# Consolidated Results for the First Half of the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2018 (1H of FY2018)

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Overview of Financial Results for the First Half of FY2018

## Director, CFO, and Managing Executive Officer Yukio Yokoyama



## Executive Summary

FY2018 Mgmt. Policy	Build firmer foundation for sustained growth, while targeting four-year consecutive record-high sales Domestic: Enhancement of earning power and investment for future mgmt. base Overseas: Significant increase in sales and increase in OP in each region based on "CUP NOODLES Strategy."
Review of FY2018 1H	<ul> <li>Consolidated: Growth achieved in both sales and profit (operating income, ordinary income, quarterly net income). Adjusted operating income increased.</li> <li>Domestic: <ul> <li>Nissin Food Products Co., Ltd. achieved growth in sales, clearing a high hurdle last year, and growth in operating income. However, some expenses such as advertising expenses are due to be carried forward to the second half.</li> <li>Myojo Foods Co., Ltd. achieved growth in profit due to improved profitability in production operations and reduced selling expenses, although sales fell slightly short of the year-ago level.</li> <li>The chilled and frozen business achieved growth in sales and profit, driven by the strong performance of the frozen food business.</li> <li>The confectionery and beverage business suffered a decline in profit, reflecting the effect of the delayed financial term of Bonchi Co., Ltd. and higher depreciation for Nissin York Co., Ltd., partially offset by the strong sales and operating income achieved by Nissin Cisco Co., Ltd.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Overseas: <ul> <li>The Americas segment achieved sales growth helped by a good performance in the U.S. Operating income increased with the contribution of higher profits in Brazil.</li> <li>The China segment achieved sales growth helped by the contribution from MCMS, which was newly reflected in the consolidated accounts, as well as good sales in mainland China. Operating income declined slightly, mainly due to an increase in depreciation.</li> <li>The Asia segment sales sales growth as higher sales in Thailand and Indonesia offset smaller sales in India. The deficit worsened slightly.</li> <li>The EMEA segment saw sales growth in both Europe and Turkey. Operating income moved into the red as new plants took time to stabilize operations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Summary of FY2018 1H	The first half ended with record sales and profits, reflecting the steady performance of the segments overall, although their performance varied somewhat. For the full-year, the Company aims to expand sales and profit without changing the initial forecast, regarding it as the minimum requirement.
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## FY2018 1<sup>st</sup> Half Results: Summary

		FY2018					
(bil. yen)	1H Results	YoY Change	YoY Change (%)	1H Results			
Sales	247.3	+11.5	+4.9%	235.8			
Operating income	15.3	+3.6	+30.7%	11.7			
Adjusted operating income*	15.0	+1.1	+8.0%	13.9			
Ordinary income	19.0	+5.2	+38.0%	13.8			
Net income attributable to owners of parent	14.1	+1.9	+15.5%	12.2			
OP margin	6.2%	-	+1.2pt	5.0%			
Ordinary income	7.7%	-	+1.8pt	5.8%			
Net income attributable to owners of parent margin	5.7%		+0.5pt	5.2%			

\* Adjusted Operating income = Operating income - Impact from retirement benefit accounting



(bil. yen)		FY2017		
	1H Results	YoY Change	YoY Change (%)	1H Results
Instant Noodles	127.8	+2.5	+2.0%	125.3
NISSIN FOOD PRODUCTS	107.9	+2.7	+2.5%	105.2
MYOJO FOODS	19.9	-0.2	-0.9%	20.1
Chilled and frozen business	32.0	+1.4	+4.7%	30.6
Confectionery and beverage	26.4	+0.1	+0.4%	26.3
Domestic others	2.0	+0.1	+6.7%	1.9
Domestic total	188.2	+4.2	+2.3%	184.0
The Americas	30.8	+3.2	+11.6%	27.6
China (incl. H.K.)	21.0	+3.5	+20.2%	17.5
Asia	4.9	+0.4	+9.2%	4.5
EMEA	2.4	+0.2	+7.1%	2.3
Overseas total	59.1	+7.3	+14.1%	51.8
Consolidated sales	247.3	+11.5	+4.9%	235.8



