

## Introduction to NSG

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## I. NSG Group Today

## **NSG Group Today**



#### One of the world's largest manufacturers of glass and glazing

- Supplying Architectural and Automotive glass globally and promoting shift to higher added value
- Leading supplier of Technical Glass products including thin glass for display etc., lenses for printers and scanners, specialty glass fiber products

Principal operations around the world, with sales in over 100 countries

27 float lines worldwide \* 1\*2

Approximately 25,000 employees globally (as of March 2023)

Reference: Consolidated Revenue JPY763.5bn (2023/3)

\*1: Refer to Slide 9 for the location of float lines

\*2: Refer to Slide 47 for the float process

## History



#### **Globalized with the acquisition of Pilkington in 2006**

1918 - 1940s Foundation & Expansion	1918: America Japan Sheet Glass Co Ltd established in Osaka 1931: Company name changed to Nippon Sheet Glass Co Ltd 1936: Yokkaichi site opened		
1950s - 1960s Capacity Expansion and Start of Automotive Glass	1950: Listing on stock exchanges in Japan 1952/64: Maizuru / Chiba sites opened 1965: First float glass production in Asia at Maizuru site		
1970s - 1990s Overseas Expansion & Diversification	1971: First overseas investment made in Malaysia 1978/79: Ultra Fine Float™ / glass fiber business launched 1995: Overseas investment expanded including China and Vietnam		
2000s Acquisition of Pilkington & Globalization	2004: Headquarters moved from Osaka to Tokyo  2006: Acquisition of Pilkington, becoming global leader in flat glass  2008: "Company with committees" governance adopted		
2010s~ Shift to Value-added Business & Focus on Financial Stability	2018: Announcement of "Our Vision" 2020: Float lines for solar energy glass established in the US and expanded in Vietnam 2021: Announcement of Medium Term Vision and Medium Term Management Plan, "Revival Plan 24 (RP24)"		

## Management Principles — "Our Vision"



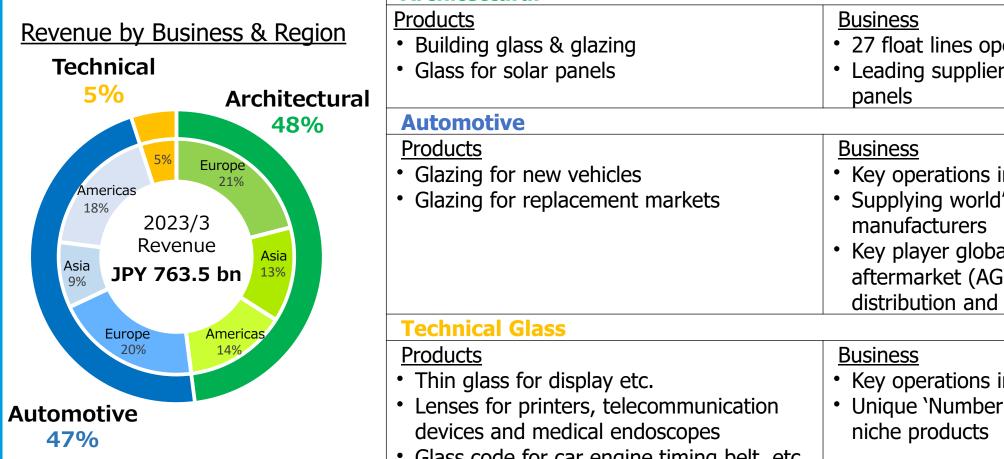
**Announced in November 2018, at the Company's 100th Anniversary** 



### Businesses



#### **Three Global Businesses: Architectural, Automotive, and Technical Glass**



**Architectural** 

- 27 float lines operated globally
- Leading supplier for thin film solar
- Key operations in 14 countries
- Supplying world's leading vehicle
- Key player globally in automotive aftermarket (AGR) glazing distribution and wholesale

- Glass code for car engine timing belt, etc.
- Key operations in Asia and Europe
- Unique 'Number One' and 'Only One'

## **Products**

## GROUP

#### **Contributing to society with a variety of glass products**

#### **Architectural**





↑ Glass for electrochromic applications
Courtesy of View Inc.

↑ Thermal Insulation glass
OIT Umeda Tower





BIPV\* © Constantin Meyer

Glass for thin film Solar panels
Courtesy of First Solar Inc.

#### **Automotive**

 Windshields with head-up display (HUD)



Courtesy of General Motors



- Infrared reflective solar control coating
- Lightweight laminated glass





#### **Technical Glass**





↑ SELFOC® Lens Array

↑ Metashine®



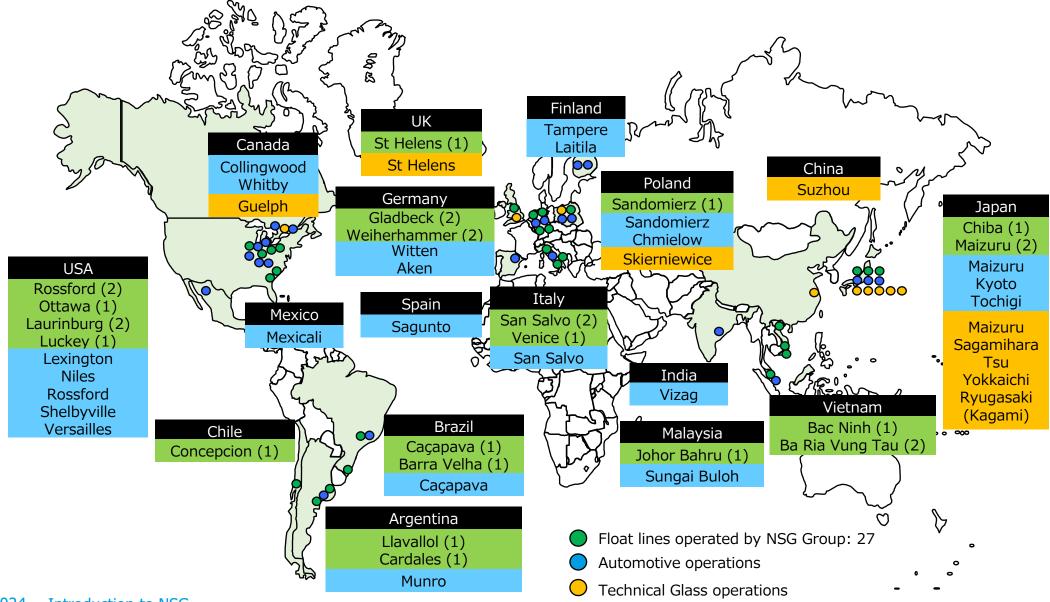
↑ glanova®



↑ Glass cord

Global Footprint







## II. Medium Term Vision

## NSG Group's Medium Term Vision



Medium Term Vision: A global glass supplier contributing to the world with high value-added glass products and services

Three areas the Group aims to contribute to

#### Three business areas

#### Safety & Comfort

Home and workplace



Public space



Car interior space





Renewable energy



**BIPV** 



Eco society





**ICT** 



**CASE** 



High speed communication

**Factory** automation



#### The future direction of the Group

- To never fail to take up challenges and follow through to deliver results
- To continue to provide employees with opportunities to grow and find joy in working

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## Three Areas of Contribution & Products



