CREATE SD HOLDINGS

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FYE 5/2019 Results



1. Profit and Loss Statement (Consolidated)

	FYE 5/20 (consolida		FYE 5/2019 (consolidated)			
	(million yen)	Share (%)	(million yen)	Share (%)	YoY change (%)	% of adjustment in projection (%)
Net sales	268,161	100.0	286,299	100.0	106.8	98.4
Gross profit	73,681	27.5	78,953	27.6	107.2	98.1
SG&A expenses	59,819	22.3	64,711	22.6	108.2	98.2
Operating profit	13,861	5.2	14,241	5.0	102.7	97.7
Recurring profit	14,236	5.3	14,623	5.1	102.7	98.1
Net profit	9,540	3.6	9,719	3.4	101.9	99.4



2. Balance Sheet (Consolidated)

		End of FYE 5/2018 (Consolidated)	End of FYE 5/2019 (Consolidated)	Change
	Total assets	121,412	133,315	+11,902
	Current assets	71,212	75,763	+4,551
	Fixed assets	50,200	57,551	+7,351
	Total liabilities	52,035	56,426	+4,391
	Current liabilities	47,019	50,718	+3,699
	Fixed liabilities	5,015	5,707	+691
7	Fotal net assets	69,377	76,889	+7,511
Total liabilities and net assets		121,412	133,315	+11,902

(million yen)



3. New Store Openings

OTC: 44 store openings (plan: 52 stores) / Prescription drug stores: 25 store openings (plan: 25 stores)

		Kanagawa	Tokyo	Shizuoka	Chiba	Other	Total
	отс	23	6	7	4	4	44
Number of store openings	In-store pharmacies	: 15	5	2	1	2	25

Store closuresOTC: 4 storesContract expiration: 2 storesImprovement of management efficiency: 2 storesPrescription drug stores2 storesContract expiration: 1 store (in-store pharmacy)Improvement ofmanagement efficiency: 1 store (dedicated prescription drug store)

- Continued to carry out dominant store openings
- Store openings (new types of business)

 \Rightarrow 2 Cremo stores/2 joint store openings with other types of business

• Opened 25 prescription drug stores (in-store pharmacies) as planned

		Kanagawa	Tokyo	Shizuoka	Chiba	Other	Total
May 31,	OTC	337	99	83	39	41	599
	In-store pharmacies	105	30	18	9	11	173
2019	Rate of pharmacy establishment in OTC stores	31.2%	30.3%	21.7%	23.1%	26.8%	28.9%
Number of stores	Dedicated prescription drug stores	25	6	0	2	2	35
	Total number of stores	362	105	83	41	43	634



3. New Store Openings

Cremo: 2 stores





■ Joint Store Openings with Other Types of Business: 2 stores

• Attract specialty stores handling 3 types of perishables inside Create stores









4. Renovation of Existing Stores

■OTC: 30 stores

- Focus on health & beauty: 11 stores
 - \Rightarrow (1) Renovation of non-food stores and shopping center stores (2) Renew old types of MD
- Optimization of perishables sections: 19 stores
 - \Rightarrow Increase or decrease perishables sections flexibly depending on store locations and needs

