# FY2024/02 <br> Financial Results 

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## 1. FY2024/02 Overview

## Representative Director and Chairman Michio Fukuda



Generated record-high consolidated sales and operating profit in Adastria's 70th anniversary year, and were able to increase salaries and make digital technology investments.

Results
Operations structured to supply merchandise at the right times, prices and volumes gave Adastria the strengths to overcome challenges created by a warm winter, the yen's weakness and other events.

The stock price rose 57.4\% during the fiscal year as sales and earnings increased.

Growth was supported by the benefits of the establishment of a SPA (specialty store retailer of private label apparel) business model, which started in 2010 as the "Fourth Change" as well as by faster growth of the EC business during the pandemic.

Merchandise with more added value and more powerful brands made it possible to sell items at higher prices.

- Achieved the current medium-term management plan (ending in FY2026/02) ROE goal in FY2024/02, two years early, and expect to surpass the sales goal in FY2025/02, one year early.
- Continuing measures to reach the operating profit goal while making investments for more progress in the following years.
- Planning on more progress with B-to-B operations and M\&A by building even stronger ties with other companies and customers with the goal of creating a "good community."
- To accomplish these goals, investments in people will continue. The plan is to raise salaries again in FY2025/02, aiming for an average of at least 6\% higher, which will result in a salary increase of more than $12 \%$ with the increase of about 6\% in FY2024/02.
- The goal is the long-term growth of sales and earnings and of shareholder value.

2. FY2024/02 Financial Results and FY2025/02 Forecast

Managing Director Masayuki Kindo

## Adastria(Non-consolidated) Monthly Sales All Stores YoY



Consolidated Income Statement

|  |  |  | Millions of yen |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FY2023/02 Results |  | FY2024/02 Results |  |  |
|  |  | Ratio |  | Ratio | Yoy |
| Net sales | 242,552 | 100.0\% | 275,596 | 100.0\% | 113.6\% |
| Adastria(Non-consolidated | 196,727 | 81.1\% | 220,078 | 79.9\% | 111.9\% |
| Domestic subsidiaries *1*2 | 22,332 | 9.2\% | 24,007 | 8.7\% | 107.5\% |
| Overseas subsidiaries *3 | 18,017 | 7.4\% | 23,396 | 8.5\% | 129.8\% |
| Zetton (Food \& Beverage Subsidiary) *4 | 9,040 | 3.7\% | 12,570 | 4.6\% | 139.0\% |
| Gross profit | 132,664 | 54.7\% | 152,354 | 55.3\% | 114.8\% |
| SG\&A expenses | 121,149 | 49.9\% | 134,339 | 48.7\% | 110.9\% |
| Advertising \& promotion | 8,037 | 3.3\% | 8,712 | 3.2\% | 108.4\% |
| Personnel | 43,076 | 17.8\% | 48,333 | 17.5\% | 112.2\% |
| Rent \& depreciation *5 | 43,810 | 18.1\% | 47,785 | 17.3\% | 109.1\% |
| Amortization of goodwill | 263 | 0.1\% | 223 | 0.1\% | 84.8\% |
| Others | 25,961 | 10.7\% | 29,284 | 10.6\% | 112.8\% |
| Operating profit | 11,515 | 4.7\% | 18,015 | 6.5\% | 156.4\% |
| Adastria(Non-consolidated | 10,384 | 4.3\% | 16,346 | 5.9\% | 157.4\% |
| Domestic subsidiaries $* 1 * 2$ | 178 | 0.1\% | 236 | 0.1\% | 132.8\% |
| Overseas subsidiaries *3 | 524 | 0.2\% | 1,123 | 0.4\% | 214.2\% |
| Adastria Logistics | 94 | 0.0\% | 88 | 0.0\% | 93.4\% |
| Zetton (Food \& Beverage Subsidiary) *4 | 285 | 0.1\% | 179 | 0.1\% | 62.7\% |
| Ordinary profit | 12,026 | 5.0\% | 18,389 | 6.7\% | 152.9\% |
| Net income attributable to owners of the parent | 7,540 | 3.1\% | 13,513 | 4.9\% | 179.2\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EBITDA | 19,964 | 8.2\% | 27,763 | 10.1\% | 139.1\% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 8,185 | 3.4\% | 9,525 | 3.5\% | 116.4\% |
| Amortization of goodwill | 263 | 0.1\% | 223 | 0.1\% | 84.8\% |
| Capital expenditure | 12,600 |  | 11,807 |  |  |

