

# For Individual Investors Introduction to the Japan Pulp & Paper Group

Prime Market Tokyo Stock Exchange Securities Code: 8032

#### **Presenter Profile**

Representative Director, President & CEO

## Akihiko Watanabe (65 years old)

**1982 Joined the Company** 

**2009 Corporate Office** 

**2010 Executive Officer** 

**2015 Executive Vice President** 

**2016** Director of the Board, Executive Vice President

**2017** Representative Director, President

**2023 Present position** 

During that time,

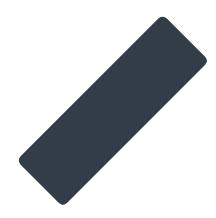
he has had a wealth of experience in overseas business, having been stationed in Germany from 1987 to 1993, Hong Kong from 2002 to 2008, and the U.S. from 2013 to 2015.



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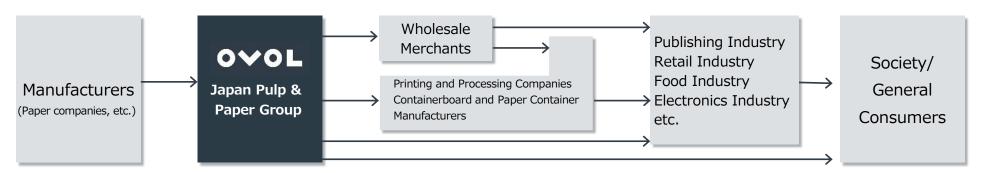
## I Overview of the Group



## **Overview of the Company**

## A dominant presence in the industry and the leading share of paper distribution in Japan

#### **Business Flow of Japan Wholesaling**



## Wholesale of Paper, Paperboard and Related Products

- The leading share in sales of paper and paperboard in Japan as a distributor for major domestic Japanese manufacturers
- Supply of a wide range of household and industrial goods and proposal of solutions, including for packaging materials, materials for electronic components, and environmentally friendly films

#### Logistics

- A network that achieves stable supplies of paper nationwide centered on the group and partner companies
- Planning and implementing rationalization and efficiency improvements that encompass shared storage and joint delivery

#### **ICT System Development**

 Sale and operation of business systems specifically for the paper industry, and development and sale of AI-driven services

A leader in paper wholesaling system infrastructure, with a dominant industry share in the number of users of our systems for paper distributors and for paper logistics



## **Corporate Philosophy and Brand**

### **Our Corporate Spirit**

(Values that our group should prioritize)

Nurture people through **integrity**, foster trust through **fairness**, support society through **harmony**.

#### **Our Mission**

(Our Group's Mission)

Carving a better future for society and the environment.

### **Our Principles**

(Actions that our group employees should actively engage in)

Change Change ourselves as society changes.

Challenge Challenge new fields with conviction and ambitious spirit.

Create Create fresh global value through diversity.

### **Corporate Slogan**

(Our Corporate Slogan)

Paper, and beyond



#### The meaning behind our Brand Logo

The two Os in the OVOL logo symbolize the global expansion of the Japan Pulp & Paper Group. The shape of the striking logo is not only reminiscent of a celestial orbit and ovals, but the repetition within the letter "O" represents a smooth and never-ending continuity, nature and familiarity, as well as the direction of the Japan Pulp and Paper Group in its global expansion, and these attributes are conveyed in a unique way that is both visual and almost aural. The letters of the logo include the word "VOL," which conveys an image of flying in languages of Latin origin such as French, and the four letters of "OVOL" represent both "the power to fly into the future" and the possibilities of a story's new beginning. The gray used as the brand color has a high affinity with other colors and is also a harmonizing color that enhances any surrounding colors. As gray is a blend of all colors, it represents the cooperative ability to bring out the best in, and bring together, others.



## Overview of the Group 1

As of March 31, 2024

History and Foundations

**Years Since Foundation** 

**179** years

**Number of Group Companies** 

127

Consecutive Years of Positive Ordinary Profit Since Listing on the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 1972

52 years

**Consolidated Financial Results** 

Revenue

JPY 534.2 billion

**Ordinary Profit** 

JPY 16.8 billion

The record high was
JPY 21.2 billion
in the fiscal year ending
March 2023.

