# YONDOSHI HOLDINGS INC.

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

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# **Results Summary**



- **☐** Two consecutive years of sales increases, and profit growth.
- 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 expenses	8,303	-2.5	(212)
Amortization of goodwill	248	$\pm$ 0.0	± 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 amortization of goodwill	1,317	+47.4	+423
Net income before the amortization of goodwill	944	+24.1	+183

<sup>\*</sup> 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

#### **Jewelry Business**

Net sales of \(\frac{\pmathbf{Y}}{7}\),873 million with operating income of \(\frac{\pmathbf{Y}}{533}\) million, for revenue decline with earnings gain.

- Fashion jewelry: Sales growth at existing stores from implementation of priority measures.
  - Sales to female customers up 3.0% YoY on successful product measures.
  - E-commerce sales up 19.1% 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)
Larvalur, Duain aga	Net sales	7,873	-5.2	(433)
Jewelry Business	Operating income	533	+44.0	+162

#### **Apparel Business**

Net sales of \$11,237 million with operating income of \$777 million, for gains in both revenue and earnings.

- **□** 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, %)		<b>Actual Results</b>	YoY	Increase (Decrease)
Apparel	Net sales	11,237	+10.1	+1,027
Business	Operating income	777	+58.4	+286

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



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

		4°C	4°C BRIDAL	Canal4°C	EAU DOUCE 4°C	Total
FY2022 (2023/2)	Fiscal year- end	80	24	43	13	160
FY2023	Stores opened	3	1	0	2	6
1H Actual Results	Stores closed	1	5	1	0	7
(2023/8) 2H-end	2H-end	82	20	42	15	159
	Stores opened	1	1	0	0	2
FY2023 2H Plan (2024/2)	Stores closed	0	0	0	0	0
(2024/2)	Fiscal year- end	83	21	42	15	161

<sup>\*</sup> Composite stores that handle multiple brands are recorded as a single store by each individual brand

# **Status and Plan of Store Openings and Closures**



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

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		Roadside butique	Department store	Bridal Shop	Fashion Building	Total	PALETTE Total	
FY2022 (2023/2)	Fiscal year- end	2	69	24	56	151	93	244
FY2023	Stores opened	1	0	1	0	2	1	3
1H Actual Results	Stores closed	1	0	5	1	7	1	8
(2023/8)	2H- end	2	69	20	55	146	93	239
	Stores opened	0	1	1	0	2	9	11
FY2023 2H Plan	Stores closed	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
(2024/2)	Fiscal year- end	2	70	21	55	148	101	249

# Overview of Financial Position and Cash Flows (Consolidated)



- □ Total assets ¥52.4 billion, liabilities ¥13.8 billion, net assets ¥38.5 billion
- ☐ Cash flows from operating activities: ¥1,356 million due to recording of income before income taxes, etc.
- □ 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

# ¥13.8 billion Total assets ¥52.4 billion ¥38.5 billion

#### **Cash Flows**

(Millions of yen)	1H FY2022 (2022/8)	1H FY2023 (2023/8)	Increase (Decrease)
Operating cash flows	1,282	1,356	+74
Investing cash flows	(2,234)	(2,340)	(106)
Financing cash flows	383	1,197	+814
Free cash flows	(951)	(984)	(32)



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# FY2/24 Consolidated Earnings Forecast Summary



☐ Continue priority measures to achieve the second half plan.	
☐ 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) 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	± <b>0.0</b>	±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 amortization of goodwill	2,476	2,596	+4.9	+120	
Net income before the amortization of goodwill	1,645	1,796	+9.1	+150	

<sup>\*</sup> 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

# **Consolidated Business Results Forecasts by Segment**

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for Fiscal 2023 (Figures are after accounting for intrasegment net sales and transfers)

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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.
- **■** Expand sales by focusing on growth segments of female customers, e-commerce, and customer development.

#### **Apparel Business**

Net sales of \$22,300 million, with operating income of \$1,050 million.

- **□** 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) <b>Results</b>	FY2023 (2024/2) Forecasts	YoY	Increase (Decrease)
Jewelry	Net sales	18,587	17,700	-4.8	(887)
Business	Operating income	1,356	1,450	+6.9	+93
Apparel	Net sales	20,921	22,300	+6.6	+1,378
Business	Operating income	942	1,050	+11.4	+107

# FY2/24 Priority Measures

#### **Business**

#### **Jewelry Business**

#### **Apparel Business**

Changes in the operating environment

- **>** Decline in the number of marriages
- Emergence of foreign brand
- Expansion of the e-commerce market
- Evolution of digital marketing

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

#### **Phase**

#### **Structural Reform**

#### **Expansion**

#### Priority Measures

- 1) Expand sales of fashion jewelry and enhance brand value
  - Broadening of support among female customers
  - Expansion of e-commerce
  - Customer development
- 2) Structural reform of the bridal jewelry business

