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Future Vision and

We have identified the materiality that the Morinaga Group must address to achieve our Purpose and the 2030 Vision.

Process of Identifying Materiality

Interviews with experts on the issues the Group should address

Identification of the Group's materiality candidates based on the external environment, management/business aspects, the SDGs, international norms, and other considerations

Assessment of the importance of materiality candidates by internal and external stakeholders Note: The figure at right is the "Materiality Matrix."

Identifying materiality through discussions by executive management

Materiality Matrix





Note: Only the results of "Very Important" and "Important" are presented.

- *1 Response to the spread of major infectious disease *2 Management based on our Purpose
- *3 Enhancement of sustainability management

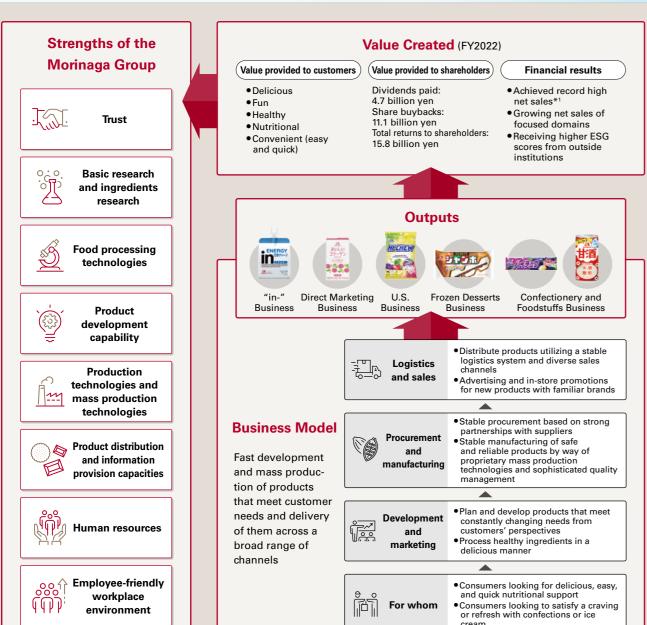
	Main Challenges	Main Opportunities and Risks	Target and Progress						
Materiality	Included in Materiality	(●: Opportunities and ▲: Risks)			Results for FY2021	Results for FY2022	Progress	Relevant F	
	Develop delicious and healthy foods	 ● Growing business opportunities following the rising health consciousness of consumers ▲ Declining market competitiveness over the medium to long term caused by delayed responses 	Provide the value of health to more than 70% of Japan's population through new initiatives aimed at		Reviewing detailed	Reviewing detailed requirements	Encouraging each business segment to develop products that provide health of mind and body aimed at becoming a wellness company Defining health of mind Carrying out quality management in line with international food safety standards and certification regimes*12 Providing customer service based on international standards of customer satisfaction*13		
Contribute to the	2 Develop products with new value in response to consumer needs	Growing business opportunities and improving competitiveness by tapping into latent markets Declining market competitiveness over the medium to long term caused by delayed responses						Pages for business se	
Healthy Lives of People around the World	3 Develop sustainable products	Growing business opportunities from rising awareness of sustainability among consumers		becoming a wellness company*1				pp. 34-	
arouna aro mona	4 Food security and quality assurance								
	5 Appropriately convey social and environmental information about products	Increasing social trust Declining social trust, brand value, and corporate value							
	Foster human resources to achieve our vision	Securing of talent needed to contribute to the realization of our Purpose and the 2030 Vision Dealing questionable groups application due to delegate representations.	Rate of positive	Targets	Morinaga & Co., Ltd. (non-consolidated)*8	Upper: Morinaga & Co., Ltd. (non-consolidated)*8 Lower: Domestic Group consolidated basis*9	Expanded the scope of the survey from Morinaga & Co., Ltd., to the consolidated Group companies in Japan in FY2022 Carried out interviews and initiatives for improvement at business sites where there was a gap between targets and results Considering further expanding the scope of the survey to overseas Group companies	Human Res	
Diversity and		▲ Declining sustainable growth capabilities due to delayed responses	responses on the	Morinaga Group's contributions to building a sustainable society	89.7%	90.4% 87.5%		pp. 49	
Inclusion of People	2 Diversity and inclusion	 Improving innovation capabilities and environmental response capabilities Declining organizational competitiveness and social reputation due to delayed responses 	employee awareness survey:	Corporate growth driven by a diverse workforce	70.1%	72.0% 66.5%		Healt Manage	
	Diversity and inclusion		80%	Employee motivation and achievement of "health of mind and body"	74.6%	75.6% 71.2%		pp. 56	
		Achieving long-term stable procurement of safe and high-quality raw	Sustainable procurement of raw	Cacao beans 100%	9%*10	34%*10	Promoting sustainable procurement for domestic products of Morinaga & Co., Ltd., per the results at left		