## FY2018 1<sup>st</sup> Half Results: Sales Contribution by Segment

(bil. yen)				Segment	Impact	Major Factors
FY2017 Sales NISSIN FOOD PRODUCTS	235.8	2.7		NISSIN FOOD PRODUCTS	+2.7	Cup-type (+3%): Increase from the high level of +5% year on year in the previous fiscal year thanks to new products such as CUP NOODLE NICE, as well as the launch of renewed products such as Menshokunin and brand communication. Bag-type (-5%): Sales declined in challenging market conditions. Worked to activate the market in the future by launching the Owan series. Others (+62%): BUKKOMI MESHI and CURRY MESHI contributed to higher sales.
MYOJO FOODS	-0.2			MYOJO FOODS	-0.2	Bag-type (+3%): Increase due to the continued effect of sales promotion of CHARUMERA. Cup-type (-2%): Decrease despite the recovery of sales of YOMISE NO YAKISOBA
Chilled and frozen business		1.4		Chilled and frozen business	+1.4	Chilled food biz (+1%): Slight increase in sales of, exceeding results in the previous year overall, despite the effect of the worsened market environment. Frozen food biz (+7%): Increase due do sales growth of products for home delivery and professional use, in addition to the strong performance of pasta and Ramen for the commercial market.
Confectionery and beverage		0.1		Confectionery and beverage	+0.1	CISCO (+5%): Increase due to strong sales of cereal and confectionery products. YORK (+1%): Sales increased slightly due to sales growth in mass retailers, which offset the effect of smaller chilled drink sales space at convenience stores. Bonchi (-11%): Sales declined due to the effect of delayed financial term.
Domestic others		0.1		Domestic others	+0.1	
The Americas China (incl. H.K.)		3.2	3.5	The Americas	+3.2	*FX impact: +2.3 U.S. (+6%): Sales increased due to the strong performance of new CUP NOODLES and Top Ramen. Mexico (+6%):Sales grew, helped by the effect of a price hike. Brazil (+0%): Sales increased slightly due to the recovery of sales in July through September reflecting the sense of bottoming out of the economy.
Asia			0.4	China (incl. H.K.)	+3.5	*FX impact: +0.7 H.K. (+27%): Sales were up significantly due to the new consolidation of MCMS (distributor) and the strong sales of Demae Iccho. Mainland China (+7%): Sales expanded due to the effect of area expansion.
EMEA			0.2	Asia	+0.4	*FX impact: +0.2 Sales increased in Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia. India saw lower sales.
FY2018 Sales	24	7.3		EMEA	+0.2	*FX impact: -0.0 Europe saw higher sales, helped by expansion of Soba and OEM shipments to Premier Foods PLC. Turkey also saw higher sales, helped by the expansion into the ramen business 'NISSIN NOODLES.'
Positiv	Positive Negative			Total	+11.5	*FX impact: +3.2

\* Notes: Figures in parentheses in Nisshin Food Products and Myojo Foods are YoY change by category (bag or cup). Comments and YoY change figures in Major Factors in the Americas, China, Asia and EMEA segments are based on a local currency.



## FY2018 1<sup>st</sup> Half Results: Operating Income Results by Segment

(bil. yen)		FY2017		
	1H Results	YoY Change	YoY Change (%)	1H Results
Instant Noodles	12.9	+1.4	+12.1%	11.5
NISSIN FOOD PRODUCTS	11.8	+1.1	+10.1%	10.8
MYOJO FOODS	1.0	+0.3	+42.6%	0.7
Chilled and frozen business	1.2	+0.1	+11.5%	1.1
Confectionery and beverage	1.5	-0.3	-15.7%	1.7
Domestic others	0.7	-0.3	-27.7%	0.9
Domestic total	16.2	+1.0	+6.5%	15.2
The Americas	1.1	+0.4	+51.2%	0.7
China (incl. H.K.)	1.8	-0.0	-0.5%	1.8
Asia	(0.6)	-0.1	-	(0.5)
EMEA	(0.2)	-0.3		0.1
Overseas total	2.1	-0.0	-2.0%	2.2
Reconciliations	(3.0)	+2.7	-	(5.7)
Consolidated operating income	15.3	+3.6	+30.7%	11.7
(Ref.)Adjusted operating income	15.0	+1.1	+8.0%	13.9

