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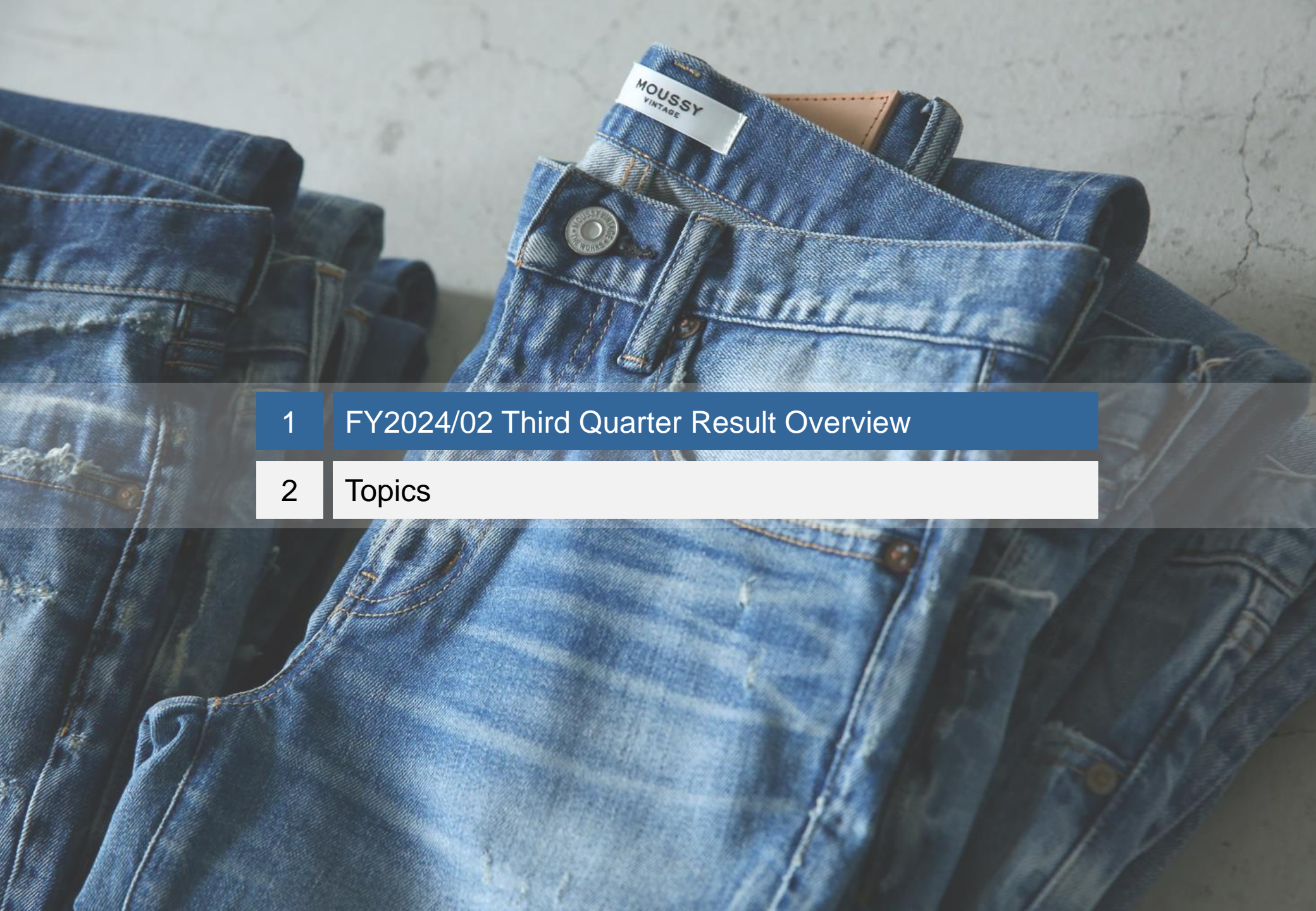
FY2024/02 Third Quarter
Financial Results and Supplementary Information

