

NORITAKE CO., LIMITED

Results for the Year Ended March 31, 2025

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1. Summary of Financial Results for FY2024 Consolidated Statements of Income



Net Sales and Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent increased. Operating Profit and Ordinary Profit decreased.

(Unit: billion yen)

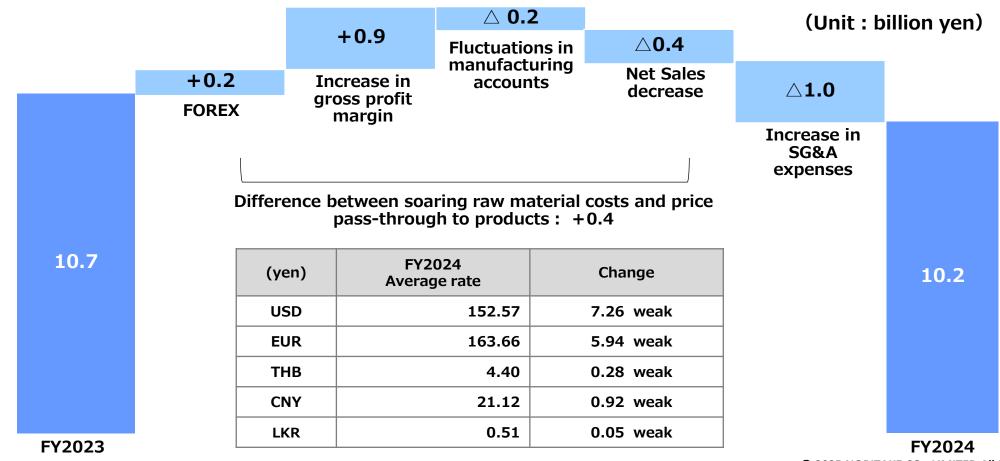
	FY2023		FY2024			Change	
	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	Change
Net Sales	67.6	70.4	137.9	69.8	68.4	138.2	+0.2%
Operating Profit	4.9	5.8	10.7	5.4	4.8	10.2	△4.6%
Ordinary Profit	7.0	7.7	14.6	7.2	6.8	14.0	△4.2%
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	5.8	5.7	11.5	6.0	6.9	12.9	+12.7%

Year-end dividend: 70 yen per share (Annual dividend: 135 yen per share)
Total amount of own share acquisition costs: 2.5 billion yen (651,300 shares)

1. Summary of Financial Results for FY2024 Cause of increase/decrease of Operating Profit



Operating Profit decreased by 0.5 billion yen compared to the previous year, mainly due to an increase in SG&A expenses, despite an improvement in gross profit margin.







Ordinary Profit decreased by 0.6 billion yen due to a decrease of 0.5 billion yen of Operating Profit and 0.1 billion yen of Non-operating income.

	FY2023	FY2024	Change
Operating Profit	10.7	10.2	△0.5
Dividend income	1.0	1.1	+0.1
Rental income	0.5	0.6	+0.0
Foreign exchange gains/losses	0.3	△0.1	△0.4
Share of profit of entities accounted for using equity method	1.8	2.0	+0.2
Others	0.3	0.3	△0.0
Non-operating income/expenses	3.9	3.8	△0.1
Ordinary Profit	14.6	14.0	△0.6

1. Summary of Financial Results for FY2024 Extraordinary income / Extraordinary losses



(Unit: billion ven)

Gain on sales of investment securities: 3.49 billion yen,

Gain on step acquisitions: 0.32 billion yen.

Loss on disposal of non-current assets: 0.45 billion yen,

Disposal costs of contaminated soil: 0.28 billion yen.

Extraordinary income	
Gain on sales of investment securities **	3.49
Gain on step acquisitions	0.32
Gain on sales of non-current assets	0.19
Total	4.00

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Extraordinary losses	;		
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	0.45		
Disposal costs of contaminated soil	0.28		
Others	0.01		
Total	0.73		

[※] Reduction of cross-shareholdings

1. Summary of Financial Results for FY2024 Sales and Profit by business segment



Sales increased in Industrial Products, Engineering and Tabletop. Operating Profit improved in Ceramics & Materials and Tabletop.

		FY2023	FY2024	Difference	Change
	Industrial Products	55.7	56.4	+0.7	+1.3%
Net	Ceramics & Materials	46.6	45.5	△1.2	△2.5%
	Engineering	28.6	29.1	+0.5	+1.8%
Sales	Tabletop	7.0	7.2	+0.2	+3.3%
	Total	137.9	138.2	+0.3	+0.2%
9	Industrial Products	2.5	1.7	△0.8	△32.8%
Operating	Ceramics & Materials	6.2	6.6	+0.4	+7.0%
ting	Engineering	2.2	1.9	△0.3	△12.5%
Profit	Tabletop	△0.1	0.0	+0.2	_
ofit	Total	10.7	10.2	△0.5	△4.6%

1. Summary of Financial Results for FY2024 Sales by business segment



Industrial Products Group

Sales per products

(Unit: billion yen)

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	FY2023	FY2024	Change	
Grinding Wheels	17.6	17.8	+0.2	
Diamond Wheels/Tools CBN Wheels	11.5	11.4	△0.2	
Cutting/Offset Wheels	16.9	17.0	+0.1	
Coated Abrasives	5.7	6.4	+0.6	
Related Products	3.9	3.9	△0.0	
Total	55.7	56.4	+0.7	

Made-to-order products

Japan

Sales decreased due to reduced production in the automotive, steel, and bearing industries.



