



## **Investors' Guide**

## **ARTNATURE INC.**

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# **Business Outline**



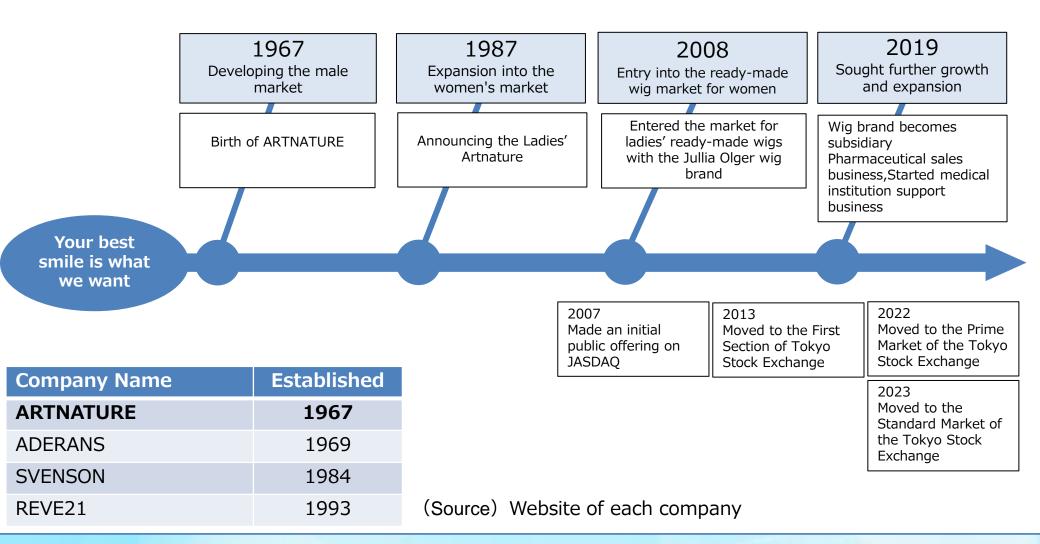
We are a pioneer of a comprehensive hair company that handles "custom-made wigs.

Our Motto		[Your best smile is what we want]
Head Office Location	:	3-40-7 Yoyogi,Shibuya-ku,Tokyo 151-0053,Japan
Name of Representative	:	Yoshikata Igarashi
Founded	:	April 1965
Established	:	June 1967
Business Overview	:	Manufacture and sale of custom-made wigs and hair addition products provision of hair growth services and styling services
Paid-in capital	:	¥3,667 million
Listed market	:	TSE Standard Market (Securities Code : 7823)
E m p l o y e e s	:	3,909 (Non-consolidated : 2,353) *As of March 31,2024
Store Network	:	Domestic Stores 280 Jullia Olger 88 *As of March 31,2024
Domestic Subsidiaries	:	5 (Wig sales business, entertainment business, medical institution support business, etc.)
Overseas Subsidiaries	:	Factory Relations 2 (Philippines) Sales-related 3 (Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand)



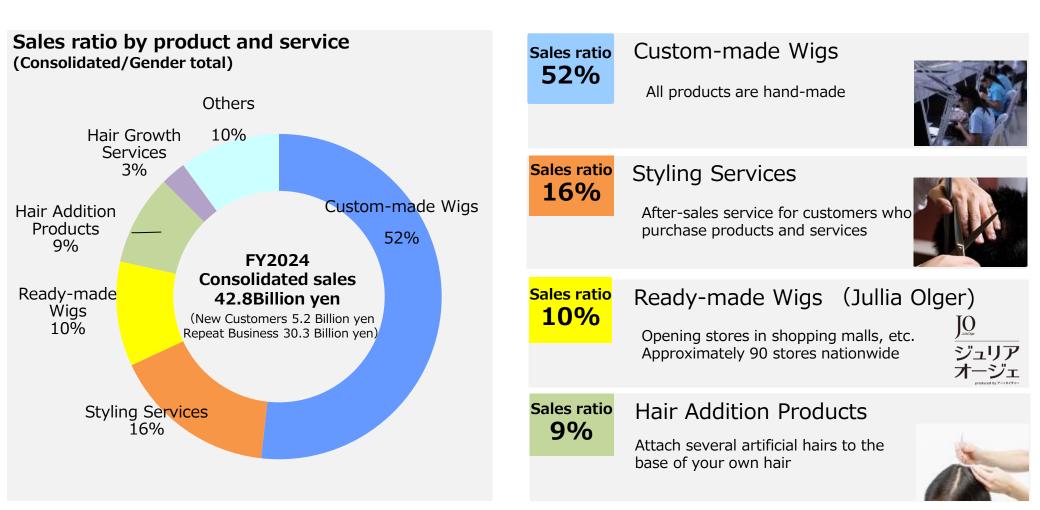


### Wig manufacturer with over 55 years of business experience





Sales composition centered on custom-made wigs



### Main business



There are two brands that handle custom-made wigs.

ARTNATURE アートネイチャー	Ladies' ARTNATURE レディース アートネイチャー			
Offered since 1967	Offered since 1987			
Customer base	Customer base			
Men in their 40s to 60s	Women in their 60s to 80s			
Many people have hair problems	It is used not only for hair concerns but also for fashion			
Unit purchase price	Unit purchase price			
Custom-made wig price range	Custom-made wig price range			
500,000 to 600,000 yen	500,000 to 600,000 yen			
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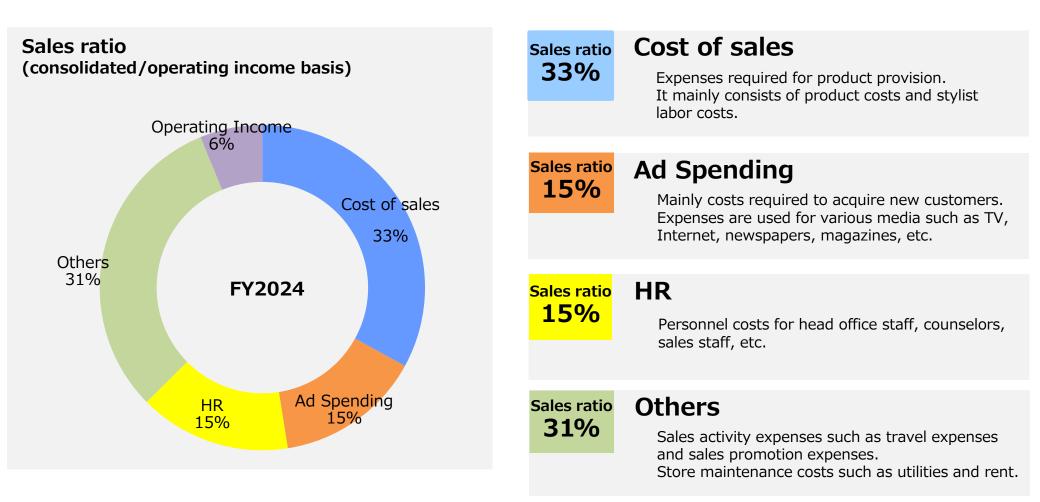
Annual production volume of custom-made wigs

