# FY2024/02 3rd Quarter Financial Results 

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## Consolidated Income Statement

|  | FY2023/02 3Q |  |  |  | FY2024/02 3Q |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Nine Months Ended |  | Three Months Ended |  | Nine Months Ended |  |  | Three Months Ended |  |  |
|  |  | Ratio |  | Ratio |  | Ratio | Yoy |  | Ratio | Yoy |
| Net sales | 177,026 | 100.0\% | 64,448 | 100.0\% | 203,252 | 100.0\% | 114.8\% | 70,355 | 100.0\% | 109.2\% |
| Adastria(Non-consolidated) | 144,913 | 81.9\% | 52,575 | 81.6\% | 161,683 | 79.5\% | 111.6\% | 55,072 | 78.3\% | 104.7\% |
| Domestic subsidiaries *1*2 | 14,942 | 8.4\% | 5,529 | 8.6\% | 18,422 | 9.1\% | 123.3\% | 6,930 | 9.9\% | 125.3\% |
| Overseas subsidiaries*3 | 12,528 | 7.1\% | 4,762 | 7.4\% | 16,667 | 8.2\% | 133.0\% | 5,980 | 8.5\% | 125.6\% |
| zetton (Food \& Beverage Subsidiary) *4 | 7,303 | 4.1\% | 2,616 | 4.1\% | 9,788 | 4.8\% | 134.0\% | 3,578 | 5.1\% | 136.8\% |
| Gross profit | 99,787 | 56.4\% | 37,007 | 57.4\% | 115,324 | 56.7\% | 115.6\% | 40,462 | 57.5\% | 109.3\% |
| SG\&A expenses | 88,622 | 50.1\% | 31,412 | 48.7\% | 99,017 | 48.7\% | 111.7\% | 34,467 | 49.0\% | 109.7\% |
| Advertising \& promotion | 6,060 | 3.4\% | 2,333 | 3.6\% | 6,527 | 3.2\% | 107.7\% | 2,565 | 3.6\% | 109.9\% |
| Personnel | 32,105 | 18.1\% | 10,993 | 17.1\% | 36,216 | 17.8\% | 112.8\% | 12,298 | 17.5\% | 111.9\% |
| Rent \& depreciation *5 | 31,685 | 17.9\% | 11,258 | 17.5\% | 34,861 | 17.2\% | 110.0\% | 12,231 | 17.4\% | 108.6\% |
| Amortization of goodwill | 191 | 0.1\% | 69 | 0.1\% | 168 | 0.1\% | 88.1\% | 55 | 0.1\% | 79.4\% |
| Others | 18,580 | 10.5\% | 6,756 | 10.5\% | 21,244 | 10.5\% | 114.3\% | 7,317 | 10.4\% | 108.3\% |
| Operating profit | 11,165 | 6.3\% | 5,594 | 8.7\% | 16,306 | 8.0\% | 146.0\% | 5,994 | 8.5\% | 107.1\% |
| Adastria(non-consolidated) | 9,948 | 5.6\% | 5,352 | 8.3\% | 14,504 | 7.1\% | 145.8\% | 5,219 | 7.4\% | 97.5\% |
| Domestic subsidiaries *1*2 | 405 | 0.2\% | 214 | 0.3\% | 583 | 0.3\% | 144.0\% | 464 | 0.7\% | 216.3\% |
| Overseas subsidiaries*3 | 218 | 0.1\% | 58 | 0.1\% | 790 | 0.4\% | 361.0\% | 136 | 0.2\% | 231.6\% |
| Adastria Logistics | 148 | 0.1\% | -16 | - | 77 | 0.0\% | 52.1\% | 7 | 0.0\% | - |
| zetton (Food \& Beverage Subsidiary) *4 | 485 | 0.3\% | 2 | 0.0\% | 362 | 0.2\% | 74.6\% | 156 | 0.2\% | 7770.3\% |
| Ordinary profit | 11,805 | 6.7\% | 5,648 | 8.8\% | 16,708 | 8.2\% | 141.5\% | 6,068 | 8.6\% | 107.5\% |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EBITDA | 17,116 | 9.7\% | 7,708 | 12.0\% | 22,970 | 11.3\% | 134.2\% | 8,381 | 11.9\% | 108.7\% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 5,760 | 3.3\% | 2,043 | 3.2\% | 6,495 | 3.2\% | 112.8\% | 2,331 | 3.3\% | 114.1\% |
| Amortization of goodwill | 191 | 0.1\% | 69 | 0.1\% | 168 | 0.1\% | 88.1\% | 55 | 0.1\% | 79.4\% |

