# **Business Outline**

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Consolidated results

Net sales: 412.9 billions of yen

Foundation

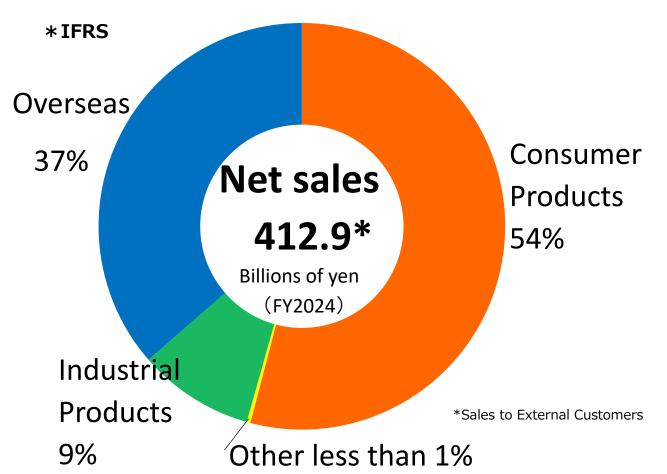
October, 1891

Capital

34.4 billions of yen

Employees

Consolidated:7,654





T. Kobayashi &Co.

(Year 1891)



Lion Toothpowder (Year1896)

Company name came from this product.



Lion laundry Soap Vegetable-derived (Year1920)

# Consumer Products (Japan) Products Fields & Market Position



Market Share Position in 2024 Source: LION

#### Other







**Pet Care** 

Gift

#### **Pharmaceutical**







Eye drops Smile

Antipyretic analgesics No.2



Antipyretic analgesics **BUFFERIN** 

#### **Living Care**

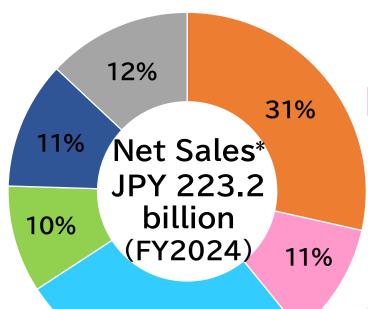


Dishwashing detergents **CHARMY** 



Household cleaners LOOK

#### Composition by Category



25%

\*Sales to External Customers

#### **Oral Care**

#### Toothpaste Toothbrush No.1









SYSTEMA

**CLINICA** 

#### **Beauty Care**

#### Hand Soap No.1



Hygiene care Kirei Kirei



Body soap hadakara



**Deodorants** Ban

#### **Fabric Care**



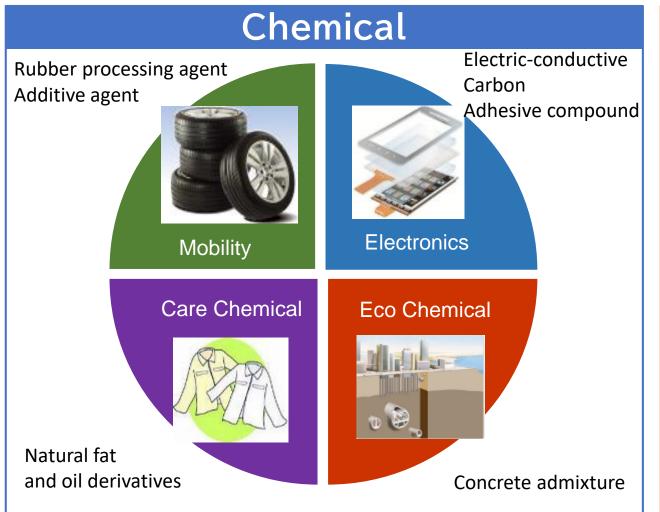
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## **Industrial Products**



# Net sales\*: JPY 38.1 billion(FY2024) \*Sales to External Customer



#### Detergent for Institutional Use

Cleaners for dishwashing machine

Alcohol Sanitizer

Hand soap







Cleaners for vegetables



Vegetable washing systems



Cleaners for kitchen





LION CORPORATION(Thailand)Ltd. Located in Bangkok

Body Soap, Hand Soap No.1 Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Laundry

**Detergent, Dishwashing Detergent No.2** 





Lion Kallol Limited\* \*Established in June 2022 Located in Dhaka



Southern Lion Sdn. Bhd. Located in Johor Bahru Laundry Detergent No.1







PT. Lion Wings\* \*Equity method subsidiary **Located in Jakarta Timur** 

Toothpaste, Dishwashing **Detergent No.2** 





Lion Daily Necessities Chemicals (Qingdao) Co., Ltd. Located in Qingdao

Toothbrush (Online Channel) No.2



Net sales\*: JPY 150.2 billion (FY2024)



Lion Corporation (Korea) **Located in Seoul** 

Hand Soap No.1 Eye Drop No.4







Lion Corporation (Hong Kong) Ltd. Located in Hong Kong

Toothbrush, Dental Rinse No.2



Lion Home Products (Taiwan) Co., Ltd.