Over 60,000 pieces

### **Profit structure**



In terms of expenses, there are many "advertising expenses" necessary to acquire new sales and "personnel expenses" because it is a labor-intensive business



# **Business Features**



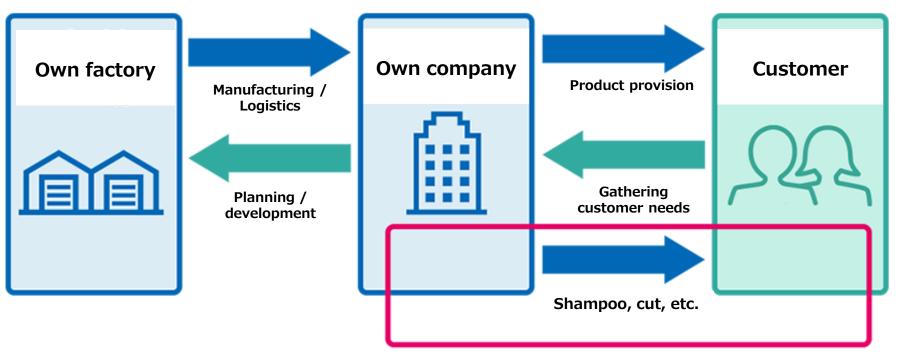
Wigs aren't the only option for growing hair.

We has a wide range of products to meet your hair-related concerns and needs.





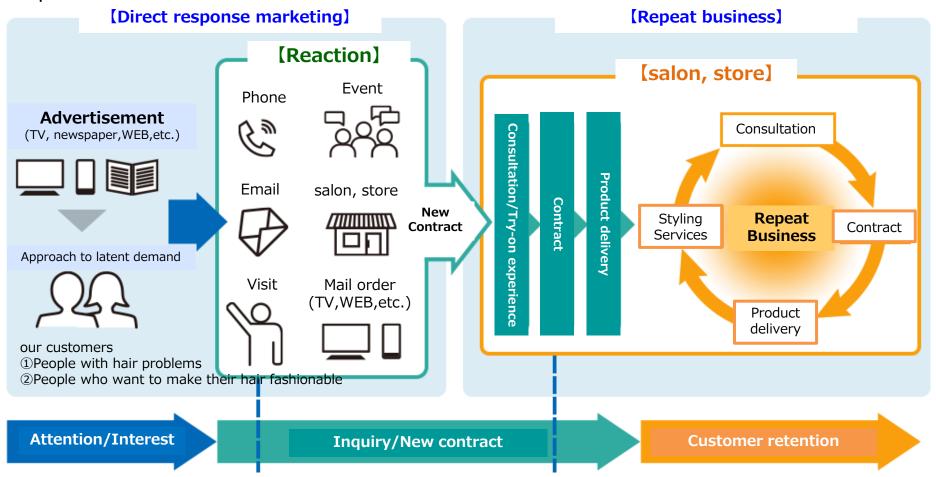
Custom-made wigs are a form of manufacturing retail business that vertically integrates a series of operations from planning and development to manufacturing and sales.



Same content as a general hair salon



Sales activities in the custom-made wigs business can be divided into "direct response marketing" and "repeat business".





We are a stock-type business based on the premise of building relationships of trust with our customers

 Customer retention image

 Customer visits

 Image: Customer visits</t

• Assign a representative to each customer and begin serving them in private rooms to ensure privacy.

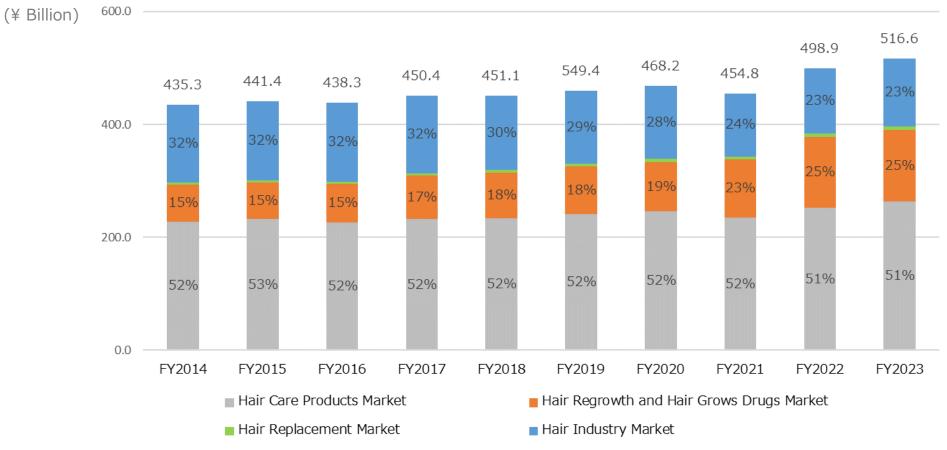
• Deepen communication and build trust between the customer and the person in charge through regular natural hair cutting and maintenance

• The person in charge understands customer needs through communication with customers, and proposes and sells new products.