*1 : Domestic subsidiaries are the sum of four 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-Oct (FY2023/02 3Q) and Mar-Nov (FY2024/02 3Q)
*3 : Overseas subsidiaries are the sum of overseas subsidiaries: Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan, Thailand, USA.(Period Jan. to Sep.2023)
${ }^{*} 4$ : Operating profit of zetton, inc. is shown after consolidation adjustments. Due to change in financial year, Mar-Nov (FY2023/02 3Q) and Feb-Oct (FY2024/02 3Q)
*5 : Rent \& depreciation costs are the sum of Rent expenses, Lease expenses and Depreciation.

## Consolidated Income Statement - 3Q Summary (1)

Negative impact of late summer heat and mild winter, but 3Q performance was somewhat above the revised plan due to numerous initiatives

Net sales
70.3 billion yen ( $+9.2 \%$ rov)

## Parent company

## Domestic subsidiaries

## Overseas subsidiaries

- Up 4.7\% YoY because of accurate responses to late summer heat, mild winter and other weather conditions and price revisions due to merchandise with substantial added value.
- Major sources of sales growth were "niko and ..." resulting from success of selling furniture and other various categories of products and the "LAKOLE", which is opening many stores.
- Up 25.3\% YoY because of the fiscal year change; increased about 5\% after excluding the effect of this change.
- Up 25.6\% YoY; In Mainland China, despite the slow pace of recovery, new stores increased sales and reduced losses. Hong Kong rebounded from the 2022 pandemic downturn and new and existing stores generated sales and earnings growth in Taiwan. U.S. sales and earnings decreased due to a slowdown of the wholesale business.

Food and beverage business - Up 29.4\% YoY; sales and earnings increased because of the recovery of the business climate in Japan and the fiscal year change.

## Gross profit margin $57.5 \%$ (+0.1p YoY)

- The negative effect of the yen's weakness was offset by price revisions as the value of merchandise was increased and by limiting discounting.
- An improvement in the gross profit margin of the overseas business was another reason for the small increase.
*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.
*3Q comparisons are Aug-Oct (FY2023/02) and Sep-Nov (FY2024/02) for all of these companies except zetton and Sep-Nov (FY2023/02) and Aug-Oct (FY2024/02) for zetton.
*OPEN AND NATURAL Inc. was absorbed by BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. on July 1, 2023.


## Consolidated Income Statement - 3Q Summary (2)

## 49.0\% (+0.3p YoY)

## Advertising \& promotions

- 3.6\% (+0.0p YoY) (+230 million yen YoY)

Product promotions increased; Part of the advertising that was not run in the first half of the year was done

## Personnel

Rent \& depreciation

## Others

- 17.5\% (+0.4p YoY) (+1,300 million yen YoY)

Increased employee remuneration, more recruiting activities due to the labor shortage, more hours worked because of sales growth, increase in bonuses

- 17.4\% (-0.1p YoY) (+970 million yen YoY)

Decreased as a pct. of sales due to sales growth, although variable rent increased

- 10.4\% (-0.1p YoY) (+560 million yen YoY)

Credit card fees, outsourcing-related expenses, travel expenses and other expenses increased, but total other expenses were a lower pct. of sales due to sales growth

Operating profit 5.9 billion yen ( $+7.1 \%$ ror)

Operating income ratio 8.5\%, EBITDA margin 11.9\%
Change in fiscal year of subsidiaries in Japan +600 million yen

Ordinary profit 6.0 billion yen (+7.5\% YoY)
Non-operating income • Foreign exchange gains of 90 million yen

Net income
attributable to owners of the parent

Extraordinary losses • Impairment of store assets of $\mathbf{7 0}$ million yen
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## Adastria and Major Domestic Subsidiaries Income Statement