Located in New Taipei City Toothbrush, Eye Drop No.3

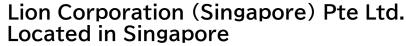


Merap Lion Holding Corporation\*
\*Equity method subsidiary from March 2023

Located in Ho Chi Minh City

Functional Eye Drop segment No.3





Hand Soap, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Detergent No.1, Toothbrush No.2







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# Our History in Living Habits: Oral Care Habits



# Lion's history is a history of fostering good living habits

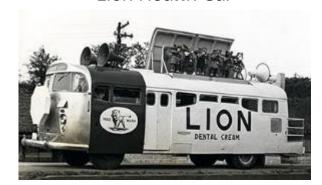
First Lion oral hygiene lecture



First Oral Health Event of Tooth Brushing for Children



Lion Health Car



KidZania



1913



1932



1934

1952



2006





1921

Lion Dental Clinic for Children opened



Artist-illustrated poster



Cherry Program\* \*Workplace dental health promotion activities



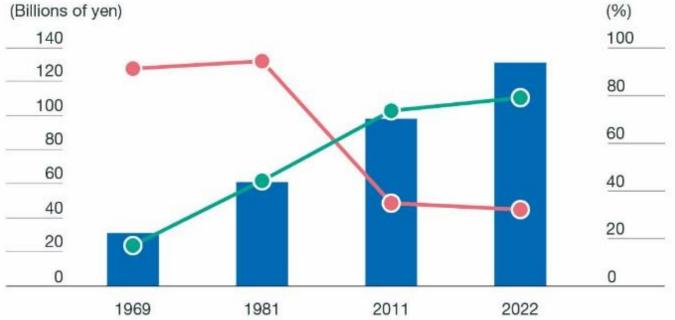
Oral Health Event of Tooth Brushing 8 for Children

# Redesigning Habits to Create Social and Economic Value: Oral Care Habits



#### Toothpaste Market Scale, Percentage of Consumers Who Brush At Least Twice a Day and Percentage of Children Aged 10 to 14 Years with Cavities (Japan)





Sources: Market size from a Lion Corporation survey; tooth brushing frequency and percentage of children aged 10 to 14 years with cavities (treated and untreated) from *Survey of Dental Diseases* by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

# Habits established

✓ Percentage of people brushing at least twice a day:

Approx. 5x

# Social Value

✓ Percentage of school-age children with cavities:

Approx. 1/3x

# **Economic Value**

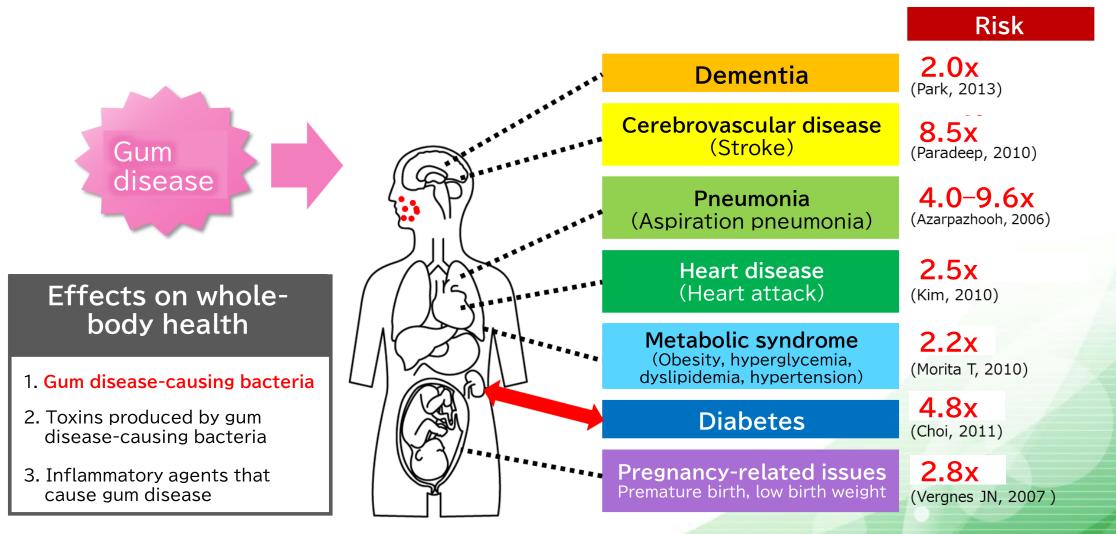
✓ Toothpaste market size:

