

# Fiscal Year 2023 (ended March 31, 2024) Financial Results

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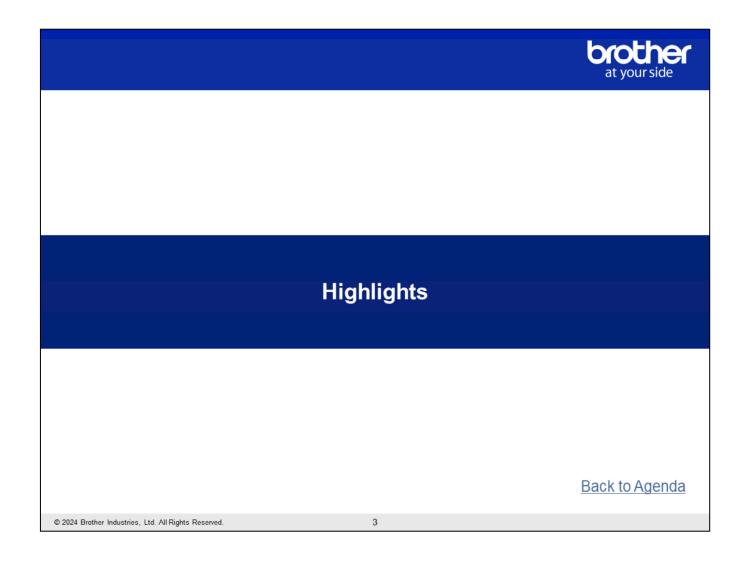


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## Highlights (Results for FY2023)



### Results for FY2023

#### Sales revenue

#### 822.9 billion yen/ +0.9% (year-on-year)

✓ Sales revenue was flat year-on-year due to positive FX effects, despite the impact of sluggish market conditions in China and Asia in the Machinery business, lower hardware sales in the P&S business, etc.

#### ◆ Business segment profit 75.6 billion yen/ +25.1% (year-on-year)

✓ Business segment profit increased substantially due to lower logistics costs, higher consumables sales and price adjustments in the P&S business, in addition to positive FX effects, despite higher sales promotion and SG&A costs and effects from lower sales in the Machinery business, etc.

#### Operating profit

49.8 billion yen/ -10.1% (year-on-year)

Operating profit decreased due to the recording of an impairment loss on a part of goodwill
in the Domino business and other factors.

#### ♦ Net income\*

31.6 billion yen/ -19.0% (year-on-year)

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#### **Results for FY2023**

#### Sales revenue

Sales revenue increased by 0.9% year-on-year to 822.9 billion yen.

Sales revenue was flat year-on-year due to the positive impact of the weaker yen, despite the impact of sluggish market conditions in China and Asia mainly in the Machinery business and lower hardware sales in the P&S business.

#### **Business segment profit**

Business segment profit increased by 25.1% year-on-year to 75.6 billion yen.

Business segment profit increased substantially due to lower logistics costs, higher consumables sales and price adjustments in the P&S business, in addition to positive FX effects, despite higher sales promotion and SG&A costs and effects from lower sales in the Machinery business, etc.

#### Operating profit

Operating profit decreased by 10.1% year-on-year to 49.8 billion yen.

In the Domino business, an impairment loss on a part of goodwill were recorded mainly due to the negative impact of ongoing appreciation of the British pound.

#### Net income attributable to owners of the parent company

Net income attributable to owners of the parent company decreased by 19.0% year-on-year to 31.6 billion yen.

<sup>\*</sup> Net income attributable to owners of the parent company

## Highlights (Forecast for FY2024/Shareholder returns)



#### Forecast for FY2024

**♦** Sales revenue

880.0 billion yen/ +6.9% (year-on-year)

- ◆ Business segment profit 88.0 billion yen/ +16.4% (year-on-year)
- ✓ Aiming for growth in the industrial area, mainly in the Machinery business, and maintaining profitability in the P&S business. Revenue and profit are expected to increase for the company as a whole.
- Continue to make prior investments for the future as outlined in the medium-term business strategy "CS B2024."

#### Shareholder returns

- ✓ Annual dividend for FY2023 of 84 yen per share (planned) (16 yen increase from the previous fiscal year)
- ✓ Annual dividend for FY2024 of 100 yen per share (planned) (16 yen increase from the previous fiscal year)

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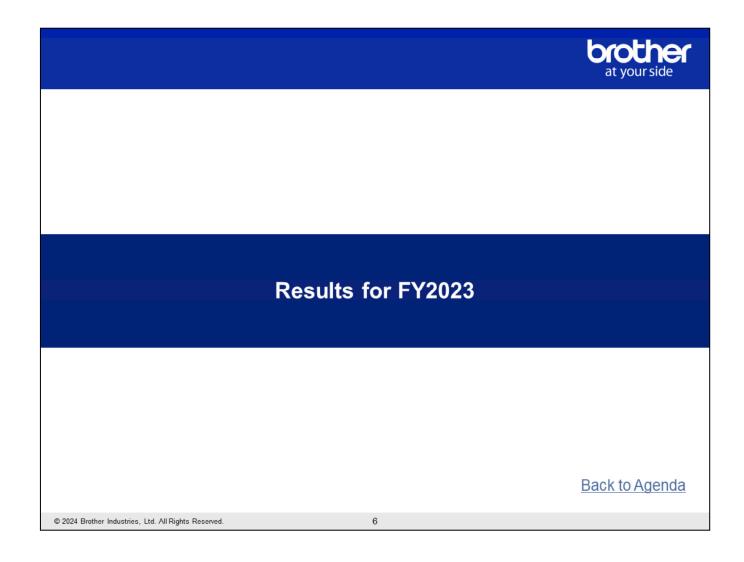
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#### Forecast for FY2024

Aiming for growth in the industrial area, mainly in the Machinery business, and maintaining profitability in the P&S business. Revenue and profit are expected to increase for the Company as a whole. In FY2024, the final year of the medium-term business strategy "CS B2024," the Company will continue to make prior investments for the future.

#### Shareholder returns

The annual dividend for FY2023 is planned to be **84 yen** per share, up 16 yen from the previous fiscal year. The annual dividend for FY2024 is planned to be **100 yen** per share, up 16 yen from the previous fiscal year.



## **Consolidated Results for FY2023**



Sales revenue was flat year-on-year due to positive FX effects.

Business segment profit increased substantially,
but operating profit and subsequent items decreased due to the recording of an impairment loss on a part of goodwill in the Domino business.

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	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	Change (w/o FX)	Rate of Change (w/o FX)	Previous Forecast	Change (w/o FX)	Rate of Change (w/o FX)
Sales revenue	8,153	8,229	77 (-352)	0.9% (-4.3%)	8,200	29 (-56)	0.4%
Business segment profit	604	756	152 (57)	25.1% (9.4%)	700	56 (39)	8.0% (5.6%)
Business segment profit ratio	7.4%	9.2%			8.5%		
Other income/expense	-50	-258	-208		0	-258	
Operating profit	554	498	-56	-10.1%	700	-202	-28.9%
Operating profit ratio	6.8%	6.1%			8.5%		
Income before tax	570	525	-44	-7.8%	700	-175	-25.0%
Net income attribute to owners of the parent company	391	316	-74	-19.0%	500	-184	-36.7%
USD	134.95	144.40	9.45		143.03	2.14	
EUR	141.24	156.80	15.56		154.54	2.26	
<ref.> FX sensitivity* (FY2023 Results) (billions of yen) Sales Business Segment Prof USD 1.5 -0.3 EUR 1.1 0.8 *Annual impact of JPY 1 change © 2024 Brother Industries, Ltd. All Rights Reserved.</ref.>	fit				ts: +2.8 billion ye		P billion yen

In FY2023, sales revenue increased by 7.7 billion yen from the previous fiscal year to **822.9** billion yen, mainly due to positive FX effects.

Business segment profit increased by 15.2 billion yen from the previous fiscal year to 75.6 billion yen.

Operating profit decreased by 5.6 billion yen from the previous fiscal year to **49.8** billion yen as an impairment loss on a part of goodwill were recorded in the Domino business due to the negative impact of ongoing appreciation of the British pound.

Net income attributable to owners of the parent company decreased by 7.4 billion yen to **31.6** billion yen.

## Results for FY2023 by Business Segment



(100 Millions of Yen)

	Sa	ue	Busines	ss segmer	nt profit	Operating profit			
	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	Change	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	Change	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	Change
P&S	4,967	5,149	182	371	625	254	365	610	246
Machinery	964	774	-190	95	22	-73	98	23	-75
Domino	1,008	1,096	88	56	51	-5	-58	-241	-183
Nissei	235	208	-27	19	10	-9	18	10	-8
P&H	510	505	-5	58	25	-33	59	25	-34
N&C	353	381	28	5	16	12	8	17	8
Other	116	116	0	1	6	5	64	54	-10
Total	8,153	8,229	77	604	756	152	554	498	-56

\* "Other" includes elimination amounts from inter-segment transactions.

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Here is the summary of each business segment.

#### **Review of FY2023** Review of FY2023 by Business (on a results basis excluding FX effects) [Communications & Printing Equipment] Sales of hardware decreased due to sluggish market conditions mainly in China, the U.S. and Europe, but sales of consumables were firm. [Labeling] Sales of hardware were firm compared to the previous fiscal year when supply constraints P&S resulting from a shortage of parts and materials impacted sales. Profit increased substantially due to lower logistics costs, an increase in gross profit resulting from sales of consumables for communications and printing equipment, and positive price adjustment effects, despite higher sales promotion and SG&A costs. [Machine Tools] Sales decreased sharply due to sluggish demand for capital investment mainly in China and Asia. [Industrial Sewing Machines] Sales of garment printers increased in the Americas, but sales of **Machinery** industrial sewing machines decreased due to sluggish capital investment demand among apparel manufacturers in Asia. Profit decreased substantially due to a decrease in sales. Revenue increased due to firm sales of consumables, despite decreased sales of hardware resulting from a softening in the demand for capital investment. Business segment profit decreased due to increased SG&A costs, etc. resulting from reinforcement Domino of sales activities and renewal of core business systems. As for operating profit, an impairment loss on a part of goodwill were recorded due to the negative impact of ongoing appreciation of the British pound. Revenue and profit decreased due to sluggish sales of both reducers and gears resulting from weak Nissei demand for capital investment. Revenue and profit decreased due to decreased sales, mainly of middle- to high-end models P&H resulting from sluggish market conditions, mainly in the Americas. Revenue and profit increased due to a recovery in customer traffic in conjunction with the N&C classification of COVID-19 being changed to a lower level in Japan and the positive impact of

This slide shows a review of FY2023 by business, excluding FX effects.

launching new products.

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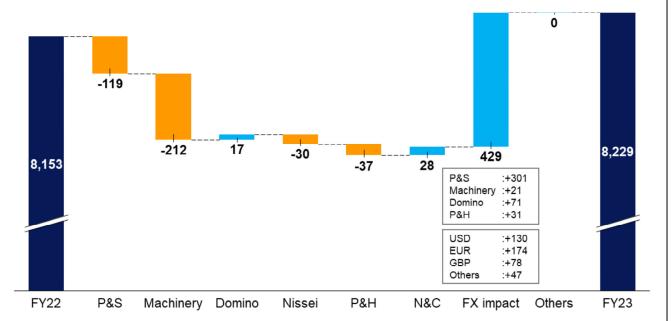
#### FY2023

## Main Factors for Changes in Sales Revenue



Sales revenue was flat year-on-year due to positive FX effects, despite the impact of sluggish market conditions in China and other Asia in the Machinery business and decreased sales of hardware in the P&S business.

(100 Millions of Yen)



 $^{\star}$  Amounts of change are on a results basis excluding foreign exchange effects

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These are the main factors behind the changes in sales revenue for FY2023. The amount of change for each business is on a results basis excluding FX effects.

#### ·P&S

[Communications & Printing Equipment] Although sales of consumables were firm, sales of hardware decreased due to sluggish market conditions mainly in China, the U.S. and Europe.

[Labeling] Sales of hardware were firm compared to the previous fiscal year when supply constraints impacted sales.

In the P&S business as a whole, revenue decreased due to the significant impact of decreased sales of hardware in communications and printing equipment.

#### Machinery

[Machine Tools] Sales decreased sharply due to sluggish market conditions mainly in China and Asia.

[Industrial Sewing Machines] Sales of garment printers increased in the Americas, but sales of industrial sewing machines as a whole decreased due to continuing sluggish capital investment demand for industrial sewing machines.

In the Machinery business as a whole, revenue decreased substantially.

#### Domino

Revenue increased due to firm sales of all consumables, despite decreased sales of hardware for both C&M and DP resulting from sluggish demand for capital investment.

#### Nissei

Revenue decreased in both reducers and gears due to sluggish demand for capital investment resulting mainly from worsening market conditions in China.

#### ·P&F

Revenue decreased due to decreased sales, mainly of middle- and high-end models resulting from sluggish market conditions, mainly in the Americas.

#### •N&C

Revenue increased due to a recovery in customer traffic to karaoke clubs and increased sales of karaoke machines in conjunction with the launch of new products.

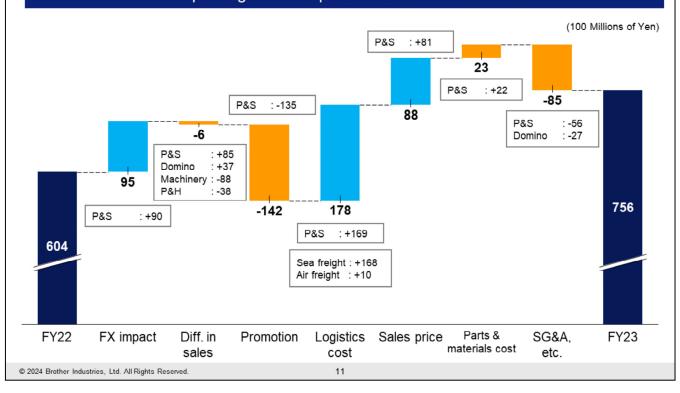
As a result of these factors, combined with a positive impact of 42.9 billion yen brought about by the weaker yen, revenue increased by 7.7 billion yen to **822.9** billion yen on a company-wide basis.