	Architectural	Automotive	Technical Glass
Safety and Comfort	<ul> <li>Low-e &amp; solar control glass</li> <li>Bird safe glazing</li> <li>Heated glazing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tinted glass optimized for solar performance</li> <li>Infra reflective and ultra-violet protection</li> <li>Low-E glass</li> </ul>	Superior designability glittering glass
Eco Society	<ul> <li>Glass for thin film solar panels</li> <li>BIPV*</li> <li>© Architekturbüro Reinberg ZT GmbH</li> <li>© Constantin Meyer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Heated windshields</li> <li>Lighter weight</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High modulus glass fiber</li> <li>Rear-wheel drive for electric motorcycles</li> <li>Anti-corrosion filler</li> </ul>
ICT	High reflection glass	<ul><li>Windshields for head-up display (HUD)</li><li>Glass antenna</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Micro Lens Array</li> <li>Industrial timing belts</li> <li>Low Dielectric material</li> </ul>

January 2024 Introduction to NSG \* BIPV: Building Integrated Photovoltaics

## Safety and Comfort



Pursue the value of glass essential in creating comfortable spaces for people

Accelerating changes in needs in the medium to long term

Thorough energy saving **Expansion of eco**friendly architecture market

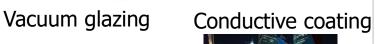
Energy-saving office

Low e glass for buildings and cars

Core technologies to be developed

Growth of low e glass, electrochromic window and UV cut glass

Comfortable car interior space



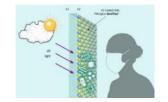
More comfortable living space

Comfortable and safe office space



Infection prevention **Demand for** comfortable and safe spaces

Secure commercial facility





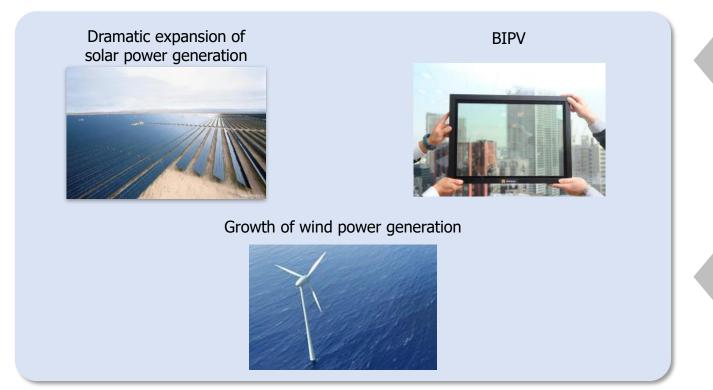
## **Eco Society**



Promote shift to renewable energy infrastructure with core and production technologies

#### Development of renewable energies

Renewable energy will account for circa 50 percent of total power generation in 2030



Core technologies to be developed

Transparent conductive oxide coating for solar power generation



High strength high modulus glass fiber and anti-corrosion filler





## **ICT**



Develop key components necessary for digitizing and utilizing information & high speed communication

#### Dramatic increase in communication speed and capacity Core technologies to be developed 2025 2030 Year •Standardization of CASE **HUD** windshield Lightweight glass **Traffic volume will increase hundreds of** times by 2030 6G ~1Tbps •400G Ethernet for servers 5G Micro lens Lens for 400G 10Gbps 4G 100Mbps Expansion of factory 3G automation Micro lens array Industrial belts 384Kbps



## III. Medium Term Management Plan "Revival Plan 24 (RP24)"

## Roadmap to Achieve Medium Term Vision



Launch of new three-year management plan, Revival Plan 24 (RP24)

# Review of Previous Medium-term Plan (MTP) • As the issues of relatively high fixed cost and cyclical nature of the business remain, further structural reform is needed

• The financial base has weakened significantly due to the pandemic

- Financial sustainability
- Transformation into VA Glass Company\*

18/3 21/3

MTP Phase 2

Covid 19



Establishing growth cycle Development of new businesses

Fundamental transformation Restoration of financial stability Business portfolio transformation

22/3 24/3 25/3

Step I (RP24)
Business transformation

Step II
Sustained growth cycle

Medium
Term Vision

A global glass supplier contributing to the world with high value-added glass products and services

\* VA: Value-added

## Revival Plan 24 (RP24) – Outline



#### Committed to the three reforms and two key initiatives to build business strength

RP24 Policy

- The Group will accomplish drastic and fundamental initiatives, revising the business strategy reflecting the changes in the business environment
- RP24 is the period for business transformation and the Group will focus on drastic reform of profit structure, restoration of financial stability and transformation of business portfolio

RP24 Initiatives

- Under RP24, the Group commits to the following Three Reforms and Two Key Initiatives
  Three Reforms
  - ☐ Cost structure reform: cost reduction and productivity improvement
  - ☐ Business structure reform: expansion of value-added business; development of new growth businesses; emphasis on investment and asset efficiency
  - ☐ Corporate culture reform: never failing to take up challenges and following through to deliver results

#### Two Key Initiatives

- Restoration of financial stability
- ☐ Transformation into more profitable business portfolio

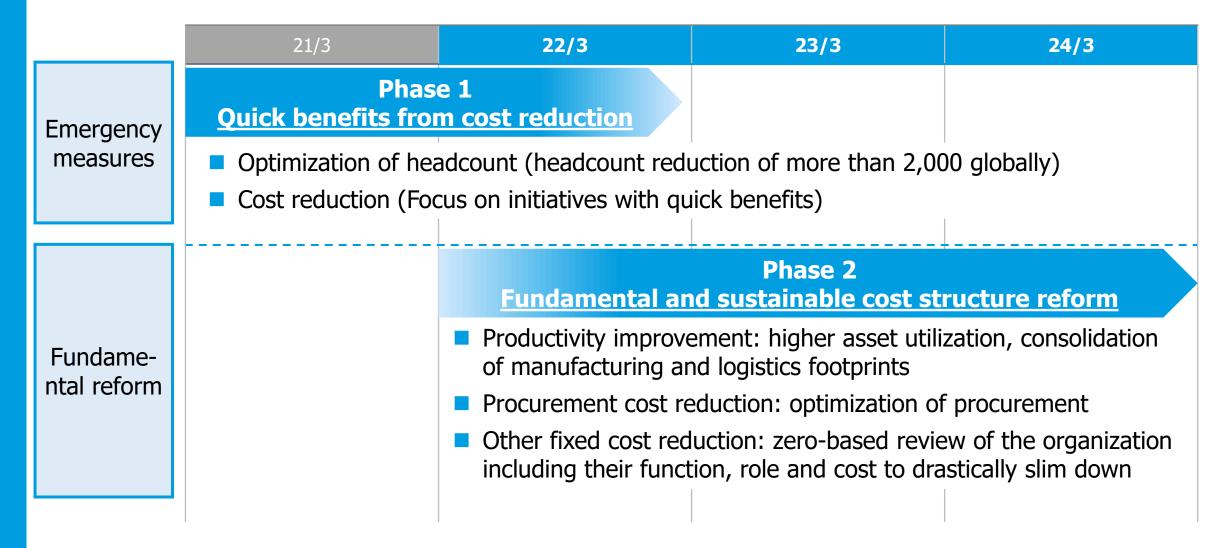
Sustainability

■ Work on improvement of existing technology and development of new technology aiming for carbon neutrality in 2050

## Reform (1): Cost Structure Reform



Fundamental cost structure reform will be executed to lower the cost base further



## Reform (2): Business Structure Reform



Expansion of value-added business, development of new growth businesses and emphasis on investment and asset efficiency

Expansion of value-added business

- Early contribution of strategic investments decided and executed during MTP\*
  - ☐ Full operation of new solar energy glass production lines in the USA and Vietnam
  - ☐ Start operation of a new float furnace in Argentina
- Market development with online coating technology
  - New application development such as electrochromic glass and BIPV

Development of new growth businesses

- Establishing a structure to accelerate new business development and commercialization of new products
  - ☐ Concentration of non-flat-glass businesses in the Creative Technology business
- Acceleration of new business development through business alliances