Overseas

Although sales mainly to the automotive industry declined in North America, steel-related sales increased in China. Electronic component-related sales were also solid in Southeast Asia.

Standard stock products

Offset Wheels and other products increased except for Asian markets.



Coated Abrasives increased due to consolidation of an affiliated company in Thailand.



1. Summary of Financial Results for FY2024 Sales by business segment



Ceramics & Materials Group

Sales per products

Sales per products			(Unit : L	ollion yen)
		FY2023	FY2024	Change
	Electronic paste	9.4	10.4	+1.0
	Electronic component raw materials	16.4	18.4	+2.0
	Ceramic raw materials	10.4	6.4	△4.0
	Other ceramics	10.4	10.2	△0.2
	Total	46.6	45.5	△1.2

(Unit : hillion ven)

Electronic paste/Electronic component raw materials

In business for multi-layer ceramic capacitors, server industries were solid. Telecommunications sector also recovered.



Ceramic raw materialsSales for heat-resistant glass decreased significantly.

1. Summary of Financial Results for FY2024 Sales by business segment



Engineering Group

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Sales per products	(Unit : b	illion yen)	
	FY2023	FY2024	Change
Heating/Drying Furnaces	21.8	22.3	+0.5
Stirring machines	1.8	1.7	△0.1
Filtration systems	1.2	1.8	+0.6
Carbide-tipped circular sawing machines	1.0	0.9	△0.1
Circular sawing cutting machines and others	2.7	2.3	△0.3
Total	28.6	29.1	+0.5



Heating/Drying Furnaces Sales for lithiumion batteries sector were strong.

Filtration systems Sales to the automotive and electronics industries recovered.





Circular sawing cutting machines Sales for public construction were weak.

1. Summary of Financial Results for FY2024 Sales by business segment



Tabletop Group

Sales per area

(Unit: billion yen) Change FY2023 FY2024 3.1 3.1 +0.0Japan 1.6 1.7 +0.1**Americas** Europe 2.3 2.4 +0.1Asia 7.0 7.2 +0.2 Total



Japan Sales to airlines and sales by directly managed retail stores increased, while sales to hotels decreased. Overall domestic sales were almost flat.







Europe, Asia Sales to China and India were sluggish, but solid in other regions.

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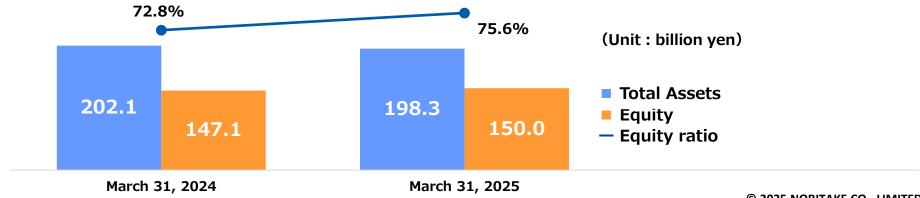
Consolidated Balance Sheet

Total Assets decreased, while Equity and Equity ratio increased.

(Unit: billion yen)

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2025	Change
Total Assets	202.1	198.3	△3.8
Equity	147.1	150.0	+2.9
Equity per Share	5,074yen	5,286yen	+212yen
Equity ratio	72.8%	75.6%	+2.8%

A two-for-one common stock split was issued on April 1, 2024. Equity per share is calculated on the assumption that the stock split was conducted at the beginning of the previous consolidated fiscal year.





Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

Free Cash Flow : △3.2 billion yen

Cash and cash equivalents: 11.9 billion yen, decreased by 6.1 billion yen

year-on-year

	FY2023	FY2024	Change
Cash flows from operating activities	22.0	2.0	△20.0
Cash flows from investing activities	△3.2	△5.3	△2.0
Free cash flow	18.8	△3.2	△22.0
Cash flows from financing activities	△13.5	△3.0	+10.5
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	18.0	11.9	△6.1



(Unit: billion yen)

(Unit: billion yen)

Interest-bearing Debt

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2025	Change
Interest-bearing Debt%	2.6	6.1	+3.5
Cash and deposits	21.3	16.6	△4.7
Net Interest-bearing Debt	△18.7	△10.5	+8.2

[※]Interest-bearing Debt excludes lease liabilities

Capital investment, Depreciation

	FY2023	FY2024	Change
Capital investment	5.4	11.3	+5.9
Depreciation	4.8	5.1	+0.3



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Forecasts for FY2025

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Net Sales: 138.0 billion yen, Operating Profit: 9.0 billion yen, Ordinary

Profit: 12.5 billion yen, Profit Attributable to Owners

of Parent: 10.5 billion yen.