	1 Sustainable procurement of raw materials ▲ Growing risks surrounding procurement of agricultural raw materials of to delayed response	materials		Palm oil 100%	2%*10	9%*10	 Formulated a road map and now implementing 		
			materials*2	Paper 100%	98%*10	99.9%*10	initiatives to reach targets at both domestic and overseas Group companies	Achie	
Achieve Sustainable Value Chains	Human rights and environmental issues in the production stage of agricultural raw materials	Reducing human rights and environmental risks Declining social trust, brand value, and corporate value	CSR supply chain management: implement for 80% or more of raw materials transaction value*3		Raw materials 81%*11 Materials 81%*11	(Survey not conducted in FY2022)	survey results		
	3 Reduction of food loss and waste	Lowering costs by reducing manufacturing loss and returns Declining social reputation due to delayed responses	3) Reduce food loss and waste: 70%*4		+8% ▲49%		Carrying out initiatives to prevent food loss and waste on the frozen desserts production line of Takasaki Morinaga Co., Ltd., which had been an issue Contributing to less food loss and waste by developing products with non-standard products (e.g., cracked cookies)	pp. 58-	
	Co-existence and co-prosperity with local communities	 ■ Increasing social trust ▲ Operational risks at business sites 				▲ 49%			
Conserve the	Mitigate and adapt to climate change	▲ Growing risks in procurement of agricultural raw materials ▲ Rising production costs due to carbon taxes and other regulatory measures ▲ Declining corporate value due to delayed responses	1) Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions • Achieve net-zero GHG emissions by FY2050*5 • Reduce CO₂ emissions by 30% by FY2030*6		+2%	+3%	Installing cameras that detect air/steam leaks from facilities at domestic production sites Planning to install a solar power generation system at Takasaki Morinaga Co., Ltd.	Conservin Global Envir	
Global Environment	Eco-friendly plastic containers and packaging for recycling and reuse	 Creating innovation through external collaborations Declining corporate value due to delayed responses 	Reduce plastic waste: Use of plastics for <i>in Jelly</i> products: 25% reduction* ⁷		Reduction in consideration	Reduction in consideration	Working with packaging manufacturers to explore ways to reduce plastic waste	pp. 60	
Strengthen the Business Management Foundation	Strengthen corporate governance	Increasing management efficiency and corporate value Declining evaluations from the capital markets	Instead of uniform targets for 2030, we promote responses to individual issues as needed		monitoring board by expanding management aimed at increasing — — • Changed the determination of removal directors from the Representative I		Strengthen the function of the Board of Directors as a monitoring board by expanding discussions on risk management aimed at increasing board effectiveness Changed the determination of remuneration for individual directors from the Representative Director, President to the Officer Appointment and Remuneration Committee	Governa pp. 66	
	Globalization of the management foundation (e.g., strengthen the foundation for overseas expansion and respect local cultures)	Acquiring trust from countries and regions where we operate Increasing the ability to promote and implement our management strategy			_	-	Exploring ways to standardize core IT systems domestically and internationally Actively recruiting employees locally	DX Stra	
	3 Human rights management	▲ Damage to social trust, brand value, and corporate value			we promote responses to individual	_	-	Formulated the Morinaga Group Human Rights Policy in April 2023 Implementing human rights due diligence	Human F
	Address next-generation food technologies (e.g., next-generation food services, DX, robotics)	Improving productivity Growing business opportunities from innovation			_	-	Promoting changeover to smart factories	Structural Re Production F pp. 46	
	Increase social trust and reputation through the disclosure of ESG information	Increasing social trust and corporate value			_	-	Publishing an integrated report and regularly updating sustainability information on the corporate website	External Rec	

