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# **BicCamera**

# INTEGRATED REPORT 2024 BicCamera

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# **Corporate Philosophy**



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# **Exceeding Expectations** While "Pleasing Customers"

# **Our Mission**

We treat every customer with care, serving with smiles and sincerity to deliver the highest levels of satisfaction and joy.

We pursue to be a group of specialty departments persistently seeking to evolve so that we can propose richer lifestyles.

We continuously strive to create new value for customers while growing together with society.

# **Our Values**

Stepping Into Customers' Shoes Embrace the customer's perspective as the foundation of everything we do.

Respect for the Individual and Personal Initiative

Never Say "That's Not My Problem" we do. Each person takes initiative and embraces challenges

and embraces challenges. Create a culture of mutual recognition, which is the source of growth.

True responsibility means taking ownership of everything beyond personal and organizational interests or boundaries.

Customer Pleasure Award 2024 - Customer Feedback - Sales Staff Category Annual Grand Prize Winner: Hiroyuki Suto, Ikebukuro West Exit Store

# What We Value Most

Simplicity, Efficiency, and Adaptability

The One Who Speaks the Truth Is the Most Right Stay one step ahead of customer changes by always maintaining a streamlined environment and system for timely responses.

Create a culture where anyone can speak out for the customer, regardless of position, and where humility in listening becomes the foundation of trust.

# **Bic Camera Group Growth Scenario**

The Bic Camera Group has adopted "Achieving group management that develops the characteristics and strengths of each company" as the core concept of its Medium-Term Management Plan. The key strategies include a customer strategy starting from stores, a replacement demand generation strategy leveraging group assets, and a strategy to strengthen inbound demand. Under this Medium-Term Management Plan, we will establish a foundation for a circular economy-type business model while aiming to become a continuously evolving "Lifestyle-Adaptive Business" that responds to changes in customers' lifestyles and consumer behavior.

# Medium-Term Management Plan (FY2025/8 to FY2029/8)

# Concept

# **Key Strategies**

Achieving group management that develops the characteristics and strengths of each company

• Customer strategy starting from stores leveraging group assets



FY29/8 Target

Group net sales

Operating profit

ROE

Introduction

# **Our Vision**

A continuously evolving "Lifestyle-Adaptive **Business**"

that responds to changes in customers' lifestyles and consumer behavior

# **Purpose**

# **Our Mission**



# At a Glance

Number of employees Ratio of Female Directors Percentage of Women in Management Positions 4,755 20.0% 9.2% (up 6.9% year on year) (down 3.1 points year on year) (down 0.2 points year on year) Ratio of Men Taking Percentage of Employees Reemployment Rate after Average Monthly Childcare Leave with a Disability Retirement **Overtime Hours 67.1**% 2.69% 60.0% 13.5 hours (up 0.4 points year on year) (up 0.3 points year on year) (up 13.8 points year on year) (down 2.9% year on year) Amount Spent Purchasing Used Goods Comprehensive Buyback Service: RaKu-uru **Product Categories 24.1** billion yen/year\*<sup>5</sup> 520 thousand members\* Handled **3.9** million SKUs\*1 Total: 270 stores\*8 \*1 As of August 31, 2024 \*2 As of August 31, 2024 (cumulative number issued) \*3 FY24/8 54 stores (43 Bic Camera stores, 11 others) Bic Camera 139 stores Kojima \*4 FY24/8 \*5 FY24/8 77 stores (23 Sofmap stores, 54 JANPARA stores) Sofmap \*6 As of August 31, 2024 \*7 FY24/8 \*8 As of August 31, 2024 <Other Locations> Corporate Sales Locations: 175 Distribution Centers: 9 Service Support Point Card Registrations Orders 91 million\*2 720 thousand\* Annual **E-Commerce Sales** Transactions 55 million\* **119.0** billion yen\*<sup>3</sup> Small Home Appliance **CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Energy Consumption** Small Rechargeable Battery Collection Results Products Recycling and Resource Recovery Results



\* Data as of March 31, 2024; combined results for Bic Camera, Kojima, and Sofmap (April 2023 - March 2024)

28,605.44 kg (up 5.1% year on year)

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**Editorial Policy** 

Our basic policy in issuing this Integrated Report is to report Bic Camera's value creation process, business strategy, ESG information, and more in an easy-to-understand manner for all stakeholders. It integrates both financial and non-financial information with disclosure frameworks and explains how we create long-term value. For detailed information not included in this report, please visit our corporate website. Corporate Website: https://www.biccamera.co.jp (Japanese only)

Bic Camera (non-consolidated) ▶ Entire Group of Three Core Companies (Bic Camera, Sofmap, and Kojima)

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### Scope of Report

This report targets the Bic Camera Group (the Group) as a whole, but some data and initiatives are reported with a focus on the activities of BIC CAMERA INC. Period Covered

In principle, this report covers the period from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024. However, some content may include activities outside this period. Date of Publication: March 2025



# Major **Topics**

### Expansion of product lineup in response to changes in the times and customer needs

- A March 1968: Established the Takasaki DP Center, a film processing facility in Takasaki City, Gunma Prefecture. Responded to customer requests for faster photo development with speedy processing services.
- B May 1978: Founded as a camera and related product sales company at the North Exit of Ikebukuro. Expanded product offerings beyond film development to cameras, video cameras, VCRs, and TVs to adapt to the changing times and meet customer needs.



Ikebukuro North Exit store at the time

## Striving to further expand product offerings as "a group of specialty departments"

September 1992: Began handling sporting goods (golf, tennis), toys, bedding, and other non-home-appliance products upon the opening of the Ikebukuro Main store. As an example of our pursuit of specialization, at UMOKOBO, which deals with bedding, we import raw wool directly from

Poland driven by our desire to create a richer sleeping environment. We offer high-guality down-filled futons that are made with 95% goose down.



Bedding corner

1994: Established "BIC pasokonkan INC." in response to the growing demand for computers. Strengthened the computer sales

department within Bic Camera and provided training to sales staff to increase their skills

Appearance of the PC Build. Ikebukuro Main store predicting the popularity of cell phones





Yurakucho store

Shiniuku West Exit store

## Developing urban, station-front, large-scale stores

 2001: Opened four large-scale stores with a floor area of 10,000 square meters each in Tachikawa, Namba, Yurakucho, and Sapporo in a single year.

② 2002: Opened our Shinjuku West Exit store. Together with the four large-scale stores opened in 2001, this laid the foundation for our current "urban, station-front, large-scale" business model.



© 2024: We formulated the Group's first Medium-Term Management Plan, covering the five-year period from the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025 to fiscal year ending August 31, 2029. Under the vision of becoming a "Lifestyle-Adaptive Business," we are promoting a development of a circular economy-type business model foundation. Through business development that responds to changes in customers' lifestyles and consumer behavior, we aim to achieve sustainable growth and create social value.

# **Value Creation Process**

The Bic Camera Group identifies customer needs through its stores, delivers products and services, and promotes a circular economy-type business model—all to contribute to a sustainable society while enhancing corporate value. Within this value creation process, we have built a framework that simultaneously delivers customer satisfaction and addresses social issues.



# Value Provided to Stakeholders

# **Employees**

We strive to enhance employee engagement, while also supporting the growth of employees who are eager to learn by offering opportunities to develop expertise and make their own career choices.

# Customers

We are committed to further improving our service standards to ensure customer satisfaction.

# **Business Partners**

We aim for coexistence and mutual prosperity by maintaining sound and fair transactions with our manufacturers and other business partners.

# Shareholders and Investors

We continue to achieve sustainable growth and aim to improve our corporate value to satisfy the trust and expectations of our shareholders and investors.

# Society

We fulfill our role by engaging on a deep level with local communities through our stores and growing alongside them.

# Government and Administrative Agencies

We maintain appropriate relationships with government and administrative agencies and act in accordance with our Corporate Conduct Charter. **Our Vision** 

That Responds to Changes in Customers' Lifestyles and  $\triangleright$ **Continuously Evolving "Lifestyle-Adaptive Consumer Behavior Business** 

# **Message from the President**

# Leveraging the strengths of our physical stores and the comprehensive power of the Group to exceed customer expectations

# Bringing Our Corporate Philosophy of "Pleasing Customers" to Life, Together

At Bic Camera, we have developed a business model that is rare even within the industry. There are few companies in the world that operate stores in front of terminal stations in major metropolitan areas and offer a core lineup of home appliances—including our founding product, cameras—alongside non-home appliance items such as liquor, toys, bedding, daily necessities, and pharmaceuticals. We believe that refining this unique business model will allow us to maintain and enhance a powerful competitive edge in the market. However, if we do not execute the necessary processes with both precision and speed, we risk being overtaken by rapid changes in the times, and we recognize the coming years as a critically important period.

Over the two years since I became president, our top priority has been ensuring that all members of the management team and employees correctly understand and adopt the principle that pleasing customers is the fundamental rule of business. The philosophy of the Omi merchants includes the saying: "Business is a service for the benefit of society and people, and profit is the natural reward." This is a belief that the essence of business lies not in prioritizing corporate profit but in satisfying customer needs. Many companies advocate a "customer-first" approach, but thoroughly practicing such an approach is another story. As our business has grown, we too have encountered increasing difficulty in putting this principle into consistent practice. To realize a customer-first approach, it is crucial to think and act from the customer's point of view. However, this is not about charity. Our goal is to instill in all employees the mindset that, as a business, we provide products that enrich our customers' lives and receive fair profits in return.

# Behind the Reconstructing of Our Purpose

At the heart of our newly redefined Purpose is a phrase that has been passed down since our founding: "Pleasing Customers." By embracing and carrying forward the spirit behind these words, we have reaffirmed that going beyond expectations is the value we must continue to uphold. Leveraging our prime locations in front of bustling terminal stations, we aim to be a place customers return to time and again—not only those who come with a specific purpose but also those who stop by on a whim—offering all visitors a surprising and joyful experience that exceeds their expectations. Alongside our Purpose, we also set forth "Our Mission," centered on our founding principle: "Treat every customer with care, serving with smiles and sincerity to deliver the highest levels of satisfaction and joy." This is more than just a guideline for customer service—it expresses our desire for customers to experience joy and excitement in our stores, whether through friendly service or unexpected product discoveries, even if they don't make a purchase.

From clear and thoughtful product explanations to store layouts that make window-shopping enjoyable, and even small gestures like a friendly greeting, we place importance on delivering satisfaction and delight at every touchpoint. Our goal is to be a group of specialty departments persistently seeking to evolve to propose Sources of Value Creation

# Toru Akiho

Representative Director and President, BIC CAMERA INC.

### richer lifestyles.

In "Our Values," we emphasize the importance of respecting individuality and initiative, encouraging each employee to think independently and be proactive. Since the 2000s, as our store network expanded, our headquarters bolstered its abilities, but this also led to more situations where we struggled to keep up with the constantly changing and diversifying needs of our customers. That is why we felt it necessary to return to our roots, fostering a culture that respects the unique sensibilities and skills of each employee while encouraging them to take ownership in their roles. We also adopted a new core value: "The One Who Speaks the Truth Is the Most Right." This means fostering a workplace culture where people are not simply expected to follow their superiors but encouraged to think from the customer's perspective, speak up for what is best, and act accordingly—with managers also expected to humbly listen to their teams. By embedding this newly defined corporate philosophy across the organization, we aim to ensure every employee operates from the customer's point of view, embodying the spirit of "Pleasing Customers"—and in doing so, becoming a store and a company chosen by even more people.

# Promoting Group Management That Leverages Each Company's Strengths Based on the Medium-Term Management Plan Concept

In our Medium-Term Management Plan: Vision 2029, we set forth the concept of "Achieving group management that develops the characteristics and strengths of each company." We are advancing the individual growth strategies of each business entity while aiming to maximize the Group's overall capabilities and synergy. A key focus of our Group management strategy is leveraging the strengths of Sofmap and Kojima. Sofmap's reuse business has strong advantages in its in-house capabilities, covering the entire process from purchasing used digital appliances to refurbishing and reselling them. Until now, business investments were made on a company-by-company basis, but moving forward, we will take a more integrated Group-wide approach to investment, sharing functions, services, and know-how across the Group. This reuse business also plays an important role in addressing challenges in the home appliance market. As home appliance quality improves and product lifespans lengthen, more customers are postponing purchases of durable goods and high-priced digital items. Our trade-in system helps reduce their

financial burden and encourages new purchases. For Kojima, we are implementing a dominant strategy centered around Bic Camera's stores as regional hubs. Previously, Kojima developed its store expansion strategy independently, but by strategically combining Bic Camera's central urban locations with Kojima's suburban presence, we aim to broaden our store network and expand the Group's market reach. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Kojima's suburban stores performed well as customers avoided city centers.

This was partly due to an increase in customers using their Bic Camera points at nearby Kojima locations. Clearly defining the roles of each Group company and deepening coordination and business differentiation are key elements of our Medium-Term Management Plan. Our policy is to fully leverage the strengths of each company and enhance the Group's overall capabilities.

# Responding Quickly to Changes in Customer Lifestyles and Needs While Enhancing Group-Wide Corporate Value

In our Medium-Term Management Plan growth scenario, our Group's vision for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2029, is to become a "Lifestyle-Adaptive Business" that continually evolves in response to changes in customers' lifestyles and consumer behavior. To achieve this, it is essential to build an organization that consistently thinks from the customer's perspective and to reform our systems and value chain accordingly. Japan's home appliance market is currently valued at around seven trillion yen, with growth flattening or slightly declining. Looking ahead, the market is expected to shrink further due to population decline and the accelerating trend of a low birthrate and an aging society. Market competition is also intensifying with the rise of new entrants, particularly in online retail. Furthermore, home appliances—including what were once cutting-edge devices like smartphones—are becoming increasingly commoditized. In this environment, just as we evolved from cameras to home appliances and into non-home appliance fields, we



must continue expanding our business domains. As part of this expansion, we are exploring new product areas such as pet-related goods and sports equipment beyond the golf and bicycle categories we already carry. This is more than just expanding our lineup—it is a strategic response to demographic shifts and changing customer lifestyles. Our aim is to meet the rising demand for pet products due to the growth in single-person households and for sports-related goods driven by greater health consciousness.