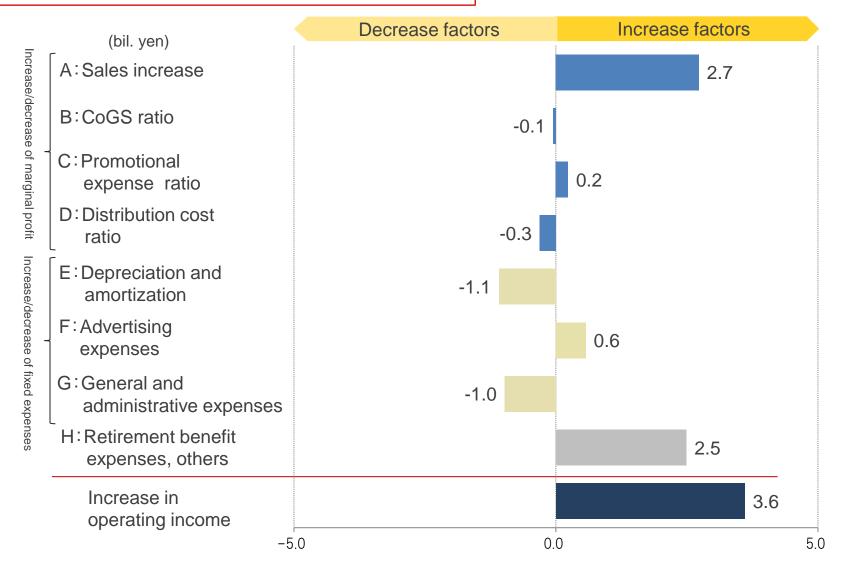


## FY2018 1<sup>st</sup> Half Results: Operating Income Contribution by Segment

(bil. yen)		Segment	Impact	Major Factors
FY2017 Operating income NISSIN FOOD PRODUCTS	11.7 1.1	NISSIN FOOD PRODUCTS	+1.1	+: Increased sales, lower CoGS ratio, reduced advertising expenses -: Higher promotional cost to sales ratio (reactionary increase following the Kumamoto earthquakes in the last fiscal year), higher depreciation and increased SG&A expenses
MYOJO FOODS	0.3	MYOJO FOODS	+0.3	+: Lower CoGS ratio (helped by enhanced production efficiency) and reduced promotional cost to sales ratio -: Lower sales, etc.
Chilled and frozen business	0.1	Chilled and frozen business	+0.1	Chilled food: Operating income declined due to a rise in the promotional cost to sales ratio. Frozen food: Operating income increased due to higher sales and a lower CoGS ratio.
Confectionery and beverage Domestic others	-0.3 -0.3	Confectionery and beverage	-0.3	CISCO: Higher profit achieved, reflecting an increase in sales and a fall in the CoGS ratio. YORK: Higher depreciation charges resulted in lower profit. Bonchi: Profit declined mainly due to smaller sales (delayed financial term).
The Americas	4	Domestic others	-0.3	Operating profit fell mainly due to a rise in SG&A expenses (personnel expenses).
- China (incl. H.K.) - Asia	-0.0 -0.1	The Americas	+0.4	*FX impact: +0.1 U.S.: Profit declined slightly due to higher costs (raw materials, manufacturing costs). Mexico: Lower profit mainly due to expenses associated with sales of new products. Brazil: Higher profit thanks to a price hike and a fall in advertising expenses.
EMEA The effect of retirement	-0.3	China (incl. H.K.)	-0.0	*FX impact: +0.1 H.K.: Profit increased due to higher sales offset by the effect of higher depreciation for lines of bag-type instant noodle products. Mainland China: Lower profit reflecting heavy depreciation charges for the Zhejiang Plant due to its operation.
benefit accounting Amortization of goodwill and elimination of intersegment	0.2	Asia	-0.1	*FX impact: -0.0 Higher profit in Singapore and Thailand. Lower profit in Indonesia, India and Vietnam.
transactions	-0.0	EMEA	-0.3	*FX impact: +0.0 Europe saw lower profit due to the time required for the start-up of a new production plant in Hungary.
FY2018 Operating income	15.3	Reconciliations	+2.7	Impact of retirement benefit accounting: +2.5
Positive	Positive Negative		+3.6	*FX impact: +0.2