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## Consolidated Income Statement Summery(1)

## Record-high sales and earnings because of a favorable business climate and measures including products with more added value and price revisions

## 275.5 billion yen $(+13.6 \%$ vor $)$

Parent company

Domestic subsidiaries

- Up 11.9\% because of actions to reflect climate change, more added value and price revisions.
- Major sources of growth were GLOBAL WORK and niko and..., which are the core brands, and LAKOLE, which is a growth brand.
- Up 7.5\%, but sales increased $14.4 \%$ after excluding the effect of the fiscal year change in the previous fiscal year.
- Sales at EC company BUZZWIT increased because of higher sales of a children's apparel brand acquired in FY2023/02 and sales generated by new brands.

Overseas subsidiaries

- Up 29.8\% due to a recovery following the end of lockdowns in China in the previous fiscal year and sales at new stores.

Food and beverage business

- Up 39.0\% but sales increased $32 \%$ after excluding the effect of the fiscal year change in the previous fiscal year.


## Gross profit margin $55.3 \%$ (+0.6p YoY)

- A revision to the loyalty point program temporarily raised the gross profit margin by 0.1 percentage points ( 700 million yen) and the end of expenses incurred in FY2023/02 for the unauthorized access incident raised the margin by 0.5 percentage points.
- The negative effect of the yen's depreciation was offset by price increases and a decline in discounting merchandise. There was no change in the actual gross profit margin due to an improvement in ASEAN region production and overseas business.

[^1]
## Consolidated Income Statement Summery(2)

SG\&A expense ratio
$48.7 \%(-1.2 p$ YoY) Decreased because sales growth reduced all expense categories as a pct. of sales

| Advertising \& promotions | $3.2 \%$ ( -0.1 p YoY) (+670 million yen) <br> More product promotions and actions for higher consumer awareness of the Dot-ST EC website |
| :---: | :---: |
| Personnel | 17.5\% ( -0.3 p YoY) ( $+5,260$ million yen) <br> Higher salaries, more recruiting activities due to the labor shortage, more working hours and an increase in bonus payments due to sales growth |
| Rent \& depreciation | 17.3\% (-0.8p YoY) (+3,970 million yen) |
|  | The variable portion of rent increased because of sales growth |
| Others | 10.6\% (-0.1p YoY) (+3,320 million yen) |
|  | Increases in credit card fees, outsourcing expenses and delivery expenses, all due to sales growth |

## Operating profit $\quad 18.0$ billion yen (+56.4\% YoY)

Operating income ratio 6.5\%, EBITDA margin 10.1\% Change in fiscal year of subsidiaries in Japan +120 million yen, Temporary security deposit amortization -500 million yen
Ordinary profit 18.3 billion yen ( $+6,360$ million yen YoY)
Non-operating income: Foreign exchange gains of 200 million yen, insurance fee income of $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ million yen

Net income
attributable to owners of the parent

## 13.5 billion yen ( $+5,970$ million yen Yor)

[^2]
## Adastria and Major Domestic Subsidiaries Income Statement

- Adastria(Non-consolidated)

|  | FY2023/02 Results | FY2024/02 Results |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | YoY |
| Net sales | 196,727 | 220,078 | 111.9\% |
| (Same stores YoY) | 112.4\% | 109.1\% |  |
| GLOBAL WORK | 45,597 | 51,673 | 113.3\% |
| niko and ... | 29,825 | 33,565 | 112.5\% |
| LOWRYS FARM | 21,369 | 22,401 | 104.8\% |
| studio CLIP | 20,325 | 22,027 | 108.4\% |
| LEPSIM | 12,414 | 13,229 | 106.6\% |
| JEANASiS | 11,209 | 12,294 | 109.7\% |
| LAKOLE | 7,934 | 10,807 | 136.2\% |
| BAYFLOW | 10,180 | 10,785 | 105.9\% |
| Gross profit | 105,281 | 118,989 | 113.0\% |
| Gross margin | 53.5\% | 54.1\% | +0.6p |
| SG\&A expenses | 94,896 | 102,642 | 108.2\% |
| SG\&A ratio | 48.2\% | 46.6\% | - 1.6p |
| Operating profit | 10,384 | 16,346 | 157.4\% |
| Operating margin | 5.3\% | 7.4\% | +2.1p |