^{*1} Scope: Products the Company defines as "Deep dive into 'health of mind,'" "Accelerate 'health of body,'" and "Evolve 'health of mind' to 'health of body.'" Population percentage calculated based on the INTAGE Inc. SCI annual purchase rate (scope: consumers nationwide ages 15-79). The Company will explore the establishment of a vision on a global basis. *2 Group consolidated basis; paper covers only product packaging. *3 Group consolidated basis *4 Scope: Food loss and waste occurring from receipt of raw materials to delivery (distribution) (domestic Group consolidated basis; intensity; compared with FY2019). Food loss and waste is defined as food that has been processed and disposed of by incineration, landfill or other methods, except for food waste that has been returned to the circulation of food resources, such as feed and fertilizer. *5 Group consolidated basis

*6 Scope 1 + 2 (domestic Group consolidated basis; compared with FY2018) *7 Scope: Amount of plastics in packaging materials (intensity; compared with FY2019; including the shift to biomass plastics) *8 Scope: Full-time employees of Morinaga & Co., Ltd. (non-consolidated) excluding forwarded employees *9 Scope: Domestic Group consolidated basis; full-time employees of the Group excluding those forwarded to overseas Group companies *10 Scope: Morinaga products in Japan; paper covers only product packaging *11 Scope: Morinaga & Co., Ltd., in Japan (non-consolidated) *12 FSSC 22000, SQF Codes edition 9, JFS-B standards, and other guidelines *13 ISO 10002

Value Creation Process for Achieving Our 2030 Vision

To achieve our 2030 Vision, we will create "the three values of health of mind, body, and environment" and realize sustainable growth by contributing to people's wellness around the world.



Financial capital

• Net assets: 125.8 billion yen

- Shareholders' equity ratio: 60.7%
- Long-term credit rating: A stable (JCR)
 Issuance of sustainability bonds and renewal of long-term borrowings

Capital (FY2022)

Management

Production capital

- Production sites: 8 factories in Japan
- and 3 overseas
 One R&D center

Intellectual capital Patents owned: 172 in Japan and

- Trademarks owned: 590 in Japan and 636 overseas*2
 • R&D expenses: 2.8 billion yen

Human capital

- Employee loyalty: 84%*3 Health management: Certified Health
 Productivity Management
 Outstanding One **Outstanding Organization**

Social capital Relationships of trust with various

- stakeholders built over more than 120 years in the business
- Many long-selling brands

Natural capital

Diverse raw materials with consider ation for sustainability and quality

- *1 Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition applied retrospectively *2 Number of rights owned as of the end of FY2022
- *3 Rate of positive responses to "I feel proud as a member of this company" on the employee awareness survey
- *4 The Company applied the "Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition (ASBJ Statement No. 29, March 31, 2020)," and other regulations, from the beginning of
- *5 Scope: Products the Company defines as "Deep dive into 'health of mind," "Accelerate 'health of body," and "Evolve 'health of mind' to 'health of body," Population percentage calculated based on the INTAGE Inc. SCI annual purchase rate (scope; consumers nation ages 15-79). The Company will explore the establishment of a vision on a global basis.
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*8 Scope 1 + 2 (domestic Group consolidated basis; compared with FY2018)

Purpose

The Morinaga Group will continue to create healthy foods that can be enjoyed beyond generations, thereby bringing smiles to the faces of people around the world now and in the future.



2030 Vision

We Will Change into a Wellness Company.

The Morinaga Group defines "wellness" as "the state of realizing or pursuing an enriched and glorious life on the basis of health of mind, body, and environment." We continuously provide the value of health of mind, body, and environment to customers, employees, society, and other stakeholders, thereby contributing to the realization of a sustainable society.

