# YONDOSHI HOLDINGS INC. <br> Prime Market, Tokyo Stock Exchange (8008) 

# Investors' Presentation Results for the First Half of Fiscal 2023 <br> (The Fiscal Year Ending February 29, 2024) 

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$\square$ Two consecutive years of sales increases, and profit growth.
$\square$ Earnings improvement exceeded plan, and first half forecast revised upward on 9/25.
> Net sales: Up 3.2\% YoY
Expansion of store openings in the Apparel Business
> Operating income: Up 65.7\% YoY
Structural reform in the Jewelry Business, profit expansion of apparel manufacturers
$>$ Ordinary income: Up $56.2 \%$ YoY
$>$ Profit attributable to owners of parent: Up $35.7 \%$ YoY

# Consolidated Operating Results for the First Half of Fiscal 2023 

| (Millions of yen, \%) | Actual Results | YoY | Increase (Decrease) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | 19,110 | +3.2 | +596 |
| Gross profit | 9,373 | +2.3 | +211 |
| Gross profit margin | 49.0 | - | (0.4) |
| Selling, general and administrative expense expenses | 8,303 | -2.5 | (212) |
| Amortization of goodwill | 248 | $\pm 0.0$ | $\pm 0$ |
| Operating income | 1,069 | +65.7 | +423 |
| Ordinary income | 1,284 | +56.2 | +462 |
| Net income | 696 | +35.7 | +183 |

Reference figures

| Operating income before the <br> amortization of goodwill | 1,317 | +47.4 | +423 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net income before the <br> amortization of goodwill | 944 | +24.1 | +183 |

[^0]
## Jewelry Business

Net sales of $¥ 7,873$ million with operating income of $¥ 533$ million, for revenue decline with earnings gain.

- Fashion jewelry: Sales growth at existing stores from implementation of priority measures.
$>$ Sales to female customers up $\mathbf{3 . 0 \%}$ YoY on successful product measures.
$>$ E-commerce sales up $\mathbf{1 9 . 1 \%}$ YoY on continued strong performance through both the in-house website and external websites.
> Sales per customer up $6.3 \%$ YoY on greater accuracy of customer management.
- Bridal jewelry: Sales declined due to consolidation of stores, but the profit margin improved significantly.
$>$ Number of marriages in Jan.-June period decreased by 7.3\%, as street-level stores struggled to attract customers.
$>$ Reorganization of specialty (bridal) store business format - Going forward, absorption into nearby department stores, mixed-use stores, flagship stores.

| (Millions of yen, \%) |  | Actual Results | YoY | Increase (Decrease) |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Jewelry Business | Net sales | $\mathbf{7 , 8 7 3}$ | $\mathbf{- 5 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{( 4 3 3 )}$ |
|  | Operating <br> income | $\mathbf{5 3 3}$ | $+\mathbf{4 4 . 0}$ | $+\mathbf{1 6 2}$ |

## Apparel Business

Net sales of $¥ \mathbf{¥ 1 1 , 2 3 7}$ million with operating income of $¥ 777$ million, for gains in both revenue and earnings.
$\square$ Openings of PALETTE stores drove top line growth.
$>$ Increased sales on boost from store openings in the second half of FY2/23.
$>$ Steady overall performance for the four stores in the Kanto region.

- Apparel manufacturers posted significantly increases in both sales and profit.
$>$ Increase in orders from strengthening of overseas production bases.
$>$ Improvement in gross margin percentage on price pass-through to reflect yen depreciation and other cost increases.

| (Millions of yen, \%) |  | Actual Results | YoY | Increase (Decrease) |
| :---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Apparel <br> Business | Net sales | $\mathbf{1 1 , 2 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{+ 1 0 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{+ 1 , 0 2 7}$ |
|  | Operating <br> income | $\mathbf{7 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{+ 5 8 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{+ 2 8 6}$ |

## Status and Plan of the Number of Domestic <br> Brand Stores in the Jewelry Business

$\square$ First half: 6 store openings, 7 store closures, for 159 stores at period-end.
$\square$ Second half plan: 2 store openings, 0 store closures, for 161 stores at period-end.