# **Market Trends**



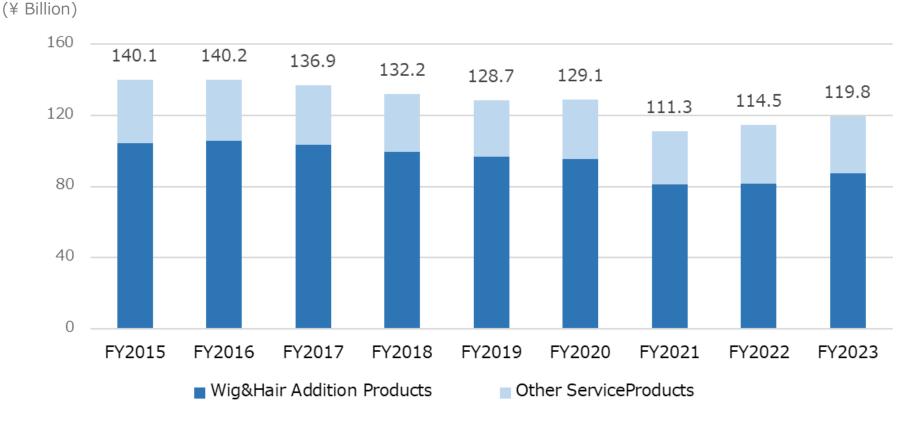
The overall market is on an increasing trend, mainly due to the growth of the hair growth and nurturing market



\* Based on companies



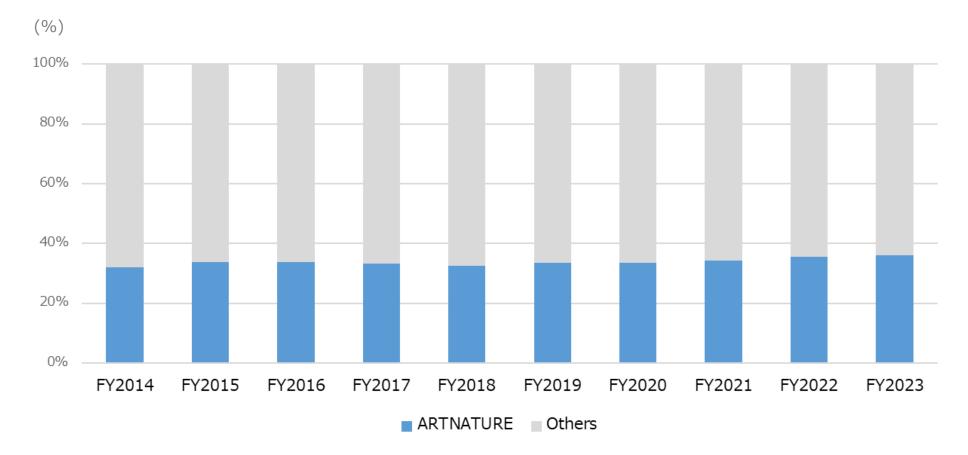
- Domestic hair industry market is in a diminishing trend (Wigs and Hair Addition Products are shrinking)
- Recovery will occur in FY2022, but market size will not return to pre-pandemic coronavirus levels



<sup>\*</sup> Based on companies

## Performance trends over the past 10 years(Market Share Men's business)/ARTNATURE

### Our market share accounts for more than 30% of the total

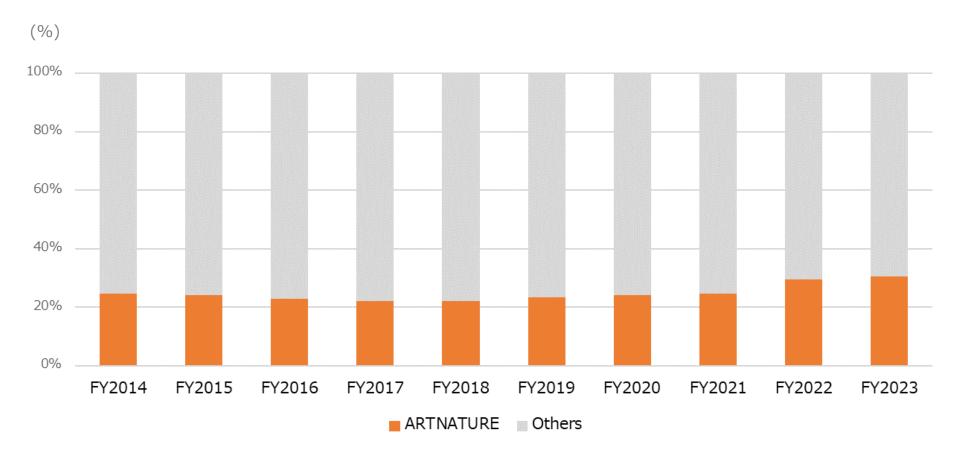


<sup>\*</sup> Based on companies

## Performance trends over the past 10 years (Market Share Ladies' business)



Our market share is slightly increasing (other companies are shrinking) Increase in the number of companies selling low-priced wigs from FY2016 to FY2018



<sup>\*</sup> Based on companies

# **Competitive Edge**



### Familiarity with the ARTNATURE brand

High name recognition + public credibility as a listed company  $\Rightarrow$  Driving force for business expansion

### Industry-leading "Product Development Capability"

Provide new products quickly and effectively by taking advantage of the manufacturing and retailing business format that links planning, manufacturing, and sales.

### Store network covering the entire country

Network in all prefectures  $\Rightarrow$  Same quality of service in all areas

### Numerous certified hairdressers with specialized skills

Approximately 1,800 qualified barbers and beauticians on staff  $\Rightarrow$ Thorough support from aftersales service to advice after purchase

## Strong financial position

Cash and deposits in excess of 20 billion yen, equity ratio of over 50%  $\Rightarrow$ We are well-positioned for future growth



In addition to its high name recognition as a wig brand, the company's high social credibility as a publicly listed company is a driving force for business expansion.

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Among the domestic hair industry The only publicly listed company



By completing the planning, development, manufacturing, and sales of new products within the group, we have established a system that enables us to quickly introduce original products that meet customer needs.

#### How new products are made

- STEP1 Needs gathering
- STEP2 Planning

- STEP3 In-house review
- STEP4 Prototype production
- STEP5 Internal review
- STEP6 New products completed

### [Points of Attention]

① Research skills in gathering needs

Identify trends in new materials and technologies as well as feedback from customers, sales staff, etc.