#### FY2023

## Main Factors for Changes in Business Segment Profit



Business segment profit increased substantially due to lower logistics costs, price adjustment effects and positive FX effects, despite higher sales promotion and SG&A costs.



These are factors contributing to increases or decreases in business segment profit.

#### FX impact

Foreign exchange effects were positive, mainly in the P&S business.

#### Differences in sales

Although increased sales of consumables in the P&S business contributed to business segment profit, decreased sales of machine tools in the Machinery business had a negative impact.

#### Promotion expenses

Promotion expenses, mainly in the P&S business, increased as a result of the return of a competitive environment with the resolution of supply constraints in each company.

#### Logistics costs

Logistics costs decreased, mainly in the P&S business, due to a stabilization of rising sea freight costs.

#### Sales price

There were effects from price adjustments, mainly in the P&S business.

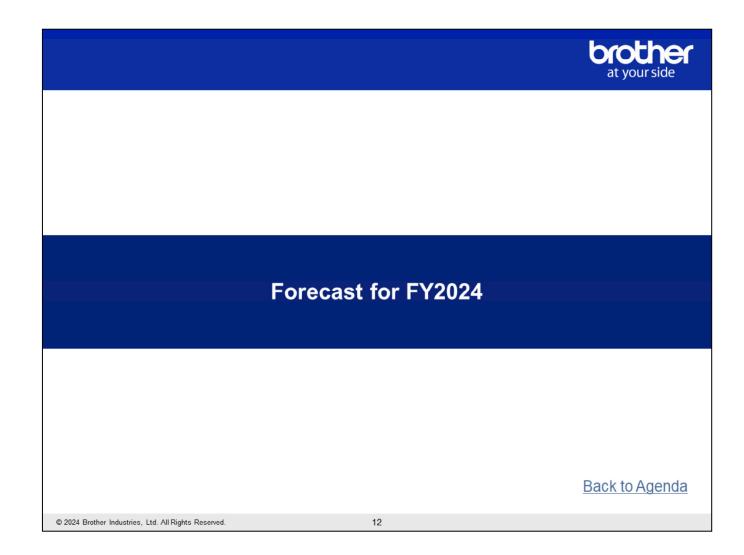
#### Parts & materials costs

Parts & materials costs decreased, mainly in the P&S business, due to a stabilization of rising parts & materials costs.

#### SG&A costs

SG&A costs increased due to reinforcement of sales activities, mainly in the P&S and Domino businesses, and other factors.

As a result of these main factors, business segment profit was **75.6** billion yen, a year-on-year increase of 15.2 billion yen.



## **Preconditions for Forecast for FY2024**



#### ■ Preconditions for forecast for FY2024 (Recognition of business environment)

(Blue indicates positive change from the previous year; red indicates negative change.)

Exchange	rate precondition	1USD=145 yen, 1EUR=155 yen							
	P&S	[Communications & Printing Equipment] Print volume is slowly declining, and competition is intensifying with the market contraction and the recovery of each company's supply capacity.  [Labeling] The Commercial & Industrial Labeling market continues to expand.							
Markets	Machinery	[Machine Tools] Market conditions are recovering every quarter, mainly in China, and the Indian market is growing.  [Industrial Sewing Machines] For industrial sewing machines, demand for capital investment in apparel manufacturers is recovering, mainly in Asia.  The Garment Printer market is growing, but competition is intensifying.							
Warkets	Domino	C&M demand remains firm due to growing awareness of traceability.							
	Nissei	Demand for capital investment is recovering slowly through the second half of FY2024.							
	P&H	The decrease in demand caused by the COVID-19-related surge has been resolved, and market conditions are returning to normal							
	N&C	Demand for karaoke does not fully return to the pre-COVID-19 level but remains at the level of the second half of FY2023.							
	Supply	In each business, constraints on supply are not factored in the assumptions.							
	Promotion	Sales promotion costs are increasing mainly in the P&S business accompanying reinforced sales activities for hardware and the recovery of each company's supply capacity.							
Costs	Logistics	Sea freight rates are decreasing somewhat, although the impact caused by navigation restrictions of the Suez Canal is expected.							
	Parts & materials	Parts and materials costs are decreasing somewhat as the surge in parts and materials prices has subsided.							
	SG&A	Expenses, mainly personnel expenses, are increasing due to the impact of inflation and strengthened sales activities.							
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These are the preconditions used in the forecast for FY2024.

#### Exchange rates

The exchange rates used for the forecast are 145 yen to the USD and 155 yen to the EUR.

#### Markets

As for the P&S business, we expect the trend of decreasing print volume and shrinking markets to continue in communications and printing equipment, resulting in a more competitive environment.

On the other hand, regarding machine tools in the Machinery business, we expect the speed of recovery of the market conditions to increase each quarter especially in China.

#### Supply

In each business, constraints on supply are not factored in the assumptions.

#### Costs

Logistics costs and parts and materials costs are expected to decrease from the previous year, while sales promotion and SG&A costs are expected to increase.

## Forecast for FY2024



Aiming for growth in the industrial area, mainly in the Machinery business, and maintaining profitability in the P&S business. Revenue and profit are expected to increase for the company as a whole

(100 Millions of Yen)

	FY23 Actual	FY24 Forecast	Change (w/o FX)	Rate of Change (w/o FX)
Sales revenue	9 220	0 000	571	6.9%
Sales revenue	8,229	8,800	(673)	(8.2%)
Pusinosa Sagment Drofit	756	880	124	16.4%
Business Segment Profit	750	000	(57)	(7.5%)
Business Segment Profit Ratio	9.2%	10.0%		
Other income/expense	-258	0	258	
Operating Profit	498	880	382	76.7%
Operating Profit Ratio	6.1%	10.0%		
Income before Tax	525	880	355	67.5%
Net Income				
attribute to owners of the parent company	316	630	314	99.1%
USD	144.40	145.00	0.60	
EUR	156.80	155.00	-1.80	
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For FY2024, we expect both revenue and profit to increase due to growth in the industrial area, mainly in the Machinery business, and profitability to be maintained in the P&S business.

Sales revenue is expected to increase by 57.1 billion yen to 880 billion yen.

As for profit, we expect business segment profit to increase by 12.4 billion yen to **88** billion yen, operating profit to increase by 38.2 billion yen to **88** billion yen, and net income attributable to owners of the parent company to increase by 31.4 billion yen to **63** billion yen.

## Forecast for FY2024 by Business Segment



(100 Millions of Yen)

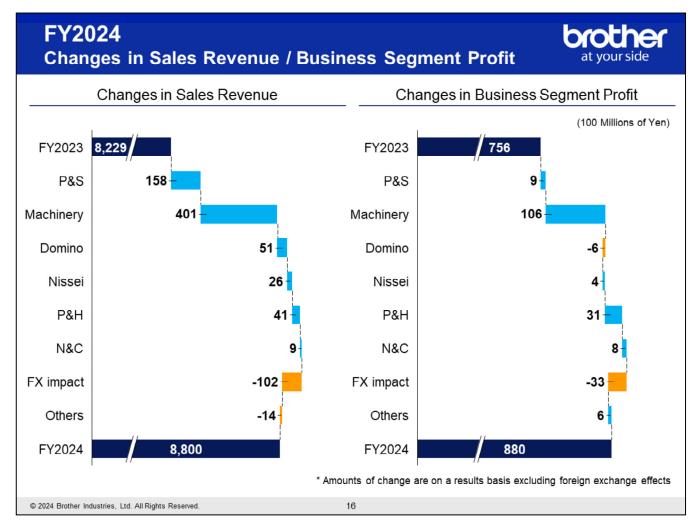
	Sa	iles reven	ue	Busines	s Segme	nt Profit	Operating Profit			
	FY23 Actual	FY24 Forecast	Change	FY23 Actual	FY24 Forecast	Change	FY23 Actual	FY24 Forecast	Change	
P&S	5,149	5,228	79	625	604	-21	610	604	-6	
Machinery	774	1,171	397	22	127	105	23	127	104	
Domino	1,096	1,137	41	51	45	-6	-241	45	286	
Nissei	208	234	26	10	14	4	10	14	4	
P&H	505	538	33	25	54	29	25	54	29	
N&C	381	390	9	16	24	8	17	24	7	
Other	116	102	-14	6	12	6	54	12	-42	
Total	8,229	8,800	571	756	880	124	498	880	382	

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\* "Other" includes elimination amounts from inter-segment transactions.

This slide shows the forecast for the full year by business segment.



These are the main factors behind the changes in sales revenue and business segment profit for FY2024. Our forecast is as follows.

#### · P&S

In communications and printing equipment, revenue is expected to increase due to reinforced sales of hardware. However, profit will remain at the previous year's level due to an increase in SG&A and sales promotion costs.

#### Machinery

Both revenue and profit are expected to increase, mainly in machine tools, due to an expected market recovery, especially in China.

#### Domino

Although revenue is expected to increase due to steady demand, mainly in C&M, profit will decrease due to an increase of SG&A costs in addition to the negative FX effects resulting from stronger the British pound.

#### Nisse

Both revenue and profit are expected to increase due to gradual recovery in demand for capital investment.

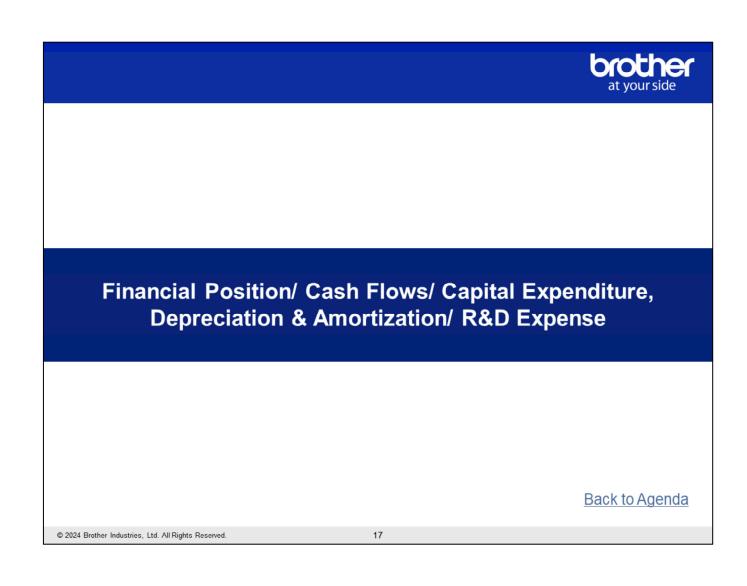
#### • P&H

Revenue and profit are expected to increase due to recovery in middle- to high-end models, mainly in the U.S. and Europe, as market conditions return to normal.

#### · N&C

Revenue and profit are expected to increase due to expanded sales of new karaoke systems launched in FY2023 and stable customer traffic at karaoke clubs.

Besides the above factors, although negative FX effects are expected, we expect both revenue and profit to increase on a company-wide hasis

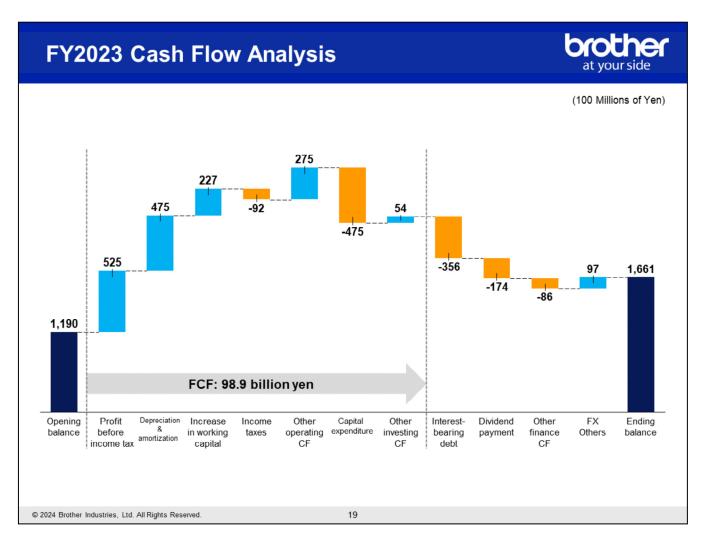


#### **Financial Position** (100 Millions of Yen) End of End of Change Mar 23 Mar24 5,419 Current assets 302 5,117 Cash&Cash equivalents 1,190 1,661 471 2,221 2,080 -142 Inventories 155 Non-current assets 3,387 3,542 Total liabilities 2,538 -258 2,280 Interest-bearing debt 374 -368 Shareholders' equity\* 5,966 6,680 714 \*Equity attributable to owners of the parent company 8,505 8,961 456 Total assets End of End of Change Mar 23 Mar24 Net cash 816 1,655 839 Shareholders' equity ratio 70.2% 74.5% 4.4% ROE 6.8% 5.0% -1.7% Inventories Inventories / Cost of sales **Inventories** (100 millions of Yen) (Number of months) 2,338 2,302 2,319 2,228 2,221 2,116 2,080 1,997 1,696 5.2 Mar-23 Mar-24 Mar-22 Jun-22 Sep-22 Dec-22 Jun-23 Sep-23 Dec-23 © 2024 Brother Industries, Ltd. All Rights Reserved. 18

The balance sheet amounts have swelled as a whole as the yen has depreciated.

Inventories are also affected by FX, but they decreased due to production adjustments in accordance with demand.