At the same time, we will continue to strengthen our ability to generate new demand within the home appliance sector. I believe there is no such thing as a good or bad economy in business. Companies that perform well even during downturns are those that consistently create demand and keep growing. No matter the business climate, we will nurture our ability to generate demand and pursue sustainable growth. To realize customer-driven management, we are also shifting toward a more field-led approach. We are developing a structure that allows front-line staff to take initiative in shaping the sales floor and respond quickly to customers, while also putting in place a fair evaluation system for those efforts.

We are also committed to sustainability-focused management, addressing social issues such as supporting diverse workstyles, optimizing logistics, and promoting energy-saving home appliances as part of our response to environmental challenges. In particular, regarding women's advancement and employment of people with disabilities, we are not simply focused on increasing numbers. We are also working to build workplaces where, for example, part-time employees can find the same level of fulfillment as their full-time counterparts, creating an environment where everyone can genuinely thrive. As for environmental efforts, we are optimizing deliveries in our e-commerce operations and utilizing IT to improve efficiency in response to issues such as environmental impact and labor shortages. We are also contributing to reduced environmental impacts by actively promoting and selling energy-saving home appliances.

In response to rising prices, we are taking proactive steps to raise employee wages while supporting our customers' lives by delivering "better products at lower prices," which we view as a key mission. Low price alone is not a true value—what matters is that even for high-priced items, if customers perceive greater value, they will consider them "worth the cost." Rather than engaging in price wars, we aim to stand in our customers' shoes and offer better products at fair prices, thereby helping to address social issues. This is our mission, and we intend to stay true to it going forward.

In this way, by staying grounded in our principles while pioneering new fields, we aim to holistically enhance the corporate value of the entire Group.

While we are involved in e-commerce as a retailer, our core will continue to be our brick-and-mortar stores. No matter how the times change, the importance of physical stores will never disappear. Refining and enhancing this value is the most critical challenge in our growth strategy.

# Value Chain

At the core of our value chain is Bic Camera, with its prime urban locations that draw in exceptional foot traffic and deliver strong brand visibility. Kojima provides a local presence rooted in communities; Air BicCamera specializes in inbound demand; and Sofmap excels in digital appliance purchase of used goods, reuse, and support services. Future Ecology handles the collection and recycling of used appliances. Together, these Group companies complement each other and cover the entire value chain, enabling us to meet the full range of customer needs.

Ability to adapt to change to meet diversified needs and values

product selection driven by front-line staff

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имо ково	Offering a curated product lineup reflecting companies' area of expertise	Developing specialty stores Developing specialty stores	Strengthen Collaboration		
BicCamera	Developing urban, station-front, large-scale stores				Strength
<b>BERNA</b>	Developing community-based stores primarily located in suburban areas		Providing convenience through complementary relationships		
<i>Air</i> BicCamera	Developing inbound-focused stores located in airports and major tourist destinations Developing broadcasting business		Catering to a wide range of inbound customer needs Content discovery capabilities		
TDmobile /////** ranet	Sales and agency operations for mobile and telecommunications services		Recurring revenue		
る ビックロジサービス Bic Logistics Service	Enhancing quality of delivery, installation, and construction services		Providing peace of mind through improved last-mile service quality		
Sofmap JANPARA	Developing used goods purch reuse, service, and support bu centered around digital appl	usinesses			Addressing replacement for digital ap
F·ECO	Collection and recycling of used home appliances				

Core strength areas Growth potential areas



# **Product and Service Development/Procurement**

# **Earning Customer Trust and Sparking Delight through Products**

• A store made up of "a group of specialty departments" that go beyond simply lining up products

• Store staff who bring out the full appeal of the products they procure

• Customer-focused private brand (PB) products designed to grow on you the more you use them

# A Product Lineup that Features **Expertise and Innovative Spirit to Meet** and Exceed Customer Expectations

We see our mission as more than just meeting customers' requests and expectations for product selection. It is also about staying attuned to evolving needs and offering proposals that spark discovery and excitement. From trending new releases to niche products, we want to enrich everyday life by curating highly practical items, even those with low name recognition, and presenting them clearly in our stores.

# Pursuing a Private Brand (PB) that **Reflects Both Trust and Excitement**

We are pursuing a "brand of excitement" that makes customers say, "Bic's stuff is great!" and gives them a reason to visit. We aim to be a "brand of trust" that stands out in a sea of overwhelming choices. We aim to be the brand that customers can confidently pick. We are committed to a customer-first mindset, continuously refining our selection to form a curated group of trusted, exciting specialty departments and clearly communicating their value.



# **Building a Group of Specialty Departments** that Extends Beyond Home Appliances

Bic Camera began with photo printing, but as lifestyles and needs evolved, we expanded into digital appliances like cameras and PCs, and further into non-homeappliance products such as contact lenses, down comforters, and pharmaceuticals. We will continue listening to our customers and curating selections that enhance daily life, offering guality and expertise at fair prices-all in the convenience of our station-front locations.



# **Procurement Professionals Who** Bring Out the Best in Our Stores Toshinori Yazaki General Management Dept.

Executive Officer. General Manager of

Even in an era where convenient online shopping is thriving, physical stores still serve an important role—especially for product categories that require expertise, or where customers want to see and feel products to judge their quality or assess their usability. By developing expert buyers who can fully leverage these store strengths, we aim to embody our efforts in "Pleasing Customers."

# Customer Attraction/Sales (Stores)

# **Creating Stores that Represent the Bic Camera Brand by Offering Trust and Excitement**

 Design sales floors that are easy to understand, easy to browse, and easy to purchase from, while creating opportunities to discover new products Strengths • Promote digital transformation (DX) based on input from store staff to improve operations and

streamline tasks

# Becoming the No. 1 Store for Local Customers

The key to creating effective sales floors is responding to changes in society and to the diverse values and needs of customers. We believe that the only way to become the best store for the community is for each employee to take ownership and continue to put the "Bic style" of store-building into practice. Meeting clear needs builds trust. Bringing out latent needs creates a sense of excitement. We aim to continuously evolve our store environments so customers naturally think, "Let's go to Bic Camera this weekend!"

# **Creating Time to Focus on Customers**

By promoting digital transformation (DX), we are reviewing store operations to give employees more time to engage with customers without reducing productivity. We prioritize the feedback of the employees who use our systems and aim to create a better workplace by improving and reducing tasks at the same time. These efforts not only free up time but also reduce stress and support better employee wellbeing.



# Supporting Stores So They Can **Stay Fully Focused on Customers**

A store's strengths lie in its customer-centered design and the way it serves each visitor. When designing sales floors, we strive to consistently embody spaces that are easy to browse, easy to buy from, and spark the desire to purchase, while also providing opportunities for hands-on experiences and authentic feelings to serve as information hubs. In customer service, the key is to practice "moving, memorable service" that brings joy to every customer. I believe that by fully supporting our stores so they can focus on customers, we deepen and strengthen what makes us unique.

Encourage each sales staff to take the initiative and pride in practicing "Pleasing Customers"



# Striving to Deliver Service that Goes **Beyond Expectations**

To help employees confidently deliver one of our greatest strengths, in-person service, they must continue building their product knowledge and communication skills. However, we believe that knowledge and technique alone are not enough to exceed customer expectations. Each employee strengthens their imagination by thinking from the customer's perspective, asking what would truly make them happy, and putting the spirit of "Pleasing Customers" into action.

# Tatsuo Matsuura General Manager of Sales Dept.

Executive Officer.

Strengths

Value Chain

# Customer Attraction/Sales (E-Commerce)

# Becoming an E-Commerce Site that Feels Like Family for Our Customers: Aiming to Be a More Familiar and Convenient All-in-One Shopping Site

### Strengths

Business development driven by customer perspective and customer-first thinking

- A flat organization where everyone can take the lead, regardless of title
- Actively creating opportunities for growth and personal achievement

# **Creating an Online Shopping Experience that "Feels Like Family"**

We want to be more approachable and convenient than any other online shopping platform. Today, many people browse products on their smartphones or computers during spare moments. In most cases, they turn to major e-commerce marketplaces, apps, or social media platforms. Our goal is to become the place customers casually turn to when searching for products. We are actively working to raise awareness and expand beyond home appliances, encouraging customers to use our site for all kinds of products.

# **Expanding Product Selection and** Improving Convenience

The ideal is for customers to receive the products they want, when they need them, in the way that suits them best. We are working to expand our product selection and improve convenience, always with the goal of meeting customer needs. We carefully curate our selection, and we improve convenience through new services and better search functions based on the voices of customers. Resuming free shipping and support for various payment codes are also customer-driven initiatives. We are committed to delivering a user experience that exceeds expectations.



# **Business Growth Goes Hand in Hand** with Human Resource Development

Fostering people is essential for growth. Many team members have in-store customer service experience and are able to think from the customer's point of view. We provide a supportive environment and opportunities for growth such as acquiring various skills, while fostering teamwork and building a flat organization that values individuals over hierarchy. We aim to increase engagement by respecting individuals and to develop a strong yet flexible organization capable of making quick decisions while continuing to grow.



# Pursuing the Joy of Shopping

Executive Officer. General Manager of Eiji Hatanaka E-Commerce Dept.

To become an online shopping platform that feels close, like family, the most important thing is to truly please our customers. Every employee must put themselves in the customer's shoes and ask what will genuinely make them happy. We are working quickly to solve challenges without being bound by tradition, so we can understand our customers' true feelings and hidden needs, and make meaningful proposals.

# **After-Sales Service**

Strengths

# **Continuously Improving So Customers Can Feel Truly Satisfied**

• Design and operate the entire customer experience, from sales strategy through support Distinctiveness and strengths of our customer-centric used goods purchasing through Group

- collaboration
- Provide higher-quality, detailed service through our group of specialty departments

# Solving Customer Issues through Enhanced After-Sales Service

One of our strengths is our wide range of after-sales services that ensure peace of mind after purchase. These include support for smartphones and PCs, instore, phone, and on-site assistance, and repair services that even cover products bought elsewhere. We are also the only certified repair provider in the industry for Apple and Microsoft products, and we continue to develop services that meet the evolving needs of our customers.

# Long-Term Warranty Program for Lasting Peace of Mind After Purchase

We offer extended manufacturer's warranties of three, five, or ten years for different product categories, available for 5% of the purchase price in points. The three- and five-year plans come with no out-of-pocket repair costs and cover 100% of repair fees for unlimited incidents during the warranty period. If a product cannot be repaired, we provide a replacement with a new item. This warranty program helps customers continue using their products with confidence for years to come.



# **Pursuing Service Excellence from the Customer's Point of View**

Every decision is made with the customer as the benchmark. We place the customer's voice at the center of our value chain, holding it essential to anticipate and address potential needs even before customers are aware of them, always starting from their perspective. There is still more we can do to respond to customer feedback. We will continue to build trust and excitement by putting customer feedback into action in both service and after-sales support.

Sources of Value Creation



# **Turning Unwanted Items Into Assets: Promotion** of the Purchase of Used Goods and Reuse Business

We offer digital product purchases of used goods at service support counters, and through the RaKu-uru app by the Bic Camera Group, customers can easily use the service from home. The app's My Items List shows what value they may receive from selling their used goods registered in the app, helping customers turn unwanted items into assets. We thoroughly manage data deletion and provide a secure environment for using our used goods purchasing service.

# Masaki Mamada General Manager of Sales Planning Dept.

Executive Officer.

# **Toward Further Value Creation**

# FY2025/8 to FY2029/8

# **Bic Camera Group Medium-Term Management Plan: Vision 2029**

# **Understanding the Changing Business Environment Around Us**

The Bic Camera Group recognizes the challenges posed by Japan's shrinking population, growing calls for environmental action, and the advancing aging society, which are contributing to the contraction of the domestic retail market and qualitative changes in consumer behavior. To address these issues, we are working to enhance the value of our stores as a foundation for growth. We are also promoting the integration of physical stores with e-commerce to offer a more comfortable shopping experience, responding to growing demand and interest in reuse, and adapting to shifts in inbound demand. Through these efforts, we aim to strengthen customer engagement and achieve sustainable growth.

# Understanding the Environment Surrounding the Bic Camera Group

# Macro Environment: Shrinking Existing Markets and Social Expectations

- Declining and aging population, and depopulation of rural areas
- Increasing pressure to address environmental issues

# Consumption Preferences: The Changing Relationship Between In-Store and Online

- Growth in e-commerce penetration is slowing,
- prompting renewed focus on the value of physical stores
- Changing attitudes toward reuse
- Increase in inbound tourism

# Competitive Environment: Evolving Expectations for Stores—More than Just a Place to Buy

• Stores increasingly seen as places for experiences, emotional value, and a break from the everyday

# Technological Advancements: Rise of Digital Platform Providers

• Growing market dominance by digital platform providers

# Identifying Social Issues, Customer Needs, and Internal Challenges

# Targeting Aligned with Environmental Shifts

- Shrinking domestic retail market and gualitative changes in consumer behavior Increase in the proportion of active seniors with career experience
- Initiatives to create a decarbonized society

# **Redefining the Value of Physical Stores**

- A more comfortable shopping experience through the integration of stores and e-commerce
- Growing demand for and awareness of reuse Changes in the nature of inbound demand

# **Building Sticky Customer Touchpoints**

 Creating customer loyalty to build long-term relationships

# **Rethinking Our Digital Strategy**

• Reassessment of how we engage with digital platform providers

In response to changes in the business environment, the Bic Camera Group has developed a new Medium-Term Management Plan: Vision 2029, to drive the creation of new value.

