7%                           |
| Liabilities                   | 42,994     | 43.9%  | 50,629  | 45.5%          | +7,634                           | 117.8%                           |
| Loans payable                 | 1,447      | 1.5%   | 1,128   | 1.0%           | -318                             | 78.0%                            |
| Net assets                    | 54,963     | 56.1%  | 60,762  | 54.5%          | +5,799                           | 110.6%                           |
| Treasury shares               | -7,636     | -7.8%  | -7,286  | -6.5%          | +349                             | 95.4%                            |

■ Inventories: Increased 28.1% YoY; change in subsidiary fiscal year, start of new business format and growth of ASEAN region production

■ Property, plant and equipment: Recognized 2.5 billion yen of right of use assets due to the application of ASC No. 842\* in the US business

■ Intangible assets: Posted intangible assets of 1.4 billion yen based on the PPA\*\* for the acquisition of Zetton and OPEN AND NATURAL

■ Goodwill: 0.7 billion yen for Zetton, 0.6 billion yen for OPEN AND NATURAL

■ Net assets: Net asset ratio of 54.5%, -1.6p YoY

<sup>\*</sup>ASC No. 842 is a new accounting standard for leases that requires recognition on the balance sheet of right of use assets and lease liabilities for operating leases.

<sup>\*\*</sup>PPA (Purchase Price Allocation): Purchase price allocation is the allocation of the cost of acquiring a company based on fair values of all assets and liabilities of the acquired company.

|  | End of FY2022/02  |           |        | FY2023/02 |        |                  |        | FY2024/ | 02 Plan |                     |
|--|-------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------------------|
|  | Numeber of stores | Increased | Opened | Changed   | Closed | Eng of FY2023/02 | Opened | Changed | Closed  | End of<br>FY2024/02 |
| GLOBAL WORK                            | 206               | -         | 4      | 0         | - 5    | 205              | 10     | 0       | - 2     | 213                 |
| niko and                               | 144               | -         | 4      | 0         | - 7    | 141              | 2      | 0       | - 2     | 141                 |
| LOWRYS FARM                            | 136               | -         | 2      | 0         | - 9    | 129              | 2      | 0       | - 3     | 128                 |
| studio CLIP                            | 184               | -         | 2      | 0         | - 12   | 174              | 7      | 0       | - 3     | 178                 |
| LEPSIM                                 | 120               | -         | 1      | 0         | - 7    | 114              | 2      | 0       | - 5     | 111                 |
| JEANASIS                               | 73                | -         | 3      | 0         | - 5    | 71               | 0      | 0       | 0       | 71                  |
| BAYFLOW                                | 60                | -         | 2      | 0         | - 1    | 61               | 1      | 0       | - 1     | 61                  |
| LAKOLE                                 | 47                | -         | 18     | 0         | - 2    | 63               | 15     | 0       | - 1     | 77                  |
| Others                                 | 275               | -         | 16     | 0         | - 27   | 264              | 21     | 0       | - 33    | 252                 |
| Adastria non-consolidated total        | 1,245             | -         | 52     | 0         | - 75   | 1,222            | 60     | 0       | - 50    | 1,232               |
| (Online store included)                | (66)              | -         | (2)    | (0)       | (- 5)  | (63)             | (0)    | (0)     | (0)     | (63)                |
| Domestic subsidiaries total*1*2        | 105               | 7         | 19     | 0         | - 13   | 118              | 13     | 0       | 0       | 131                 |
| (Online store included)                | (42)              | (7)       | (10)   | (0)       | (- 7)  | (52)             | (3)    | (0)     | (0)     | (55)                |
| Japan total                            | 1,350             | 7         | 71     | 0         | - 88   | 1,340            | 73     | 0       | - 50    | 1,363               |
| (Online store included)                | (108)             | (7)       | (12)   | (0)       | (- 12) | (115)            | (3)    | (0)     | (0)     | (118)               |
| Hong Kong                              | 14                | -         | 7      | 0         | 0      | 21               | 4      | 0       | - 3     | 22                  |
| Mainland China                         | 6                 | -         | 7      | 0         | 0      | 13               | 4      | 0       | 0       | 17                  |
| Taiwan                                 | 43                | _         | 11     | 0         | - 2    | 52               | 22     | 0       | 0       | 74                  |
| USA                                    | 10                | -         | 0      | 0         | - 1    | 9                | 2      | 0       | 0       | 11                  |
| Thailand                               | -                 | _         | -      | -         | -      | -                | 1      | 0       | 0       | 1                   |
| Oversea total                          | 73                | -         | 25     | 0         | - 3    | 95               | 33     | 0       | - 3     | 125                 |
| (Online store included)                | (12)              | -         | (8)    | (0)       | (- 2)  | (18)             | (1)    | (0)     | (0)     | (19)                |
| Zetton (Food & Beverage subsidiary) *3 | -                 | 73        | 4      | 0         | - 5    | 72               | 4      | 0       | - 1     | 75                  |
| ADASTRIA eat Creations                 | 5                 | -         | 0      | 0         | - 2    | 3                | 0      | 0       | 0       |                     |
| Consolidated total                     | 1,428             | 80        | 100    | 0         | - 98   | 1,510            | 110    | 0       | - 54    | 1,566               |
| (Online store included)                | (120)             | (7)       | (20)   | (0)       | (- 14) | (133)            | (4)    | (0)     | (0)     | (137)               |