Approx. 4x

# Oral Care for Whole-Body Health: Oral Care Habits



# Gum disease greatly affects the health of the whole body



(Source: Lion Foundation for Dental Health (Ed.), Considering Gum Disease and Whole-Body Health)

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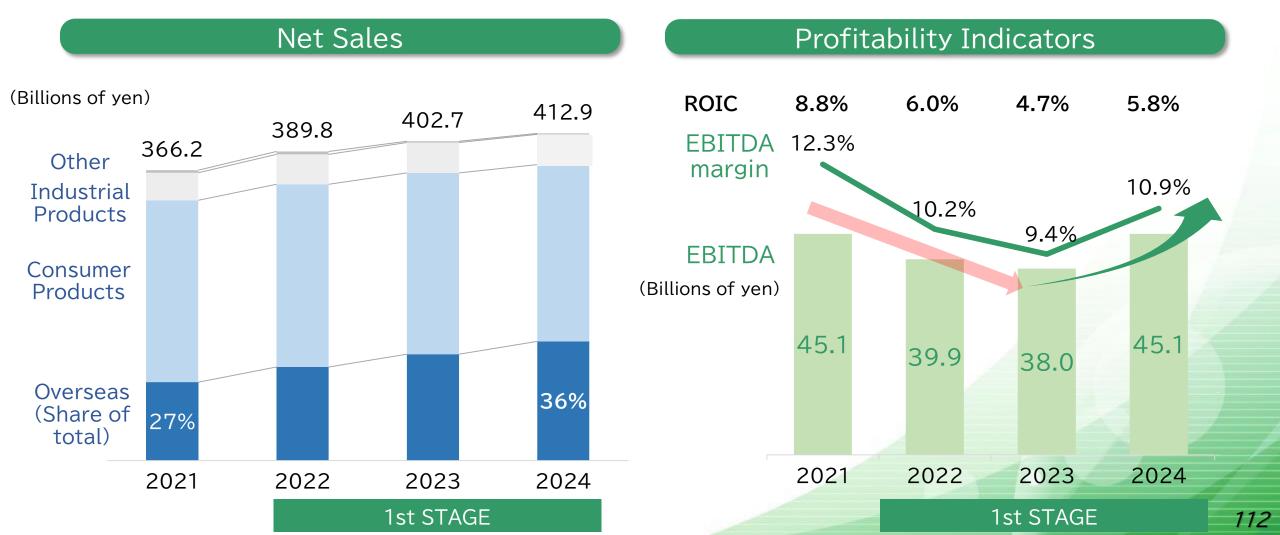
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# Reflecting on 1st STAGE



Overseas business drove net sales growth, accounting for 36% of consolidated net sales In 2024, profit structure recovered somewhat from deterioration due to internal and external business factors



# Reflecting on 1st STAGE -Achievements and Challenges-



# Achievements

- Continued growth in Overseas Business: 14.7% CAGR (2021→2024)
   Continued growth, primarily in China and Malaysia; improvement in profit margins and an increased share of business from personal care products Launched business operations in Bangladesh and Vietnam, aiming for future growth
- Oral care growth: CAGR (2021→2024) 3.3% (domestic), 11.1% (overseas)
   Oral care business drove Group growth
   Starting small in Japan with multiple service businesses for future growth opportunities

## Challenges

- ✓ Further acceleration of improvements in profitability
   Profitability has declined since 2022 due to rising raw material prices, etc.
   →Implemented structural reforms and saw some profitability
   enhancement in 2024
- ✓ Transition to a business that emphasizes efficiency Profits from launches of multiple large-scale new products fell short of initial plans, and upfront investments are putting pressure on the profit structure
  - → Need to enhance efficiency through business portfolio review and the sharpening of resource allocation