This Medium-Term Management Plan is based on a clear understanding of the challenges surrounding our business. It outlines three core strategic policies, along with key initiatives to support their implementation.

# **Core Strategic Policies**

Our core strategic policies include expanding the customer base by leveraging the store and e-commerce networks across Group companies, maximizing sales and profits by utilizing intra-Group capabilities, and promoting sustainability management. These efforts are aimed at realizing a more sustainable society and business.

### Expand the Customer Base by Leveraging the Store *4***443** and E-Commerce Networks of Group Companies

- Build customer loyalty through store-driven engagement
- Offer products and services that respond to changing lifestyles
- and needs • Expand the inbound customer base by offering products and services that meet the needs of visitors to Japan from a wide range of countries

### 0 Maximize Sales and Profits by Utilizing B ĊĊĊ the Functions of Group Companies

- Generate replacement demand by utilizing group assets
- Create business opportunities and revitalize communities
- through stronger ties with local society
- Promote Sustainability Management to Build Better Relationships with the Environment 🏾 🔩 and Society, While Enhancing Governance
- Realize a sustainable society and business
- Promote human capital management
- Enhance disclosure related to Group management



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# **Financial Strategy**

Our aim is sustainable growth and enhanced corporate value as we work toward achieving the targets set in the Medium-Term Management Plan.

Yuta Sato

Executive Officer; Supervising Business Management; General Manager, Corporate Planning Dept.; General Manager, New Business Development Office



Under the Medium-Term Management Plan (fiscal years ending August 31, 2025 to fiscal year ending August 31, 2029), we plan to generate 150.0 billion yen in operating cash flow over five years. This will be allocated as follows: 80.0 billion yen for growth investments, 35.0 billion yen for shareholder returns, and 35.0 billion yen for reducing interest-bearing debt.



# Capital Allocation (Five-Year Total: FY2025/8 to FY2029/8)

# **Advancing Strategic Investments**

To strengthen our competitive edge, we are actively investing in M&A and areas such as IT and logistics. Over the past five years, we completed four acquisitions, investing a total of 34.9 billion yen and generating 2.7 billion yen in annual operating profit after goodwill amortization, with an ROI of 7.7%. We will continue to focus on investments in growth areas to expand on these successful examples. We plan to open five to ten new stores annually under the Bic Camera, Kojima, and Sofmap (including JANPARA) brands, while also renovating existing stores and considering ownership of select store properties.

# **Shareholder Returns**

The Group's fundamental policy is to provide appropriate profit distributions based on performance. Under this policy, we aim for a consolidated dividend payout ratio of 40%. The year-end dividend for the current fiscal year was 24 yen per share. This brought the total annual dividend to 33 yen per share, a record high. For the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, we plan to increase the annual dividend by 3 yen to 36 yen per share.

# **Optimizing Capital Efficiency**

Alongside executing the strategies set forth in our Medium-Term Management Plan to drive profit growth, we are working to establish a sound financial foundation that supports sustainable growth. Specifically, we aim to improve capital efficiency and manage financial risk appropriately in order to make effective use of shareholders' equity and achieve a target ROE of 10.5%.

The Group uses the weighted average cost of capital (WACC) as our cost of capital. For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024, our ROE was 9.6%, exceeding the WACC of 5.4%.











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# **Key Strategies**



# The Bic Camera Group's Challenge to Maximize Corporate Value

Our Medium-Term Management Plan prioritizes customer strategies centered on physical stores, strategies to generate replacement demand through the use of group assets, and strengthening of inbound demand. This includes enhancing store value, reinforcing collaboration across Group stores, strengthening our purchase of used goods and reuse businesses, and expanding service support businesses to meet a wide range of customer needs. We will continue to take on challenges, working alongside communities and contributing to the creation of a circular economy, with the aim of achieving a sustainable future and maximizing corporate value.

# Takaharu Mizoguchi

Director and Managing Director; Supervising Business Strategy Division; General Manager Sales Management Dept.

# **Core Strategic Policies**

Expand the Customer Base by Leveraging the Store and **E-Commerce Networks of Group** Companies

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Maximize Sales and Profits by Utilizing the Functions of Group Companies



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**Promote Sustainability Management** to Build Better Relationships with the **Environment and Society, While Enhancing Governance** 

# **Key Strategies**

- **Customer Strategy Starting from** (CEEE) **Stores**
- **1** Strategy to enhance store value as a foundation for growth
- **2** Strengthen collaboration across Group stores
- **8** Expand in-home support services

**Replacement Demand Generation**  王 Strategy Leveraging Group Assets

- **1** Strengthen the purchase of used goods and reuse businesses
- **2** Expand service support businesses

Strategy to Strengthen Inbound Demand

# **Customer Strategy Starting from Stores**

# **1** Strategy to enhance store value as a foundation for growth

Our Group's Strengths	Extensive Product Selection and Expert Sales Staff	Product categorie	
	Expert Sales Starr	Number of expert	
Overview	Strengthen the brand value	of Bic Camera Group sto	
	Deepening Customer-Centered Initiatives	<ul> <li>Reconfigure stores to</li> <li>Transform the va</li> <li>Shift store layouts</li> <li>Develop expert sale</li> </ul>	
Details	Minimize Missed Sales Opportunities	<ul> <li>Create more time for digital transformation</li> <li>Strengthen customer</li> </ul>	
(	Deployment of Optimal Store Formats	Open the right stores station-front, large-sc	

# Minimize Missed Sales Opportunities

• Create more time for customer service through more efficient store operations using digital transformation (DX) • Strengthen customer service by optimizing staffing







# **2** Strengthen collaboration across Group stores



# **B** Expand in-home support services

Our Group's	Stores Offering Air Conditioner Installation	Bic Camera Group stores	<b>184</b> stores (As of August 31, 2024)		
Strengths	A Strong Customer Base Built through Sales	Number of air conditioners sold <b>365</b> thousand units/year (FY August 31, 2024)			
Overview	<b>Expand customer touchpoints</b> through the stablishing a relationship, <b>prop</b>	5 5 5 5	vith air conditioner sales and support		
Details	<ul> <li>Expand customer touchpoints thro</li> <li>Offer support services based on bui</li> <li>Strengthen sales of housing equ</li> </ul>	ilt trust	lationships		
Future Concept	Bic Camera Group Store	ustomer	Home		

# **Replacement Demand Generation Strategy Leveraging Group Assets**





# Strategy to Strengthen Inbound Demand

Our Group's	Capability to Serve	e Number of tax-free transactions	<b>2.4</b> million (FY August 31, 2024) <b>150</b> companies		
Strengths	Existing Inbound Demand	Partnerships including with airlines and travel agencies			
Overview	<ul> <li>Steadily capturing existing inbound demand</li> <li>Expanding customer base through enriched product categories and services</li> </ul>				
	Capturing Demand through Inbound-Focused Stores	<ul> <li>Opening compact, inbound-focused stores near tourist areas and flagship locations, leveraging the unique strengths of Group companies</li> <li>Considering extended nighttime hours at new and existing stores</li> </ul>			
Details	Expanding the Customer Base	<ul> <li>Capturing Western demand by expanding the Group's anime-related business</li> <li>Enhancing inbound service capabilities within existing operations</li> <li>Expanding both new and repeat customer segments through the introduction of CRM system</li> <li>Developing and delivering unique Bic Camera services that respond to the shift from product-based to experience-based consumption</li> </ul>			

<b>B</b> E	Bic	Camera	Bic Camera is reinf transforming its e- curating a specializ underpinned by bu sustainability mana 530.0 billion yen in
202 Targ			530.0 billion profit: 16.0 k
Basic Policy	• Max • Pror	cimize sales and prof	yalty through integra fits by utilizing the fu nanagement to build g governance
	1	Expanding the Customer Base Starting from Stores	<ul> <li>Enhance customer satis</li> <li>Promote smartphone al reuse services</li> <li>Broaden the range of n</li> <li>Streamline headquarter service and ensure approximation</li> </ul>
Key Strategies	2	Transforming E-Commerce Operations and Cultivating Repeat Customers	<ul> <li>Expand product selectic categories such as bool</li> <li>Improve search function encourage cross-chann</li> <li>Strengthen logistics infi</li> </ul>
egies	3	Expanding Corporate Sales	<ul> <li>Expand fee-based servic support to ensure stabl</li> <li>Establish specialized tea market development</li> <li>Use Group strengths an</li> </ul>
	4	A Product Lineup Featuring Expertise and Innovative Spirit	<ul> <li>Shift from a manufactu</li> <li>Rebuilt private brands ( actively promote them</li> <li>Promote the developme unique expertise of Gro</li> </ul>
Numer	ical Ta	rgets	
	trategie		<b>Is for Each Strategy</b> 90.0 billion yen (CAGR: 2.0

1	Customer Base Starting from Stores	<ul> <li>Active customers: Increase of 550,000 members</li> </ul>
2	Transforming E-Commerce Operations and Cultivating Repeat Customers	<ul> <li>Net sales: 86.0 billion yen (CAGR: 10.2%</li> <li>Purchases per customer: +1.4 times</li> </ul>
3	Expanding Corporate Sales	• Net sales: 32.0 billion yen (CAGR: 10.2%
4	A Product Lineup Featuring Expertise and Innovative Spirit	• Gross profit margin in FY ending August 31, 2029: 26.6%

forcing its customer base by enhancing store value, commerce business, expanding corporate sales, and zed and cutting-edge product lineup. These efforts are uilding a solid management foundation through agement and operational improvements, with a target of n net sales and 16.0 billion yen in operating profit by 2029.

# yen billion yen (FY29/8)

### ation of store and e-commerce networks unctions of Group companies I better relationships with the environment and

sfaction by creating more attractive stores nd PC replacements by encouraging used goods purchasing and

new products and services offered ers operations and improve efficiency to free up time for customer propriate staffing with a store-first focus

on beyond digital appliances to include non-home-appliance oks and pet supplies

nality and enrich content on e-commerce and app platforms to el shopping with stores

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ces such as subscriptions, leasing, and subsidy/grant application le revenue

eams for equipment projects, digital transformation (DX), and new

nd customer data to reach untapped potential customers

urer- or buyer-driven value chain to a customer-driven one (PB) based on customer feedback, develop appealing products, and to boost brand recognition

ent of original, non-home-appliance products by leveraging the oup companies



Sofmap aims to expand the secondary distribution market by building a customer base through Group integration of RaKu-uru's My Items List growing its reuse business, enhancing support services like bridging the digital divide and building LCM services, and promoting gaming and content businesses rooted in the Akihabara brand.

# 2029

Target

**B** Sofmap

# Net sales: 94.6 billion yen Operating profit: 2.3 billion yen (FY29/8)

Expand secondary distribution through circular economy business (reuse & support businesses) FY August 31, 2029 plan: Circular economy business net sales of 70.0 billion yen (share: 75.0%)

Basic Policy	<ul> <li>Build a shared Group customer base through RaKu-uru's My Items List while strengthening circular economy business as a unified Group</li> <li>Bridge the digital divide and establish LCM services</li> <li>Leverage the Akihabara brand to grow gaming and content businesses, as well as inbound demand (both domestic stores and cross-border sales)</li> </ul>				
	Group Integration of RaKu-uru's My Items List (Asset Utilization using My Items List)	<ul> <li>Integrate RaKu-uru with the Bic &amp; Kojima apps and e-commerce platforms to grow membership for RaKu-uru's My Items List</li> <li>Promote product replacements by utilizing asset data in My Items List</li> </ul>			
Key Strategies	2 Circular Economy Business (Reuse)	<ul> <li>Internalize partnered used goods purchasing and expand the reuse business, including via M&amp;A</li> <li>Expand reuse locations across Sofmap and JANPARA Current: 77 stores (Sofmap: 23, JANPARA: 54)</li> <li>⇒ a total of 100 * By FY2029/8</li> </ul>			
	3 Circular Economy Business (Support)	<ul> <li>Offer in-store, in-home, phone, and remote support to bridge the digital divide</li> <li>Build and operate LCM services (IT asset outsourcing) (Provide total support for corporate digital device replacement and upgrades)</li> </ul>			
	4 Entertainment Business (Akihabara Subculture)	<ul> <li>Strengthen product proposals and sales of a myriad selection of products, including AI devices and gaming PCs, by cultivating highly knowledgeable sales staff</li> <li>Expand Akihabara's subculture through initiatives such as esports studios, Animega, and event operations</li> </ul>			

# **Numerical Targets**

	Key Strategies	KPIs/KGIs for Each Strategy	Numerical Targets
1	Group Integration of RaKu-uru's My Items List (Asset Utilization using My Items List)	• FY2029/8 Registered asset value in My Items List: over 320.0 billion yen*1	(Billions of yen) Support business net sales (Billions of yen) Circular economy establishment rate New product business net sales Used goods business net sales 94.6 100
2	Circular Economy Business (Reuse & Support)	• FY2029/8 Net sales: 70.0 billion yen	80.0 - 61.5 60.0 - 64 - 60
3	Circular Economy Business (Purchase of Used Goods)	• FY2029/8 Amount of used goods purchased: 38.0 billion yen	40.0 40 20.0 20
4	Entertainment Business (Akihabara Subculture)	• FY2029/8 Net sales: 15.0 billion yen	0 FY24/8 FY25/8 FY29/8 (Results) (Planned) (Target)



• Work engagement rate: Over 50%

\* Housing equipment includes in-store sales, etc

Net sales

(CAGR: 16%)

• EBITDA: 10.0 billion yen

• ROE: 8% or higher

• ROIC: 7% or higher

Expanding

Efficiency

Profitability in

**Growth Businesses** 

Improving Capital

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**Business Strategy for Each Company** 

Kojima aims to strengthen its store brand through a renewed store network under a new expansion strategy, improve productivity per labor hour, grow revenue in growth businesses such as housing equipment and corporate business, and enhance capital efficiency through sustainability management. Its 2029 targets are 315.0 billion yen in net sales and 9.0 billion yen in operating profit.