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Topics

(JPY mil)	FY2024/02		FY2023/02
	3Q Cumulative		3Q Cumulative
		YoY	
Consolidated Sales	44,236	102.9%	42,987
Consolidated Gross Profit	25,678	102.4%	25,085
Gross Profit Ratio	58.0%	▲0.4pt	58.4%
Consolidated SG&A	23,878	103.0%	23,189
SG&A Ratio	54.0%	+0.1pt	53.9%
Operating Profit	1,800	94.9%	1,895
Operating Profit Ratio	4.1%	▲0.3pt	4.4%
Recurring Profit	1,989	160.1%	1,242
Recurring Profit Ratio	4.5%	+1.6pt	2.9%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	1,188	288.6%	411
Profit Ratio	2.7%	+1.7pt	1.0%

Consolidated Sales 44.23 bil (102.9% YoY)

- ◆ Domestic sales were 103.5% year-on-year. Although the warm winter has slowed the movement of demand for winter clothes, both store and e-commerce sales were higher than the same period of previous fiscal year.
- ◆ In China, sales increased compared to the same period of previous fiscal year as economic activity recovered.
- ◆ In the U.S., sales were lower than the same period of previous fiscal year due to a reduction of consumer spending.

Consolidated Gross Profit 25.67 bil (102.4% YoY)

- ◆ Consolidated gross increased year-on-year due to the group have promoted initiatives such as a focus on selling at appropriate price.

Operating Profit 1.80 bil (94.9% YoY)

- ◆ In the domestic business, although SG&A expenses increased due to increased advertising for key brands, etc., domestic operating profit increased year-on-year due to higher gross profit.
- ◆ On the other hand, consolidated operating profit decreased year-on-year due to the negative impact of the U.S. business.

Profit attributable to owners of parent 1.18 bil (288.6% YoY)

- ◆ Due to reduction of share of loss of associates in China JV, Profit attributable to owners of parent exceeded the same period of previous fiscal year.

(JPY mil)	FY2024/02		FY2023/02
	3Q Cumulative		3Q Cumulative
		YoY	
Sales	40,026	103.5%	38,690
(Store Sales)	29,601	104.5%	28,316
(EC Sales)	7,687	101.7%	7,557
Gross Profit	24,156	104.3%	23,165
Gross Profit Ratio	60.4%	+0.5pt	59.9%
SG&A	22,913	104.3%	21,972
SG&A Ratio	57.2%	+0.4pt	56.8%
Operating Profit	1,243	104.3%	1,192
Operating Profit Ratio	3.1%	+0.0pt	3.1%
Recurring Profit	1,282	113.1%	1,134
Recurring Profit Ratio	3.2%	+0.3pt	2.9%
Net Profit	822	121.4%	677
Profit Ratio	2.1%	+0.3pt	1.8%

China JV

- In the previous fiscal year, the Shanghai lockdown was lifted, and even after that, there were intermittent restrictions on activities in various parts of China. In the current fiscal year, wholesale sales landed at 115.6% YoY as the sales situation recovered. Sales related to the China joint venture business increased 113.5% YoY.
- The number of stores decreased by 58 stores to a total of 268 stores compared to the end of the previous fiscal year. We have focused on maintaining our store presence in areas less affected by the real estate downturn in China, primarily in Beijing and Shanghai, while closing unprofitable stores in regional areas.
- E-commerce sales were 99.6% YoY. (EC ratio : 17.8%)

Sales from China JV (JPY mil)	FY2024/02		FY2023/02
	3Q Cumulative		3Q Cumulative
		YoY	
Wholesale	4,057	115.6%	3,509
Royalty	228	86.1%	265
Sales Total	4,285	113.5%	3,774

U.S. Business

- The U.S. business experienced a decline in sales and profit year-on-year, mainly due to the contraction in U.S. consumer spending.