- ② Idea generation emphasizes differentiation from other companies Consider planning based on the current approach from the accumulation of ideas and technologies, including those from the past.
- ③<u>Careful planning and deliberation with board members</u> Exchange of opinions at development meetings with everyone from young staff to management
- <sup>(4)</sup>Prototype production in cooperation with our own factory

Created through constant exploration and trial and error

(5) Thorough internal verification

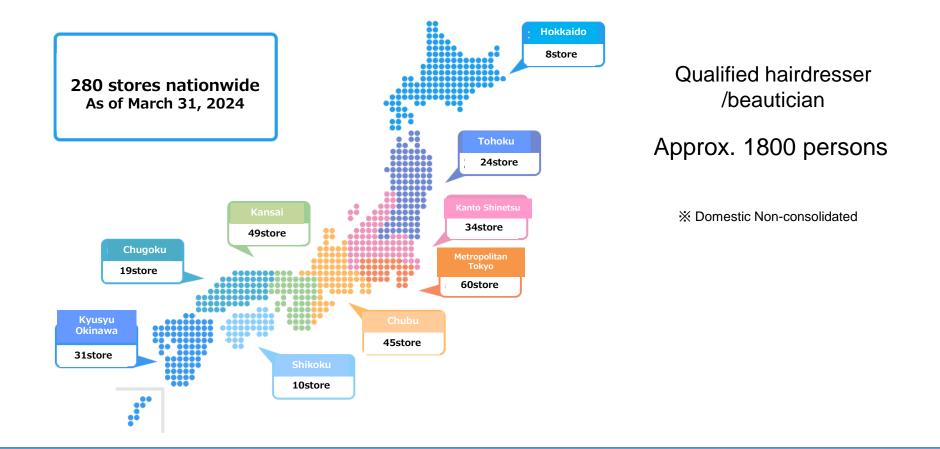
Verification of product quality and performance using in-house monitors

#### 6 <u>Completion of new products</u>

Lectures and technical training for sales staff on product features and usage scenarios, etc.



Nationwide network of stores and a large number of nationally certified stylists  $\Rightarrow$  Very high barriers to entry from other companies





The company has approximately 80% (1,800) of its domestic employees who have obtained barbering and beauty certifications.

They spend at least half a year acquiring specialized skills related to wigs, and are constantly striving to improve their skills.

### About Our Expertise

- Wig cleaning
- Blow-drying wigs
- Wig set
- Wig maintenance
- Styling of wigs and own hair
- Cutting of artificial hair, installation of hair addition, etc.

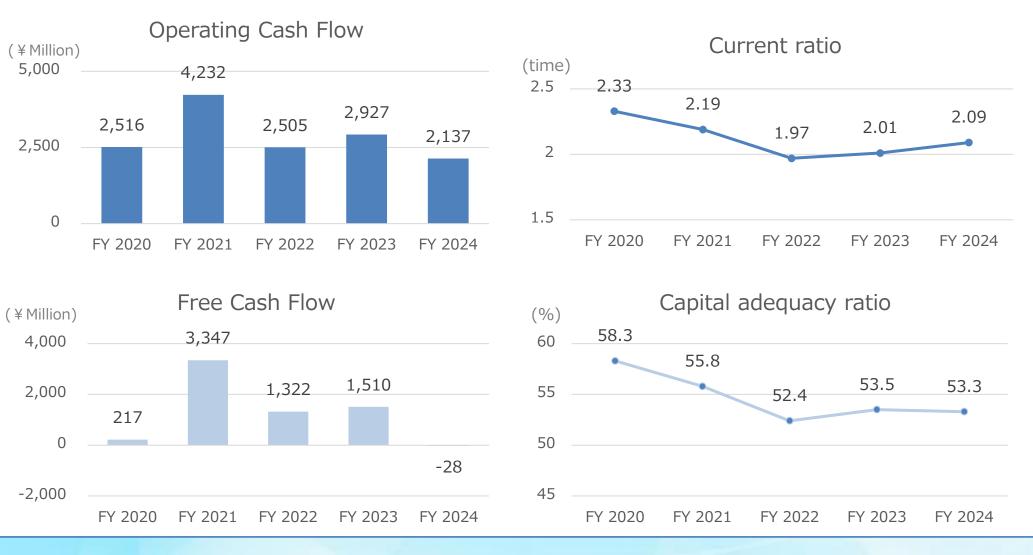
New stylists spend six months to a year after joining the company to learn this specialized skill through training.

Specialized techniques are changed according to trends, and technical skills are improved daily through group training by job level and individual training by advisors in each region.

The coronavirus pandemic actively implemented online training.



Maintains the top market share in the industry due to its strong financial position



# **Business plan**



With its vision as "Pioneering the Next Generation: ARTNATURE's Leap Forward," the Medium-Term Management Plan 2023-2025 is positioned as the third step toward the realization of the long-term vision for 2027, the 60th anniversary of the company's founding.

AN Group Motto	"Your best smile is what we want."
<b>AN Long-Term Vision</b> 2026 (60th Anniversary)	<b>"A Decade to Open a New Future"</b> Open up a new future by shifting to a management style emphasizing customer satisfaction and profitability, while exploring new business areas.
<b>3rd step</b> Medium-Term Management Plan 2023-2025 Vision	"Pioneering the Next Generation: ARTNATURE's Leap Forward Make a new breakthrough to the realization of the long-term vision based on the achievements to date
<b>2nd step</b> Medium-Term Management Plan 2020-2022 Vision	"Pioneering the Next Generation: ARTNATURE's Challenge Embrace the challenges to enhance business value in spite of an uncertain future
<b>1st step</b> Medium-Term Management Plan 2017-2019 Vision	"Pioneering the Next Generation: The Birth of ARTNATURE Aim for a recovery in business performance to build a solid foundation
Strengthening of Business Foundation Corporate Responsibility	

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Despite the rapidly changing environment in which we operate, we aim to reach the next major milestone of more than 50 billion yen in this medium-term management plan.

Long-Term Vision "A Decade to Open a New Future"							
	Previous two mid-term management plans	Previous Mid-term Management Plan	New Medium-Term Management Plan	Final fiscal year			
	2017-2019	2020-2022	2023-2025	2026			
Medium-Term Management Plan	REBORN	Challenge	Advance	—			
	Pioneering the Next Generation: The Birth of ARTNATURE	Pioneering the Next Generation: ARTNATURE's Challenge	Pioneering the Next Generation: ARTNATURE' s Leap Forward	—			
Net sales <sub>*1</sub>	39.4Billion yen (2019)	43.2Billion yen(2022)	52.3Billion yen(2025)	—			
Ordinary Income Margin %1	7.6%(2019)	8.2%(2022)	10.0%(2025)	_			
ROE <sub>%1</sub>	6.2%(2019)	7.5%(2022)	10.3%(2025)	—			
Hair business market share 2	30.5%(2019)	35.3%(2021)	Over 40%(2025)	—			

