

#### First Quarter, Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025

# **Results Briefing**

# August 8, 2024 MORINAGA & CO., LTD.

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#### **Overview**



- Record high Q1 net sales and every level of profit
  - Net sales increased by <u>11.4</u>% YoY, driven by Confectionery & Foodstuffs, Frozen Desserts, and U.S. Businesses
  - Operating income increased by a high 16.2% YoY, with sales growth and the effects of price revisions offsetting the impact of soaring raw material costs, etc.
  - Profitability in the Confectionery & Foodstuffs Business improved, driven by growth in sugar confectionery
- No revision to full-year results forecast
  - Outlook for the external environment, such as raw material prices and exchange rates, remains uncertain
  - Promote flexible and agile response with agility to changes in the environment
- Decision made to build second U.S. factory based on the 2024 MTBP
  - Strengthen supply system by increasing production bases to accelerate global strategies centered on *HI-CHEW*



# Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025 First Quarter Financial Results (April 1 through June 30, 2024)

#### **Consolidated Results for FY2024 Q1**



Made a steady start for the first year of the 2024 MTBP, with record high Q1 net sales and all levels of profit.

(Billion yen)	FY2024 Q1	Y/Y change	
Net sales	56.9	+5.9	111.4%
Gross profit (gross profit margin)	<b>23.5</b> (41.4%)	+2.3 ((0.2pt))	110.7%
Operating income (operating income margin)	<b>6.7</b> (11.8%)	+0.9 (+0.4pt)	116.2%
Ordinary income	6.9	+1.0	115.9%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	4.8	+0.5	112.9%
EBITDA*1	9.0	+0.9	112.2%

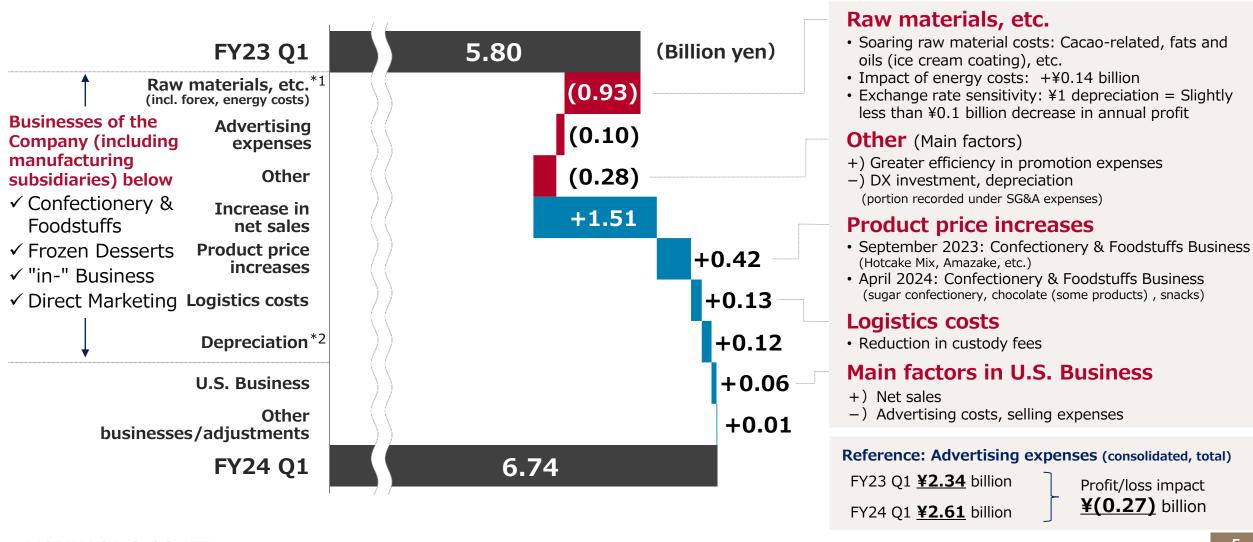
<sup>\*1</sup> Simple calculation method used for EBITDA: operating income + depreciation and amortization

<sup>\*2</sup> The yen conversion rate at overseas subsidiaries in FY2024 Q1: \$1USD = ¥148.61; ¥132.34 in FY2023 Q1

#### FY2024 Q1 Results: Factors in Change in Consolidated Operating Income



Profit increased with sales growth and the effects of price revisions offsetting the impact of soaring raw material costs.



