FY March 2018 Analyst Meeting



AUTOBACS SEVEN CO., LTD.

May 2, 2018

I . Consolidated Results of FY March 2018 and Forecasts for FY March 2019

Consolidated P/L (FY March 2018)



<u>Increase in net sales and income: Net sales and gross profit increased, while selling, general, and administrative expenses were reduced.</u>

In addition to an increase in tire prices and greater demand for studless tires due to snowfall, sales of dashcams remained strong thanks to growing public interest in dashcams since October 2017. Overall selling, general, and administrative expenses decreased due to business transfers of store subsidiaries, despite an increase in advertising including TV ads.

(Billion Yen)

	Latest forecasts	Actual results	YoY change	Change from the latest forecasts	FY March 2017 Results
Net sales	205.0	211.6	+3.7%	+3.2%	204.0
Gross profit	66.7	67.3	+1.8%	+1.0%	66.1
SG&A	59.7	60.0	-0.4%	+0.6%	60.3
Operating income	7.0	7.2	+25.0%	+4.1%	5.8
Ordinary income	7.5	8.2	+15.5%	+9.7%	7.1
Net income	5.2	5.4	+79.2%	+3.9%	3.0
EPS(Yen)	63.02	65.49	+81.9%	+3.9%	36.00
ROE	4.1%	4.3%	+2.0pt	+0.2pt	2.3%

Notes: amounts are rounded down to the nearest hundred million yen.
% of net sales, YoY comparisons and planned targets are calculated in yen.

Points for FY March 2018

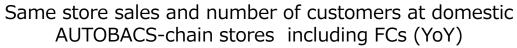


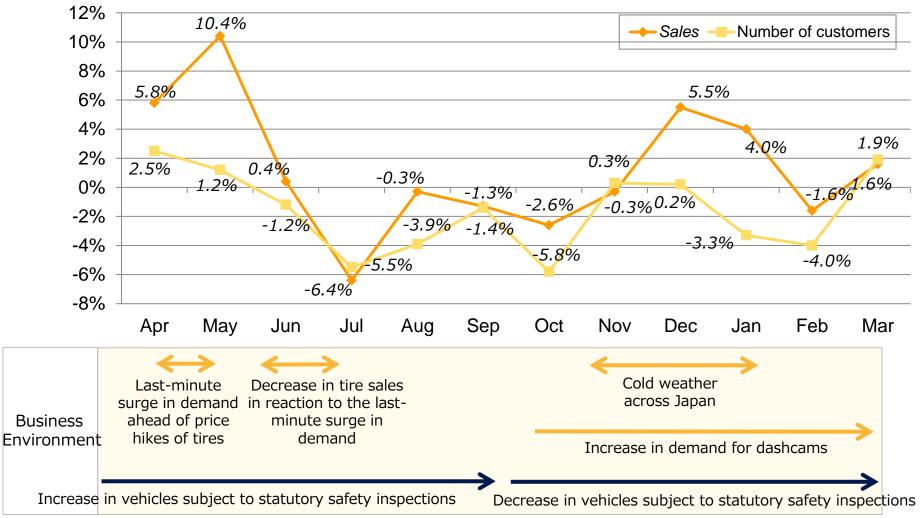
- Increase in demand for automotive goods and services due primarily to an increase in tire prices, demand for snow tires caused by cold weather, and public interest in dashcams
- Brisk sales of stores due to measures for the reduction of the wholesale price applicable to franchisees
- Increase in earnings of domestic store subsidiaries thanks to strong tire sales and continuous efforts to raise gross profit
- Decrease in selling, general, and administrative expenses as a whole, despite active promotional activities such as TV ads
- Increase in loss at car purchase stores and in the BtoB
 Business due to the cost of establishing the business
 incurred ahead of operation and challenges in the business
 environment

FY March 2018 Review of Business Environment



[Same store basis] Sales: +1.3% YoY, Number of customers: -1.5% YoY

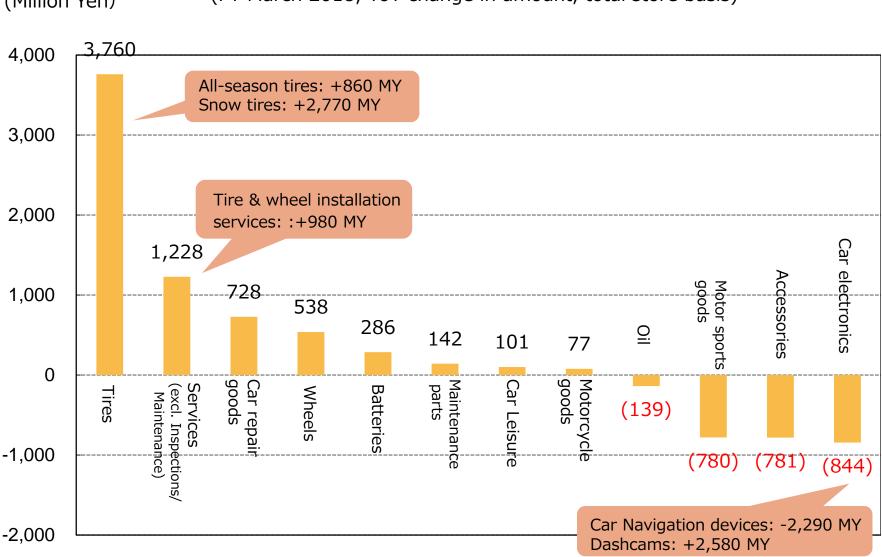




Sales Ups & Downs by Merchandise (FY March 2018)

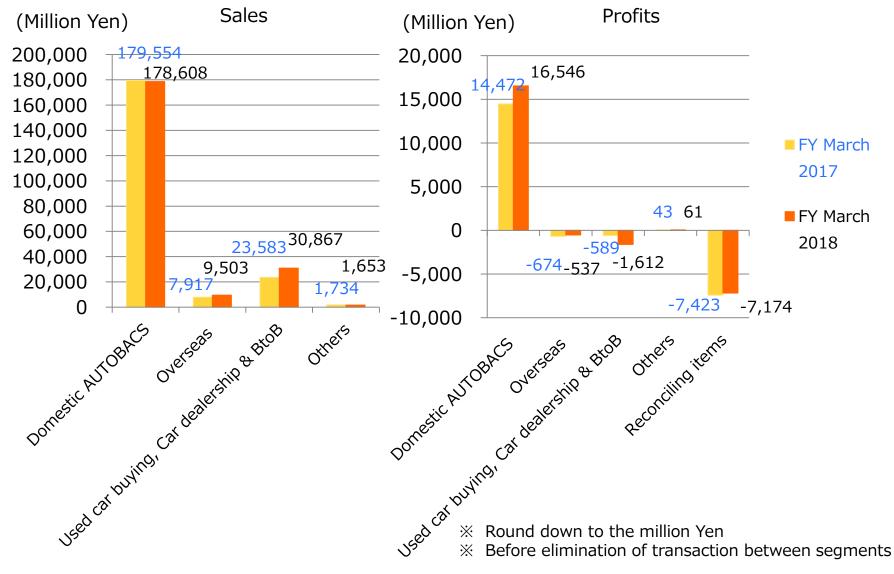


(Million Yen) Retail sales ups and downs by merchandise category (FY March 2018, YoY change in amount, total store basis)