ROE was 5.0% due to a decrease in net income, resulting mainly from the recording of an impairment loss on a part of goodwill (-28.2 billion yen) in the Domino business.



Cash and deposits increased to **166.1** billion yen, up by 47.1 billion yen from 119.0 billion yen at the beginning of the period, generating 98.9 billion yen in free cash flow.

#### Capital Expenditure, **Depreciation and Amortization/ R&D Expenses** (100 Millions of Yen) Capital Expenditure/Depreciation & Amortization R&D Expenses 502 580 479 Depreciation 454 & Amortization 474 438 440 383 347 FY22 FY23 FY24 FY22 FY23 FY24 Fct Act Fct Breakdown by business (CapEx) Breakdown by business (R&D) FY22 FY23 FY24 FY22 FY23 FY24 82 100 134 147 Industrial area 118 Industrial area 123 Consumer area & Others 356 375 462 Consumer area & Others 331 346 355 438 474 580 454 479 502 Total Total \* The industrial area combines the Machinery, Domino, and Nissei businesses © 2024 Brother Industries, Ltd. All Rights Reserved. 20

#### ·FY2023 Results

Capital expenditures in the industrial and consumer areas combined totaled **47.4** billion yen, and R&D expenses amounted to **47.9** billion yen.

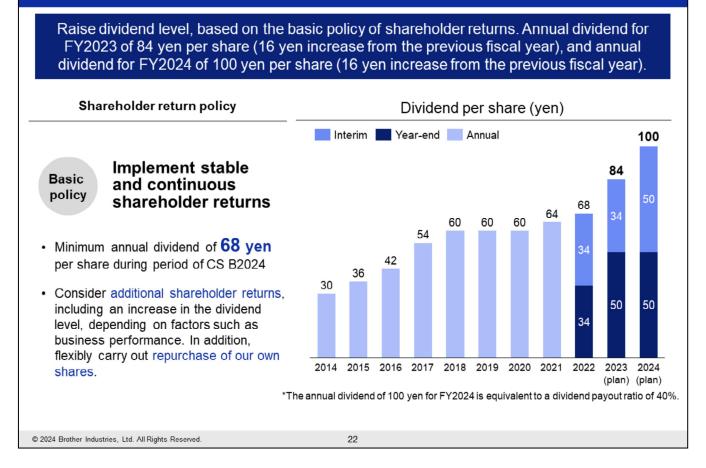
#### ·Forecast for FY2024

We will continue to make prior investments for the future as stated in the medium-term business strategy "CS B2024" and expect capital expenditures of **58.0** billion yen and R&D expenses of **50.2** billion yen.



#### **Shareholder Returns**



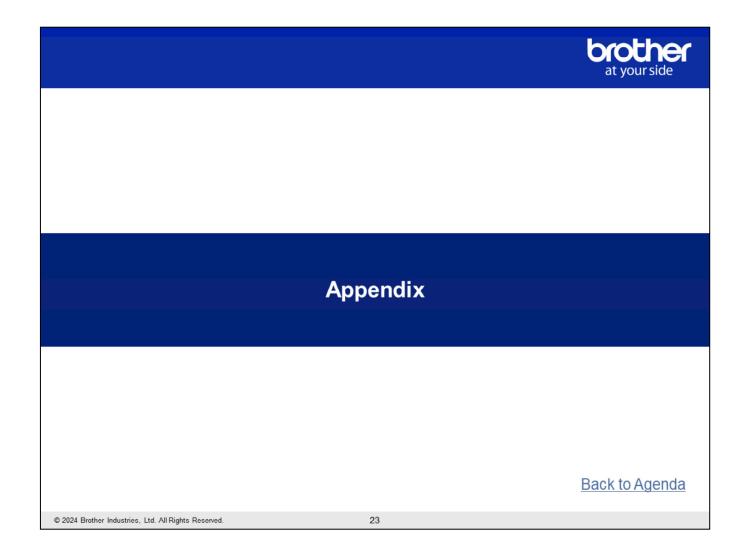


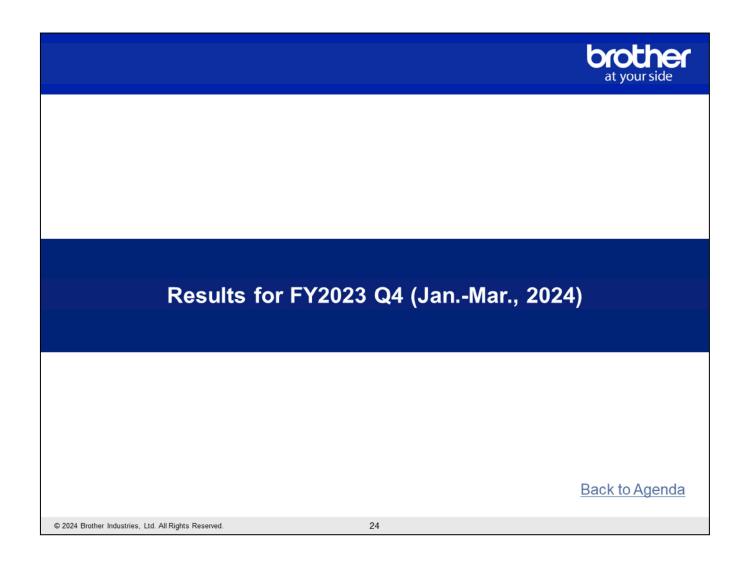
This slide describes shareholder returns.

Under the medium-term business strategy "CS B2024," while making prior investments for the future, we will consider additional shareholder returns, including an increase in the dividend level, depending on business performance and other factors, with a minimum annual dividend level of 68 yen per share. In addition, the Company's basic policy is to flexibly carry out repurchase of our own shares.

Based on this basic policy for returning profits to shareholders, we have raised the dividend level. The year-end dividend for FY2023 is planned to be 50 yen (previous forecast: 34 yen). Together with the interim dividend of 34 yen per share, which has already been paid, this will make the annual dividend **84** yen per share (previous forecast: 68 yen), a 16 yen increase from the previous fiscal year.

For FY2024, we plan to pay an interim and year-end dividend of 50 yen per share, resulting in an annual dividend of **100** yen per share, a 16 yen increase from the previous fiscal year.





## Consolidated Results for FY2023 Q4



Sales revenue and business segment profit increased due to positive FX effects, but operating profit and subsequent items recorded deficit due to an impairment loss on a part of goodwill recorded in the Domino business and other factors.

(100 Millions of Yen)

	22Q4	23Q4	Change (w/o FX)	Rate of Change (w/o FX)	
Salas revenue	2.019	2 402	84	4.1%	
Sales revenue	2,018	2,102	(-74)	(-3.7%)	
Business segment profit	84	140	55 (23)	65.6% (27.6%)	
Business segment profit ratio	4.2%	6.6%			
Other income/expense	-121	-253	-132		
Operating profit	-36	-113	-77	-	
Operating profit ratio	-1.8%	-5.4%			
Income before tax	-32	-108	-76	-	
Net income					
attribute to owners of the parent company	-39	-150	-111	-	
USD	133.26	147.87	14.61		
EUR	143.34	160.90	17.56		

• Impairment loss on a part of goodwill in the Domino business: -28.2 billion yen

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Sales revenue in the fourth quarter of FY2023 was 210.2 billion yen, up 8.4 billion yen from the same period of

the previous fiscal year, due to the positive FX effects.

Business segment profit increased by 5.5 billion yen to 14.0 billion yen.

Operating profit decreased by 7.7 billion yen to a loss of 11.3 billion yen and net income attributable to owners of the parent company decreased by 11.1 billion yen to a loss of 15.0 billion yen mainly due to the recording of an impairment loss on a part of goodwill in the Domino business.

## Results for FY2023 Q4 by Business Segment



(100 Millions of Yen)

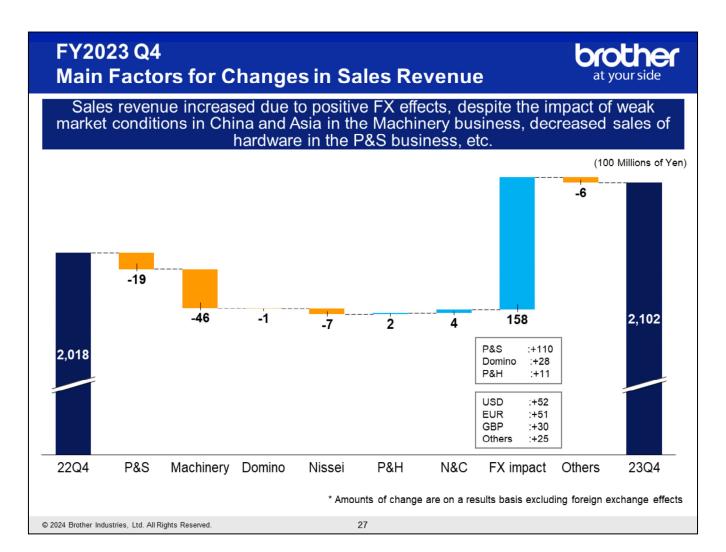
	Sa	Busines	s segme	nt profit	Operating profit				
	22Q4	23Q4	Change	22Q4	23Q4	Change	22Q4	23Q4	Change
P&S	1,225	1,315	90	50	126	75	38	120	82
Machinery	233	195	-38	15	-3	-18	14	-3	-17
Domino	265	292	27	15	6	-9	-98	-279	-181
Nissei	55	50	-5	0	1	0	-1	1	2
P&H	115	127	13	10	11	1	10	12	2
N&C	92	96	4	-1	1	1	-2	-1	1
Other	33	26	-6	-6	-1	5	3	37	34
Total	2,018	2,102	84	84	140	55	-36	-113	-77

 $\ensuremath{^*}$  "Other" includes elimination amounts from inter-segment transactions.

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This slide shows results in each business segment.



These are the factors contributing to increases or decreases in sales revenue in the fourth quarter of FY2023.

#### ·P&S

In both communications and printing equipment and labeling, sales of consumables remained firm, but sales of hardware decreased due to sluggish market conditions, resulting in decreased sales revenue.

#### Machinery

Sales revenue decreased mainly due to the effects of the delayed market recovery in China and Asia on machine tools.

#### · Domino

Sales of consumables were steady, but demand for capital investment softened and sales decreased, resulting in sales revenue being flat year-on-year.

#### ·Nissei

Sales revenue for both reducers and gears decreased due the continuing impact of sluggish market conditions, mainly in China.

#### ·P&H

Sales in all regions except the Americas remained steady, resulting in sales revenue being flat year-on-year.

#### ·N&C

Sales revenue increased due to a recovery in customer traffic to karaoke clubs and increased sales of karaoke systems in conjunction with the launching of new products.

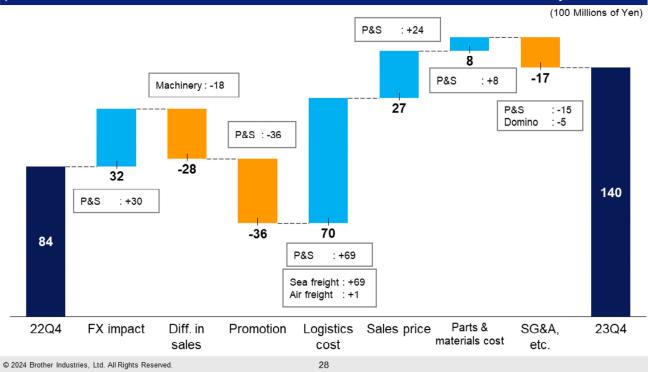
As a result of these factors, in addition to the positive FX effects of 15.8 billion yen resulting from the weaker yen, company-wide sales revenue increased by 8.4 billion yen to **210.2** billion yen.

### FY2023 Q4

## Main Factors for Changes in Business Segment Profit



Profit increased substantially due to lower logistics costs and the effects of price adjustments in the P&S business, as well as positive FX effects, despite higher sales promotion and SG&A costs and effects from lower revenue in the Machinery business.



These are the factors contributing to increases or decreases in business segment profit.

#### · FX impact

Foreign exchange effects were positive, mainly in the P&S business.

#### · Differences in sales

Decreased sales of machine tools in the Machinery business, contributed to the differences.

#### Promotion expenses

Promotion expenses, mainly in the P&S business, increased as a result of the return of a competitive environment with the resolution of supply constraints in each company.

#### · Logistics costs

Logistics costs decreased substantially, mainly in the P&S business, due to a stabilization of rising sea freight costs.

#### · Sales price

There were effects from price adjustments, mainly in the P&S business.