- In each channel of the FB/SB brands, SC brands, and Dept. store brands growth that exceeded year-on-year.

(JPY mil)	FY2024/02 3Q Cumulative			FY2023/02 3Q Cumulative	
	Actual	Composition	YoY	Actual	Composition
Consolidated Sales	44,236		102.9%	42,987	
FB/SB Brands	13,903	31.4%	107.0%	12,992	30.2%
SC Brands	19,802	44.8%	101.3%	19,552	45.5%
Dept. Store Brands	4,313	9.8%	102.6%	4,202	9.8%
Overseas	5,526	12.5%	97.0%	5,697	13.3%
Others	691	1.6%	127.3%	542	1.3%

(JPY mil)	FY2024/02		FY2023/02
	3Q Cumulative		3Q Cumulative
		YoY	
Consolidated Sales	44,236	102.9%	42,987
SG&A Expense	23,878	103.0%	23,189
	54.0%	+0.1pt	53.9%
Advertising and promotional cost	1,356	114.9%	1,180
	3.1%	+0.4pt	2.7%
Salaries and wages	4,310	100.1%	4,304
	9.7%	▲0.3pt	10.0%
Store rent and fee for franchisee	9,529	101.1%	9,429
	21.5%	▲0.4pt	21.9%
Depreciation	668	122.1%	547
	1.5%	+0.2pt	1.3%
Others	8,013	103.7%	7,726
	18.1%	+0.1pt	18.0%

(JPY mil)	FY2024/02(2023/11/30)			FY2023/02(2022/11/30)	
	Amount	Composition	YoY	Amount	Composition
Cash	10,304	25.7%	89.0%	11,579	29.5%
Trade Receivables	11,909	29.8%	109.5%	10,874	27.7%
Inventories	7,909	19.8%	104.2%	7,589	19.3%
Other Current Assset	511	1.3%	68.7%	744	1.9%
Non Current Asset	9,386	23.5%	110.6%	8,490	21.6%
Total Asset	40,022	100.0%	101.9%	39,279	100.0%
Liabilities	17,351	43.4%	104.7%	16,569	42.2%
Equity	22,670	56.6%	99.8%	22,709	57.8%

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Opened : 13stores
Closed : 17stores
End of FY : 362stores
(▲4 stores in FY)
(▲13 stores in YoY)