# • Strengthen customer relationships by leveraging store network, product capabilities, and human resources

• Refresh and strengthen the store network based on a new store opening strategy • Elevate awareness of the Kojima brand

• Expand in-home sales opportunities, starting with air conditioner sales

• Leverage local community connections to meet increasingly diverse customer needs

• Increase sales and profits through a new evaluation system focused on profit contribution and sales performance

• Improve the efficiency of ancillary tasks by introducing more streamlined processes • Develop employee skills through tiered training programs and use of training centers • Achieve a 90% qualification rate for home appliance product advisors

• Expand sales and profits by broadening the scope of the housing equipment business • Develop new businesses using the e-commerce platform Redesign regional strategy in the corporate business

• Strengthen profitability by improving existing businesses, putting more strength behind growth segments, and developing new ventures

 Elevate corporate value by promoting sustainability management and improving transparency • Strengthen financial position and improve shareholder returns by controlling



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# **Sustainability**



# **Creating a Sustainable Future** through Our Business Model and Human Resources

Our Group's business model is directly linked to advancing sustainability for both society and our business. The most important capital for maximizing the potential of this model is our people, who represent the Group's greatest strength. Driven by our desire to bring joy to our customers, each of us continues to develop our expertise proactively, creating value that exceeds the expectations of all stakeholders. As a Lifestyle-Adaptive Business, we aim to build richer lives and a more sustainable society, growing together with our communities.

Director and Executive Officer; General Manager Nachika Nemoto Sustainability Promotion Office



# **Sustainability Management**

# **Sustainability Policy**

# We Value People, Make People the Driving Force Behind and Aim to Grow Together with Society

Guided by our purpose of "Exceeding Expectations while 'Pleas Customers,'" the Bic Camera Group sees human resources as strength. We channel that strength into our business activities corporate value and help solve social issues. To bring satisfaction stakeholders, we focus on promoting purchases that contribute economy, offering environmentally conscious products and ser proposing more enriching lifestyles. Through these efforts, we pursue a unique value-creation model where advancing our bu directly contributes to society.

# Sustainability Management **Promotion Framework**

To promote sustainability management, we have established the Sustainability Promotion Committee, chaired by the Representative Director and President and composed of all Executive Officers and full-time Audit and Supervisory Committee Members. This committee is tasked with deliberating on the Company's most critical management issues. During the current fiscal year, the committee's role was shifted from an advisory body to an internal committee as part of our business execution framework, strengthening our structure to empower each division to take the lead in promoting sustainability. Subcommittees have been established under the main committee to support prompt and specialized issue resolution, helping to accelerate sustainability efforts through our business activities. Additionally, we collaborate with the Security Committee and Risk Management Committee to enhance the effectiveness of sustainability management from a risk management perspective. The Board of Directors receives reports from the Sustainability Promotion Committee and provides instructions and oversight.

# Main Topics Discussed by the Sustainability **Promotion Committee**

Since its establishment in 2022, the Sustainability Promotion Committee has met 23 times, including 12 times during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024. The first half of the year focused on human resources, our Group's greatest asset, exploring systems to enhance employee engagement and reform workplace culture. In the latter half, the committee shifted focus to environmental and governance matters, promoting climate change initiatives aligned with the TCFD and enhancing information transparency.

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# **Human Resource** Strategy

Guided by the belief in "Valuing People and Making People the Driving Force Behind Growth," we position employees as our greatest strength and strive to cultivate an environment that supports diverse talent. We believe that this diversity is key to addressing the varied needs of our stakeholders—not only achieving our Medium-Term Management Plan, but also enriching lives and contributing to solving social issues. The entire Company is working together toward these goals.

# **Bic Camera Group Human Resource Strategy**

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Initiatives of the Group's Three Core Companies				
	Strengthening the Human Resources Development Framework to Improve Organizational Performance	Promoting a Workplace Environment where Diverse Human Resources Can Work Safely and Healthily		
BicCamera	<ul> <li>Implement award programs and various training sessions to foster human resources who embody the corporate philosophy</li> <li>Design systems like performance-based goal setting that respect individuality and autonomy</li> <li>Design systems that allow career paths to managerial or specialist roles based on individual strengths</li> <li>Offer self-development training such as language and business skills acquisition</li> <li>Develop a career challenge system that lets employees choose roles and workplaces based on their preferences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Enhance short-time work systems, childcare leave systems, and job return systems</li> <li>Promote women engaged in childcare to managerial positions</li> <li>Operate company-led childcare business</li> <li>Investments based on a health and productivity management strategy</li> <li>Promote women engaged in childcare to managerial positions</li> <li>Spectrate company-led childcare business</li> <li>Investments based on a health and productivity management</li> <li>FY2030 Target</li> </ul>		
<b>2 KOJIMA</b>	<ul> <li>Provide tiered training based on roles and years of service, including management development</li> <li>Expand training centers and enhance e-learning to improve customer service quality</li> <li>Support employees in acquiring certifications like Home Appliance Product Adviser and Retail Sales &amp; Management Specialist</li> <li>Create growth opportunities through feedback-based evaluation</li> <li>Promote career advancement through the internal "Post-Challenge" program</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promote health and productivity management</li> <li>Enhance childcare leave systems and short-time work systems</li> <li>Introduce a leave system for fertility treatment</li> <li>Eliminate workplace harassment</li> </ul>		
Sofmap	<ul> <li>Internal certifications systems like Expert/Professional roles and Gaming Master to enhance employee strengths</li> <li>Structured talent development system from new hire to managerial and executive candidate training</li> <li>Strengthen career development support through 1-on-1 meetings and self-assessment surveys</li> <li>Advance projects like esports and anime through internal open applications (Post Challenge) system</li> <li>Boost motivation through internal award systems</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expand childcare leave systems and short-time work systems</li> <li>Actively promote young and female employees to executive positions</li> <li>Provide opportunities for interaction with senior executives</li> <li>Promote health and productivity management</li> <li>Preventage of Momenin Management Positions (%)</li> <li>[FY2022 Results] 3.2</li> <li>[FY2030 Target] 15.0</li> <li>[FY2022 Results] 100.0</li> </ul>		

\*1 The ratio of "managers" is calculated by defining them as managerial supervisors as stipulated under the Labor Standards Act, as well as store managers and assistant store managers at each location. \*2 Calculated by dividing the number of employees who took childcare leave or paternity leave between September 2022 and August 2023 by the number of employees who had a child during the same period

### Enhancing Employee Engagement

The Bic Camera Group believes that employee engagement is essential for enhancing both corporate value and social value, and is a key element of sustainable business operations. To that end, we have set engagement improvement goals, developed strategies, implemented initiatives, and conducted regular monitoring. As a result, employee engagement across the Group has improved and remains favorable. One of the main pillars of our initiatives is creating an environment where diverse human resources can leverage

their strengths and perform at their best.

Specifically, we offer education programs and career support tailored to each Group company, promote health and productivity management aiming at physical and mental well-being and motivation, support career development across different life stages, and promote diversity through flexible work arrangements, including company-led childcare business. Through these efforts, we aim to create a workplace where all employees can achieve personal growth and fulfillment.

# **Bic Camera's Human Resource Strategy**

Two of our most important management challenges are improving employee productivity (maximizing performance) and enhancing employee engagement.

To achieve this, we operate a PDCA cycle around three key pillars: human capital management to support growth, health and productivity management to foster well-being and motivation, and respect for human rights as the foundation of everything.

# **1** Promoting Human Capital Management

### Basic Policy for Human Resources

Our approach to human resource development emphasizes intrinsic motivation-in other words, "activities that ignite passion." We believe that in order for each employee to reach their full potential, it is essential that they be driven by a strong sense of purpose and passion rooted in our corporate philosophy of "Pleasing Customers." This passion that comes from within is what fosters initiative and serves as the driving force for employees to enhance the value they provide.

At Bic Camera, we value this passion and sense of mission and aim to make our business truly one of a kind by encouraging employees to take initiative. In this way, our goal in human resource development is to foster individuals who have a strong sense of purpose as professionals at "Pleasing Customers" and who embody our corporate philosophy. To achieve this, we have established a Basic Policy on Human Resources and are actively pursuing initiatives based on this policy.

## In-House Environment Improvement Policy

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It is essential to build an internal environment based on the three elements shown in the table to the right to ignite employees' passion and develop the kind of talent we seek. We believe that fulfilling all of these elements is key to creating a work environment where employees can remain consistently motivated. We will define specific metrics and targets for each element, and position the development of the internal environment as a set of initiatives aimed at achieving those goals.

Three elements	Content
Employees take pride and passion in their work	This element is a prerequisite that is passion. Being engaged in "a busin focused on pleasing customers," en take pleasure in the happiness of o this leads to a sense of self-worth.
Employees feel fulfilled in their work	We believe that employees' passion through a sense of how their own and actions have contributed to the and the sense of growth derived fin development that focuses on their abilities.
Employees feel comfortable in the work environment	This element creates a foundation of that the ignited passion continues and is not transitory. It focuses on systems and creating an organizatio culture that enables physical and m well-being and flexible work styles.

### (1) Taking Pride and Passion in Work

In June 2024, we redefined our corporate philosophy framework

To show appreciation for employees who embody this philosophy and to share their mindset and skills, we introduced a new employee award system.

The system recognizes employees who receive praise from customers or demonstrate outstanding product knowledge and customer service skills.

A key feature is its emphasis on employee initiative, with a

### 1. Develop personnel who empathize with and embody the corporate philosophy

Employees' use of initiative in activities shall be premised on the corporate philosophy, and all decision-making criteria shall be based on the corporate philosophy.

### 2. Conduct ability development focusing on the value provided by the individual

Focus on the diverse abilities of employees to maximize each person's expertise, strengths, and human potenti

### 3. Provide opportunities for growth at each site, mainly through on-the-job training

Focus on learning through daily hands-on experience rather than education and training, and encourage capability development through PDCA on-site.

### 4. Supervisors are to respect the initiative of employees and accompany them through "dialogue"

Supervisors are to watch over and support employees rather than give them instructions with the aim of having them think and act on their own.

5. Develop self-driven personnel by igniting their passion Focus on encouraging employees to have the desire and enthusiasm to learn

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that employees' passion is ignited sense of how their own thoughts have contributed to the Company nse of growth derived from ability ent that focuses on their diverse

enables physical and mental

## 4: System design focusing on diverse nt creates a foundation to ensure nited passion continues sustainably transitory. It focuses on designing d creating an organizational

# abilities 5: Building a foundation for fully

philosophy

focused engagement with customers

1: Empathy with the corporate

2: Delegation of authority to individuals

3: Change in management style

self-nomination system and store managers serving as judges.

This system has helped raise both skills and mindset, allowing each employee to take pride in the "Pleasing Customers" mission and stay highly motivated in their work. We view this as a key outcome of the initiative.



# (2) Finding Fulfillment in Work

### **Career Design System**

In February 2024, we launched a Career Design System to help each employee proactively consider their own career path

The purpose of the system is to maximize employee performance and enhance motivation. Employees set the following three goals with their supervisor, who supports them through regular conversations and on-the-job interactions.

- State goal (ideal self)
- Outcome goal (clear, tangible goal toward the ideal)
- Action goal (concrete actions to achieve the outcome) This system helps employees take ownership of their growth and actively shape their careers.

## **Human Resources Acquisition**

To meet the diverse needs of our customers, we are developing systems that enable employees to make the most of their strengths and actively contribute.

We hire capable mid-career professionals with specialized knowledge in each department. For new graduates, we provide content that communicates the unique gualities of the Company through internships and information sessions. These efforts create opportunities to interact with senior employees to encourage early acceptance of job offers.

We have also introduced a system to promote part-time staff to full-time employees, creating an environment where those who understand and embody our corporate philosophy can succeed. Furthermore, to ensure both domestic and international customers enjoy shopping with us, we actively employ non-Japanese staff who contribute to our customer service and store environments with their diverse perspectives.

### **Education Support**

We have established a variety of training systems to support career development after joining the Company.

For first-year employees, we offer introduction training and follow-up training, as well as level-specific training, corporate philosophy training, and various skill-building courses to provide opportunities for growth. We also offer a robust selection of opt-in training programs aimed at self-improvement. For example, employees can choose from English conversation training for serving international customers, financial literacy programs, and a wide range of e-learning content, allowing them to tailor their learning and support their own growth.

Systematic	Diagram	of the	Training	System
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Self-Directed Career Options

**Bic Camera Meister System** 

Job-type Challenge System

Post-Challenge System

utilize their unique strengths and take initiative.

initiative by choosing their roles and workplaces.

the lead in delivering value to customers.

We provide career options based on our belief that each individual should

A system to support employees in deepening their expertise and

improvement, product knowledge, and skill enhancement.

developing careers as customer service professionals through self-

This system allows new hires to select a department suited to their

A system that encourages specialization and challenges employees to take

Through these systems, we help employees develop their skills and take

Main Countries of Origin

People's Republic of China

Republic of China (Taiwan)

Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Republic of Korea

Kingdom of Nepal

Grand Total

(People)

306

16

11

9

4

376

(out of 19)

strengths, with placement guaranteed from their second year.

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### (3) Feeling Comfortable in the Work Environment

### Work-Life Balance Support

We believe that living a fulfilling life—both mentally and physically-and gaining diverse experiences leads to better proposals for enriching the lives of our customers. To support work-life balance, we have introduced programs that go beyond legal requirements, such as short-time work systems, childcare leave system, nursing care system, and our job return system for rehiring employees who left the Company due to family circumstances. These systems are regularly communicated within the Company. In particular, through our annual childcare system seminar, we

have promoted an understanding of balancing childcare and work. As a result, the number of male employees taking childcare leave has been increasing year by year. In 2018, the Company received the "Platinum Kurumin" certification, and we will continue to strengthen our support going forward.