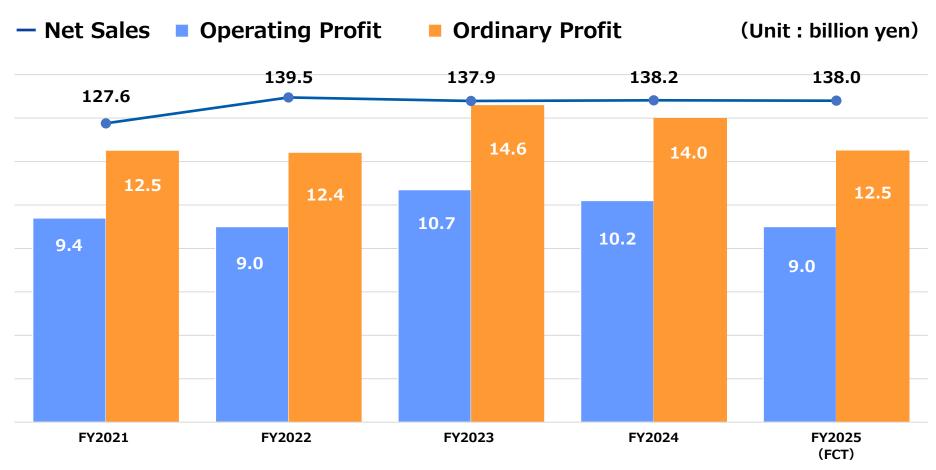
	FY2024			FY2025 (FCT)			
	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	Change
Net sales	69.8	68.4	138.2	67.0	71.0	138.0	△0.2
Operating Profit	5.4	4.8	10.2	3.6	5.4	9.0	△1.2
Ordinary Profit	7.2	6.8	14.0	5.2	7.3	12.5	△1.5
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	6.0	6.9	12.9	4.5	6.0	10.5	△2.4

USD 152.6 yen 135.0 yen △17.	6 yen
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2. Forecasts for FY2025 Forecasts for FY2025



Net sales are expected to remain almost flat compared to the previous fiscal year. Operating Profit and Ordinary Profit are expected to decrease.



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Forecasts by business segment

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				FY2024		FY2025 (FCT)		Change			
			1st Half	2nd Half	Total	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
		Industrial Products	28.4	28.0	56.4	28.0	28.0	56.0	△0.4	△0.0	△0.4
Net		Ceramics & Materials	23.7	21.8	45.5	22.0	22.5	44.5	△1.7	+0.7	△1.0
sales		Engineering	14.5	14.6	29.1	13.5	16.5	30.0	△1.0	+1.9	+0.9
, y		Tabletop	3.2	4.0	7.2	3.5	4.0	7.5	+0.3	+0.0	+0.3
		Total	69.8	68.4	138.2	67.0	71.0	138.0	△2.8	+2.6	△0.2
0		Industrial Products	1.0	0.7	1.7	0.5	0.8	1.3	△0.5	+0.1	△0.4
Operating		Ceramics & Materials	3.7	2.9	6.6	2.9	3.1	6.0	△0.8	+0.2	△0.6
ing F		Engineering	1.0	0.9	1.9	0.4	1.3	1.7	△0.6	+0.4	△0.2
Profit		Tabletop	△0.2	0.2	0.0	△0.2	0.2	0.0	+0.0	△0.0	△0.0
		Total	5.4	4.8	10.2	3.6	5.4	9.0	△1.8	+0.6	△1.2



Industrial Products Group

Recovery in the domestic automotive, steel, and bearing industries has been slow.

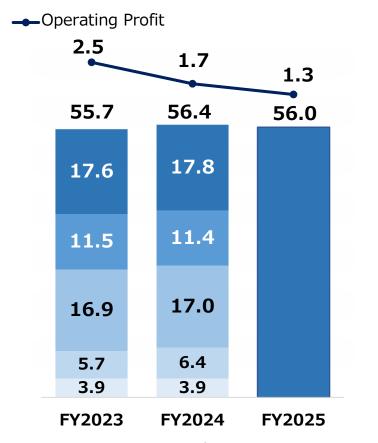
Net Sales 56.0 billion yen

(0.4 billion yen decrease)

Operating Profit 1.3 billion yen

(0.4 billion yen decrease)

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Diamond Wheels/Tools CBN Wheels	
Cutting/Offset Wheels	
Coated Abrasives	
Related Products	





Ceramics & Materials Group

Ceramic raw materials are decreasing. Business for multi-layer ceramic capacitors for servers is increasing.

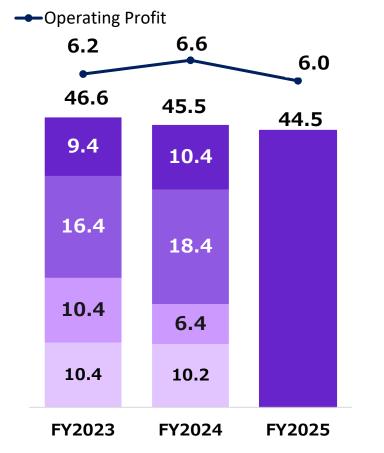
Net Sales 44.5 billion yen

(1.0 billion yen decrease)

Operating Profit 6.0 billion yen

(0.6 billion yen decrease)

Electronic paste	
Electronic component raw materials	The state of the s
Ceramic raw materials	
Other ceramics	COYER





Engineering Group

Sales of the mainstay, heating/drying furnaces for lithium-ion batteries sector, are remaining steady.