Emphasis on investment and asset efficiency

- Stricter decision-making and management of capital expenditure
  - Redoubled attention to asset efficiency
  - ☐ Diversifying away from asset intensive traditional businesses
  - ☐ Prioritization of asset allocation to growth and added-value areas

\*MTP: Previous Medium-term Plan

## Reform (3): Corporate Culture Reform

Value "customer focus", "swift decision making and action" and "overcoming difficulties" and change into an organization that never fails to take up challenges and follow through to deliver results

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 Realization of Aspiration under Our Vision: "through innovation, becoming the most trusted partner

in all industries we work in"

Goals

 Autonomous and collaborative organizations

Corporate culture

Management/

organization

structure

- Autonomous and proactive talent and leadership capabilities
- Encouragement of taking up new challenges without fear of failure
- Corporate culture to follow through to deliver results
- A rewarding place to work for all employees

Actions to be taken in RP24

- Effective response to market and customer needs
- Decision making at a business/business region level with accountability
- Streamlining management and administrative work to reduce cost
- Development and appointment of those who can lead reform
  - □ Diversity: nationality, gender, age, etc.
  - ☐ Inclusion: increasing opportunity
- Recognition of delivering on the reform in incentive schemes
- Encouragement of open communication

## Two Key Initiatives



## Take two key initiatives; (1) Restoration of financial stability and (2) Transformation into a more profitable business portfolio

Restoration of financial stability

- Focus of growth investment on strategically core businesses and selectively allocate and prioritize other capital expenditure
- Thorough review of cost through Cost Structure Reform and improvement of productivity to build a robust business that can generate sustainable profit and free cash flow constantly
- Strict cash management to generate free cash flow, generation of net profit aiming to enhance equity, while opportunistically consider ways to further improve its financial foundations

Transformation into more profitable business portfolio

- In light of changing trade conditions such as markets and competition, bold strategic review of shrinking or exiting non-core businesses
- Focus of management resources on growth and high value-added areas, considering investment and asset efficiency
- Review of business portfolio, profitability improvement and management cost reduction to establish the cycle of sustained growth

## Financial Targets



Aiming to recover the equity ratio to at least 10% at the earliest opportunity with stable net profit and free cash flow. Over the medium to long term, the Group will opportunistically consider ways to further improve its financial foundations

(JPY)	21/3 Actual	24/3 Target
Operating Profit Margin *1	2.6%	8%
Net profit *2	(16.9) bn	> 30 bn cumulatively for 3 years
Equity ratio	7.6%	> 10%
Free cash flow	(4.5) bn	> 10 bn

#### <u>Improvement of OP margin via:</u>

- Cost structure reform
- Business structure reform
- Business portfolio transformation

#### Selective and focused investment

- Control of the total capital expenditure
- Prioritization according to asset efficiency, growth potential and added value



Profitable business to generate stable free cash flow Constant net profit generation to restore equity ratio of more than 10 percent

<sup>\*1:</sup> Operating profit before exceptional item

<sup>\*2:</sup> Profit attributable to owners of the parent

## Revival Plan 24 (RP24) Progress



#### Aiming to build a strong business structure through three reforms

Cost Structure Reform

- Cost reduction and productivity improvement
  - Headcount reductions: consolidation/closure of sites/production lines mainly in Automotive business in Europe and Americas implemented in FY2022 and will continue after FY2023
  - Direct costs savings via "Kaikaku and Kakushin" activities

Business Structure Reform

- Expansion of value-added business; development of new growth businesses; emphasis on investment and asset efficiency
  - Construction started to install online coating capacity for solar energy glass to an existing float furnace in Malaysia
  - New capacity expansion for solar energy glass under consideration also in USA
  - 2nd float furnace in Argentina started production
  - Started a new verification test for transparent solar panels for use as windows at a railway station in Tokyo

Corporate Culture Reform

- Never failing to take up challenges and following through to deliver results
  - Encourage open communication: creating "Leadership Behaviour Charter" in response to employee opinion survey to promote cultural reform from leaders
  - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI): developing Inclusion & Diversity into DEI to enhance individual employees' paths and engagement

Transparent solar panels for use as windows



## Revival Plan 24 (RP24) Progress



#### Take two key initiatives to achieve a more profitable business portfolio

Restoration of financial stability

- Focus of growth investment on strategically core businesses and selectively allocate and prioritize other capital expenditure
  - Improvement in OP margin
  - Equity ratio achieved the target of above 10% for two consecutive years
  - Achieved free cash flow target of JPY 10.0 bn for two consecutive years

(JPY)	22/3	23/3	24/3 Target
Operating Profit Margin *1	3.3%	4.6%	8%
Net Profit *2	4.1 bn	(33.8) bn	> 30 bn cumulatively for 3 years
Equity ratio	15.5%	10.2%	> 10%
Free cash flow	22.3 bn	13.9 bn	> 10 bn

Transformation into more profitable business portfolio

- In light of changing trade conditions such as markets and competition, bold strategic review of shrinking or exiting non-core businesses
  - Disposal of Battery Separator business (September 2021)
  - Integration of the Group's Automotive Glass business in China with a major Chinese automotive glass manufacturer (September 2022)
  - Disposal of Joint Venture in Russia (June 2023)

<sup>\*1</sup> Operating profit after amortization

<sup>\*2</sup> Profit attributable to owners of the parent



## IV. Business Strategy Under RP24

## **Architectural Business**





Architectural glass, solar energy glass, value-added glass for industrial applications

Assumption

- Commodity glass will continue to be affected by market conditions considerably
- Demand for high value-added glass will expand against the backdrop of tougher environmental regulations and increasing awareness of health
- Demand for solar energy glass will remain solid with increasing shift to renewable energy
- Demand in emerging markets, especially South America, is expected to be robust
- Demand for value-added glass for industrial application will grow

Business Direction

- Acceleration of the shift from commodity glass to value-added products
  - ☐ Add value utilizing proprietary technologies such as online coating and sol-gel coating
  - New market development through finding and collaboration with third parties
- Securing returns on the strategic investments decided and executed during MTP
  - ☐ Sales expansion of solar energy glass
  - ☐ Start operation of the new float furnace in Argentina

## **Architectural Business**



#### Acceleration of the shift from commodity glass to value-added products

#### **Strengths and Functions of Online Coating**

- NSG's proprietary technology
- Nine float lines with online coaters globally
- Thin, uniform metallic oxide film deposited over glass while being formed inside the float bath
  - Cost competitive, available in large size
  - Durable and versatile, suitable for further processing and various applications

Function	Use
Conductivity	Heating glass
	Transparent conductive film for touch panels
	Transparent conductive film for thin film solar panels
Infrared	Heat insulation glass
reflection	Heat blocking glass
	Low e glass

#### Float lines with Online Coaters

Germany
1 float

UK
1 float

Vietnam
2 floats

Malaysia 1 float



US

4 floats

↑ Glass for thin film Solar panels Rossford Solar Array, USA



↑ Glass for electrochromic applications Courtesy of View Inc.