Human Capital

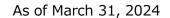
**Number of Consolidated Employees** 

4,157

Percentage of Employees Working Outside of Japan

46.5%

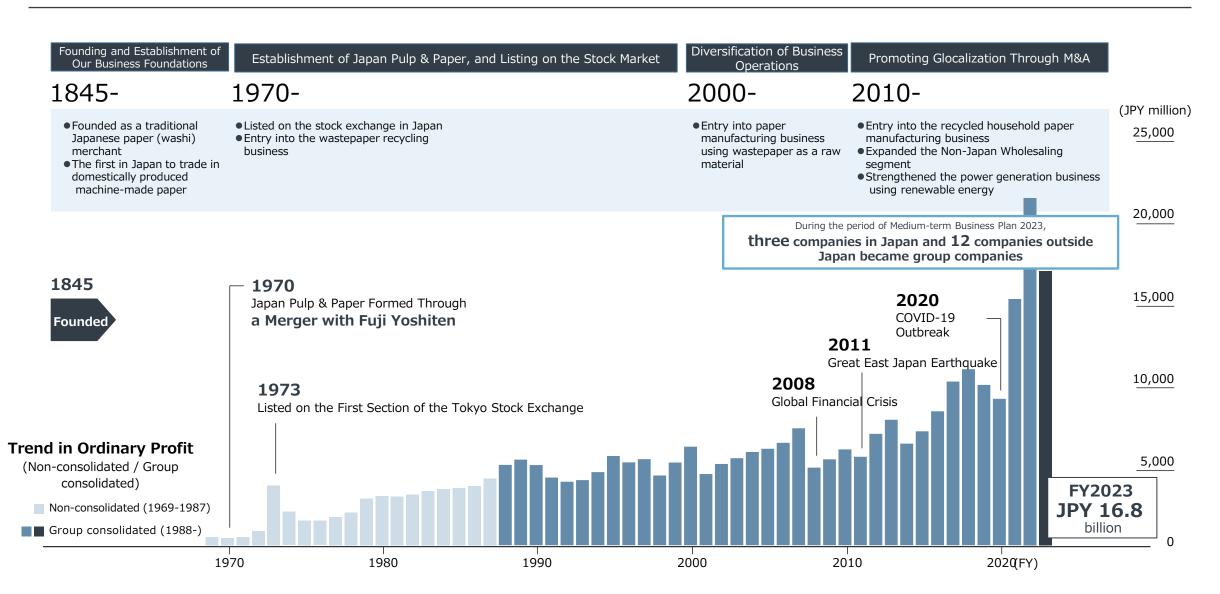
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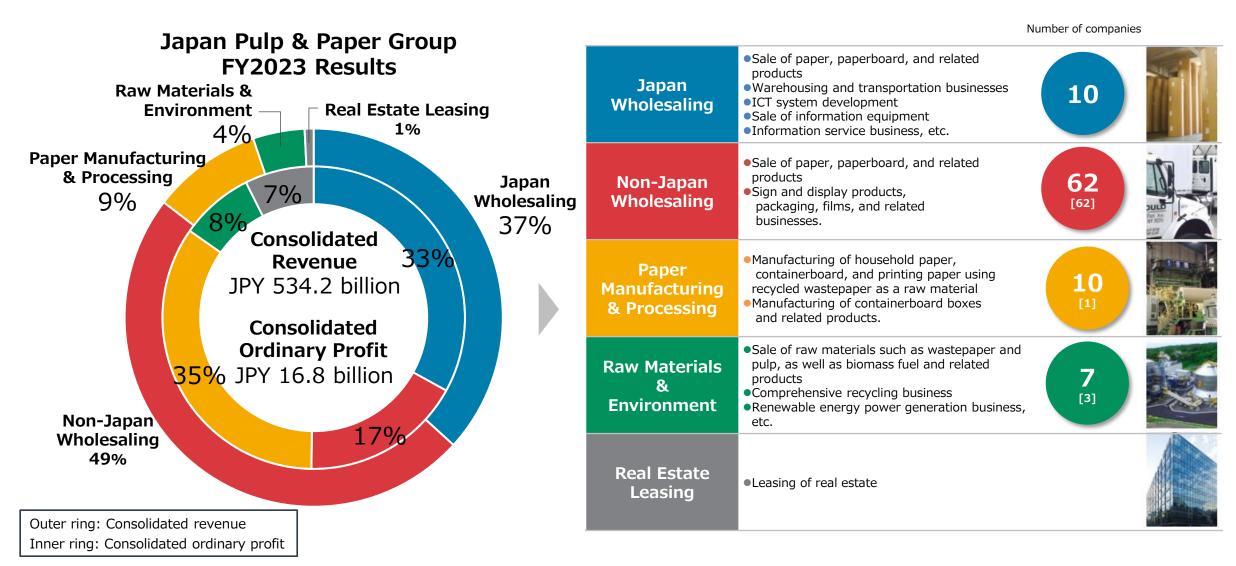




## **Our Group's History: Growth Trajectory**



#### **Business Overview**

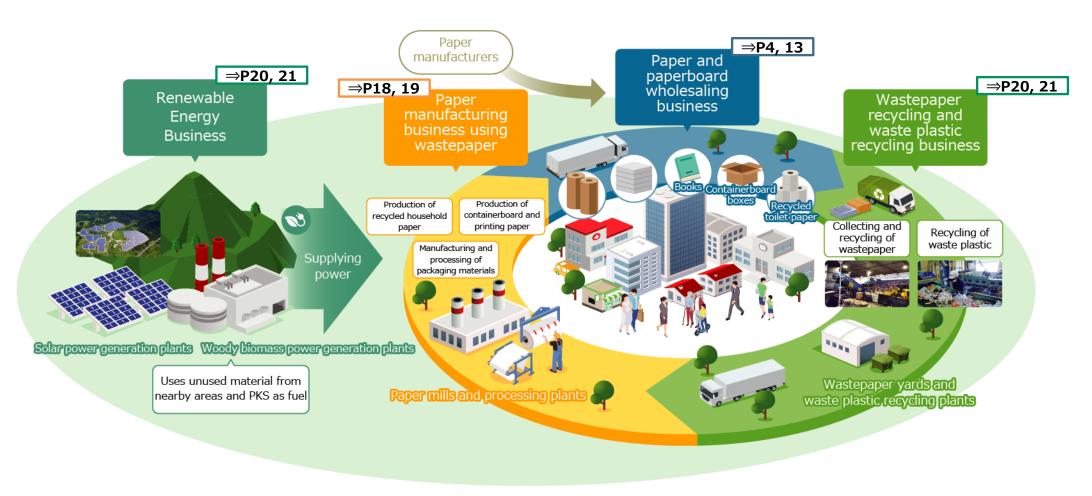


<sup>\*</sup>Simple total of individual segments, excluding adjustment items

<sup>\*</sup>The figures in [ ] indicate the number of companies outside Japan

## The Group's Business in Japan

## Diversifying around paper wholesaling and focusing on businesses that contribute to building a circular economy



## **Characteristics of the Group**

### No. 1 paper distributor in Japan

— Unrivalled No. 1 in terms of history, results, and industry credibility

As one of Japan's largest paper trading companies, we contribute toward realizing a stable business environment for paper distribution. We handle a huge variety of paper types. One of our strengths is our extensive lineup of products to suit all users, needs and applications. We can propose various patterns even for vague requests, and if there is no optimal product, we can plan and develop a new product that meets your needs.