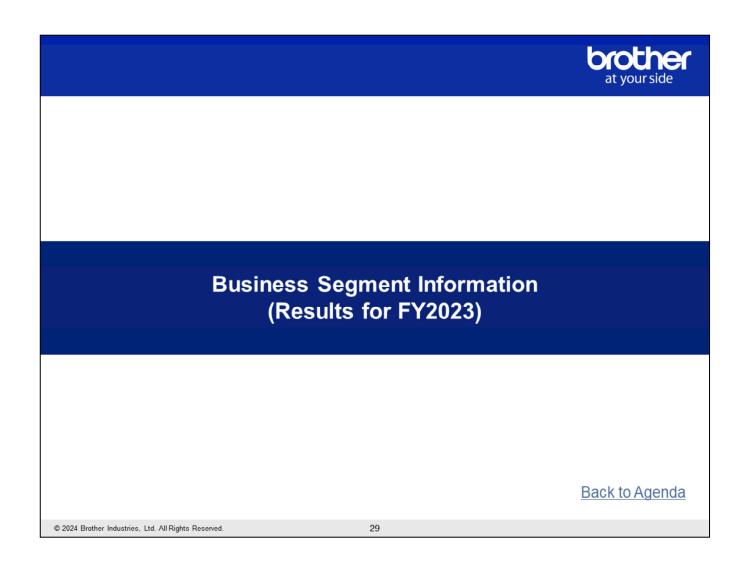
#### · Parts & materials cost

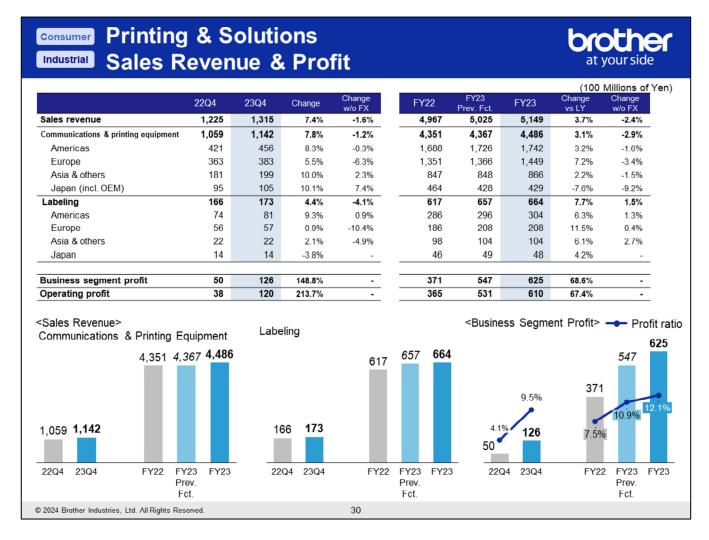
Parts & materials costs decreased, mainly in the P&S business, due to a stabilization of rising parts & materials costs.

#### · SG&A costs

SG&A costs increased as a result of the reinforcement of sales activities, mainly in the P&S and Domino businesses, and other factors.

As a result of these factors, business segment profit was **14.0** billion yen, up 5.5 billion yen compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year.





This slide describes results for the fourth quarter of FY2023.

In the P&S business, sales revenue in the fourth quarter was **131.5** billion yen. Growth on a local currency basis was negative 1.6 %.

#### Communications & printing equipment

Sales revenue was 114.2 billion yen. Growth on a local currency basis was negative 1.2%.

Revenue increased due to positive FX effects, despite the impact of sluggish market conditions mainly in the U.S. and Europe.

The details are explained on the next page.

#### Labeling

Sales revenue was 17.3 billion yen. Growth on a local currency basis was negative 4.1%.

Although sales of hardware decreased compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year, when sales to channels increased as supply constraints were settled, revenue increased due to firm sales of consumables as well as positive FX effects.

Business segment profit was 12.6 billion yen.

Despite increases in sales promotion and SG&A costs, profit increased significantly due to decreased logistics costs, the positive effects of price adjustments, and positive FX effects.

## Sales Revenue Growth Rate / Consumable Ratio / Growth Rate of Hardware



	21Q1	21Q2	21Q3	21Q4	22Q1	22Q2	22Q3	22Q4	23Q1	23Q2	23Q3	23Q4	FY21	FY22	FY2
Laser (LBP)												П			Г
Sales revenue growth	rate (JPY/Yo)	<b>(</b> )													
Hardware	-10%	-4%	-9%	-8%	41%	45%	42%	36%	4%	-17%	-13%	-1%	-8%	41%	-8%
Consumable	21%	15%	14%	16%	18%	-8%	0%	4%	3%	15%	11%	18%	16%	3%	119
Sales revenue growth	rate (LC/YoY)	)													
Hardware	-16%	-9%	-15%	-13%	25%	23%	21%	23%	-1%	-21%	-16%	-9%	-13%	23%	-139
Consumable	12%	9%	6%	9%	7%	-20%	-13%	-6%	-3%	7%	5%	7%	9%	-8%	49
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Sales revenue growth	rate (JPY/Yo	r)										П			Г
Hardware	90%	95%	17%	15%	18%	32%	46%	39%	5%	3%	-5%	-1%	45%	33%	09
Consumable	11%	-6%	-3%	2%	19%	-2%	8%	13%	15%	16%	0%	5%	0%	9%	89
Sales revenue growth	rate (LC/YoY)	)													
Hardware	79%	87%	11%	10%	8%	16%	30%	27%	2%	-2%	-8%	-7%	38%	20%	-49
Consumable	5%	-10%	-7%	-2%	11%	-12%	-2%	4%	9%	9%	-4%	-3%	-4%	0%	29
Cosumable ratio	56%	57%	58%	59%	53%	47%	49%	53%	54%	53%	54%	56%	57%	51%	549
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Growth rate of hardwar Units/YoY)	е											П			
Laser (LBP)	-28%	-16%	-20%	-16%	14%	9%	3%	8%	-1%	-21%	-8%	-6%	-20%	8%	-99
Inkjet (IJP)	65%	101%	1%	7%	8%	16%	42%	43%	4%	0%	-3%	-8%	34%	26%	-29
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This slide shows the sales revenue growth rates of major printing products in the fourth quarter (local currency basis, year-on-year comparison).

The laser (LBP) sales growth was negative 9% for hardware and positive 7% for consumables. The rates for inkjet (IJP) sales were negative 7% for hardware and negative 3% for consumables.

#### [Hardware]

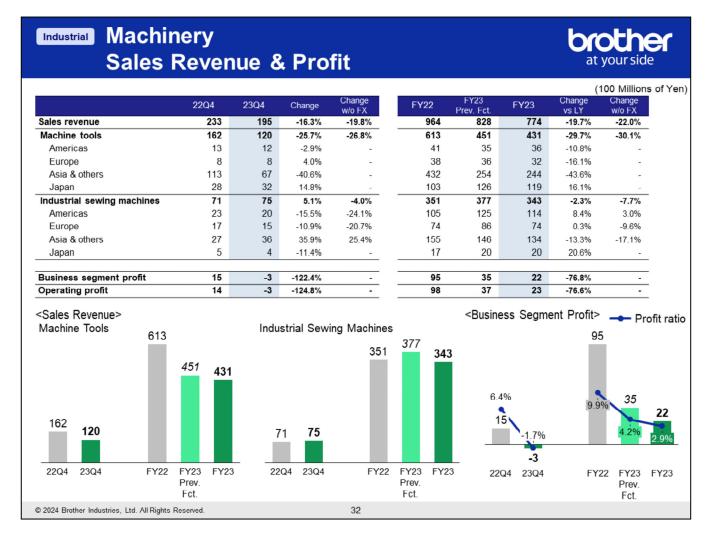
Sales of lasers decreased mainly in Europe and the U.S., affected by sluggish market conditions.

As for inkjets, sales of tank models grew in emerging markets except China, but declined in other regions.

#### [Consumables]

Sales of lasers remained firm in all regions.

Sales of inkjets were down, mainly in developed countries.



In the Machinery business, sales revenue in the fourth quarter was **19.5** billion yen. Growth on a local currency basis was negative 19.8%.

#### · Machine tools

Sales revenue was 12.0 billion yen. Growth on a local currency basis was negative 26.8%.

In China and Asia, the recovery of demand for capital investment in the automotive and general machinery markets was slower than expected, resulting in a substantial decrease in sales revenue.

#### · Industrial sewing machines

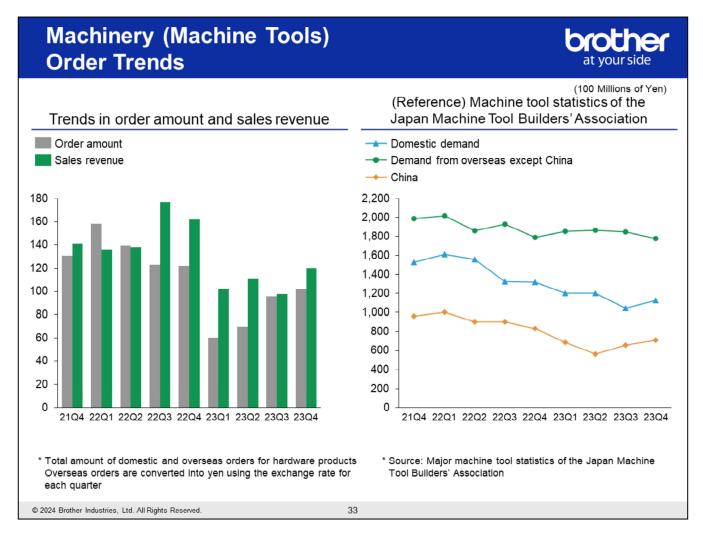
Sales revenue was 7.5 billion yen. Growth on a local currency basis was negative 4.0%.

As for industrial sewing machines, there were signs of recovery in demand for capital investment, mainly in China. However, sales of garment printers decreased, mainly due to a tougher competitive environment in the U.S. and Europe.

Sales of industrial sewing machines overall increased due to positive FX effects.

A business segment loss of **0.3** billion yen was recorded.

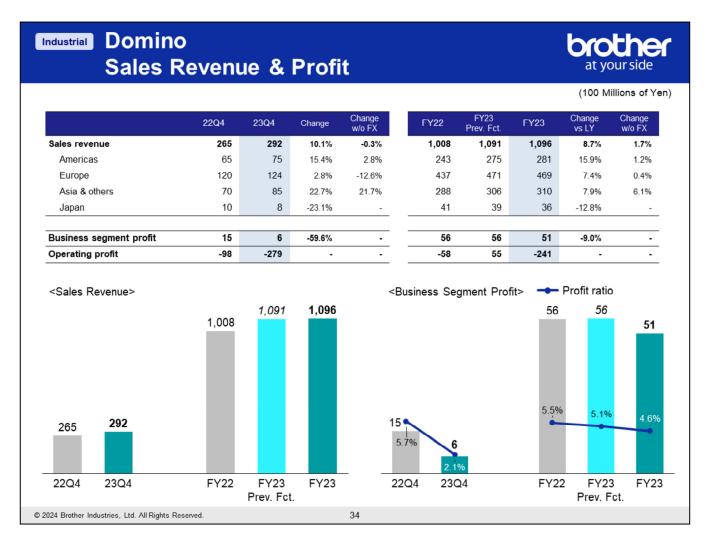
Besides decreased revenue, increased SG&A costs accompanied by strengthened sales activities for garment printers affected the results.



This slide shows trends in sales revenue and order amounts by quarter.

The order amounts are the aggregate amounts of orders for hardware products from both Japan and overseas.

Although order amounts bottomed out in the first quarter of FY2023, the speed of recovery is gradual and the impact of sluggish market conditions in China is continuing.



In the Domino business, sales revenue in the fourth quarter was **29.2** billion yen. Growth on a local currency basis was negative 0.3%.

In the hardware business, demand for capital investment softened particularly in Europe due to effects from the economic slowdown and sales of both C&M and DP decreased.

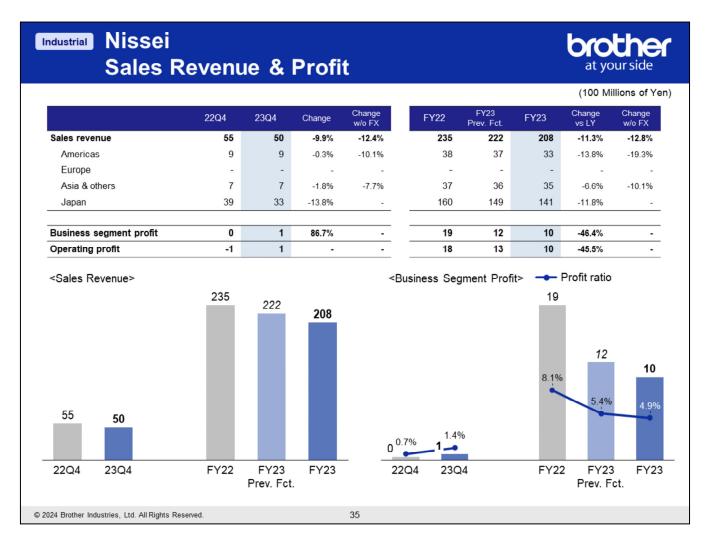
Consumables remained firm.

Overall, revenue increased due to the positive impact of the weaker yen.

Business segment profit was **0.6** billion yen.

Business segment profit decreased significantly due to higher SG&A costs in conjunction with the reinforcement of sales activities and renewal of core business systems as well as the negative impact of appreciation of the British pound.

An operating loss of **27.9** billion yen was recorded due to the recording of an impairment loss on a part of goodwill (-28.2 billion yen) as a result of the negative impact of the ongoing appreciation of the British pound on profits, and higher discount rates reflecting rising interest rates, as well as slower-than-expected growth in the digital printing equipment market, and other factors.

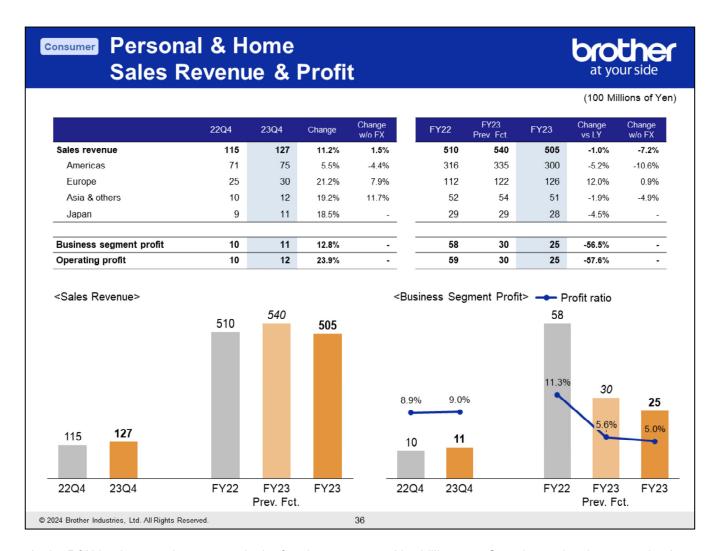


In the Nissei business, sales revenue in the fourth quarter was **5.0** billion yen. Growth on a local currency basis was negative 12.4%.