\*1 Net sales, Ordinary income margin, and ROE shown are actual results and plans for the final year of the medium-term management plan. \*2 Hair business market share: the ratio of our sales to the industry's total domestic sales (2019, 2021)

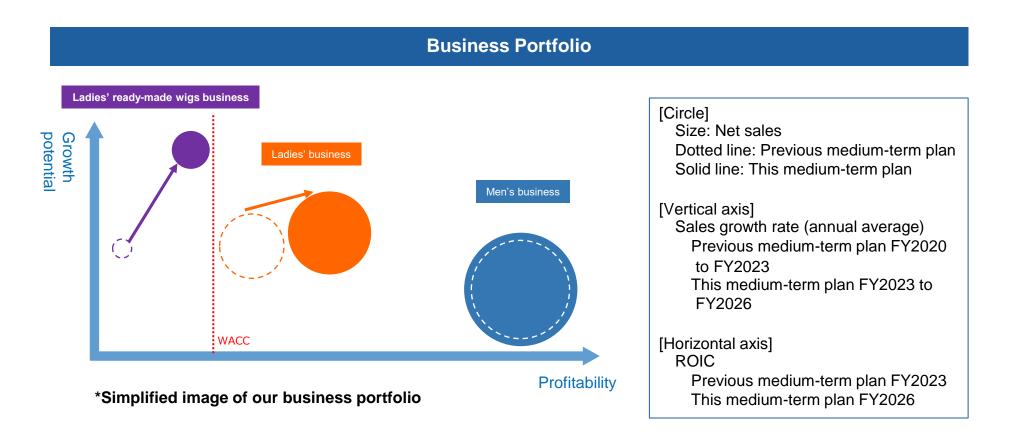


Improve business performance and boost market share in the hair business industry, establish a position as the domestic market leader, and acquire and expand business in new areas

Business Environment	Changing consumer behavior of customer segment		Domestic hair business industry showing an expansion trend after a slight rise		
Our Strengths	Trust, Brand, Tech	service, Profitability			
Business	Men's business	Ladies' business	Ladies' ready-made wigs business		
Compound annual growth rate ((FY2021-2023 Net Sales)	1.3%	3.5%	5.1%		
Compound annual growth rate (FY2024-2026 Net Sales)	1.5%(+0.2Pt)	5.4%(+1.9Pt)	12.7%(+7.6Pt)		
	Achieve a market share of more than 40% in the domestic hair business industry and establish a position as a market leader Men's Business : Promote differentiation strategies that set the company apart from others				
Strategic Policy (1)	Ladies' Business       : Promote unreferitation strategies that set the company apart from others         Ladies' Business       : Create new points of contact with customers, and foster collaboration among our business         Ladies' ready-made wigs business : Expand the number of new stores, and strengthen sales strategies for existing customers         Others       : Step up initiatives to expand recognition				
Strategic Policy (2)	Acquire and expand business in new areas				



Expand the Ladies' business and the Ladies' ready-made wigs business by investing profits from the Men's business into the custom-made and ready-made wigs businesses for women.





Aim to expand business performance and market share in the hair business industry in order to propel "ARTNATURE, pioneer of the next generation" to the next stage.

Key Themes		Indicators (FY2026)		
Value Creation		Net sales (Compound annual growth rate)	52.3 Billion yen (6% or more)	
<ul> <li>Establish a position as a market leader in the domestic hair business industry</li> <li>Acquire and expand business in new areas</li> </ul>	Financial Indicators	Ordinary Income Margin	10.0%	
Sustainability Promotion		ROE	10.3%	
<ul> <li>Create a sustainable society         Promote compliance with the Corporate Governance Code         (climate change, respect for human rights, human capital)         Implement SDG initiatives     </li> <li>Achieve sustainable growth in corporate value</li> </ul>	Non- financial Indicators	Hair business market share	40% or more	
Improve labor productivity/production stability/administrative efficiency Dialogue with the Market		GHG emissions	To be established by 2025 <reference> FY2022 Domestic non-consolidated Scope 1, 2 → 6,076t-CO2</reference>	
<ul> <li>Consider new information disclosure</li> <li>Consider additional shareholder return policy (dividend increase, shareholder benefits, etc.)</li> </ul>		Percentage of female managers Wage gap between male and female employees Percentage of male employees taking childcare leave	22% or more Currently +1.0% 82% or more	



Aim to reach net sales of more than 50 billion yen and ROE of over 10% in FY2025, the final year of this medium-term plan.

To improve ROE, focus on increasing profitability by expanding business for women and entering new areas.

	Previous Mid-term Management Plan			This medium-term plan				
Key Indicators	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024		FY2025		FY2026
	112021	112022	112025	Initial plan	Result	Initial plan	Revision Plan	112020
Net sales	35.8Billion yen	40.4Billion yen	43.2Billion yen	44.7billion yen	42.8billion yen	47.0billion yen	45.0billion yen	52.3billion yen
Compound annual growth rate	Men's business 1.3% Ladies' business 3.5% Ladies' ready-made wigs business 5.1%		Men's business1.5% (+0.2 Pt)Ladies' business5.4% (+1.9 Pt)Ladies' ready-made wig business12.7% (+7.6 Pt)					
Ordinary Income Ratio	5.6%	7.5%	8.2%	8.5%	6.4%	9.7%	6.6%	10.0%
ROE	3.3%	4.9%	7.5%	8.2%	5.6%	9.6%	5.7%	10.3%
Ordinary Income Average annual growth rate	6.4%	4.3%	5.2%	5.2%	3.6%			



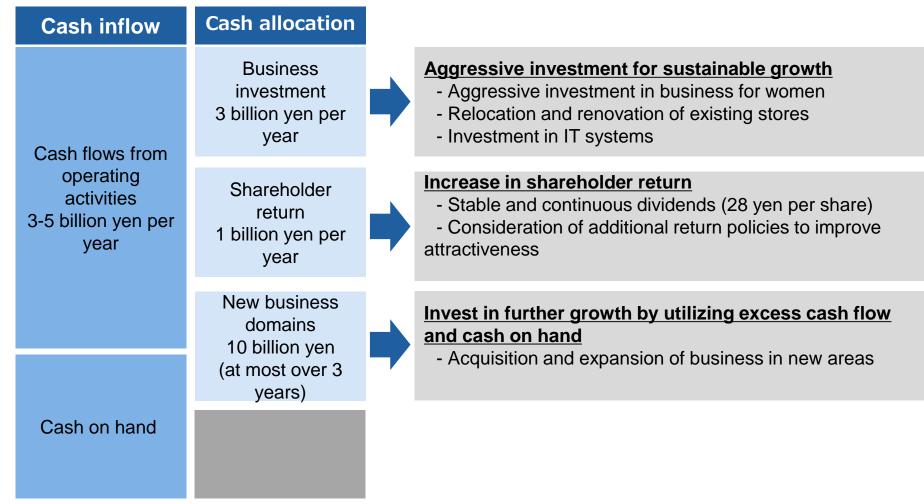
Disclose appropriate non-financial indicators through environmental and social initiatives.

