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## Overview of Financial Results

for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023


- Record-high net sales was achieved with robustness in overseas markets and recovery in the domestic market. Also benefited from the weak yen in exchange rates.
$\checkmark$ Operating profit was up $28.2 \%$ with increased sales margin from net sales growth, despite profit squeeze from soaring raw material prices and labor costs.
- Profit enjoyed significant growth, benefitting from sale of real estate.
- Record-high amounts were achieved for ordinary profit and profit attributable to owners of parent.

| [Consolidated] Millions of yen | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | vs. 2022 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 40 | 40 | 40 | 4 Q | 40 | Change | Change (\%) |
| Net sales | 62,034 | 55,180 | 61,894 | 68,997 | 74,801 | 5,803 | 8.4\% |
| (Avg. USD exchange rate) | $¥ 109.37$ | $¥ 106.66$ | $¥ 109.86$ | $¥ 130.78$ | $¥ 140.55$ | $¥ 9.77$ | - |
| Gross profit | 31,289 | 27,310 | 30,667 | 33,953 | 38,446 | 4,492 | 13.2\% |
| (Gross profit margin) | 50.4\% | 49.5\% | 49.5\% | 49.2\% | 51.4\% | - | - |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 24,086 | 21,817 | 23,146 | 24,709 | 26,594 | 1,884 | 7.6\% |
| Operating profit | 7,202 | 5,493 | 7,520 | 9,243 | 11,851 | 2,607 | 28.2\% |
| Ordinary profit | 7,580 | 5,988 | 8,309 | 10,128 | 12,889 | 2,760 | 27.3\% |
| Profit* | 4,436 | 3,794 | 5,658 | 6,951 | 10,166 | 3,215 | 46.3\% |

[^0]- Marked record-high net sales

- Sales in the overseas markets, mainly in Europe and the U.S.A., significantly increased


Jan.Dec. 2023


Overseas 53.5\% Japan 46.5\%

- Net sales driven by market development attributable to mechanical pencils in Japan and markers overseas
- Substantial increase in proportion of consolidated net sales attributable to both mechanical pencils and felt-tip pens and markers


Jan.Dec. 2023

$\Delta$ Gain in gross profit margin accompanying increase in sales margin


## Consolidated Net Sales, Operating Profit Margin and Ordinary Profit Margin

Both operating profit margin and ordinary profit margin steadily grew


- Increase in free cash due to growth in operating cash flow

We will leverage cash to expand the writing instruments business internationally and accelerate new business growth

(Note) Figures do not align with cash and deposits presented on the balance sheets given that the balance of time deposits is not presented on the statements of cash flows.

## Return on Equity (ROE) and Return on Asset (ROA)

$\checkmark$ Positive momentum in $\mathrm{ROE}^{* 1}$ and $\mathrm{ROA}^{* 2}$


[^1]- Improved PBR* and ongoing initiatives to achieve PBR of 1x or more


[^2]- We plan to achieve an increase in dividends for 15 consecutive fiscal years
$\checkmark$ A special dividend is planned to be paid continuously for ten years from FY2023
(Yen)

(Note) The Company conducted a 2-for-1 share split of its common shares, effective July 1, 2017. Accordingly, dividends per share was calculated assuming the share split was conducted at the beginning of 2010.

Analysis of current situation

## $\Rightarrow$ PBR/ROE/PER at fiscal year-end

|  | Year ended <br> Dec. 31, 2019 | Year ended <br> Dec. 31, 2020 | Year ended <br> Dec. 31, 2021 | Year ended <br> Dec. 31, 2022 | Year ended <br> Dec. 31, 2023 |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PBR | $\mathbf{1 . 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7 1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 9}$ |  |  |  |
| ROE | $\mathbf{5 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 0}$ | 9.4 |  |  |  |
| PER | $\mathbf{2 1 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 2}$ |  |  |  |
| * As of December 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- Record-high consolidated net sales achieved
- Record-high profit achieved
- Treasury shares acquired in February


## Considerations

- The Company's cost of capital is holding to the range of $5 \%$ to $6 \%$ and its ROE has recently been exceeding cost of capital, but remains below the Company's general benchmark of $\mathbf{8 \%}$, which is measured by excluding the current fiscal year.
- Meanwhile, PBR is currently at around 1 times.


## Strategy for improvement

We aim to continuously achieve ROE of $8 \%$ or higher by further expanding the writing instruments business, our core business

> and generating profits.

Also, we aim to achieve PBR of 1x or more by optimizing capital, maintaining consistent dividends and enhancing IR.

## Initiatives going forward

$\Rightarrow$ Measure (1): Fortification of the writing instruments business
We aim to generate profits through international expansion of the writing instruments business, our core business, further strengthening of sales, supply and marketing functions, and expansion of our operations with a focus on overseas markets.