Prescription drug stores: 8 stores

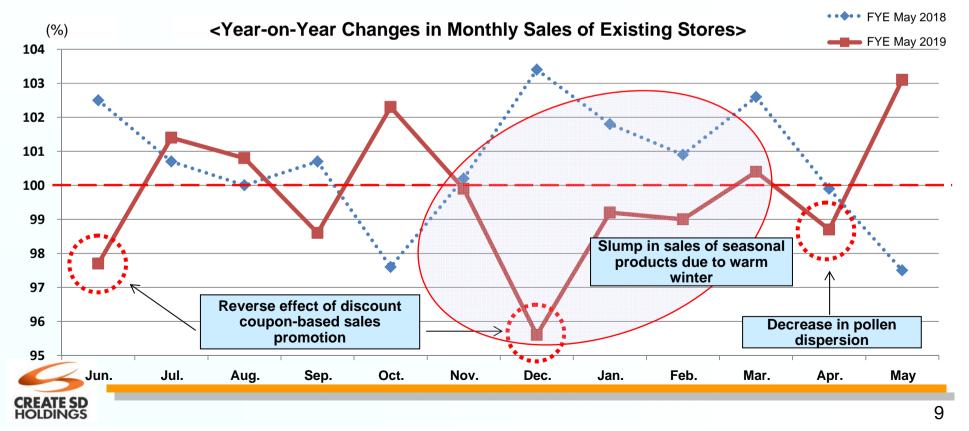
- Renovation in response to collaborations with medical institutions: 3 stores
- Extension of pharmacies and customer waiting space in response to increase in number of prescriptions: 3 stores
- Installation of sterile dispensary in response to increase in demand for home medical care, and extension of pharmacies: 2 stores



Net Sales

106.8% vs. previous year (98.4% vs. plan), 99.7% vs. previous year for existing stores

- Reverse effect owing to discount coupon-based sales promotion in previous June/December
- Slump in sales of seasonal products due to adverse weather, including heatwave and warm winter, and decrease in pollen dispersion
- Delay in store openings/Internal competition



Net Sales

- Sales by segment are driven by specialties (prescriptions) and convenience (foods)
- Prescription Department's sales composition ratio increased 0.6 points to 8.7%

	FYE 5/20 ⁻	18	FYE	5/2019		
	Net sales	Share	Net sales	Share	YoY change	
	(million yen)	(%)	(million yen)	(%)	(%)	
Medical and health products	65,044	24.4	69,940	24.6	107.5	
(O T C)	43,388	16.3	45,305	15.9	104.4	
(Prescription)	21,655	8.1	24,635	8.7	113.8	
Cosmetics	37,449	14.1	39,307	13.8	105.0	
Food products	104,819	39.4	112,939	39.7	107.7	
Daily products	43,932	16.5	46,255	16.3	105.3	
Other	14,987	5.6	15,828	5.6	105.6	
Total	266,233	100.0	284,270	100.0	106.8	

* "Other" includes items such as stationery, baby products, clothing, pet products, gardening products, and film development services.



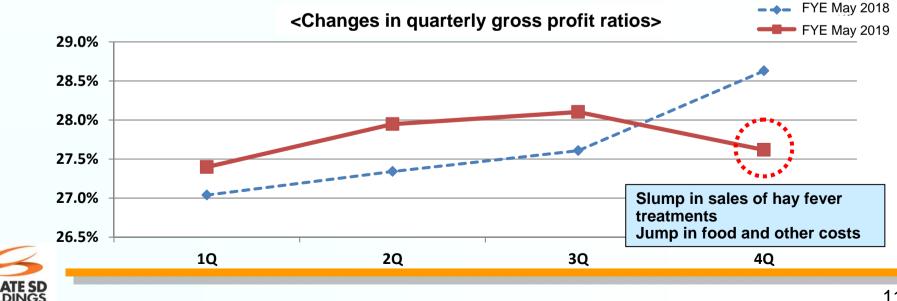
Gross Profit Ratio

■ Gross profit ratio 27.8% +0.1 point vs. previous year, ±0.0 points vs. plan Improvement factors>

- Review of sales promotion measures (switch from discount coupon-based sales promotion to pointsbased sales promotion to maintain frequency of store visits)
- Growth in dispensing sales share
- Streamlining of logistics
- Improvement in merchandise purchasing

<Factors for worsened 4Q performance>

- Slump in sales of seasonal products due to warm winter and decreased pollen dispersion
- Jump in food and other costs



SG&A Ratio

SG&A ratio 23.08% +0.31 points vs. previous year, -0.05 points vs. plan. Personnel expense ratio: 11.94%, +0.19 points vs. previous year, -0.14 points vs. plan

Other expense ratio: 11.14%, +0.12 points vs. previous year, +0.10 points vs. plan

