



GIFT HOLDINGS INC. Securities Code 9279 Results Briefing Materials for the Cumulative Second Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2023





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Financial Highlights for the Cumulative Second Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2023

Financial summary



Net sales

10,729 million yen

YoY: +36.0%

Operating profit

1,021 million yen

YoY: +32.1%

Ordinary profit

1,051 million yen

YoY: -12.2%

Overview of financial results

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, we proactively expanded our business without slackening the pace, and achieved a significant increase in net sales and operating profit. We achieved our first-half plan and are making steady progress toward our full-year plan.

Quality enhancement at each store

Achieved **record-high monthly sales per company-owned store** thanks to continuous QSCA enhancement and maintaining business as usual.

Implementation of price revisions

While **flexible price revisions** were made to address rising raw material prices and expected wage increases, these **have not had a noticeable impact on customer traffic**.

Logistics centers supporting all stores

We opened a new **Kitakanto/Tohoku logistics center** and are establishing systems to make large-scale improvements to logistics efficiency, costs, and distribution times from an SCM perspective **in all company-owned stores**.

Financial highlights for the cumulative second quarter of the fiscal year ending October 31, 2023



Growth and Profitability

Sales growth

36.0%

(Annual goal: 20.5%)

Operating profit margin

9.5%

(Annual goal: 10.0%)

YoY Change in Sales of Company-owned Stores

All company-owned stores in Japan

136.3%

Existing companyowned stores in Japan

117.9%

(Annual goal: 104.7%)

Stores Opened in the Period

Company-owned stores

17 stores

(Annual goal: 40 stores)

Produced stores

33 stores

(Annual goal: net increase of 23 stores)

Man-hour Productivity (company-owned stores)

Net sales per man-hour

6,211 yen

(Same period of the previous year: 5,987 yen)

Labor cost rate

24.4%

(Same period of the previous year: 26.3%)

Recruitment and Retention

Hiring employees

Newly hired **74** mid-career employees.

Hired 49 new graduates

Retirement rate

20.1%

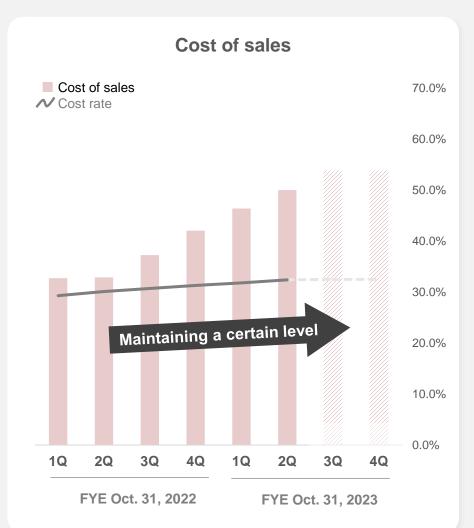
(Same period of the previous year: 22.2%)

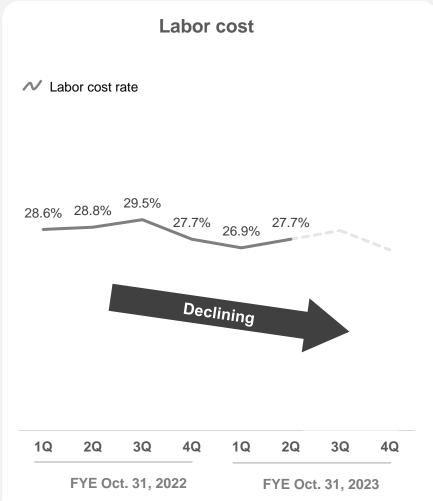
Maintained high profitability



Maintained high profitability by controlling both cost of sales and labor costs in response to inflation Cost of sales: Maintained at a certain level despite the rising cost rate due to the policy of transferring increased costs to price.

Labor cost: The labor cost rate is decreasing due to price revisions not having impact on customer traffic.





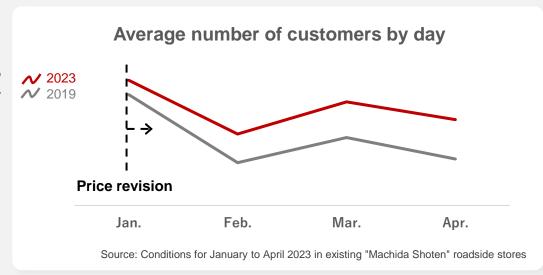
Impact of price revisions



Customer traffic exceeds the level prior to COVID-19 even after price revisions, and there is room for future price revisions

Implemented price revision in January 2023

A decrease in the number of customers due to the price revision was not seen, and more customers are visiting stores than in 2019 prior to COVID-19





Recruitment



To ensure we have the human resources needed to open new stores, we will increase the number of recruits and work to lower the retirement rate.

Increase new recruits



Decrease retirement rate

Increase number of job applicants Increase rate of job offers

Marketing/Branding

We will increase opportunities to catch the attention of potential applicants by utilizing listing ads and revamping our recruitment site.