## **Architectural Business**

## GROUP

#### **Ensuring returns on the strategic investments**

## Solar: demand remains robust with increasing shift to renewable energy

#### Capacity expansion of glass for thin-film solar panels

- Vietnam: the second float line started in February 2020, upgrading a dormant furnace
- North America: a new float line built in Luckey, Ohio, started operation in November 2020
- Malaysia: conversion of an existing float line, started operation in December 2023
- North America: conversion of an existing float line in Rossford, Ohio. Aiming at start of production from CY2025



## South America: leveraging 80 years of business experience and solid market position

#### Production start of new float line in Argentina

 Facility: the 2<sup>nd</sup> float line for Vidrieria Argentina SA (VASA\*)

- Site: Cardales (near Buenos Aires)
- Market: Argentina and neighboring countries



\*VASA: A subsidiary in Argentina, jointly held with Saint-Gobain (NSG: 51%; Saint-Gobain: 49%)

## **Automotive Business**



#### **Products**

Automotive glazing for new vehicles (OE) and for replacement markets (AGR)

#### Assumption

- Vehicle production volumes in the Group's main markets are not expected to recover to the prepandemic levels during RP24
- Strong vehicle demands, but vehicle production constrains caused by parts shortages
- Rapid development of CASE will cause significant changes to the auto industry supply chain
  - ☐ While demand for windshields with HUD, glass antenna for 5G and solar control coating on glass for EV is expected to grow, the resource allocation will have to be more selective and focused
  - ☐ CASE will also increase its importance in the AGR business

#### Business Direction

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- Drastic cost structural reform including consolidation of manufacturing and logistics sites
  - Optimization of capacity utilization with improved productivity and flexible manufacturing, diversifying away from asset intensive traditional businesses
  - ☐ Minimization of logistics cost through reexamination
- Expansion of value-added products by leveraging the Group's proprietary technologies, especially advanced windshields
- Promoting price pass-through in response to input cost rises
- Strengthen sales and distribution network and ADAS\* products in the AGR business

\* ADAS: Advanced Driver Assistance System <sup>30</sup>

## **Automotive Business**



**Expansion of value-added products by leveraging the Group's proprietary technologies, especially advanced windshields** 

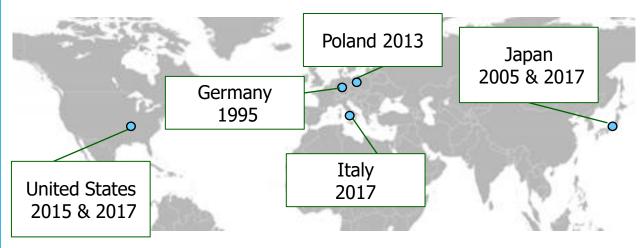
Providing value-added glass for advancing automotive industry, leveraging the Group's technical strengths

- **Environment: Heated WS**
- Safety & Security: ADAS\*2
- Connectivity: Next-gen antennas, HUD\*3
- **Comfort & Convenience: Low e coating**
- **Style:** Complex shaping

#### <u>Technology for advanced windshields</u>

- Press bending equipment, APBL\*¹ developed in house, started production ahead of competitors
- With the advancement of automotive technology such as ADAS\*2 and HUD\*3, build global production base for advanced windshields whose needs increase

#### **Installation of APBL**



\*1 APBL: Advanced Press Bending for Laminated Glass

\*2 ADAS: Advanced Driver Assistance System

\*3 HUD: Head Up Display

## **Automotive Business**



Aim to expand a wide range of sales channels in the AGR business from wholesale to retail business



- Availability & product range
- Well-established wholesale network
- Customer focused services



#### **ADAS** calibration

- Impact of ADAS enabled the Group to offer new services
- Opportunity
- ✓ ADAS systems often require calibration of the cameras after windshield replacement
- Our Business
- ✓ Opti-Aim<sup>™</sup> for ADAS calibration services developed to support the customers in the US
- ✓ Training services for ADAS calibration are offered in South America





## Creative Technology Business



Micro-optical

technology

**Products** 

Optoelectronics products, specialty glass fiber products

Assumption

- The advancement of a highly information-oriented society will increase demand dramatically for products related to storage and high-speed and large capacity communication
- The application of image sensing technology to FA equipment, logistics robots and drones and other equipment will spread and expand
  - ☐ Growing needs for small and high precision optical parts

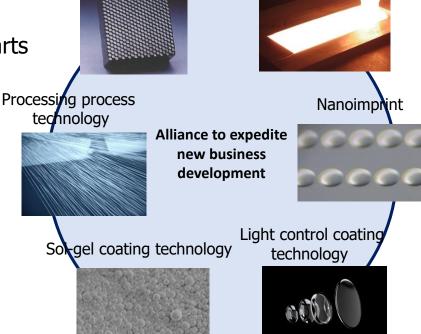
Business Direction

- Pursuing niche-top strategy
- Bold alliance to expedite new business development
- Development of unique products in line with changes in market needs centering around ICT
- New customer base through the launch of new products
- Accelerated commercialization of new products to drive business growth

Anticipating changes in market needs, grow the Group's technological base and develop new applications

Strength in

developing compositions

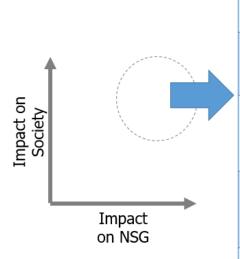


\*Creative Technology business is part of Technical Glass business for segment reporting



## V. Sustainability for Creating Value

#### **Materiality**



Environment	Contribute to the realization of a decarbonized society with GHG emissions reduction by eco-friendly manufacturing process and sales expansion of eco-friendly products			
Society Shift and Innovation	Identify significant challenges to society and providing technology/product/service to their solution in a timely fashion			
Safe and High- Quality Products and Services	Enhance both the products and service quality through improvement of quality and supply chain control			
Ethics and Compliance	Carry off significant trust from stakeholders by constant address on Ethics and Compliance			
Human Capital	Ensure sustainable growth of the Group and contribute employees' welfare through a variety of initiatives to enhance developing Change Leaders at global level, safety, health, and Inclusion and Diversity			

## Sustainability Targets and Progresses



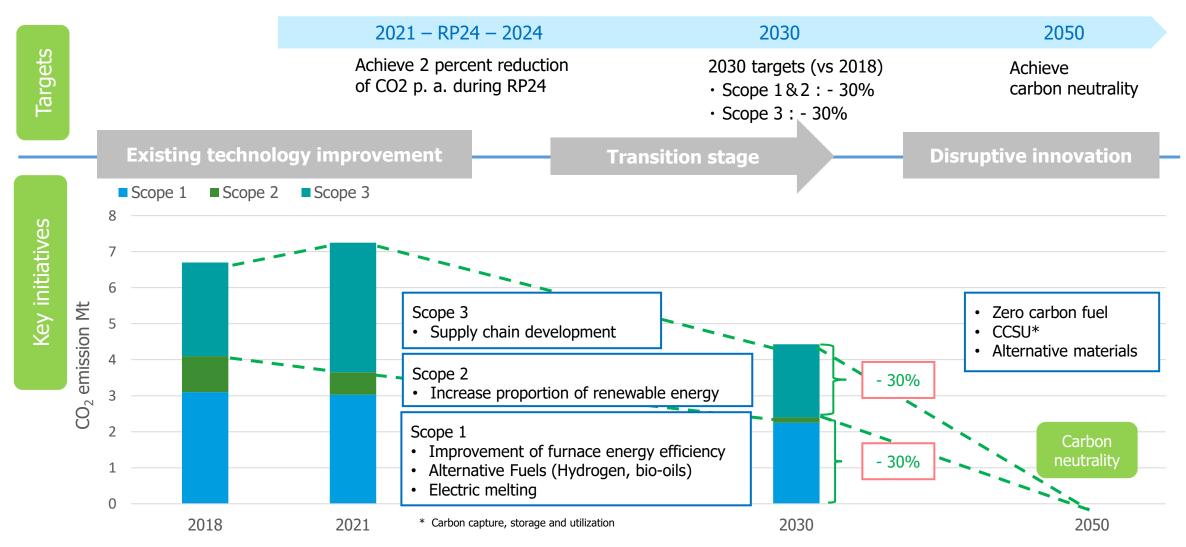
#### Quantitative targets and KPIs set based on identified materiality