- Major Domestic Subsidaries

|  |  | FY2023/02 Results | FY2024/02 Results |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net sales | BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. |  |  | YoY |
|  | ELEMENT RULE Co., Ltd. | 10,369 | 11,630 | $112.2 \%$ |

[^3]* Adastria (Non-consolidated) : Net sales are shown before elimination of internal transactions.
* Sales of BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. include its consolidated subsidiary OPEN AND NATURAL, Inc. (2 companies merged in July 2023)


## Online Business (Domestic)

Steady increases in the number of members and EC sales, but pct. of EC sales declined because of strong sales at physical stores

## Domestic net sales from online (FY2024/02)

## 68.9 billion yen (+10.1\% YoY)

- Domestic online business ratio: 28.3\% (of which Adastria EC site: approx. 15.1\%)
- The Adastria Dot-ST EC website has about 17.5 million members, 2 million more than at the end of FY2023/02, and these members accounted for about 70\% of total sales at Adastria EC website ( $\Psi$ ) and physical stores in FY2024/02.

*FY2020/02, FY2021/02 non-consolidated sales and sales in BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. and ELEMENT RULE Co., Ltd. were included.
*Starting in FY2022/02, sales of ADOORLINK Co., Ltd. was included



## Overseas Business

- Hong Kong: Sales and earnings up due to the recovery from the pandemic one year earlier and sales at new stores
- Mainland China: Sales up due to new stores in FY2022/12 and the loss decreased despite soft consumer spending
- Taiwan:

USA:

Sales and earnings up mainly due to new brands, new stores and the continuation of existing store sales growth
A stronger merchandise lineup and brisk retail sales due to new stores but the wholesale business slowed down because of the uncertain economic outlook

Millions of yen

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY2022/12 } \\ \text { Results } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY2023/12 } \\ \text { Results } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YoY } \\ & \text { (JPY) } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Net sales | 18,017 | 23,396 | 129.8\% | 123.4\% |
| Hong Kong | 3,373 | 4,248 | 125.9\% | 117.7\% |
| Mainland China | 2,983 | 4,960 | 166.2\% | 162.7\% |
| Taiwan | 4,438 | 6,493 | 146.3\% | 142.0\% |
| Thailand | - | 216 | - | - |
| USA | 7,222 | 7,477 | 103.5\% | 96.8\% |
| Operating profit | 524 | 1,123 | 214.2\% | 157.1\% |
| Hong Kong | 357 | 461 | 129.1\% | 120.7\% |
| Mainland China | - 1,108 | -617 | - | - |
| Taiwan | 873 | 1,328 | 152.1\% | 147.6\% |
| Thailand | - | - 110 | - | - |
| USA | 402 | 62 | 15.4\% | 14.4\% |

## Consolidated Balance Sheet

## - Inventories:

Increased 8.7\% mainly because of sales growth, more stores and higher production in the ASEAN region

- Property, plant and equipment: Increased due to the opening of physical stores and other reasons
- Intangible assets:

Increased as IT system investments increased software and for other reasons

- Net assets:

Net asset ratio of 56.0\%, +1.5p YoY

Millions of yen

|  | End of 2023/02 |  | End of 2024/02 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Ratio |  | Ratio | Compared with the end of 2023/02 | Compared with the end of 2023/02 |
| Current assets | 55,772 | 50.1\% | 68,731 | 53.7\% | +12,958 | 123.2\% |
| Cash and deposits | 16,380 | 14.7\% | 23,371 | 18.3\% | +6,991 | 142.7\% |
| Inventories | 24,679 | 22.2\% | 26,839 | 21.0\% | +2,159 | 108.7\% |
| Fixed assets | 55,619 | 49.9\% | 59,184 | 46.3\% | +3,565 | 106.4\% |
| Property, plant and equipment | 22,065 | 19.8\% | 23,901 | 18.7\% | +1,836 | 108.3\% |
| Intangible assets | 11,908 | 10.7\% | 12,376 | 9.7\% | +467 | 103.9\% |
| Goodwill | 1,331 | 1.2\% | 1,109 | 0.9\% | -221 | 83.3\% |
| Investments and other assets | 21,645 | 19.4\% | 22,906 | 17.9\% | +1,260 | 105.8\% |
| Total assets | 111,392 | 100.0\% | 127,915 | 100.0\% | +16,523 | 114.8\% |
| Liabilities | 50,629 | 45.5\% | 56,334 | 44.0\% | +5,705 | 111.3\% |
| Loans payable | 1,128 | 1.0\% | 905 | 0.7\% | -223 | 80.2\% |
| Net assets | 60,762 | 54.5\% | 71,581 | 56.0\% | +10,818 | 117.8\% |
| Treasury shares | -7,286 | -6.5\% | -7,516 | -5.9\% | -230 | 103.2\% |



## FY2024/02 54 remodeled stores in the consolidated group.

*1 Domestic subsidiaries are the sum of four domestic subsidiaries: BUZZWIT Co., Ltd., ELEMENT RULE Co., Ltd., ADOORLINK Co., Ltd., Gate Win Co., Ltd.
*2 Starting in FY2023/02 2Q, sales of BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. include its consolidated subsidiary OPEN AND NATURAL, Inc. (2 companies merged in July 2023)
*3 The number of stores of zetton, inc. includes its consolidated subsidiary ZETTON, INC (USA Business).

## FY 2025/02 Consolidated Forecast

## The goal for FY2025/02 is another year of sales and earnings growth

- Net sales:

Forecast steady fashion sector demand, more store openings, new business formats, and sales growth of subsidiaries in Japan and other countries

- Gross profit margin:

Forecast an improvement due to continued revisions of product prices, higher ASEAN region production and measures to hold down discounting

- SG\&A expense ratio: Forecast higher personnel expenses due to more salary increases, higher expenses for store interiors and other equipment, higher advertising expenses, and increases in other SG\&A categories

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { FY2024/02 } \\ & \text { Results } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY2025/02 } \\ \text { Forecast } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | YoY |
| Net sales | 275,596 | 290,000 | 105.2\% |
| Gross profit | 152,354 | 162,300 | 106.5\% |
| Gross profit margin | 55.3\% | 56.0\% | +0.7p |
| SG\&A expenses | 134,339 | 143,300 | 106.7\% |
| SG\&A expenses ratio | 48.7\% | 49.4\% | +0.7p |
| Operating profit | 18,015 | 19,000 | 105.5\% |
| Operating margin | 6.5\% | 6.6\% | +0.1p |
| Ordinary profit | 18,389 | 19,000 | 103.3\% |
| Ordinary income margin | 6.7\% | 6.6\% | -0.1p |
| Net income attributable to owners of the parent | 13,513 | 12,700 | 94.0\% |
| Ratio of net income attributable to owners of the parent | 4.9\% | 4.4\% | - 0.5p |
| ROE | 20.9\% | 16.9\% | - 4.0p |
| EBITDA | 27,763 | 28,830 | 103.8\% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 9,525 | 9,600 | 100.8\% |
| Amortization of goodwill | 223 | 230 | 103.1\% |
| Capital expenditure | 11,807 | 13,800 |  |

## FY 2025/02 Non-consolidated Forecast

|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { 2023/2期 } \\ \text { Results } \end{gathered}$ | 2024/2期 Forecast |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | YoY |
| Net Sales | 220,078 | 229,000 | 104.1\% |
| Gross Profit | 118,989 | 125,000 | 105.1\% |
| Gross Profit Margin | 54.1\% | 54.6\% | +0.5p |
| SG\&A expenses ratio | 102,642 | 109,200 | 106.4\% |
| SG\&A ratio | 46.6\% | 47.7\% | +1.1p |
| Operating Income | 16,346 | 15,800 | 96.7\% |
| Operating margin | 7.4\% | 6.9\% | -0.5p |