Reducing applicant withdrawals during recruitment / Increasing the rate of job offers

Improving events during the recruitment process / Improving efficiency of recruitment phases to prevent withdrawals

Our advantages:

- High level of wages
- Diverse opportunities for career advancement

Comfortable work + Rewarding work

Comfortable work

- Training to eliminate the difference in understanding before and after company entry
- Optimum employee allocation and working environment creation
- Improve employee treatment by enhancing benefits, etc.

Rewarding work

- Appropriate employee placement to suit career ambitions
- Boosting motivation by giving fair appraisals
- Proactively promoting young employees (fast-track store manager promotion)

We will implement effective measures to reduce the retirement rate by collecting and utilizing data that correlates ages and job positions with reasons for resignation.

Relationship between store opening strategy and sales, profit and profit margin



By opening company-owned stores in areas with concentrated population that have large markets, and opening produced stores in regional areas, we aim to maximize net sales and profit and also maintain profit margin.

Company-owned stores

Store openings in population concentration areas and areas with high ramen consumption

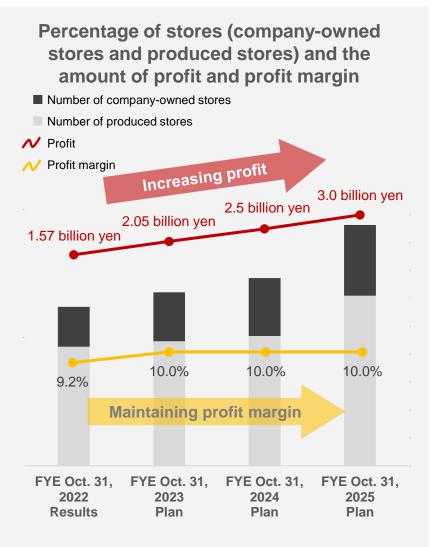
Strengthening store openings

Aim to maximize net sales and profit

Produced stores

Open stores in regional areas

Aim to maximize profit margin



Progress of medium-term business plan: Renewal of BUTAYAMA app



The BUTAYAMA app was renewed to support all stores.

We aim to increase opportunities to visit stores by locking in customers.



Main functions of new app

Store visit stamp

One stamp is given each time a store is visited, and stamps can be exchanged for coupons according to the number of stamps

Coupons

List of coupons that can be exchanged for stamps

Store search

Enables keyword search and store search using GPS

Notices

Information such as events and valuable information for members is provided using push notifications

Supporting online shopping

Progress of medium-term business plan: New operation of Kitakanto/Tohoku logistics center



Operation of the logistics center covering the Kitakanto and Tohoku area commenced on April 1, 2023, enabling deliveries from logistics centers to all company-owned stores.



- Optimization of logistics costs
- Stockout risk control
- Improvement of distribution frequency and distribution quality (year-round next-day delivery)
- Bulk distribution to stores
- Improved quality and reduced costs of ingredients by scaling up purchasing

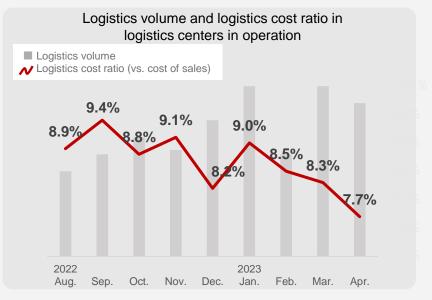
Logistics expenses

Reduction of logistics costs

Logistics cost ratio has decreased in the Kanto and Chukyo/Kansai logistics centers that are already in operation



The increase in logistics volume have been seen to have the effect of reducing the logistics cost ratio



Source: Logistics volume and logistics costs ratio in Kanto Logistics Center

Overview of Financial Results for the Cumulative Second Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2023