*As of 30 November 2023

CHINA JV

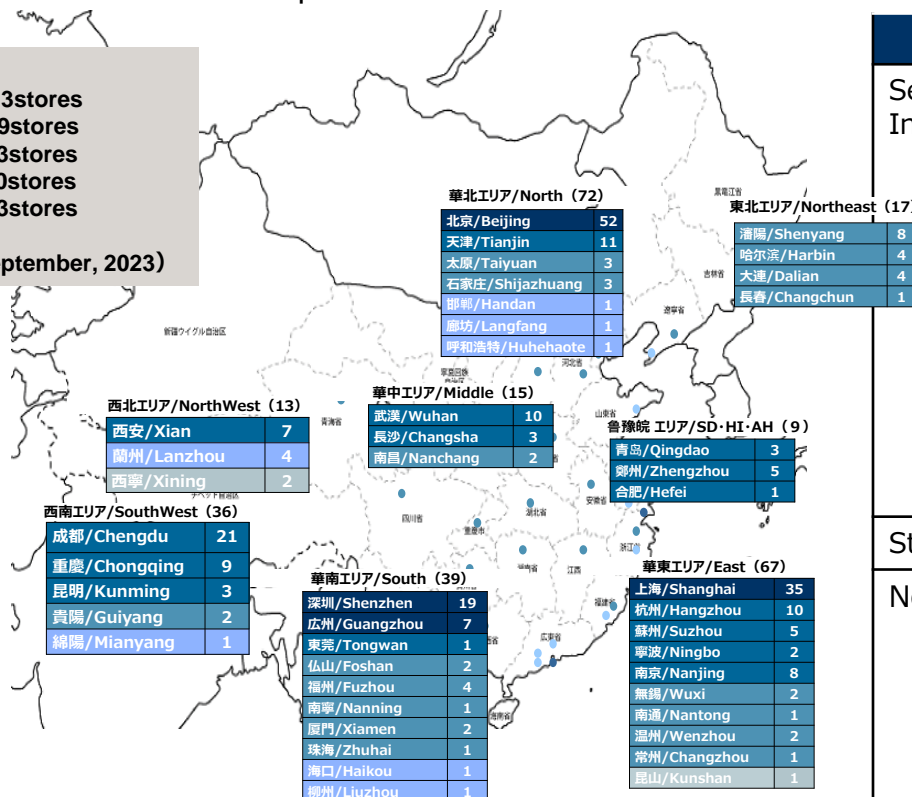


Opened : 26stores
Closed : 84stores
End of FY : 268stores
(▲58 stores in FY)
(▲69 stores in YoY)

*As of 30 September 2023, included in the consolidated financial statements.

- Number of stores in China : 268 stores (as of the end of September, 2023)
- From September 1, 2023, due to area reorganization, changed from 5 areas (East, West, South, North, and Middle) to 8 areas (East, South, North, Middle, Northeast, Northwest, Southwest, SD•HI•AH)
- It is common to classify cities based on the "Ranking of Cities Business Attractiveness in China" published annually by The Rising Lab, the big data project of Yicai Media Group

- Store number : 268 stores
- 1st tier city: 4cities 113stores
- New 1st tier city: 15cities 99stores
- 2nd tier city: 17cities 43stores
- 3rd tier city: 7cities 10stores
- 4th tier city: 2cities 3stores
- Number of cities : 45cities
(As of end of September, 2023)



City Ranking Overview	
Selection Index	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrichment of commercial facilities • Functionality as a hub of the city • Citizen's activity • Diversity of lifestyle • Future possibilities, <p>Based on the above indicators, 337 cities in China are comprehensively ranked up to 1st grade, new 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade.</p>
Start Year	2016- (announced once a year)
Notes	The ranking fluctuates each year, and the FY2023 ranking is based on data from FY2022 to early 2023. In this year's New Class 1 cities, Kunming was again ranked as a New Class 1 city, replacing the rapidly growing Foshan.

City Definition

1st tier cities (4 cities): Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Shenzhen