【Adastria（Non－consolidated）】
Millions of yen

|  | FY2023／02 3Q |  | FY2024／02 3Q |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Nine Months Ended | Three Months Ended | Nine MonthsEnded |  | Three Months Ended |  |
|  |  |  |  | YoY |  | YoY |
| Net sales | 144，913 | 52，575 | 161，683 | 111．6\％ | 55，072 | 104．7\％ |
| （Same stores YoY） | 112．7\％ | 109．0\％ | 109．6\％ |  | 104．2\％ |  |
| GLOBAL WORK | 33，455 | 11，868 | 38，178 | 114．1\％ | 12，947 | 109．1\％ |
| niko and．．． | 21，930 | 7，488 | 24，671 | 112．5\％ | 8，349 | 111．5\％ |
| studio CLIP | 15，074 | 5，220 | 16，670 | 110．6\％ | 5，454 | 104．5\％ |
| LOWRYS FARM | 15，927 | 5，910 | 16，667 | 104．6\％ | 5，526 | 93．5\％ |
| LEPSIM | 9，453 | 3，186 | 10，114 | 107．0\％ | 3，378 | 106．0\％ |
| JEANASiS | 8，037 | 3，330 | 8，994 | 111．9\％ | 3，314 | 99．5\％ |
| BAYFLOW | 7，554 | 2，708 | 7，912 | 104．7\％ | 2，635 | 97．3\％ |
| LAKOLE | 5，682 | 2，141 | 7，886 | 138．8\％ | 2，622 | 122．5\％ |
| Gross profit | 80，214 | 29，897 | 90，140 | 112．4\％ | 31，248 | 104．5\％ |
| Gross margin | 55．4\％ | 56．9\％ | 55．8\％ | ＋0．4p | 56．7\％ | －0．1p |
| SG\＆A expenses | 70，266 | 24，544 | 75，636 | 107．6\％ | 26，028 | 106．0\％ |
| SG\＆A ratio | 48．5\％ | 46．7\％ | 46．8\％ | －1．7p | 47．3\％ | ＋0．6p |
| Operating profit | 9，948 | 5，352 | 14，504 | 145．8\％ | 5，219 | 97．5\％ |
| Operating margin | 6．9\％ | 10．2\％ | 9．0\％ | ＋2．1p | 9．5\％ | －0．7p |

－【Major Domestic Subsidiaries】

| Net sales | BUZZWIT Co．，Ltd． | 6，855 | 2，769 | 9，166 | 133．7\％ | 3，640 | 131．4\％ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ELEMENT RULE Co．，Ltd． | 7，482 | 2，553 | 8，322 | 111．2\％ | 3，011 | 117．9\％ |

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## Product Promotion Activities

- Progress with the growth of core products of the brand "GLOBAL WORK"
- A new TV commercial for "MELTY KNIT", a popular fashion line with cumulative series sales of 1.8 million units.
- Continuing to featuring actress/model "Tsubasa Honda" in TV commercials; also producing benefits for branding.


A large selection of apparel for men, children, mix-and-match and many other categories

## Online Business (Domestic)

## Domestic net sales from online (Nine months) 50.9billion yen (+13.1\% YoY)

- Domestic online business ratio: 28.3\% (of which Own EC site: approx. 15.0\%)
- Own EC site "Dot-ST" has about 17.1 million members (+1.6 million from the end of FY2023/02)


[^1]*Starting in FY2022/02, sales of ADOORLINK Co., Ltd. was included.
*Starting in FY2023/02 2Q, sales of BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. include its consolidated subsidiary OPEN AND NATURAL, Inc. (2 companies merged in July 2023) and from 4Q, sales of Gate Win Co., Ltd. was included.

## E-Commerce Activities (1)

## Promotions generate sales growth and attract more young people

- "Dot-ST Fes" campaign using TV commercials and loyalty points for customers equal to $20 \%$ of EC and physical store purchases.
- Attracting many new customers in younger age segments by using promotions featuring popular generation $Z$ celebrities and a variety of influencers.



## E-Commerce Activities (2)

- More merchandise of other companies on "Dot-ST"
- On November 22, "Dot-ST" added a "P2 DOG and CAT" store, which specializes in products for pets. This is the eighth new store following the opening of "Dot-ST" to external companies.


As a lifestyle proposal, our staff post their own pets using the "P2 DOG and CAT" products.

- Launch of the "Dot-C" flea market website
- The website sells clothing that was worn by popular staff.
- Sales of this apparel builds strong ties with customers and contributes to progress involving sustainability.


Staff posted with their styling.