	Todiesteve	Bench	ımark	This medium-term plan	
Key Indicators (Non-financial)		FY2022	FY2023	FY2024 - FY2026	
Environ ment	GHG emissions	<b>6,076t-CO2</b> Domestic non-consolidated, Scope 1, 2	-	Target to be set during the period of this medium-term plan	To be set as soon as we know the GHG emissions of our subsidiaries in Japan and overseas
	Percentage of female managers	_	<b>19.4%</b> As of April 2022	22.0% or more	
Society	Wage gap between male and female employees	_	73.5% Including non-regular employment	Increase by 1.0% or more from the current level	We have a high percentage of female employees and employees with shorter working hours.
	Percentage of male employees taking childcare leave	80.6%	72.4%	82.0% or more	

### **Financing plan**



Invest in growth, including in new business areas (fields related to beauty and health) and increase shareholder returns by utilizing cash on hand and cash flows from operating activities.





## Aim to return profits to shareholders as planned in accordance with the new dividend policy set in FY2024.

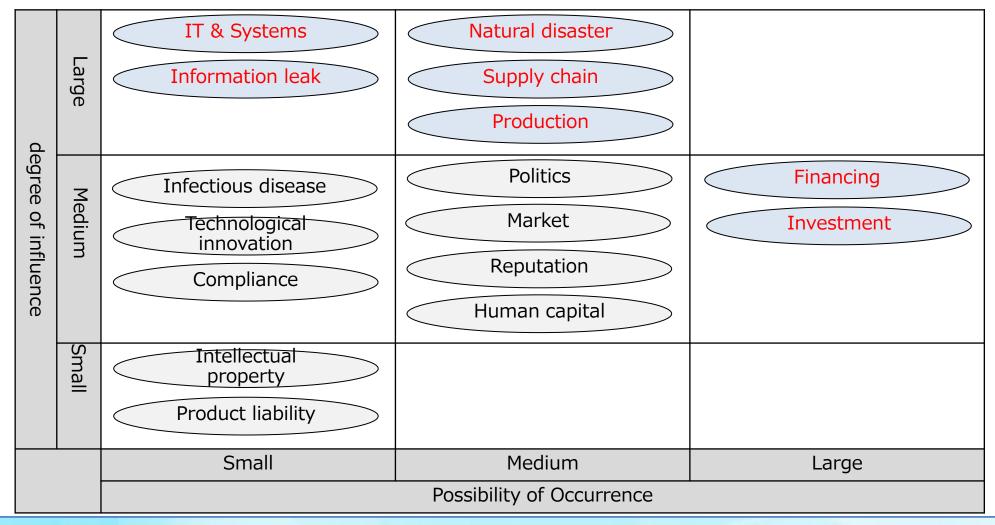
Basic policy	Based on a consolidated payout ratio of 40% or higher, we will strive to increase dividends in line with consolidated performance (increase in increments of 1 yen), with the current annual dividend of 28 yen as the minimum limit. However, <b>until we achieve an ROE of over 10%, the consolidated payout ratio will be set to 50% or</b> <b>higher</b> . If consolidated net income fluctuates significantly, we may adjust the dividends to account for these fluctuations.							
Key	Previous Mi	d-term Manag	gement Plan		This r	nedium-tern	n plan	
Indicators (Shareholder	FY2021 FY2022	FY2023	FY2	FY2024		FY2025		
Returns)		112022	112025	Initial plan	Results	Initial plan	Revision plan	FY2026
Net income per share	25.99yen	37.51yen	58.00yen	65.92yen	44.99yen	80.08yen	46.41yen	91.04yen
ROE	3.3%	4.9%	7.5%	8.2%	5.6%	9.6%	5.7%	10.3%
Dividend per share	28yen	28yen	28yen	33yen	28yen	28yen or more	28yen or more	28yen or more
Dividend payout ratio	107.7%	74.7%	48.3%	50.1%	62.2%	50%or more	50%or more	40%or more

# **Risk Information**

# **Risk Matrix**



Risks are weighed by multiplying the impact (vertical axis) by the likelihood of occurrence (horizontal axis), and prioritizes them by multiplying the impact (vertical axis) by the likelihood of occurrence (horizontal axis). (Red letters indicate risks of high importance)





# The risks of high importance and their countermeasures are as follows

Risk item	Contents	Countermeasure
Natural disaster risk	Earthquakes, tsunamis, windstorms, climate change	<ul> <li>Formulation of BCP (Business Continuity Plan)</li> <li>Conduct periodic drills</li> <li>Decentralization of logistics bases</li> </ul>
IT and Systems Risk	Cyber attacks, system failures	<ul> <li>Server construction to data center</li> <li>Vulnerability assessment and threat intelligence collection and analysis</li> <li>Conducting periodic drills</li> </ul>
Information Leakage Risk	Leakage of personal information	<ul> <li>Establishment of an internal information management system</li> <li>Personal information management at subcontractors</li> <li>IT literacy and personal information training for employees</li> </ul>



# The risks of high importance and their countermeasures are as follows

Risk item	Contents	Countermeasure
Supply Chain Risk	Purchasing, procurement, inventory, production, sales	<ul> <li>Supply Chain Monitoring</li> <li>Shared with suppliers, diversification of raw material purchases</li> </ul>
Production risk	Manufacturing, production costs, equipment and machinery	<ul> <li>Establishment of manufacturing sites or contract manufacturing in multiple countries</li> <li>Monitoring the situation in each country</li> </ul>
Investment risk	Failure of business investment (new business, capital investment, R&D, system investment, collaboration with other companies, M&A)	<ul> <li>Investment decisions based on deliberations by the conference body according to the amount of investment</li> <li>Investigations in connection with capital tie-ups and acquisitions with other companies</li> <li>Confirmation of post-investment management performance, governance status, etc.</li> </ul>
Financing risk	Fluctuations in interest rates and foreign exchange rates	<ul> <li>Understanding and analyzing the impact of exchange rate fluctuations on imports and exports</li> <li>Ongoing purchase of foreign currency required for purchase settlement</li> </ul>