### Global company that aims to become the world's leading paper distribution group

— We operate a paper wholesaling business rooted in each country and region-unparalleled globally

After the Pacific War, the group re-entered markets outside of Japan in 1955, and has accelerated its expansion outside Japan since the 2000s. Currently, the group's paper and paperboard distribution network has expanded to more than 60 cities, covering major markets around the world. Currently, the group operates paper wholesaling businesses with inventory and delivery functions in the U.S., the U.K., Ireland, Germany, France, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and India, and has established a system to ensure the stable supply of products throughout each region. This has allowed us to extend our range of services beyond B to B business with factories, now including the delivery of products such as office paper, packaging, labels, and films to users.

Recently, we have also been actively expanding our sign and display sales, including outdoor advertising, facility signage, and POP displays.

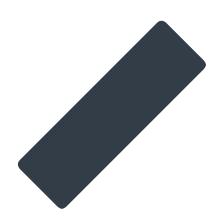
## Developing a circular economy is the mission of a company that handles paper

— We believe in the unlimited possibilities of paper and pursue "Paper, and beyond"

We not only sell paper, an environmentally friendly and sustainable material, but also engage in circular business activities such as wastepaper collection and recycling. Starting with the Corelex Group, which boasts the leading share in Japan for recycled household paper, we have expanded into the paper manufacturing business, producing containerboard and printing paper using recycled recovered paper as a raw material. Furthermore, the group has diversified its business into recycling waste plastic and generating electricity using renewable energy sources such as solar power and wood biomass. We contribute to resource recycling and environmental impact reduction in various ways.



## **III** Introduction to the Group's Business



## **Japan Wholesaling Segment Topics**

#### Products Handled

Graphic paper for books, publications, catalogs, flyers, etc.



Containerboard and other packaging papers Functional materials and Packaging materials, including containerboard and films





industrial materials necessary in the production process



Paper products for offices and households





### Three Initiatives to Promote Awareness of the Value of Paper

At OVOL Bridges 2023, a forum for executives of paper merchants in Japan, we presented three initiatives to promote awareness of the value of paper. We plan to take concrete action on these initiatives.

Initiatives we are undertaking with paper wholesalers across the country:

- On-site classes nationwide
- Regular workshops
- Start of paper study group

#### **Environmentally Friendly Products**

We propose and provide various environmentally friendly products according to the requests of customers to address environmental issues, including the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and plastic use.







#### 紙と倒る、ひとつ先の未来



#### Paper&Green

We operate a website to sell environmentally friendly products and propose solutions.





### Reduction of Environmental Impact When Transporting Paper

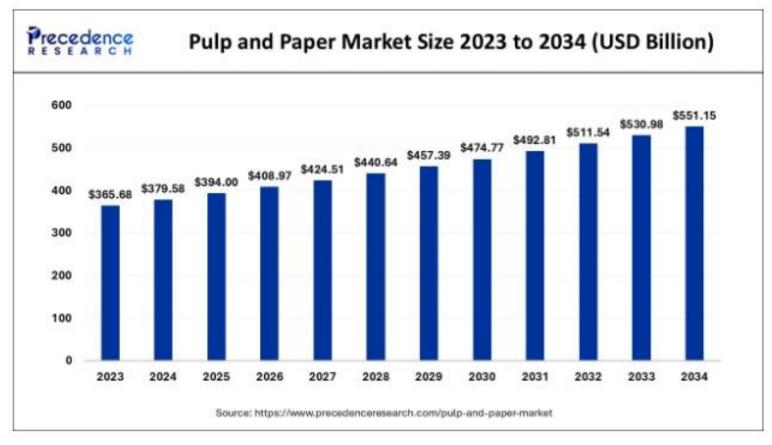
We were the first in the paper transport industry to introduce small electric trucks that eliminate exhaust emissions during transport, enabling zeroemissions.

The trucks are equipped with state-of-the-art technology to support safe driving.



## Forecast for the Global Pulp and Paper Market Size

In Japan, there are concerns about a decline in paper demand due to the advancement of digitalization and a declining population, but the global paper and pulp market is forecast to continue to expand gradually.



According to a survey by Precedence Research, the global pulp and paper market is estimated to be USD 379.58 billion in 2024 and is expected to grow at an average annual rate of +3.8% from 2024 to 2034, reaching approximately USD 551.15 billion in 2034.



## Non-Japan Wholesaling: Business Overview

#### Global and cross-border business rooted in multiple countries and regions

## **Business Model of Non-Japan Wholesaling Business**

We develop business that leverages the inventory and distribution functions of our operating bases by utilizing global supply sources.



#### Notable Markets

#### Sign & display market

- Outdoor advertising, wrapping advertising on cars, etc. - Facility signage - POP displays
- Traffic signs



#### Items We Sell

- Printers

- Technical services

- Paper

- Film media
- Ink and other supplies

#### **Packaging market**

- Light packaging Heavy packaging
- Flexible packaging



- Items We Sell
- Paper products such as shipping boxes and decorative boxes
- Molded pulp containers Cushioning material
- Flexible packaging film used in food, pharmaceuticals, etc.