Sales and profits of Reporting Segments





Segment Information



(Million Yen)

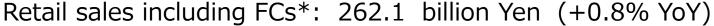
		FY March 2018 result	FY March 2017 result	YoY	Summary
Domestic	Sales	178,608	179,554	-0.5%	The results of both wholesale and retail were strong. Reduced wholesale prices were
	Gross margin	56,666	57,429	-1.3%	provided to franchisees to help promote their business. Overall selling, general, and
AUTOBACS Business	SG&A	40,119	42,956	-6.6%	administrative expenses decreased due to the business transfer of store subsidiaries to
	Operating income	16,546	14,472	+14.3%	franchisees, despite an increase in TV ads, etc.
	Sales	9,503	7,917	+20.0%	
Overseas Business	Gross margin	4,828	4,038	+19.6%	Overall, operating loss decreased. Revenue in France increased thanks to the improvement of tires and service pits. The
	SG&A	5,365	4,712	+13.9%	payment of expenses preceded business
	Operating income	-537	-674	-	expansion in Thailand and Singapore.
	Sales	30,867	23,583	+30.9%	In the imported car dealer business, sales and profit increased after the Company
Used car buying, Car dealer	Gross margin	5,713	4,540	+25.8%	acquired the shares of Motoren Tochigi Corp. and trade rights in Nerima-ku.
and B to B Business	SG&A	7,326	5,130	+42.8%	Profit decreased in car purchases due to increased expenses ahead of operations and
	Operating income	-1,612	-589	-	in the BtoB Business due to a rise in the cost of oil purchased and logistics expenses.
Others	Operating income	61	43	+42.2%	
Reconciling items	Operating income	-7,174	-7,423	-	

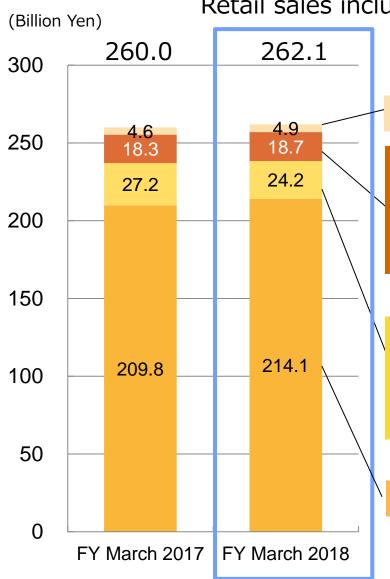
Amounts are rounded down.

% of Net Sales and YoY comparisons are calculated in the single digits.

Retail Sales in Total AUTOBACS Group Stores







Second hand goods & Fuel: 4.9BY (+7.4% YoY)

Statutory safety inspection: 18.7BY (+2.4% YoY)

Number of cars inspected: 633,000cars (-1.9% YoY)

Number of fully certified & designated stores: 422 stores

(Up from 413 stores at March 31, 2017)

Car purchase & sales: 24.2BY (-10.9% YoY)

Number of cars sold: 24,244 cars (-11.6% YoY)

Number of fully certified & designated stores: 424 stores

(Down from 468 stores at March 31, 2017)

Car related goods & services: 214.1BY (+2.1% YoY)

* Sales at all domestic store formats (AUTOBACS, Super AUTOBACS, AUTOBACS CARS, AUTOBACS Secohan Ichiba and AUTOBACS EXPRESS)

Non-Consolidated and Domestic Store Subsidiaries



(Million Yen)

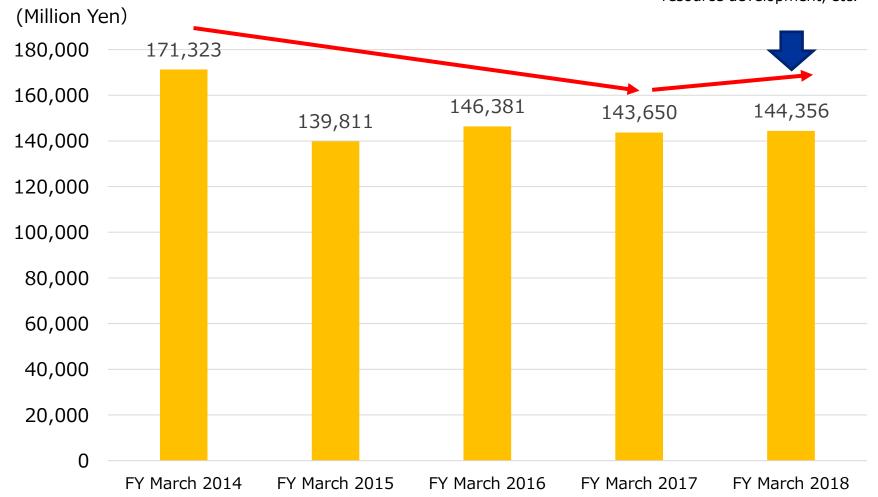
	Non	-consolidat	ted	Domestic Store Subsidiaries			
	Results	YoY	Vs. Plans	Results	YoY	Vs. Plans	
Net Sales	156,313	+3,258	+2,413	58,040	-8,403	-959	
Gross Margin(%)	32,302 (20.7%)	+952 (+0.2pt)	+374	24,806 (42.7%)	-1,720 (+2.8pt)	+649	
SG&A	26,714	+528	-314	23,331	-2,925	-278	
Operating Income	5,588	+424	-112	1,475	+1,205	+928	
	 Revenue and p Despite measu wholesale gross franchisees, the thanks to the st of tires, etc. Selling, genera expenses increas in personnel experformance-linka rise in insurance statutory safety 	res taken to red margin for revir total gross mar rong results of I, and administ sed as a result denses, due larg ked employee in the premiums re	duce the talizing rgin increased the wholesale rative of an increase tely to ncentives and lated to	 Selling, general decreased due to Hokkaido and Au Revenue increa and continuous e 	ased and profit increased administrative and administrative the transfer of Autobacs Yamagata to sed thanks to strong forts such as reduce ase the gross marg	expenses cobacs ofranchisees. og tire sales cing obsolete	