# (Reference Information) Stock Price and Performance Trends



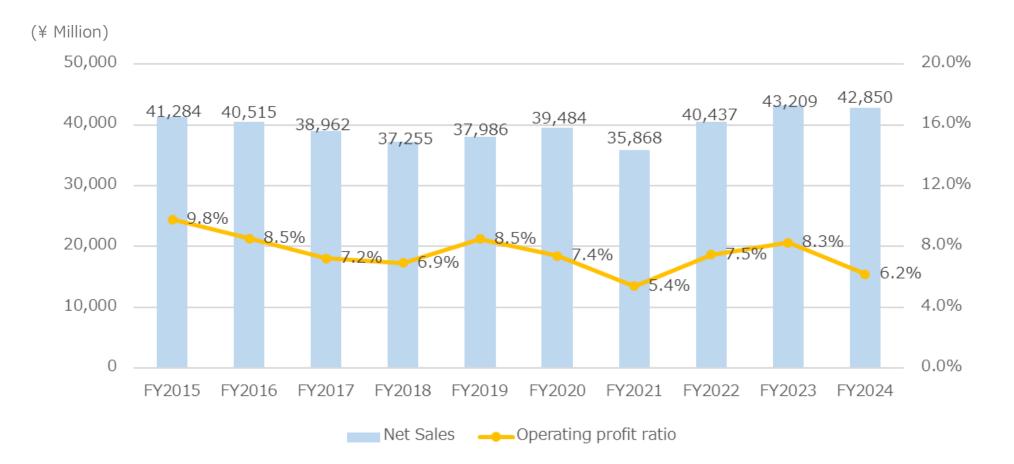
After changing market to the TSE 1st section in 2013, peaked in August 2014 and declined. Stock prices after 2020 were affected by the coronavirus pandemic. However, stock prices have been gradually growing since then.



# Sales and operating income trends for the last 10 years



Operating profit margins had been on a gradual downward trend through FY2018. Most recently, profits have recovered to pre-pandemic levels of coronavirus.





After peaking in FY2015, there was a gradual downward trend for both Men's business and Ladies' business through FY2018.

Most recently, the company has exceeded its pre-coronavirus pandemic performance.

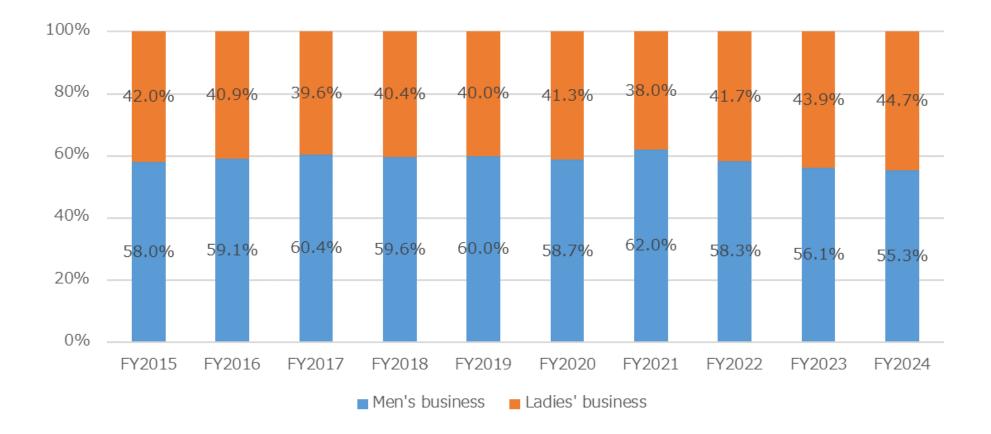
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(¥ Million)

### Sales trends over the last 10 years (sales to Men's business/Ladies' business ratio)



Men's business/Ladies' business ratio has remained generally unchanged from the past to the present: Men's business: 6, Ladies' business: 4 In recent years, the percentage of Ladies' business has been on the rise.





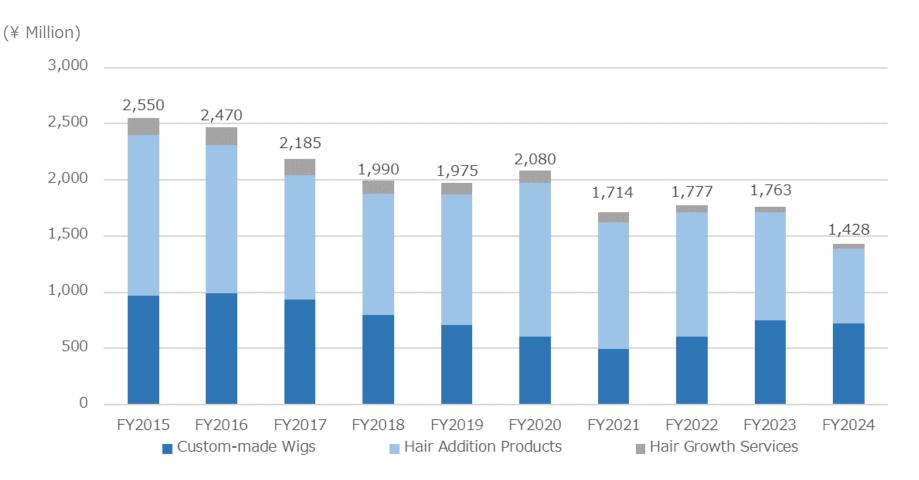
Although there has been a diminishing trend since peaking in FY2015, the coronavirus pandemic has bottomed out and is continuing to be a steady source of sales.