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## Operating Income 15.3 bil yen(vs. FY2017: +3.6 bil yen)



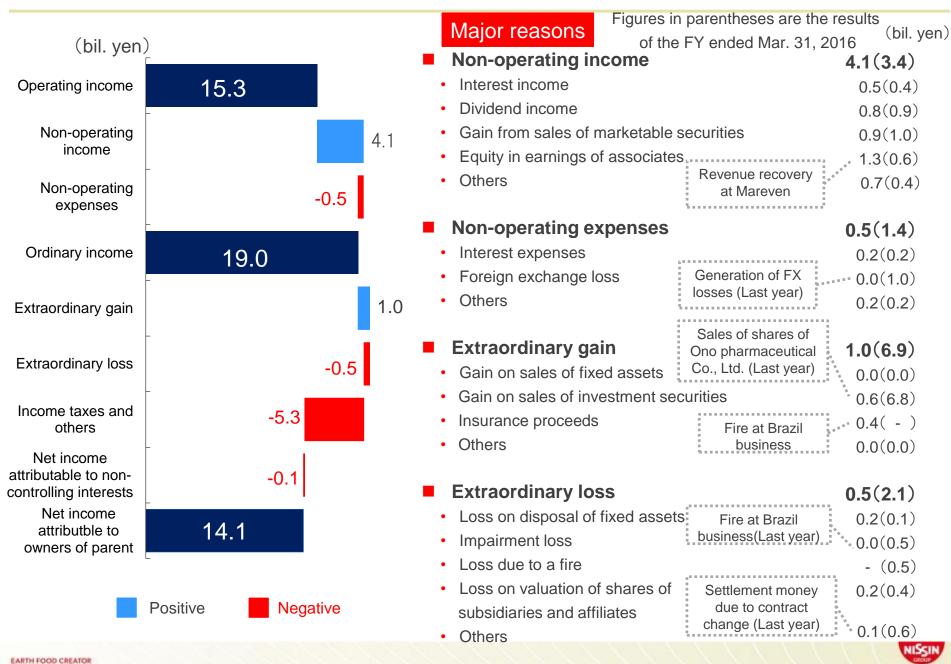
[Calculation method] (1) Variable costs (A,B,C,D)=(Current FY sales \* Previous FY sales ratio)- Current FY costs

(2) Fixed costs (E,F,G)=(Previous FY costs - Current FY costs)



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## Non-operating Income/Expenses and Extraordinary Gain/Loss