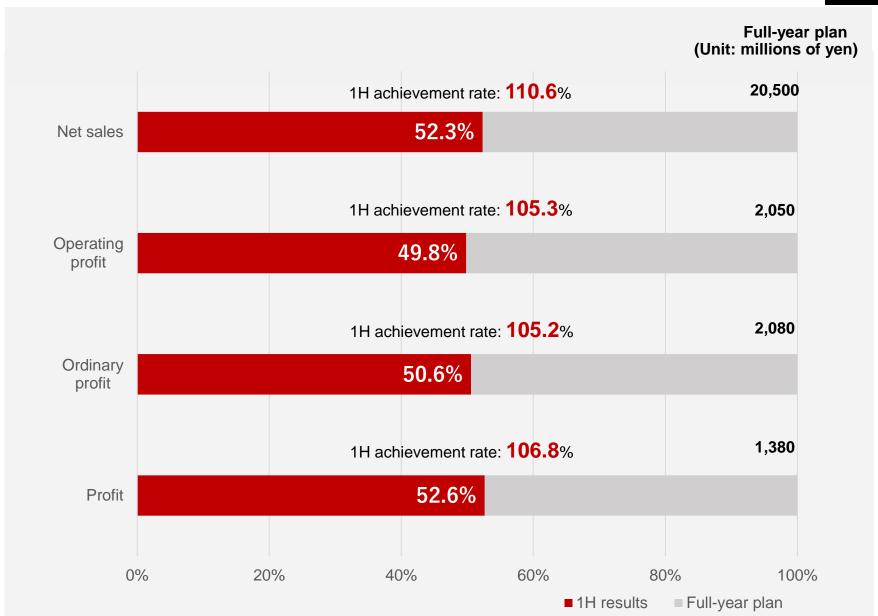
Statements of income



(Unit: millions of yen)		. 31, 2022 H		. 31, 2023 H	Change		Compare	d to plan	
	Amount	Percentage of sales	Amount	Percentage of sales	YoY % change	1H plan	Level of achievement	Full-year plan	Progress
Net sales	7,891	-	10,729	-	+36.0%	9,700	110.6%	20,500	52.3%
Cost of sales	2,343	29.7%	3,444	32.1%	+46.9%	-	-	-	-
Gross profit	5,547	70.3%	7,285	67.9%	+31.3%	-	-	-	-
Selling, general and administrative expenses	4,774	60.5%	6,263	58.4%	+31.2%	-	-	-	-
Operating profit	773	9.8%	1,021	9.5%	+32.1%	970	105.3%	2,050	49.8%
Ordinary profit	1,197	15.2%	1,051	9.8%	(12.2%)	1,000	105.2%	2,080	50.6%
Quarterly profit attributable to owners of parent	816	10.4%	726	6.8%	(11.1%)	680	106.8%	1,380	52.6%

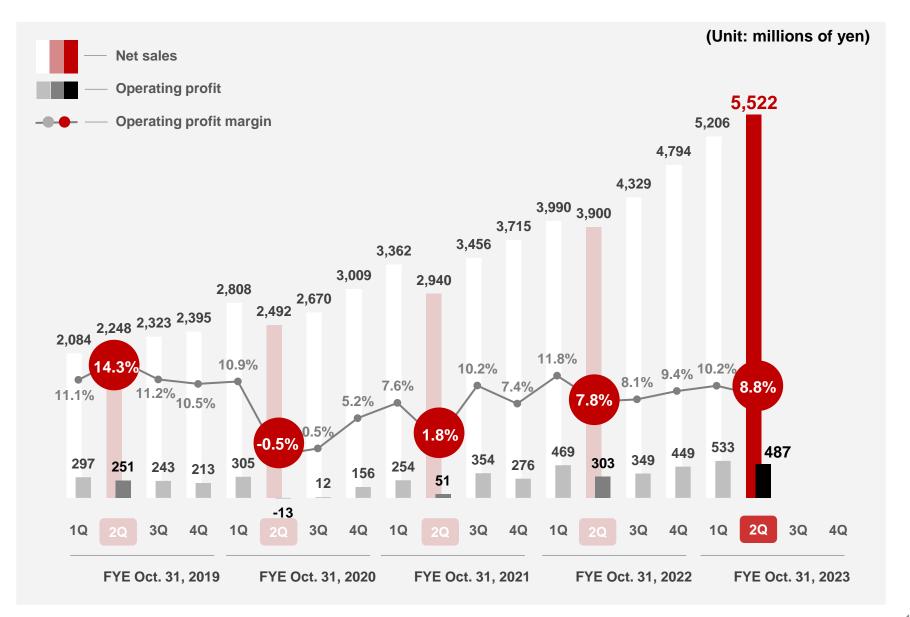
Progress rate vs. plan





Quarterly trends in net sales and operating profit (fiscal period)





Open up stores



+48 stores compared to the end of the previous fiscal year

*Annual plan: +62 stores

As of Oct. 31, 2022

As of Apr. 30, 2023

Produced 511 stores >>> 544 stores stores

Company-

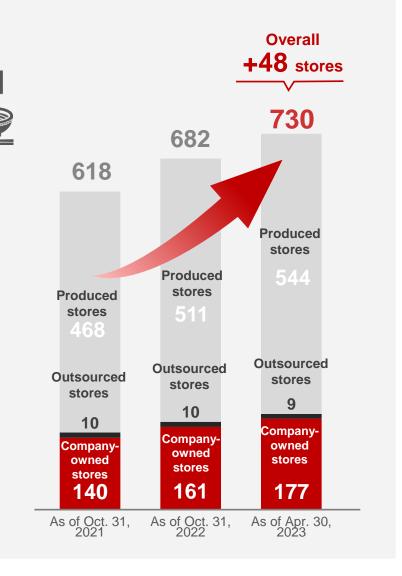
owned stores

171 stores >>> 186 stores

(Including outsourced stores)

Total number of stores





Status of stores (company-owned stores / breakdown of change by brand)



Brand	横海京系ラッペン		からとんび	四天王	元祖
Number of Stores as of April 30, 2023	124	25	5	1	5
Change (compared to October 31, 2022)	+8	+4	-	-	-1
Brand	中華そば	元祖油堂	New brand	International E. A. K. RAMEN	Other
Number of Stores as of April 30, 2023	3	6	1	3	4
Change (compared to October 31, 2022)	_	+2	_	+1	+2