## **Globalization Status of the Company**

As one of the world's leading distribution companies in the paper industry, we have built a global procurement and supply system

Ratio of Revenue Outside of Japan

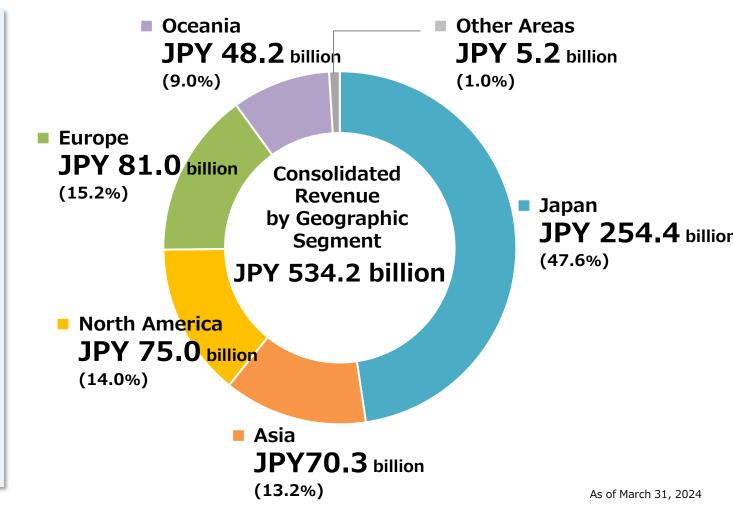
**52.4**%

Countries and Regions in Which We Do Business

Trading Partner
Countries and
Regions
(including
Japan)

**61** 

Percentage of Employees
Working
Outside of Japan
46.5%





## Major Sites of the Non-Japan Wholesaling Segment

#### **OVOL USA (Gould Paper)**

- A leading paper distribution group in the U.S., with its head office in New York
- With sites mainly on the East Coast and in the South, the group also operates in the U.K. and France
- In 2023, the group acquired a French company that handles communication paper and industrial paper, strengthening its sales structure in Europe











#### **Ball & Doggett Group**

- This is one of Oceania's largest paper distribution groups, with its head office in Melbourne
- Operates as Ball & Doggett in Australia and BJ Ball in New Zealand
- Due to the low domestic production rate of paper and paperboard in both countries, they are highly dependent on imports, especially in the printing and communication paper sector, hence the group plays an important role as a paper distributor
- In addition, the group will expand the business domain by strengthening sales of sign & display products, flexible packaging, etc.











#### **Premier Paper Group**

- A leading paper distribution group in the U.K., with its head office in Birmingham
- Like the Oceania region, the U.K. relies heavily on imports for paper and paperboard, so paper distribution companies with inventory and logistics functions play an important role
- Expanding business areas such as strengthening handling of sign & display products and flexible packaging, and entering the packaging manufacturing and sales business
- Acquired an Irish company in 2022 to strengthen supply capabilities by utilizing our group's procurement base













## Paper Manufacturing & Processing: Business Overview

## Optimizes the group's raw material procurement, manufacturing, and sales supply chain

#### **Corrugated Container Business**

A comprehensive packaging supplier, from containerboard manufacturing to sheet and case processing

- Promotes the establishment of a comprehensive packaging supply structure by developing a paper manufacturing business that manufactures containerboard and a processing business that manufactures corrugated container products
- Pursues development of environmentally friendly products using recovered paper as a raw material Develops environmentally friendly businesses by utilizing renewable energy sources such as biomass power generation in manufacturing
- Continues investments for efficient production and ensuring safety





#### Recycled Household Paper Business

Contributes to the effective use of limited resources and the reduction of paper waste by recycling difficult-to-recycle wastepaper using superior recycling technology

- Manufactures household paper, including recycled toilet paper and recycled tissues
- Recycles wastepaper that is difficult for other companies to recycle by using superior wastepaper recycling and processing technology
- Boasts high domestic Japanese market share in recycled toilet paper owing to proprietary technology and product development strengths
- As toilet paper is not recyclable, it is important to use limited resources effectively.







## Paper Manufacturing & Processing: Major Subsidiaries

\* Bogus paper: Paper cushioning material for packaging that is made from recycled paper.

#### Containerboard business

#### **Taiho Paper**

Based in Gifu Prefecture, Taiho Paper manufactures containerboard using recovered paper as its main raw material. The company has established a production system that uses steam and electricity from biomass power generation, using 100% renewable energy for electricity used in the mill.



#### **Eco Paper JP**

In Aichi Prefecture, Eco Paper JP manufactures containerboard using recovered paper as a raw material, paper for publications, and bogus paper. The company is reducing CO2 emissions in various ways, including biomass power generation, effective use of steam, and the adoption of renewable energy sources electricity.



#### **Showa Packaging Industry**

In Gifu and Aichi prefectures, Showa Packaging Industry conducts business as a total packaging manufacturer of corrugated container sheets, boxes, paper containers, decorative corrugated containers, and more.



#### Misuzushigyo

In Osaka and Kanagawa prefectures, Misuzushigyo manufactures packaging materials such as corrugated container sheets and boxes. At its head office/Osaka factory, it has boosted production speed and improved printing precision with the introduction of state-of-the-art, high-speed machines.



#### **Oriental Asahi JP**

Oriental Asahi JP Carton Box supplies high-quality corrugated container boxes to Japanese companies in Indonesia, with multiproduct, small-lot, and just-in-time production. The company has further improved production with the start of operations at a new factory in 2021.



### Recycled household paper business

#### **Corelex Group**

With production bases in Shizuoka, Kanagawa and Hokkaido prefectures, the Corelex Group manufactures recycled toilet rolls and recycled tissues with its advanced recovered paper recycling and processing technology and its unique product development capabilities, including coreless toilet rolls. The group is reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions with aggressive energy-saving measures.

In addition, it contributes to local communities by providing stable supplies to affected areas in times of disaster, in cooperation with group companies and partner factories.



#### **Toilet Trailer**

When a disaster occurs, JP Household Supply sends the mobile toilet trailers it sells to affected areas through a mutual aid network with local governments and disaster relief organizations.