To Improve Volume of Wholesale



Non-consolidated Net Wholesale Sales

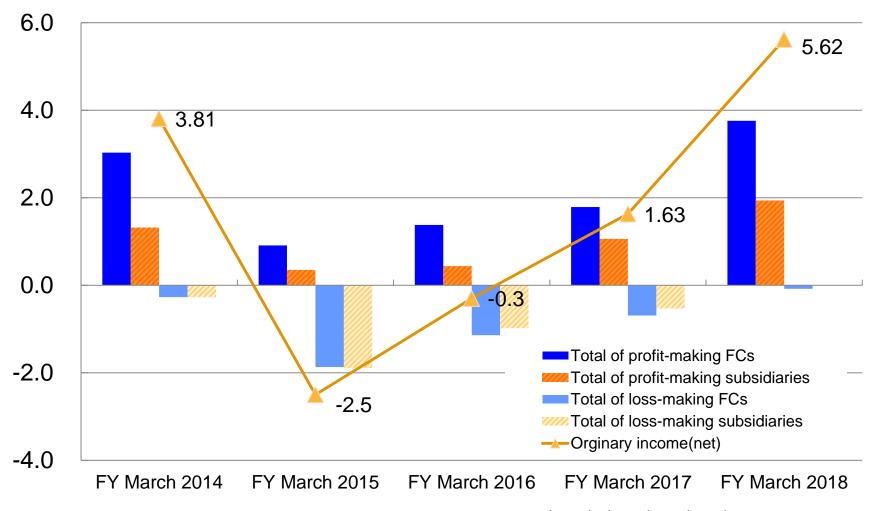
Discounted wholesale prices from Autobacs Seven for one year for fully certified/designated stores to use for their merchandise purchase, sales promotion, human resource development, etc.



Performance Results of Franchisees



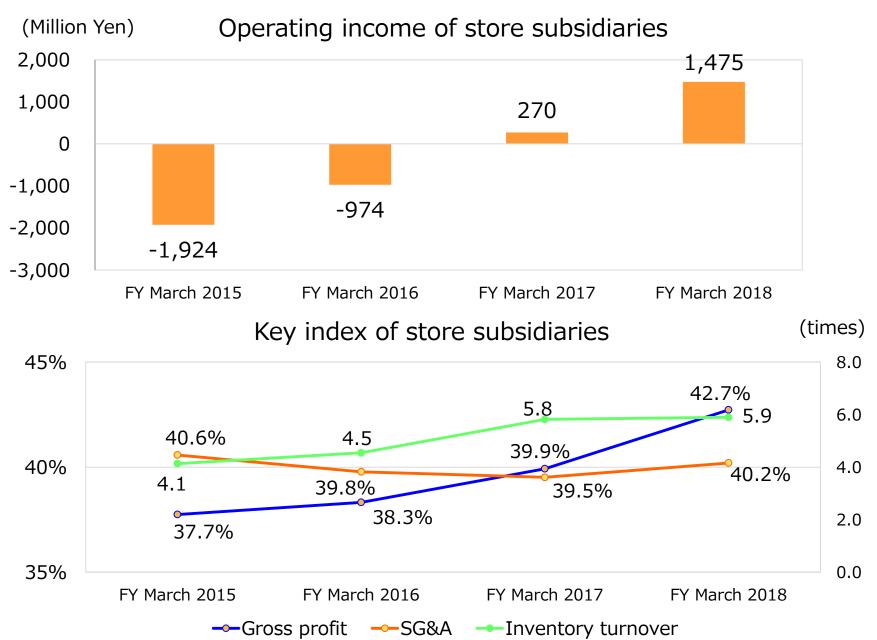
Ordinary Income of Franchise Companies (Preliminary) (Billion Yen)



- 1) Excluding three listed companies
- 2) Including some FC's latest estimates

Profit Improvement of Store Subsidiaries





Domestic Store Subsidiaries: Management Restructuring



Store transfer of store subsidiaries in North east area in Japan

- Transfer of 2 stores in the Iwate area to a franchisee (February 17, 2018)
- Transfer of 11 stores in the Miyagi area and 4 stores in the Akita area to a franchisee (March 1, 2018)

As of March 31, 2017 Domestic store subsidiaries: 134 stores operated by 18 companies



As of March 31, 2018 Domestic store subsidiaries: 108 stores operated by 15 companies

Performance by Overseas Subsidiaries



Performance of Consolidated Subsidiaries

(Million Yen)

	Fra	nce	Thai	land	Singa	apore	China		Malaysia	
Number of stores at Mar. 31, 2018-including FC stores-	1	11 9		9 3		0		5		
Period	FY March 2018	FY March 2017	FY March 2018	FY March 2017	FY March 2018	FY March 2017	FY March 2018	FY March 2017	FY March 2018	FY March 2017
Net Sales (Million Yen)	7,190	6,040	371	276	1,390	1,257	452	269	36	26
SG&A (Million Yen)	3,818	3,290	216	199	589	518	170	117	63	65
Operating Income (Million Yen)	-19	-88	-104	-123	108	91	-20	-2	-48	-54
Performance	In addition trend of e recovery, tires and s pits with s inspection resulting i reduced d	conomic sales of service safety as grew, n a	Newly opened small outlets and existing large outlets developed further alliances, resulting in sales growth and reduced loss. Operating income rose despite an increase in expenses due chiefly to the addition of personnel for new stores and business expansion.		The export business of AUTOBAC remains so The whole business in began exp	for CS stores trong. esale in China	Strong sa new store the closur unprofital stores res reduced le	es and re of ole sulted in		

Expectations for the Business Environment (FY March 2019)



Business Environment

[Positive Factors]

- Public interest in dashcams will continue to grow.
- Demand for statutory safety inspections is expected to recover in the second half of FY March 2019 as a result of an increase in the number of vehicles subject to statutory safety inspections.

[Negative Factors]

- Reactionary fall from the last-minute surge in demand in the previous year before a rise in tire prices
- Reactionary fall from growth in demand for winter merchandise due to cold snaps in the previous year

Domestic Store Sales (YoY)

First Half		Secon	d Half	Full Year		
Same store basis	Total store basis	Same store basis	Total store basis	Same store basis	Total store basis	
+0.9%	+1.3%	+0.3%	+0.7%	+0.6%	+1.0%	

Sales at all domestic store formats

Financial Forecasts (FY March 2019)



(Billion Yen)

					(Billion Ton)		
	FY March 2018	FY March 2019 (Forecast)					
	Result (% to Net sales)	1st-half (% to Net sales)	2nd-half (% to Net sales)	Full year (% to Net sales)	YoY change (amount & rate)		
Net sales	211.6	102.0	113.0	215.0	+1.6%		
Gross profit	67.3	32.7	36.1	68.8	+2.1%		
	31.8%	32.1%	31.9%	32.0%	+0.2pt		
SG&A	60.0	29.7	30.1	59.8	-0.5%		
	28.4%	29.1%	26.6%	27.8%	-0.6pt		
Operating income	7.2	3.0	6.0	9.0	+23.6%		
	3.4%	2.9%	5.3%	4.2%	+0.8pt		
Ordinary income	8.2	3.5	6.5	10.0	+21.6%		
	3.9%	3.4%	5.8%	4.7%	+0.8pt		
Net income	5.4	2.2	4.6	6.8	+25.8%		
	2.6%	2.2%	4.1%	3.2%	+0.6pt		
ROE	4.3%			5.3%	+1.0pt		
Same store sales (YoY)	+1.3%	+0.9%	+0.3%	+0.6%	_		
Total store sales (YoY)	+1.3%	+1.3%	+0.7%	+1.0%	-		