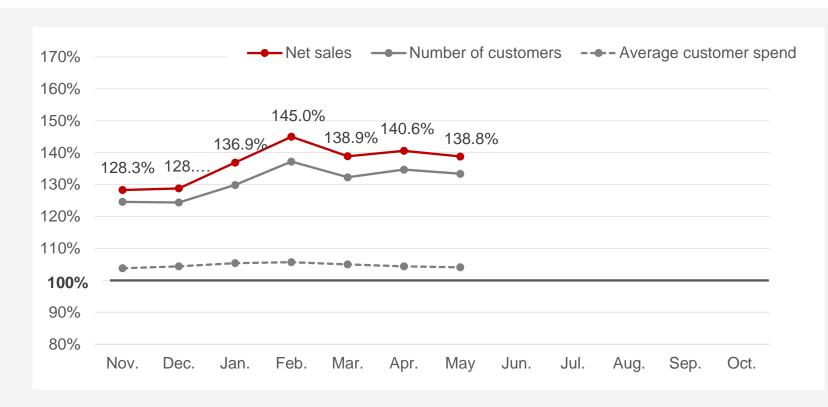
Status of stores (breakdown of change)



(Number of stores)		As of Oct. 31, 2022 Number of stores	As of Apr. 30, 2023 Number of stores	Change
	Kanto	104	111	+7
	East Japan (other than Kanto)	36	43	+7
Company-owned	West Japan	19	20	+1
store business	International	2	3	+1
8,931	Subtotal	161	177	+16
Net sales million	Outsourced stores	10	9	-1
yen	Total	171	186	+15
	Kanto	306	316	+10
Produced stores	East Japan (other than Kanto)	107	114	+7
1,797	West Japan	83	96	+13
Net sales million	International	15	18	+3
yen	Total	511	544	+33
	Total number of stores	682	730	+48

Year-on year comparison of net sales of all company-owned stores in Japan

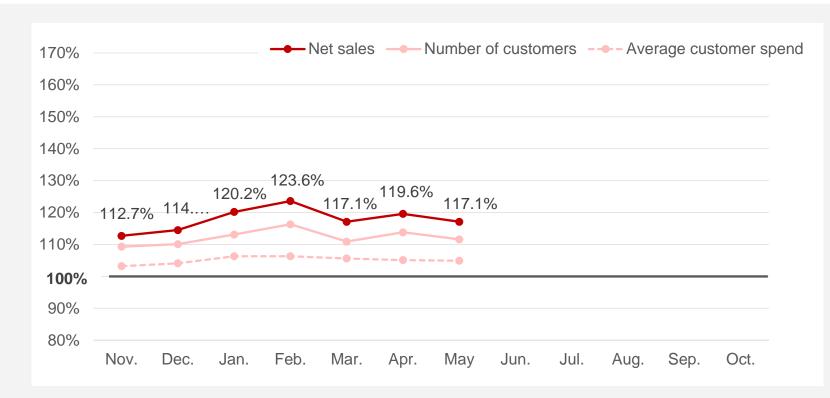




All stores	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Cumulative total
Net sales	128.3%	128.8%	136.9%	145.0%	138.9%	140.6%	138.8%						136.7%
Number of customers	124.6%	124.4%	129.9%	137.2%	132.3%	134.7%	133.4%						130.9%
Average customer spend	103.8%	104.4%	105.4%	105.7%	105.0%	104.4%	104.1%						104.4%

Year-on year comparison of net sales of existing company-owned stores in Japan





Existing stores	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Cumulative total
Net sales	112.7%	114.5%	120.2%	123.6%	117.1%	119.6%	117.1%						117.8%
Number of customers	109.3%	110.1%	113.1%	116.3%	110.9%	113.8%	111.6%						112.1%
Average customer spend	103.2%	104.1%	106.3%	106.3%	105.6%	105.1%	104.9%						105.1%

Comparing sales to pre-COVID

Vs. FYE Oct. 31, 2019 (existing company-owned stores, including home delivery sales)



Net sales level exceeding 2019 in all time bands



B/S summary



(Millions of yen)	FYE Oct. 31, 2022	1H FYE Oct. 31, 2023	Change	(Millions of yen)	FYE Oct. 31, 2022	1H FYE Oct. 31, 2023	Change
				Current liabilities	2,937	3,391	+453
Current assets	3,026	3,147	+120	Accounts payable - trade	544	708	+163
0 -	2.007	4.040	(4.07)	Short-term borrowings	42	34	(7)
Cash and deposits	2,007	1,819	(187)	Current portion of long- term borrowings	512	612	+99
Accounts receivable - trade	405	486	+80	Other	1,838	2,036	+197
receivable - trade	400	400	Non-current liabilities		1,535	1,932	+396
Other	613	840	+227		1,195	1,552	+357
				Long-term borrowings	339	379	+39
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Non-current assets	6,878	8,172	+1,294	Total liabilities	4,473	5,323	+850
Property, plant and				Total net assets	5,432	5,995	+563
equipment	4,756	5,521	+764	Share capital	793	797	+3
				Capital surplus	1,045	1,049	+3
Intangible assets	122	263	+140	Retained earnings	3,463	4,040	+576
Investments and				Treasury shares	(0)	(0)	-
other assets	1,999	2,387	+388	Accumulated other comprehensive income	130	105	(24)
Total assets	9,905	11,319	+1,414	Non-controlling interests	-	3	+3
				Total liabilities and net			
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C/F summary