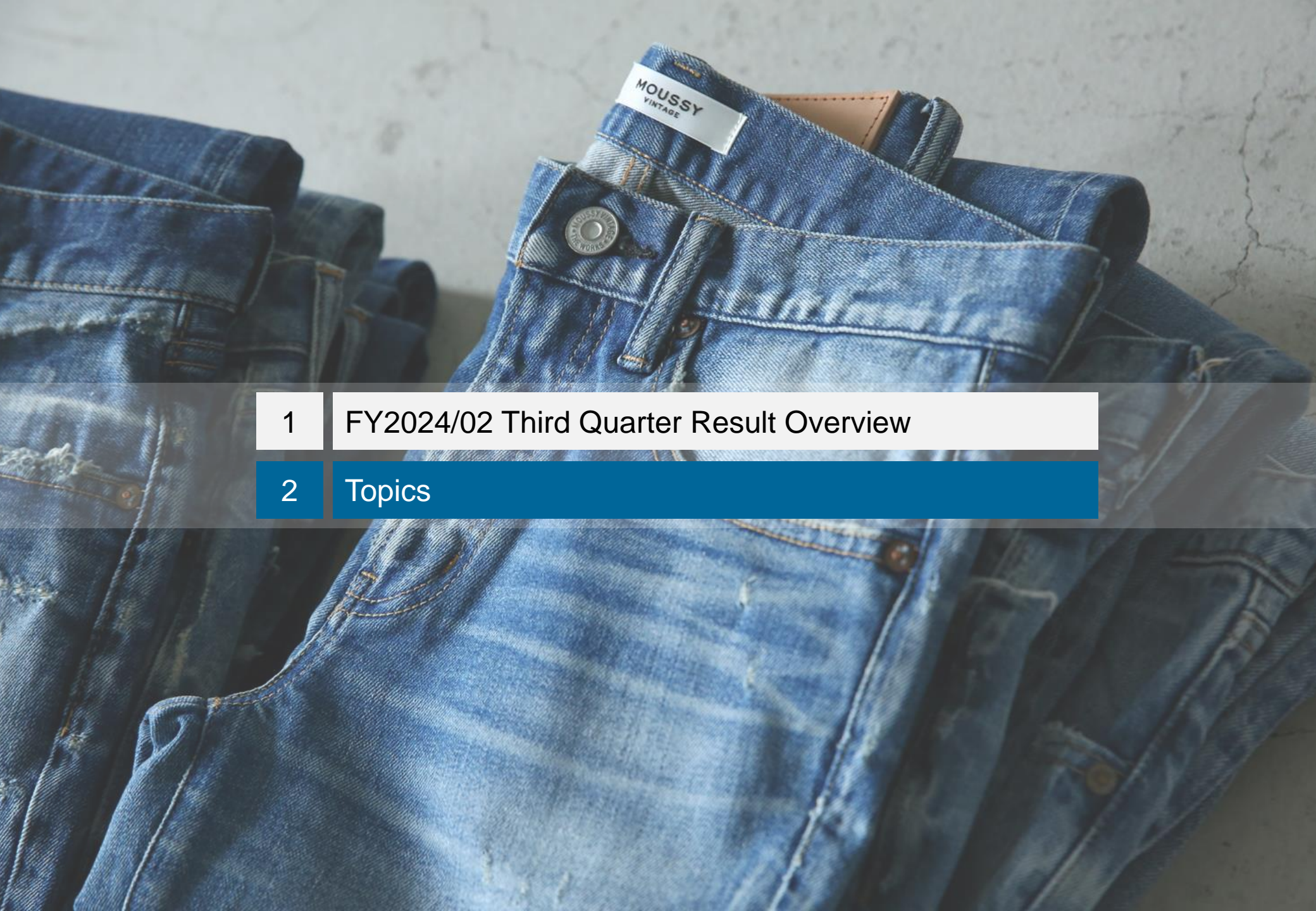
New 1st tier cities (15 cities): Chengdu, Chongqing, Hangzhou, Wuhan, Suzhou, Xi'an, Nanjing, Changsha, Tianjin, Zhengzhou, Dongguan, Qingdao, Kunming, Ningbo, Hefei,

2nd tier cities (30 cities): Buddha Mountain, Shenyang, Jinan, Wuxi, Xiamen, Fuzhou, Wenzhou, Jinhua, Harbin, Dalian, Guiyang, Nanning, Quanzhou, Shijiazhuang, Changchun, Changzhou, Nanchang, Huizhou, Changzhou, Jiaying, Xuzhou, Nantong, Taiyuan, Baoding, Zhuhai, Zhongshan, Taizhou, Linyi, Weifang, Yantai, Shaoxing

3rd tier cities : Other Cities

*The above are grouped based on the " Ranking of cities 2023 Business Attractiveness in China "

(The Rising Lab, the big data project of Yicai Media Group, announced on June 1, 2023).