<Personnel expense ratio factors behind increase vs. previous year>

• Increase in unit labor costs (employee wage and hourly pay increases)

<Personnel expense ratio factors behind increase vs. plan>

- Review of standards for personnel allocation to match location environment and products handled for each store
- Control of working hours at existing stores: 97.0% vs. previous year

<Factors for increased other expense ratio>

- Rent expenses
 - \Rightarrow Increase in rent expenses per store
- Utilities expenses
 - \Rightarrow Increase in unit fuel adjustment costs mainly due to sharp oil price rises/Increases in
 - basic utility charges and utility usage due to summer heatwave



Prescription Department

- Prescription drug unit prices fell due to the NHI price revisions
- The number of prescriptions remained strong due to the widespread acceptance of prescriptions
- Gross profit ratios are improving due to dispensing fee revisions

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	FYE May 2018 Full-year Actual	FYE May 2019 1H Actual	YoY change (%)	FYE May 2019 2H Actual	YoY change (%)	FYE May 2019 Full-year Actual	YoY change (%)
Sales - All stores (Million yen)	21,655	11,448	112.4	13,186	115.0	24,635	113.8
Number of prescriptions (1,000 cases)	2,410	1,319	117.6	1,479	114.8	2,799	116.1
Prescription drug unit price (Yen)	8,837	8,540	95.7	8,782	100.3	8,668	98.1
Gross profit ratio - All stores (%)	41.0	39.6	▲ 1.5	40.6	▲ 0.3	40.2	▲ 0.8
Sales - Existing stores (Million yen)	20,178	10,750	106.3	12,673	111.3	23,424	108.9
Number of prescriptions (1,000 cases)	2,213	1,220	109.8	1,413	110.7	2,634	110.3
Prescription drug unit price (Yen)	8,974	8,672	97.0	8,840	100.7	8,762	99.0



Prescription Department Number of stores with local support system premiums: **71stores**(+19stores vs. previous year) March 30, 2018 **FYE May 2018 FYE May 2019** 55 52 71 137 125 133 ■ 32points ■ 0points ■ 35points ■ 0points ■ 35points ■ 0points Generics usage rate: 78.55% (+3.01pt vs. previous year) *Market: 75.7% March 30, 2018 **FYE May 2018 FYE May 2019** 51 42 73 60 104 76 53 62 ■ 22points ■ 18points ■ 0points □ 26points □ 22points □ 18points □ 0points □ 26points □ 22points □ 18points □ 0points

Prescription Department

Promotion of regional medical collaboration

- Attract regionally required medical institutions
- Obtain externally dispensed prescriptions
- Follow-up activities after the closure of pharmacies located close to hospitals

Increase in the number of prescriptions per store

Regional activities to improve symptoms of malaise

- Industry-academia-government collaboration activities by Kanagawa Prefecture, Hiratsuka City and Tokai University
 - ⇒ Recommend that participants in health consultations offered at pharmacies receive medical checkups



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Gross profit	73,663	27.7	78,915	27.8	107.1	98.1
SG&A expenses	60,619	22.8	65,612	23.1	108.2	98.2
Operating profit	13,044	4.9	13,302	4.7	102.0	97.6
Recurring profit	13,408	5.0	13,671	4.8	102.0	98.0
Net profit	9,159	3.4	9,218	3.2	100.6	100.6



FYE 5/2020 Forecasts



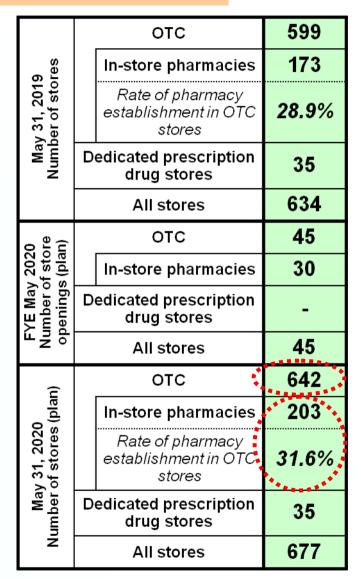
1. New Store Openings

■ OTC: 45 stores

- Carry out dominant store openings in areas where existing stores are located
 - \Rightarrow (1) 50% in Kanagawa (2) Focus on Tokyo, Chiba, and eastern Shizuoka
- Continue to open new types of stores
 - \Rightarrow 2 Cremo stores/2 joint store openings with other types of business