# Positioning 2nd STAGE Towards 2030



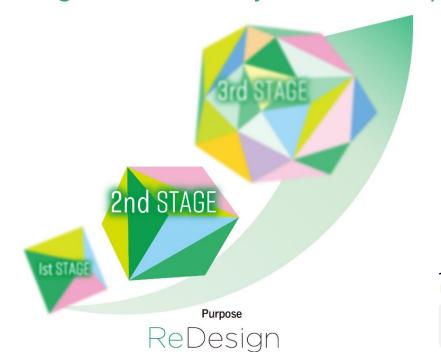
# Work to strengthen profitability and transition to management that further emphasizes the efficiency of invested capital

#### Towards Realizing Vision 2030

Generate social and economic value by supporting the creation of habits, particularly in Asia (Enhance corporate value)

Management vision

Becoming an advanced daily healthcare company



3rd STAGE (2028-2030)

Accelerating growth in Asia by promoting the spread of positive habits

2nd STAGE (2025-2027)

Strengthen profitability

1st STAGE (2022-2024)

Get on a growth track and create the foundations for future growth

# Vision for Expanding Corporate Value Towards 2030



# Create social and economic value and increase Lion's corporate value by contributing to people's lives through better habit creation

#### **Inputs** Outputs Creation of positive habits that help consumers stay healthy Value creation through habits A sincere commitment to manufacturing Usefulness and quality of habits Trust of suppliers X ReDesign Frequency of Products and engaging in habit brands that are widely loved by customers X Creation of better Diverse No. of people adopting human living habits resources habit

financial

#### **Outcomes**

# Social value Vision for 2030

#### **Enhance consumer QOL**

- · Oral care habits: 500 million people
- Cleanliness and hygiene habits:500 million people

# Contribute to the realization of a decarbonized, resource circulating society

- Petrochemical-derived plastic usage:
   70% or less
- Lifecycle water usage: 30% reduction
   \*Compared to 2017, per unit of net sales

#### **Economic value**

Envisioned Financial Performance in 2030

#### Sustainable profitability improvement

- ·EBITDA margin: 16% or higher
- ·ROIC: 10-12%

#### Continuous overseas growth

·Overseas sales ratio: 50%



expansion of corporate value

# 2nd STAGE: Three Basic Policies and Key Indicators



# Formulated three basic policies to strengthen profitability and established key indicators focused on increasing corporate value

#### Three Basic Policies

Strengthen business portfolio management Realize a profitable business portfolio by sharpening the allocation of management resources

- Accelerate growth in oral healthcare
- Strengthen overseas growth initiatives
- Reform profit structure in Consumer Products

Strengthen management base

Strengthen foundation for sustainable business growth and efficient operations

- Strengthen Group R&D systems
- Strengthen profitability with DX
- Strengthen corporate governance

Fully leverage Group assets to enhance strategy implementation and generate dynamism

- Strengthen brand asset utilization
- Enhance human capital value and strengthen organizational management

Theme
Strengthen
Profitability

2nd STAGE Key Indicators

<2027 Targets>

EBITDA margin

13% or higher

ROIC

8-9%

EPS CAGR\*

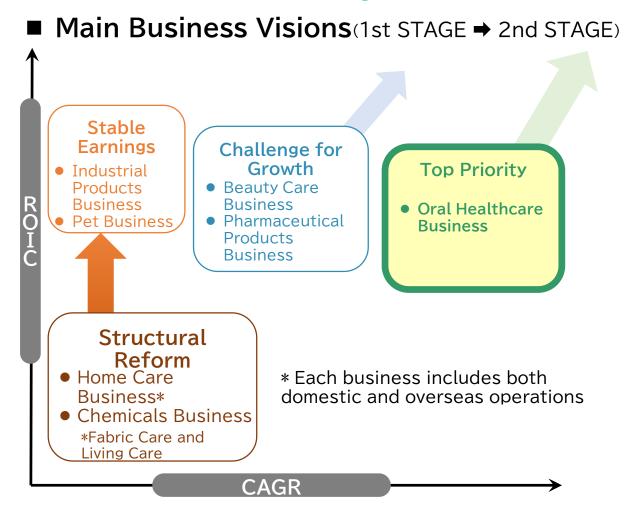
11% or higher

Generate dynamism

# Strengthen Business Portfolio Management



Clarify roles of every Group business to properly allocate management resources, strengthen the profitability of each business and generate synergies among businesses to realize sustainable growth



#### Vision for 2nd STAGE

#### **Top Priority**

We are allocating management resources to this business, which is driving the Group's expansion in terms of both sales growth and capital returns