## Overseas Business

Hong Kong
Mainland China

- Taiwan

Thailand
USA

Sales and earnings up due to the recovery from the pandemic one year earlier and opening new stores
Sales increased due to new stores in FY2022/12, smaller loss as consumer spending slowly recovers, although still weak
Sales and earnings up as sales growth continues, mainly due to new brands, new stores and higher existing store sales
niko and ... opened the first store in BANGKOK in April 2023
Sales and earnings decreased due to a slowdown of the wholesale business with the uncertain economic outlook

Millions of yen

|  | FY2022/12 3Q |  | FY2023/12 3Q |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Nine Months Ended | Three Months Ended | Nine Months Ended |  |  | Three Months Ended |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YoY } \\ & \text { (JPY) } \end{aligned}$ | YoY (Local currency) |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YoY } \\ & \text { (JPY) } \end{aligned}$ | YoY (Local currency) |
| Net sales | 12,528 | 4,762 | 16,667 | 133.0\% | 147.2\% | 5,980 | 125.6\% | 144.6\% |
| Hong Kong | 2,309 | 941 | 2,995 | 129.7\% | 120.2\% | 1,250 | 132.8\% | 126.3\% |
| Mainland China *1 | 1,888 | 822 | 3,416 | 180.9\% | 177.8\% | 1,174 | 142.8\% | 141.2\% |
| Taiwan | 2,921 | 1,087 | 4,381 | 149.9\% | 146.1\% | 1,611 | 148.2\% | 145.8\% |
| Thailand | - | - | 146 | - | - | 63 | - | - |
| USA *2 | 5,408 | 1,911 | 5,727 | 105.9\% | 98.2\% | 1,881 | 98.4\% | 94.0\% |
| Operating profit | 218 | 58 | 790 | 361.0\% | 196.7\% | 136 | 231.6\% | 155.6\% |
| Hong Kong | 166 | 114 | 267 | 160.5\% | 148.7\% | 119 | 104.8\% | 95.9\% |
| Mainland China *1 | -809 | -310 | -488 | - | - | - 181 | - | - |
| Taiwan | 467 | 170 | 813 | 174.0\% | 169.5\% | 255 | 150.0\% | 147.1\% |
| Thailand | - | - | - 78 | - | - | -27 | - | - |
| USA *2 | 393 | 84 | 275 | 70.0\% | 64.9\% | -29 | - | - |

*1: Mainland China is shown after consolidation adjustments.
*2: The ZETTON, INC. (USA Business) are not include.

## Progress with the Multi-brand Strategy in Taiwan

## More stores by using prime areas of existing premier facilities and by opening new stores

- Selling merchandise of 11 brands in Taiwan; more stores at the same locations make it possible to add more stores with favorable terms.
- To celebrate the Taiwan subsidiary's 20th anniversary, there were "Dot-ST TAIWAN" promotions using a well-known Taiwan actor.



## Consolidated Balance Sheet

- Inventories
- Property, plant and equipment
- Intangible assets
- Net assets

Proper level at the end of the 3Q at 6.8\% above one year earlier
Increased due to opening of physical stores, etc.
An increase in software due to system investments, etc.
Net asset ratio of 53.7\%, +4.3p YoY

Millions of yen

|  | End of 2023/02 3Q |  | End of 2023/02 |  | End of 2024/02 3Q |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Ratio |  | Ratio |  | Ratio | Compared with the end of 2023/02 3Q | Compared with the end of 2023/02 |
| Current assets | 66,211 | 53.5\% | 55,772 | 50.1\% | 71,557 | 55.0\% | +5,346 | +15,784 |
| Cash and deposits | 16,441 | 13.3\% | 16,380 | 14.7\% | 17,890 | 13.7\% | +1,448 | +1,510 |
| Inventories | 29,119 | 23.5\% | 24,679 | 22.2\% | 31,092 | 23.9\% | +1,973 | +6,412 |
| Fixed assets | 57,641 | 46.5\% | 55,619 | 49.9\% | 58,623 | 45.0\% | +982 | +3,004 |
| Property, plant and equ | 22,996 | 18.6\% | 22,065 | 19.8\% | 24,096 | 18.5\% | +1,100 | +2,031 |
| Intangible assets | 12,078 | 9.8\% | 11,908 | 10.7\% | 12,283 | 9.4\% | +205 | +375 |
| Goodwill | 1,404 | 1.1\% | 1,331 | 1.2\% | 1,164 | 0.9\% | -240 | -166 |
| Investments and other | 22,566 | 18.2\% | 21,645 | 19.4\% | 22,243 | 17.1\% | -323 | +597 |
| Total assets | 123,853 | 100.0\% | 111,392 | 100.0\% | 130,181 | 100.0\% | +6,328 | +18,789 |
| Liabilities | 62,683 | 50.6\% | 50,629 | 45.5\% | 60,309 | 46.3\% | -2,373 | +9,680 |
| Loans payable | 6,568 | 5.3\% | 1,128 | 1.0\% | 1,827 | 1.4\% | -4,740 | +699 |
| Net assets | 61,169 | 49.4\% | 60,762 | 54.5\% | 69,871 | 53.7\% | +8,702 | +9,109 |
| Treasury shares | -7,285 | -5.9\% | -7,286 | -6.5\% | -7,516 | -5.8\% | -230 | -229 |