Forecasts at Parent & Subsidiary Level (FY March 2019)



(Million Yen)

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		FY March 2019 (Forecasts)						
		1st-half	2nd-half	Full Year	YoY change (amount)			
Domestic	Net sales	82,440	93,500	175,940	-2.4%			
AUTOBACS Business *	Operating income	6,480	9,320	15,800	-0.3%			
Overseas Business	Net sales	6,680	6,610	13,290	+45.2%			
	Operating income	-130	-230	-360	-			
Dealers, BtoB and Online Business *	Net sales	12,480	12,460	24,940	+17.9%			
	Operating income	-460	-190	-650	-			
Others	Net sales	400	430	830	-15.9%			
	Operating income	70	60	130	+109.7%			
Adjustment cost	Operating income	-2,960	-2,960	-5,920	-			

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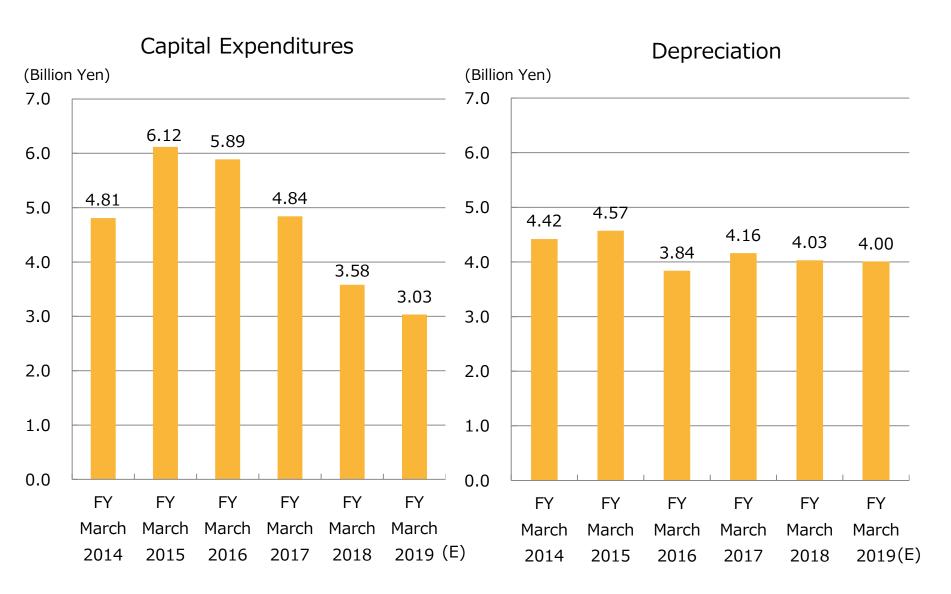
^{*}The breakdown of the reporting segment will be changed from fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

⁻ Car purchase business in the "Used car buying, Car dealership and BtoB Business" segment will be transferred to "Domestic AUTOBACS Business".

⁻ Internet business in the "Domestic AUTOBACS Business" segment will be transferred to the "Car dealership business and BtoB business" and the name of the segment will be changed to "Car dealership, BtoB business and Internet Business".

Capital Expenditures & Depreciation

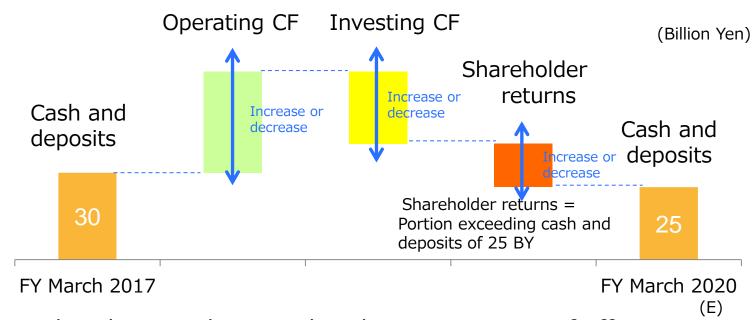




Financial Strategy (Cash Flows and Shareholders Returns)



Model plan toward FY 2020



Cash and cash equivalents on hand: Improvement of efficiency, aiming for 25 BY

Investment: Investment of approx. 21 BY

Shareholder returns

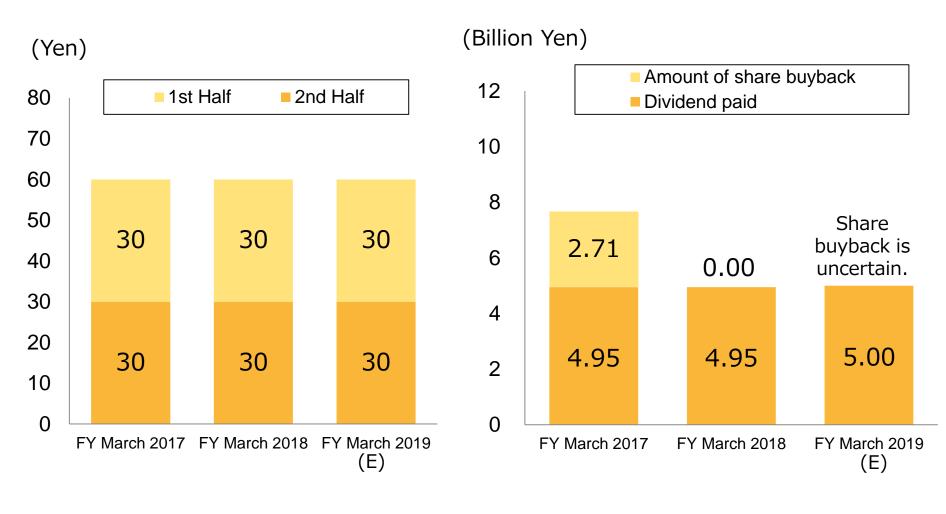
Dividends : Stable dividends + Dividend payout ratio of $50\%\sim100\%$ Share buybacks using surplus funds will be considered