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(JPY mil)	FY2024/02 (Previous forecast)	% to Sales	FY2024/02 (Current forecast)	% to Sales	Change vs previous forecast	% to previous forecast
Consolidated Sales	66,010	100.0%	59,988	100.0%	▲6,022	90.9%
Consolidated Gross Profit	39,033	59.1%	34,001	56.7%	▲5,032	87.1%
Consolidated SG&A	34,262	51.9%	32,261	53.8%	▲2,001	94.2%
Operating Profit	4,771	7.2%	1,740	2.9%	▲3,031	36.5%
Recurring Profit	4,585	6.9%	1,820	3.0%	▲2,765	39.7%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	2,750	4.2%	1,000	1.7%	▲1,750	36.4%
EPS	76.35		27.76		▲48.59	—

- Full-year forecast revised downward based on recent performance.
- Due to the worsening of the climate change issue and other factors, consolidated gross profit in the domestic business deteriorated and deviated from the forecast due to an increase in the discount rate and loss on valuation of inventory compared with the forecast at the beginning of the period. In the overseas business, China JV recovered, but the U.S. business did not support the consolidated results, and the profit items in the consolidated results did not reach the forecast at the beginning of the period.

Shareholder Dividends

- The annual dividend for FY2024/02 is planned to be 38 yen per share (year-end dividend) with no change.

*The above earning forecast was prepared based on the available information at the time of publication. Actual earnings might be changed depending on various factors.

Domestic business current condition

- Increasing of record-breaking hot days and unusually warm winters due to global warming and other serious climate change issues.
- Consumer mindset and purchasing behavior changed after Covid-19.
- High prices and decline in real wages have impact on personal economy.

Domestic business future initiatives

- The group continues to make improvements in resolving issues in domestic business where profitability is declining.
- Focus on MD optimization for the next fiscal year, and also focus on promoting SCM reform.
- Also, accelerated consideration of restructuring the organization.
- The group will further strengthen our efforts to create new businesses and promote the development of new businesses that leverage our strengths, such as sales platforms.

■ We have set cost improvement through supply chain restructuring as a key strategy, and will promote new initiatives in addition to existing measures..

Increasing the ASEAN
production ratio

The ASEAN production ratio increased by +9% year-on-year, due to the optimization of production facilities, which helped to control production costs.

Reducing
trade-related expense

Due to the reduction in tariff rates due to the utilization of *RCEP, as well as improvements in port consolidation and container loading rates, our overall trade-related expenses decreased by ▲2.0% year-on-year.

*RCEP : Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

Optimizing the QR
(Quick Response) system

By optimizing production facilities and reducing lead times, we are able to respond promptly to the market's needs.

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Suppliers Selection
and Concentration

From Third quarter, supplier selection and concentration to further improve production efficiency



Cost improvement through promotion of the above initiatives

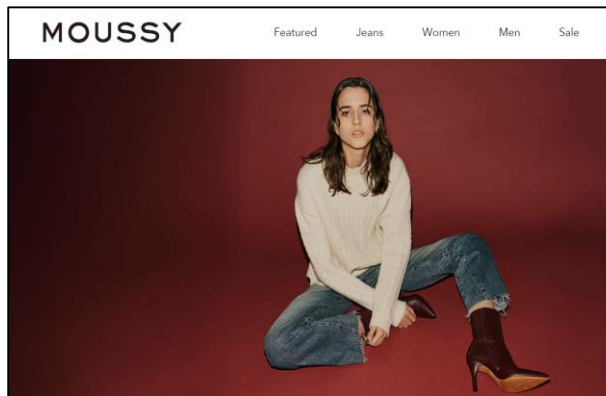
- We are continually actively working towards recovery by restructuring our production capabilities and implementing channel-specific strategies and initiatives.
- For wholesale sales, in addition to North America, sales representatives were assigned to Europe, and efforts were made to expand sales channels through exhibitions, etc., resulting in an overall recovery in orders received.
- In-house e-commerce is currently developing digital marketing initiatives to increase the e-commerce conversion rate.
- Also, we continue to build awareness of our key brand MOUSSY VINATGE through enhanced marketing strategies.

Wholesale



In addition to the North American market, we will also focus on expanding sales channels in the European market.