Bic Camera has obtained "Platinum Kurumin" certification from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare as a company that excels in childcare support.

# Promoting Health and Productivity Management<sup>®</sup>

We have developed and implemented a strategic map aimed at improving employee productivity (maximizing performance) and enhancing employee engagement. For example, leveraging our strength as a specialty store, we conduct seminars and share information led by employees with specialized knowledge and certifications. We also enhance occupational health services such as follow-up support and health consultations after routine health checkups conducted by in-house public health nurses. In addition, the Health and Safety Committees at each location hold monthly workshops on topics related to mental and physical well-being and motivation, encouraging voluntary participation. For instance, based on the results of employee surveys conducted regularly, each store develops and implements its own initiatives, with employees taking the lead in efforts to improve their health. ("Health and Productivity Management®" is a registered trademark of the Nonprofit Organization Kenkokeiei)

### Health and Productivity Management Map



\*1 Absenteeism - An indicator representing the percentage of scheduled work time lost due to illness or other reasons \*2 Presenteeism - A state in which employees are present at work but experience reduced productivity due to health issues. \*3 Overall Health Risk - A workplace health risk index measuring workload, job control, and the level of support from supervisors and colleagues.

\*4 Work Engagement - A positive and fulfilling work-related state characterized by vigor (energy gained from work), dedication (sense of pride and purpose), and absorption (deep involvement in work).

### Health and Productivity Management Promotion Framework



### Certified Health & Productivity Management Outstanding Organization (White 500)

Under the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry's Certified Health & Productivity Management Outstanding Organization Recognition Program, the Company has been recognized as a 2024 Certified Health & Productivity Management Outstanding Organization in the Large Enterprise Category, and has also earned the distinction of "White 500," awarded to the top 500 certified companies.



Health and productivity ホワイト500

2024

activities families.

# Certified as a Sports Yell Company (Bronze)

As part of our efforts to promote employee health, we actively encourage participation in sports

As one example, we collaborate with the Bic Camera Takasaki women's softball team to host softball exchange events for employees and their

These initiatives have been recognized by the Japan Sports Agency, which has certified the Company as a "Bronze" Sports Yell Company for its continued efforts in promoting sports.



# Environment

The Group aims to reduce environmental impact across all business activities by establishing an integrated framework covering procurement, sales, support, reuse, and recycling. Through this framework, we are building the foundation for a circular economy-type business model that contributes to the realization of a sustainable society through corporate growth.

# **Decarbonization Transition Plan**

2025: 3,376 t-CO<sub>2</sub> reduction (4.5% annual reduction vs. 2024) Targets 2030: 62% reduction vs. 2014; 2050: Carbon neutral



# Addressing Environmental Challenges

Bic Camera Group Medium-Term Management Plan: Vision 2029

Initiatives of the Group's Three Core Companies: Contributing to a Sustainable Society with Environmental Consideration

	<ul> <li>Installed self-consumption solar power systems at product centers</li> <li>Transitioned to energy-efficient air conditioning systems and LED lighting</li> </ul>	Key KPIs (Cumulative for Three Core Companies)	
BicCamera	<ul> <li>Installed inverter systems in elevators</li> <li>Introduced renewable energy usage at business sites</li> </ul>	GHG Emissions* <sup>3</sup> (t-CO <sub>2</sub> )	
<b>@ KOJIMA</b>	<ul> <li>Installed rooftop solar panels at retail stores<sup>*1</sup> and introduced corporate PPA contracts<sup>*2</sup></li> <li>Installed demand controllers for efficient air conditioning management</li> <li>Installed heat-shielding nets on air conditioning outdoor units</li> <li>Transitioning to electric vehicles (EV) for company cars</li> </ul>	FY2014       FY2030         Results       Target         142,375       54,102	
Sofmap	<ul> <li>Promoted a circular economy through digital device refurbishment in the reuse business</li> <li>Transitioned to energy-efficient air conditioning systems and LED lighting</li> <li>Support business initiatives to close the digital divide in collaboration with local governments</li> </ul>	[ FY2030 Target (vs. FY2014) ] 62% Reduction	

\*1 As of August 31, 2023, installed at 6 stores \*2 A corporate power purchase agreement (PPA) is a long-term contract for purchasing renewable electricity from a power producer \*3 Combined total of Scope 1 and Scope 2 emission

# **Initiatives to Create a Decarbonized Society**

# Corporate PPA

An on-site PPA introduced at the old building of the Higashimatsuyama Distribution Center has enabled a reduction of approximately 430 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually. Starting February 1, 2025, an off-site PPA has begun operation at the new

building, supplying electricity to the Bic Camera Ikebukuro Main store. This initiative will enable the Ikebukuro Main store to run entirely on renewable energy, with an expected annual CO<sub>2</sub> reduction of approximately 861 tons.



As of the end of November 2023, rooftop solar panels with a combined capacity of 1,379.3 kW have been installed at seven stores, including the Kojima x Bic Camera Kasukabe store, with an estimated annual power generation of approximately 1,426,373 kWh. These

initiatives contribute to reducing GHG emissions and accelerating the realization of a decarbonized society.



# **Initiatives Related to TCFD Recommendations**

The Bic Camera Group recognizes that contributing to a decarbonized society is a corporate responsibility and that addressing climate change is a critical management issue. In December 2021, the Company declared its support for the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). In addition to expanding our disclosure based on the TCFD, we are committed to analyzing and assessing climate-related risks and opportunities, and reflecting these in our corporate strategy to develop sustainable business practices.

<b>Risks and Opportunities</b>	Category	1.5°C Scenario	4°C Scenario	
Transition Risks	Policies and Regulations	Introduction of carbon taxes and rising electricity costs		
	Market/Reputation	Sales decline due to delayed response to changing market needs		
Physical Risks	Acute	-	Store damage or closures due to more severe natural disasters	
Opportunities	Products/Services	Sales growth through proactive response to changing market needs		

# **Scenario Analysis Results**

Under the 1.5°C Scenario, the analysis indicates an increase in GHG emission costs due to the introduction of carbon taxes and emissions trading schemes, along with impacts from stricter energy-saving standards and shifts in consumer awareness. Meanwhile, in the 4°C Scenario, an increase in large typhoons and extreme heat is expected to impact store operations and logistics due to heightened physical risks. The Group will actively address climate change risks and leverage them to create new business opportunities.

\* For details on the scenario analysis, please refer to our website: https://www.biccamera.co.jp/sustainability/enviroment/ (Japanese only)

# **Our Initiatives**

# Contributing to the Realization of a Circular Economy

### Small Home Appliance Recycling and Re-Utilization of Resources

We are strongly promoting our recycling business by re-utilizing metals and plastics through home pickup service/backhaul collection service/trade-in collection service of small home appliances.

# 1

# Promotion of Reuse Business

We utilize Sofmap's RaKu-uru platform, especially its core My Items List feature. By linking with the Bic Camera app, customers can instantly check used goods purchase estimates for their home appliances. As used goods purchasing increases, the user base grows, boosting our pre-owned goods business and contributing to the expansion of the secondhand market.

# **Initiatives to Reduce Environmental Impact**

- Identification and management of GHG emissions throughout the entire supply chain
- Development and provision of environmentally friendly products and services
- Visualization of the impact of GHG emission reductions
- Promotion of replacement with energy-saving home appliance products
- Promotion of energy-saving housing equipment (e.g., EcoCute, double-paned windows, solar power generation, energy storage devices, etc.)

# **Reducing GHG Emissions from Our Business Activities**

# Reduction of Energy Consumption

Since 2016, we have upgraded store air conditioning systems to energy-efficient models and began switching to LED lighting in 2015. In addition to enforcing internal energy-saving rules, we have promoted inverter-based elevators and the introduction of heat pump chillers to contribute to the reduction of energy consumption. As of 2024, we are also upgrading to dimmable LED lighting.

# Modal Shift

Since March 2023, we have adopted rail container transportation as part of our inventory moving methods for the Osaka to Fukuoka route, and from July of the same year for the Chiba to Sapporo route, working to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions during transport.



# Society

Our purpose—"Exceeding Expectations while 'Pleasing Customers'"—defines "customers" as all stakeholders, including local communities. We strive to address social issues by contributing to a safe, secure, and sustainable society, enriching daily lives, and promoting employment through a people-first approach to human resource recruitment and development.

# **Respect for Human Rights**

# Policy

The foundation of all our business activities is respect for the human rights of everyone involved in our Group's business. In compliance with international human rights norms and relevant laws, and in accordance with their spirit, we have established the Bic Camera Human Rights Policy based on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to respect the human rights of everyone involved in our business.

This policy applies to our Company's officers and employees, and we require all business partners involved in our business to understand and cooperate in its implementation. The key issues associated with this policy are as follows

## Key Issues

- 1. No discrimination of any kind
- 2. Development of a safe and healthy work environment
- 3. Assurance of fair working conditions
- 4. Freedom of association
- 5. Constructive labor-management dialogue
- 6. Prohibition of child labor, forced labor, and other inhumane treatment
- 7. Protection of privacy

# **Coexistence with Local Communities**

Our contributions to local communities focus on key areas such as disaster preparedness, environmental conservation, and educational support, all aimed at creating a more sustainable society.

In addition to the "Partnership Agreement for Prosperous Community Development" concluded with Toshima Ward in October 2022, comprehensive collaborative agreements have also been concluded with Takasaki City in September 2021 and Chiba City in October 2022. In addition, we concluded an agreement with Fujisawa City in March 2023 regarding cooperation in emergency commodities in the event of a disaster, and will provide home appliance products such as televisions and radios, portable power supplies, mobile batteries, and other power equipment, hygiene products, tents, etc. Recently, we participated in disaster preparedness events such as the IKE • SUNPARK event in Toshima Ward and the event held in front of Fujisawa Station, where we set up hands-on booths

# **Human Rights Due Diligence**

We have established a human rights due diligence mechanism to identify, assess, prevent, and mitigate negative impacts on human rights. We assess existing preventive measures against identified negative impacts and implement additional actions as necessary. The Risk Management Committee regularly reviews these measures, and if any issues arise, they are discussed by the Sustainability Promotion Committee and reported to the Board of Directors.

Recognizing that solving social issues and achieving sustainable growth requires collaboration with business partners, we have established the Bic Camera Procurement Guidelines and are working together on implementation. To enhance the effectiveness of the guidelines, we provide training opportunities for executives and employees and conduct awareness-raising activities for our business partners. We strive to prevent human rights violations before they occur.

\* For more information, please visit our website on Sustainability and Procurement Guidelines: https://www.biccamera.co.jp/sustainability/ humanrights/#procurement\_guidelines (Japanese only)

# **Remedial Measures**

As a full member company of the "Engagement and Remedy Platform," provided by the "Japan Center for Engagement and Remedy on Business and Human Rights (JaCER)," we are strengthening our efforts to respect human rights throughout our supply chain by receiving and responding to complaints and reports of a wide range of human rights violations across our entire stakeholder base.

featuring emergency and stockpiling supplies to help residents learn about disaster readiness engagingly. Going forward, we will continue to strengthen partnerships with local communities through these key focus areas and contribute to the sustainable development of regional society.







event in Toshima Ward

# Stakeholder Engagement

The Group places great importance on engaging with a wide range of stakeholders—including employees, customers, business partners, shareholders and investors, and local communities—and strives to build strong relationships of trust. We practice fair and transparent management while working to deliver safe, reliable products and services and to contribute to the creation of a sustainable society. We aim to reflect stakeholder feedback in our management practices, addressing social issues and enhancing corporate value.

Stakeholder	Our Approach	Main Activities and Achievements
o <sup>o</sup> ooo ∏∏∏∏ Employees	Employees are positioned as the most vital capital for meeting the needs of all stakeholders and fulfilling our mission of "Pleasing Customers." We are committed to building a workplace that fosters pride and a sense of purpose for their work while creating an inviting workplace, aiming to maximize employees' diverse abilities and improve their engagement.	<ul> <li>Monthly Health and Safety Committee meetings</li> <li>Annual stress checks and wellness surveys</li> <li>Various training programs (e.g., career and life planning support)</li> <li>Monthly labor-management meetings</li> <li>Various consultation hotlines (all times)</li> <li>Monthly incentive programs</li> </ul>
Customers	Through our role in "Pleasing Customers," we aim to enrich daily life with our products and services and provide a safe and secure shopping experience. We are committed to protecting personal information and reflecting customer feedback in our operations.	<ul> <li>Web-based surveys (all times)</li> <li>Call center support (10:00 AM–10:00 PM) <ul> <li>Unavailable at some stores</li> </ul> </li> <li>Online contact forms (all times)</li> <li>Feedback gathered through sales activities (all times)</li> </ul>
Cooperating Companies	We share our corporate philosophy and build strong, fair partnerships. Together, we work to maintain and improve systems that ensure the delivery of safe and high-quality products and services.	<ul> <li>Annual site visits to offices and facilities</li> <li>Regular meetings for quality improvement (several times a year)</li> <li>Monthly award systems</li> </ul>
Business Partners	We aim to build a sustainable society across the supply chain. By ensuring fair business practices and legal compliance, we strive to establish a solid foundation for enhancing corporate value.	<ul> <li>Dialogue through procurement activities (tens of times annually)</li> <li>Supplier surveys (as needed)</li> </ul>
Shareholders and Investors	We work to increase corporate value and ensure appropriate profit returns through highly transparent management. We prioritize timely and appropriate information disclosure and active communication.	<ul> <li>Annual General Meeting of Shareholders</li> <li>Quarterly financial results briefings</li> <li>IR meetings (as needed)</li> <li>IR news updates (as needed)</li> </ul>
Local Communities	To bring joy to local communities, we support disaster preparedness and solutions to regional challenges, contributing to a sustainable society. We also promote next-generation development and community engagement.	<ul> <li>Company-led childcare business</li> <li>Visits to welfare facilities (as needed)</li> <li>Joint disaster drills (several times a year)</li> <li>Sponsorship and organization of local events (as needed)</li> <li>Disaster relief support</li> </ul>
Public Organizations and Industry Groups	We work collaboratively to address social issues and contribute to the creation of a safe, secure, and sustainable society through partnerships with government agencies and local governments.	<ul> <li>Information-sharing meetings with government and industry associations (as needed)</li> <li>Comprehensive collaborative agreements with local governments (as needed)</li> <li>Annual emergency training in cooperation with fire departments</li> </ul>



2 years 1,500 17/17

# Governance

# List of Officers (As of November 21, 2024 \* Attendance at Board of Directors and Committee Meetings is Based on FY2024/8 Data)



### Toru Akiho Representative Director and President; President Executive Officer

Number of years in office Number of shares held Attendance at Board of Directors meetings 4,800 Attendance at Governance Committee meetings 1/1 Attendance at Compensation Committee meetings 4/4 Attendance at Nominating Committee meetings 3/3 Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee meetings

### **Reasons for Nomination**

Mr. Akiho has long acted as a manager with responsibilities in the realms of merchandise responsibilities in the realms of merchandise procurement and EC and was appointed as the Company's Representative Director and President; President Executive Officer in September 2022. Accordingly, he has amassed abundant experience, achievements, and insight over the time. He is therefore considered well-qualified to contribute to enhancing the Company's corporate value by applying this insight, etc. to management.