Shareholders Return





Dividends and share buyback



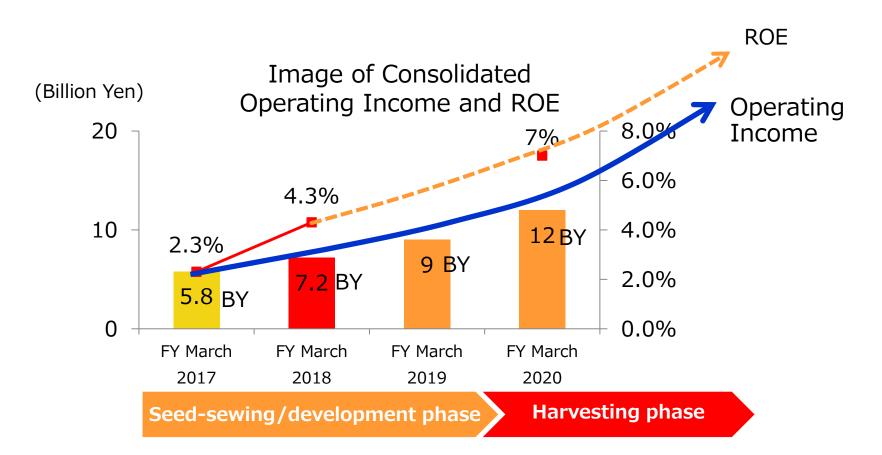
II. Progress of 2014 Mid-term Business Plan and Initiatives of FY March 2019



Management Targets (FY March 2020)

Consolidated Operating Income 12 Billion Yen

Consolidated ROE 7%



2017 Medium-term Business Plan: Review of the First Year



	Category	Self-evaluation
•	Revitalization of franchisees and revenue growth at store subsidiaries	Excellent
•	Improvement of merchandise development	Good
•	Business model development	Not sufficient
•	Development of mechanics and promotion of store employee activities	Good
•	Establishment of business models other than overseas business and retail stores	Good

• Increase of car purchase stores and expansion of

BtoB Business

Bad

Value (Merchandise) Provided to Customers by AUTOBACS



"Self-expression"

Motor sports goods, garage goods, ARTA-related products, etc.

Demand for greater enjoyment of driving

"Safety and Security"

Tires, statutory inspections, dashcams, other maintenance products, safety inspections, etc.

Demand for comfortable use of a car

Demand for enjoyment using a car

"Value of Experience"

Lifestyle-related goods, drones, campers, Glafit bikes, etc.

Domestic AUTOBACS Business: Images of Merchandise



Demand for comfortable use of a car "Safety and Security"











Tire

Oil

Battery

Dashcams to warn of Pedal Watcher driving in the wrong direction

Demand for enjoyment using a car "Value of Experience"







JKM

glafit bike

Campers

Demand for greater enjoyment of driving "Selfexpression"



Motor Sport



GORDON MILLER



ARTA items

Domestic AUTOBACS Business: Effort on Lifestyle-related Products



JACK & MARIE Brand to develop Lifestyle market related to cars







JACK & MARIE Products

JACK & MARIE Yokohama BAY QUARTER

Sales since June 2017 About 76 Million Yen (Only Online store sales)

March 2018 Real store Open 2019 ended March 31 Expand the number of stores

JKM/GORDON MILLER Brand for AUTOBACS Store





GORDON MILLER

June 2017 to March 2018 Store sales + Online store sales

About 200Million Yen



All AUTOBACS stores are going to start this brand along with the store renovation

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Domestic AUTOBACS Business: Value(Store style) Provided to Customers



"Self-expression"

SUPER AUTOBACS

Demand for greater enjoyment of driving

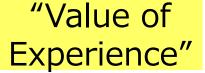


"Safety and Security"

- AUTOBACS
- Smart+1
- AUTOBACS Mini

Demand for comfortable use of a car

Demand for enjoyment using a car



- AUTOBACS GARAGE
- <u>AUTOBACS</u>







Domestic AUTOBACS Business: Development of Mechanics and Promotion of Store Employee Activities



- 1. Launch of mechanic development program of Chain Growth Co., Ltd.
- 2. Promotion of acceptance of overseas technical trainees
- 3. Commendation of store attendants praised by customers (AUTOBACS Awards)
- Selection of excellent mechanics and use of them for promotion (AUTOBACS GUYS)







Technical trainees from the Philippines

Overseas Business: Examples of Activities in the ASEAN Region





Started opening stores at gas stations operated by the PTG Group through an alliance with the PTG Group.







Singapore

- Opened in-store shops at gas stations
- Receive contract maintenance service



Maintenance of a lease car at a store



China

- Purchase air fresheners from
 Guangdong Car House Industrial
 Development Co., Ltd.
- Expanding the wholesale business in China





Air fresheners sold by Guangdong Car House

Used Car Buying, Car Dealership and BtoB Business



Car purchase stores (independent stores)

Underperformed because the number of cars assessed failed to reach the planned level at some stores.

BtoB Business

Focused on developing new corporate customers in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 in addition to conventional sales to AUTOBACS stores and home improvement retailers.

- Wholesale to home improvement retailers

Profit decreased, due mainly to intensifying competition over purchase costs and delivery prices and an increase in logistics expenses.

- E-commerce

Lack of competitiveness in product lines and convenience of platforms

- Wholesale of wheel-tire sets

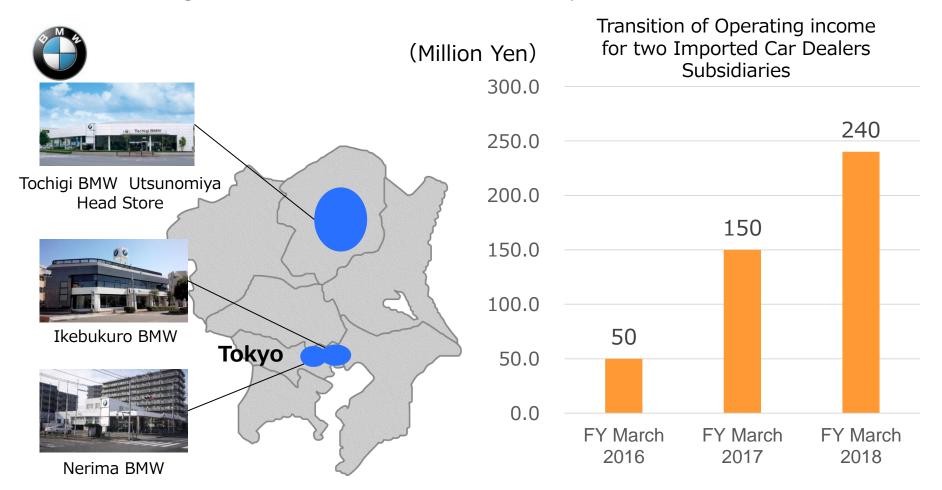
Started developing an installation plant and a wholesale base

Used Car Buying, Car Dealership and BtoB Business



Imported Car Dealer Business

Increase the number of store toward an efficient management as a AUTOBACS Group





1. Stores

Concentrate on sales of Tire and Statutory inspection, and Store Renovation

2. Head Office

- Development of Merchandise
- Optimization of the store in each area
- Improvement of the profitability of the store subsidiaries



Tire

1. Improve online sales



- 2. Increase product lines such as low-price products and all-season tires
- 3. Commenced the installation of snow tires in automatic lines
 - Reduce the burden of store workers and improve operation in the stores