#### Challenge for Growth

Create new business opportunities and achieve further growth

\* Limit investment to specific areas and categories

#### Stable Earnings

Establish a stable cash inflow and invest in Top Priority and Challenge for Growth businesses

#### Structural Reform

Advance profit structure reforms and strive to realize more Stable Earnings

## Accelerate Growth in Oral Healthcare



Strengthen business Portfolio management Realize a profitable business portfolio by sharpening the allocation of management resources

- Accelerate growth in oral healthcare
- Strengthen overseas growth initiatives
- Reform profit structure in Consumer Products

- 1 Expand the scope of value we provide with the goal of developing an integrated business of products and services
- 2 Consolidate and enhance market position in all areas



Group
oral healthcare
sales growth
CAGR
Approx.
8%
(From fiscal 2024 to 2027)



## Accelerate Growth in Oral Healthcare



Integrate products and services with expanded scope of value and target markets to develop a profitable, unique business in Asia that contributes to people's eating, talking and laughing







**Eating** 

market

**Talking** 

Laughing

Healthcare

education

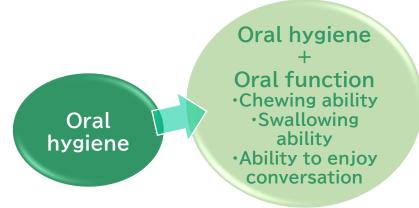
market

Sports

market

#### 1. Expand scope of provided value

Oral healthcare that connects to full-body health



From oral care to oral healthcare

#### 2. Expand target markets

Towards new business models as a leader in the market

Healthcare related Nursing care related Dental Health insurance related

> Self-care products

#### 3. Permeate more areas

Leverage the strengths we have accumulated to grow the business

China: R&D and manufacturing systems

Strong distribution networks

Southeast and South Asia:



# Accelerate Growth in Oral Healthcare **Expansion of Target Markets**



Self-care product market has expanded as habits have grown and evolved Going forward, leverage the strengths Lion has accumulated over its history to expand target markets and create even more value

#### Results of market expansion for self-care products

Growth in Japan over the last 10 years  $(2014 \rightarrow 2024)$ 

Market total

LION

+ $\pm$ 82.7 billion + $\pm$ 38.3 billion

+30%

+65%

#### Added value

Increase in number of people adopting better habits

Professional care

**Toothpaste** unit price LION + 52%Market +30% Dental floss Frequent usage rate 13%→30%

Dental checkups 2 or more times per year 25%→38%

Consumer research capability

No. 1 manufacturer

Brand power as the

#### Expansion of target markets

Ability to

chew

Healthcare related

Ability to

Ability to speak

swallow Dental related

¥3.5 trillion

Self-care products ¥0.4 trillion Related to the health and productivity management

Launched in 2022

Providing service to more than 100 companies

Well-being support service for corporations

Healthcare education

#### Launched in 2023

Oral healthcare programs tailored to the different developmental stages of children

#### Dentistry

Scheduled to launch in April 2025

Oral healthcare habit promotion service for patients of dental clinics

- \* Market size in Japan (Lion survey)
- \* Initiatives are examples from within Japan

Source: Lion survey



# Accelerate Growth in Oral Healthcare Strategies by Area



## Expand presence in Asia through strategies that capture market opportunities

Macro
environ
ment

Population

Challenges facing oral healthcare

Population bonus

Aging population

Raising nationwide awareness of oral healthcare habits

Depopulation and super-aging

Improving oral function for the elderly

Type III

Type\*

Major countries and regions

Market expansion opportunities

Approach to business activities

Base strengths

Type I

Bangladesh, Vietnam

Type II and Malaysia

Thailand, Malaysia (urban areas)

Japan, China (urban areas), South Korea

Quantity increase with spread of better habits (products)

Unit price increase with added value (products and services)

# Spread of general-purpose products and awareness marketing

- Expand distribution to retailers
- •Provide information and strengthen sales of fluoride toothpaste

# Disease and aesthetic solutions, personalized proposals

- •Expand high-performance value-added products (work with dentists)
- ·Recommend regular health checkups, etc.
- Knowledge and expertise gained as the #1 oral healthcare company in Japan
- Measures to respond to the dental healthcare policies of various countries
- Relationships with dentists and related organizations
- System to promote oral healthcare globally across the Group

# Strengthen Overseas Growth Initiatives



Strengthen business portfolio management Realize a profitable business portfolio by sharpening management resource allocation

- Accelerate growth in oral healthcare
- Strengthen overseas growth initiatives
- Reform profit structure in Consumer Products

- 1 Continue growth through glocalization
- 2 Strengthen profit growth strategies in response to challenges of each country

#### **Overseas Business**

Sales growth CAGR
Approx.
10%
(From fiscal 2024 to 2027)

EBITDA margin Approx.