|  |  | $4^{9} \mathrm{C}$ | $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> BRIDAL | Canal4 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { EAU DOUCE } \\ \mathbf{4}^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \end{gathered}$ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{(\mathbf{2 0 2 3 / 2})}{\text { FY2022 }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fiscal year- } \\ & \text { end } \end{aligned}$ | 80 | 24 | 43 | 13 | 160 |
| FY2023 <br> 1H Actual Results (2023/8) | Stores opened | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
|  | Stores closed | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
|  | 2H-end | 82 | 20 | 42 | 15 | 159 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY2023 } \\ & \text { 2H Plan } \\ & (\mathbf{2 0 2 4 / 2}) \end{aligned}$ | Stores opened | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Stores closed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fiscal year- } \\ & \text { end } \end{aligned}$ | 83 | 21 | 42 | 15 | 161 |

* Composite stores that handle multiple brands are recorded as a single store by each individual brand


## Status and Plan of Store Openings and Closures

$\square$ First half: 3 store openings, 8 store closures, for 239 stores at period-end.
$\square$ Second half plan: 11 store openings, 1 store closure, for 249 stores at period-end.


## Overview of Financial Position and Cash Flows <br> (Consolidated)

$\square$ Total assets $¥ 52.4$ billion, liabilities $¥ 13.8$ billion, net assets $¥ 38.5$ billion
$\square$ Cash flows from operating activities: $¥ 1,356$ million due to recording of income before income taxes, etc.
$\square$ Cash flows from investing activities: net cash used in investing activities of $¥ 2,340$ million owing to such factors as the purchase of investment securities

## Financial Position

As of August 31, 2023


Cash Flows

| (Millions of yen) | 1H FY2022 <br> $(\mathbf{2 0 2 2 / 8})$ | 1H FY2023 <br> $(\mathbf{2 0 2 3 / 8})$ | Increase <br> (Decrease) |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Operating <br> cash flows | $\mathbf{1 , 2 8 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 3 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{+ 7 4}$ |
| Investing <br> cash flows | $(\mathbf{2 , 2 3 4})$ | $\mathbf{( 2 , 3 4 0 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 1 0 6 )}$ |
| Financing <br> cash flows | $\mathbf{3 8 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 1 9 7}$ | $\mathbf{+ 8 1 4}$ |
| Free <br> cash flows | $\mathbf{( 9 5 1 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 9 8 4 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 3 2 )}$ |

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$\square$ Continue priority measures to achieve the second half plan.
$\square$ Full-year forecasts are unchanged.

Jewelry Business
> In addition to the steady progress of priority measures for fashion jewelry, sales to male customers and EC sales are expanding, with expectations for the Christmas sales season.
> Some existing bridal jewelry stores continue to struggle, but this was expected.
> New brand promotion campaign conducted in September with the aim of enhancing brand value over the medium to long term.

Apparel Business
>Plan to open nine PALETTE stores during the second half period, continue to open 10 stores per year.
$>$ Leverage the production base in Bangladesh to gain advantages in terms of quality and cost.

# Consolidated Business Results Forecasts for Fiscal 2023 

| (Millions of yen, \%) | FY2022 (2023/2) <br> Results | FY2023 (2024/2) Forecasts | YoY | Increase (Decrease) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | 39,508 | 40,000 | +1.2 | +491 |
| Gross profit | 19,727 | 19,990 | +1.3 | +262 |
| Gross profit margin | 49.9 | 50.0 | - | +0.0 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 17,748 | 17,890 | +0.8 | +141 |
| Amortization of goodwill | 496 | 496 | $\pm 0.0$ | $\pm 0$ |
| Operating income | 1,979 | 2,100 | +6.1 | +120 |
| Ordinary income | 2,342 | 2,500 | +6.7 | +157 |
| Net income | 1,149 | 1,300 | +13.1 | +150 |

Reference figures

| Operating income before the <br> amortization of goodwill | 2,476 | 2,596 | +4.9 | +120 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net income before the <br> amortization of goodwill | 1,645 | 1,796 | +9.1 | +150 |

[^1]
# Consolidated Business Results Forecasts by Segment <br> for Fiscal 2023 <br> (Figures are after accounting for intrasegment net sales and transfers) 

## Jewelry Business

Net sales of $¥ 17,700$ million, with operating income of $¥ 1,450$ million.