## Steadily meet targets as initially planned and pave the way for growth in the third year.

(1, 1,,)	FY2018			FY2017	
(bil. yen)	Forecast	YoY Change	YoY Change (%)	Results	
Sales	520.0	+24.3	+4.9%	495.7	<ul> <li>FY2018 full-year results forecast</li> <li>FY2018 full-year forecasts remained unchanged from</li> </ul>
Operating income	34.0	+5.4	+18.8%	28.6	<ul> <li>the initial plan</li> <li>Impact from retirement benefit accounting</li> <li>vs. FY17: +4.9 bil. Yen</li> </ul>
Adjusted operating income*	33.4	+0.5	+1.6%	32.9	<ul> <li>FY17 Negative 4.3 bil yen,</li> <li>FY18 Plan: Positive 0.6 bil yen</li> </ul>
Ordinary income	37.0	+4.1	+12.6%	32.9	Increase of depreciation cost
Net income attributable to owners of parent	24.5	+0.9	+4.0%	23.6	<ul> <li>vs. FY17: Anywhere btw. +3.6 and +4.6 bil yen</li> <li>FY17 Result: 15.4 bil yen,</li> <li>FY18 Plan: Anywhere btw. 19.0 and 20.0 bil yen</li> </ul>
OP margin	6.5%	-	+0.8pt	5.8%	Impact from domestic raw material cost (forecast)
Ordinary income	7.1%		+0.5pt	6.6%	<ul> <li>FY18 1H Result: Cost reduction of approx. 1.1 bil. yen</li> <li>FY18 2H Forecast: Increase in costs about 300 to</li> <li>500 mil. yen is expected.</li> </ul>
Net income attributable to owners of parent margin	4.7%	-	-0.0pt	4.8%	<ul> <li>FY18 Forecast: Expected to end with a cost reduction for the full period.</li> </ul>
ROE	=	-	-	6.7%	FY18 Initial plan Amount of cost reduction +0 bil. yen     Assumed exchange rate (110 yen /US \$)
Adjusted EPS*(yen)	26.1	+0.8	+3.2%	25.3	<ul> <li>Capex plan</li> <li>FY18 1H Progress: 27.7 bil. yen</li> <li>FY18 Annual plan: 65 bil. to 75 bil. yen</li> </ul>

\* Adjusted Operating income = Operating income - Impact from retirement benefit accounting

\* Adjusted EPS=Adjusted operating income + Equity method gains or losses + Amortization of goodwill (including equity method companies) /Average number of shares outstanding (After deduction of treasury stocks)

# Medium-Term Business Plan 2021 Interim Report in the Second Year

## Representative Director, President and CEO Koki Ando



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Setting out KPI based on "earning power through operations" and "value in capital markets" (market capitalization), as requirements for "recognition as a global company"

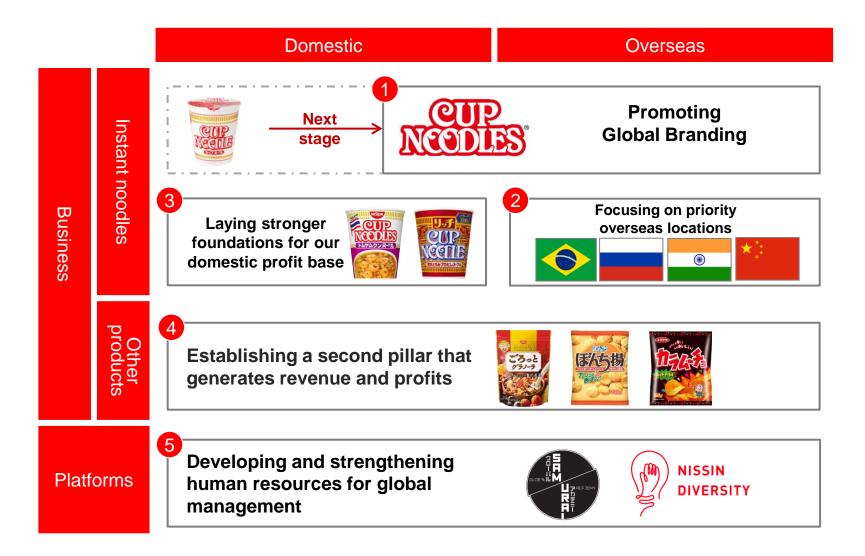
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		Results J-GAAP				Reference J-GAAF		Targ IFRS sta	
Earning power	Sales	468.1	bil. yen	495.7	bil. yen	600.0	bil. yen	550.0	bil. yen
through operations	Adjusted Operating Income <sup>*1</sup>	24.7	bil. yen	32.9	bil. yen	40.0	bil. yen	47.5	bil. yen
	Market Capitalization* <sup>2</sup>	570.0	bil. yen	640.0	bil. yen			1	tri. yen
Value in	Net Income*3	26.9	bil. yen	23.6	bil. yen			33.0	bil. yen
capital markets	ROE	7.4	%	6.7	%			8	% or higher
	Adjusted EPS*4	196	yen	253	yen	CAGR 10% or	higher	330	yen