### Raw Materials & Environment: Business Overview

## Engages in initiatives to recycle and circulate resources to promote a circular economy

#### Recovered Paper Recycling Business

Promotes recycling of recovered paper for use as a raw material for paper manufacturing

- A quality-focused recovered paper recycling business that delivers stable supplies to paper manufacturers in Japan
- Establishing a recovered paper business network covering all of Japan, centered on Fukudasansho
- Promoting the recycling of recovered paper as a raw material for paper manufacturing with a global perspective from operating bases outside Japan in the U.S. and India
- Promoting a circular economy together with group paper manufacturing companies



#### Comprehensive Recycling Business

Recycles plastic waste, wastepaper, and wood-based waste

- Automated sorting by optical sorters, washing, and pelletization of plastic waste that is difficult to separate
- Manufacturing of solid fuels from composite plastics, which are difficult to separate into different materials
- Manufacturing of wood fuel from wood-based waste and logging residues



#### Renewable Energy Business

Provides stable supplies of clean and safe electric power

- Solar and woody biomass power generation business
- Collection and export of palm kernel shells (PKS) in Malaysia



#### Foundation for Environment-Related Businesses

Manufacturing bases using recovered paper as raw material

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Renewable energy business sites\*1

Recycling business sites\*2

2

Our goals is to contribute to a sustainable society and the global environment by developing environment-related businesses, including recycling businesses such as recovered-paper recycling and power generation businesses using renewable energy.

<sup>\*1:</sup> Three renewable energy generation sites and three PKS inventory sites \*2: One comprehensive recycling business site and 26 recovered-paper yards



## Raw Materials & Environment: Major Subsidiaries

#### Recovered Paper Recycling Business

#### **Fukudasansho**

- Leading recovered paper trading company in Japan
- Wastepaper recovery network centered on the Chubu region
- Extensive branch network to provide stable supplies of top-quality recovered paper resources



#### **Eco-Port Kyushu**

- Operates a comprehensive recycling business in Kumamoto Prefecture where it processes plastic containers, packaging, and confidential documents, and also manufactures RPF and wood pellets. It is one of Japan's leading facilities for material separation of plastic containers and packaging
- Plans are in place to build a second factory to handle the increase in plastic waste recycling volume associated with the New Plastic Law in Japan.



#### Renewable Energy Business

#### **Eco Power JP**

- Solar power generation plant located in Kushiro, Hokkaido, which has long hours of daylight in summer and a high percentage of sunny days.
- Power output: 20 MW



#### **Noda Bio Power JP**

- Operates a woody biomass power generation plant located in the village of Noda in Iwate Prefecture
- As a business contributing to the reconstruction of Noda, which was devastated by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami, it is contributing to the area through employment and the recovery of nearby forestry
- Utilizes unused material from nearby forests, tree bark, PKS, etc., for fuel.



#### **OVOL New Energy Sdn. Bhd.**

- Operates a PKS collection and sales business in Malaysia.
- Owns stockyards in Port Klang, Malaysia's largest trading port, as well as two other locations. Collects and sorts palm kernel shells (PKS) from oil palm at oil mills and exports it to overseas markets. Also supplies PKS to Noda Biopower JP, our subsidiary that operates a woody biomass power plant.



\*RPF: High-grade solid fuel made mainly from recovered paper and plastics, which are among the most difficult industrial wastes to recycle.

PKS: The palm kernel shells of oil palms, which are the byproduct of extracting palm oil.



## **Real Estate Leasing: Business Overview**

## Creates a stable revenue base by effectively utilizing our real estate holdings in prime locations in Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, and other major cities

#### **Main Rental Properties**

Name	Location	Number of Floors	Purposes	Completed
Nihombashi Nichigin-Dori Building	Tokyo	8 floors above ground	Offices, Shops	September 2014
OVOL Nihonbashi Building	Tokyo	15 floors above ground and 3 below	Offices Hotel, Shops	June 2018
OVOL Kyoto Ekimae Building	Kyoto	10 floors about ground and 1 rooftop facility	Hotel	March 2019
Cerulean Homes Kachidoki	Tokyo	26 floors above ground and 1 below	Apartments, Shops	March 2001
Osaka JP Building	Osaka	8 floors above ground and 2 below	Offices Shops	October 1972



Nihombashi Nichigin-Dori Building



OVOL Nihonbashi Building



OVOL Kyoto Ekimae Building



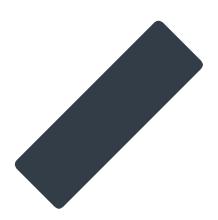
Cerulean Homes Kachidoki



Osaka JP Building



## **III** The Group's Growth Strategy



## **OVOL Vision 2030: Paper, and beyond**

The World's Leading Paper Distribution Group

We will refine our know-how and network cultivated over more than 170 years in the paper and paperboard wholesaling business to become recognized as the world's leading paper distribution group.

[Key point] Rather than aiming to be the world's largest in terms of sales volume, we aim to become the most highly functional and trusted distribution group globally

A Group That Contributes to a Sustainable Society and the Global Environment

In addition to our core paper and paperboard wholesaling business, through the recycling of recovered paper and other materials, paper manufacturing, and our renewable energy businesses, we will become a corporate group with an acute awareness of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that further contributes to a sustainable society and the global environment.

[Key point] This reflects the group's commitment to realizing a circular economy

A Corporate Group That Strives to Be Considered a Trustworthy and Engaging Partner Both Within and Beyond the Paper Industry

We will strive to become widely recognized and well thought of within society for our corporate excellence.