(Millions of yen)	FYE Oct. 31, 2022 1H	FYE Oct. 31, 2023 1H	Change
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	962	1,016	+54
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(890)	(1,845)	(954)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(148)	303	+451
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	28	5	(22)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	1,823	1,487	(335)

Main details

Cash flows from operating activities

Profit before income taxes:

1,066 million yen

Depreciation: 276 million yen

Income taxes paid: -494 million yen

Cash flows from investing activities

Purchase of property, plant and equipment:

-828 million yen

Payments of leasehold and guarantee deposits:

-94 million yen

■ Cash flows from financing activities

Net change in short-term borrowings: -7 million yen

Proceeds from long-term borrowings: 760 million yen

Repayments of long-term borrowings: -302 million yen

Dividends paid: -151 million yen

03 Forecasts for the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2023 (unchanged)

Forecasts for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2023 (unchanged)



Plan significant increases in net sales and operating profit by steadily implementing the Medium-term Business Plan.

	FYE Oct. Res		FYE Oct. Fore	Change	
(Millions of yen)	Amount	Percentage of sales	Amount	Percentage of sales	
Net sales	17,015	-	20,500	-	+20.5%
Operating profit	1,571	9.2%	2,050	10.0%	+30.4%
Ordinary					
profit	2,442	14.4%	2,080	10.1%	(14.9%)
Profit attributable to owners of					
parent	1,538	9.0%	1,380	6.7%	(10.3%)

Assumptions behind forecasts for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2023 (unchanged)



Sales of existing company-owned domestic stores

vs. FYE Oct. 31, 2022: 104.7%

vs. FYE Oct. 31, 2019: **102.0**%

Open up stores

Company-owned domestic stores

39 stores

Net increase of 38 stores

Company-owned foreign stores

store

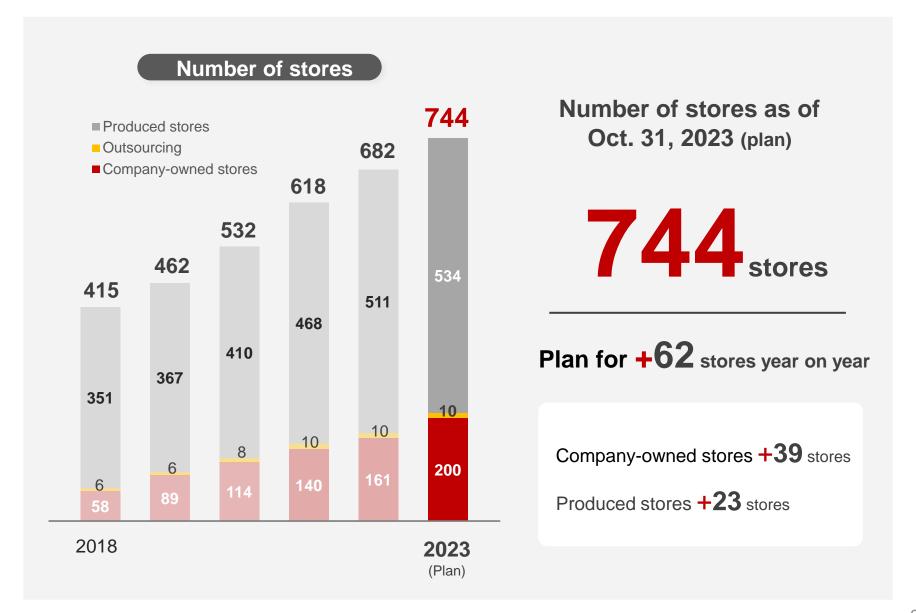
Produced stores

23 stores

20 domestic stores3 foreign stores

Store opening plan (unchanged)





Returns to shareholders (unchanged): Stock split announced on June 14, 2023 not taken in



Dividends policy

To return profits to our shareholders, we comprehensively consider our operating results, financial position, and pay close attention to the dividend payout ratio with a basic stance of stable and continuous return of profits, while paying attention to strengthening our financial base and invest for business expansion.

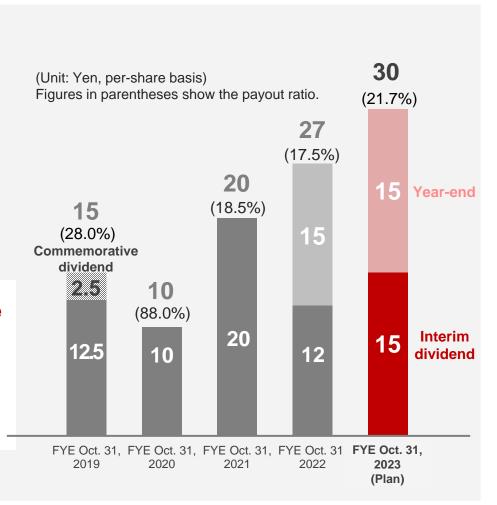
Dividends for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2022

We decided to pay an interim dividend of 12 yen per share and a year-end dividend of 15 yen, for a total of 27 yen.

Dividends for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2023

Target a payout ratio of 20% or more

We plan to pay an interim dividend of 15 yen per share and a year-end dividend of 15 yen, for a total of 30 yen, an increase of 3 yen.



^{*} The dividends on the right show figures taking into account the share split.