- ) 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

#### Result

#### **Earnings improvement**

#### **Sales expansion**

# Priority Measure Expand Sales of Fashion Jewelry



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- ☐ Steady results in various measures for fashion jewelry
- ☐ 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**

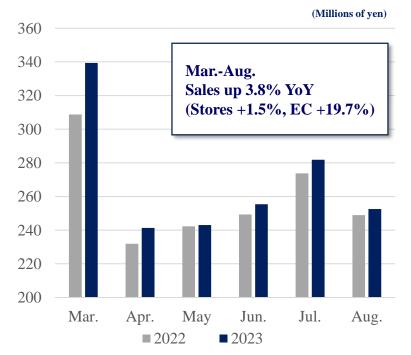


- □ Christmas sales season expected to be on a par with the previous year.
- □ Continue to strengthen product development for female customers, who are the end users.
- ☐ Clear recovery trend in sales to male customers both at stores and through ecommerce, which is a positive factor for Christmas.

#### **Christmas Collection**



#### **Sales to Male Customers (including e-commerce)**



# **Brand Value Improvement – Brand Promotion**



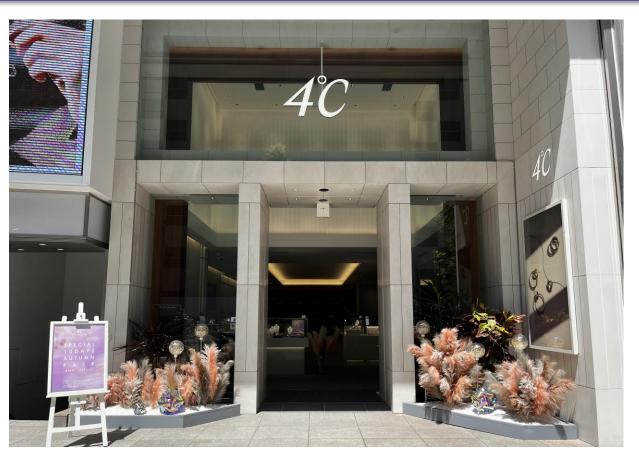
- □ "Nameless Jewelry Shop" event held in September 2023.
- **■** Experience-based events held to refresh brand image and enhance favorability.



# Brand Value Improvement – Ginza Main Store



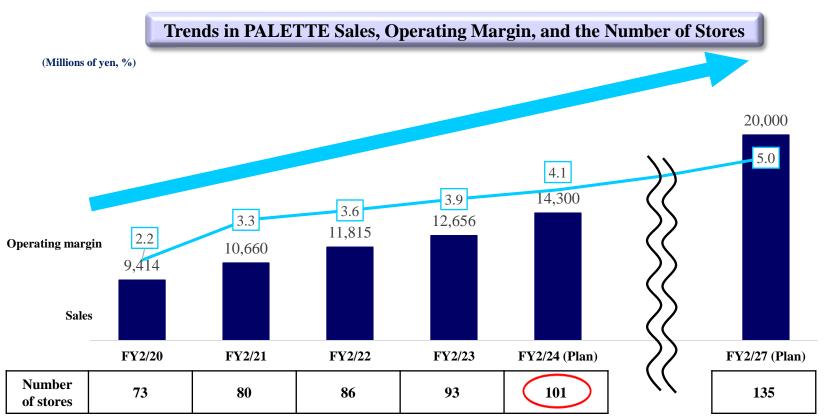
- Renovated and reopened as a flagship store on March 1, conveying the viewpoint of 4°C.
- **□** Implement new ideas, and convey the brand value to customers.



### **Increase Sales at PALETTE**



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

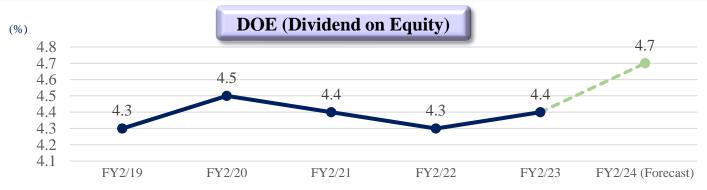


# **Shareholder Returns Policy, Cash Dividends**



Work to raise the level of shareholder returns through the payment of stable and continuous cash dividends

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 share DOE projected to come in at 4.7% on an annual cash dividend of ¥83 per common share



(Yen, %)	FY2018 (2019/2)	FY2019 (2020/2)	FY2020 (2021/2)	FY2021 (2022/2)	FY2022 (2023/2)	FY2023 (2024/2) Forecast
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