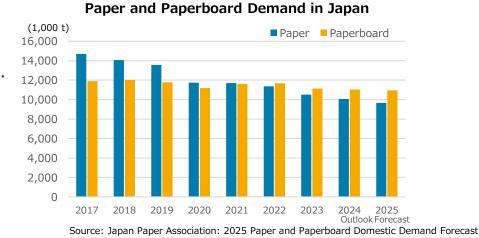
[Key point] We will continue to create value that meets not only the expectations of the paper industry but also those of our various stakeholders

Quantitative target for FY2030 Consolidated ordinary profit of JPY 25.0 billion

#### **Business Environment**

#### Japan

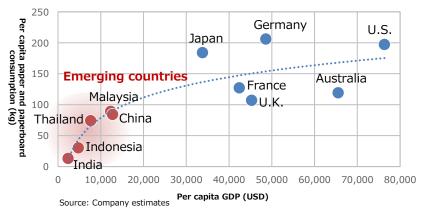
- Japan's paper and paperboard market remains the world's third largest, after China and the U.S., with annual consumption of approximately 21 million tons.
- Demand for graphic paper continues to decrease due to structural issues, mainly digitalization and the declining birthrate.
- Demand for packaging paper is firm due to the spread of e-commerce and increased demand from visitors to Japan.
- Demand for switching to paper instead of plastic packaging is increasing



#### Non-Japan

- Consumption in countries/regions where we have major operating bases was 60 million tons in the U.S., 17 million tons in Germany, 9 million tons in France, 7 million tons in the U.K., and 4 million tons in Oceania.
- In developed countries, demand for graphic paper continues to decline, but demand for packaging paper is strong
- Paper and paperboard demand is expected to increase with rising living standards due to population growth and economic development in emerging countries and changes in the industrial structure due to industrialization.

#### Per Capita Paper and Paperboard Consumption and GDP (2022)





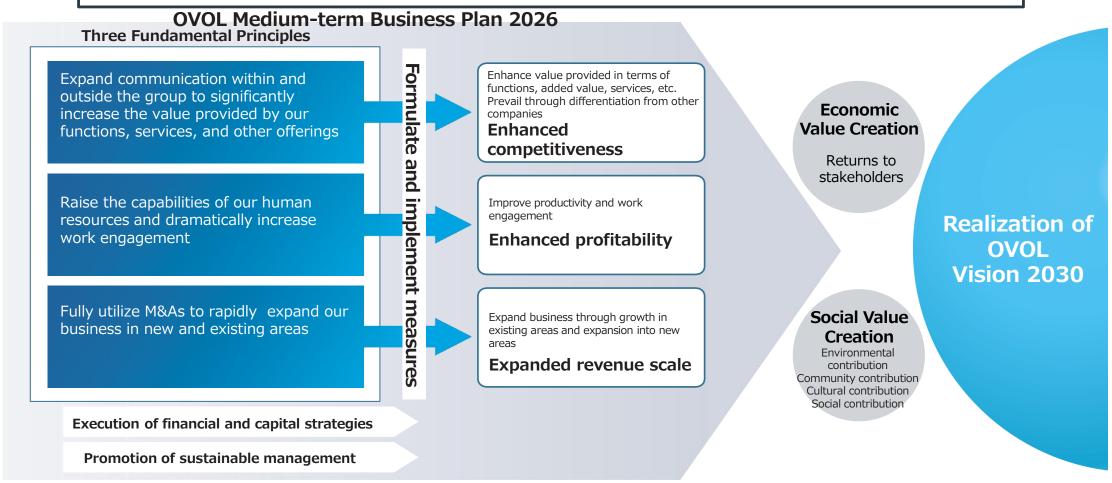
## Positioning of OVOL Medium-term Business Plan 2026

Three years of developing specific mechanisms and initiatives to create economic and social value toward the realization of OVOL Vision 2030 antitative targe FY2026 OVOL Consolidated Consolidated **Ordinary Profit** Vision **Ordinary Profit Target** 2030 **Medium-term** JPY 22.0 **Business Plan 2026** Formulate and implement pioneering measures FY2023 and initiatives to realize Consolidated **Ordinary Profit of OVOL Vision 2030** The value creation necessary to Medium-term achieve our objectives **Business Plan** Requirements necessary to realize OVOL Vision 2030 2023 Expanded Enhanced **Enhanced** A period in which to take on competitiveness profitability revenue scale **Economic** Social Value challenges for new value creation Value Creation Environmental Three elements achieved Creation contribution Community Returns to Stable Robust stakeholders Cultural contribution Formulation of three fundamental principles global financial Social contribution earning platform strength power



## **Fundamental Principles of OVOL Medium-term Business Plan 2026**

## We are formulating and implementing measures based on three fundamental principles to realize the OVOL Vision 2030



### Main Results in the First Fiscal Year of the Medium-term Business Plan

## Promotion of strategic M&A in parallel with complementary M&A in peripheral areas

## A total of six companies were added to the group in Germany, France and Portugal in FY2024

- With these companies joining the group, we have established a logistics network that covers the entire area of both Germany and France.
- Utilizing this logistics network, we will work to expand our wholesale business in continental Europe.
  - √ Graphic paper
  - √ Sale of sign & display related products
  - √ Sale of packaging materials in Germany
- Germany: 3 companies

Sales: EUR 550 million (approximately JPY 89.2 billion)

Number of employees: Approximately 480

France: 2 companies

Sales: EUR 208 million (approximately JPY 33.7

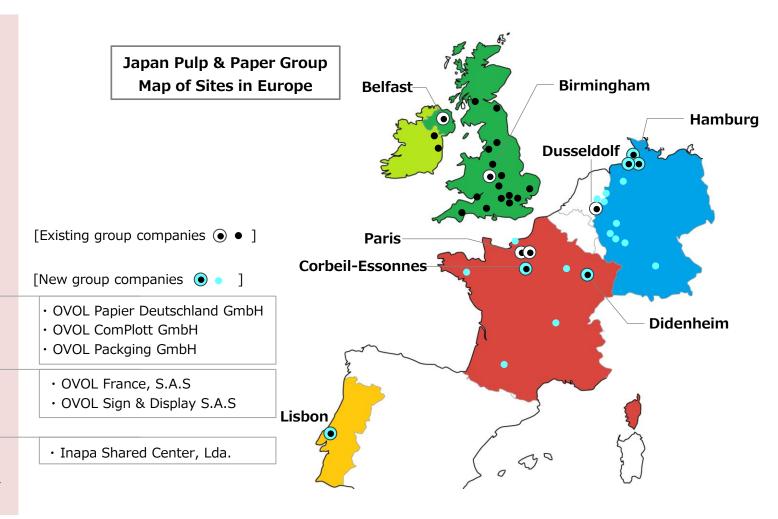
billion)