Basic strategy - aspirations and approach



FYE October 31, 2025: Targets to be achieved*

Net sales 30.0 billion yen

Operating profit

3.0 billion yen



Expansion of business and strengthening of structure



Promotion of digital transformation (DX)





Growth	1. Sales growth	20% or above
Profitability	2. Operating profit margin	10% or above
Gain on	3. ROA (ordinary profit to total assets)	15% or above
investments	4. ROE (net profit to shareholders' equity)	15% or above
Returns to shareholders	5. Dividend payout ratio	20% or above

Medium-term business plan (fiscal year ending October 31, 2023 to fiscal year ending October 31, 2025) / Quantitative plan



		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Net sales	11.0 (billion yen)	13.4 (billion yen)	17.0 (billion yen)	20.5 (billion yen)	25.0 (billion yen)	30.0 (billion yen)
0	perating profit	0.46 (billion yen)	0.93 (billion yen)	1.57 (billion yen)	2.05 (billion yen)	2.5 (billion yen)	3.0 (billion yen)
C	ordinary profit	0.51 (billion yen)	1.74 (billion yen)	2.44 (billion yen)	2.05 (billion yen)	2.5 (billion yen)	3.0 (billion yen)
Ja	Total number of stores			665 stores			4.000
Japan	Company-owned stores	119 stores	147 stores	169 stores	207 stores	245 stores	300 stores
	Produced stores	400 stores	455 stores	496 stores	516 stores	536 stores	700 stores
International	Total number of stores	13 stores	16 stores	17 stores	21 stores	24 stores	33 stores
atio	Company-owned stores	3 stores	3 stores	2 stores	3 stores	3 stores	3 stores
nal	Produced stores	10 stores	13 stores	15 stores	18 stores	21 stores	30 stores
Tc	Total number of stores	532 stores	618 stores	682 stores	744 stores	805 stores	1,033 stores
Total	Company-owned stores	122 stores	150 stores	171 stores	210 stores	248 stores	303 stores
	Produced stores	410 stores	468 stores	511 stores	534 stores	557 stores	730 stores

Medium-term business plan



Key themes	Overview of initiatives					
Expansion of existing business	(1) Quality enhancement at each store PICK UP (2) Human resource development and retention (3) Flexible response to inflation					
Operation of new business types	(4) Acquisition of new business types through aggressive M&A < PICK UP (5) Development and brush-up of additional business types					
Overseas expansion	6) Expansion of stores (Company-owned stores, franchise stores) 7) Creation of head office and sales functions supporting overseas expansion					
Strengthening of ability to open stores	(8) Strengthening of model development < PICK UP (9) Strengthening of property development capability					
Strengthening of manufacturing, purchasing and logistics system	 (10) Reduction of manufacturing costs and enhancement of manufacturing quality (11) Creation of stable supply system by area (12) Utilization of logistics centers (cost optimization, stockout risk control) (13) Enhancement of logistics quality (frequency, quality) 					
ESG	(14) Promotion of ESG management < PICK UP					
	(15) Promotion of DX ▼ PICK UP					

Details of medium-term business plan (1) Quality enhancement at each store



Aim to create appealing stores in both company-owned stores and produced stores

1. Companyowned stores

Reallocate control of Company-owned foreign stores to Company-owned domestic stores

✓ Aim to balance QSCA enhancement and cost control by conducting operations in the same manner as Company-owned domestic stores

2. Produced stores

Supply of high-quality ingredients by maintaining freshness

- ✓ Supply the same ingredients as Company-owned domestic stores using the same logistics network
- ✓ Build a system enabling the provision of high-quality ramen by supplying high-quality ingredients and maintaining freshness

Details of medium-term business plan PICK UP (4) Aggressive M&A





Aim to secure brand and locations, and enhance manufacturing capacity

M&A targets		Aim
Extremely busy stores	>>>>	Expansion of brands
Chain stores	>>>>	Securing advantageous locations and human resources
Factories	>>>>	Enhancement of manufacturing capacity essential for expansion of stores

Details of medium-term business plan (8) Strengthening of model development



Proceed with property development while verifying the opening of stores

Verification of expansion in a variety of locations







Expansion of roadside stores and franchise stores





Food courts and service areas

Details of medium-term business plan PICK UP (15) Promotion of DX

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Promotion of DX is a priority measure to take companywide

A virtuous cycle is created by DX promotion, providing returns in all directions.

Measures for promotion of DX	Improvement of customer convenience	✓ Renewal of store search screen and app		nprovement of customer
	Enhancement of employee satisfaction	 ✓ Single sign-on and enhancemen security ✓ Creation of data analysis infrastructure 	Promotion of digital transformation (DX) Enhancement Reduction of	
	Reduction of "internal" man hours	 ✓ Introduction of multi-devices in all stores ✓ Digitalization of reporting operations 	of employee satisfaction	"internal" man hours

Details of medium-term business plan PICK UP Strengthening of manufacturing, purchasing and logistics system



Establishment of factories and logistics centers aimed at opening many stores and area expansion

Factories Hiratsuka Yokohama Daiichi Yokohama Daini Ayase ParambaSasayama Ayase ParambaSasayama ParambaSasayama Ayase ParambaSasayama ParambaSasa



Receive the benefits of synergy effects throughout the Gift Group as a whole by building and operating a manufacturing, purchasing and logistics platform

Details of medium-term business plan PICK UP (14) Promotion ESG management



In order to contribute to the creation of a sustainable society, the Company will engage in management emphasizing ESG (Environment, Social, Governance), and will conduct business activities with the aim of achieving the targets set out in the SDGs* adopted by the United Nations.