<sup>\*</sup> 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 $^{4C}$

## Building a foundation for regrowth by solving management issues

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

# **Measures to Enhance Corporate Value**

#### **Cash Allocation** Stable dividend (DOE target of 4% Shareholder or higher) **Business** Returns Flexible share buybacks **Maintaining** • Effective use of group funds Growth **Financial** Securing capacity for debt **Operating Condition** procurement Cash Flow Structural **Strategic** Business investment Reform **Investments** (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

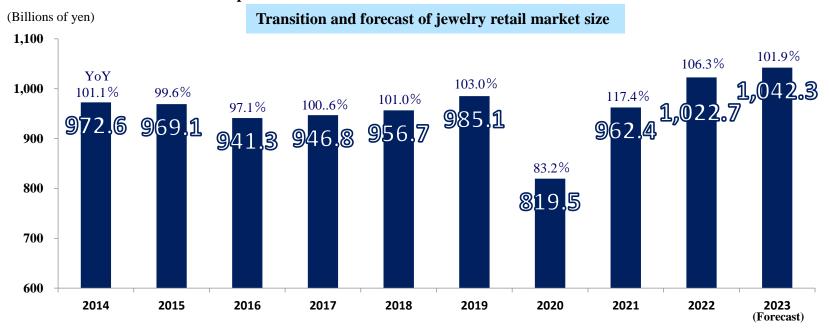
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In 2022, the scale of the retail market for jewelry in Japan was \\$1,022.7 billion, an increase of 6.3% year on year.

- **♦** 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 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.



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

# 2. Net Sales by Business (Consolidated)

(Millions of yen, %)	1H F	1H FY 2022 (2022/8)		1H FY 2023 (2023/8)		
	Actual results	Share (%)	YoY(%)	Actual results	Share (%)	YoY(%)
Jewelry business (*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
(age) (*2)	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

<sup>(\*1.</sup> Sales to external customers)

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# 3. Overview of Capital Investment as well as Depreciation and Amortization (Consolidated)



		1H FY 2022 (2022/8)	1H FY 202	23 (2023/8)	(Reference) FY 2022 (2023/2)
		Amount (Millions of yen)	Amount (Millions of yen)	YoY (%)	Amount (Millions of yen)
Jewelry Business	Capital investment	330	396	120.0	559
	Depreciation and amortization	207	163	78.4	396
Apparel Business	Capital investment	158	138	87.3	394
	Depreciation and amortization	172	171	99.4	352

# 4. Jewelry Business: Sales by Brand and Product

(Millions of yen, %)	FY 2021 (2022/2)		FY 2022 (2023/2)		1H FY 2023 (2023/8)	
	Actual results	YoY (%)	Actual results	YoY (%)	Actual results	YoY (%)
4°C Total *	12,088	-11.3	11,871	-1.8	4,796	-11.2
(4°C Jewelry)	(8,906)	_	(9,217)	_	(3,978)	-
(4°C BRIDAL specialty store)	(3,182)	_	(2,654)	_	(817)	-
Canal4°C	3,313	-5.4	3,373	+1.8	1,414	-5.8
EAU DOUCE4°C	365	+5.5	409	+12.1	168	<b>—7.5</b>
Other brands	-	-	-	-	2	-
EC Business	2,003	+1.3	2,242	+11.9	1,005	+19.1
Overseas•Advance Sales•Other	652	-27.9	615	-5.7	485	+30.8
Total	18,424	-10.4	18,514	+0.5	7,873	-5.2

<sup>\* 4°</sup>C Total is the sum total of 4°C Jewelry and 4°C Bridal specialty stores.

# **5. Jewelry Business:** Number of Existing Store Customers and Average Spending per Customer by Brand and Product

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Existing stores YoY	1H FY 202	22 (2022/8)	1H FY 2023 (2023/8)		
(%)	Number of customers	Average spending per customer	Number of customers	Average spending per customer	
4°C Jewelry	+14.2	-3.5	-4.2	+3.2	
4°C BRIDAL	-16.7	+2.9	-26.9	+5.1	
Canal4°C	+ 19.4	-6.8	-5.9	+1.6	
EAU DOUCE4°C	+ 29.3	+1.7	+2.3	-2.5	

# **6. Jewelry Business : Sales by Store Channel**

	1H FY 2022 (2022/8)	1H FY 2023 (2023/8)		
	Actual results (Millions of yen)	Actual results (Millions of yen)	YoY (%)	Share (%)
Roadside stores	68	28	-59.0	0.4
Bridal stores	1,366	875	-36.0	11.1
Fashion buildings	2,098	1,923	-8.3	24.4
Department stores	3,554	3,555	± 0.0	45.2
EC Business	844	1,005	+ 19.1	12.8
Overseas • Advance Sale • Other	374	485	+ 29.7	6.2
Total	8,270	7,873	-5.4	100.0

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