|  | FY2024/02 |  |  | FY2025/02 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Investment Category | plan | actual | review | Plan | Main Uses |
| Domestic Store Development | $6.2$ <br> billion yen | 5.8 <br> billion yen | Progress generally in line with plans | 6.5 <br> billion yen | Includes 5 billion yen at Adastria; new stores for a growth brand and for DotST |
| System | 4.2 <br> billion yen | $3.6$ <br> billion yen | Even though progress was generally in line with plans, controlled by efficiency improvement | 3.8 <br> billion yen | Strengthen Adastria EC website, investments related to data analysis, infrastructure and security |
| Oversea Store Development | $2.8$ <br> billion yen | $1.3$ <br> billion yen | Unspent due to postponement of store opening in China, while other investments were in line with plans | $1.7$ <br> billion yen | New stores in Taiwan and other locations |
| Other | 0.8 <br> billion yen | 1.1 <br> billion yen | Progress generally in line with plans | 1.8 <br> billion yen | Distribution center, offices, etc. |
| Total | 14 billion yen | 11.8 <br> billion yen |  | 13.8 <br> billion yen |  |

## Return to Shareholders

Raise dividend for FY2024/02 and increase for FY2025/02 due to business growth

FY 2024/02 - Dividend of 85 yen, an increase of 5 yen from the revised dividend forecast FY 2025/02 - Dividend forecast of 90 yen

|  | FY2022/02 | FY2023/02 | FY2024/02 |  | FY2025/02 | 2FY Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | initial forecast $\rightarrow$ Revised forecast | Results | (Forecast) |  |
| Dividend per share (Yen) | 55 | 60 | $65 \rightarrow 80$ | 85 | 90 | 175 |
| Interim dividend | (25) | (25) | (35) | (35) | (35) |  |
| Total dividend (MM yen) | 2,510 | 2,739 | 3,652 | 3,880 | 4,211 | 8,091 |
| Net profit (consolidated) | 4,917 | 7,540 | 12,000 | 13,513 | 12,700 | 26,213 |
| Dividend payout ratio* | 50.6\% | 36.1\% | 30.3\% | 28.5\% | 32.9\% | 30.6\% |

*Taking into account the increase in the number of shares applicable for dividends due to the share exchange related to making zetton, inc. a wholly owned subsidiary

Dividend policy

Basic policy is a consolidated payout ratio of $30 \%$ and maintaining balance among dividend stability, investments for growth, and shareholder distributions

## Market Interests and Our Approach

Possibility of business climate downturn as the post-pandemic reopening recovery cycle ends
Rising personnel expenses and recruiting difficulties

## Strategy for prices

- Market conditions were briefly soft in March because of cool weather but are expected to improve as temperatures increase. No indications of a decline in overall demand for spring and summer merchandise.
- The current environment of rising salaries is good for sales of apparel and other merchandise.
- No problem at this time with hiring a sufficient number of people. As in FY2023/02, continued to raise salaries by 6\%, compared to a standard rate of about 2\%.
- Planning on personnel expenses to increase as a pct. of sales in FY2025/02 but the goal is to lower this ratio over the next several years by using EC and B-to-B business growth to raise productivity.
- For spring and summer merchandise too, average prices were increased to reflect the substantial added value of apparel and other products.
- In the apparel industry, increases in all expense categories are producing a clear division between successful companies, which have competitive fashions, and other companies. This is an excellent opportunity for Adastria to increase its market share.


## Making zetton, inc. a Wholly Owned Subsidiary

## Raised ownership from 51\% to $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ for faster growth and synergies

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## Creation of even more enjoyable "places"

■ Time Line
December 14, 2021 Announcement of capital and business alliance

February 17, 2022 Public tender to acquire 51\% of stock; made zetton a consolidated subsidiary
March 21, 2024 Announced exchange of stock to make zetton a wholly owned subsidiary
June 1, 2024 Effective date (tentative)

Share exchange ratio Adastria 1 : zetton 0.36
Adastria will use about 1.13 million treasury shares for this exchange.