FY2023/02 34 remodeled stores in the consolidated group.

<sup>\*1</sup> Domestic subsidiaries are the sum of four domestic subsidiaries: BUZZWIT Co., Ltd., ELEMENT RULE Co., Ltd., ADOORLINK Co., Ltd. Gate Win Co., Ltd.

<sup>\*2</sup> Stores of BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. include its consolidated subsidiary OPEN AND NATURAL, Inc.

<sup>\*3</sup> The number of stores of Zetton, Inc. includes its consolidated subsidiary ZETTON, INC (USA Business).



#### The goal for FY2024/02 is another year of sales and earnings growth

Millions of yen

|           |  | ions of yer  |
|-----------|--|--|
| FY2023/02 | FY2024/0   | )2   |
| Results   | Forecas  | t  |
|           |  | YoY  |
| 242,552   | 260,000  | 107.2%   |
| 132,664   | 146,000  | 110.1%   |
| 54.7%     | 56.2%  | +1.5p  |
| 121,149   | 132,000  | 109.0%   |
| 49.9%     | 50.8%  | +0.8p  |
| 11,515    | 14,000   | 121.6%   |
| 4.7%      | 5.4%   | +0.6p  |
| 12,026    | 14,000   | 116.4%   |
| 5.0%      | 5.4%   | +0.4p  |
| 7,540     | 9,400  | 124.7%   |
| 3.1%      | 3.6%   | +0.5p  |
| 13.3%     | 15.8%  | +2.5p  |
| 19,964    | 21,901   | 109.7%   |
| 8,185     | 7,588  | 92.7%  |
| 263       | 313  | 119.0%   |
| 12,600    | 14,000   |  |
|           | Results  242,552  132,664  54.7%  121,149  49.9%  11,515  4.7%  12,026  5.0%  7,540  3.1%  13.3% | FY2023/02  Results  242,552  260,000  132,664  146,000  54.7%  56.2%  121,149  132,000  49.9%  50.8%  11,515  14,000  4.7%  5.4%  12,026  14,000  5.0%  5.4%  7,540  9,400  3.1%  3.6%  13.3%  15.8% |

- Net sales: Forecast higher sales because of the continuing recovery of demand in the fashion sector, launch of new business formats and brands, opening of more stores, and the recovery of the overseas business
- Gross profit margin: Forecast an improvement due to revisions of product prices, higher ASEAN region production and measures to hold down discounting
- SG&A expense ratio: Forecast a small increase due to higher personnel expenses resulting from an increase in salaries and hiring more people, and a rise in advertising expenses