+2points
(From fiscal 2024 to 2027)

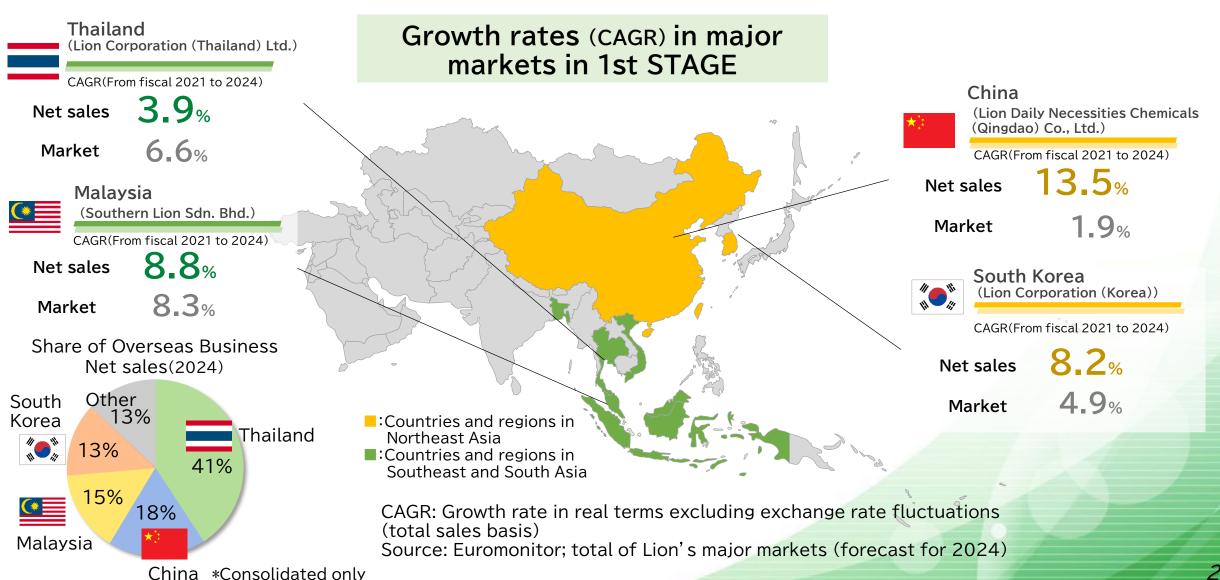
\* Total net sales



# Strengthen Overseas Growth Initiatives Reflecting on 1st STAGE



## Achieve growth exceeding market rates in China, South Korea and Malaysia





# Strengthen overseas growth initiatives Strengths of Our 4 Major Countries and Future Growth Trajectory



During 2nd STAGE, aim to achieve further profitable growth focused on oral healthcare by leveraging R&D capabilities that accurately capture consumer needs as well as distribution capabilities in each country and area

	Thailand (Lion Corporation (Thailand) Ltd.)	Malaysia (Southern Lion Sdn. Bhd.)	China (Lion Daily Necessities Chemicals (Qingdao) Co., Ltd.)	South Korea (Lion Corporation (Korea))			
Shared philosophy	Develop glocalization strategy based on cross-border category approach						
Competitive product lineup	<ul><li>Body soaps</li><li>Hand soaps</li><li>Laundry detergents</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Laundry detergents</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Toothpastes</li> <li>Toothbrushes</li> <li>(Primarily in e-commerce channels)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Hand soaps</li></ul>			
Strengths	Strong market position for detergents and other products through robust collaboration with joint venture partners with solid local distribution capabilities and networks with local governments		<ul> <li>Distribution capabilities reaching major retail outlets in major cities</li> </ul>	Local research and production system to meet consumer needs			
	Joint venture partners		<ul> <li>Local R&amp;D and production system to</li> </ul>				
	SAHA	Lam Soon	meet market needs				
Growth direction	Expand oral healthcare business		Expand offline sales areas	High-profit business & brand expansion			



#### Strengthen Overseas Growth Initiatives

Strategy by Country: Vietnam





# Aim to accelerate expansion of the personal care field through doctor-recommended model

Begin discussions with Merap Lion regarding consolidation (100% investment)