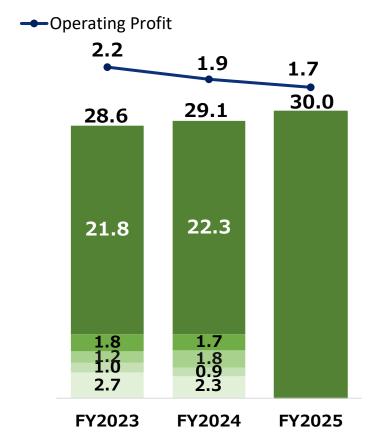
Net Sales 30.0 billion yen

(0.9 billion yen increase)

Operating Profit 1.7 billion yen

(0.2 billion yen decrease)

Heating/Drying Furnaces	
Stirring machines	Have
Filtration systems	
Carbide-tipped circular sawing machines	
Circular sawing cutting machines and others	

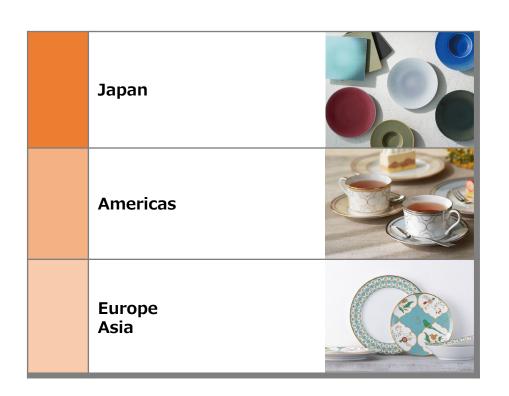


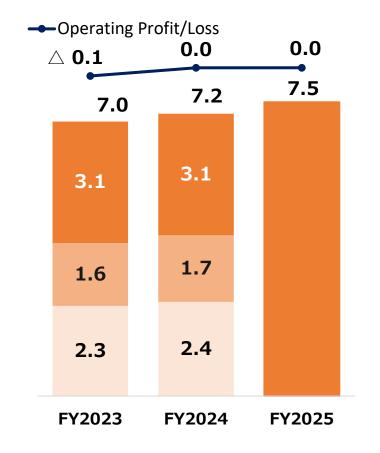


Tabletop Group

Operating Profit is expected to be at the same level.

Net Sales 7.5 billion yen (0.3 billion yen increase) Operating Profit 0.0 billion yen







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3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan VISION2030 [Ideal target of fiscal 2030 and the positioning of the 13th Three-Year Business Plan]



The 13th Three-Year Business Plan (hereinafter, the 13th Plan) is positioned as "Establishment of Growth Base" with the aim of realizing VISION2030 (ideal target).

Changes in business environment

- Increase and materialization of geopolitical risk
- Rise of protectionism
- Foreign exchange risk
- Population decline, aging population, and labor shortages
- Growing interest in mental and physical health and well-being
- Intensifying severity of climate change and other environmental issues
- Increasing awareness of sustainability
- Progress with generative AI and digital transformation

VISION2030 (Ideal target)

VISION2030 (Ideal Target)

Group Strategy

Three-Year Business Plan

Philosophy

13th Plan

To Be a driving force essential for today's changing society with our unique material and process technologies

To be a driving force essential for ^{today}'s changing society with our unique material and process technologies Concentration in Core Competence Expanding our business fields of Environment, Electronics, and Well-being 12th Three-Year 13th Three-Year 14th Three-Year Business Plan **Business Plan** Business Plan Enhancement of revenue Establishment of Acceleration of growth & the realization of The Noritake Creed

Establishment of Growth Base

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3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan VISION2030 (Noritake Group Vision)



We have identified three business segments that we expect to grow: the environment, electronics and well-being. Since the 12th Three-Year Business Plan, the company has promoted a group strategy of concentration in core competence, and aims to shift its business from current core areas (internal combustion engines, ceramics, etc.) to these growth areas. Thus, the Noritake Group will contribute to "the global environment", "a convenient society", and "people's well-being".

Noritake Group's vision for society

The company's goals in each segment

Group Strategy

Concentration in Core Competence (environment, electronics, and well-being)

Environment
Contributing to the global environment

Electronics
Contributing to
a convenient society

Establishment finalization of growth base 13th Plan

Acceleration of growth and finalization

Well-being
Contributing to the
people's well-being

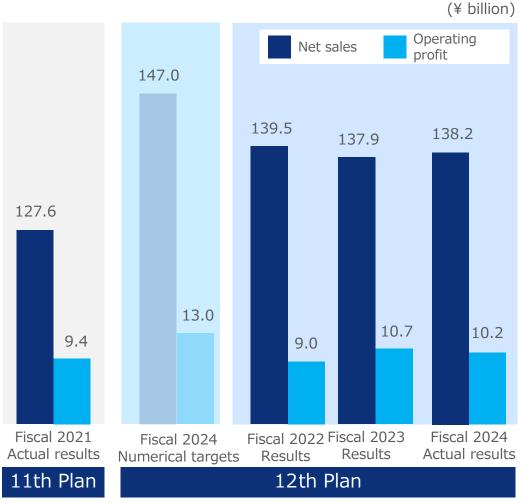
Enhancement of revenue base
Preparation for growth areas

12th Plan

3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan Review of the 12th Three-Year Business Plan (Assessment versus numerical targets)



The 12th Three-Year Business Plan (hereafter, the 12th Plan) promoted the enhancement of our revenue base and preparation for growth areas. Its numerical targets were not achieved due to demand from major customers in the automotive, steel, bearing, and electronic components industries being lower than expected.