#### FY2024/02 Parent Company (non-consolidated) Forecast



Millions of yen

|                     | FY2023/02 | FY202   | 24/02  |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|--------|
|                     | Results   | Fore    | cast   |
|                     |           |         | YoY    |
| Net Sales           | 196,727   | 205,000 | 104.2% |
| Gross profit        | 105,281   | 111,900 | 106.3% |
| Gross profit margin | 53.5%     | 54.6%   | +1.1p  |
| SG&A expenses       | 94,896    | 100,300 | 105.7% |
| SG&A expenses ratio | 48.2%     | 48.9%   | +0.7p  |
| Operating profit    | 10,384    | 11,600  | 111.7% |
| Operating margin    | 5.3%      | 5.7%    | +0.4p  |



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| Major<br>categories                | Plan                | Results             | Comment  | Plan                | Main use  |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|---|
| Store<br>development<br>(Domestic) | 4.9<br>billion yen  | 4.3<br>billion yen  | Even though progress was generally in line with plans, controlled by cost-cutting measures   | 6.2<br>billion yen  | Includes 5 billion yen at Adastria;<br>new stores for GLOBAL WORK, a<br>growth brand, and for "Dot-ST<br>Store" |
| IT System                          | 4.0<br>billion yen  | 3.4<br>billion yen  | Even though progress was generally in line with plans, controlled by efficiency improvement  | 4.2<br>billion yen  | Development, sales, value chain, infrastructure and security measures for the "Dot-ST" e-commerce website       |
| Overseas                           | 2.4<br>billion yen  | 1.8<br>billion yen  | Due to the COVID-19 infections, unspent  | 2.8<br>billion yen  | Developing new markets in<br>Mainland China, Taiwan and<br>South-East Asia, etc.                                |
| Other                              | 1.9<br>billion yen  | 3.0<br>billion yen  | Automation of the distribution center is progressing as planned (1.9 billion yen), acquisition of OPEN AND NATURAL (1.1 billion yen) | 0.8<br>billion yen  | Distribution center and subsidiary office, etc.   |
| Total                              | 13.2<br>billion yen | 12.6<br>billion yen |  | 14.0<br>billion yen |   |

#### **Return to Shareholders**



- Dividend policy: Basic policy is a consolidated payout ratio of 30% and maintaining balance among dividend stability, investments for growth, and shareholder distributions
- FY2023/02 dividend of 60 yen (25 yen interim, 35 yen year end) as in the revised forecast
- FY2024/02 dividend forecast of 65 yen (30 yen interim, 35 yen year end)

Millions of ven

|                                     |           |           |           |           | •         | viiiions or yen         |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
|                                     | FY2019/02 | FY2020/02 | FY2021/02 | FY2022/02 | FY2023/02 | FY2024/02<br>(Forecast) |
| Dividend per share (Yen)            | 50        | 50        | 40        | 55        | 60        | 65                      |
| (Interim dividend)                  | (20)      | (25)      | (15)      | (25)      | (25)      | (30)                    |
| Total dividend                      | 2,379     | 2,382     | 1,856     | 2,510     | 2,739     | 2,967                   |
| Net income (consolidated)           | 3,890     | 6,363     | - 693     | 4,917     | 7,540     | 9,400                   |
| Amortization of goodwill*           | 1,306     | 167       | 361       | 58        | 263       | 313                     |
| Dividend payout ratio               | 60.5%     | 37.0%     | -         | 50.6%     | 36.1%     | 31.4%                   |
| (Amortization of goodwill excluded) | (45.3%)   | (36.1%)   | -         | (50.0%)   | (34.8%)   | (30.3%)                 |
| Share repurchase                    | 0         | 0         | 3,671     | 0         | 0         | 0                       |

<sup>\*</sup>Goodwill amortization includes an temporary amortisation recorded as an extraordinary loss

We set a minimum annual dividend of JPY 65 for the period of our medium-term management plan, which ends in FY2026/2, aiming to pay a dividend of more than this.