Prescription drug stores: 30 stores

- Open all pharmacies within stores => Ratio of in-store pharmacies at year end: 31.6%
- Store openings in collaboration with regional medical institutions
 - ⇒ (1) Store openings in collaboration with clinics
 (2) Store openings to obtain externally dispensed prescriptions
- Stores handling prescriptions on a widespread basis using OTC stores' ability to attract customers
 - ⇒ Promote store openings within existing OTC stores having strong abilities to attract customers





*Scheduled to close 2 OTC stores

2. Revitalization of Existing Stores

Renovation: 35 stores

- Improve lineups at old types of stores
 - ⇒ Change retail space allocations and lineups to those for new stores Retail space allocations that are suitable for locations and in line with regional needs
- In-store prescription drug stores
- Renovation of prescription drug stores

■ Focus on selling health & beauty products

- Expand sales of health & beauty products by increasing the customer visit frequency through the enhancement of convenience
- Review the spaces for selling health & beauty products, and concentrate on selling these products
- Offer better customer service (aim to become a company that can handle customers in the most appropriate manner in Japan)
 - Improve operations requiring face-to-face customer treatment such as the handling of customers within stores and cashier operations



3. Sales Measures

Promote cashless transactions and handle consumption tax hikes

- Introduce "Osaifu Hippo," a points card with emoney functions
 - ⇒ Improve customer convenience and reduce money management burdens
 - (1) Attract and keep good customers
 - (2) Increase customer visit frequencies and monthly purchase amounts
 - (3) Restrict settlement fees
- Use official app.
 - \Rightarrow Promote 1-to-1 marketing
 - Change from sales promotions uniformly conducted for all visitors to active sales promotions in line with customer characteristics







4. Productivity Improvement

Measures to improve the productivity of OTC operations

- Continue to enhance accuracy of computer-assisted ordering
- Expiration date management system
 - ⇒ Improve expiration date management and reduce the burden of carrying out confirmations by introducing the system at all stores

Measures to improve productivity at prescription drug stores

- Introduce computer-assisted ordering for prescription drug stores
 - ⇒ Improve stock-out situations at pharmacies that handle prescriptions on a widespread basis and are required to have a variety of stocks
- Introduce a medicinal e-pocketbook and prescription transmission app at all pharmacies
 - \Rightarrow Reduce waiting times and uniformly manage medicinal information
- Improve work by installing dispensing equipment
- Reduce stock items and strengthen negotiation abilities by integrating generic medicines
- Help medical assistants play active roles
 - ⇒ Reduce pharmacists' physical work, and place more emphasis on operations requiring interpersonal skills



5. Initiatives by Prescription Drug stores

Strengthen health care support functions

- Train family pharmacists
 - \Rightarrow Increase family pharmacists who can add consultancy fees and applicable stores
- Increase stores that are added to the regional support system
 - \Rightarrow Collaboration with reginal medical institutions/Increase family pharmacists
- Expand home-case service
 - \Rightarrow Expansion of home-care service stores
 - ⇒ Strengthen the follow-up system by appointing pharmacists specializing in in-home care

HR Development

- Expand the pharmacy training center
 - ⇒ Increase the number of pharmacy trainees and offer medical assistant seminars in a more satisfactory manner
- Establish a new home care training center



6. FYE 5/2020 Forecasts (Consolidated)

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SG&A expenses	64,711	22.6	70,080	22.8	108.3		
Operating profit	14,241	5.0	14,970	4.9	105.1		
Recurring profit	14,623	5.1	15,300	5.0	104.6		
Net profit	9,719	3.4	10,270	3.3	105.7		