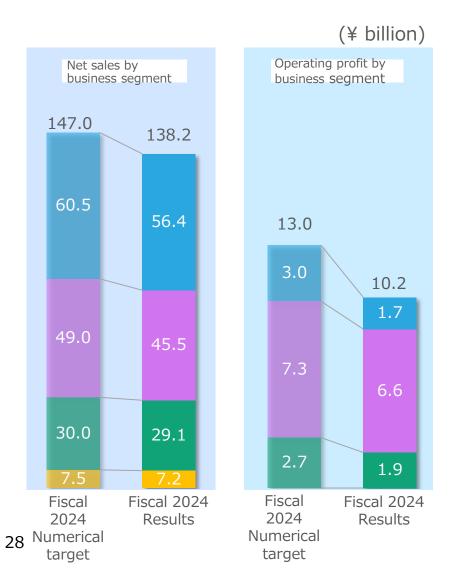


	11th Plan	12th	ı Plan
	Fiscal 2021 Results	Fiscal 2024 Numerical target	Fiscal 2024 Achievement
Net sales	¥127.6 billion	¥147.0 billion	¥138.2 billion
Operating profit	¥9.4 billion	¥13.0 billion	¥10.2 billion
Operating profit margin	7.3%	9.0%	7.4%
Ordinary profit	¥12.5 billion	-	¥14.0 billion
Profit attributable to owners of parent	¥9.1 billion	-	¥12.9 billion
Return on equity (ROE)	7.9 %	9.0 %	8.7 %
Free cash flow (FCF)	¥6.1 billion (3-year total)	¥20.0 billion (3-year total)	¥11.8 billion (3-year total)

3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan Review of the 12th Three-Year Business Plan 【Net sales and operating profit by business】 *Norritake*



Net sales and operating profit targets were not achieved in all business segments.



Business Segment		l 2024 cal target	Fiscal 2024 Result	
	Net sales	Operating profit	Net sales	Operating profit
Industrial Products	¥60.5 billior	ı ¥3.0 billion	¥56.4 billion	¥1.7 billion
Ceramic Materials	¥49.0 billior	ı ¥7.3 billion	¥45.5 billion	¥6.6 billion
Engineering	¥30.0 billior	ı ¥2.7 billion	¥29.1 billion	¥1.9 billion
Tabletop	¥7.5 billior	¥0.0 billion	¥7.2 billion	¥0.0 billion
Total	¥147.0 billior	ı ¥13.0 billion	¥138.2 billion	¥10.2 billion

3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan Review of the 12th Three-Year Business Plan [Progress of major initiatives]



The 12th Plan was positioned as a period for "Enhance of revenue base" and "Preparation in growth areas". The following agenda was promoted.

	Enhancement of revenue base	Reorganization of unprofitable products and businesses Improvement of revenue and	 Business restructuring through the integration of subsidiaries, etc. Implementation of price optimization, cost reduction, etc. 			
		rationalization	Implementation of price optimization, cost reduction, etc.			
	Preparation for growth areas	Expansion of production and sales	Increasing production capacity for materials used in multi-layer ceramic capacitors (MLCCs), expanding the assembly plant for continuous heating furnaces for lithium-ion batteries (LiBs), etc.			
		Strengthening the Management Base	► Initiatives implemented based on the following four themes			
Enha	Creation of new businesses	 Establishment of commercialization processes (development theme proposal system, stage-gate system) Establishment of open innovation promotion system 				
ncement o	Organizational culture reform	 Introduction of new personnel system Commencement of engagement survey, promotion of workstyle reform 				
t of manag base	Implementation of sustainability management structure	Establishment of sustainability managerIdentification of materiality, promotion	management structure (Sustainability Management Committee) omotion of initiatives			
gement	Promotion of digital transformation	 Establishment of a system for promoting digital transformation Implementation of a program to train "DX promotion leaders" 				

▶ ▶ Revenue base enhancement has achieved some degree of success. Work is underway with regard to preparation in growth areas, centering on the creation of new businesses and responding to changes in the market environment, but we recognize that it will take time to achieve results.

3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan The 13th Three-Year Business Plan (Overview)



As a management strategy, the 13th Plan simultaneously promotes the establishment of a solid revenue base and investment in accelerated growth, while working on the advancement of the management base in support of business expansion. It also lays out a reorganization and structural optimization of our businesses as a means to implement these strategies.



Establishment of a solid revenue base

- Business shift into growth areas
 (increased production, sales growth, product development)
- Rationalization, profitability enhancement (optimized pricing, cost cuts, equipment upgrades, etc.)
- Acquisition of high-value-added, high-profit business opportunities

Investment in accelerated growth

- Market-driven strategic business alliances spanning business segments (M&A, capital tie-ups, etc.)
- Open innovation and creation of new businesses through collaboration with other companies

Driving business expansion Advancement of the management base

- Promoting sustainability management
- Strengthening human capital management Promotion of digital transformation

3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan The 13th Three-Year Business Plan (Numerical Targets)



The 13th Three-Year Business Plan Establishment of growth base

Capital efficiency

ROE 9% or more (fiscal 2027)
Early realization of PBR of more than 1

Profitability

Operating profit: of ¥13.5 billion (fiscal 2027)
Ordinary profit: ¥17.5 billion (fiscal 2027)

Shareholder returns

Dividend payout ratio of 35% or more

(During the 13th Plan's term, the progressive dividend will have a minimum annual amount of ± 140 per share, which is assumed to be double the dividend amount at the end of fiscal 2025.)