- Revenue decline expected due to consolidation of bridal stores, but improved profit margin to provide higher earnings.
$\square$ Expand sales by focusing on growth segments of female customers, e-commerce, and customer development.


## Apparel Business

Net sales of $¥ \mathbf{2 2 , 3 0 0}$ million, with operating income of $¥ 1,050$ million.
$\square$ Expanded openings of PALETTE stores to drive top line growth.

- Apparel manufacturers to improve profit margins by strengthening overseas production functions and planning proposal capabilities.

| (Millions of yen, \%) |  | FY2022 (2023/2) <br> Results | FY2023 (2024/2) <br> Forecasts | YoY | Increase <br> (Decrease) |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Jewelry <br> Business | Net sales | $\mathbf{1 8 , 5 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 , 7 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{- 4 . 8}$ | $(887)$ |
|  | Operating <br> income | $\mathbf{1 , 3 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{+ 6 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{+ 9 3}$ |
| Apparel <br> Business | Net sales | 20,921 | 22,300 | $\mathbf{+ 6 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{+ 1 , 3 7 8}$ |
|  | Operating <br> income | $\mathbf{9 4 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{+ 1 1 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{+ 1 0 7}$ |



Earnings improvement

## Apparel Business

$>$ Greater tendency to economize due to inflation
> Exchange rate fluctuations
$>$ Rising production cost
$>$ Population decline in regional areas

## Expansion

1) Increase sales at PALETTE

- Expand sales through strategy of domination in Kansai region
- Expansion of business area by opening stores in the Kanto region

2) Strengthen the production base in Bangladesh; strengthen planning and proposal capabilities

## Sales expansion

## Priority Measure Expand Sales of Fashion Jewelry

- Steady results in various measures for fashion jewelry
$\square$ Proactively pursue measures during the second half to expand earnings in growth fields.

Attract female customers


1H: +3.0\%
$>$ Strengthen development of new products
> Expand product lineup to meet personal demand

Expand e-commerce


1H: +19.1\%
> Debut of direct-toconsumer (D2C) brand in November
> Development of products exclusively for e-commerce

Customer development

1H: +6.3\%

$>$ Strengthen direct marketing
> Improve data analysis
$>$ Aiming to reach more than one million registered customers

## Outlook for Christmas Season

- Christmas sales season expected to be on a par with the previous year.
- Continue to strengthen product development for female customers, who are the end users.
- Clear recovery trend in sales to male customers both at stores and through ecommerce, which is a positive factor for Christmas.

Christmas Collection
Sales to Male Customers (including e-commerce)

(Millions of yen)


## Brand Value Improvement - Brand Promotion

$\square$ "Nameless Jewelry Shop" event held in September 2023.
$\square$ Experience-based events held to refresh brand image and enhance favorability.


## Brand Value Improvement - Ginza Main Store

$\square$ Renovated and reopened as a flagship store on March 1, conveying the viewpoint of $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
$\square$ Implement new ideas, and convey the brand value to customers.

$\square$ Continue strategy of dominate store openings in Kansai region.
$\square$ Steady expansion to achieve $¥ 20$ billion in net sales.
C Continue opening stores in the Kanto region, aiming to boost the top line by expanding the business area.

Trends in PALETTE Sales, Operating Margin, and the Number of Stores
(Millions of yen, \%)


## Shareholder Returns Policy, Cash Dividends

$\square$ Work to raise the level of shareholder returns through the payment of stable and continuous cash dividends
$\square$ Shareholder return target: Dividend on equity (DOE) ratio of $4 \%$ or more Work to realize a future annual cash dividend of $¥ 100$ per common share > Interim and period-end cash dividends for the fiscal year ending February 29,2024 remain unchanged at $¥ 41.50$ per common shăre $>$ DOE projected to come in at $4.7 \%$ on an annual cash dividend of $¥ 83$ per common share