<sup>\*</sup>Beginning in FY2024/02, the consolidated payout ratio guideline is 30% because goodwill amortization is no longer significant.

#### **Responses to the Current Business Climate**



#### **Business Climate**

#### **Our Responses**

# Impact of forex and inflation on the gross profit margin

- Weaker yen continues to affect spring/summer merchandise but steady progress with price revisions and a possibility of reducing discounting
- Ambitious target for gross profit margin improvement but aiming for this target by supplying merchandise with more added value

#### **Recruiting and retention**

- For higher salaries, about 1 billion yen was budgeted in addition to the usual salary increase in order to raise salaries by an average of 6%
- Salaries will remain at a competitive level in order to raise productivity

# Increases in all cost categories

- Cost of facilities is increasing due to higher utility rates and other reasons, but sales growth is expected to hold down the increase in expenses as a pct. of sales
- Although logistics expenses are moving up, there is no change as a pct. of sales because of the benefits of investments in FY2022/02 and other reasons

## 3. Medium-Term Management Plan Progress

#### **Medium-term Management Plan (Re-posting)**



Combine Sustainability With Profitability to achieve 280 billion yen in sales by FY2026/02

Operating income ration 8% (including 80 billion yen in EC sales)



**Achieve Sustainable Management** 

|                           |                    | Extend Value Offerings  |                    |  |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|--|--|
| ۱                         | Growth<br>Strategy | Multi-Brand,<br>Multi-Category  | Growth<br>Strategy | Digital Customer Interactions and Services                               |  |
| mer Base                  |                    | Grouping of brands according to roles for improved profitability and growth |                    | Accelerate growth of our EC site and create a fun EC community           |  |
| <b>Grow</b> Customer Base | Growth<br>Strategy | Glocal  Develop models in Mainland China and cultivate Southeast Asia       | Growth<br>Strategy | New Business  Establish food and beverage business and create new appeal |  |
|                           |                    |   |                    |  |  |

#### **Multi-Brand Platform**



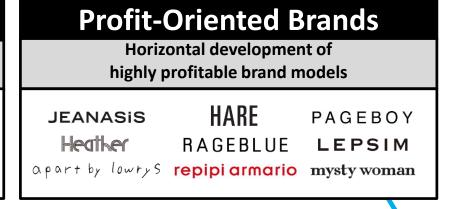
■ Categorizing existing domestic brands into three categories and cultivating brands across the portfolio







# Crowing Brands New markets and categories LAKOLE ALAND BUZZWIT\* BUZZWIT\* Brands BAYFLOW ELEMENT RULE\*



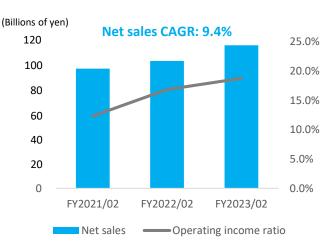
**New Brand Creation** 

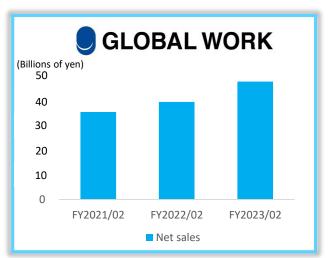
<sup>\*</sup> BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. and ELEMENT RULE Co., Ltd. are our domestic subsidiaries.