Number of employees: Approximately 220

Portugal: 1 company

Shared services business in Germany and France

\*EUR 1 = JPY 162, both figures are for the fiscal year ending December 2023



## **Shareholder Return Policy**

## Deliver proactive shareholder returns to meet market expectations

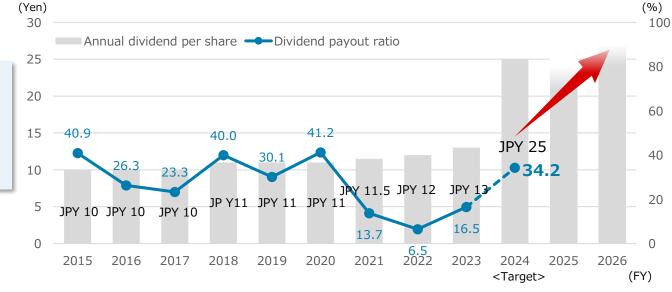
Shareholder return policy during the 2026 medium-term period

Dividend	Pay a progressive dividend based on a consolidated payout ratio of 30% or more
Stock buybacks	Dynamic and flexible

#### **Shareholder benefits**

All shareholders who hold 5 units (500 shares) or more and are recorded in our shareholder register as of March 31 will receive the following in Japan.

Annual dividend ratio and consolidated dividend payout



<sup>\*</sup>Due to the 1:10 stock split carried out at the end of September 2024, dividend amounts in FY2024 and prior are shown after stock adjustment.

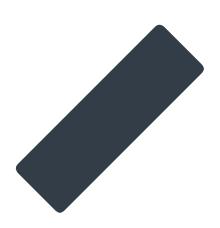




## [Reference] Our Stock Price Trends (Past 10 Years, Monthly)







## Consolidated Financial Targets of OVOL Medium-term Business Plan 2026

- Achieve consolidated ordinary profit of JPY 22.0 billion surpassing the previous record high.
- Realize ROE of 8% or more, ROA of 5% or more, and ROIC of 7% or more through greater awareness of the cost of capital
- Maintain or improve "A" credit rating, secure funding capacity, and utilize financial leverage while keeping the net D/E ratio at 1.0x or less

#### **Consolidated Financial Targets**

	FY2020 Results	FY2021 Results	FY2022 Results	FY2023 Results	FY2026 Targets
Consolidated Ordinary Profit	JPY 8.9 billion	JPY 15.1 billion	JPY 21.2 billion	JPY 16.8 billion	JPY 22.0 b
ROE <sup>*1</sup> (Return on Equity)	4.5%	13.0%	24.0%	8.4%	8.0% or r
ROA*² (Return on Assets)	2.7%	4.6%	5.9%	4.4%	<b>5.0%</b> or r
ROIC*3 (Return on Invested Capital)	3.7%	5.7%	7.5%	6.2%	<b>7.0</b> % or n
Net D/E Ratio*4	1.23x	1.06x	0.66x	0.59x	1.0x or l

**Regarding the FY2026 target for the net D/E ratio:** We set the ratio target at 1.0x or less to allow for flexibility in growth investments while maintaining financial soundness



<sup>\*</sup>Exchange rate assumptions for FY2026: JPY 141.83 to USD 1, JPY 180.68 to GBP 1, JPY 96.94 to AUD 1 (as of December 31, 2023)

<sup>\*1</sup> Profit attributable to owners of parent ÷ Equity (average of beginning and ending balances)

<sup>\*2</sup> Ordinary profit ÷ Total assets (average of beginning and ending balances)

<sup>\*3</sup> NOPAT (Net ordinary profit after tax [before interest expense]) ÷ Invested capital (Interest bearing debt + Equity [average of beginning and ending balances])

<sup>\*4 (</sup>Interest-bearing debt - Cash and deposits)  $\div$  Equity

## **Necessary Conditions for Realizing OVOL Vision 2030 and Our Business Strategies by Segment**

	Expand business through growth in existing areas and expansion into new areas Expanded revenue scale	-	of functions, added value, services, ciation from other companies npetitiveness		and work engagement profitability
Japan Wholesaling	Use M&As and alliances to expand busine	ss areas and strengthen to Differentiate ourselves from competitors by promoting our capabilities and value	he supply chain  Expand sales of household paper and high-performance/high- value-added products		Challenge, Create) t of employees
Non-Japan Wholesaling	Continue to execute complementary M&As	Expand sales of high-value- added products	Continue to invest in lo and informat		Implement training programs Secure and develop human resources with expertise
Paper Manufacturing & Processing	Expanding procurement and logistics network through alliances	Realization of operation and sales at full capacity in the containerboard business	Improve brand strength and expand sales in the household paper business	Reduce CO <sub>2</sub> emissions, conserve energy, and improve efficiency through DX utilization	Develop and secure manufacturing management talent
Raw Materials & Environment	Maximize existing businesses and enter new areas  Expand business scale	with new investments		Expand revenue through information sharing and mutual collaboration among group companies	Develop and secure human resources who are knowledgeable about operations and facilities
Real Estate Leasing	Formulate and implement plans for older properties			Optimize the real estate portfolio	Properly manage and maximize the value of key properties



## Sustainable Management Initiatives in Medium-term Business Plan 2026

#### Strengthening Human Capital

Strengthen human capital, our greatest form of management capital, and foster a corporate culture in which diverse human resources can make the most of their individual qualities and continue to take on challenges

- Analyze the future talent gap, and carry on recruiting, development, and placement with a dynamic portfolio
- Increase employee engagement to energize our workforce and organization and raise productivity
- Raise the skill level of employees and enhance training to develop human resources with expertise

Indicator	KPI (Japan Pulp & Paper Targets)
Percentage of eligible male employees taking childcare leave (includes the company's unique leave system)	<b>100%</b> (FY2023: 76.9%)
Employee engagement rating	BBB or higher (FY2023: B)*1
Training expenses	2 times or mare (s
Training expenses	3 times or more (Compared with FY2023)
Percentage of leave taken	80% or more (FY2023: 79.0%)

<sup>\*1:</sup> The current B rating is the sixth of the eleven engagement rating levels. Our target is a BBB rating, which is two levels higher.