	23/3 Results		24/3 Targets
Energy and CO2 reduction	<ul> <li>2.7% improvement compared to 18/3, due to a combination of the implementation of energy &amp; carbon management program and increased activity in the procurement of renewable energy</li> </ul>	Environment	<ul> <li>8% reduction in CO2 intensity across glass manufacturing operations compared to 18/3</li> <li>20% reduction of waste to landfill compared to 20/3</li> </ul>
Waste	• 2.3% reduction compared to 20/3		<ul> <li>Reduction of Significant Injury Rate (20% reduction vs.</li> </ul>
Safety	<ul> <li>Significant Injury Rate was increased by 3% compared to 22/3</li> </ul>	Human Capital	<ul><li>20/3)</li><li>Employee Engagement, "Our Vision" penetration ratio</li></ul>
Employees	<ul> <li>Employee engagement score: 84%</li> <li>Increase inclusion &amp; diversity awareness by training managers etc.</li> </ul>		(80%)
		Responsible sourcing	<ul> <li>To achieve and maintain a 95% acceptance of the NSG Supplier Code of Conduct by our key suppliers.</li> </ul>
Sourcing and transportation	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		<ul> <li>To assess and monitor the sustainability performance of 65% of our suppliers by external spend</li> <li>To achieve and maintain an average 50 sustainability score for all assessed suppliers</li> </ul>
Ethics and Compliance	<ul> <li>Received 175 reports in 23/3 where the benchmark is 197</li> <li>The ratio of reports from Manager's Report Form was 34% of the total reports in 23/3</li> <li>98.4% of Key Roles completed relevant trainings, 78% of managers completed by 5 days before the deadline</li> <li>Top level communication regarding E&amp;C were made four times</li> </ul>	Ethics & Compliance	<ul> <li>Hot line utilization (Actual vs. benchmark data collection/analysis)</li> <li>Increase of concern reports from Manager's Report Form targeting 30% of the total report (vs 20/3)</li> <li>Education completion ratio (95% completion by managers by 5 days before the deadline of the education)</li> <li>Top level communications (Minimum four annually)</li> </ul>

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## Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality for 2050

Aiming for 2030 reduction target, as first step to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050



## Contribution Opportunities for NSG Products



Wide range of solutions to support the evolution of society, including smart buildings, ZEB & ZEH and electric vehicles

Low-E and vacuum glass for solar control and

heat insulation



Transparent BIPV joint development

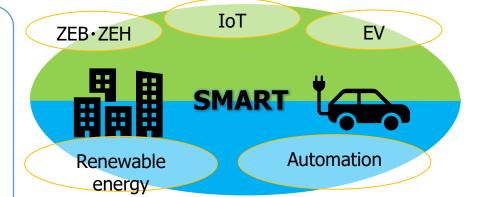


Heated WS to save energy









Automotive Low-E glass to reduce air conditioner usage



Electrochromic window by View Inc.

Innovation through "Powered by NSG TEC™"



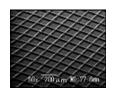




Glass for solar farms to supply renewable energy



Sensors for automation



## Approach to TCFD



The Group has announced its support for TCFD recommendations in Nov. 2021 GROUP Planning to enhance the disclosure content

### **Governance**

- Supervision by the Board of Directors is enhanced in response to Revised Japan's Corporate Governance Code
- Roadmap to address climate change is established by Management, and Sustainability Committees

Task force on Climate related Financial Disclosures

### **Risk Management**

 Climate Change risks are managed regularly at Strategic Risk Management Committee

### **Strategy**

 Scenario analyses to identify and quantify potential risks and opportunities being developed to improve the Group's resilience

### **KPIs and Targets**

- Commit Carbon Neutrality by 2050
- Targets for Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions have been set (Certified by SBTi)
- Further review would be made should requirements of society and stakeholders change
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of NSG Group:
- https://www.nsg.com/en/sustainability/environment/air-emissions
- https://www.nsg.com/en/sustainability/data/environment

## Contribution to Society



### Mission and responsibility as good corporate citizen

### **Employees**

- Development and appointment of reform leaders and promoting "inclusion and diversity" are key actions in the Corporate Culture Reform under RP24
- In 2023, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Policy was formulated to enhance and accelerate the Group's I&D

### **Ethics and Compliance**

- A group-wide ethics and compliance hotline that can be used by anyone inside or outside the company is available (certified as Whistleblowing Compliance Management System (WCMS))
- A compliance system for high-risk areas such as competition law compliance, ABAC\* and conflict of interest is in place
- Ethics and compliance education and communication are conducted at the group and regional level

### **NSG Foundation**

NSG Foundation was established to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NSG with the aim to contributing to the promotion of R&D activities on inorganic materials through research grants, which amounts above JPY1,800 million for 1,444 projects cumulatively

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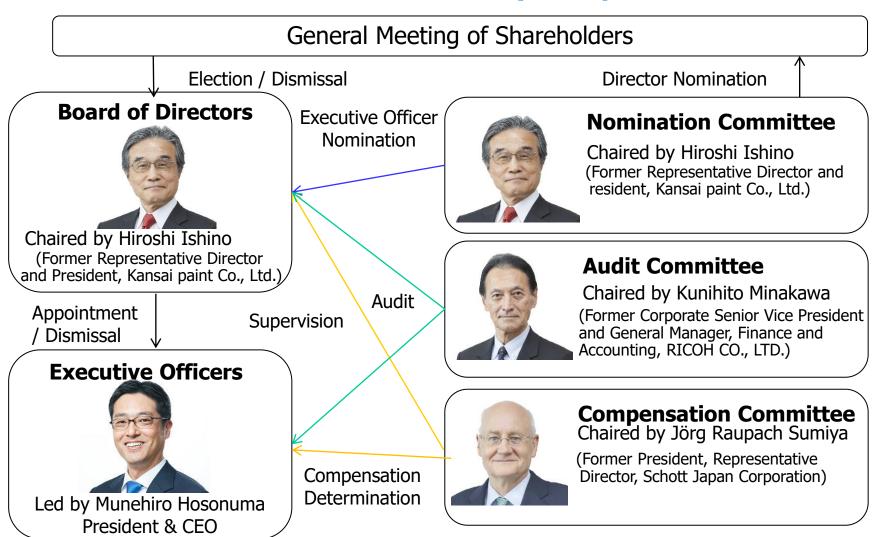


# VI. Corporate Governance

## Corporate Governance Structure



### The Board & Committees all chaired by Independent External Director



#### **Nomination Committee**

Hiroshi Ishino (Chairperson)
Jörg Raupach Sumiya
Kunihito Minakawa
Shinji Asatsuma
Munehiro Hosonuma

#### **Audit Committee**

Kunihito Minakawa (Chairperson) Jörg Raupach Sumiya Hiroshi Ishino Shinji Asatsuma

#### **Compensation Committee**

Jörg Raupach Sumiya (Chairperson) Hiroshi Ishino Kunihito Minakawa Shinji Asatsuma Munehiro Hosonuma

### **Board of Directors**



**Board of Directors with a majority being independent and a well-balanced professional skills and diversity** 

	Independent External Director	Independent External Director	Independent External Director	Independent External Director	Independent External Director	Director
<skill set=""></skill>	Hiroshi Ishino Chairperson of Nomination Committee	Jörg Raupach Sumiya Chairperson of Compensation Committee	Kunihito Minakawa Chairperson of Audit Committee	Shinji Asatsuma	Eriko Sakurai	Munehiro Hosonuma President Chief Executive Officer
Global Company Management Experience	•	•	•	•	•	
Financial Expertise			•	•		
Risk Management			•	•		
ESG/ Sustainability		•			•	
Portfolio management/ New Business Development		•			•	•
Operational Excellence/ Supply Chain Management	•					•
Marketing/Commercial	•					•