## - Objectives

Ending the listing of a consolidated subsidiary and raising ownership to $100 \%$ is expected to facilitate taking the following actions quickly.
> Strengthened organization, enhanced recruiting capabilities, expanded human resources, and further execution of digital transformation
> Improved flexibility and conditions of financing methods
> Improved added-value for new stores and improved bidding power in the Park-PFI system
> More proactive and flexible policies and under the Capital and Business Alliance Agreement


## Revision of Medium-term Management Plan

- Increased the FY2026/02 sales goal due the outlook for surpassing the original goal in FY2025/02

Sales are increasing faster than planned because of price revisions, increasing sales of major brands and the growth of the B-to-B business.
No change in the operating profit goal because of the rising cost of sales, the yen's depreciation, higher personnel expenses and other challenges.

## FY2026/02 Original Plan

Consolidated sales $280_{\text {billion yen }}$

Operating profit ratio
Consolidated operating income

## ROE



## 22.4billion yen

$15 \%$ over

## Revised Plan

## $310_{\text {billion yen }}$

 7.2\% 22.4 billion yen $15 \%$ over
## Medium-term Management Plan (Re-posting)

- Strategy direction continues


## Achieve Sustainable Management

Extend Value Offering


## Multi-Brand Multi-Category

Grouping of brands according to roles for improved profitability and growth


## Glocal

Develop models in Mainland China and cultivate Southeast Asia


## Digital Customer <br> Interaction and Services

Accelerate growth of owned EC site and create a fun EC community


## New Business

Establish food and beverage business and create new appeal
－Annual sales of GLOBAL WORK reach 50 billion yen
Growth is backed by a powerful lineup of core apparel and rising awareness of the GLOBAL WORK brand because of effective promotional activities for products．
Merchandise planning uses customer feedback and sales data for the utilization of manufacturers in the ASEAN region to supply products with the optimum balance between their prices and quality．
Demand for GLOBAL WORK men＇s apparel is increasing as office workers and others use more casual apparel at work．


肌にふれるとわかる， やわらかさ。
メルテイニットシリーズ
－チクチクしないから，ノンストレス。
『ほとよい厚みで，シーズンレスに楽しめる。

Growth brands, more OMO stores and use of renovations to raise existing store sales

- Opportunities continue to increase for opening stores for the growth brand LAKOLE; category expansion is raising existing store sales too
During FY2025/02, plan to open 10 LAKOLE stores and 8 Dot-ST OMO (online-merge-offline) stores
Continuing to increase average store floor area by renovating stores and rebuilding/replacing stores



## Growth Strategy I : Multi-Brand, Multi-Category

- Higher product prices by raising the value of products and brands
- Becoming more profitable while reinforcing customer loyalty by increasing prices to reflect more added value rather than simply to pass on higher expenses
- Steady progress with increasing the number of products with substantial added value that use profit-oriented brands.

Products using collaborations with artists and popular characters are helping to raise prices of products.


## Growth Strategy It Digital Customer interactions and Services a d A T R A

- Growth of the employee influencer program
- The number of SNS followers of employees doubled during the past fiscal year to 10 million.
- STAFF BOARD and SNS account for about 30\% of Adastria's e-commerce sales.

Support for the employee influencers
(1) More incentives
(2) Training programs
(3) Use of analytic tools

## STÅFF BOARD

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Number of SNS and STAFF BOARD followers of employee influencers
FY2023/2

FY2024/2


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- Opening Adastria EC to other companies to create an EC mall
- Adastria EC product categories are increasing; there were EC stores of 8 external companies with 9 brands as of the end of FY2024/02, including stores selling shoes, innerwear, pet products and other types of merchandise.
- External retailers using the Adastria EC platform appreciate product information and recommendations provided by Adastria employees. An advertising business has also started as part of Dot-ST.



## Growth Strategy III:Glocal

Continue to increase sales and earnings in overall overseas operations


■ Overseas operations contribute to sales and earnings with progress involving issues and plans in all areas

| Areas | Progress in FY2023/12 | 2024 Plan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mainland China | - Pushed back store opening plan due to slowing consumer spending <br> - Smaller loss and examinations of the performance of existing stores | Priority is a smaller loss; cautious stance for new stores |
|  <br> Taiwan | - 22 new stores based on the multi-brand strategy <br> - 750,000 Dot-ST members | Continue to open stores, planning on sales and earnings growth |
| Hong Kong | - Started Dot-ST Hong Kong <br> - Rebuilding/replacing stores to optimize the store network | Expect sales growth and no change in earnings |
| USA | - Opened stores for new brands <br> - Trial sales of LAKOLE non-apparel merchandise | Expect no change in sales and earnings |
| Southeast Asia | - Opened the first store in Thailand <br> - Established a subsidiary in the Philippines | Plan to open the second store in Thailand and first store in the Philippines |