Revenue decreased both for reducers and gears due to the continuing impact of sluggish market conditions mainly in China.

Business segment profit was 0.1 billion yen.

Profit increased partially due to effects of curbing of SG&A costs, despite the impact of decreased revenues.

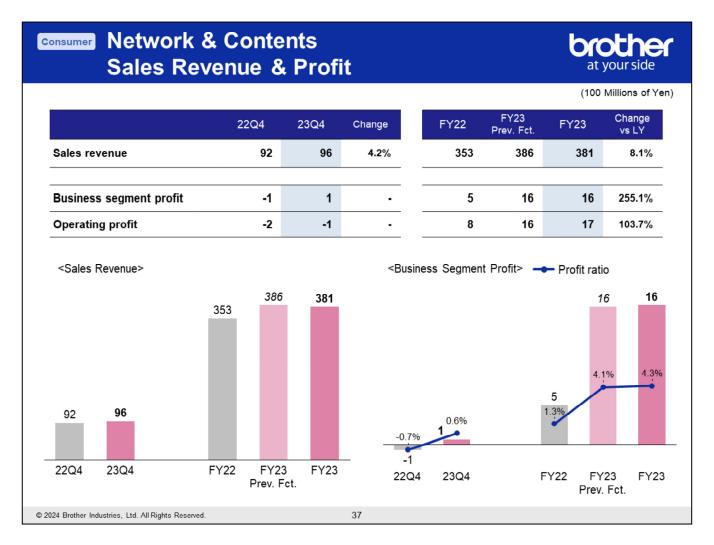


In the P&H business, sales revenue in the fourth quarter was **12.7** billion yen. Growth on a local currency basis was positive 1.5%.

Although sales, mainly of middle- to high-end models, decreased due to the effect of sluggish market conditions in the U.S., sales revenue increased as a result of steady sales in other regions in addition to positive FX effects.

Business segment profit was 1.1 billion yen.

Although the product mix worsened due to decreased sales of middle- to high-end models, and SG&A and sales promotion costs increased, profit increased partially due to positive FX effects.

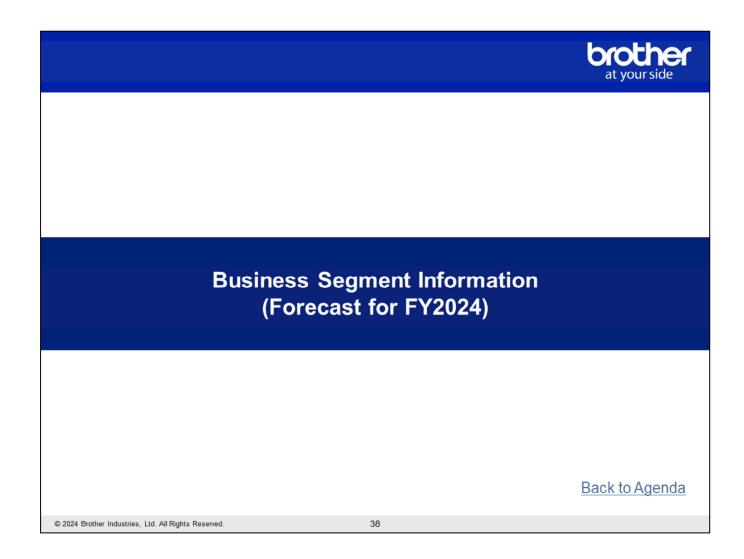


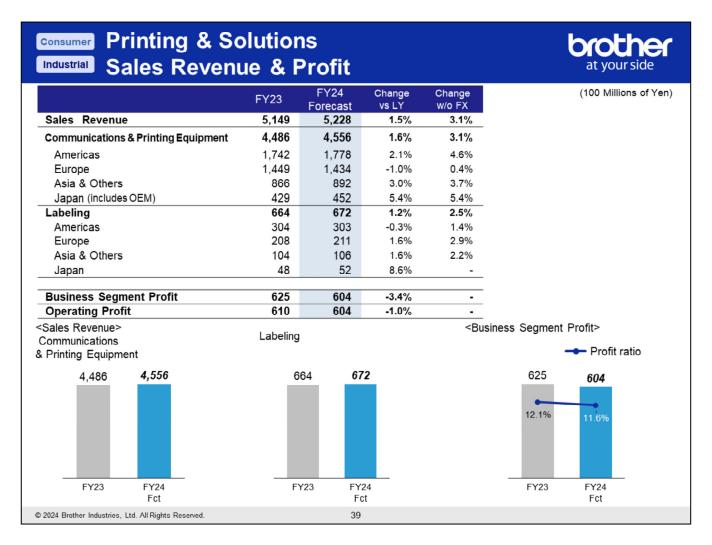
In the N&C business, sales revenue in the fourth quarter was **9.6** billion yen, a year-on-year increase of 4.2%.

Revenue increased due to increased sales at karaoke clubs as a result of a recovery in customer traffic, as well as steady sales of karaoke systems as a result of the launch of new products.

Business segment profit was 0.1 billion yen.

Although SG&A costs increased in conjunction with the introduction of new products, business segment profit increased as a result of the effects of higher sales.

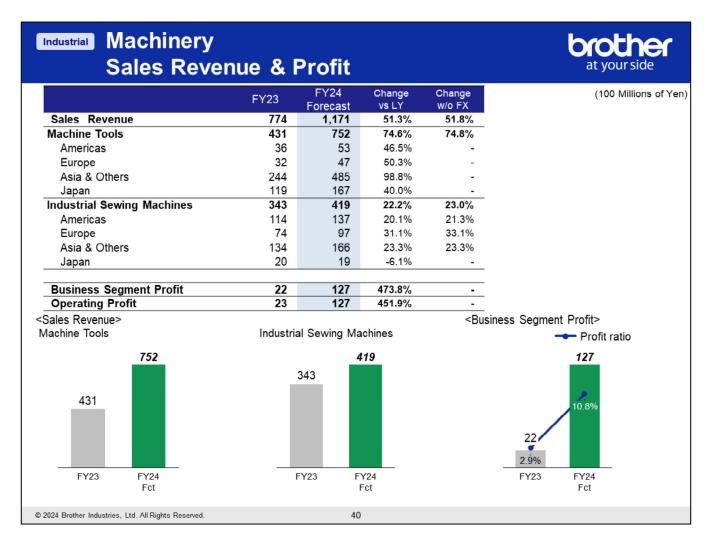




The forecast for FY2024 is as follows.

Sales revenue is expected to increase due to continuing firm sales of consumables as well as reinforced sales of hardware in both communications and printing equipment and labeling.

Business segment profit is expected to decrease, taking into account increased SG&A and sales promotion costs, despite the effect of increased revenue.



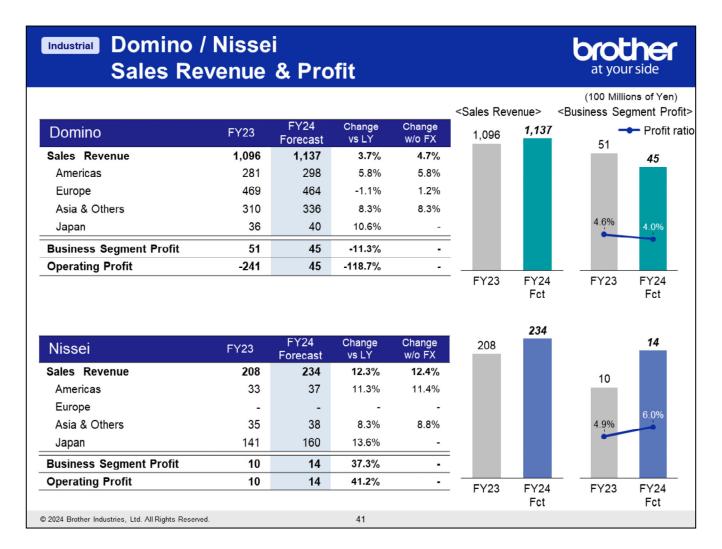
Sales revenue is expected to increase for both machine tools and industrial sewing machines.

[Machine Tools] We expect capital investment demand in the automotive and general machinery markets to recover, especially in China. We aim to achieve substantial growth by leveraging our product lineup, which we have been enhancing, as well as our sales and service bases in China, India, and Japan.

[Industrial Sewing Machines] As for industrial sewing machines, we expect a recovery in capital investment demand among apparel manufacturers, especially in Asia, and will focus on sales for non-apparel products such as airbags, footwear, and bags.

As for garment printers, sales revenue is expected to increase due to reinforced sales activities, despite intensified competition.

Business segment profit is expected to increase due to effects of increased sales revenue, despite an increase in SG&A costs, etc.



#### Domino business

Sales revenue is expected to increase due to firm demand, especially in C&M. Business segment profit is expected to decrease due to the cost for renewal of core business systems on a global basis, an increase in SG&A costs resulting from enhanced sales activities, and other factors.

#### Nissei business

Sales revenue is expected to increase due to a gradual recovery in capital investment demand toward the second half of the fiscal year. Business segment profit is expected to increase due to the effect of increased revenue, despite an increase in SG&A costs, etc.

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Europe	126	126	0.2%	1.6%				
Asia & Others	51	54	5.9%	6.8%			25	
Japan	28	29	4.9%	-			5.0%	
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## ·P&H business

Sales revenue is expected to increase due to a recovery in sales of middle- to high-end models mainly in the U.S. and Europe as the decrease in demand caused by the COVID-19-related surge has been resolved and market conditions normalize. Business segment profit is expected to increase due to an improved product mix resulting from increased sales of middle- to high-end models, despite an increase in SG&A costs.

## ·N&C business

Sales revenue is expected to increase due to expanded sales of new karaoke systems launched in FY2023 and stable customer traffic at karaoke clubs. Business segment profit is expected to increase due to the effect of increased revenue.





# Vision and medium-term business strategy



Two years have passed since the medium-term business strategy (FY2022–2024) was formulated to achieve the 2030 vision; the current fiscal year is the final year.

**Brother Group Vision** At your side

## **Our Purpose**

By being "At your side," we enable people's productivity and creativity, contribute to society, and help protect the earth.

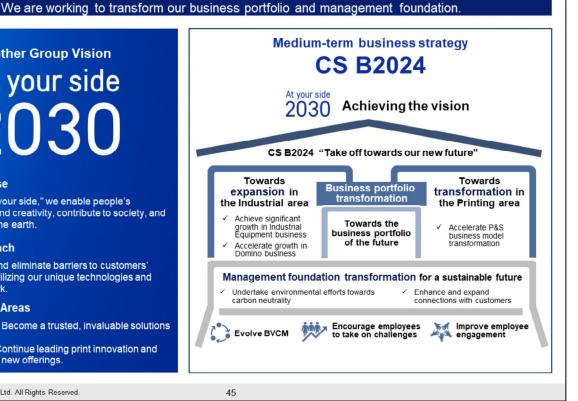
#### Our Approach

We identify and eliminate barriers to customers' success by utilizing our unique technologies and global network.

#### **Our Focus Areas**

- Industrial Become a trusted, invaluable solutions
- Printing Continue leading print innovation and pioneering new offerings.

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The Brother Group formulated the Brother Group Vision "At your side 2030" towards 2030, which began in FY2022.

"At your side 2030" considers what kind of value we will provide to our customers towards 2030 and indicates how we will provide value ("Our Approach") and what we will achieve ("Our Focus Areas"), starting from "Our Purpose," which redefines Brother's raison d'être.

We formulated our "CS B2024" medium-term business strategy in FY2022 to achieve "At your side 2030" and defined themes to be addressed during the first three years.

Under CS B2024, we have been working on the priority themes of "Business Portfolio Transformation," including "Expansion in the Industrial Area" and "Transformation in the Printing Area," as well as "Management Foundation Transformation for a Sustainable Future."

I will now explain our progress in FY2023, the second fiscal year of CS B2024, through to May 9, 2024.

- Brother Group Vision "At your side 2030" Explanatory Material https://download.brother.com/pub/com/en/corporate/vision/atyourside2030e-p.pdf
- Medium-term Business Strategy "CS B2024" Explanatory Presentation https://global.brother/pub/com/en/news/2022/220511cs-b2024e-p.pdf

# Medium-term strategy "CS B2024" | Financial targets and values with exchange rate conversion



Yen (JPY) has depreciated rapidly since May 2022, when medium-term business strategy was announced; if original targets are converted to the current exchange rate level, sales revenue expands significantly but operating profit ratio and ROE remain almost the same



CS B2024 financial targets reference values with exchange rate conversion\*1] Exchange rate assumption 1USD=145JPY / 1EUR=155JPY **954** billion yen Industrial Equipment business: Breakdown 103.5 billion yen (Priority Domino business: 118 billion yen businesses) P&S business: 540 billion yen Approx. 10% (approx. 7%) Approx. 10%

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This slide shows the financial targets of CS B2024.

On the left are the original financial targets announced in May 2022.

In light of the rapid depreciation of the yen during the period, reference values for the original targets with exchange rate conversion are shown on the right.

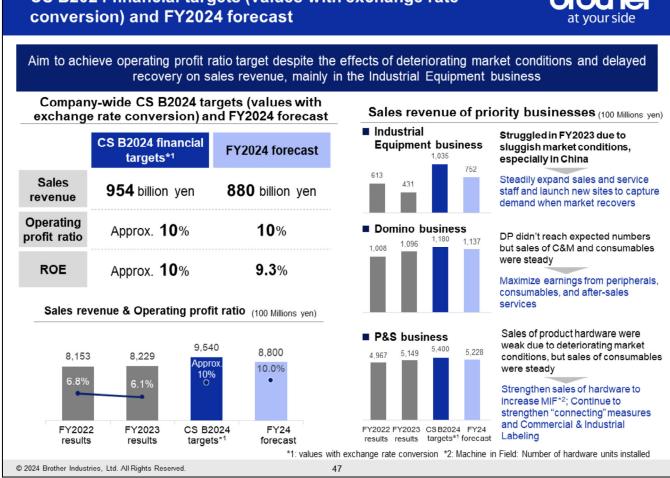
As a result, sales revenue expands significantly but operating profit ratio and ROE remain almost the same.