See page 24

Financial and Non-Financial Targets (Value Co-Creation)

	Financial Targ	gets*4	Non-Financial Targets			
Economic value	Net sales:	300 billion yen	Customer value	Provide value of health to more than 70% of Japan's population through new initiatives aimed at becoming a wellness company*5		
	sales ratio:	12% or higher	Employee value	Ratio of employees who find their job meaningful and who are in good mental and physical health at work:	80%*6	
		15% or higher	Social value	Procurement ratio of sustainable raw materials (cacao beans, palm oil, and paper):	100%*	
	Focused domains' sales ratio:	60%		CO ₂ emissions:	30%**reduction	

Evolution of Management

Promote management with a long-term perspective using our current business model as a foundation

Promote Purpose-Driven Management

Implement the 2030 Business Plan

ontribute to the healthy lives of people around the world

Achieve sustainable value chains

Increasing health consciousness through food

Socioeconomic and lifestyle changes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic

Declining birthrate/aging population and contraction of the Japanese market (labor shortages)

Materiality

External

Environment

Conserve the global environment

See page 18

Changes in consumer behavior and our business model driven by the evolution of digital technologies

Rising world population and climate change, etc. (unstable raw materials procurement)

Increasing need to resolve social issues (SDGs and ESG investment)

Transition strategy

2030 Business Plan

Dramatic Growth

1st Stage: 2021 Medium-Term Business Plan (2021-2023)

Building a New Foundation for

Strategic Road Map for Achieving Our 2030 Vision

We have created a road map covering our corporate philosophy/long-term vision, strategy, and performance aimed at the realization of the 2030 Vision.

Strengths of the **Morinaga Group**



Trust

History and brands spanning more than



Basic research and materials research

Functional research on amazake, cocoa,



Food processing technology

Striking a balance between the following Key technologies of producing jelly drinks, frozen confectionery, and soft candies

 Aiming for deliciousness while adding nutritional components and reducing carbs and calories



Product development capability

Products for various scenes and needs



Production technology and mass production technology

Stable operations and increased business efficiency realized through the transition to



Product promotion and information provision capacities

Product rollout in a wide range of channels Dissemination of accurate and appropriate information



Human resources

Deep appreciation for our corporate philosophy and a high level of



22

Employee-friendly workplace

Realization of systems fostering diversity and a highly productive work environment 2018 Medium-Term Business Plan (2018-2020)

Solidify Our Business Foundation and Accelerate Our Growth Strategy

Our Commitments since Our Founding

Founding onward See pages 4 and 5

We have valued the founder's commitment encompassing the words, "Delicious, Fun, and Healthy."



Upon our 120th anniversary, we revisited the Group's approaches to "Delicious, Fun, and Healthy" by asking all employees their thoughts.

Established a New Corporate Philosophy and the 2030 Vision

philosophy to cover the meaning of our existence, our visions, and our

• Restructured our corporate

• "Delicious, Fun, and Healthy"

became our new Corporate

The Morinaga Group's Corporate Philosophy See page 1

2030 Vision See pages 24 and 25

The Morinaga Group

will change into a Wellness Company in 2030.



Efforts for further growth:

exploration and research domain and inorganic growth

· Become a company that continuously provides "health of mind, body, and environment" to customers, employees, and society

Build a Business Foundation That Can Generate Profits Consistently

- Existing domain: Focus on major brands to increase profitability • Wellness domain: Focus on development and sales promotion of
- products that benefit "health of body" • Global domain : Establish a business foundation in the United States
- New management : Establish a PDCA cycle for management/business and raise the bar of management

Financial

Net sales (Billion ver

Operating income

to net sales ratio (9 Overseas sales

Focused domains

- Increased earnings power mainly in domestic businesses
- Achieved dramatic growth of HI-CHEW in the United States Built a business foundation that can consistently generate an operating income to net sales ratio of 10%

FY2019

208.8

10.2

5.3

42% on average during the period of

the 2018 Medium-Term Business Plan

FY2020

168.2*1

11.4

7.0

Increase capital efficiency using efficient asset allocation for greater growth

FY2018

205.3

9.8

5.9

How to Change into a Wellness Company

commitments

2030 Business Plan See pages 24 and 25

• Policy 1: Improve Profitability through Business Portfolio Optimization and Structural Reforms

• Policy 2: Build a Business Foundation Linked to Business Strategies

• Policy 3: Promote Diversity and Inclusion

Focused domain: driving growth cused Doma Basic Domair Basic domain: stable cash generation

Efforts to further strengthen the business foundation: structural reforms and business foundation

[Results of the 2018 Medium-Term Business Plan] [Targets and Results of the 2021 Medium-Term Business Plan]