ENVIRONMENT

- Measures to address global warming
- Effective utilization of energy and resources
- Utilization of environmentally friendly products
- · Waste and recycling

GOVERNANCE

- Strengthening of corporate governance
- · Creation of risk management system
- · Ensuring compliance

- Strengthening information security and protection of privacy
- IR activities (constructive dialogue with investors)
- Dynamic renewal of governance system

Social

- Planning and development of products with high added value
- Consumer peace of mind and safety
- · Fair marketing and advertising
- Protection of personal information
- Compliance with fair trade and internal dissemination
- · Supply chain management
- · Personnel and welfare
- · Promotion of employee health
- Promotion of work-life balance
- Business reform utilizing ICT, AI, RPA, etc.
- Promotion of respect for human rights and self-development of human rights
- Promotion of diversity and active participation by women
- Human resource development, hiring and retention
- Strengthening of coordination with local government policies and implementation of regional revitalization activities
- Company open to local communities
- Next-generation support



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Company overview



Company name GIFT HOLDINGS INC.

Business details

Restaurant operation

Head office address

3F Odakyu Machida Morino Building, 1-23-19

Morino, Machida-shi, Tokyo

Company factories

Noodle production factories: Hiratsuka, Yokohama

Daiichi, Tamba-Sasayama Roast pork factory: Ayase Soup factory: Yokohama Daini

Established

December 7, 2009

(Founded in January 2008)

Representative

President and Representative Director: Sho Tagawa

End of fiscal

year

October 31

Share capital

797 million yen (as of April 30, 2023)

Group employees

550 employees, 2,939 part-time and casual workers

(as of October 31, 2022)

Affiliates

9 consolidated subsidiaries

(Names of important consolidated subsidiaries)

GIFT INC.

Ramen TENKA K.K.

GIFT FOODS MATERIAL K.K.

GIFT USA INC.

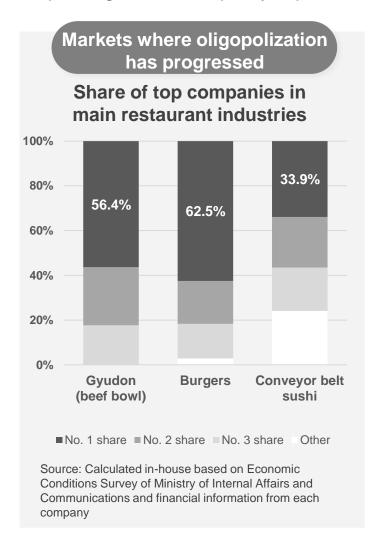


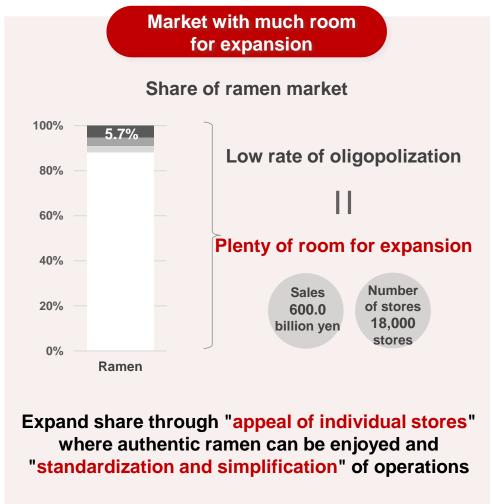


Characteristics of main restaurant industries and domestic ramen market



 As opposed to items such as gyudon (beef bowl), burger, and conveyor belt sushi, which are concentrated on major companies, the ramen market is flooded with small stores, and is an expanding market with plenty of potential for expansion of our share.





Brand expansion



Opened multiple stores of the Company's ramen brands within the same area



Brand list







Machida Shoten

IEKEI Ramen characterized by creamy soup that you never tire of.

A popular chain with over 100 stores nationwide offering a lively and transcendent space.





BUTAYAMA

A "hearty ramen" characterized by thick and tender pork and a plentiful helping of vegetables The powerful soup combined with the sweet soy sauce and chewy "washiwashi" noodles provide a filling experience.





GANSO ABURADO

"Oil noodles" using carefully made custom noodles that can be customized for your own original taste with tabletop condiments.

The stylish atmosphere of the stores is also popular with women, and arrangements of flavor are limitless!



GATTON

"Kyushu tonkotsu ramen" characterized by soup matured by hours of cooking.

The specially ordered ultra-thin noodles sought to match the rich and deeply flavored soup provide the ultimate flavor.





SHI-TEN-NOH

Very popular with visitors from foreign countries.

"Pork bone broth ramen" characterized by its light richness.





NAGAOKA SHOKUDO

"Chinese soba" with ginger soy sauce that is popular as a local ramen in Nagaoka City in Niigata. Popular with men and women of all ages due to the deep flavor of the light soup using carefully selected incredients.