### **Executive Officers**



# Executive team with diverse background in terms of a well-balanced international experience, gender and age etc

### **Representative Executive Officer**

### **Executive Officer, Chairperson of the Company**



Munehiro Hosonuma
Director
Representative Executive Officer
President and Chief Executive Officer



**Shigeki Mori**Representative Executive Officer, and Chairperson of the Company

### **Senior Executive Officers**



Leopoldo Garces Castiella Head of Architectural Glass



**Koichi Hiyoshi** CAO, CRO, and Company Secretary



Hisashi Okamoto Head of Creative Technology



**Akihito Okochi** Chief Financial Officer



**Rob Purcell** Head of Automotive OE



Phil Wilkinson Head of Automotive AGR

#### **Executive Officers**



**Mike Greenall** Chief Technology Officer



**Denise Haylor** Chief Human Resources Officer



Michael Kiefer Chief Legal Officer, Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer



Shiro Kobayashi Sustainability Director



**Kumi Nakamura** Chief Corporate Development Officer



**Yohei Nakatsuji** Chief Strategy Officer



**Iain Smith** Finance Director

## Corporate Governance

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### Framework to bolster sustainable growth

## Diversity & independence of Board—decision making & supervision of executives, representing shareholders

- Clear separation of roles between Board chairperson and CEO; robust succession plan
- Adequate pay incentives aligned with interests of shareholders

### **Key developments**

2008: "Company with Committees"; 4 Independent External Directors

2012: All 3 Committees chaired by Independent External Director

2013: The Board chaired by Independent External Director

2014: Share purchase element in LTIP; shareholding targets for EOs

2015: Publication of NSG Group Corporate Governance Guidelines

2016: 1st Effectiveness Evaluation; compliance with all the principles of CGC

2021: Disclosure of board members' skill set

## Corporate Governance



### **Board Effectiveness Evaluation**

- The Company started an annual evaluation process for the Board effectiveness since FY2016/3
- The annual evaluation for FY2023/3 was conducted by hiring an independent external organization that specializes in corporate governance-related consulting
- In summary, evaluation by the external organization has confirmed that:
  - The Board of Directors and committees are generally functioning effectively
  - Each director works with a strong sense of commitment to improve the management situation
- On the other hand, the following priority actions to be taken by the Board of Directors in FY2024/3 were confirmed in order to further improve the effectiveness of the Board of Directors
- ✓ In order to further improve supervisory functions, deepen discussions on the roles that the Board of Directors and Independent External Directors should play at a forum for discussion separate from the Board of Directors, and foster a common understanding among Directors.
- ✓ At Nomination Committee meetings, deepen discussions on the skills and experience necessary for the Board of Directors and the diversity that should be there, and work to improve the process of appointing Directors.
- ✓ Discuss the modalities and methods of monitoring that the Board of Directors should conduct, and after sufficiently coordinating with the executive team, conduct monitoring that can support the speedy efforts of the executive team.
- ✓ Toward sustainable improvement of corporate value, deepen discussions on the medium to long-term strategies that the Group is aiming for, and formulate a new medium-term management plan based on those discussions.
- ✓ Efforts to enhance the operation of the Board of Directors in order to activate substantive discussions, including the enhancement of support for External Directors.

### **Notice**



The projections contained in this document are based on information currently available to us and certain assumptions that we consider to be reasonable. Hence the actual results may differ. The major factors that may affect the results are the economic and competitive environment in major markets, product supply and demand shifts, currency exchange and interest rate fluctuations, changes in supply of raw materials and fuel and changes and laws and regulations, but not limited.

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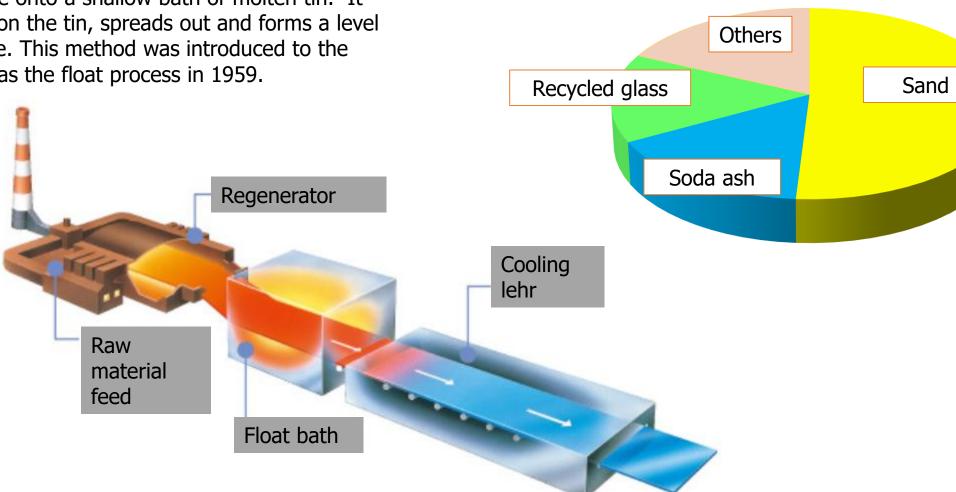
### Float Process



Raw material

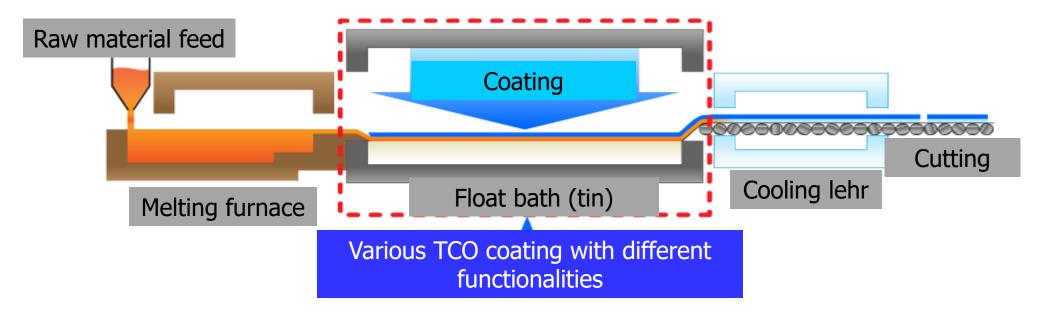
### Float glass:

Molten glass is poured continuously from a furnace onto a shallow bath of molten tin. It floats on the tin, spreads out and forms a level surface. This method was introduced to the world as the float process in 1959.



## **Online Coating**





- > Thin, uniform metallic oxide film deposited over glass while being formed inside the float bath
- Cost competitive, available in large size
- > Durable: suitable for further processing & for use as an external glass pane
- ➤ Versatile: architectural, solar & automotive applications
  - Technical applications include thin or curved displays, OLED lighting and thin-film sensors

## Automotive Glazing – Toughening

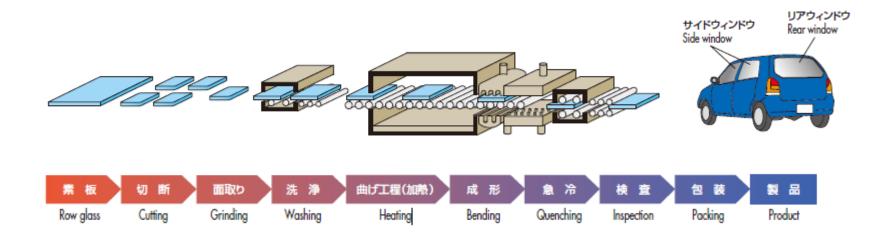


### **Toughened Glass:**

Flat glass is placed in a tempering oven, and heated to between 650 and 700°C, which is near the glass softening temperature.