## Measure (2): Capital optimization

We are proceeding with capital optimization through initiatives that include making effective use of non-core assets, streamlining inventory assets, and acquiring treasury shares at appropriate times.
Measure (3): Maintaining consistent dividends and improving IR materials
We will continue to provide consistent dividends leveraging our stable earnings foundation, while comprehensively taking into account factors that include our financial position, operating results, and dividend payout ratio.
In addition, we will strive to improve our IR materials through efforts that include providing English-language translations of such documents.

Progress of "Medium-term Business Plan 2022-2024" Toward Achieving "Vision 2036"

- Overview of "Vision 2036 (Long-term Vision)" with the Company"s 150th anniversary serving as its target year and "Medium-term Business Plan 2022-2024," formulated to achieve that vision

Medium-term Business Plan 2022-2024
The World's Most Expressive Innovation Company.


- Achieved record-high net sales
- Writing instruments business: Significant growth in sales amid success achieved with global strategy

| (Billions <br> of yen) | Net sales <br> (Billions of yen) | Operating profit <br> (Billions of yen) | -o-Operating profit <br> margin (\%) | 20.0 |
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- We aim to set record-high amounts for net sales and operating profit in 2024
- Writing instruments business: Expand market share by identifying various needs and further strengthening the sales structure overseas
$\Delta$ New businesses: Continue with investing and sowing seeds toward achieving the vision

| Consolidated financial indicators | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Actual | Actual | Target |  |
| Net sales | Billions of <br> yen | 68.9 | 74.8 | 78.0 |
| Sales of writing <br> instruments business | Billions of <br> yen | 62.0 | 68.2 | 71.0 |
| Overseas writing <br> instruments <br> business | Billions of <br> yen | 34.6 | 39.5 | 41.0 |
| Domestic writing <br> instruments <br> business | Billions of <br> yen | 27.4 | 28.7 | 30.0 |
| Sales of new <br> businesses and others | Billions of <br> yen | 6.9 | 6.6 | 7.0 |
| Operating profit | Billions of <br> yen | 9.2 | 11.8 | 12.5 |
| Operating profit margin | $\%$ | 13.4 | 15.8 | 16.0 |

## Basic Policy uni re-design

## Expanding the writing instruments business internationally

- Promotion of global focus brands (GFBs)
- Establishment of business structure internationally

Taking new businesses to the growth stage

- Business creation originating from business domains
- Expansion of the cosmetics and industrial materials businesses


## Building a sustainable system

- Coexistence with the natural environment and society
- Sustainable growth of the Group
- Growth in overseas sales, overseas sales ratio of 53.5\%
- Strong sales of POSCA
- Establishment of overseas sales company structure progressing according to plan
- Increase in domestic market share mainly by JETSTREAM pens and KURU-TOGA mechanical pencils
- Development of new products in coordination with overseas operations
- The cosmetics business acquired new customers through successful implementation of strategies
- The industrial materials business internationally promotes open innovation of technologies developed in the realm of writing instruments
- Development of environmentally-friendly products
- Enhancement of social contribution
- While expanding our share in the Japanese market, we are boosting our structures overseas with the aim of continuing high growth


## European Market

Boost structure of European base / Unify brand Sharpen competitive edge with integrated European warehouse operation
Launch eco-products and strengthen localized marketing



- Focus thus far on sowing seeds for strengthening business other than the writing instruments business



## - Developing new customers

Cosmetics and industrial materials: Intensify marketing initiatives in seeking to expand sales channels in North America and Europe, actively participating in trade shows (Battery Japan International Rechargeable Battery Expo, CITE Japan)

## -Lakit

Initiation of subscription-based services
Offering new experiences and hobbies to customers

## -Investment in U.S. startup investment fund

- Research on estimating levels of concentration

Writing instrument acceleration sensors and deep learning

- Research on the possibility of enhancing levels of concentration Research on the effects of certain audio stimuli on the level of concentration during study


## - Active capital investment

Active capital investment undertaken with sights set on entering the battery market Capital investment undertaken in areas such as manufacturing facilities to support the thriving cosmetics business

- We undertake various initiatives to achieve sustainable outcomes for both society and the Company



## Corporate value



- Enhancement of shareholder returns Increase dividends for 14 consecutive years and carry out acquisition of treasury shares
- Review of non-current assets to boost profitability
- Implementation of special dividends over ten years from the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023



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[^0]:    *Profit attributable to owners of parent

[^1]:    *1 ROE: Consolidated profit / average equity over the two-year period *2 ROA: Consolidated profit / average total assets over the two-year period

[^2]:    * PBR (Price Book-value Ratio): Closing share price at the end of fiscal year / Consolidated net assets per share