#### FY2024 Q1 Results: Summary by Business



Net sales growth achieved in all businesses.

Increased profit was driven by improved profitability in the Confectionery & Foodstuffs Business.

		Net sales		Operating income		Operating income margin			
(Bill	lion yen)	FY2024 Q1	Y/Y c	hange	FY2024 Q1	Q1 Y/Y change FY2024		FY2024 Q1	Y/Y change
	Confectionery & Foodstuffs*1	19.1	+1.7	109.4%	1.5	+0.7	186.1%	8.3%	+3.4pt
	Frozen Desserts*1	13.4	+1.8	115.2%	1.4	(0.1)	94.7%	10.7%	(2.3pt)
	"in-" Business*1	8.4	+0.2	102.0%	1.9	+0.4	126.0%	23.6%	+4.5pt
	Direct Marketing	2.8	+0.2	107.8%	0.0	(0.2)	6.4%	0.5%	(7.7pt)
Food Manufacturing	Operating Subsidiaries, etc.	2.8	+0.3	113.4%	0.1	(0.1)	56.6%	4.8%	(4.9pt)
	Domestic Total	46.7	+4.1	109.7%	5.1	+0.7	117.1%	11.0%	+0.7pt
	U.S. Business*2*3	5.1	+1.0	123.4%	1.0	+0.1	106.2%	20.1%	(3.3pt)
	China, Taiwan, exports, etc.	2.4	+0.3	118.9%	0.3	+0.0	111.9%	14.0%	(0.9pt)
	Overseas Total	7.6	+1.4	121.9%	1.3	+0.1	107.6%	18.2%	(2.4pt)
	Subtotal	54.4	+5.5	111.3%	6.5	+0.8	114.9%	12.0%	+0.3pt
Food Merchandis	se	1.8	+0.3	119.6%	0.1	+0.1	384.6%	8.7%	+6.0pt
Real Estate and	Services	0.4	+0.0	100.1%	0.2	+0.0	106.9%	47.7%	+3.0pt
Other		0.2	+0.1	116.3%	0.0	+0.0	122.6%	24.5%	+1.2pt
adjust	ments, etc.				(0.2)	(0.1)	_		
	Total	56.9	+5.9	111.4%	6.7	+0.9	116.2%	11.8%	+0.4pt

<sup>\*</sup> In order to clearly show the actual status of the Group's business management, the classification and aggregation methods have been changed from the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025. The figures for FY2023 Q1 have had the changes retroactively applied and are based on the new method.

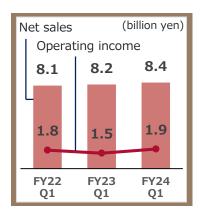
<sup>\*1</sup> Sugar confectionery, chocolates, and other products under the "in" brand are included in Confectionery & Foodstuffs, Frozen desserts under the "in" brand are included in Frozen desserts to the U.S. Business \*3 Year-on-year net sales on a local currency basis is 109.9%



## **Progress on Business Strategies**

#### Focused Domain: "in-" Business









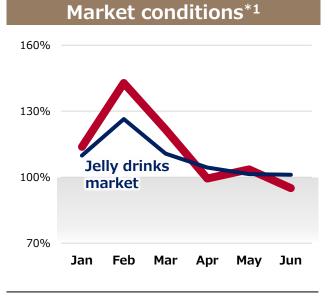
*in Jelly* 103%





- Demand for Energy: Glucose Boost remained firm even after the entrance exam season, driving growth for the brand overall.
- Strengthen brand exposure ahead of higher demand for sports due to the Paris Olympics effect, to stimulate purchasing during the peak demand period.

