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KOBE BUSSAN CO., LTD.



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Company name: Kobe Bussan Co., Ltd.

Securities code: 3038

Listing: Prime Market of Tokyo Stock Exchange

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Monthly Performance for December 2024

Kobe Bussan Co., Ltd. discloses its monthly performance for December 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			
44,160	49,625								
106.0	108.8								
May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Н2	Full year		

[Gross profit]	(Upper: Millions of yen, Lower: YoY %)								
Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	H1			
4,507	4,881								
112.5	116.7								
May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year		

[Operating profi	Operating profit] (Upper: Millions of yen, Lower: YoY %)							
Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	H1		
2,765	3,134							
115.8	123.3							
May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year	

[Ordinary profit]	(Upper: Millions of yen, Lower: YoY %)								
Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	H1				
2,458	7,633									
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May	June	July	Aug.	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 managed	Opened	3	2						
	Closed	0	0						
areas	Total	695	697						
Indirectly	Opened	2	1						
managed	Closed	0	0						
areas	Total	390	391						
Total franchise st	ores	1,085	1,088						
Total directly operate	Total directly operated stores		4						
Total stores	Total stores		1,092						
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		May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year
Directly	Opened	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year
Directly managed	Opened Closed	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year
	_	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year
managed areas	Closed	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year
managed	Closed Total	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year
managed areas Indirectly	Closed Total Opened	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year
managed areas Indirectly managed	Closed Total Opened Closed Total	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year
managed areas Indirectly managed areas	Closed Total Opened Closed Total ores	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year

■ 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 December 2024]

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Store name	Address
[Directly managed areas]	_
Suita Haracho	2-36-1 Hara-cho, Suita-shi, Osaka
Hikarigaoka	2-21-25 Hikarigaoka, Kashiwa-shi, Chiba
[Indirectly managed areas]	_
Jimokuji Mori	5-21-28 Mori, Ama-shi, Aichi

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						
Directly managed areas	All stores	106.5	108.5						
Nationwide*	All stores	106.2	108.3						
		May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	H2	Full year
Directly managed areas	Existing stores								
	All stores								
Nationwide*	All stores								

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

4. Overview

For December 2024, we reported net sales of \(\frac{\pma49,625 million (up 8.8\% year-on-year)}{\pmax}\), gross profit of \(\frac{\pma4,881 million (up 16.7\%)}{\pmax}\), operating profit of \(\frac{\pma3,134 million (up 23.3\%)}{\pmax}\), and ordinary profit of \(\frac{\pma7,633 million (compared with ordinary loss of \pma3,839 in the same month of the previous year) on a non-consolidated basis.

During the period, Gyomu Super opened three stores, resulting in 1,092 stores in total, an increase of 42 stores from a year earlier. Net sales increased driven by the continued coverage on television programs and social media.

Our product shipments to Gyomu Super stores remained strong, with an increase of 4.6% from a year earlier to existing stores in directly managed areas, an increase of 8.5% to all stores in directly managed areas, and an increase of 8.3% to all stores nationwide.

In terms of our product trends, sales of conveniently available frozen vegetables continued contributing to sales growth. In addition, this trend was followed by strong sales of items with high demand during the New Year holidays and quick-fix meals.

Ordinary profit significantly exceeded that for the same month of the previous year. This is because the valuation loss on forward exchange contracts has been reversed due to the termination of forward exchange contracts that met the conditions in contrast to the situation where the mark-to-market valuation of forward exchange contracts declined in the previous year due to the appreciation of the yen.

5. Scheduled disclosure date

The flash report for January 2025 is scheduled to be released on Friday, February 21. Please note that the date of release may be changed for unavoidable reasons.