Then the glass is quenched by blowing air evenly on both sides, causing the surface to harden first, with the inside cooling and shrinking later. The result is the formation of a stable compressive stress layer at the surface, and the glass is 3 to 5 times more resistant to impact than ordinary glass.

This glass is mainly used for the side and rear windows of automobiles.



## Automotive Glazing – Laminating



### **Laminated Glass:**

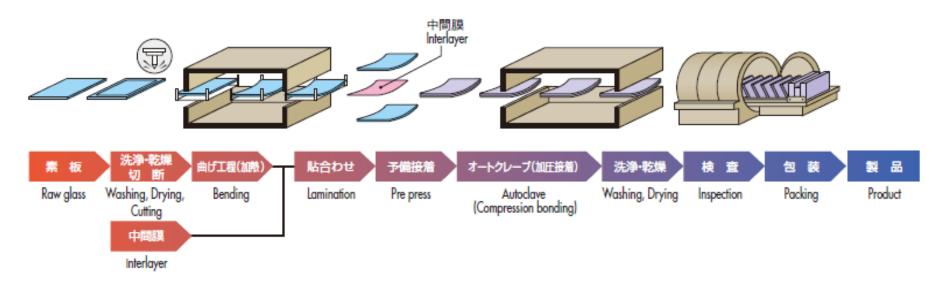
Laminated glass consists of two pieces of glass with a sandwich of transparent plastic interlayer.

This is then placed into an air-pressure autoclave, and treated at high temperature and pressure.

Some special products are made with 3 or more sheets of glass.

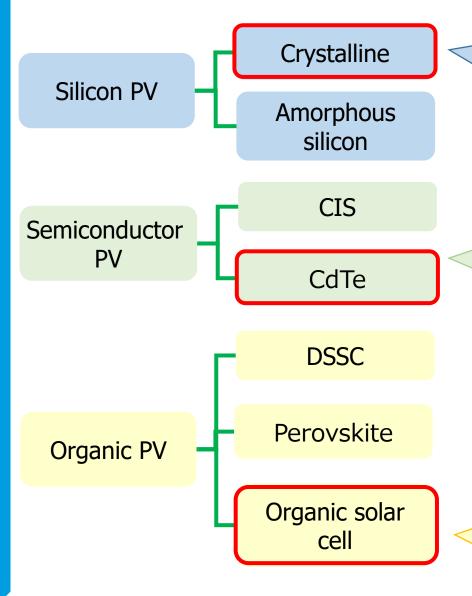
This glass is mainly used for the front windows of automobiles.





## Solar Panels & Glass: Crystalline vs Thin Film





Features : High efficiency,
Chinese manufacturers

Type of glass use: mainly for cover glass

Low iron rolled glass +Anti Reflection coating



Features: Total cost competitiveness, strength in large size and high temperature applications Type of glass use: TCO coated flat glass, forming part of solar cell



Features: Transparent, lightweight Type of glass use: TCO coated flat glass,

forming part of solar cell



## **Energy-saving Regulations**



### **Growth opportunities with stricter energy-saving regulations**

- In response to heightening calls for CO2 emission reduction, governments across the globe have been tightening building energy-saving regulations and introducing zero-emission building targets.
- Behind in energy saving, the private sector including offices and houses are now adopting more functional windows such as triple grazing with low e coating instead of double glazing or single pane windows. Windows equipped with photovoltaics (BIPV) may pave its way into buildings soon.

<Zero Energy Building Targets>

### Japan (Commercial buildings)

- 2030: All new buildings
- 2050: Net zero of total of all buildings

### Japan (Houses)

- 2030: Solar power generation equipment installation for 60% of new houses
   All new houses
- 2050: Net zero of total of all houses

#### USA

- 2030: All new commercial buildings
- 2050: All commercial buildings

### EU

• 2050: All buildings



BIPV (Building Integrated Photovoltaics)



Spacia<sup>™</sup> (Vacuum glazing)

### **Shares Information**



### **History Data**

		15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3
Numbers of shares outstanding (common on stock*)	К	903,551	903,551	90,366	90,487	90,594	90,642	90,811	91,000	91,167
Earnings per share *1	¥	1.9	-55.2	62.0	48.3	115.2	-236.0	-208.3	24.1	-393.1
Book value per share *1	¥	194.6	114.1	941.8	1,042.7	978.5	470.9	349.7	1,256.0	723.8
Cash dividends Yen*1	¥ -			-	20	30 -				-
Stock price (High)	¥	149	142	951	1,080	1,315	965	613	785	761
Stock price (Low)	¥	94	64	600	743	767	282	257	362	360

<sup>\*1:</sup> Effective as from 1 October 2016, the Company conducted a share consolidation in which every ten common shares

### **Dividend Policy**

- Recognizing the distribution of profit to shareholders as one of its important management objectives, the Group has upheld a stable basic policy of declaring dividend payments on ordinary shares based on sustainable business results.
- Dividend payments by the Group will be determined in view of the enhancement of its financial status and accumulation of the appropriate level of retained earnings for future business growth.