<sup>\*1:</sup> Reference values with exchange rate conversion are estimates based on the sensitivity of exchange rates to the JPY based on the latest estimates for FY2023 sales revenue/cost of sales/SG&A denominated in foreign currencies

<sup>\*2:</sup> Profit for the period attributable to owners of the parent company (assuming a corporate tax rate of 30%)

# CS B2024 financial targets (values with exchange rate conversion) and FY2024 forecast





This slide outlines the forecast for FY2024. It is a comparison with reference values that have been converted to the current exchange rate level.

We forecast sales revenue of 880 billion yen, an operating profit ratio of 10%, and ROE of 9.3% for the entire company.

Although sales revenue will be affected by deteriorating market conditions and delayed recovery mainly in the Industrial Equipment business, we aim to achieve our operating profit ratio target.

The following is a summary of sales revenue trends in our priority businesses, namely the Industrial Equipment business, Domino business, and P&S business.

# ·Industrial Equipment business (Machinery business)

In FY2023, the Industrial Equipment business struggled due to sluggish market conditions, especially in China.

We will continue to steadily expand our sales and service staff and launch new sites among other measures to build a fullfledged structure that will capture demand when the market recovers.

#### ·Domino business

In FY2023, although sales of DP product hardware did not reach the expected numbers, sales of C&M product hardware and consumables were steady.

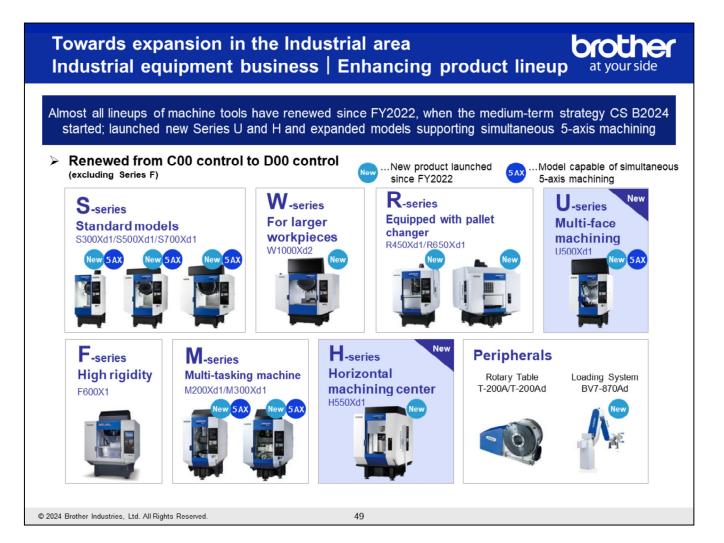
We will continue to maximize earnings from peripherals, consumables, and after-sales services.

#### ·P&S business

In FY2023, sales of product hardware were weak due to deteriorating market conditions, but sales of consumables were

In FY2024, we will strengthen sales of product hardware in order to increase the number of machines in field (MIF) in the market, while continuing to focus on strengthening "connecting" measures such as MPS and subscription services as well as expanding Commercial & Industrial Labeling.





From here, I will introduce our efforts in the Industrial Equipment business towards "Expansion in the Industrial Area" for business portfolio transformation.

We are accelerating the development speed of SPEEDIO machine tools more than ever, and are renewing almost the entire lineup from FY2022 onward.

In addition to the simultaneous 5-axis machines and multi-face machines newly introduced in FY2022, the lineup was expanded in FY2023 with the introduction of SPEEDIO's first horizontal machining center, enabling the machining of large workpieces and complex shapes.

# Towards expansion in the Industrial area Industrial equipment business | Target market

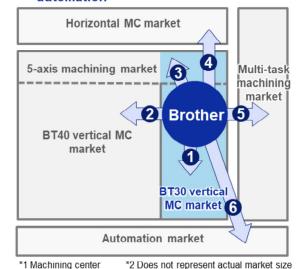


Significant lineup enhancement and renewal, enabling machining of large workpieces and complex shapes; actively expand business into neighboring areas

by providing value beyond the framework of BT30 vertical MC\*1

## Image of expanding reach market by enhancing product lineup\*2

Enhanced product lineup enables support for large workpieces, complex shape machining, multi-task machining, and automation



- Expand lineup to increase market share in the BT30 market
- Replace BT40 MC by introducing models for large workpieces such as the W-series and improving machining capabilities
- Move towards 5-axis machining market with simultaneous 5-axis models capable of machining complex shapes
- 4 Launch the BT30 horizontal H-series to the horizontal MC market, which is dominated by the BT40 machines
- Move towards the multi-task machining market by enhancing the M-series lineup equipped with lathe functions
- 6 Move towards the automation market by proposing solutions in combination with peripherals and robots

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The significant enhancement and renewal of the SPEEDIO lineup has enabled the machining of large workpieces and complex shapes. This will allow us to aggressively expand our business into adjacent areas by providing value beyond the framework of the compact BT30 vertical MC.

In addition to expanding our share in the BT30 vertical MC market, which is our main market, we will seek to replace the BT40 vertical MC with a model that can handle large workpieces, centered around W-series.

We will increase the number of models capable of machining complex shapes as well as simultaneous 5-axis machining. We will also make value proposals tailored to market and customer needs, such as the BT30 horizontal H-series for the horizontal MC market and M-series with both MC and lathe functions for the multitask machining market.

In addition, we will focus on providing solutions to automate manufacturing processes through combinations with peripherals and robots manufactured by other companies.

#### Towards expansion in the Industrial area Industrial equipment business | Expanding manufacturing and sales facilities Opened 5 Brother Technology Centers (BTCs) and 6 offices/sales offices in the priority areas of China, India, and Japan in FY2022-2023; new factory in India under construction to begin operation in December 2024 BTC Nanjing Converted to BTC in FY2023 BTC Sendai Tianjin Converted to BTC in FY2023 Opened in FY2023 1111 **BTC Gurugram** Wuhan Opened in FY2023 Osaka Northern Kanto Tokyo Shizuoka Opened in FY2023 **Xian Factory** Wuxi Hefei Shanghai Ningbo Head Office/Kariya Factory Opened in FY2023 BTC Kyushu Chongqing Taizhou Opened in FY2022 Ahmedabad Guangzhou •O Opened in FY2023 Dongguan Xiamen Bangkok Factory in India

On the sales side, we are strengthening our sales and service infrastructure in the priority areas of China, India, and Japan by opening new facilities and adding showrooms to existing facilities (converting them into Brother Technology Centers).

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in FY2022

O Brother Technology Center (BTC)

Office/Sales office

Role of BTC:
• Showroom functions
• Local machine sales to dealers
• Technical maintenance support to dealers

Manufacturing facility

We have opened five Brother Technology Centers and six offices/sales offices since FY2022.

**Brother Machinery (India)** 

**BTC Bengaluru** 

Under construction, scheduled to start operation in December 2024

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On the manufacturing side, we have begun construction of a new factory in India, where market growth is expected. It is scheduled to begin operation in December 2024.

# Towards expansion in the Industrial area Domino business | Enhancing product lineup



Continuous development and launch of new products and applications through collaboration between Domino and Brother

# Gx Series cartridge type thermal inkjet printers



[Printing applications] Food packaging, packing boxes, beverage and pharmaceutical containers

- Capable of printing twice as wide as conventional models; supports printing 2D barcodes
- Capable of printing on curved surfaces such as the bottom of a can by increasing the discharge distance
- · Capable of printing on industrial applications such as cables

# Cx350i large character inkjet printers



[Printing applications] Corrugated cardboard, building materials (plasterboard, wood)

- High speed and long continuous printing time compared to conventional models
- · Supports black/red/blue/green inks
- Reduces environmental impact by utilizing plant-derived oilbased inks

# Vx Series high-speed thermal printers

- Full model change in pursuit of even faster printing speeds
- Improved functionality and ease of use





Vx150i

Coding expiration date and lot number

#### K300 Black-and-white digital printers

 Offers the world's first application of printing variable information on label-less PET bottle caps





Printing on label-less PET bottle line

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In the Domino business, Domino and Brother are continuing to collaborate in the development and launch of new products.

As one of the major new products that have been launched since FY2022, we have expanded the functionality of cartridge type thermal inkjet printer, which prints serial numbers and other information on food packaging and beverage and pharmaceutical containers, by introducing a head that allows for printing on curved surfaces, and a head that supports a printing width twice that of conventional models.

For customers who print continuously 24 hours a day at high speed on building materials such as plasterboard and wood, we have introduced a printer for large character that can print continuously for 13 days (conventional models can print continuously for 8 hours).

We have also done a full model change on our high-performance, high-speed thermal printers to improve printing speed, functionality, and ease of use.

For black-and-white digital printers, we have launched K300 and expanded our product lineup and applications, including the world's first printer capable of printing variable information on label-less PET bottle caps.

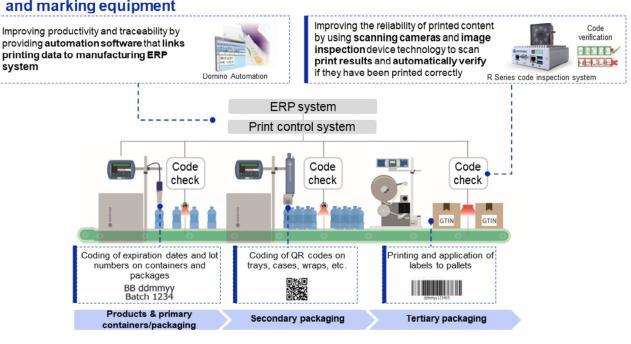
# Towards expansion in the Industrial area Domino business | Providing value throughout the manufacturing process

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Focus on providing value throughout the customer's manufacturing process, from printing on individual products to packaging and shipping

Providing solutions with automation software and peripherals in addition to coding and marking equipment



In addition to printing equipment hardware, we are also focusing on providing solutions for the entire manufacturing process, including peripherals for code inspection of print results and automation software for integration of printing data and other data into ERP systems.

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# Towards transformation in the Printing area Environmental awareness and measures



Response to changes in the printing market environment and enhance profitability by launching new products and reinforsing initiatives to connect with customers, targeting customers with high print volume as our main focus

## Environment surrounding small all-in-ones and printers

Although the printing market is facing a difficult situation with a shrinking market, decreasing print volume, and lower genuine consumable ratio, the environment surrounding small machines has some advantageous aspects

Centralized printing

⇒ Decentralized
printing

Establishment of home demand

Black-andwhite ➡ Color Expansion of the ink tank market Longer usage period for hardware (increase in MIF\*1 residuals)

# ■ Measures

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Next, I will introduce initiatives for "Transformation in the Printing area."

The printing market is facing a difficult situation with a shrinking market, decreasing print volume, and lower genuine consumable ratio due to the trend toward paperless and other factors. However, we recognize that there are some advantageous aspects for compact all-in-ones and printers, such as the movement from centralized printing with large copiers in offices to decentralized printing with compact machines, the establishment of home demand following COVID-19, the demand for color printing, and the expansion of the ink tank market in emerging countries.

In addition, the usage period for hardware is getting longer, which supports the sale of consumables.

We will capture these changes in the environment as we aim to remain a winner in the printing market and enhance profitability.

For hardware sales, we will continue to launch highly durable and competitive new products in FY2022 and beyond. We will strengthen sales targeting customers with high print volume for both laser and inkjet and expand MIF(Machine in Field) to support future consumable sales.

At the same time, we will support consumables by strengthening measures to connect with our customers.

# Towards transformation in the Printing area What is "connecting"/Targets and progress



Shifting to a business model that connects with customers and offers mid- to long-term benefits for both customers and Brother

What is P&S's "Connecting?"

To create a state of direct communication with customers who use our products and services, and continue to provide superior customer experience and value

Contract-based connections

MPS
(Managed Print Service)

Subscription service

Subscription service

Connection level

Non-contractual connections

Ready to make proposals based on the customer's usage

Ready to make proposals based on the devices the customer owns

✓ Benefits for Customers\*1: Reduced TCO\*2, reduced pain to purchase consumables, enrollment in long-term extended warranty and loyalty programs, and receive promotions and information on the best new products, etc.

- Benefits for Brother: Increased LTV<sup>-3</sup> by securing profitability through improving the genuine consumable ratio and improving offering value by analyzing data on customer usage, etc.
- ✓ Benefits for both parties: Contribution to sustainability by promoting the collection and recycling of used products
  \*1:includes the benefits only for contract-based connections \*2:Total Cost of Ownership \*3:Life Time Value

Number of connections Targets and progress (M units) 30.00 6.73 3.90 3.37 FY30 FY21 FY22 FY23 FY24 results results results planned target © 2024 Brother Industries, Ltd. All Rights Reserved

# Example of MPS in Europe (contract-based)

- Contracts through copier dealers and other channels to provide consumables and services on a pay-as-you-go (per sheet) basis
- Automatic delivery from Brother when consumables run low using Brother's platform
- 100% genuine consumable ratio for MPS subscribers
- Print volume is higher than conventional box-moving model

In the P&S business, we are moving away from the traditional box-moving business model to that of connecting with customers.

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With "connecting" as the keyword, we aim to provide superior value by creating a situation where we can communicate directly with our customers, both contract-based and non-contractual businesses.

The contract-based businesses refer to services such as MPS and subscription services, while non-contractual businesses are those in which we are able to make proposals to customers based on their product usage and the equipment they own.