AKAMISOYA

"Miso based ramen" with plenty of flavor of stir fried vegetables.





ITOI

Rich "miso ramen" with soup containing loads of flavor of pork bone, chicken bone and vegetables The white miso, garlic and stir-fried crisp bean sprouts are amazing and a perfect match with rice!





E.A.K RAMEN

Providing a flavor to match local needs based on "IEKEI Ramen."

Business details



Operation of restaurant business through the two channels of company-owned stores and produced stores

Company-owned stores

177 stores

The Company operates stores under its own brands centered on Yokohama IEKEI Ramen Machida Shoten (Refer to the previous page for other brands).



















Produced stores

544 stores

The Company provides support for making stores owned and operated by partners popular by leveraging operating expertise of company-owned stores and supplying ingredients (PB products).

Company -owned stores

Company

factories Contracted factories

Provision of operating expertise

Supply of **PB** products **Produced stores**



* PB products: Private brand products (Noodles, sauce, soup, dumplings, roast pork)

Store opening strategy



Possible to operate a thriving restaurant both near train stations and roadside areas

Areas near train stations

Locally focused store operation



Sannomiya Shoten



Yoyogi Shoten Tsunashima Shoten





Ogikubo Shoten



Roadside areas

Chain store operation with fixed quality

Machida Shoten Himeji Store



Machida Shoten Shimizu Interchange Store



Machida Shoten Nakamachidai Store



Machida Shoten Kyoto-Higashi Interchange Store



Machida Shoten Fujinomiya Store



Roadside stores



Roadside stores are also popular with families

- Parking area (20-30 vehicles)
- Opening stores based on analysis of factors such as the state of competition, population of the trade area and traffic volume
- Creation of stores that can be enjoyed by families
- · Improvement of menu for families
- · Maintaining trend of increasing average customer spend
- Roadside stores are busier than stores near train stations







Produced stores



<The Company's original channel> Operating scheme of produced stores

The Company provides support for making stores owned and operated by partners popular by leveraging operating expertise of company-owned stores and supplying ingredients (PB products).

Companyowned stores

Company factories
Contracted factories

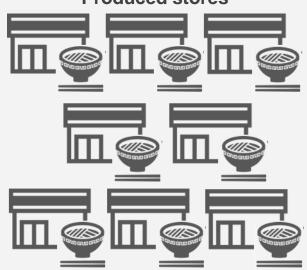
Provision of operating expertise

- Maintain high level of sales for existing stores
- Effectively zero store closures since establishment

Supply of PB products

Noodles, sauce, soup, dumplings, roast pork, etc.

Produced stores



^{*} In contrast to a franchise system, no guarantee money, franchise membership fee or consulting fee (royalties) are required. The production of stores at the time of their launch based on operating expertise of companyowned stores is provided free of charge on the condition of purchase of ingredients.

Differences between produced stores and franchise stores

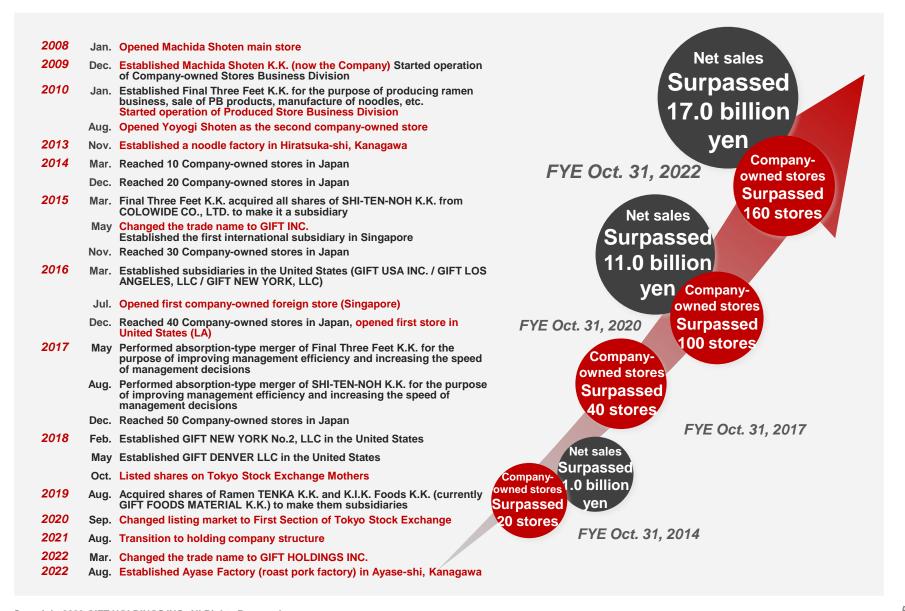


	Franchise Stores	Produced stores
Trade name	Not selectable	Freely selectable
Membership fee	1-5 million yen	0 yen
Royalties	Approx. 5% of monthly sales	0 yen
Freedom of store operation and menu development	×	0
Risk of overall ripple effect of damage to brand by a member store	Large	Small
Various support*	Available	Available

^{*} Various support: Property development, store design, employee training, opening support

History





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