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Statutory inspection

Forecast of Statutory inspection market

2019 ended March 31: +1.6%

Transition of number of cars finished Statutory inspection

1) Effort at stores

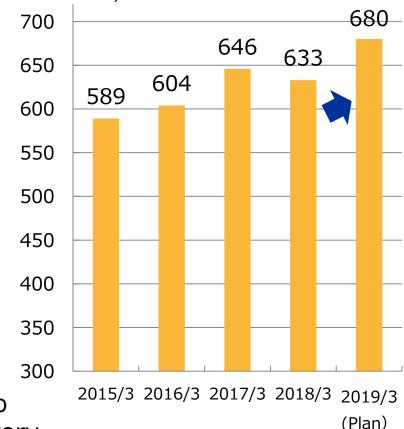
- 15-minute acceptance inspection
- Improvement of store operation

2) Sales Strategy

- Get appointments of Statutory inspection two years before, and approach to the customers already appointed
- Tell Calling for the customers came to AUTOBACS stores

3) Product differentiation

 Additional service of compensation to parts of damages to cars after Statutory inspection (Three Relief Star Compensation)



(Thousands cars)



Store renovations (goal: approx. 200 stores)

Demand for greater enjoyment of driving

Demand for comfortable use of a car

Demand for enjoyment using a car

People Aspect

Improvement of store operation

- Increase customer service efficiency
- Reduce back office operations
- Improve people's productivity

Physical Aspect

Store renovations

- Change sales floor zoning and personnel placement
- Clean and decorate service bays and restrooms
- Develop new products (JKM, GORDON MILLER, etc.)

Initiatives for FY March 2019: Domestic AUTOBACS Business



Automobile Purchases and Sales Business

- Transfer to Domestic AUTOBACS Business in FY March 2019
- Close some unprofitable independent stores
- Revise franchise agreement with FCs
- Continue used car purchase business by renting spaces in franchisee stores

Initiatives for FY March 2019: Overseas Business



Strengths of Autobacs Seven in Overseas Markets

- Carrying a Japanese brand
- Capable of purchasing merchandise in the local areas
- Strong sales capabilities of local subsidiaries and partners

Overseas Demand

- Reliable brands
- Reliable parts that are more affordable than parts sold by automakers

Overseas Businesses: Growing Wholesale Business



Air fresheners for overseas countries



Oils for the Russian market



Brake pads for the Indonesian market

Initiatives for FY March 2019: Car Dealership, BtoB and Internet Business



Imported Car Dealer Business

- Increase locations
- Increase revenue at existing stores

BtoB Business

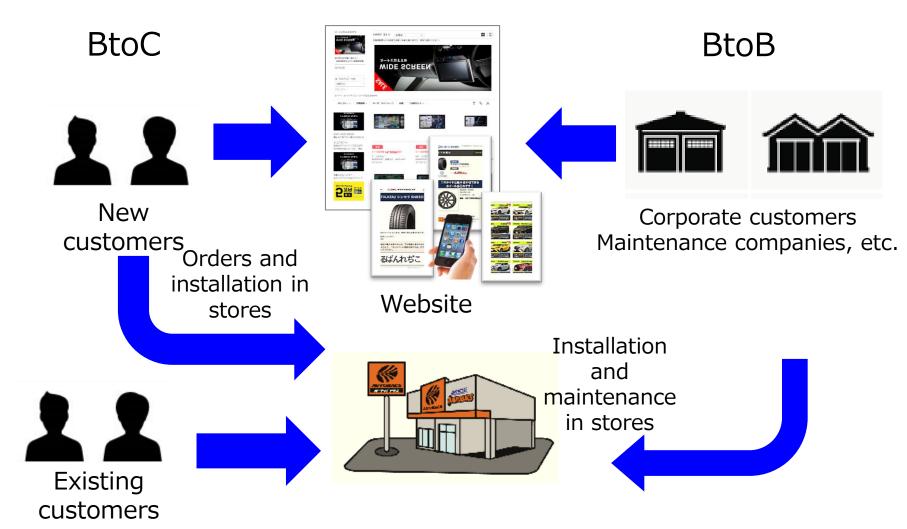
- Change organizations
- Withdraw from unprofitable business alliances
- Restructure logistics systems
- Develop products by taking advantage of the strengths of the AUTOBACS Group
- Start selling installed tires and wheels in sets to customers outside the Group





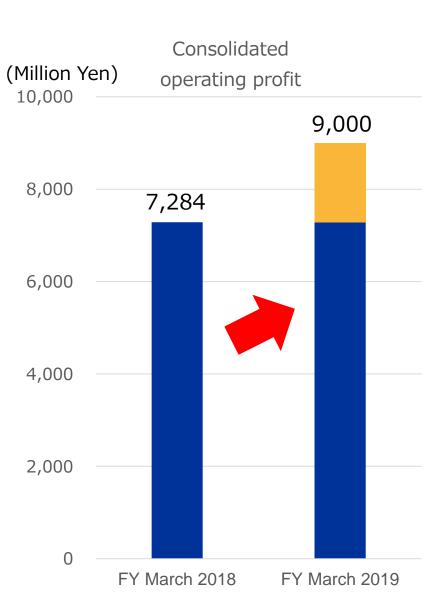
Car Dealership, BtoB and Internet Business

Platform to connect customers with AUTOBACS stores



Profit Drivers of 2019 ended March 31





 Demand of tire switchback caused by snow + Reaction of increased tire price

1. Domestic AUTOBACS Business

- Increase sales of tires and statutory inspection
- Improve profitability of the store subsidiaries

2. Overseas Business

- Improve profitability and increase the wholesales at each country
- 3. Car Dealership, BtoB and Internet Business
 - Close Unprofitable Car Purchase stores

4. Corporate Cost

- Reduce expenditure mainly IT costs



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Professional and Friendly

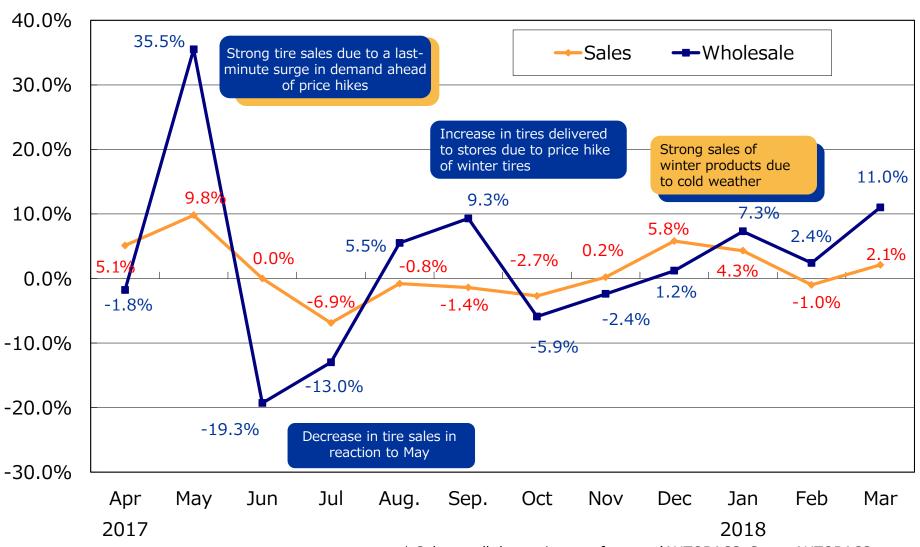




Sales Trend: Retail & Wholesale



(YoY change for the last 12 months)