Financial*2	FY2021 results	FY2022 results	FY2023 targets
Net sales (Billion yen)	181.2	194.3	190.0
Operating income (Billion yen)	17.6	15.2	21.5
Operating income to net sales ratio (%)	9.8	7.8	11 or highe
Overseas sales	9.1	11.2	9 or high

Non-Financial (Morinaga products in Japan)

3 s		FY2021 results	FY2022 results	FY2023 targets
)	Focused domains' sales	48.8	49.8	+5 percentage points or
5	ratio (%)			higher*3
er	ROE (%)	22.0 (10.1)* ⁴	7.9	10 or higher
her	Dividend payout ratio (%)	16.3*5	47.9	30

100 by FY2025

100 by FY2023

100 by FY2022

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	Focused domains' sales ratio (%)	48.8	49.8	+5 percentage points or higher*3
	ROE (%)	22.0 (10.1)* ⁴	7.9	10 or higher
	Dividend payout ratio (%)	16.3*5	47.9	30

Financial*2

Overseas sales ratio (% 15 or higher

300

12 or higher

[Targets of the 2030 Business Plan]

Provide value of health to more than 70% of Japan's population through new initiatives aimed at becoming a wellness company*7 Ratio of employees who find their job neaningful and who are in good nental and physical health at work (% rocurement ratio of sustainable 100*9

*1 The Company applied the "Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition (ASBJ Statement No. 29, March 31, 2020)," and other regulations, from the beginning of FY2021. The figures for FY2020 reflect retroactive application of the said accounting standard.

- *4 Excluding the impact of extraordinary profit from the sale of cross-shareholdings *5 35.3% when excluding the impact of extraordinary profit from the sale of
- *6 Paper covers only product packaging
- *7 Scope: products the Company defines as "Deep dive into 'health of mind,'" "Accelerate 'health of body.'" and "Evolve 'health of mind' to 'health of body.'" Population percentage

FY2021

results

98

FY2022

99.9

- calculated based on the INTAGE Inc. SCI annual purchase rate (scope; consumers nationwide ages 15-79). The Company intends to establish a vision on a global basis.
- *8 Ratio of affirmative answers on the employee awareness survey
- *9 Group consolidated basis; paper covers only product packaging
- *10 Scope 1 + 2 (domestic Group consolidated basis; compared with FY2018)

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^{*2} The Company applied the "Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition (ASBJ Statement No. 29, March 31, 2020)," and other regulations, from the beginning of FY2021.

^{*3} Comparison with the average during the period of the 2018 Medium-Term Business Plan

2030 Vision

The Morinaga Group will change into a Wellness Company in 2030.

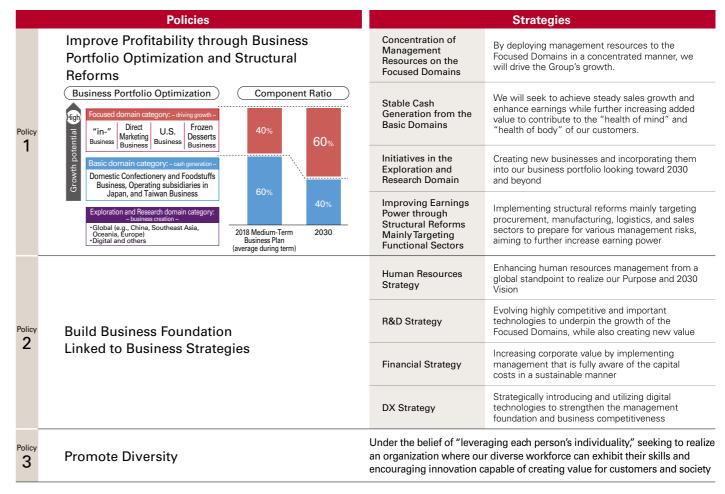
We will further evolve the reliability and technology built in our 120-year history to support people's wellness lifestyles for all generations worldwide.



As the goal of the Group's 2030
Business Plan, we formulated the 2030
Vision to outline where we intend to
be in 2030. The Morinaga Group has
cultivated its brand and enhanced its
technical prowess during its more
than 120-year history supported by the
trust of customers. The Morinaga
Group will seek to achieve sustainable
growth through value creation in
"health of mind, body, and environment," which will drive its change into
a wellness company.