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

- Start of a new B-to-B business
- Following the new IZUMI business, started a brand production business for Ito-Yokado.
- A fully integrated line of activities: brand development, store designs and operations, merchandise wholesaling, marketing and personnel
- Adding more business models by utilizing B-to-B businesses that take full advantage of Adastria's capabilities; supplying uniforms to Zoff and creating appealing spaces in AEON malls are two examples.

Producing brands for general merchandise stores


New uniforms made of a sustainable fabric


Creating space for customers to rest


## Policy for M\&A

- Strengthening Dot-ST and faster overseas growth are M\&A priorities


Standards for
investments
(1) Deserve to achieve each medium-term management plan target
(2) Operating margin before goodwill amortization exceeds $8 \%$ within five to seven years
(3) Positive current valuation using the WACC

## Management conscious of cost of capital and stock price

- Established and announced a business plan that reflects capital market considerations by including targets for increasing the ROE and earnings and other items.
- The stock price moved up as sales and earnings increased as planned; the stock price has surpassed the pre-pandemic level and is now at the highest point since 2016.
- The ROE is higher than the cost of capital and the PBR is well over one.
- The estimated cost of capital is 6 to $7 \%$. Based on the current stock price, investors want Adastria to achieve an even higher return on invested capital.
- Although the stock price has moved up with sales and earnings growth, the PER has remained unchanged.

| Date | $2014 / 2$ | $2015 / 2$ | $2016 / 2$ | $2017 / 2$ | $2018 / 2$ | $2019 / 2$ | $2020 / 2$ | $2021 / 2$ | $2022 / 2$ | $2023 / 2$ | $2024 / 2$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| stock <br> price | 1,176 | 1,472 | 2,928 | 2,909 | 2,326 | 1,944 | 1,750 | 1,996 | 1,698 | 2,167 | 3,410 |
| ROE | -11.3 | 1.1 | 18.3 | 21.2 | 1.6 | 7.5 | 11.6 | -1.3 | 9.4 | 13.3 | 20.9 |
| PBR | 0.6 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| PER | -5.7 | 141.9 | 15.5 | 12.0 | 126.7 | 23.5 | 13.0 | -134.1 | 15.6 | 13.0 | 11.5 |

## Management conscious of cost of capital and stock price

- There is still upside potential for the stock's PER. Adastria executives are holding many discussions with market participants.
- Adastria has a stock compensation plan for directors and added a total shareholder return evaluation in FY2024/02.
- Continuing to increase the disclosure of information (integrated report, English-language materials, business unit manager small meetings with investors/analysts, Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) score improvement)
- Established a minimum level for the dividend in the medium-term management plan to reduce concerns involving volatility of sales and earnings in prior years.
- The goal is to continue increasing the dividend as earnings grow while maintaining the proper balance with the need to fund investments for growth.

| Number of IR Activities | FY 2021/02 | FY 2022/02 | FY 2023/02 | FY 2024/02 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1on1 <br> (Number of meetings held) | 139 | 142 | 159 | 218 |
| Small meeting <br> (Number of meetings held) | 9 | 13 | 13 | 17 |
| Number of institutional investor <br> meetings held | 183 | 208 | 231 | 260 |
| Total number of institutional investor <br> meetings | 222 | 322 | 339 | 460 |

Number of meetings handled by
management (including Small
meetings)

## Sustainability Initiatives

－Progress with activities involving the KPI of the Adastria Group

|  | Activity vision | KPI | Progress |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Engage in manufacturing that <br> leads to the future | Switch to sustainable materials and <br> processing for more than half of all products <br> by 2030 | －Pct．of products with Adastria＇s own <br> sustainability mark increased to 17．2\％ |