■ Key Points of Vietnam Business Model

Sales of high-profit healthcare products through doctor-recommended model

Doctors & pharmacists

Patients & customers

Pharmacies & drugstores





Communicate the indications and effects of products Recommend usage













- Activities to increase <u>product</u>
   <u>recommendations</u>
   (hosting and sponsoring seminars, etc.)
- Maintain relationships with doctors and introduce products

- Stock target products in <u>stores</u>
- <u>Develop</u> new sales stores
- Research and development

## Reform Profit Structure in Consumer Products





Realize a profitable business portfolio by sharpening the allocation of management resources

- Accelerate growth in oral healthcare
- Strengthening overseas growth initiatives
- Reform profit structure in Consumer Products
- 1 Strengthen brand management
- 2 Streamline supply chain
- 3 Optimize pricing and competition-related expenses



Consumer Products EBITDA margin

Approx. +3-5points

(From fiscal 2024 to 2027)



## Reform Profit Structure in Consumer Products



Strive to steadily improve profit through ongoing and new measures

Take concrete action for three growth drivers with high priority for

improvement

- ··· Ongoing measures
- Wew measures

2024 2025

2026

2027

2027 EBITDA margin (vs. 2024)

Strengthen brand management

Promote productive management linked to clarified separation of business fields

Streamline non-focus brands

 Develop products and expand markets to increase productivity of each brand +0.5-1point

Streamline supply chain

Implement structural reform linked with SKU reduction

- Optimize inventory, non-current assets, and indirect costs by reducing SKUs
  - Optimize procurement through global purchasing
  - Optimize production/distribution systems

+1.5-2point

+1-2point

 Shift to high value-added products and execute upward price revisions (2025: Implemented mid-range-priced toothpaste)

Optimize competition-related expenses

- Streamline trading system
- Improve sales of low-profit items

Optimize pricing and competition-related expenses

Promotion of price setting and cost control to maximize profits

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# Strengthen Management Base, Generate Dynamism





Strengthen foundation for sustainable business growth and efficient operations

- Strengthen brand asset utilization
- Enhance human capital value and strengthen organizational management



Fully leverage Group assets to enhance strategy implementation and generate dynamism

- Strengthen Group R&D structures
- Strengthen profitability with DX
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## Strengthen Group R&D Structures



# Clarify role of every work site to strengthen innovation capabilities and accelerate product development

**Past** 

- Future

Product and technology development focused in Japan



Advancement and innovation of core technologies: Japan and China Product development that captures consumer needs: Every work site

Core technology development

Position Japan and China as hubs of technological innovation, focus on advancing and innovating core technologies

Oral Healthcare Category

- Oral hygiene Maintain and promote <u>a good oral environment</u> by targeting biological systems and oral flora
- Oral function Healthy tooth development in childhood, maintain and improve chewing function in old age

(Number of oral function researchers expected to increase 30%)

→ Contribute to people's eating, talking and laughing

#### Local development swiftly captures consumer needs

Product development

Business	Main overseas product development centers
Oral Healthcare	Thailand, China
Beauty Care	China, Indonesia
Fabric Care	Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea

External collaboration

Promote open innovation for further acceleration



Group researchers engaged in product technology development for overseas markets

2024: Approx. 30%

2027: Over **40**%



# Strengthen Corporate Governance



# Aim to enhance governance to improve the Group's corporate value and improve management quality

#### Separate management and execution

# Plan to appoint an external director as Chairman of the Board

#### Aim

•Further improve the objectivity and effectiveness of management supervision as well as transparency of decision making

#### •Major changes\*

 Increase ratio of external directors and appoint an external director as chairman of the Board of Directors Connect medium-term management indicators (financial and non-financial) with corporate officer compensation

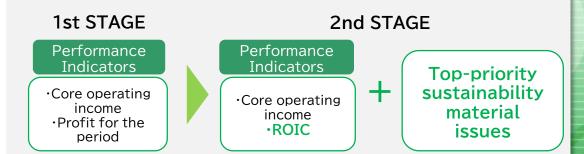
# Revision of performance-linked stock-based compensation system

#### Aim

•Strengthen execution and realization capabilities to achieve 2nd STAGE performance targets and key indicators

#### • Major changes\*

•Establish performance indicators such as ROIC and link indicators to initiatives for top-priority sustainability material issues





## Strengthen Brand Asset Utilization



#### Maximize corporate and product brand assets

Corporate brand

Increase the value of the **LION** name as an asset and demonstrate presence throughout Asia