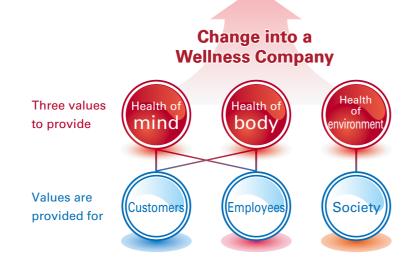
Three Basic Policies and Strategies

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Provision of "Health of Mind, Body, and Environment"

The Morinaga Group defines wellness as "the state of realizing or pursuing an enriched and glorious life on the basis of health of mind, body, and environment." We aim to become a company that continuously creates the three values of "health of mind," "health of body," and "health of environment" for the three stakeholders of customers, employees, and society.



Customers x "Health of Mind" and "Health of Body"

We are further evolving the values we provide to contribute to the "health of mind" and "health of body" of customers through all our products. Under "health of mind," we will enhance emotional value using a science-based approach to further enhance customer satisfaction. Under "health of body," we will address health needs through food by further enhancing the value we provide via the development of food with functional claim.

Employees × "Health of Mind" and "Health of Body"

We will further promote work-style reforms along with health management including mental healthcare to foster an organization where employees find their job meaningful and can share their skills dynamically.

Society × "Health of Environment"

To achieve customer wellness, we believe it is essential not only to make our foods delicious and healthy but also to ensure that our manufacturing processes producing these foods and the value chain are sustainable. Therefore, we are working to address social issues related to our business, such as food loss and waste, human rights issues, and environmental issues, aiming to achieve an environment where customers truly enjoy the foods we make.

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2021 Medium-Term Business Plan

In the final year of the 2021 Medium-Term Business Plan, we will continue to respond to rapid changes in the operating environment, such as soaring raw materials prices, and strategically implement growth investments, with the aim to achieve record high net sales for the third consecutive year and achieve a V-shaped recovery in operating income.





Looking Back on FY2022

Result

In FY2022, growth carried over from the previous fiscal year led by the focused domains of the "in-" business and the U.S. business, and we set a record high for net sales* for the second consecutive year. On the other hand, although operating income declined year on year

due to the impacts of soaring raw materials and energy prices and strategic advertising investments, we were able to absorb costs of more than 6.5 billion yen thanks to price revisions and the effect of increased sales

*Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition applied retrospectively



Issues and Looking Ahead

In the focused domains, we will continue to concentrate management resources, as we seek out greater growth led by the U.S. business. In the basic domains, we will continue to develop products that capture changes in consumption styles following the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen our efforts to reduce costs through structural reforms. We will explore possibilities for inorganic growth, including new business ventures, and continue to develop new products that contribute to "health of mind" and "health of body" of consumers to grow net sales and increase profitability.

At the same time, to further grow our overseas business, we will extend the reach of HI-CHEW in areas such as Taiwan, China, and Oceania, as well as explore and expand the potential for jelly drinks and other products.

In addition, we will continue to implement structural reforms mainly in the functional sectors, such as production, logistics, and sales, to address changes in the external environment and further improve our profitability.

Furthermore, by actively allocating management resources to personnel, R&D, and DX, we will strengthen the business foundation of the entire Morinaga Group and promote business strategies.

