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Notice of Differences of Consolidated Performance between the Current Fiscal Year and the Previous Fiscal Year and Dividend Forecast

The consolidated performance for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023) is as provided in the Financial Results announced on April 26, 2023. We hereby inform you of the differences of the consolidated performance between the current and previous fiscal years and dividend forecast as follows:

1. Differences of the consolidated performance between the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 and the previous fiscal year

(Unit: ¥millions, unless otherwise stated)

	Net sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Profit attributable to JAFCO Group Co., Ltd. stockholders	Net income per share [¥]
Previous fiscal year (ended March 31, 2022) (A)	27,677	16,876	18,360	15,080	192.50
Current fiscal year (ended March 31, 2023) (B)	14,073	(4,414)	(3,048)	40,571	586.92
Difference (B-A)	(13,603)	(21,290)	(21,409)	25,491	
Change (%)	(49.2)	-	-	169.0	

2. Reasons for the differences

During the consolidated fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, capital gains remained at low levels due to hostile market environments, while additions to investment loss reserves increased, causing net sales, operating income and ordinary income to fall significantly below those of the previous fiscal year. On the other hand, profit attributable to JAFCO Group Co., Ltd. stockholders was substantially higher than the previous year due to gains on sale of investment securities (extraordinary income) recorded as a result of the sale of the Company's entire holdings in Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. (NRI) during the current fiscal year.

3. Dividends forecast

	Dividend per share [¥]				
	End of 1Q	End of 2Q	End of 3Q	End of the year	Total
Previous forecast (announced on December 21, 2022)	—	—	—	150.00	150.00
Current forecast	—	—	—	150.00	150.00
Dividends paid in the current fiscal year	—	—	—		
Dividends paid in the previous fiscal year	—	—	—	51.00	51.00

In the “Notice Concerning Revision of Dividend Forecast for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2023” released on December 21, 2022, we announced that the dividend forecast for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 to be the greater of a. or b. below and the minimum dividend was ¥150 per share as shown above.

- a. ¥150
- b. Subject to the successful conclusion of the TOB by Issuer announced on December 21, 2022, the amount calculated by dividing the Company’s net income attributable to JAFCO Group Co., Ltd. stockholders for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, including the gain on the sale of shares in Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. and after deducting the total acquisition price of shares bought back in the TOB by Issuer, by the number of Company shares outstanding on the record date of the dividend (excluding treasury shares then held by the Company).

As the amount calculated by b. above is lower than ¥150 based on the Company’s performance for the current fiscal year and the result of the TOB by issuer (share buyback totaling ¥42,000 million), the dividend forecast for the current fiscal year remains changed at ¥150 per share.