### **Record date for devidend**

30 September, 31 March

### Class A Shares Detail

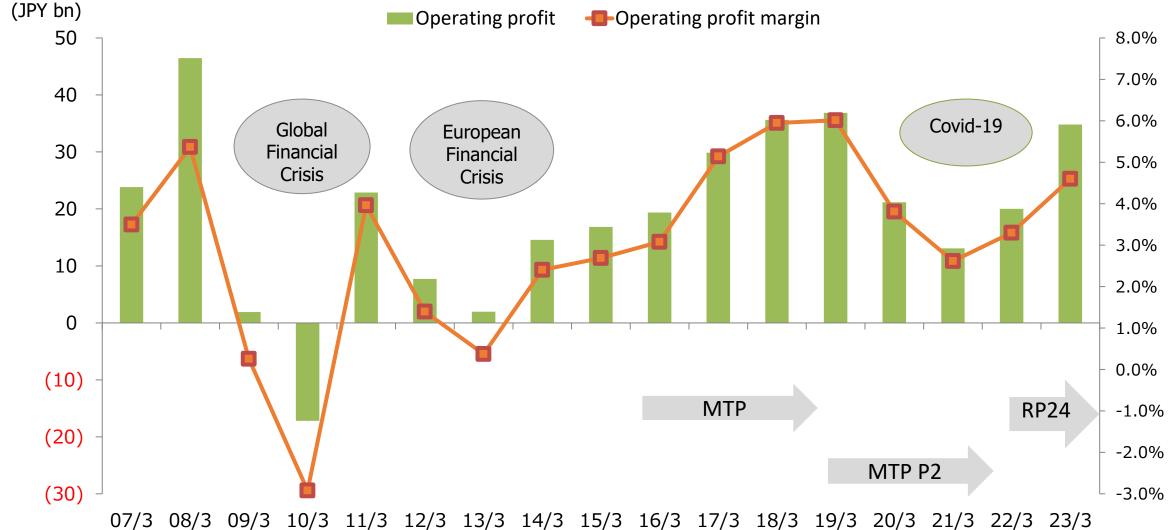


# Redeem Class A Shares at the earliest possible timing, while maintaining financial stability

Stabili										
Amount (N	lo of Shares)	JPY40 billion (40,000 shares) *Number of outsta	nding shar	es after rede	emption as of M	March 2023: 30,000 (Issued value: JPY30,000m)				
Plannod	l Allottees	Japan Industrial Solutions Fund II			JPY20 billion (20,000 shares)					
	No of shares)	UDS III Corporate Mezzanine Limited Partnership	)			JPY10 billion ( 9,000 shares)				
(Amount & I	ino di silales)	UDS IV Corporate Mezzanine Limited Partnership	)			JPY10 billion (11,000 shares)				
Voting	g Rights	None								
5 6		31 March 2017 ~ 31 March 2018		4.5%						
	dividend rate ulative)	1 April 2018 ~ 31 March 2020								
(Cum	uluti ve j	1 April 2020 ~		6.5%						
	Consi- deration	Cash			Consi- deration	Ordinary Shares				
	Redemp- tion	1 April 2018 or later			Redemp- tion	1 July 2020 or later, unless conversion restriction removal reason exists *A conversion restriction removal reason occurred on 22 May 2020				
Call option (Company's option)	Redemp-tion Amount per share	Paying-in amount per share + cumulative accrued dividend amount + daily prorated accrued prefer dividend amount + redemption premium <redemption premium="">  1 April 2018 ~ 30 June 2018 1 July 2018 ~ 30 June 2019 1 July 2019 ~ 30 June 2020 1 July 2020 ~ 30 June 2021 1 July 2021 ~ 30 June 2022 1 July 2022 ~</redemption>		Put option (Planned Allottees' option)	No. of Ordinary Shares to be Issued per Class A Share	(Paying-in amount per share X ordinary share redemption premium) / acquisition price <ordinary premium="" redemption="" share="">  1 April 2017 ~ 30 June 2017 1 July 2017 ~ 30 June 2018 1 July 2018 ~ 30 June 2019 1 July 2019 ~ 30 June 2020 1 July 2020 ~ 30 June 2020 1 July 2021 ~ 30 June 2021 1 July 2021 ~ 30 June 2022 1 July 2022 ~ : 1.36 1 July 2022 ~ : 1.43</ordinary>				
Design  • The Planned Allottees may exercise their put option for 4,0 outstanding Class A Shares.					Class A Shares	s, when the Company notifies the exercise of its call option for the entire				

## Operating Profit & Operating Profit Margin





# Financial Data (1)



(JPY, x, %)

		15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3
Revenue	¥ bn	626.7	629.2	580.8	598.9	612.8	556.2	499.2	600.6	763.5
Architectural		252.9	262.6	237.7	238.0	247.3	233.7	215.5	281.8	365.9
Automotive		314.0	316.3	296.6	314.4	314.6	281.0	245.2	276.2	354.7
Technical Glass		58.7	49.5	46.1	48.4	49.1	40.1	36.8	39.8	38.8
Others		1.1	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.7	1.4	1.7	2.7	4.1
Operating profit	¥ bn	16.8	19.4	29.9	35.6	36.9	21.2	13.1	20.0	34.8
Architectural		17.0	24.6	27.0	26.2	25.8	17.3	15.7	28.1	33.6
Automotive		9.4	9.8	12.7	14.2	15.1	6.1	1.8	-7.9	4.1
Technical Glass		4.9	0.3	1.8	5.4	8.1	7.1	6.7	9.9	8.7
Others		-14.5	-15.3	-11.6	-10.2	-12.1	-9.4	-11.1	-10.1	-11.5
Operating profit ratio to revenue	%	2.7%	3.1%	5.1%	5.9%	6.0%	3.8%	2.6%	3.3%	4.6%
Architectural		6.7%	9.4%	11.4%	11.0%	10.4%	7.4%	7.3%	10.0%	9.2%
Automotive		3.0%	3.1%	4.3%	4.6%	4.8%	2.2%	0.7%	-2.9%	1.1%
Technical Glass		8.4%	0.5%	3.8%	11.2%	16.4%	17.7%	18.2%	24.9%	22.5%
Exceptional items	¥ bn	5.5	-35.1	2.9	-1.3	-7.1	-24.0	-22.0	3.6	-45.2
Financial expenses (net)		-17.9	-18.2	-19.2	-14.6	-13.3	-11.8	-11.0	-12.5	-17.4
Share of JVs associates		0.4	-3.4	1.1	2.4	6.2	1.1	2.7	7.5	7.3
Income before income taxes/Profit before taxation		4.8	-37.4	14.8	22.1	22.7	-13.5	-17.2	11.9	-21.9
Net income/Profit attributable to owners of the parent	¥ bn	1.7	-49.8	5.6	6.2	13.3	-18.9	-16.9	4.1	-33.8

# Financial Data (2)



(JPY, x, %)

		15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3
Assets	¥ bn	920.1	812.1	790.2	788.6	761.9	765.2	825.0	939.3	951.4
Interest-bearing debt		442.7	437.0	399.4	372.7	371.5	435.0	471.7	467.9	495.1
Shareholders' equity		175.7	103.1	124.1	135.2	123.8	73.6	62.9	145.3	97.0
Called up share capital		116.4	116.4	116.5	116.5	116.6	116.6	116.6	116.7	116.8
Net debt		374.1	381.0	313.3	306.5	317.7	390.2	411.8	365.2	407.9
EBITDA		57.8	60.3	62.1	63.6	64.7	55.0	46.8	56.7	75.0
Net debt/EBITDA		6.5x	6.3x	5.0x	4.8x	4.9x	7.1x	8.8x	6.5x	6.5x
Net debt/Equity ratio		2.0x	3.4x	2.3x	2.1x	2.4x	4.4x	5.2x	2.2x	2.2x
Shareholders' equity ratio	%	19.1%	12.7%	15.7%	17.1%	16.2%	9.6%	7.6%	15.5%	15.5%
Net cash flows from operating activities	¥ bn	24.6	21.8	30.4	34.7	29.0	30.4	21.1	45.1	48.5
Net cash flows from investing activities		-23.2	-26.4	-10.2	-17.9	-28.1	-56.9	-25.6	-22.8	-34.6
Cash flow before financing activities		1.4	-4.6	20.3	16.8	0.9	-26.4	-4.5	22.3	13.9
Capital expenditures		36.6	28.2	28.0	30.6	32.2	67.0	43.3	28.6	40.9
R&D costs		8.2	9.8	8.5	9.1	9.4	9.0	8.3	7.7	9.1
Depreciation and amortization		41.7	40.9	32.2	29.4	27.9	34.8	35.8	36.7	40.2

## Financial Data (3) – Exchange rate trend -



### Average rates used

(JPY)

	15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3
GBP	177	181	142	147	146	138	139	153	163
EUR	139	132	119	130	129	121	124	130	141
USD	110	120	108	111	111	109	106	112	135
BRR	44.5	33.5	32.8	34.4	29.4	26.4	19.7	21.0	26.3
ARS	13.10	11.35	7.22	6.30	-	-	-	-	-

\*Closing rates are applied – hyperinflation for ARS from 19/3

### **Closing rates used**

	15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3
GBP	178	161	139	150	144	133	:		165
EUR	130	127	119	132	124	119	130	136	145
USD	120	113	111	106	111	108	111	122	133
BRR	37.3	31.1	35.3	32.1	28.3	20.8	19.1	25.5	26.2
ARS	13.66	7.69	7.24	5.30	2.53	1.68	1.20	1.10	0.64

#### **FX Sensitivity**

Increase (decrease) if the value of the yen appreciates by 1% (all other things being equal):

	23/3
Equity	JPY (3.0) bn
Loss for the period	Improve by JPY 0.4 bn

## Revenue & Operating Profit – Quarterly Trend