### Takaharu Mizoguchi Director and Managing Director

Number of years in office Appointed November 21, 2024 Number of shares held 1.700 Attendance at Board of Directors meetings Attendance at Governance Committee meetings Attendance at Compensation Committee meeting Attendance at Nominating Committee meeting Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee meeting

### **Reasons for Nomination**

Mr. Mizoguchi has long played active roles in the Company's sales and store operations In the Company's sales and store operations and later worked in the logistics realm, serving as representative director and president of affiliates of the Company, etc., and accordingly has amassed abundant experience, achievements, and insight over the time. He is therefore considered well-qualified to contribute to enhancing well-qualified to contribute to enhancing the Company's corporate value by applying this insight, etc. to management.





### Toru Abe Director and Managing Director

Number of years in office Number of shares held 13,800 17/17 Attendance at Board of Directors meetings Attendance at Governance Committee meetings Attendance at Compensation Committee meetings Attendance at Nominating Committee meetings Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee

### **Reasons for Nomination**

Mr. Abe has long served the Group as a manager with responsibility in the corporate planning realm. While holding positions such as Representative Director of a Group company, he has amassed abundant experience, achievements, and insight over the time. He is therefore considered well-qualified to contribute to enhancing the Company's corporate value by uing to apply this insight, etc. to gement.



Nachika Nemoto Director and Executive Officer

Number of years in office Number of shares held Attendance at Board of Directors meetings 2,200 17/17 Attendance at Governance Committee meetings Attendance at Compensation Committee meeti Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee

### Reasons for Nomination

Ms. Nemoto has long played active roles in the Company's sales and store operations and later worked in the human resource and later worked in the numan resource realm, focusing her efforts on promoting the active role of women in the Company, etc., and accordingly has amassed abundant experience, achievements, and insight over the time. She is therefore considered well-gualified to contribute to enhancing the Company's corporate value by continuing to apply this insight, etc. to



### Keiju Nakagawa Director and Managing Director

Number of years in office Number of shares held 1,800 17/17 Attendance at Board of Directors meetings Attendance at Governance Committee meetings dance at Compensation Committee meet tendance at Nominating Committee meetings Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee

### Reasons for Nomination

Mr. Nakagawa has acted as a manager with Mr. Nakagawa has acted as a manager with responsibilities in the corporate planning realm, has served the Group as Representative Director and President of a Group company which develops sales distributor business for mobile phones and accordingly has amassed abundant eventiones and accordingly has amassed abundant experience, achievements, and insight over the time. He is therefore considered well-qualified to contribute to enhancing the Company's corporate value by continuing to apply this insight, etc. to management.



Yuji Nakazawa Director

Number of years in office Number of shares held Attendance at Board of Directors meetings Attendance at Governance Committee meetings Attendance at Compensation Committee meet Attendance at Nominating Committee meetings Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee

2,800 17/17

### Reasons for Nomination

Mr. Nakazawa has long served the Group as a manager with responsibilities in the merchandise and sales realms of a Group company, Kojima Co., Ltd., and was appointed as the company's Representative Director and President in November 2020. Accordingly, he has amassed abundant experience, achievements, and insight over the time. He is therefore expected to apply this insight, etc. to management.

Eiji Tamura irector and Managing Director

> Number of years in office Number of shares held Attendance at Board of Directors meetings 58,100 Attendance at Governance Committee meetings ndance at Compensation Committee meetings ndance at Nominating Committee meetings Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee

**Reasons for Nomination** 

Mr. Tamura has long acted as a manage with responsibilities in realms of the humar resources, corporate planning and general affairs, and accordingly has amassed abundant experience, achievements, and insight over the time. He is therefore considered well-qualified to contribute to enhancing the Company's corporate value by continuing to apply this insight, etc. to



# Outside Director (Independent Officer)

1,500 Attendance at Nominating Committee meetings -Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee 15/15

objective and neutral standpoint.

on on his years in office and attendance a





Kiyoshi Tokuda tside Director (Independent Officer)

Number of years in office Number of shares held Attendance at Board of Directors meetings 16/17 Attendance at Governance Committee meetings 1/1 Attendance at Compensation Committee meetings 4/4 Attendance at Nominating Committee meetings 3/3 Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee meetings

### **Reasons for Nomination**

Mr. Tokuda maintains a wealth of experience and extensive insight as a business manager. Drawing on that wealth of experience and extensive insight, he furnishes sound advice to the management of the Company. In addition, he contributes to the maintenance and strengthening of the Company's governance particularly through his role as a member of the Nominating Committee and the Compensation Committee, which are advisory bodies to the Board of Directors. He is expected to continue providing objective and impartial advice and recommendations.



### Yukiko Kishimoto Outside Director (Independent Officer) and Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

Number of years in office Number of shares held Attendance at Board of Directors meetings 15.800 Attendance at Governance Committee meetings 1/1 Attendance at Compensation Committee meetings Attendance at Nominating Committee meetings Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee 15/15

### Reasons for Nomination

Ms. Kishimoto has abundant experience and Nis. Isslimito has abundant experience and broad-ranging insight as an author and as a person of academic standing. She is expected to apply this insight, etc. from an independent standpoint to provide sound advice to management and fully demonstrate her skills in strengthening the Company's audit structures. Company's audit structure.

### Reasons for Nomination Mr. Sunayama has abundant experience, achievements, and broad insight gained through work at financial institutions and though work at marcial matching and other organizations. As an Outside Director, he is expected to draw on this background to provide sound advice to the management, strengthen the Company's audit system, and offer advice and suparticiper from an offer advice and suggestions from an objective and neutral viewpoint.

Masaru Nakamura

Attendance at Board of Directors meetings

Attendance at Governance Committee meetings 1/1

Attendance at Compensation Committee meetings 4/4 Attendance at Nominating Committee meetings 3/3

Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee

Mr. Nakamura maintains a wealth of

strengthening of the Company's

Koichi Sunayama

Number of years in office

Outside Director (Independent Officer) and

Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

Number of shares held Attendance at Board of Directors meetings

Attendance at Compensation Committee meetings Attendance at Nominating Committee meetings

Attendance at Governance Committee meetings 1/1

Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee 15/15

4 years

1,800

Mr. Nakamura maintains a weath of experience and extensive insight in financial institutions, which have been reflected in the Company's management. As an Outside Director, he furnishes sound advice to the management of the Company and contributes to the maintenance and createrthemics of the Company's

vernance. He is expected to continue oviding objective and impartial advice and

Reasons for Nomination

Outside Director

Number of years in office

Number of shares held

meetings

### Description of Selected Skills

### **Skills and Experience Common to Management**

Corporate Management/ Corporate Strategy	Skills for overseeing corporate management and executive divisions to realize the o
M&A/Business Strategy	Skills for formulating business strategies and executing M&A to realize the corpora
Finance/Accounting	Skills for analyzing and managing financial conditions, with expertise in accounting
Legal/Risk Management	Skills for identifying and controlling business risks through knowledge of legal affa of corporate value.
IR/Shareholder Engagement	Skills for engaging with various stakeholders across all business activities thro management policies.

### Skills and Experience Unique to the Business Type

Sustainability	Skills for identifying risks and opportunities to ensure sustainable corporate develop
Product Development	Skills needed to provide products and services aligned with evolving lifestyles and cu
Retail Business Experience and Knowledge	Skills for combining urban, station-front, and large-scale store formats with product
EC/Digital	Skills in leveraging digital technology to transform business operations through the un networks, and drive overall business transformation.
Diversity/Wellbeing	Skills for enhancing employee engagement by leveraging a diverse workforce and e
Human Resource Development	Specialized skills in human resource and organizational development required for re understanding employees' diverse skills, experiences, and values, and creating an er
Transformation	Skills for adapting to diverse needs and values by embracing change and promoting

Takeshi Toshimitsu

Number of years in office Number of shares held Attendance at Board of Directors meetings Attendance at Governance Committee meetings 1/1 Attendance at Compensation Committee meetings

Reasons for Nomination

Mr. Toshimitsu maintains a wealth of experience and extensive insight as a experience and extensive insight as a business manager and an attorney at law. We expect that his abundant experience and insight will be reflected in the management of the Company, he will provide opinions as an Outside Director which are useful for the management of the Company, and he will contribute to the maintenance and contribute to the maintenance and strengthening of governance from an

Since Mr. Takeshi Toshimitsu served as Director an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024 (his term in office),



### Michiaki Ogasawara Outside Director (Independent Officer)

Number of years in office	Appointed November 21, 2024
Number of shares held	-
Attendance at Board of Directors meetings	-
Attendance at Governance Committee meetings	-
Attendance at Compensation Committee meetings	-
Attendance at Nominating Committee meetings	-
Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee meetings	-

### Reasons for Nomination

Mr. Ogasawara has been engaged mainly in information and telec information and telecommunications administration at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, where he has held key positions over the years, including serving as Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs. We expect that he will advise and supervise the management of the Company based on his abundant experience and extensive knowledge as an Outside Director of several listed companies in the past and at present.



# Noriko Otsuka

Director and Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

Number of years in office	4 years
Number of shares held	1,300
Attendance at Board of Directors meetings	17/17
Attendance at Governance Committee meetings	1/1
Attendance at Compensation Committee meetings	-
Attendance at Nominating Committee meetings	-
Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee	15/15
meetings	

### **Reasons for Nomination**

Ms. Otsuka has long served the Group, not NS. OUSUKA has long served the Group, not only as a manager with responsibility in the internal audit and internal control realms but also as Representative Director of a Group company, and accordingly has amassed abundant experience, achievements, and incident over this time. achievements, and insight over this time She is expected to fully demonstrate this nsight, etc. in strengthening the Company's audit structure



### Shigeyoshi Minami

Outside Director (Independent Officer) and Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

Number of years in office	Appointed November 21, 2024
Number of shares held	-
Attendance at Board of Directors meetings	-
Attendance at Governance Committee meetings	-
Attendance at Compensation Committee meetings	-
Attendance at Nominating Committee meetings	-
Attendance at Audit and Supervisory Committee meetings	-

### **Reasons for Nomination**

Mr. Minami has abundant experience and broad-ranging insight gained at financial institutions, etc. We expect that he may apply such experience and insight to strengthen the Company's audit framework and to provide advice and suggestions from a broad perspective and an objective and neutral viewpoint.

e corporate philosophy of "Exceeding Expectations while 'Pleasing Customers.''

### rate philosophy

ng, finance, and taxation in corporate activities to support corporate management from a financial perspective fairs, governance, and compliance to earn stakeholder trust and aim for sound and sustainable enhancement

rough active disclosure of non-financial information to foster a long-term, stable understanding of Group

oment and growth and for promoting efforts to address social issues through business activities ustomer needs.

ct variety and expert sales staff based on the corporate philosophy to deliver a unique customer experience.

use of IT and digital tools, expand the customer base by utilizing both physical store and e-commerce

enabling flexible, diverse work styles

realizing a management approach that values people and sees them as the driving force for growth, environment and organizational culture where each individual can fully demonstrate their abilities. ng streamlined, responsive operations.

# **Corporate Governance**

# **Basic Approach**

The Group believes that the foundation of corporate governance lies in establishing management and audit systems that enhance transparency and enable swift decision-making, thereby allowing each internal division to pursue highly productive and efficient operations based on a firm commitment to compliance. Through these efforts, we aim to enhance corporate value and thereby maximize the interests of all stakeholders.

# **Initiatives to Strengthen Corporate** Governance

As a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee, our Audit and Supervisory Committee is composed of four Directors, including three Outside Directors. We work closely with the Group Internal Control Management Department and our Accounting Auditor to strengthen monitoring functions and enhance corporate governance. In addition, from the perspective of ensuring diversity, we are working to strengthen governance through measures such as appointing female Directors, establishing voluntary committees, and formulating a skills matrix.