Flexible acquisition of treasury stock

Total shareholder return of at least 50%

(cumulative for the 13th Plan duration)

	Numerical targets by business (¥ billion)							
		Resul	ts for fiscal	2024	Targets for fiscal 2027			
		Net sales	Operatin g profit	Ordinar y profit *1	Net sales	Operatin g profit	Ordinar y profit *1	
	Industrial Products	56.4	1.7	1.7	61.5	3.1	3.1	
	Ceramic Materials	45.5	6.6	8.8	54.0	7.9	10.2*2	
	Engineering	29.1	1.9	1.9	34.5	2.5	2.5	
	Tabletop	7.2	0	0	7.5	0	0	
	Other	-	-	1.6	-	-	1.7	
_	Total	138.2	10.2	14.0	157.5	13.5	17.5	

Assumed exchange rate: ¥140/US\$

^{*1} These figures for 4 business segments are profits for Noritake original ROIC calculation purpose, which equal Net Operating Profit + Equity Method Investment Income, etc.

^{31 *2} These figures include profits of the dental materials business.

3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan The 13th Three-Year Business Plan [Business shift toward growth areas]



Growth areas (environment, electronics, well-being) for each business are as follows.

Futu	ire growth markets	Environment	Electronics	Life Sciences	Older Technologies
Bu by div	Industrial Products	Fuel-efficiency gains / EV	Electronics / Semiconductors	Medical	Internal combustion engines
Business domains by each I division	Ceramics & Materials	Energy	Electronic components / Semiconductors	Medical / Dental materials	Ceramics / Casting-related
s s covered business	Engineering	Batteries / Energy conservation	Electronic components	Food / Medical	Industrial
ered	Tabletop				Tableware
Gro	owth areas	Environment	Electronic	W V	Vell-being

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Rationalization, profitability enhancement

- Continue to thoroughly improve profitability (expand sales, optimize pricing, utilize OEM partnerships, reduce costs, etc.)
- Reorganize and equip manufacturing structures domestically and abroad
- Establish sales bases domestically and abroad
- Reform sales systems and manufacturing systems
- Optimize pricing and expand product lineup
- Strengthen competitiveness by developing manufacturing infrastructure and reducing costs
- Establish a new business base centered on printing technology through reorganization

Business shift into growth areas

- Establish a business structure by market (growth areas) rather than by product to ensure agile adaptation to market changes
- Develop new products targeted at growth areas (particularly electronics), expand sales channels, and prepare for the increased production
- Enter the power semiconductor peripheral materials market and begin mass-production
- Increase production capacity for MLCC materials
- Develop new products for growth areas (environment, electronics, and well-being)
- Invest in the dental materials business (Kuraray Noritake Dental Inc.*) to drive growth

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Ceramics & Materials Business

Industrial

Products Business

^{*} Kuraray Noritake Dental: equity-method affiliate

Advancement of the management base



Rationalization, profitability enhancement

- Equip management systems for development, sales, manufacturing, and quality control to expand sales of mainstay products for energy and electronics (continuous heating furnaces for LiBs, etc.)
- Establish after-sales service network (maintenance, sales of consumables, etc.)

Business shift into growth areas

- Enter new fields (pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, circular economy) and develop markets
- Develop new applications and products in growth areas (environment, electronics, and well-being)

Tabletop Business

Engineering Business

- Improve US profitability and equip a sales structure in each country
- Promote new product development (new technology, high added value, reduced environmental impact)
- Develop business foundations (manufacturing, sales, and technology)

- Strengthen brand and enter new fields (interior, lifestyle, etc.)
- Expand sales in overseas HoReCa * markets, where future growth is expected

^{*} HoReCa: Hotel, Restaurant, and Café/Catering

3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan The 13th Three-Year Business Plan [Active investment in growth areas]





We are stepping up investment in growth areas while also solidifying our revenue base by promoting efficiency through the renewal of aging facilities.