#### ■ Progress with strengthening each brand based on its role

#### **Stand-Alone Brands**

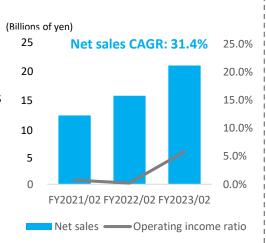
- Reinforce distinctive characteristics of brands
- Performance of GLOBAL WORK is very strong; plan for growth to a 50 billion yen brand





#### **Growing brands**

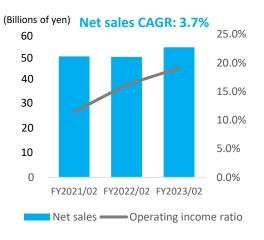
- More product categories and stores, primarily for LAKOLE
- Revise merchandise strategy with flexibility in order to firmly establish brands



<sup>\*</sup>Figures in graphs are for only Adastria and are before the allocation of corporate expenses.

# Profit-Oriented Brands

- Develop products with substantial added value and achieve a high ecommerce sales ratio
- Build on distinctive characteristics of brands to capture large shares of targeted markets





#### ■ A new basic, affordable line by GLOBAL WORK

- Launched the "Smile Seed Store" lineup featuring even lower prices. Strengthen the lineup of daily apparel, innerwear and other items.
- Goal is 150 new stores over the next five years to sell merchandise in channels more closely tied to local markets such as general merchandise stores.
- GLOBAL WORK received the 25th Developer Award and Tenant Award given by Senken Shimbun (Textile Newspaper),
   which is expected to even better enable this brand to add more stores.

**GLOBAL WORK** 

### Smile Seed Store









#### ■ Developing new channels and customer contacts by studio CLIP

- Launch "daily CLIP," a brand for household items that are natural and have outstanding quality. Started opening stores in new channels such as railway stations.
- Held "okeiko CLIP" workshops at existing stores to strengthen ties with customers. 1,443 workshop participants during the past year.
- Sales were up 13.6% from one year earlier at stores that held workshops and more stores will hold workshops this year.

# dailyCLIP





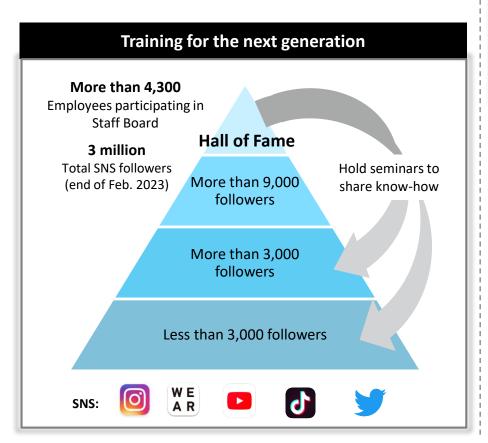






#### ■ More Staff Board SNS activity

- Increased motivation of internal influencers with many SNS followers by raising their incentive payments.
- Further upgraded training programs to increase customer engagement. Goal is to attract more followers, raising total followers of all Adastria Group employees to 6 million.



#### Automation of the Ibaraki West EC Distribution Center

#### **Benefits and outlook**

- Sufficient shipping capacity (max of 34,000 shipments/day) to accomplish the goal of EC sales of 80 billion yen.
- Cut shipping expenses about 170 million yen/year by optimizing the configuration of shipments.
- Use floor area more efficiently in order to raise floor area for EC operations from about 15,000m2 to about 20,000m2.
- Prepare for the upcoming labor shortage by using robots.









#### **Growth Strategy II: Digital Customer Interactions and Services**



#### Opening the "Dot-ST" EC website to other companies

- Start handling merchandise of other companies to create a mall-style business.
- Use the participation of prominent companies in every category to attract new customers and direct customers from one category to others.
- Use popular employees for the development of collaborative merchandise and start allowing people at other companies to submit content to Staff Board.