\* 📕 - Statutory body under the Companies Act

# Key Discussions by the Board of Directors in the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024

# [General Meeting of Shareholders]

- Matters related to convening the General Meeting of Shareholders and proposals
- Matters related to business reports. financial statements, and similar reports

# [Corporate Management/

Corporate Strategy] Redefinition of the corporate philosophy

### Formulation of the Group's Medium-Term Management Plan

- Formulation of the corporate strategy for the next fiscal year
- Business plans (new businesses, store openings and closures, capital investments, etc.)
- Replacement of various systems Matters related to the revamp of the
- e-commerce website · Matters related to organizational restructuring, etc.

### [Personnel/Compensation] Review of human capital policy

- Matters related to the appointment of the Representative Director
- Matters related to the selection of Directors
- Matters related to executive appointments at affiliated
- companies Matters related to compensation

# amounts

- [Sustainability] Matters related to the promotion of sustainability management • Matters related to capital investment for decarbonization-focused
- management

# [Reporting and Monitoring of

- Matters related to the Confirmation Letter on the Exercise of Duties of
- Directors Ongoing monitoring of critical
- matters
- Reporting on key issues from each
- - reporting
- annual budget and its disclosure Matters related to surplus and
- dividend policyMatters related to annual and quarterly financial results

[Finance/Accounting]

[Governance]

Directors

systems

governance

Matters related to evaluating the

Matters related to internal control

Matters related to the consolidated

• Matters related to audit planning

effectiveness of the Board of

Matters related to corporate

 Matters related to the Annual Securities Report

# Business Execution

- decision-making body
- · Matters related to compliance
- Matters related to quarterly business
- execution

# **Status of Conferences and Meetings**

Compositio	n and Roles of the Committees, Activity Sta
	Held 17 meetings (once or twice a month) / Chair: Toru Akiho,
	• The Board of Directors consists of 13 Directors (including six
Board of Directors	Members. In addition to statutory matters related to relevant laws and resolves on basic policies regarding management, organizat supervises the Directors' execution of their duties through n The Board deliberates and resolves significant management business performance, operational status, and budget varial
	Held 23 meetings (once or twice a month) / Chair: Toru Akiho,
Executive Officers Meeting	<ul> <li>The Executive Officers Meeting consists of six Directors, one</li> <li>At the Executive Officers Meeting, decisions are made on m regulations. General Manager of each department reports of relevant laws and regulations, make sure to report them du General Manager of Group Internal Control Management D status of countermeasures during the Meeting.</li> </ul>
	Held 15 meetings (once or twice a month) / Chair: Noriko Otsu
Audit and Supervisory Committee	<ul> <li>The Audit and Supervisory Committee consists of four Directors).</li> <li>The Audit and Supervisory Committee formulates audit poli audits the maintenance and operation of internal control sy reports, and deliberates on proposals for the election of Dir status of audit implementation by full-time Audit and Super through the exchange of opinions, etc., audits and supervision of audits and supervisors.</li> </ul>
	Held 3 meetings / Chair: Takeshi Uemura, Outside Director
Nominating Committee	<ul> <li>The Nominating Committee consists of Representative Direct Supervisory Committee Members).</li> <li>The Nominating Committee deliberates on the election and Members) and Executive Officers, revisions to the skills matrix</li> <li>Advisory body to the Board of Directors</li> </ul>
	Held 4 meetings / Chair: Takeshi Uemura, Outside Director
Compensation Committee	<ul> <li>The Compensation Committee consists of Representative D Supervisory Committee Members).</li> <li>The Compensation Committee deliberates on the compensa Members) and Executive Officers, and also deliberates on co * Advisory body to the Board of Directors</li> </ul>
	Held 1 meeting / Chair: Toru Akiho, Representative Director an
Governance Committee	<ul> <li>The Governance Committee consists of the Representative I Supervisory Committee Member (Full-time).</li> <li>The Governance Committee deliberates on general matters audit results with the Accounting Auditor and exchange op</li> </ul>
	Held 12 meetings (once a month) / Chair: Toru Akiho, Represe
Sustainability Promotion Committee	<ul> <li>The Sustainability Promotion Committee consists of six Direc Officers.</li> <li>The Sustainability Promotion Committee reports on solution</li> <li>The Committee also discusses and considers sustainability d * Advisory body to the Board of Directors</li> </ul>
	Held 4 meetings (once a quarter) / Chair: General Manager of Internal Control Division)
Risk Management Committee	<ul> <li>Secretariat: Group Internal Control Management Departme</li> <li>The Risk Management Committee consists of the Represent Managing Executive Officers, Directors, the Chief Informatic other members designated by the Chair.</li> <li>The Risk Management Committee monitors the status of all</li> </ul>
	Held 4 meetings (once a quarter) / Chair: Chief Information See
Security Committee	<ul> <li>The Security Committee consists of the Representative Direct Executive Officers, Directors, heads of departments responsindividuals from affiliated companies designated by the Cha</li> <li>The Security Committee deliberates on the information security restrict for cybersecurity risks.</li> </ul>
	Held 12 meetings (once a month) / Chair: General Manager of General Affairs and Legal Affairs Department)
Compliance Committee	<ul> <li>The Compliance Committee consists of six Directors, one Di</li> <li>The Compliance Committee consults on violations of laws a annual basis.</li> </ul>

\* The number of members of each committee is as of August 31, 2024.

(As of November 21, 2024)

### atus (Period: September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024)

Representative Director and President: President Executive Office

six Outside Directors), including four Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee

nd regulations and the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors deliberates and tional changes, important personnel proposals, and business acquisitions, etc., and mutual checks and balances among the Directors.

t issues, and receives reports from the Directors responsible for each department on ances.

, Representative Director and President; President Executive Office

ne Director who is Audit and Supervisory Committee Member, and 11 Executive Officers. matters to be presented to the Board of Directors and other matters stipulated in the internal on the status of business execution and, if there are any matters that may conflict with luring the Executive Officers Meeting.

Department then investigates said matters as necessary and reports the implementation

suka, Director and Full-time Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

ectors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members (including three Outside

plicies and plans, evaluates and decides on the compensation of the Accounting Auditor. systems, audits business reports and non-consolidated financial statements, prepares audit rectors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members. The Committee also shares the ervisory Committee Members with Outside Audit and Supervisory Committee Members, and ises the execution of duties by Directors.

ector and President and three Outside Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and

d dismissal of Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee trix, and other matters

Director and President and three Outside Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and

sation for Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committe compensation structure, compensation levels, and individual compensation for Directors

and President: President Executive Officer

e Director and President, six Outside Directors, and a Director who is an Audit and

rs related to corporate governance. The members of the Governance Committee report on opinions on sustainability disclosures, etc.\* Advisory body to the Board of Directors

entative Director and President; President Executive Officer

ectors, one Director who is Audit and Supervisory Committee Member, and 11 Executive

ns and priority measures for sustainability-related issues (human resources, climate change) disclosure in securities reports. Discussion items are reported to the Board of Directors.

f the Group Internal Control Management Department (45th Period: Director Supervising the

ntative Director, Directors who are full-time Audit and Supervisory Committee Members, tion Security Officer, individuals from affiliated companies designated by the Chair, and

all management-related risks and reports the results to the Board of Directors.

ecurity Officer

ector, Directors who are full-time Audit and Supervisory Committee Members, Managing sible for Group Internal Control, Legal Affairs, General Affairs, and Corporate Planning air, and other members designated by the Chair curity framework of our Group. The Committee also confirms the management and

of the General Affairs and Human Resources Dept. (45th Period: General Manager of the

Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member, and 11 Executive Officers. and regulations of the Group and reports on the whistleblower system on a monthly and

# Governance

# Effectiveness Evaluation of the Board of Directors

To analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the Board of Directors, we give a questionnaire to all Directors who attend Board of Directors meetings. <Questionnaire Items>

- (1) Role and function of the Board
- (2) Size and composition of the Board
- (3) Operation of the Board
- (4) Development of internal controls, etc.
- (5) Utilization of Outside Directors
- (6) Relationships with shareholders and investors
- (7) Overall assessment
- To ensure confidentiality, the questionnaire responses are

# **Training Policy for Directors**

To enhance the knowledge and capabilities of our Directors in business management, we provide the following training programs, in addition to supporting and arranging individual training opportunities and covering related expenses, thereby working to improve the effectiveness of the Board. (1) When new challenges arise due to changes in laws or

shifts in social or economic conditions, training is provided for all Directors.

# **Officer Compensation**

The Company determines the compensation of Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members; hereinafter referred to as "directors") and Executive Officers based on deliberations by a voluntary Compensation Committee chaired by an Outside Director (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members), with resolutions made by the Board of Directors. The appropriateness of the compensation system is also reviewed by the Compensation Committee upon consultation with the Board of Directors, and the results are reported back to the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee is chaired by an Outside Director (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members), and a majority of its members are also Outside Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members), thereby enhancing objectivity and transparency. Remuneration for Directors is composed of 1) "Basic remuneration" paid as cash based on the roles of individual Directors, 2) "Performance-linked remuneration, etc." paid as cash based on the achievement of financial results and individual missions as a shortterm incentive, and 3) "Restricted share-based remuneration" as a

submitted to an external third-party organization, which is entrusted with aggregating and analyzing the results. The Board of Directors analyzes and evaluates its effectiveness based on the aggregated self-evaluation results provided in the questionnaire responses and advice from the external third party.

The evaluation for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024, concluded that the Board generally maintains effective governance; however, it also identified a need to further enhance the substance of Board operations. We will continue conducting these questionnaires and strive to further improve the effectiveness of the Board.

(2) Upon appointment, Directors receive training to understand their legal responsibilities.

- (3) Upon appointment, Outside Directors receive the following training as needed:
  - Briefings on the Company's background and operationsSite visits to stores and product centers and other
  - initiatives to deepen their understanding of the business

medium- to long-term incentive. Considering their role in providing oversight and suggestions for the management of the Company and the overall of the Group from an objective standpoint, only basic remuneration is paid as remuneration to Outside Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members). The amounts of remuneration, etc. for Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members are determined through discussions involving Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members, considering factors that include full-time or part-time status, inside or outside Director status, and duties assigned. Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members receive basic remuneration only, given their roles in auditing Directors in their execution of duties from an objective standpoint. Furthermore, from the perspective of committing to medium- to long-term financial results, the Company has established as system through which Directors (including Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) contribute a certain amount of their monthly remuneration to the Company's Officer Shareholder Association to acquire the Company's shares, which they continuously hold throughout their terms in office.

	Total Amount of	Total Amount of				
Category of Directors	Remuneration (Millions of yen)	Fixed Remuneration	Performance-Linked Remuneration	Of the Left, Non-Monetary Remuneration	Number of Recipient Directors	
Directors Excluding Outside Directors	159	88	71	-	6	
Directors Appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members Excluding Outside Directors	15	15	-	-	1	
Outside Directors	41	41	-	-	6	

# **Compliance and Risk Management**

# Regarding the Recommendation from the Japan Fair Trade Commission Based on the Act against Delay in Payment of Subcontract Proceeds, Etc. to Subcontractors

Sources of Value Creation /

On February 28, 2025, the Company received a recommendation from the Japan Fair Trade Commission based on the Subcontract Act. We take this matter seriously and are working to strengthen governance to prevent recurrence. Specific measures include appointing a dedicated executive for internal control, strengthening risk management, providing

# Compliance

The Group ensures that its Directors and employees comply with laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation, uphold corporate ethics, and fulfill their social responsibilities by thoroughly disseminating the corporate philosophy, Corporate Conduct Charter, the Basic Policies on Risk Management, and the Compliance Manual. At the Company, the officer in charge of compliance is the Director who supervises the Human Resources and Organizational Development Division, and the General Affairs and Legal Department takes the lead in preparing compliance

## Compliance Help Desk



# **Risk Management**

The Risk Management Committee, chaired by the Director supervising the Internal Control Division and attended by the Representative Director and President, manages various risks surrounding our business appropriately and strives to prevent risks before they occur.

# **Information Security**

The Group considers the proper protection of personal information—including membership data and delivery or repair records—a critical priority. Accordingly, we have established a personal information protection policy and a Basic Policy for Handling My Number, etc., and strive to training for officers and employees, and conducting questionnaires of business partners to enhance and enforce our compliance framework. We are also reinforcing our monitoring systems and striving to restore trust across the Group and ensure sustainable corporate management by maintaining fair and transparent transactions.

manuals and conducting training to raise awareness among all officers and employees. In accordance with the Regulations on Protecting Whistleblowers, we have established a system that makes it easy to consult or report legal violations and strictly prohibits any disadvantageous treatment of those who consult or report such issues. Furthermore, based on the Corporate Conduct Charter, we have clearly defined a policy of taking a resolute stance against antisocial forces and groups, and we implement this policy across the Group through education for Directors and employees.

# **Personal Information Security Initiatives**

The Group places high importance on the appropriate management of information assets, including customer and business partner information, and complies with relevant laws and guidelines. To this end, we have established the Bic Camera Group Information Security Policy and are committed to its thorough implementation. In addition, we have established a Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) and a private Security Operation Center (SOC) to ensure the security of our information systems and to advance our information security management efforts.

ensure it is fully implemented. We have also established a personal information protection management system and are working to safeguard personal data through enhanced security measures, strengthened internal controls, and comprehensive employee training.

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# Messages from the Outside Directors

By carefully observing changes in the business environment and leveraging many years of experience, we support the enhancement of medium- and long-term corporate value by improving the effectiveness of the Board of Directors through constructive advice and supervision from an objective, external standpoint.



Takeshi Toshimitsu Outside Director (Independent Officer)



**Kiyoshi Tokuda** 

Outside Director (Independent Officer)

viewpoints in each management decision. Naturally, not all management decisions lend themselves to guantitative assessment. However, in order for a company's management to be properly evaluated by the market, numerical substantiation is essential, and many management issues or risks often first become apparent through various types of figures.