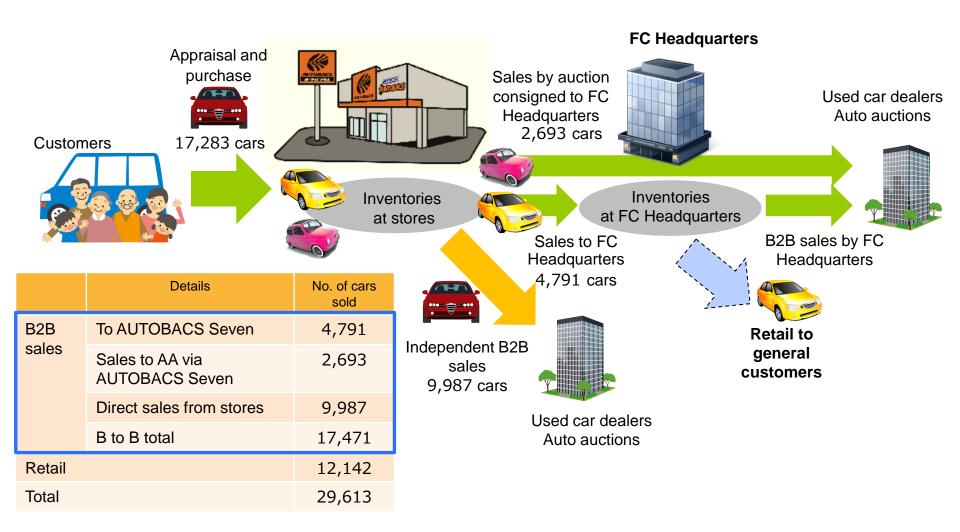


Automobile purchase and sales (1



Commercial flow of car purchase and B2B sales

(No. of cars denotes cumulative units for the nine months ended Dec. 31, 2018)

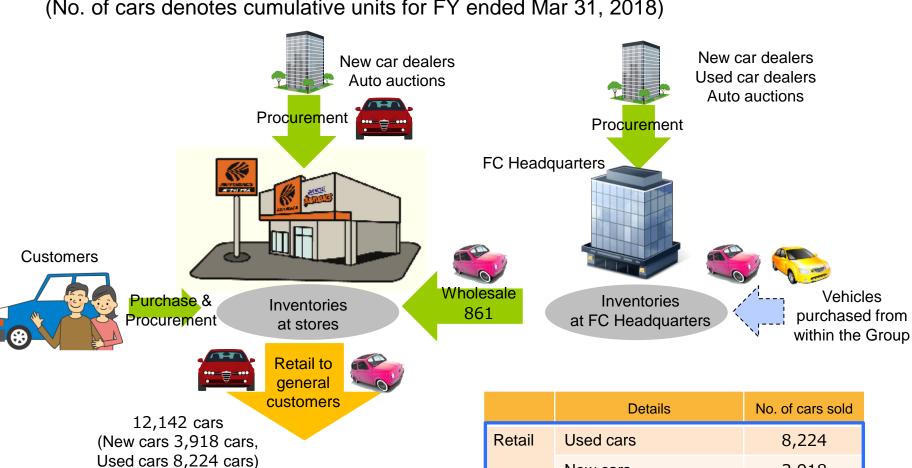


Automobile purchase and sales (2)



Commercial flow of retail sales

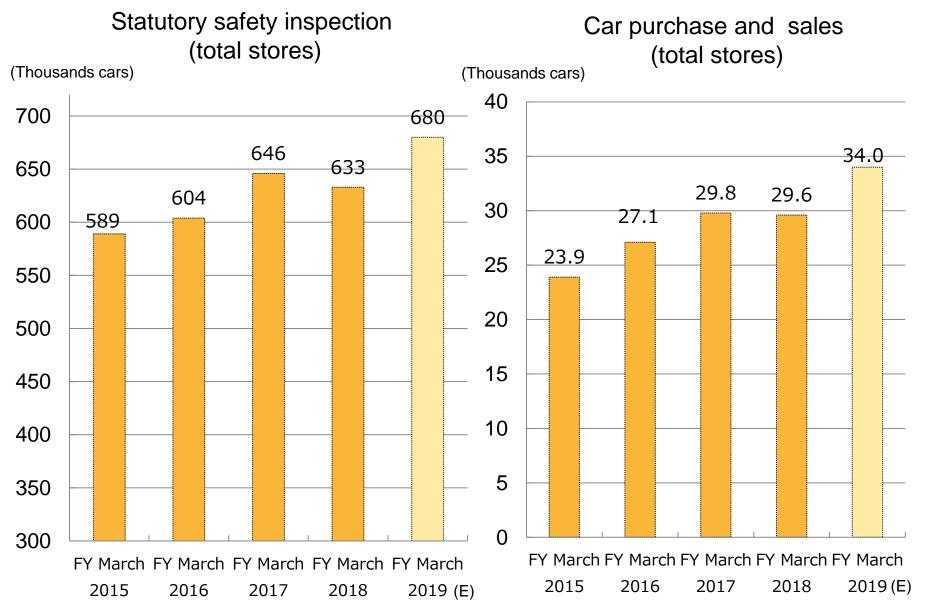
(No. of cars denotes cumulative units for FY ended Mar 31, 2018)



2,142 cars		Details	No. of Cars Solu
ars 3,918 cars,	Retail	Used cars	8,224
ars 8,224 cars)		New cars	3,918
Customers		Retail total	12,142
	B2B sales		17,471
	Total		29,613

Results of Statutory Safety Inspection and Car Purchase & Sales Business





Progress of New Store Openings (FY March 2018)



	Domestic Store name	Location (Prefecture)	Owner of store	Opening date
1	AUTOBACS CARS URAWAMISONO Store	Saitama	RC	July 31, 2017
2	AUTOBACS Mini AEON MAII TAMADAIRA NO MORI Store	Tokyo	RC	August 3, 2017
3	AUTOBACS Mini AEON MALL TAKAMATSU Store	Kagawa	RC	August 3, 2017
4	AUTOBACS HAKUI Store	Ishikawa	FC	October 6, 2017
5	AUTOBACS CARS FUKUOKA AIRPORT Store	Fukuoka	RC *	October 17, 2017
6	AUTOBACS Mini AEON MALL KOFU-SHOWA Store	Yamanashi	RC	November 23, 2017
7	AUTOBACS Mini AEON Ujina Store	Hiroshima	RC	December 13, 2017
8	AUTOBACS Mini AEON MALL AYAGAWA Store	Kagawa	RC	February 27, 2018

*Changed to AUTOBACS FUKUOKA operation from April 1, 2018.