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#### Overall overseas operations have achieved an increase in revenue and profit







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#### **Greater China**

#### **Mainland China**

In addition to Shanghai, opened stores in Chengdu and Chongqing; currently 13 stores

#### **Hong Kong**

Operations are managed by Hong Kong personnel; launched the "Dot-ST" EC website and now selling merchandise using five brands

#### Taiwan

Strengthen multi-brand operations, open physical stores, expand EC operations

















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# ASEAN

#### Thailand

Opening a flagship store in Bangkok in April 2023

#### Philippines

Preparing to open a niko and ... store

#### **USA**

Use brand of Velvet for OEM and wholesale business growth





niko and ... Bangkok Flagship Store

#### Open stores to cover more areas of Mainland China



- Continued opening stores even during the pandemic; now have 13 stores.
- Expanded store network from Shanghai to include Chengdu and Chongqing.
- Established a flagship-dominance business model by using a flagship store in Shanghai to build a strong brand and satellite stores to generate earnings; expect to expand to the other First class cities.

December 2019
First store in Shanghai

**2020**Second flagship store in Shanghai

2022 (6 new stores)
Expanded store openings to Chengdu and Chongqing









Shanghai Flagship Store

West Nanjing Road Store

Nanjing Aqua City Store

Shanghai Metro City Store

**2021** (3 new stores)

Stores in major Shanghai area shopping malls









Shanghai Lala Station Store

Chengdu Era Parkson Flagship Store

Chongqing Longhu Times Paradise Walk Store

Shanghai Taikoo Li Store



#### ■ Key area growth in all overseas regions in FY2024/02 and outlook

| Areas         |                   | Actions   | Outlook  |  |
|---------------|-------------------|---|--|--|
| Gr            | Mainland<br>China | <ul> <li>Continue opening stores in the First class cities</li> <li>Expand e-commerce sales channels</li> </ul>   | While continuing the investment phase, make the Shanghai area profitable and lower the overall loss  |  |
| Greater China | Taiwan            | Plan to open 22 more stores   | Although sales continue to grow, expect no change in earnings because of expenses for new stores and the impact of forex                         |  |
|               | Hong Kong         | <ul> <li>Continue scrap and build program</li> <li>Increase the number of brands on "Dot-ST"</li> </ul>   | Although sales continue to grow, forecast a small decline in earnings because of higher personnel and logistics expenses and the impact of forex |  |
|               | USA               | <ul> <li>Steady wholesale business growth; add<br/>high-volume customers</li> <li>Also aiming for growth of directly<br/>operated businesses</li> </ul> | Planning on growth of sales and earnings   |  |
| S             | outheast Asia     | <ul> <li>Opening the first niko and store in<br/>Bangkok in April 2023</li> <li>Preparing to open stores in the<br/>Philippines</li> </ul>              | A loss because this is the first year for stores in this region  |  |

#### **Growth Strategy IV: New Profit-center Business Models**



#### ■ Starting the return of FOREVER 21 to Japan

#### New stores

- Started sales of FOREVER 21 merchandise on "Dot-ST" on February 21
- Six-day pop-up store in Shibuya
- Opened store at ZOZOTOWN on March 17
- Second pop-up store at LaLaport
   Yokohama from March 17 to May 17
- On April 17, opening the first permanent FOREVER 21 store at LaLaport Kadoma (Osaka)

#### Performance

- Pop-up stores generated substantial interest
- Coverage by 58 media companies including major TV networks
- Coverage was equivalent to advertising expenditures of about 900 million yen