## DOE (Dividend on Equity)



| (Yen, \%) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY2018 } \\ & (2019 / 2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY2019 } \\ & (2020 / 2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY2020 } \\ & (2021 / 2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY2021 } \\ & (2022 / 2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY2022 } \\ & (2023 / 2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY2023 } \\ & (2024 / 2) \\ & \text { Forecast } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Annual dividends per share | 75 | 80 | 81 | 83 | 83 | 83 |
| DOE | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.7 |
| Payout ratio | 78.1 | 71.3 | 108.0 | 119.3 | 154.8 | 136.9 |
| Actual dividend payout ratio * | 64.9 | 59.4 | 82.7 | 89.5 | 108.2 | 99.1 |

* Actual dividend payout ratio: Total annual dividends / Net income before amortization of goodwill


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## Assumptions of the 7th Medium-Term Management Plan

## Building a foundation for regrowth by solving management issues

| Business | Main Themes | Aim of Measures |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | Enhancing Brand <br> Value | • Continue to invest from a medium- <br> to long-term perspective <br> Create flagship stores |
|  | Sales Channel <br> Strategy | • Strengthen merchandising for the <br> department store channel <br> •Expand the e-commerce channel |
| Apparel Business | Market Expansion | • Expansion in the Kanto region <br> - Strengthen planning and proposal <br> capabilities |

## Cash Allocation

> Operating Cash Flow

## Shareholder Returns Maintaining Financial Condition

- Stable dividend (DOE target of 4\% or higher)
- Flexible share buybacks
- Effective use of group funds
- Securing capacity for debt procurement
- Business investment (Brand, store openings, DX etc.)
- Human resources investment

Strengthen capacity to generate cash flow

- Maximize the top line through proactive investment in strategic fields
- Structural reforms to enhance profitability

Sustainable growth

- Flexible response to changes in the business environment
- Stable shareholder returns

Lower capital costs
(Dialogue to enhance value)

- Promotion of dialogue: IR
(Disclosure based on dialogue)
- Strengthen corporate governance


## Realization of Sustainable Management

## Putting into practice the basic principles of "Respect for People" and "Social Contribution"

## Human Resource Development

- Increase training hours per person per year.
- Expand annual education and training expenditure per person.


## Diversity

- Increase the ratio of female managers.
- Increase the rate of employees taking childcare leave.
- Maintain the employment rate of persons with disabilities.


## Engagement

- Boost employee engagement.


## Health and Safety

- Reduce average monthly overtime hours.
- Increase average number of days of paid leave taken.
- Improve the average paid leave utilization rate.

Pursue initiatives to maximize the use of human resources, achieve sustainable growth by strengthening the management base, and enhance corporate value over the medium to long term.

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## 1. Jewelry Market Trends

In 2022, the scale of the retail market for jewelry in Japan was $¥ \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0 2 2} .7$ billion, an increase of $\mathbf{6 . 3 \%}$ year on year.

- Market recovery reached 1 trillion yen for the first time in 14 years, since 2008.
- Rising stock prices and real estate values have shielded the wealthy from financial harm, and consumption has increased with the relaxation of covid-19 measures. This has lifted the jewelry market even beyond pre-pandemic levels.
In 2023, the retail market for jewelry in Japan is projected to expand further, increasing $\mathbf{1 . 9 \%}$ year on year to $¥ 1,042.3$ billion.
- Liberated from three years of self-restraint, people have begun to go out more, the number of customers for commercial property tenants has increased, leading naturally to a rise in sales. In addition, rapid growth in demand from inbound tourism is expected.


[^2]
## 2. Net Sales by Business (Consolidated)

| (Millions of yen, \%) | 1H FY 2022 (2022/8) |  |  | 1H FY 2023 (2023/8) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Actual results | Share (\%) | YoY(\%) | Actual results | Share <br> (\%) | YoY(\%) |
| Jewelry business <br> (*1) | 8,306 | 44.9 | +4.7 | 7,873 | 41.2 | -5.2 |
| Apparel business (*1) | 10,207 | 55.1 | +3.4 | 11,237 | 58.8 | +10.1 |
| (The AS'TY Group) (*2) | 4,937 | 44.8 | +5.3 | 5,449 | 44.8 | +10.4 |
| $\underset{(* 2)}{(\text { age })}$ | 6,091 | 55.2 | +2.5 | 6,716 | 55.2 | +10.3 |
| Total | 18,514 | 100.0 | +4.0 | 19,110 | 100.0 | +3.2 |