	Overseas Store name	Location (Prefecture)	Owner of store	Opening date
1	AUTOBACS Dunearn Store	Singapore	Overseas Subsidiaries	April 7, 2017
2	AUTOBACS SUTERA UTAMA Store	Malaysia	Overseas Subsidiaries	August 11, 2017
3	AUTOBACS DAVAO	Philippines	FC	September 8, 2017
4	AUTOBACS WATCHARAPHON Store	Thailand	Overseas Subsidiaries	October 27, 2017
5	AUTOBACS TAMAN UNIVERSITI Store	Malaysia	Overseas Subsidiaries	November 16, 2017
6	AUTOBACS Samut Prakan 4 Store	Thailand	Overseas Subsidiaries	January 19, 2018
7	AUTOBACS Nakhon Pathom 4 Store	Thailand	Overseas Subsidiaries	March 23, 2018

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Quarterly P/L (FY March 2018)



(Billion Yen)

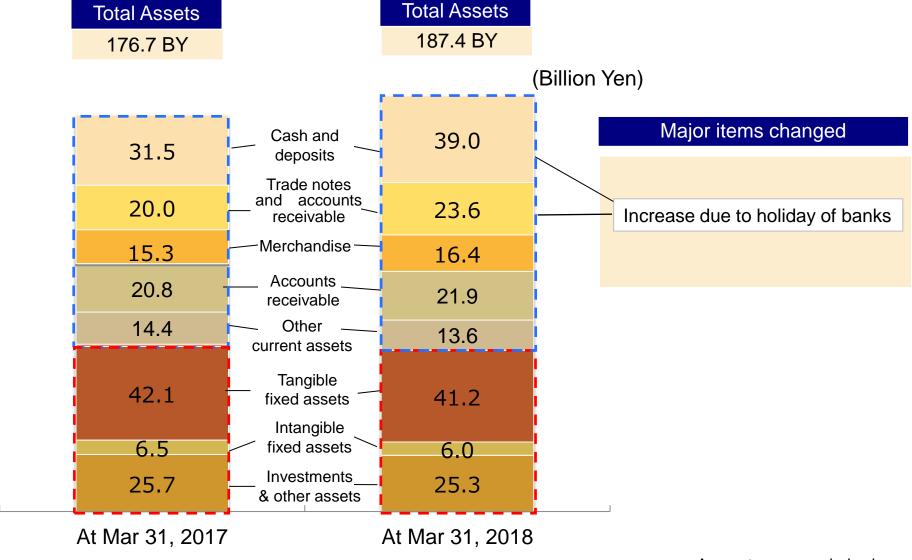
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	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	FY March 2018
Net sales	49.9	48.1	66.5	47.0	211.6
YoY	+5.1%	+1.8%	+1.0%	+8.5%	+3.7%
Gross profit (% of Sales)	15.3 (30.7%)	16.3 (34.0%)	20.5 (30.9%)	15.1 (32.2%)	67.3 (31.8%)
YoY	+3.2%	+3.6%	-1.1%	+2.7%	+1.8%
SG&A	14.9	14.8	15.0	15.2	60.0
YoY	+2.0%	-0.9%	-3.7%	+1.1%	-0.4%
Operating income	0.3	1.5	5.5	-0.1	7.2
YoY	+96.9%	+86.3%	+6.9%		+25.0%
Ordinary income	0.6	1.8	5.9	-0.2	8.2
Net income	0.3	1.0	3.9	1.0	5.4
Same store sales	+5.6%	-2.9%	+1.4%	+1.5%	+1.3%

Amounts are rounded down.

[%] of Net Sales and YoY comparisons are calculated in the single digits.

Balance Sheet: Assets

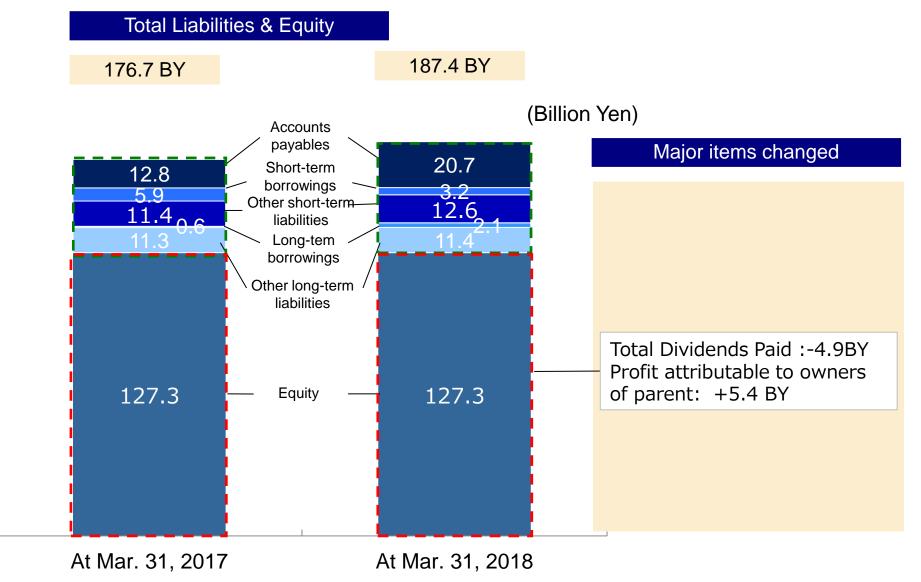




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Balance Sheets: Liabilities and Equity





Store Openings and Closings (FY March 2018)



Domestic	No. of	FY March 2018					No. of	
	stores at		1st Half		2nd Half			stores at
stores	March 31, 2017	New	S/B • R/L	Close	New	S/B • R/L	Close	March 31, 2018
AUTOBACS	495	+2		-2	+4		-2	497
Super AUTOBACS	74							74
AUTOBACS Secohan Ichiba	9						-1	8
AUTOBACS EXPRESS	11							11
AUTOBACS CARS	12	+1		-1	+1			13
Total	601	+3		-3	+5		-3	603

Overseas	No. of	FY Mar	No. of		
stores	stores at Mar 31, 2017	1st-half	2nd-half	stores at Mar 31, 2018	
France	11			11	
Thailand	8	-1	+3/-1	9	
Singapore	2	+1		3	
Taiwan	6			6	
Malaysia	4	+1/-1	+1	5	
Indonesia	5		-1	4	
Philippines	2	+1	_	3	
Total	38	+1	+2	41	

S/B=Scrap & Build, R/L=Relocation



Forward-Looking Statements

These materials include forecasts regarding the Company's future plans, strategies, and performance. This information is based on judgments and forecasts made in accordance with information currently available. Actual results may differ materially from forecasts due to such factors as changes in operating circumstances.