#### Growth of in Jelly products



Apr-Jun cumulative sales value (Y/Y)

in Jelly 99.0%

Market 102.2%

• Energy: Glucose Boost





- Establishing it as the product to consume when you want to concentrate contributed to an increase in the overall purchase rate
- Launch promotion for 30th anniversary
   Strengthen the promotion of consumption situations through new TV commercials
- → Strengthen exposure during the peak demand period, using the greater demand for sports due to the Paris Olympics effect as a marketing hook



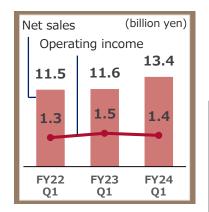
Launch target-specific products to expand customer base





#### Focused Domain: Frozen Desserts Business





#### Net sales Y/Y



Jumbo Group 102%



Ita Choco Ice 140%



The Crepe 162%



ICEBOX 121%

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- Sales growth driven by *Ita Choco Ice* and *The Crepe*, but profitability declined due to the impact of soaring raw material costs.
- Strengthen promotions to overcome the previous year's high hurdles and September's price revisions.

# Vanilla Monaka Jumbo 130% Choco Monaka Jumbo Market Choco Monaka Jumbo

Apr-Jun cumulative sales value (Y/Y)				
Choco Monaka Jumbo	98.0%			
Vanilla Monaka Jumbo	106.2%			
Morinaga	115.3%			
Market	107.4%			

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\* Reaction to the quality change and promotion effect in March 2023 for Choco Monaka Jumbo

#### Developmental evolution of "freshness marketing",

- Promotional activities to increase the purchase rate across all generations and to capture new demand
  - Ongoing dissemination of information about commitment to quality
  - Promotions for foreign visitors to Japan
- Vanilla Monaka: Strengthen in-store exposure using exclusive TV commercials as a marketing hook

#### Capture of customers from adjacent markets [#fi]



- Promotion of unique quality
- Rollout of limited = time quality



Test launch of

ICEBOX Otsubu

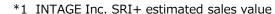
for chuhai drinks

#### Creation of new markets with technological advantages

 ICEBOX: Increase purchase rate, especially among consumers in their 30s and 40s, as a result of strengthening appeal as a mixer for eating situations

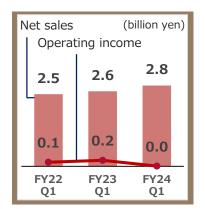
Clear cup, limited to

convenience stores



#### **Focused Domain: Direct Marketing Business**

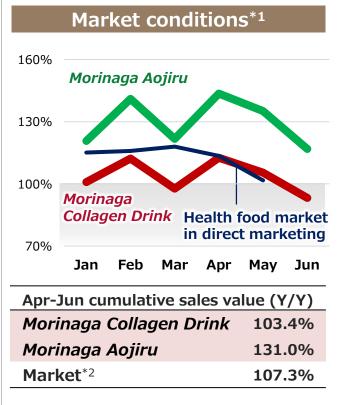






- Despite some headwinds, sales grew in the health food market thanks to strategic investment in advertising.
- Strengthen online advertising and efforts for long-term retention to increase number of subscription customers.

#### **Strengthening of existing Direct Marketing business**



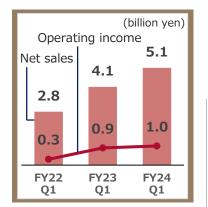
- Increase number of subscription customers through strategic advertising
- → Continue to strengthen online advertising Expand acquisition targets by promoting benefits to "knee joints"
- → Utilize customer lists to encourage dormant customers to purchase again
- Improve LTV\*3
  - Initiatives for long-term retention, such as strengthening inducements for the "One-year Subscription Course"
  - Promotion of cross-selling and up-selling
- Develop second pillarMaintain strong growth for Morinaga Aojiru



<sup>\*1</sup> Morinaga's shipment value; "Kenshoku Net Tsuhan" Shishutsu(Expenditure on Health Food Sold on the Internet) household survey, Statistics Bureau,
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications(Until Feb due to data released) \*2 Apr - May cumulative sales value \*3 LTV: Lifetime Value (customer lifetime value)

#### Focused Domain: U.S. Business







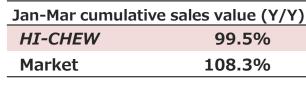




- Sales in major U.S.-based channels are showing signs of recovery. Expansion into new sales channels has also contributed to sales growth.
- Work on promoting the introduction of new SKUs, as well as on expanding brand contact points and improving store turnover through promotions.