The 13th Plan plans for capital expenditure of over ¥35 billion during its term

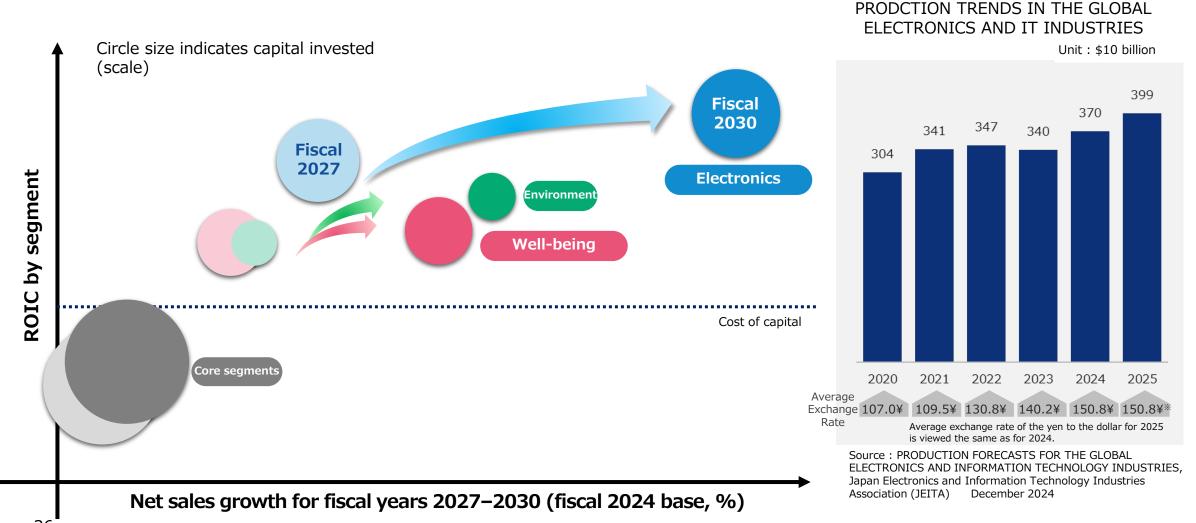


3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan The 13th Three-Year Business Plan [Focusing on electronics]





We plan to expand our business in the electronics segment, which is expected to continue growing, centered on electronic components such as MLCCs, with a target capex of over ¥12 billion.



3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan The 13th Three-Year Business Plan (Market-driven strategic alliances spanning business segments)

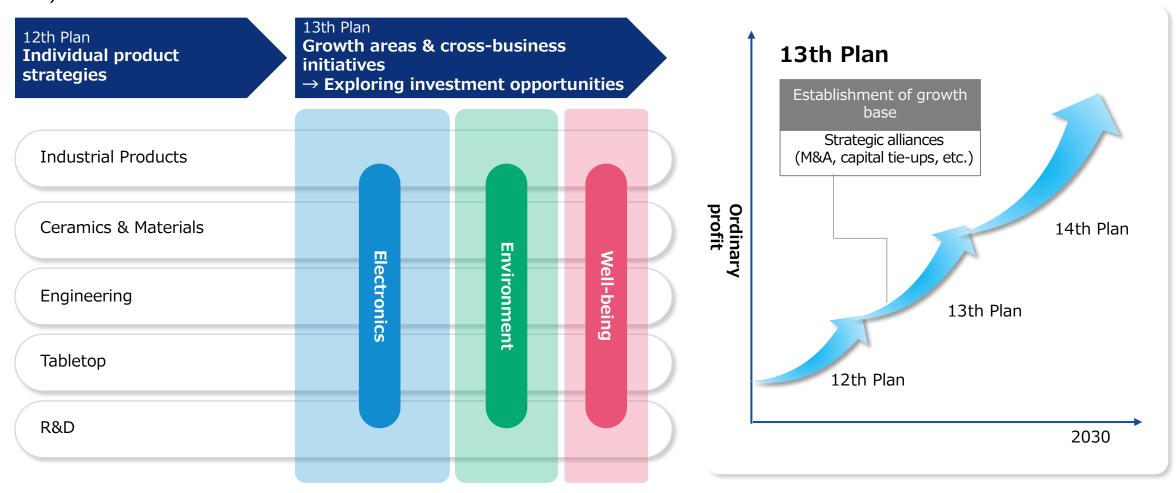
Establishment of a solid revenue base

Investment in accelerated growth

Advancement of the management base



We are shifting away from the conventional product-based business strategy limited to each business and are exploring new market-based, cross-business investment opportunities in growth areas through strategic alliances (M&A, capital tie-ups, etc.).



3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan The 13th Three-Year Business Plan [Creation of new businesses through accelerated use of open innovation]

Establishment of a solid revenue base

Investment in accelerated growth

Advancement of the management base



We foster new businesses through a companywide effort that leverages a development theme proposal system that broadly solicits ideas from all employees, as well as a stage-gate process. At the same time, we are moving away from our traditional self-reliance approach and linking it to the creation of new businesses through open innovation.





Development theme proposal system

Optimization of development resources via stage-gate system



Columnless continuous chromatography system for biopharmaceuticals



Porous material "SUPCA" for use with direct air capture (DAC)

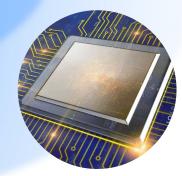


New successfully prototyped glass material made using MI *



Polishing tools for power semiconductor wafers





Accelerating Open Innovation

Collaboration with startups

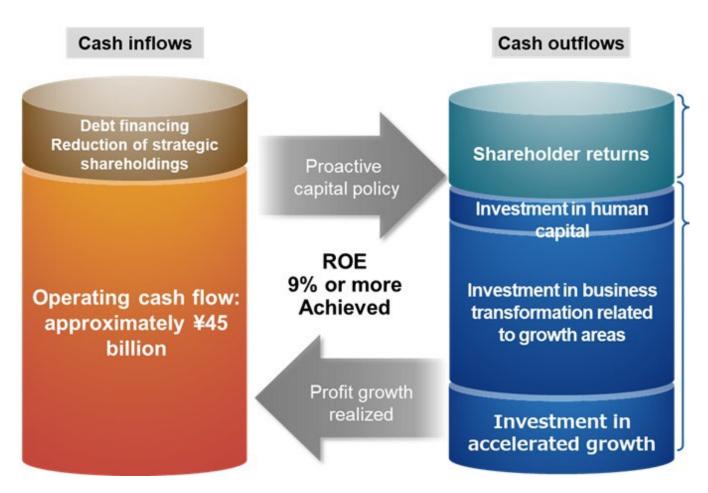
Industry-academia-government collaboration

^{*} Materials Informatics: a method for accelerating materials development by utilizing information science technologies, including AI

3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan The 13th Three-Year Business Plan (apital allocation and shareholder returns)



In accordance with the 13th Plan, we expect to invest ¥35 billion to ¥50 billion in growth via a combination of operating cash flow, debt financing, and a reduction of cross-shareholdings. Regarding shareholder returns, we aim to increase the dividend payout ratio to 35% or more. We will also implement a progressive dividend and flexibly acquire treasury stock to yield a total shareholder return ratio of 50% or more (cumulative over the 13th Plan's term).