		What We Are Aiming for in 2030	Key Measures	Details	
	"in-" business	Aiming to become the No. 1 brand among foods supporting "health of mind and body" centering on sports	 Growth of in Jelly products Growth of in Bar products Create new foods leveraging the "in-" brand 	pp. 34–35	
sed ains	Direct marketing business	Evolving into a healthcare business supporting the realization of customers' wellness	Evolve existing businesses using digitalization Create new businesses using the foundations cultivated in the direct marketing business	pp. 36–37	
Focused Domains	U.S. business	Growth of the U.S. business by expanding the <i>Hi-CHEW</i> brand and creating a jelly drink market	Further accelerate the growth of the HI-CHEW brand Create a jelly drink market and explore the potential for wellness domain products	pp. 38–39	
	Frozen desserts business	Stably expanding the frozen desserts business by concentrating on differentiated products that exploit our confectionery technologies 1 Evolve freshness marketing for the <i>Jumbo</i> group of products Acquire customers in peripheral markets and create new mark using technological advantages		pp. 40–41	
Basic omains	Confectionery business	Changing the category portfolio so as to build a high revenue base	Improve chocolate business profitability and increase net sales Stimulate demand through invigoration of the candy market Further increase demand in the biscuit market	pp. 42–43	
Dor	Foodstuffs business	Shifting from "article-of-taste brands" to "health-oriented brands"	Establish Morinaga Amazake as a health-oriented brand Establish Morinaga Cocoa as a health-oriented brand		
nal	Procurement sector Manufacturing	Beating the labor shortage and establishing	[Procurement] Control the rising raw materials expense ratio by reviewing product specifications [Manufacturing] Change over to smart factories using digitalization		
Functional Sectors	sector Logistics sector Sales sector	a powerful profit structure to allow us to compete around the world	[Logistics] Control rising logistics costs with an eye toward hub optimization [Sales] Optimize sales bases and improve productivity looking ahead to future market changes	Manufacturing [pp. 46–47]	
Business Foundations	Human	Establishing a payorful management	[Human Resources] Establish and execute plans to maximize human capital [R&D] Provide cross-functional support for business strategy by	Human Resources R&D	
	R&D strategy DX strategy Financial	Establishing a powerful management foundation to support the business strategies to increase corporate value over the medium to long term	creating new value centering on technology [DX] Reform business activities using digitalization and continually improve profitability [Finance] Explore the optimal capital structure, strengthen the investment management system, and increase shareholder returns aimed at the promotion of capital cost management	DX Finance p. 48 pp. 29–33	



Key Measures in FY2023

Focused Domains

In the "in-" business, we will accelerate growth of in Jelly by further expanding drinking scenes and targets. In response to various health needs, we will expand and strengthen the "in-" brand.

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In the direct marketing business, we will work to expand existing businesses centered on Oishii Collagen Drink and Oishii Aojiru, which is growing dramatically as the second pillar, and explore new possibilities such as overseas expansion of collagen drinks and expansion of foods offered at Morinaga Direct Store.

To further grow the U.S. business, we will expand the regions where HI-CHEW is sold, develop brand-new products to acquire new customers, engage in aggressive marketing activities, and expand production lines. We will also accelerate our efforts to create a jelly drink market for Chargel.

In the frozen desserts business, we will work to further improve the quality of Choco Monaka Jumbo and strengthen marketing activities for Vanilla Monaka Jumbo. In addition, we will continue to focus on developing products such as Ita Choco Ice and The Crepe.



Basic Domains

In the confectionery business, we will strengthen marketing activities under major brands such as HI-CHEW, Morinaga Ramune, and Morinaga Biscuits, taking advantage of increased demand for confectioneries and the recovery of inbound tourism demand due to the easing of travel restrictions, with the aim of increasing the ratio of sales in the relatively profitable candy and biscuit categories.

In the foodstuffs business, we will continue to develop Morinaga Cocoa's lineup of products with functional claims and develop measures to promote drinking opportunities to establish Morinaga Cocoa as a health beverage.



Structural Reforms Focused on the Functional Sectors

The Procurement Sector will continue to enhance our efforts to lower costs and improve profitability in response to soaring raw material

In the Manufacturing Sector, we will expand the changeover of smart factories to all the factories in Japan to ensure stable operation and operational efficiency.

In the Logistics Sector, we will relocate bases in the Tokyo metropolitan area to improve the efficiency and stability of transportation and delivery.

The Sales Sector will continue to work on promotions under the keyword "wellness" tailored to the characteristics of each retailer

Building a Strong Management Foundations

In terms of human resources strategy, we will pursue human resources development and foster an organizational culture through succession planning and the development of specialized human resources, as well as promote diversity and inclusion by encouraging self-sustaining career development and utilizing senior human

In terms of R&D strategy, we will accelerate research to change into a wellness company. This includes strengthening our R&D capabilities in the United States, stepping up development in the

wellness field, and creating new value by launching new development methods. At the same time, we will build an intellectual property strategy to utilize the outcomes of R&D.

As for DX strategy, we will introduce core IT systems to enhance consolidated business management and rebuild product database systems to evolve product development operations.

In terms of financial strategy, we will enhance our ability to generate funds through ROIC management and financial measures, while also increasing growth investments and shareholder returns.

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