#### Further sales expansion of *HI-CHEW*





<sup>\*</sup> Coverage of Circana data in our *HI-CHEW* sales is approximately 50% (internal estimate)

#### Efforts to increase store stocking ratio and SKUs

- Extend variations of new products and capacity differences
- Actively exhibit at trade shows
- Develop new sales channels



2024 Sweets & Snacks Expo

#### Launch products aimed at expanding brand contact points

- Launch of products for events
- Launch brand extension products





 Roll out promotions aimed at enhancing brand recognition and improving loyalty



New sponsorship agreement with the MLB Baltimore Orioles *HI-CHEW* Day events

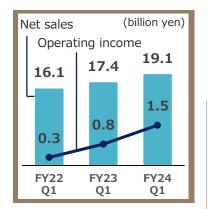




Tour of new *HI-CHEW*Dessert Mix product

#### **Basic Domain: Confectionery & Foodstuffs Business**





#### Net sales Y/Y





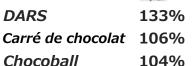
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Morinaga Biscuits 113%





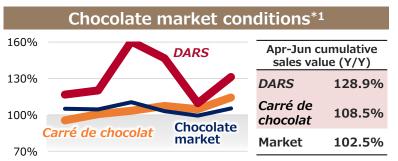
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- Sales and profits increased due to continued strong performance in each category. Profitability improved, driven by sugar confectionery.
- Price revisions for chocolate and other products to be implemented in September to counter soaring raw material costs.

#### Sugar confenctionery market conditions\*1 160% Price revision **Apr-Jun cumulative** on April sales value (Y/Y) Morinaga 130% Ramune HI-CHEW 113.4% 120.2% Ramune 100% Sugar HI-CHEW confectionery Market 111.7% market 70%

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun





#### Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun

#### **Business growth in sugar confectionery**

- Sales volume grew even after April price revisions
  - HI-CHEW: Sales of core products remained strong even after logo change
  - Morinaga Ramune: Purchase rate increased even after the exam season, with its diverse values of "taste, fun, and functionality" being well received

#### **Business growth in biscuits**

Sales of *MOON LIGHT* and other mainstay products remained strong

Enhanced customer contact, using new products and limited designs as marketing hooks

#### Improved return on capital in chocolate

- DARS: Improved brand recollection through rollout of extension products
- Efforts to capture summer demand









#### Establishment of Global Production System for HI-CHEW



Decision made to build a second U.S. factory to accelerate global strategies centered on *HI-CHEW*. Aiming for further growth, especially in the U.S. Business, by strengthening the supply system and increasing production efficiency.

#### Morinaga America Foods, Inc. builds second factory

While the U.S. market for non-chocolate candy is projected to continue growing, Morinaga is expanding its production bases in anticipation of growth that exceeds that of the market.



**Investment:** Approx. 136 million USD (approx. ¥19.6 billion)

Financial plan: Own funds

**Product:** *HI-CHEW* pouches

October 2024: Start of construction **Construction plan:** January 2027: Start of operation

Aiming to strengthen the supply system through coordination with the existing factory, and increase production efficiency by improving manufacturing equipment and introducing greater automation

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#### **End Q1 FY2024 Results: Balance Sheet**



(Billion yen)	End-Q1 FY2024	vs. end- FY2023	Main Factors
Current assets	107.6	(10.4)	·Cash and deposits (21.7) ·Securities +7.5 ·Notes and accounts receivable – trade +3.0
Noncurrent assets	107.4	+1.9	·Investment securities +0.9
Total assets	215.1	(8.5)	_
Current liabilities	55.7	(8.7)	·Income taxes payable (5.2)
Long-term liabilities	27.6	+1.1	·Deferred tax liabilities +1.0
Total liabilities	83.4	(7.5)	_
Shareholders' equity	114.7	(2.5)	·Retained earnings (2.4)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	15.3	+1.4	<ul> <li>Foreign currency translation adjustments +0.9</li> <li>Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities +0.6</li> </ul>
Non-controlling interests	1.5	+0.1	<del></del>
Total net assets	131.6	(1.0)	_
Total liabilities and net assets	215.1	(8.5)	_
Shareholders' equity ratio	60.5%	+1.8pt	_