#### Toward Achieving Carbon Neutrality

Japan Pulp & Paper Group Medium- and Long-term Reduction Targets for Greenhouse Gas Emissions

#### **Medium-term Target**

Achieve a 50% reduction from FY2019 levels by FY2030

\*Scope of targets: Scope 1 and 2 emissions for Japan Pulp & Paper and its consolidated subsidiaries

#### Long-term Target

Achieve carbon neutrality by 2050

Priority Measures Pursue further improvement of production efficiency in Paper Manufacturing & Processing segment

Promote thorough energy savings

Switch to renewable energy

#### Response to Business and Human Rights

- 1. Fostering and instilling a culture of respect for human rights
- 2. Implementation of human rights due diligence and identification and improvement of risks
- 3. Implementation of complaint handling mechanism

#### Strengthen the Environmental and Occupational Safety Compliance Systems

- 1. Establishment and operation of a three-tier supervisory system (group companies, the Environment & Safety Promotion Office, and external organizations)
- 2. Enhancement of awareness of the environment and occupational safety among group employees through activities of OVOL Environment & Safety Meetings

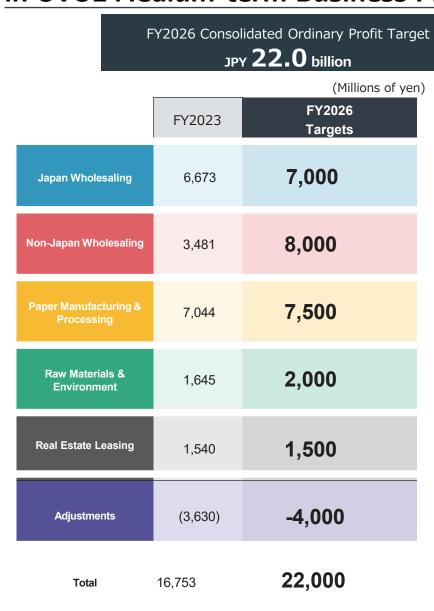
#### Strengthen Risk Management

- Identify risks that could impact business activities through risk assessment, and formulate/implement countermeasures
- 2. Revision of the business continuity plan (BCP)
- 3. Enhancement of initiatives to ensure compliance

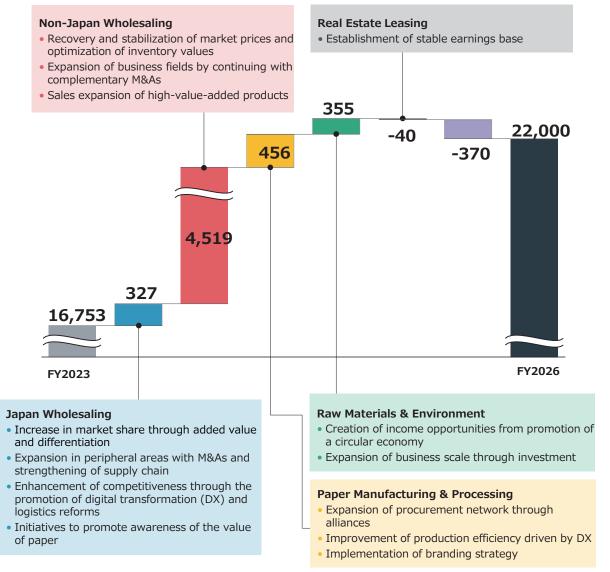


<sup>\*2:</sup> The ratio of female employees in career track positions at the company was 9.2% as of April 1, 2024. We have set the above target to increase the ratio of women in career track positions.

## Causes of Increase/Reduction in Consolidated Ordinary Profit Target in OVOL Medium-term Business Plan 2026



#### FY2026 Ordinary Profit Target Change Analysis (Compared with FY2023)



## Financial and Capital Strategies: Cash Allocation

## Invest in growth and deliver proactive shareholder returns by expanding cash flow and utilizing financial leverage

Growth investment capacity until net D/E ratio reaches 1.0x: Cumulative 3-year Cash Allocation JPY 120.0 billion<sup>1</sup> JPY 80.0 billion in growth investments M&As and other initiatives to become the unrivaled No. 1 paper distribution group in Japan Initiatives to promote awareness of the value of paper Growth Research and development of logistics reforms (energy savings, unmanned operation, joint Cash Flow from **Investments** deliveries with different industries) Operating JPY 80.0 billion Continue to execute complementary M&As in peripheral areas Activities Continue to invest in logistics infrastructure and information system JPY 50.0 billion Strengthen the corrugated container manufacturing and processing business Strengthen the household paper business through alliances Expand business scale (plastic recycling, biomass power generation fuels) External Financing Infrastructure Investments (Maintenance and renovation of facilities) Redevelop older properties (Osaka JP Building, Kyoto Nakai Building) 畾 JPY 10.0 billion **Asset Sales** Shareholder (Reduction of crossustainabilit Human capital investment, environmental investment, DX investment shareholdings) Returns Proactive dividend policy and acquisition of treasury stock Cash Out Cash In

<sup>\*1:</sup> The group will respond with agility to growth investment opportunities such as M&As, utilizing financial leverage up to a net D/E ratio of 1.0x



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