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KOBE BUSSAN CO., LTD.



April 22, 2025

Company name: Kobe Bussan Co., Ltd.

Securities code: 3038

Listing: Prime Market of Tokyo Stock Exchange

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President and Representative Director

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Monthly Performance for March 2025

Kobe Bussan Co., Ltd. discloses its monthly performance for March 2025 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 | | | |
| 44,160 | 49,625 | 40,053 | 42,567 | 47,682 | | | | | |
| 106.0 | 108.8 | 108.5 | 107.8 | 108.2 | | | | | |
| May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Н2 | Full year | | |
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| [Gross profit] (Upper: Millions of yen, Lower: YoY %) | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|----|-----------|--|--|
| Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | H1 | | | |
| 4,507 | 4,881 | 3,716 | 4,193 | 4,922 | | | | | |
| 112.5 | 116.7 | 99.9 | 106.8 | 109.3 | | | | | |
| May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | H2 | Full year | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | |

| [Operating profi | it] | | | (Upper: Millions of yen, Lower: YoY %) | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|-------|-------|--|------|----|-----------|--|--|--|
| Nov. | Nov. Dec. Jan | | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | H1 | | | | |
| 2,765 | 3,125 | 1,999 | 2,435 | 2,878 | | | | | | |
| 115.8 | 122.9 | 94.2 | 105.6 | 106.6 | | | | | | |
| May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | H2 | Full year | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | |

| [Ordinary profit] |] | | | (Upper: Millions of yen, Lower: YoY %) | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|------|--|---------|----|-----------|--|--|--|
| Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | H1 | | | | |
| 2,458 | 458 7,625 | | 897 | 4,124 | | | | | | |
| 1,285.6 | - | 22.9 | 21.7 | 173.1 | | | | | | |
| May | June | June July | | Sept. | Oct. | Н2 | Full year | | | |
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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 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | |
| managed | Closed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| areas | Total | 695 | 697 | 698 | 700 | 703 | | | |
| Indirectly | Opened | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | |
| managed | Closed | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| areas | Total | 390 | 391 | 392 | 393 | 396 | | | |
| Total franchise st | ores | 1,085 | 1,088 | 1,090 | 1,093 | 1,099 | | | |
| Total directly operate | d stores | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | |
| Total stores | Total stores | | 1,092 | 1,094 | 1,097 | 1,103 | | | |
| | | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | H2 | Full year |
| Directly | Opened | | | | | | | | |
| managed | Closed | | | | | | | | |
| areas | Total | | | | | | | | |
| Indirectly | Opened | | | | | | | | |
| managed | Closed | | | | | | | | |
| areas | 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, Miyazaki, and Kagoshima prefectures

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

Prefectures other than those listed above

[Stores opened during March 2025]

| Store name | Address |
|----------------------------|--|
| [Directly managed areas] | |
| Muroran | 2-22-16 Higashi-machi, Muroran-shi, Hokkaido |
| Omi Yokaichi | 642-15 Wakamatsu, Yokaichi Higashihon-machi, Higashiomi-shi, Shiga |
| Hita | 3-7 Nakajo-machi, Hita-shi, Oita |
| [Indirectly managed areas] | _ |
| Takayama | 2-120-1 Showa-machi, Takayama-shi, Gifu |
| Toride Fujishiro | 2-14-1 Fujishiro Minami, Toride-shi, Ibaraki |
| Yuinomori | 5-10-5 Yuinomori, Utsunomiya-shi, Tochigi |

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

(YoY %)

| | | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | H1 | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|----|-----------|
| Dimently, managed areas | Existing stores | 102.8 | 104.6 | 105.1 | 104.8 | 105.6 | | | |
| Directly managed areas | All stores | 106.5 | 108.5 | 109.2 | 108.8 | 109.4 | | | |
| Nationwide* | All stores | 106.2 | 108.3 | 109.7 | 108.3 | 109.7 | | | |
| | | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | H2 | Full year |
| Dimently, managed areas | Existing stores | | | | | | | | |
| Directly managed areas | All stores | | | | | | | | |
| Nationwide* | All stores | | | | | | | | |

^{* &}quot;Nationwide" represents the product shipments to the stores in both directly and indirectly managed areas.

4. Overview

For March 2025, we reported net sales of $\frac{447,682 \text{ million (up 8.2\% year-on-year)}}{44,922 \text{ million (up 9.3\%)}}$, operating profit of $\frac{42,878 \text{ million (up 6.6\%)}}{44,922 \text{ million (up 6.6\%)}}$, and ordinary profit of $\frac{44,922 \text{ million (up 73.1\%)}}{44,922 \text{ million (up 73.1\%)}}$ on a non-consolidated basis.

During the period, Gyomu Super opened six stores, resulting in 1,103 stores in total, an increase of 45 stores from a year earlier. Net sales increased driven by the sale, which kicked off on March 1 and has been extremely well received, on top of the continued coverage on television programs and social media.

Our product shipments to Gyomu Super stores remained strong, with an increase of 5.6% from a year earlier to existing stores in directly managed areas, an increase of 9.4% to all stores in directly managed areas, and an increase of 9.7% to all stores nationwide.

In terms of our product trends, sales of frozen vegetables continued showing a strong positive trend due to persistently rising vegetable prices. The sales growth was also driven by on-sale items and substitute products for rice, whose price is rising as well.

Ordinary profit was positively affected by the reversal of valuation loss due to the termination of certain forward exchange contracts.

Through Wednesday, April 30, we are running the second round of the marketing campaign titled "Gyomu Super Stores 25th Anniversary Nikoniko Appreciation Sale," which follows the first round run in March. Through this sale, we continue to spread Gyomu Super's attractiveness to more customers. Details of the campaign can be found on our website https://www.gyomusuper.jp/sale/202503_04/ (available in Japanese only).

5. Scheduled disclosure date

The flash report for April 2025 is scheduled to be released on Thursday, May 22. Please note that the date of release may be changed for unavoidable reasons.