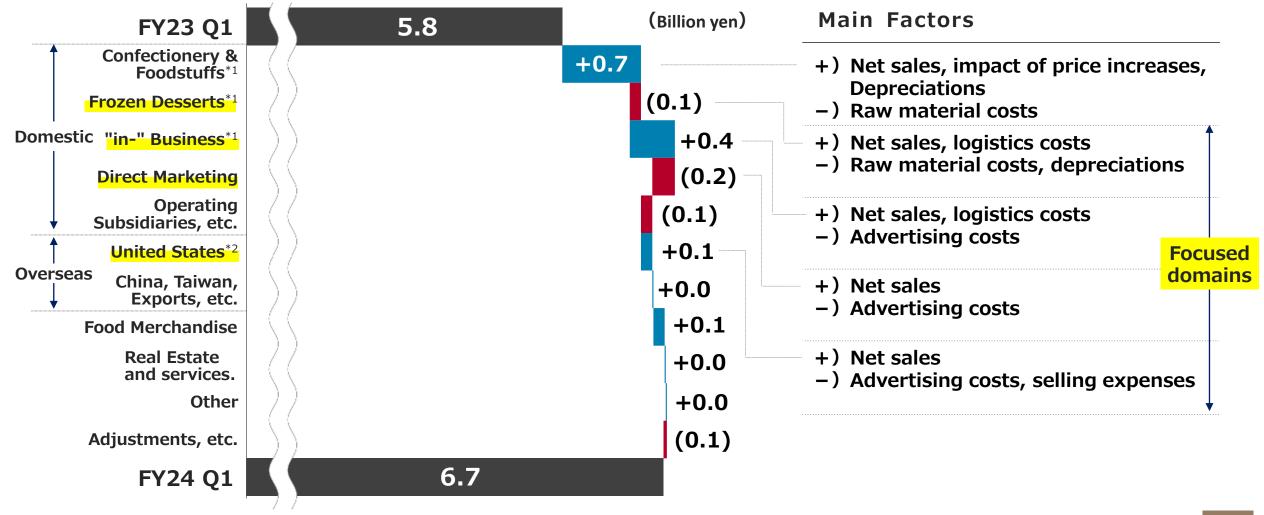
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#### FY2024 Q1 Results: Change in Operation Income by Business



Profit increased in the Confectionery & Foodstuffs Business, with the increase in net sales exceeding soaring raw material costs, etc., and in the "in-" Business and U.S. Business, with the increase in net sales exceeding strategic advertising investment.

Profit decreased in the Frozen Desserts business due to the impact of soaring raw material costs, and in the Direct Marketing Business due to strategic advertising investment.



#### **Major Domestic Brands** — **Net Sales Year on Year**



(%)

Business	Brand	Q1 Result (Y/Y)
"in-" Business	in Jelly	103
III- Busiliess	in Bar	97
Direct Marketing	Morinaga Collagen Drink	103
	Jumbo Group	102
Frozen Desserts	Ita Choco Ice	140
	The Crepe	162
	ICEBOX	121

Business	Brand	Q1 Result (Y/Y)
Confectionery & Foodstuffs	Morinaga Biscuits	113
	HI-CHEW	107
	Morinaga Ramune	132
	Carré de chocolat	106
	DARS	133
	Chocoball	104
	Morinaga Amazake	86
	Morinaga Cocoa	122

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#### **Price Revision Schedule**



Implement price revisions and package resizing as a measure to counter increases in cacao and other raw material costs and logistics costs.

Continue to monitor market trends and respond with agility.

Business	Details of measure	Start date	Number of Products	Percentage of revision/change	Target products
	Price revision	Shipments from September 2, 2024	35	Approx. <u>3~10</u> %	Chocolate, biscuits, cocoa, amazake, etc.
& Foodstuffs	Package Resizing	Launch from September 10, 2024	1	( <u>17</u> %)	Chocolate
Frozen Desserts	Price revision	Shipments from September 2, 2024	10	Approx. <u>5</u> ∼ <u>8</u> %	Various (with some exceptions)