Product brands

Development brands with a glocalization strategy Combine local brands with a focus on establishing global brands and develop marketing that meets consumer needs in each country and region

Focus brands for major global development

 Oral Healthcare
 Beauty Care
 Home Care\*
 Pharmaceutical Products

 Systema
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 スマイル

KODOMO



# Enhance Human Capital Value and Strengthen Organizational Management



# Maximize individual growth and organizational strength to create new value across the Group

#### Individuals

#### 1. Enhance human capital value

Acquire and hone expertise in order to build the strength to succeed in the face of structural and national differences

- Educational and career support for 9 job groups (specialized fields)
- Global human resource development program to solve challenges at overseas



#### Organization

# 2. Strengthen organizational capabilities to execute strategies

Optimize human resources allocation in line with strategy and develop leaders

- Strengthen human resource development and allocation in strategic priority areas
- Select and cultivate next-generation leaders for both domestically and overseas

#### 3. Create an environment that draws out individual and organizational strengths

Build an environment that leverages the diversity of personnel to create new value and enhance employee engagement

- Cultivate and promote management with diverse experiences
- Improve corporate culture and work environment through employee surveys



## 2nd STAGE Performance Targets



# During 2nd STAGE, aim to improve profitability by setting EBITDA margin, ROIC and EPS CAGR as key indicators

(Billions of yen)	2027 Target 2024	Change		
(Billions of yell)		2024	Amount	%
Net sales	450.0	412.9	37.0	9.0
Core operating income* <sup>1</sup> % of net sales	40.0 8.9	26.3 6.4	13.6	51.9
Operating profit % of net sales	40.0 8.9	28.3 6.9	11.6	40.9
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the parent	29.0	21.1	7.8	36.8
EPS (Yen)	104.67 CAGR 11% or higher	76.51	28.16	36.8
EBITDA margin (%)*2	13% or higher	10.9%	_	
ROIC (%)*3	8-9%	5.8%		

Notes 1. Core operating income is an earnings indicator the Company uses to measure regular business performance by subtracting selling, general and administrative expenses from gross profit.

<sup>2.</sup> EBITDA margin: The ratio of EBITDA to consolidated net sales.

<sup>3.</sup> ROIC is an indicator calculated from net operating profit after tax (NOPAT) divided by the average invested capital (total equity plus interest bearing liabilities) during the period, and measures the efficiency and profitability of the invested equity.

## 2nd STAGE Cash Allocation



# Obtain more cash than in 1st STAGE, and strengthen growth investments in key areas and shareholder returns

#### Generate more cash than in 1st STAGE Reinvesting in growth Focus on growth in Personal Expect capital expenditures of Care approx. ¥90 billion for growth Upward price revisions and shift toward higher-added-value Procure investments, M&A, etc., products ment of primarily in oral healthcare and Inventory optimization. liabilities overseas business improved asset efficiency Growth investments Effective use of liabilities Approx. Depending on investment ¥90 billion opportunities, make additional Scale of 1st STAGE investments for growth in oral cash acquired Cash healthcare and other areas flows from operating Strengthen shareholder returns Dividends activities Aim to increase dividends for the Other 12th consecutive fiscal year Approx. based on our progressive ¥150 dividend policy billion Flexibly acquire treasury stock of treasury based on the progress of investments, etc. Cash in Cash out

## 2025 Consolidated Financial Forecast



# Strengthen profitability and plan to increase sales and profits Y-o-Y

(Billions of yen)	2025 2024	Y-o-Y change		
(Billions of yell)		2024	Amount	%
Net sales	420.0	412.9	7.0	1.7
Core operating income* <sup>1</sup> % of net sales	30.0 7.1	26.3 6.4	3.6	13.9
Operating profit % of net sales	35.0 8.3	28.3 6.9	6.6	23.3
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the parent	25.0	21.1	3.8	17.9
EPS (Yen)	90.24	76.51	13.73	17.9
EBITDA*2	49.0	45.1	3.8	8.5
EBITDA margin (%)*3	11.7	10.9	_	0.8PP
ROIC (%)*4	6.1	5.8	_	0.3PP
ROE (%)	8.3	7.4		0.9PP

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3. EBITDA margin: The ratio of EBITDA to consolidated net sales.

<sup>2.</sup> EBITDA is an indicator of profitability on a cash basis calculated as the sum of core operating income and depreciation and amortization (excluding that of right-of-use assets).

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- \* The Lion Group applies the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).
- \* Monetary amounts herein are truncated after the last digit shown.