(*1. Sales to external customers)
(*2. Figures before internal offset; Apparel Business composition ratio calculated as simple sum total)

## 3. Overview of Capital Investment as well as

 Depreciation and Amortization (Consolidated)|  |  | 1H FY 2022 <br> (2022/8) | 1H FY 2023 (2023/8) |  | (Reference) <br> FY 2022 <br> (2023/2) |
| :---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  | Amount <br> (Millions of yen) | Amount <br> (Millions of yen) | YoY (\%) | Amount <br> (Millions of yen) |
| Jewelry Business | Capital <br> investment | 330 | 396 | 120.0 | 559 |
|  | Depreciation <br> and <br> amortization | 207 | 163 | 78.4 | 396 |
| Apparel Business | Capital <br> investment | 158 | 138 | 87.3 | 394 |
|  | Depreciation <br> and <br> amortization | 172 | 171 | 99.4 | 352 |

## 4. Jewelry Business: Sales by Brand and Product

| (Millions of yen, \%) | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { FY 2021 } \\ & (2022 / 2) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { FY 2022 } \\ (2023 / 2) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | 1H FY 2023 (2023/8) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Actual results | YoY (\%) | Actual results | YoY (\%) | Actual results | YoY (\%) |
| $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Total * | 12,088 | -11.3 | 11,871 | -1.8 | 4,796 | -11.2 |
| ( $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Jewelry) | $(8,906)$ | - | $(9,217)$ | - | $(3,978)$ |  |
| (4 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ BRIDAL specialty store) | $(3,182)$ | - | (2,654) | - | (817) |  |
| Canal $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 3,313 | -5.4 | 3,373 | +1.8 | 1,414 | -5.8 |
| EAU DOUCE4 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 365 | + 5.5 | 409 | +12.1 | 168 | -7.5 |
| Other brands | - | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| EC Business | 2,003 | +1.3 | 2,242 | +11.9 | 1,005 | +19.1 |
| Overseas•Advance Sales ${ }^{\circ}$ Other | 652 | -27.9 | 615 | -5.7 | 485 | +30.8 |
| Total | 18,424 | -10.4 | 18,514 | +0.5 | 7,873 | -5.2 |

[^3]5. Jewelry Business: Number of Existing Store Customers and

Average Spending per Customer by Brand and Product

| Existing stores YoY <br> $(\%)$ | 1 H FY 2022 (2022/8) |  | 1H FY 2023 (2023/8) |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Number of <br> customers | Average <br> spending per <br> customer | Number of <br> customers | Average <br> spendinger <br> customer |
| $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Jewelry | +14.2 | -3.5 | -4.2 | +3.2 |
| $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ BRIDAL | -16.7 | +2.9 | -26.9 | +5.1 |
| Canal4 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | +19.4 | -6.8 | -5.9 | +1.6 |
| EAU DOUCE4 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | +29.3 | +1.7 | +2.3 | -2.5 |

6. Jewelry Business : Sales by Store Channel

|  | 1H FY 2022 <br> $(2022 / 8)$ | 1H FY 2023 (2023/8) |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Actual results <br> (Millions of yen) | Actual results <br> (Millions of yen) | YoY (\%) | Share (\%) |
|  | 68 | 28 | -59.0 | 0.4 |
| Bridal stores | 1,366 | 875 | -36.0 | 11.1 |
| Fashion buildings | 2,098 | 1,923 | $\mathbf{- 8 . 3}$ | 24.4 |
| Department stores | 3,554 | 3,555 | $\pm 0.0$ | 45.2 |
| EC Business | 844 | 1,005 | +19.1 | 12.8 |
| Overseas $\bullet$ Advance Sale <br> Other | 374 | 485 | +29.7 | 6.2 |
| Total | 8,270 | 7,873 | $\mathbf{- 5 . 4}$ | 100.0 |

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[^0]:    * Operating income before the amortization of goodwill = operating income + goodwill amortization; net income before the amortization of goodwill = profit attributable to owners of parent + goodwill amortization

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[^2]:    Source: Summary of the "Jewelry Market in Japan: Key Research Findings 2023" posted on the Institute's homepage.

[^3]:    $* 4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Total is the sum total of $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Jewelry and $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Bridal specialty stores.