Dividend payout ratio of 35% or more

(During the 13th Plan's term, the progressive dividend will have a minimum annual amount of \$140 per share, which is assumed to be double the dividend amount at the end of fiscal 2025.)

Flexible acquisition of treasury stock Total return ratio: 50% or more

(Cumulative total for the 13th Plan term)

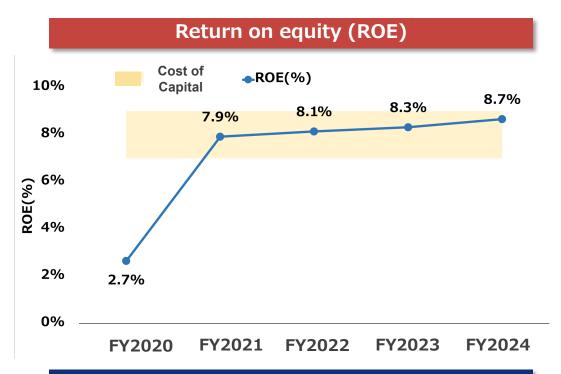
Growth investment: ¥35 billion to ¥50 billion

- Human capital investment, DX promotion
- Promotion of production increase and rationalization
- Decarbonization measures
- R&D-related facilities
- M&A
- Open innovation

3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan The 13th Three-Year Business Plan [Measures to focus management on capital costs and the share price]

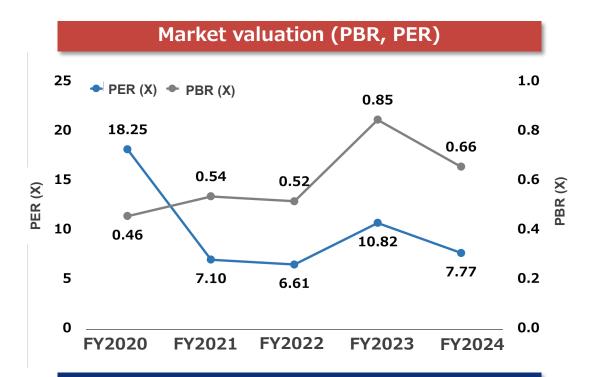


The current situation regarding return on equity (ROE) and market valuations (PBR, PER) is as follows.



Current situation

- Our cost of equity is estimated to be approximately 7%– 9% based on the capital asset pricing model (CAPM) and dialogue with shareholders and investors.
- ROE trends at or below the cost of equity



Recognition of the current situation

- PBR has remained below 1 and needs early improvement
- PER is also weak and failing to build shareholder confidence in future profitability

3. Overview of the 13th Three-year Business Plan The 13th Three-Year Business Plan [Measures to focus management on capital costs and the share price]



We will consistently implement the 13th Plan with the goal of achieving ROE of 9% or more and PBR of at least 1.0 by fiscal 2027 and taking the following initiatives regarding cost of capital and the share price.

Planned measures

Improved return on capital (ROE, ROIC)

- By setting business-segment targets for ROIC and managing actual results, we promote capital efficiency
- Actively invest in growth areas (environment, electronics, and well-being)
- Continued reduction of cross-shareholdings

Heightened market valuation (PBR, PER) Enhanced shareholder returns

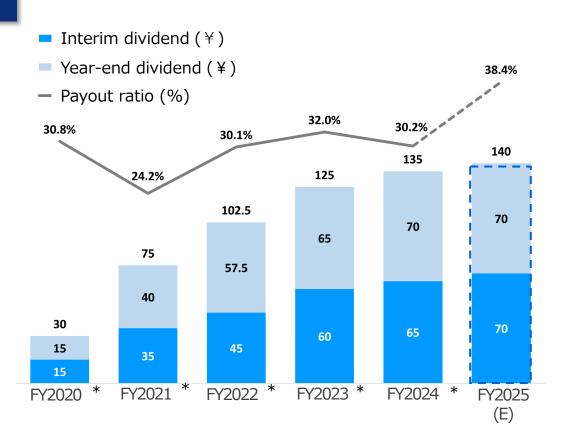
Dividend payout ratio: 30% or more \Rightarrow **35% or more**

(During the 13th Plan's term, the progressive dividend will have a minimum annual amount of ¥140 per share, which is assumed to be double the dividend amount at the end of fiscal 2025.)

Flexible acquisition of treasury stock

Total shareholder return ratio: 50% or more (cumulative total for the 13th Plan term)

- Timely and appropriate disclosure of information on growth strategies and progress
- Strengthening of IR systems and expansion of individual meetings
- Reporting information obtained through dialogue with investors to the meeting of the Board of Directors, and taking measures to resolve issues



^{*} A two-for-one common stock split was issued on April 1, 2024.

Dividends for FY2020 through FY2023 are also based on the post-split for the purpose of comparison.