#### **Growth Strategy IV: New Profit-center Business Models**



#### ■ Zetton's medium-term plan has the goal of expansion to non-apparel sectors

|                              | Business plan summary   | 2026 targets   | Synergy with Adastria   |
|------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Total                        | <ul> <li>Use technology for data analysis/operations improvements</li> <li>Expand to major cities/regions where Zetton has no presence (Hokkaido, Shizuoka, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Okinawa), use M&amp;A too for growth</li> </ul> | Net sales: 15 billion yen Operating profit: 1.05 billion yen Operating income ratio: 7% ROE: 10% Equity ratio: 45% |   |
| Japan                        | <ul> <li>Enlargement of current business dominance</li> <li>Establish a store development team</li> <li>Growth of e-commerce</li> </ul>   | Net sales: 8.0 billion yen   | <ul> <li>Cooperation for park<br/>revitalization projects</li> <li>Assistance for starting</li> </ul> |
| Overseas                     | <ul> <li>Growth of business in Hawaii (Oahu)</li> <li>Start operations in Mainland U.S.</li> <li>EC sales of Hawaii brands</li> <li>Start research for launching operations in<br/>Mainland China and ASEAN region</li> </ul>   | Net sales: 4.5 billion yen   | <ul><li>operations in the U.S. and Asia</li><li>Linkage with the "Dot-ST" economic zone</li></ul>     |
| Park revitalization business | <ul> <li>Upgrade planning skills</li> <li>Strengthen content capabilities in areas other<br/>than food and beverages</li> <li>Build stronger relationships with park partners</li> </ul>  | Net sales: 2.5 billion yen   | <ul> <li>Linkage between the<br/>IT sector and<br/>management</li> </ul>                              |
| Other                        | <ul> <li>Vertical integration by using M&amp;A and business al</li> </ul>   |  |   |



#### Progress with activities involving the KPI of the Adastria Group

|                                | Activity vision   | КРІ  | Progress   |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Protect the                    | Engage in manufacturing that leads to the future                        | brocessing for more than half of all broducts  |  |
|                                | Balance Environmental<br>Considerations and Sales<br>Activities         | Achieve carbon neutrality by 2050  | Calculation of Scope 1-3 emissions and info disclosures based on TCFD  |
| Environment                    | Create a world without fashion loss                                     | Eliminate incineration of clothing inventory   | <ul> <li>Continue policy of sending no apparel to<br/>incinerators</li> <li>167 stores have recycle boxes/32 tons of<br/>used apparel collected</li> </ul> |
| Encourage People to Shine      | Be an organization that is healthy mentally and physically, encouraging | Ensure 30% of senior management positions are filled by women by 2025, and raise the ratio of women in management positions to 45% or more | Upper-level management:17.7%     Management positions: 33.8%   |
|                                | employees in their individuality and ability                            | Become a White 500 Certified Health & Productivity Management Outstanding Company  | Health and Productivity Management     Declaration     Certified as an outstanding health and     productivity management company                          |
| Grow Together With Communities | Foster sustainable development in production areas                      | Advance partnership certifications for production plants by 2023   | 30 factories have been certified     Pandemic has caused delays, but steady progress regarding the goal of certifying all applicable factories (about 100) |

#### ■ External recognition of Adastria's ESG activities













#### **Progress with Numerical Goals**



#### Performance is generally as planned and aiming for more improvements mainly concerning profitability

# Themes of the medium-term management plan

#### FY2023/02 progress



Expand the brand portfolio



Able to start new initiatives in all strategic categories



Reduce discounting, add value, optimize cost of production



Big downturn in the fourth quarter
Discounting ratio: 1.4% down (improved)
Markup percentage: 1.1% down (worse)
ASEAN region production share increased to 23%
as planned

\*Compare to FY2022/02 Improved by 1.3%



Use equipment more efficiently Control indirect expenses



SG&A expense ratio is decreasing partly due to sales growth
Sales/capital expenditure ratio: Down 0.7%
Sales/head office expense ratio: Down 0.3%
Sales/logistics expense ratio: Down 0.3%

\*Compare to FY2022/02 Improved by 3.4%



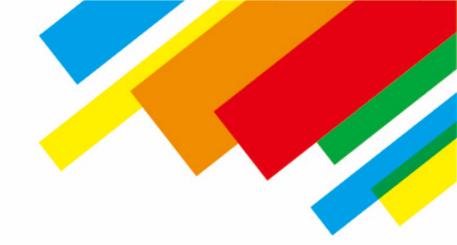
Higher efficiency of investments



Earnings growth as the efficiency of investments increased The ROE improved to 13.3%

**ROE** of at least 15%

+Set a minimum dividend for the period of the medium-term plan



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