FY2024/02 3Q (nine months ended) 19 remodeled stores in the consolidated.
*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).

## Policy Concerning Store Opening Plan

- FY2024/02 store opening/closing progress
- The number of new stores is generally as planned and the number of stores closed is below the plan.

The number of stores at the end of FY2024/02 is expected to be more than planned.

- Average floor area of stores continues to increase because the average floor area of new stores is more than the floor area of stores that were closed.
- Refurbishments planned at many stores with about 50 stores to be renovated during FY2024/02.



## FY2024/02 Consolidated Forecast (Unchanged)

## - Performance in the third quarter was consistent with the revised plan

- The effects of hot weather in September were generally the same as the outlook in the revised plan.
- Warm weather in November negatively impacted sales and the first half of December was also weak, but a sale conducted in late December generated strong sales.

Millions of yen

|  | FY2023/02 | FY2024/02 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Result | Revised forecast in 29th September, 2023 |  |  |
|  |  |  | Ratio | YoY |
| Net sales | 242,552 | 270,000 | 100.0\% | 111.3\% |
| Gross profit | 132,664 | 151,800 | 56.2\% | 114.4\% |
| SG\&A expenses | 121,149 | 133,800 | 49.6\% | 110.4\% |
| Amortization of goodwill | 263 | 270 | 0.1\% | 102.6\% |
| Operating profit | 11,515 | 18,000 | 6.7\% | 156.3\% |
| Ordinary profit | 12,026 | 18,200 | 6.7\% | 151.3\% |
| Net income attributable to owners of the parer | 7,540 | 12,000 | 4.4\% | 159.1\% |
| ROE | 13.3\% | 18.6\% | - | +5.3p |


| Dividend per share (Yen) | 60 | 80 |
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| (Interim dividend) | $(25)$ | $(35)$ |
| Dividend payout ratio | $36.1 \%$ | $30.3 \%$ |

[^2]Business Climate
Our Responses

- Revisions of product prices will continue for next spring/summer merchandise to reflect the yen's decline and the addition of more merchandise with substantial added value, but the rate of price increases is expected to be smaller.
- Planning on FY2025/02 store openings and closings to be about the same as in the current fiscal year. Adding new stores while continuing to refurbish and enlarge existing stores.
- Spending on apparel remains firm due to demand for fashions for outings and the shift to more casual clothing. Salaries continue to increase for young people and women, Adastria's primary customer segments.
- In addition to the market growth for accessories and other life style merchandise, customers continue to select items based on their own values and needs rather than simply seeking low prices. We have many activities that target this demand.
- Discussions with primary cargo transport and delivery partners have resulted in measures to ensure sufficient transport capacity as new restrictions on truck driver working hours begin in 2024.
- Adastria can control logistics expenses to some extent because there is a subsidiary that provides logistics services. The goal is to keep logistics expenses steady as a pct. of sales by investing in automation and taking other actions for higher efficiency.


## A D A S T R I I A


[^0]:    ＊Adastria（Non－consolidated）：Amortization of goodwill for FY2023／02 3Q： 44 million yen，FY2024／02 3Q ：None
    ＊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）

[^1]:    *FY2020/02, FY2021/02 non-consolidated sales and sales in BUZZWIT Co., Ltd. and ELEMENT RULE Co., Ltd. were included.

[^2]:    * The company has disclosed the press release "Notice Concerning Revisions to Consolidated Earnings Forecasts for the Fiscal Year Ending February 2024 and Dividends From Surplus (Interim Dividend); Upward Revision of Dividend Forecast" on 29 September 2023.