As an Outside Director, I place importance not only on legal perspectives as an attorney but also on quantitative

In redefining the Company's corporate philosophy framework, I examined it not in terms of current quantitative data but rather from the perspective of how the new definition will manifest as future figures—including not only sales and profit but also metrics like repeat rate and market share that reflect customer support. In formulating the Medium-Term Management Plan, I evaluated the validity of the strategic focus areas and the feasibility of the numerical targets from a quantitative perspective.

Outside Directors play a vital role in strengthening corporate governance. I intend to fulfill this role by focusing on two main pillars: legal perspective and quantitative analysis.

The Company has recently formulated an ambitious Medium-Term Management Plan. While the role of Outside Directors is multifaceted, I recognize that one of our most important responsibilities is to monitor the progress of this plan and provide support to help ensure its success.

A defining feature of the Medium-Term Management Plan is its emphasis on human capital as a driving force. It is not easy to channel employees' creativity and motivation into increased sales and profits. Ongoing discussion at the Board of Directors level is essential in order to continuously implement a variety of initiatives. Meanwhile, the business environment surrounding the retail industry is changing dramatically, making it increasingly difficult to continue past commercial practices without question. Continuous improvement must be a priority.

I intend to fulfill my duties as an Outside Director while keeping these points firmly in mind.



Masaru Nakamura Outside Directo



Michiaki Ogasawara Outside Director (Independent Officer)

As an Outside Director, I believe that our key responsibilities in considering the ideal form of governance for enhancing corporate value center on two key pillars: providing oversight of management and deeply considering corporate strategies for sustainable growth in collaboration with the executive team.

In today's era of dramatic societal change, it is both essential and critical that the Company reforms its internal mindset and aligns everyone toward a unified direction in order to strengthen its competitive edge and win in the marketplace. To achieve this, we must continue refining our purpose-driven philosophy. Our mission of exceeding customer expectations is our unique and absolute strength, enabling us to deliver surprises and satisfaction in response to ever-diversifying customer needs.

In developing the Bic Camera Group's Medium-Term Management Plan, I placed particular emphasis on advancing a Group management approach that enhances the Company's distinctive characteristics and strengths. In particular, I see strong potential in leveraging Group assets to drive further growth, and I have high expectations that strategies utilizing these assets will promote meaningful differentiation from our competitors.

### I was appointed as an Outside Director in November of last year.

Japan's declining birthrate is limiting the domestic market, while digitization is significantly transforming consumer behavior. In this environment, I resonate with the Company's new Medium-Term Management Plan, particularly its store-centered customer strategy and the top management's vision of creating trust and excitement while pursuing the idea that shopping is the ultimate leisure activity. And to make that vision a reality, people are the most critical element. The Medium-Term Management Plan's Human Capital Strategy is key. It is vital that we treat people as the driving force for growth, and that the growth of Bic Camera Group be realized through the growth of each employee. Drawing on my background in government and my experience as an Outside Director at various companies, I hope to contribute to the Group's medium- to long-term development by offering advice from an objective standpoint, while remaining attuned to future societal changes and emerging needs.



Yukiko Kishimoto Outside Director (Independent Officer) and Audit and Supervisory Committee Membe



Outside Director (Independent Officer) and

Audit and Supervisory Committee Membe

model. through customer requests and interactions.

Outside Directors are rising. Drawing on my background in finance and my experience as an Outside Director and auditor at other companies, I approach my duties with full awareness of the perspectives and interests of the various stakeholders involved with the Bic Camera Group. Our Board of Directors includes seven Outside Directors with diverse backgrounds, accounting for half of the Board, and sincere, vigorous discussions are actively conducted. Based on these internal and Board discussions, we formulated a new corporate purpose: Exceeding Expectations while "Pleasing Customers." Continuously evolving in a way that customers can clearly see—and consistently exceeding their expectations to bring them joy—is no easy feat, but I believe this is a purpose truly fitting for our Company. The Medium-Term Management Plan formulated in October of last year and grounded in this purpose is an ambitious one. However, given the potential of the Bic Camera Group, I believe it is fully achievable, and I intend to contribute, however modestly, toward its realization.



employees to actively strive toward its creation.

Shiqevoshi Minami Outside Director (Independent Officer) and Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

# Approach to Board Diversity

The Company's Board of Directors is composed of internal Directors who are well-versed in our businesses and corporate operations and capable of executing agile management, as well as Outside Directors with a high level of expertise who are expected to provide broad perspectives, advice, and oversight. Director candidates are selected with full consideration of the Board of Directors' diversity and appropriate size. In selecting Outside Director candidates, we prioritize individuals with broad knowledge and experience essential to business decision-making and with proven insight and achievements in their respective fields, which are key to

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A key focus of the Bic Camera Group's Medium-Term Management Plan has been how to align with the rapidly changing societal values, consumer needs, and purchasing behavior.

One of the core pillars is generating replacement demand through the effective use of Group assets. In an industry where many consumer electronics retailers handle the same products and differentiation is difficult, Bic Camera has a unique strength through its Group company Sofmap, which specializes in the purchase, repair, and resale of used goods. This approach is closely aligned with the concept of a circular economy, in which goods are reused, and the plan represents the first step toward building a new business

In stores, we aim to conduct sales with a heightened awareness of changes in societal needs, as seen daily

The Bic Camera Board of Directors held multiple briefing sessions and engaged in repeated discussions to shape the Medium-Term Management Plan into one that is both easy to understand and realistically achievable.

As the business environment continues to change at an unprecedented and unrelenting pace, expectations of

As an Outside Director and Audit and Supervisory Committee Member, I assess whether the corporate philosophy—our purpose of "Pleasing Customers"—is being truly embodied from top management through to frontline employees. I also examine whether the Company and its Group firms are enhancing management capability and empowering frontline autonomy to secure competitive advantages, such as store-driven merchandising and attentive customer service. In addition, I monitor whether diversity-driven management is being practiced and whether an environment of wellbeing is being cultivated—one that encourages all

Drawing on my experience as an executive at a financial institution, I aim to offer sound opinions and advice to management with a view to whether the Company is achieving sustainability management, in environmental, social, and economic dimensions, and advancing toward sustainable growth and enhanced corporate value.

> exercising effective oversight. We also take diversity into account, considering gender, international background, career paths, and age, and strive to select individuals with deep expertise and experience across various fields. Currently, there are three female Directors in the Company. We will continue striving to maintain a Board structure that includes multiple female Directors.

We also aim to ensure that independent Outside Directors account for at least one-third of the Board. Currently, five of our independent Outside Directors possess skills in corporate management and corporate strategy.

# **Financial Review**

	34th Period	35th Period	36th Period	37th Period	38th Period	39th Period	40th Period	41st Period	42nd Period	43rd Period	44th Period
	FY August 31, 2014	1 FY August 31, 2015	FY August 31, 2016	FY August 31, 201	7 FY August 31, 2018	FY August 31, 2019	FY August 31, 2020	FY August 31, 2021	FY August 31, 2022	FY August 31, 2023	FY August 31, 2024
Profit and Loss											
Net sales	832,748	795,368	779,081	790,639	844,029	894,021	847,905	834,060	792,368	815,560	922,572
Operating profit	20,014	18,800	22,006	21,854	27,055	22,943	12,066	18,217	17,863	14,215	24,388
Ordinary profit	24,056	20,401	23,067	24,364	29,241	25,871	14,690	21,629	20,808	16,566	26,674
Profit attributable to owners of parent	9,850	6,804	11,985	13,505	17,122	14,047	5,450	8,761	5,765	2,936	13,908
Financial Position											
Net assets	107,085	120,846	129,096	145,593	155,765	163,342	169,791	179,523	169,133	176,383	193,179
Total assets	329,335	329,580	336,769	350,211	365,605	400,451	472,074	454,466	456,466	449,840	478,248
Cash Flows											
Cash flows from operating activities	s 32,848	6,128	7,850	19,629	26,102	13,192	52,004	7,763	25,317	10,078	41,994
Cash flows from investing activities	-4,598	-8,001	-4,615	-11,522	-12,612	-11,437	-15,691	-12,356	-18,076	-11,118	-30,073
Cash flows from financing activities	-35,111	-1,765	-446	-13,247	-11,520	2,069	55,106	-4,387	-26,565	-13,580	-23,659
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	25,953	22,349	25,137	19,997	21,967	25,791	117,211	108,857	89,536	75,135	63,396
Financial Indicator											
Equity ratio (%)	25.7	30.5	32.0	34.9	35.5	33.4	29.0	31.6	28.8	30.5	31.8
Return on equity (ROE) (%)	12.4	7.3	11.5	11.7	13.6	10.6	4.0	6.2	4.2	2.2	9.6
Return on assets (ROA) (%)	7.1	6.2	6.9	7.1	8.2	6.8	3.4	4.7	4.6	3.7	5.7
Operating profit margin (%)	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.6	1.4	2.2	2.3	1.7	2.6
Ordinary profit margin (%)	2.9	2.6	3.0	3.1	3.5	2.9	1.7	2.6	2.6	2.0	2.9
Price earnings ratio (PER) (%)	16.59	29.85	12.38	17.64	15.91	13.31	37.89	21.50	34.31	63.05	20.50
Dividend payout ratio (%)	17.4	25.5	18.2	16.2	21.4	25.3	42.0	30.1	45.2	87.4	40.6
Ratio of dividends to net assets (%)	2.2	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.9	2.7	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	3.9

### **CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions** (t-CO<sub>2</sub>)









Small Home Appliance Products Recycling

\* Data as of March 31, 2024; combined results for Bic Camera, Kojima, and Sofmap (April 2023 - March 2024)



\* As of August 31, 2024, Bic Camera only \* Officers, full-time employees, contract employees





FY August 31, 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

\* As of August 31, 2024, Bic Camera only (Ratio of female directors as of November 21, 2024)

(Millions of yen)





FY August 31, 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

\* As of August 31, 2024, Bic Camera only \* Indicates the childcare leave utilization rate as defined by the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Act on Childcare Leave, Caregiver Leave, and Other Measures for the Welfare of Workers Caring for Children or Other Family Members

# **Company Information**

# **Company Overview**

Company name	BIC CAMERA INC.			
Head office	3-23-23, Takada, Toshima-ku, Tokyo			
Ikebukuro Headquarters	2-49-7, Minami-Ikebukuro, Ikebukuro Park Building 5th & 6th Floors, Toshima-ku, Tokyo			
Established	May 1978			
Company established	November 1980			
Capital	25,929 million yen (As of August 31, 2024)			
Number of employees	Consolidated: 11,588 employees Non-consolidated: 4,755 employees (As of August 31, 2024)			
Net sales	Consolidated: 922,572 million yen Non-consolidated: 450,356 million yen (Fiscal year ended August 31, 2024)			
Business description	Sales of audio visual products (cameras, TVs, recording devices/video cameras, audios), home appliances (refrigerators, washing machines, kitchen appliances, seasonal home electronics, personal care electronics), information communications equipment products (PCs, PC peripherals, mobile phones), other (video games, watches, used PCs, sporting goods, toys, glasses and contact lenses, liquors, food and soft drinks, drugs and daily goods)			

# Major Group Companies (As of November 30, 2024)

Company name	Business overview	Company n
WILBY, INC	Planning, development, and operation of web services	JANPARA Co
UMOKOBO CO., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sales of bedding	TDmobile Co
Sofmap Co., Ltd.	Purchases and sales of used computers, digital devices and mobile phones, as well as sales of new	TOSHIMA C. CO., LTD.
	computers, digital devices and mobile phones	Nippon BS B
Tokyo Keikaku Co., Ltd.	Advertising agency, rental and management of	Corporation
	real estate, operation of golf courses	Kojima Co.,
Bic shuhan Co., Ltd.	Sales of liquors, food and soft drinks	BICCAMERA
BIC DIGITAL FIRM INC.	Development and maintenance of core systems	REFORM INC
	of the Bic Camera Group	Kokudosya (
Bic Life Solution INC.	Planning, development, manufacturing, and sales of drinking water	Rironsya Co.
Bic Logistics Service INC.	General cargo transport business and warehousing business	Future ecolo
Ranet Co., Ltd.	Operation of mobile phone distributors	SELEN Co., I
Tokyo Camera Distribution Association	Joint financial business	

Business overview
Purchases and sales of used mobile phones, used computers, etc.
Operation of mobile phone distributors
Cable television broadcasting business
BS digital broadcasting business
Sales of home appliance products, etc.
Renovation and remodeling of houses, etc.
Publication and sales of children's books, etc.
Publication and sales of children's books, etc.
Waste recycling processing
Planning, development, and sales of security and safety equipment

# Stock Price Performance Left Axis: Stock price (yen) Right Axis: Trading volume (shares)



# Group Network (As of August 31, 2024)





Toward Further Value Creation / Company and Financial Data

	Total <b>270</b> stores
Sofmap	JANPARA
<b>23</b> stores	54 stores
	Hokkaido/ <b>23</b> stores
	Bic Camera     Store
Sapporo	• Kojima 17 stores
Distribution Center	• Sofmap 1 store
	• JANPARA 4 stores
	Ibaraki/ Tochigi/ Gunma 18 stores
	• Bic Camera <b>2</b> stores
	• Kojima 15 stores
Tohoku Distribution Center	• JANPARA 1 store
ama 3 nter 3 Funabashi Distribution Center	Saitama/ Chiba 40 stores • Bic Camera 6 stores (5 Bic Camera stores, 1 other)
	Kojima 27 stores
ribution Center	• Sofmap <b>2</b> stores
	• JANPARA 5 stores
Kansai 28 stores	Tokyo/ <b>103</b> stores
• Bic Camera <b>6</b> stores (4 Bic Camera stores, 2 others)	• Bic Camera 26 stores (21 Bic Camera stores, 5 others)
Kojima 10 stores	• Kojima 42 stores
• Sofmap 4 stores	• Sofmap 11 stores
• JANPARA 8 stores	• JANPARA 24 stores