Note: This document has been translated from the Japanese original for reference purposes only. In the event of any discrepancy between this translated document and the Japanese original, the original shall prevail.



## KOBE BUSSAN CO., LTD.



February 22, 2024

Company name: Kobe Bussan Co., Ltd.

Securities code: 3038

Listing: Prime Market of Tokyo Stock Exchange

Representative: Hirokazu Numata,

President and Representative Director

Contact: Masahiro Sakamoto,

Manager, Corporate Planning Department

## **Monthly Performance for January 2024**

Kobe Bussan Co., Ltd. discloses its monthly performance for January 2024 on a non-consolidated basis.

1. Trends in net sales, gross profit, operating profit, and ordinary profit (non-consolidated)

[Net sales]		(Upper: Millions of yen, Lower: YoY %)							
Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	H1			
41,690	45,609	36,909							
112.8	110.2	112.9							
May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Н2	Full year		

[Gross profit]	(Upper: Millions of yen, Lower: YoY %)							
Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	H1		
3,991	4,183	3,768						
128.1	120.7	123.1						
May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year	

[Operating prof	ĭt]	(Upper: Millions of yen, Lower: YoY %)							
Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	H1			
2,389	2,542	2,162							
138.5	123.3	129.6							
May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year		

[Ordinary profit	]	(Upper: Millions of yen, Lower: YoY %)							
Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	H1			
191	(3,839)	10,358							
109.7	-	1,004.3							
May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Н2	Full year		
NI / TEL O	1	1', 1 1,1 C	1	1 4	1' 1 /1	. 1 1 1	, 1		

Note: This flash report is unaudited and the figures are subject to change. Accordingly, they are revised and updated as appropriate on a timely basis if differed from the quarterly or annual results. For the purpose of year-on-year comparison, buy-sell transactions with subsidiaries are not accounted for under the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition on a monthly basis. The figures under the Standard will be disclosed in the full-year financial results.

2. Trends in the number of Gyomu Super stores

		Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	H1	
Directly	Opened	0	0	0					
managed areas	Closed	0	0	0					
	Total	664	664	664					
Indirectly	Opened	2	0	1					
managed	Closed	0	0	0					
areas	Total	382	382	383					
Total franchise st	ores	1,046	1,046	1,047					
Total directly operate	d stores	4	4	4					
Total stores	Total stores		1,050	1,051					
		May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year
Directly	Opened								
managed	Closed								
areas	Total								
Indirectly	Opened								
managed areas	Closed								
	Total								
Total franchise st	ores								
Total directly operate	d stores								
Total stores									

■ Directly managed areas (areas with franchise stores under general franchise contract)

[Hokkaido area] Hokkaido prefecture

[Kanto area] Tokyo, Chiba, Kanagawa, and Saitama prefectures

[Kansai area] Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo (excl. Awaji Island), Nara, Wakayama, and Shiga prefectures

[Kyushu area] Fukuoka, Saga, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Oita, and Miyazaki prefectures

■ Indirectly managed areas (areas with franchise stores under area franchise contract)

Prefectures other than those listed above

[Stores opened during January 2024]

[Stores opened during variatily 2021]	
Store name	Address
[Indirectly managed areas]	_
EVERY Shobara	2-15-35 Nishihonmachi, Shobara-shi, Hiroshima

3. Year-on-year changes in product shipments to Gyomu Super stores

(YoY %)

		Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	H1	
D' 1	Existing stores	108.7	106.9	110.6					
Directly managed areas	All stores	112.7	110.2	113.8					
Nationwide*	All stores	113.1	110.5	114.4					
		May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year
Directly managed areas	Existing stores								
	All stores								
Nationwide*	All stores								

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Nationwide" represents the product shipments to the stores in both directly and indirectly managed areas.

## 4. Overview

For January 2024, we reported net sales of \(\frac{\pmax36,909 million (up 12.9\% year-on-year)}{\pmax}\), gross profit of \(\frac{\pmax3,768 million (up 23.1\%)}{\pmax}\), operating profit of \(\frac{\pmax2,162 million (up 29.6\%)}{\pmax}\), and ordinary profit of \(\frac{\pmax10,358 million (up 904.3\%)}{\pmax}\) on a non-consolidated basis.

During the period, Gyomu Super opened one store, resulting in 1,051 stores in total, an increase of 39 stores from a year earlier. Net sales increased driven by the coverage on television programs and social media.

Our product shipments to Gyomu Super stores remained strong, with an increase of 10.6% from a year earlier to existing stores in directly managed areas, and an increase of 13.8% to all stores in directly managed areas, and an increase of 14.4% to all stores nationwide.

In terms of our product trends, sales of conveniently available frozen vegetables continued showing a strong positive trend. Also, national brand products including Japanese basic seasonings such as sugar and salt contributed to sales growth.

Ordinary profit significantly exceeded that for the same period of the previous fiscal year. This is because the valuation loss on forward exchange contracts recorded before February 2024 was reversed resulting from the termination of certain forward exchange contracts and recovery in fair value due to a change in exchange rates.

## 5. Scheduled disclosure date

The flash report for February 2024 is scheduled to be released on Monday, March 18. Please note that the date of release may be changed for unavoidable reasons.