■ External recognition of Adastria＇s ESG activities




## Sustainability Initiatives

- Established a Sustainability Management Office
- The Sustainability Management Office was established on March 1, 2024, to further strengthen the foundation for sustainable management at the Adastria Group. This office is responsible for various activities that help achieve sustainability for the environment and society.
- Adastria Received Score of "B" in the CDP Climate Change 2023 Questionnaire
- Adastria's international initiatives concerning climate change have received high marks regarding goals, strategies, activities and adaptation measures.
- This score demonstrates the high levels of Adastria's disclosure of information about climate change and measures to strengthen governance in relation to global standards.
- ADOORLINK Certified as a "B Corporation" for Environmental and Social Responsibility
- In December 2023, Adastria Group member ADOORLINK Co., Ltd. received certification as a "B Corporation" from B Lab, a nonprofit organization based in the United States. ADOORLINK was recognized for its environmentally and socially responsible business model that provides fashions while helping achieve a circular economy and holding down the environmental impact of business activities.
- One of ADOORLINK's operations is OFFSTORE, a concept store that offers reuse and upcycling experiences.


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

## Themes of the medium-term

management plan


Sales growth
Expand the brand portfolio

Initial target: Sales of 280 billion yen in FY2026/02

Improve gross profit margin

Reduce discounting, add value, optimize cost of production
*Compare to FY2022/02 Target: Gross profit margin of 56.4\% in FY2026/02

Use equipment more efficiently
Control indirect expenses

## FY 2024/02 progress

Achieved medium-term management plan target ahead of schedule
Sales growth in existing and new business domains

Actions made progress, but improvement was moderate due to foreign exchange rate fluctuations Discounting ratio: Down 0.4\% (improved) Markup percentage: no change ASEAN region production share increased 3\% to 27\%

Progress was made in reducing the SG\&A expense ratio due to sales growth
Sales/capital expenditure ratio: Down $0.8 \%$ Sales/head office expense ratio: Down 0.2 \% Sales/logistics expense ratio: Down 0.1\%

## Achieved ROE well above cost of capital

Higher efficiency of investments and earnings growth ROE improved to 20\%
Dividend higher than in the original plan

Target: ROE15\%以上

## Explanation on the appropriate use of performance forecasts

The forward-looking statements in this document, including performance forecasts, are based on information currently available to the Company and certain assumptions that the Company considers reasonable.

## Other Notes

Figures in the materials are rounded down to the nearest million yen, and percentages are calculated from the original data.

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[^0]:    *1 : Domestic subsidiaries are the sum of f our domestic subsidiaries: BUZZWIT Co., Ltd., ELEMENT RULE Co., Ltd., Adastria eat Creations Co., Ltd., ADOORLINK Co., Ltd., Gate Win Co., Ltd.
    *2 : Due to change in financial year, Feb-Feb (FY2023/02) and Mar-Feb (FY2024/02)
    *3: Overseas subsidiaries are the sum of overseas subsidiaries: Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan, Thailand, USA.(Period Jan. to Dec.2023)
    *4 : Operating profit of zetton, inc. is shown after consolidation adjustments. Due to change in financial year, Mar-Jan (FY2023/02) and Feb-Jan(FY2024/02)
    *5 : Rent \& depreciation costs are the sum of Rent expenses, Lease expenses and Depreciation

[^1]:    *BUZZWIT Co., Ltd., ELEMENT RULE Co., Ltd., Adastria eat Creations Co., Ltd., ADOORLINK Co., Ltd., Gate Win Co., Ltd. and zetton, inc. changed their fiscal year end in FY2023/02.
    *comparisons are Feb-Feb (FY2023/02) and Mar-Feb (FY2024/02) for all of these companies except zetton and Mar-Jun (FY2023/02) and Feb-Jun (FY2024/02) for zetton.
    *OPEN AND NATURAL Inc. was absorbed by BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. on July 1, 2023

[^2]:    Extraordinary losses: Impairment loss on stores -1,000 million yen, loss (gain) on valuation of investment securities -200 million yen
    Income taxes: Increase in deferred tax asset at U.S. subsidiary $\mathbf{+ 1 , 3 0 0}$ million yen
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[^3]:    * Adastria (Non-consolidated) : Amortization of goodwill for FY2023/02:54million of yen,FY2024/02:None