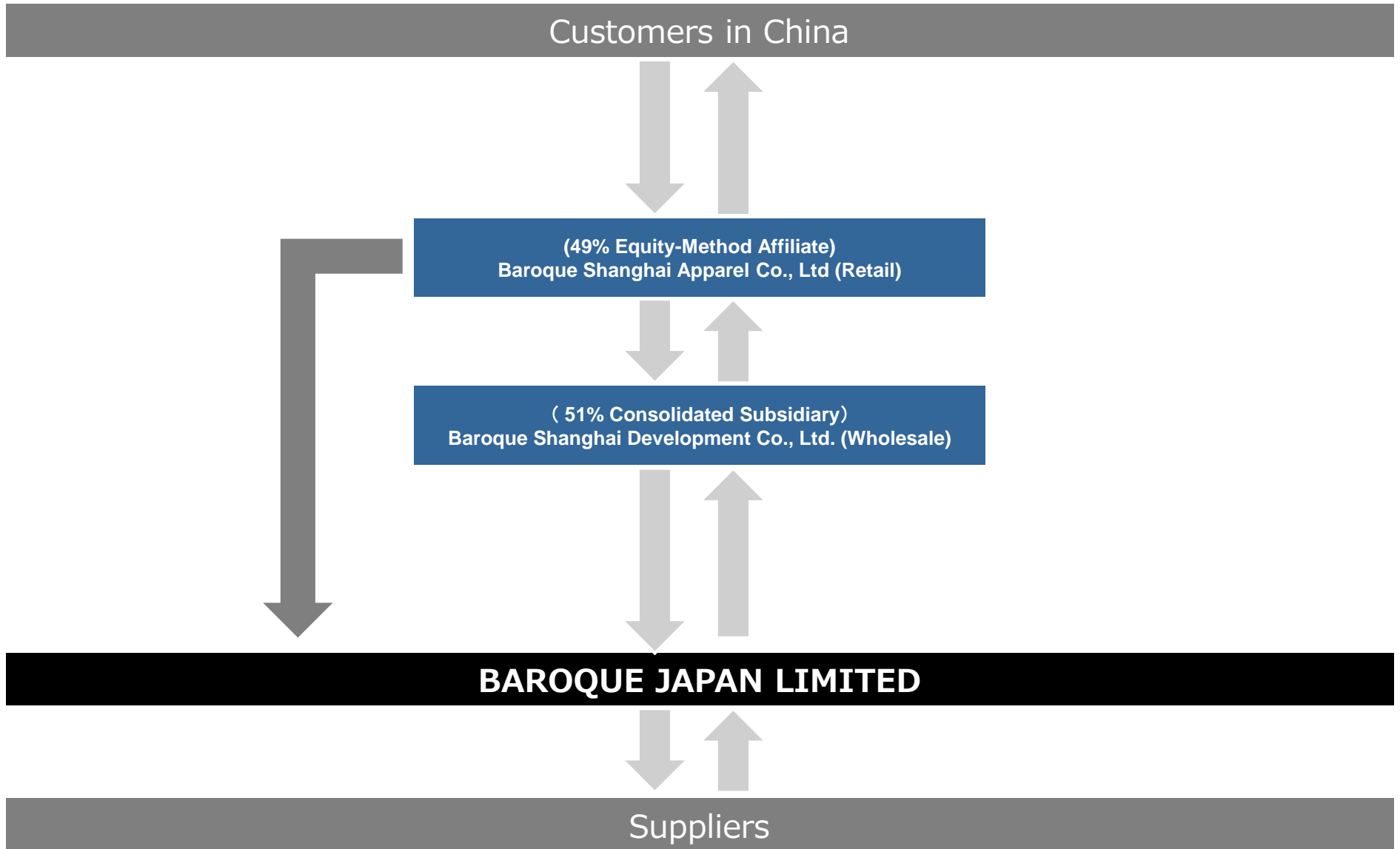
In-house e-commerce



Implementing Digital Marketing to Increase the e-commerce conversion rate



Appendix



↑ : Merchandise

↓ : Order

↩ : Royalty

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