By "connecting" with customers, we can help reduce their TCO and the cost of purchasing consumables, and expect to increase profitability for Brother by improving the genuine consumable ratio.

It will also encourage the collection and recycling of products, which will contribute to sustainability.

In FY2023, we have connections with 4.92 million customers to whom we can provide value and make proposals, an increase of approximately 26% from the previous fiscal year. We are developing various measures to achieve our goal of connecting with 30 million customers in FY2030.

In the Managed Print Service (MPS) in Europe for BtoB, not only is the genuine consumable ratio at 100%, but print volume is higher compared to those not under contract, confirming that consumables are effective in securing revenue.

We will accelerate the transformation of printing by simultaneously strengthening the product strength and profitability of the P&S business and transforming the business model.

# Towards transformation in the Printing area Global manufacturing system towards 2030



Aim to establish a system where the main production facilities in Asia pursue cost competitiveness and promote multiple functions, Europe and the U.S. focus on recycling-oriented local production for local consumption, and Japan serves as the inkjet production base

# Europe and the U.S. Recycling-oriented local production for local consumption Japan Inkjet production base Asia Multi-function factories

#### Asia:

#### Transform into multi-function factories

- · High cost competitiveness for global markets
- BCP factories capable of producing inkjet, laser, and labeling products
- Factories with renewable energy and energy-saving technology

# Europe and the U.S.: Realize recycling-oriented local

# production for local consumption

- Recycling-oriented factories with a view to recycling not only consumables but also hardware
- BCP factories in the region through local production for local consumption of consumables

## Japan:

## Restructure inkjet production base

- Advanced and efficient production system for consumer/industrial core inkjet parts
- Integrated prototyping and production system for industrial printing products

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On the manufacturing side of the P&S business, we have clarified the positioning of our manufacturing facilities by region towards 2030.

In Asia, in addition to pursuing cost competitiveness, which we have been promoting, we are aiming to transform our manufacturing facilities into multi-function factories by building a system that enables the production of various product categories at multiple sites to support BCPs, utilizing renewable energy through the installation of solar panels, and actively introducing energy-saving technologies, among other measures.

In Europe and the U.S., in addition to local production for local consumption and the collection/recycling of consumables, we are aiming to create recycling-oriented factories within the region with an eye towards the recycling of product hardware.

In Japan, we are aiming to establish an advanced and efficient production system for core inkjet parts and an integrated system from prototyping to production for industrial printing products in order to serve as an inkjet production base.

# Towards transformation in the Printing area Enhancing manufacturing facilities



# Expand and enhance capabilities around inkjet manufacturing facilities

- Completion of new factory building in the Philippines
- New factory building of Brother Industries (Philippines), Inc., which produces P&S products, completed in January 2024
- · Investment: Approx. 9 billion yen (including solar panel installation)
- Can respond flexibly to changes in the business environment as a multifunctional facility

Enhanced production capacity

Flexible production of various P&S products

Supports BCPs through warehouse functions for parts and products

Uses renewable energy through solar panels



New factory building of Brother Industries (Philippines) (Factory No. 3)

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## Hoshizaki Factory to automate production of core inkjet parts

- New factory building at Hoshizaki Factory completed in January 2023
- · Brother Group's first seismic isolation structure
- Aims to further improve production efficiency and quality by consolidating the production of key parts and introducing automated production lines as an inkjet production base



New factory building of Hoshizaki Factory (Factory No. 13)

As part of the above-mentioned activities to build a global manufacturing system, a new factory building (Factory No. 3) of Brother Industries (Philippines), Inc. was completed in January 2024.

In addition to being able to produce a wide variety of products, the new factory building also has a warehouse function for storing parts and products that supports BCPs.

Solar panels have been installed on the roof to generate up to 3,736 MWh per year, which accounts for approximately 40% of the total electricity generated by the Brother Group's facilities.

This facility will not only support increased production, but also respond flexibly to future changes in the business environment as a multifunctional facility.

In addition, at the new factory building of the Hoshizaki Factory (Factory No. 13), which was completed in January 2023, we will consolidate the production of key inkjet parts for consumer and industrial use and introduce automated production lines among other measures to further improve production efficiency and quality.

# Towards the business portfolio of the future Expanding inkjet product line



Expand the value of inkjet product offerings not only in the P&S business, but also beyond business boundaries

# Inkjet product line that extends beyond business boundaries Product Application/Category Business Industrial use Coding **Domino Packaging** Signs Machinery Graphic **Textile** Fabric printers Sublimation Goods Document P&S Consumer

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## [News] Exhibition at FESPA\* 2024

- Exhibited products including garment printers and wide-format printers in the Industrial Printing area, as well as office printers and fabric printers
- Proposed value through cross-selling by combining various products beyond business boundaries



\*: One of the world's largest annual exhibitions for industrial printing and textiles in Europe, held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands from March 19-22, 2024

We are aiming to expand the value we offer centered around inkjet for our future business portfolio.

In the Machinery business, we launched a latex wide-format printer in April 2024 as a wide format printer for sign and display applications. In addition, in the P&H business, we launched a fabric printer that can print on rolls of fabric and a sublimation printer that can transfer designs not only on fabric products but also on mugs and other items in 2023.

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We are also strengthening our broad value proposition through the development of new inkjet products and cross-selling beyond business boundaries by exhibiting at FESPA 2024, one of the world's largest exhibitions for industrial printing and textiles.

# Towards the business portfolio of the future Creating new businesses that help to address materialities



Aim to expand business into fuel cells and air conditioning equipment to provide new value that will help to address our materialities

- Launched "ACUPS Series" hydrogen fuel cell/storage battery hybrid UPS
  - · Backup power supply that hybridizes fuel cells that generate electricity using hydrogen and oxygen from the air and lithium-ion batteries launched in October 2023
  - · Adopted as a backup power source for runway facilities at Narita Airport
  - · Brother's initiative to promote hydrogen utilization named "PureEne": activities strengthened



PureEne

- "Pure Drive PD3" spot cooler wins Energy **Conservation Grand Prize**
- · Uses Brother's proprietary "TWIN AQUA" technology; a CFC-free, exhaust heat-free spot cooler with an exhaust air dry-bulb temperature below the ambient air temperature, achieving low power consumption that is about 1/5 that of an air conditioner system
- First win of the "Agency for Natural Resources and **Energy Commissioner's** Award" in the Product and **Business Model Category** of the "FY2023 Energy Conservation Grand Prize" sponsored by the Energy Conservation Center, Japan



Award-winning product (right) and installation example (left)

- Launched paid version of "BuddyBoard" note-taking app that can be used by teams
- · An iPad handwritten note-taking app that enables real-time sharing of handwritten notes and contributes to more efficient remote work
- Commercialized in 2021 as a result of the employees' new business proposal system and launched as a paid service for corporate customers in 2022



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This slide shows new business initiatives.

In 2018, Brother commercialized environmentally friendly hydrogen fuel cells that do not emit CO<sub>2</sub>. In 2023, we launched the "ACUPS Series," a backup power supply that hybridizes hydrogen fuel cells and lithium-ion batteries, which has been adopted as a backup power supply for runway facilities at Narita Airport.

In addition, we launched "PureEne" as a brand that symbolizes all of Brother's efforts to promote hydrogen utilization centered around fuel cells, and will further strengthen its activities.

In terms of air conditioning equipment, the newly developed "Pure Drive" Series' "PD3" model, an exhaust heatfree and CFC-free personal spot cooler, had its first win of the "Agency for Natural Resources and Energy Commissioner's Award," the second-highest prize in the Product and Business Model Category of the "FY2023" Energy Conservation Grand Prize" sponsored by the Energy Conservation Center, Japan.

In addition to its low power consumption, which is approximately one-fifth that of air conditioners, and its environmentally friendly CFC-free design, the new model was highly evaluated for its compact size compared to conventional models, which allows it to be widely installed not only in forklifts but also in towing vehicles and transport equipment in factories and logistics warehouses.

Furthermore, "BuddyBoard," a handwritten note-taking application that was commercialized as a result of the employees' new business proposal system, is now available as a paid service for corporate customers.

We will continue to focus on creating and growing new businesses that help to address our materialities.



# Management foundation transformation Promoting DX strategy



Initiatives are underway in each of the three pillars of the DX strategy; approx. 80% of those who have completed the DX core human resource development curriculum are engaged in DX-related work

# Three pillars of DX strategy and progress

Approx. 80% of those who have completed the DX core human resource development curriculum are engaged in DX-related work, including Business DX and Operational DX projects

# Business DX

Business model transformation in each business

[FY23 Results] A total of 7 major projects in progress, including the following:

 Construction of a 1-to-1 marketing structure to expand "connecting" measures in each business in progress

# ②Operational DX

Building a robust and sustainable supply chain Realization of connected, visible and never-stop factories

[FY23 Results] A total of 6 major projects in progress, including the following:

- Visualization and centralization of global data on production, logistics, sales, and inventory
- Establishment of procurement and supply process for contingency stock parts
- Creation of a vendor tree for visualization of procurement system in progress

# 3 DX Infrastructure Building

Thorough use of digital technology and human resource development

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[FY2023 Results]

- Deploy global integrated data infrastructure
- Introduced an infrastructure system for centralized management and utilization of global data including Operational DX and Business DX
- Operation to be launched in phases from FY24

Continue and strengthen DX human resource development\*



- 28 (FY22)/26 (FY23) employees participated in training
   Implemented for all departments of Brother Industries

  All employees
- Approx. 3,000 employees (FY22)/new and mid-career employees (FY23) took basic training
- Promote operational efficiency through the use of generative Al\*
  - Began internal use of ChatGPT for general operations and Copilot for software development
- Established guidelines for external use

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We are promoting DX as part of the management foundation transformation.

Brother's DX strategy consists of three pillars: "Business DX," which aims to transform the business models and business processes of each business; "Operational DX," which aims to build a robust and sustainable supply chain; and "DX Infrastructure Building," which promotes the establishment of data utilization infrastructure and DX human resource development to realize these goals.

For Business DX, in FY2023 we promoted the construction of a 1-to-1 marketing structure to expand measures to connect with customers in each business, centered on the P&S business and P&H business.

For Operational DX, various efforts were implemented to eliminate waste in supply chain management and build a system that can deliver necessary value to customers at any time, including the digital visualization and global centralization of inventory, production, and sales status.

For DX Infrastructure Building, we introduced a global integrated data infrastructure for the centralized management and utilization of globally scattered data, including Operational DX and Business DX. We are making preparations to begin operation in FY2024.

For DX human resource development, we are continuing and strengthening education for each level of employees, namely "DX Core Human Resources," "Leader of Digital Utilization Promotion," and "All Employees."

In addition, we are promoting the further improvement of operational efficiency by starting to use generative AI such as ChatGPT and Copilot in our operations from FY2023.

Approximately 80% of students who completed the first offering of the DX core human resource development curriculum are now engaged in DX-related work. We will continue to coordinate and accelerate our human resource development and DX initiatives.

# Management foundation transformation Human capital



Formulated human resource policy and introduced a new HR system in FY2023 to encourage employees to take on challenges and improve employee engagement

\*Brother Industries

Formulation of human resource policy and changes to core human resource system\*

# **HR Policy**

Support "true autonomy and effort" of employees, respect diversity, and properly reward achievements and contributions

#### Introduction of role-based grading system

New system replaces the previous position-based grading system, which placed importance on years of experience, with a role-based grading system, which places importance on the roles employees assume, to facilitate role assignment according to each employee's ability and the optimal allocation of talents

Goals by stage

[Young] Training/early selection

[Mid-level] Securing of superior human resources

Pipeline strengthening

[Senior]
Capability strengthening

#### Incremental extension of retirement age to 65

Retirement age to be incrementally shifted starting in FY2026 so that the retirement age is 65 for employees who turn 60 in FY2029

# Introduction of systems and implementation of measures to support diverse work styles\*



- Flexible working hours system without core hours Internal multiple-job system Support system for using babysitters
   ● Fertility treatment leave/vacation system
- Implementation of ongoing program to develop female management candidates

• Implementation of programs to promote understanding of health and nursing care

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# Implementation of employee engagement survey

- Began in FY2023 at Brother Industries and expanded to the entire Group in FY2023; plans are in place to continue the survey in the future
- Analyze survey results at each facility and implement measures to improve engagement, with good practices planned to be deployed across the Group

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In human capital, we have formulated a new human resource policy and introduced a new human resource system to encourage employees to take on challenges and improve employee engagement.

We introduced a new role-based grading system as a core system in FY2023. The new system replaces the previous position-based grading system, which placed importance on years of experience, with one that places importance on the roles employees assume. This new system will facilitate role assignment according to each employee's ability and the optimal allocation of talents.

This will support the "true autonomy and efforts" of employees, as stated in our human resource policy, and enable us to "properly reward achievements and contributions" through the early selection of human resources who can produce strong results.

At the same time, we will promote the further advancement of senior employees by incrementally extending the retirement age from FY2026 as we shift to a retirement age of 65.

In addition to these initiatives, we are introducing systems and implementing measures to support diverse work styles, such as the abolition of core hours under the flexible working hours system, the introduction of an internal multiple-job system, and the ongoing implementation of the program to develop female management candidates.

The employee engagement survey that was first conducted at Brother Industries in FY2022 has now been expanded to the entire Group in FY2023.