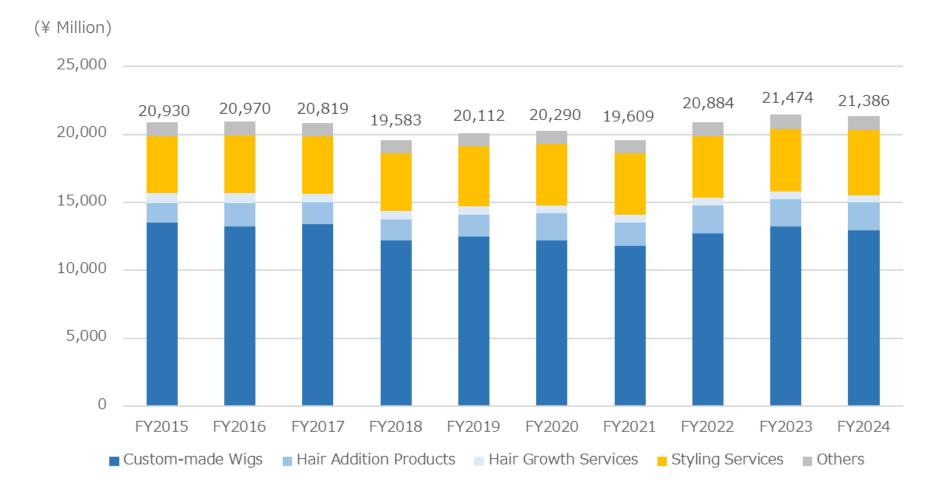
New customer sales are on a declining trend.

(Due to increased competition from adjacent markets such as hair regrowth and hair growth products )

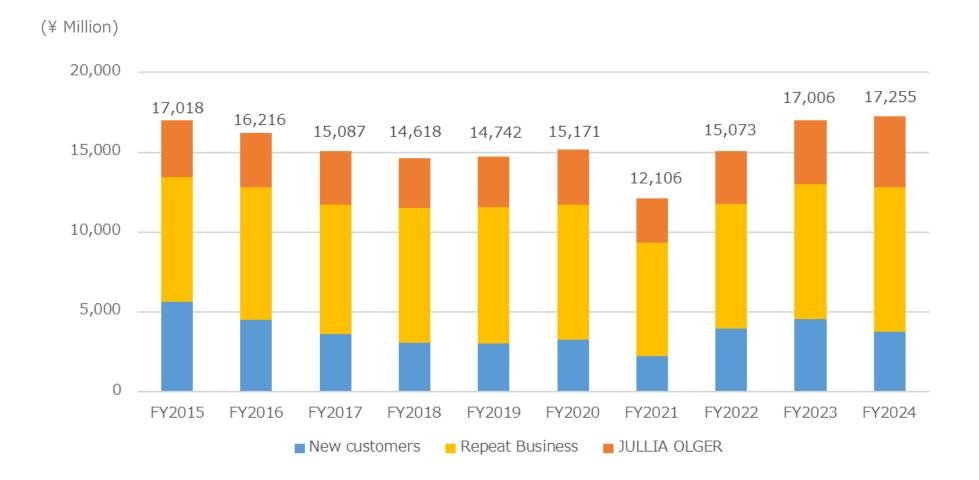




Repeat sales remain high compared to the past, in the 20 billion yen range.

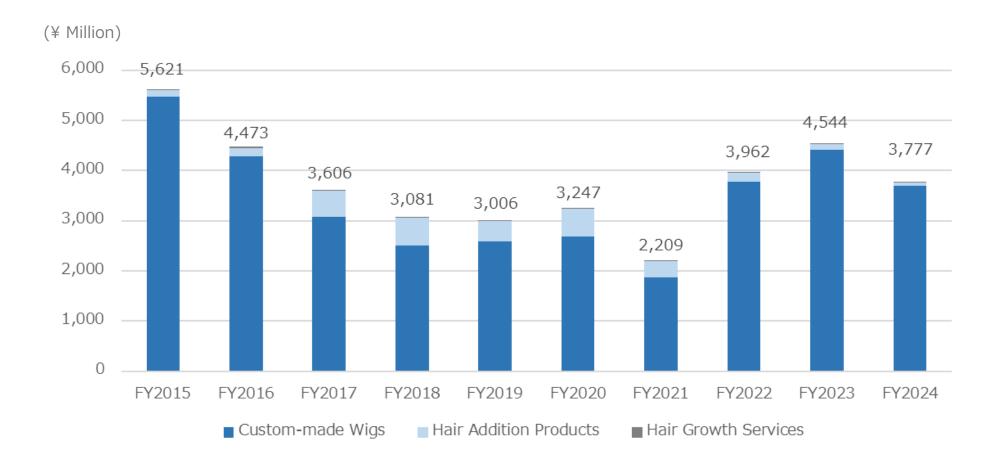


Diminishing trend through FY2018. (intensifying competition with low-priced wig retailers) Strong performance in recent years, with highest sales since FY2023.



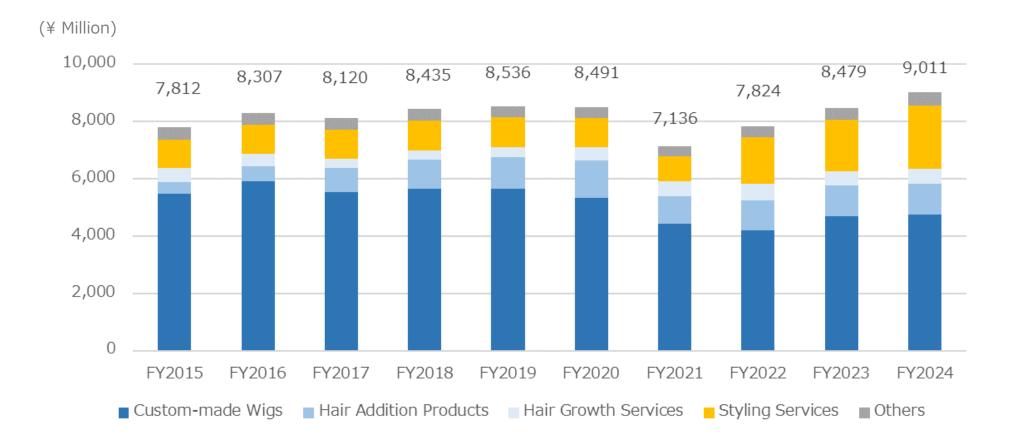


New sales declined due to increased competition, but have recently recovered. Most recent sales are more than double new men's sales. (mostly custom-made wigs)



## Sales trends for the last 10 years (Ladies' business, repeat customer)

Repeat sales have remained steady with the coronavirus pandemic at the bottom. Most recent sales are about 40% of men's repeat sales. (difference in proposal opportunities due to differences in frequency of store visits, etc.)



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#### **Forward-looking Statements**

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