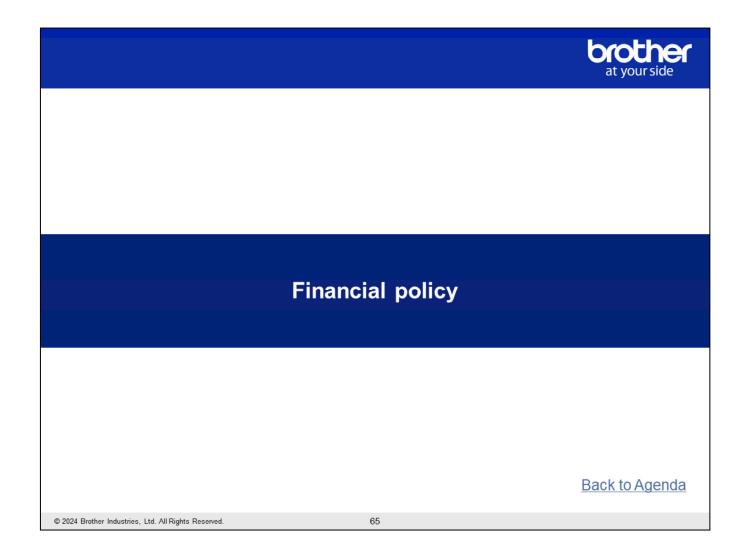
We will analyze the results of the survey at each facility and implement measures to improve engagement throughout the Group, such as the horizontal deployment of good practices within the Group.

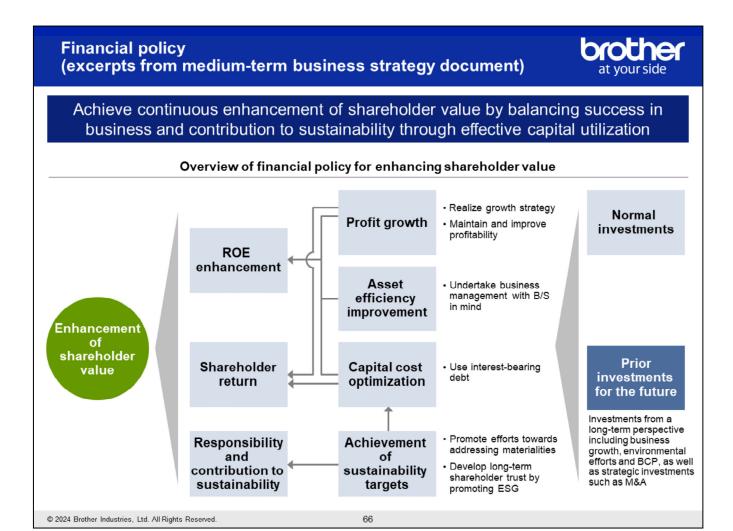


	Materiality	Targets for FY2024	Results *Brother Industries, Ltd.			
	Supporting People's value	<ul> <li>In the Industrial Equipment business, secure performance advantage of products that contribute towards improving customer productivity and reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions</li> </ul>	Launched a total of 10 new models in the SPEEDIO series, boasting high environmental performance and productivity, since FY2022			
	creation	<ul> <li>In P&amp;S business, build platform to connect directly with customers towards improving LTV of customers</li> </ul>	Strengthened efforts to connect interactively with customers, including subscription services in each region			
	Realizing a diverse and active society	Visualize employee engagement at the global level and improve engagement survey scores	Started an employee engagement survey at Brother Industries in FY2022; expanded survey scope to the entire Group in FY2023			
to society		Enhance talent development and governance for encouraging the assignment of local employees to top management positions of facilities outside Japan	Promoted the development of core human resources and implemented succession plans based on the identified current status of HR measures and issues at major facilities outside Japan			
Contribute to so		<ul> <li>*Strengthen talent pipeline for healthy gender balance in management positions and establish environment for achieving diverse ways of working*.</li> </ul>	Added/revised human resource systems to achieve more flexible work styles*     Continued to implement Program to Develop Female Management Candidates*     Implemented programs to promote understanding of health and nursing care to promote diverse work styles*			
	Pursuing a responsible value chain	Expand the human rights risk assessment on suppliers	<ul> <li>Expanded the number of businesses and suppliers covered in supply chain human rights due diligence on primary suppliers and ensured its effectiveness</li> <li>Continued to conduct surveys for responsible mineral procuremen</li> </ul>			
		Attain RBA Gold certification for three Group manufacturing facilities	Following the RBA Gold Certification at the Vietnam Factory of P&S in FY2022, the Shenzhen Factory in China and Philippine Factory of P&s acquired RBA Platinum Certification in FY2023, achieving the target ahead of schedule     Furthermore, the Hoshizaki Factory also acquired RBA Platinum Certification in FY2024			
Protect the earth	Reducing CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	[Scope 1 and 2] Achieve 47% reduction from the FY2015 level     [Scope 3] Take measures to reduce 150,000 tons through own effort	<ul> <li>[Scope 1,2] Implemented energy-saving and energy-creating meass such as more efficient use of electricity and introduction of solar porgeneration, and expect to achieve the reduction targetfor FY202</li> <li>[Scope] Implemented measures centered on improving energy efficiency of new products as planned, and consider additional measures for FY2024</li> </ul>			
	Circulating resources	Achieve ratio of virgin materials used in products of 81% or less	Expect to achieve target for FY2023 by implementing measures suc as using recycled materials in some products and changing to recyclable cushioning materials			

This slide is a summary of our FY2023 results related to our materiality and sustainability targets.

The Sustainability Committee (chaired by the President) established in FY2022 has been promoting these activities across the entire company and is steadily making progress.





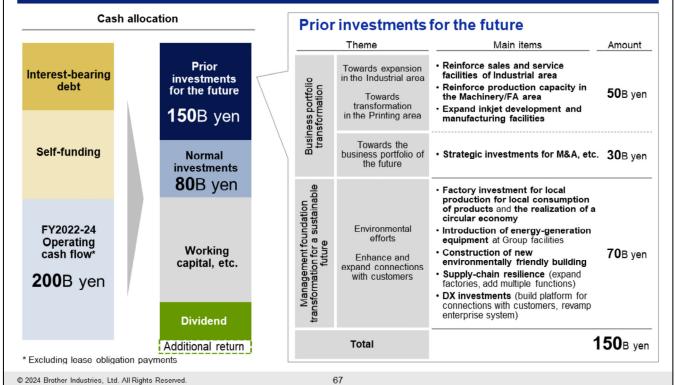
This is a slide disclosed in the medium-term business strategy document.

While making "prior investments for the future," we aim to increase shareholder value by achieving profit growth, improving asset efficiency, optimizing capital costs, enhancing ROE, ensuring stable shareholder returns, as well as fulfilling our responsibility for sustainability.

# Financial policy Cash allocation and prior investment for the future (excerpts from medium-term business strategy document)



150 billion yen of the prior investment quota set for the 3-year period of CS B2024. We plan to invest a total of 230 billion yen, including normal investments



This slide shows the cash allocation and prior investments for the future disclosed in CS B2024.

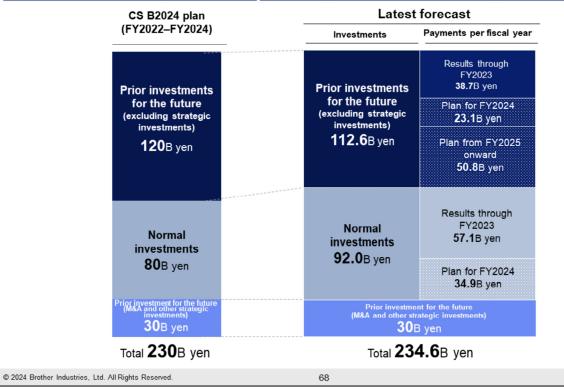
The Brother Group has set aside 150 billion yen over the three years of CS B2024 as prior investments for the future. We will steadily implement investments for business portfolio transformation and management foundation transformation.

We plan to invest a total of 230 billion yen, including 80 billion yen in normal investments.

# Financial policy Investment progress



Although the investment plan for CS B2024 is decision-based and therefore the timing of payments may fall outside the medium-term business strategy period, progress is generally in line with the plan, excluding strategic investments such as M&A



At present, we have invested approximately 100 billion yen of the 230 billion yen of total investments (prior investments for the future: 150 billion yen, normal investments: 80 billion yen) through FY2023, and progress is generally in line with the plan, excluding strategic investments such as M&A (30 billion yen).

# Financial policy Prior investments for the future



#### Progress mainly in capital investment as prior investment for the future Status at the end Total Details Purpose and remarks of FY2023 investment\* Enhanced industrial inkjet manufacturing facilities, Brother Group's first seismic isolation structure as a BCP measure New factory building Completed/ Approx. 10 in Hoshizaki operating billion yen Responding to increased product sales for the transformation of [P&S] Philippines Printing area Strengthen BCP measures, including warehousing of parts and Completed/ Approx. 8 Factory operating billion yen Business portfolio transformation New factory building products to strengthen the supply chain [Industrial Equipment, New machine tool factory for the expansion of Industrial area Establish a system to deliver products to customers in the Indian Under Approx. 2.5 Machinery] New construction billion yen factory in India market, which is expected to grow Nissei Approx. 1.6 Increase gear production capacity to expand sales for FA and robot applications **New factory** Completed billion yen building · Responding to increased demand for storage of products and Minato Factory Construction Approx. 4.5 parts as a result of business expansion in the Industrial area • Raise floor as a BCP measure to address tsunami risk New warehouse billion yen planned Installation of energy-saving equipment, solar panels, and greenery on the premises as the Brother Group's flagship facility for environmental responsiveness Aiming to create new technologies and businesses through active communication Mizuho Factory Approx. 45 Management foundation transformation for a sustainable future Under billion yen **New building** construction Installation of solar panels at each location, including those listed above Contributing to the achievement of carbon neutrality by using renewable energy sources to supply part of the electricity required for operation. Handled at Approx. 1.5 Installation of solar panels each facility billion yen Reformation of ERP system and business processes as DX Approx. 3.0 Reformation of ERP system investments at the Company, subsidiaries in Asia, and regional headquarters in Americas Completed billion yen \*Includes investments outside of FY2022-FY2024 © 2024 Brother Industries, Ltd. All Rights Reserved.

This slide outlines the progress of prior investments for the future.

Note that the total investments shown to the right include investments made not only in FY2023 but also in other fiscal years.

In FY2023, we began construction of a new factory in India for industrial equipment and a new factory building for the Mizuho Factory in the head office area. We also actively made investments in DX and the environment.

# **Financial policy**



On management with an awareness of cost of capital and stock price

# Deepen "management conscious of cost of capital and stock price" based on the financial policy of the medium-term business strategy

financial policy of the medium-term business strategy							
Topic	Present	Policy					
Capital cost	Cost of equity: 7-10%  - Calculated by CAPM  - Variable due to differences in timing and assumptions used in calculations, so cost of equity is taken as the range	✓ Reduce the cost of shareholders' equity by promoting business portfolio transformation while also utilizing interest-bearing debt					
ROI index	ROE 5-year* average: 8.1%	<ul> <li>✓ Basic policy of soundly increasing ROE throug business growth</li> <li>✓ Aim to achieve ROE of 10% or more above cost of capital over the medium to long term</li> </ul>	jh				
Shareholder return	Dividend per share, FY2022: 68 yen FY2023: 84 yen (planned) FY2024: 100 yen (planned)  Plan to increase dividend depending on factors such as business performance	<ul> <li>Provide stable and continuous shareholder returns</li> <li>Consider additional shareholder returns depending on factors such as business performance, and flexibly carry out repurchase of our own shares</li> </ul>	e				
Market valuation  *From FY2019 to FY2023	P/B ratio 5-year* average: 1.05x  Most recent: 1.08x - Recent P/B ratio over 1x due to recovery in performance	<ul> <li>Aiming to continuously increase shareholder vin accordance with the CS B2024 financial positive for further improvement of P/B ratio by improving profitability and promoting business portfolio transformation through continuous grainvestment</li> </ul>	olicy				
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I will now explain our current awareness and policy regarding management conscious of cost of capital and stock price.

#### Capital cost

The current cost of equity is estimated around 7% to 10%.

It is calculated based on CAPM, but since it varies depending on the timing of calculation and different assumptions, it is taken as a range.

We will continue to transform our business portfolio and reduce the cost of equity while also utilizing interest-bearing debt.

#### ROI index

ROE has averaged 8.1% over the past five years.

Our basic policy is to soundly increase ROE through business growth, and we aim to achieve a level of ROE (10% or more) maintaining an equity spread.

# Shareholder return

Our basic policy is to provide stable and continuous shareholder returns.

We will also consider additional shareholder returns, including raising the level of dividends, depending on factors such as business performance.

In addition, we will flexibly carry out repurchase of our own shares.

In FY2022, we paid a dividend of 68 yen per share.

For FY2023 and FY2024, we plan to increase dividends depending on factors such as business performance.

## Market valuation

The P/B ratio has averaged 1.05 times in the past five years and was approximately 1.08 times as of the end of FY2023.

We plan to further improve the P/B ratio by improving profitability and promoting business portfolio transformation through continuous growth investment.

We will further deepen our management conscious of cost of capital and ROI based on the financial policy of our CS B2024 medium-term business strategy in order to meet the expectations of our stakeholders, achieve sustainable growth, and enhance corporate value.



Thank you for your continued support.

# Reference: Brother's business areas



	Business areas Business segments		Area (Main products & service portfolio)							
		Nissei							W -	
<u></u>	Machinery/FA	3	Industrial Equipment							
Industrial area		Machinery	Industrial Sewing	Industrial Sewing Machines	Reducer	Gear	Machine tool		rial Sewing achine	
	Industrial Printing	~	Machines	Garment Printing				all is		
		Domino		Garment printer	nent printer Coding and marking equipment		Digital printing equipment			
		Pri Sc	Labeling	Commercial & Industrial Labeling						
Con	Printing	inting 8	Printing 8 Solutions	Labelling	Home & Office Labeling	Commercial &			here	
Consumer area		Communications & Printing Equipment			Industrial use label printer	Mobile printer	Labeling system	Printer	All-in-One	
	Home &	Personal & Home				533	6			
	Culture	Network & Contents		Home sewing ma	achine Ho	ome cutting machine	Online	Karaoke system		