Payout ratio: 40% or higher on the average for the five-year period Budged for capex: 150.0 bil. yen Budged for business investment: 100.0 bil. yen

- \*1 Adjusted operating income = Operating income Impact of retirement benefit accounting
- \*2 Market capitalization = Share price × Issued shares at end of year (after deduction of treasury shares)
- \*3 "Net income attributable to owners of parent" under Japanese accounting standards, "profit attributable to owners of the parent" under IFRS standards
- \*4 Adjusted EPS = Adjusted NOPAT<sup>\*5</sup>  $\div$  Average issued shares for the period (after deduction of treasury shares)
- \*5 Adjusted NOPAT = Adjusted operating income + Equity method gains or losses + Amortization of goodwill
- (including equity method companies) Net income attributable to non-controlling interests



• Focusing on five key themes in pursuit of business profitability



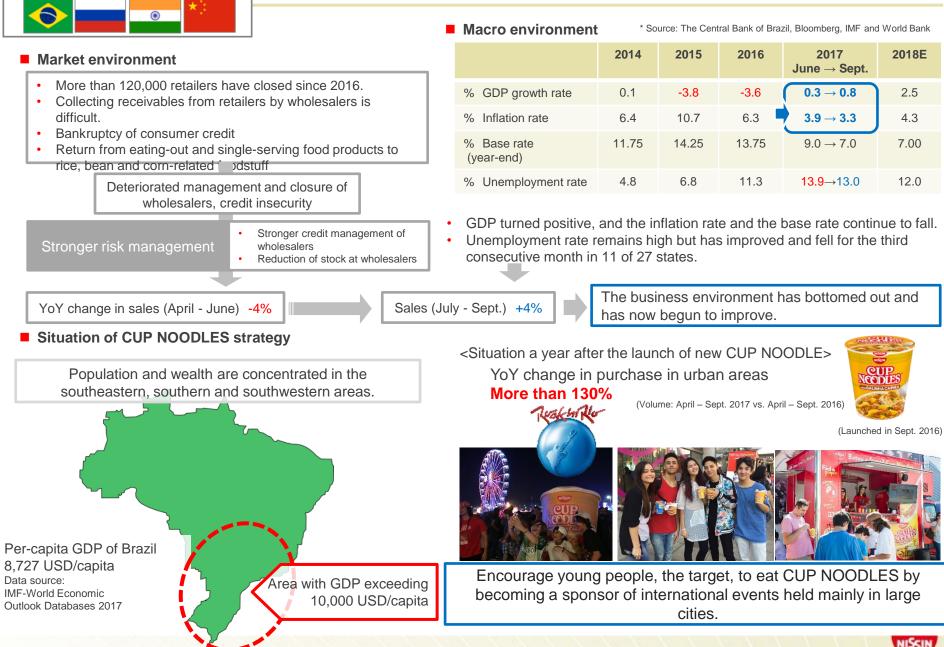




NISSIN

Focusing on priority overseas locations

## Strategies to Achieve the Medium-Term Business Plan: Situation in Brazil





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Laying stronger foundations for our domestic profit base



## Strategies to Achieve the Medium-Term Business Plan: Efforts of Bag-Type Noodle Products of Nissin Food Products







**Bag of three** 

instant noodles

230 yen

(tax excluded)

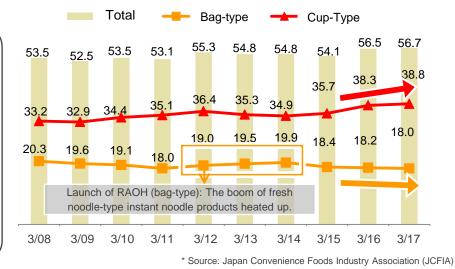
\* "OWAN DE TABERU" means eat with a bowl.



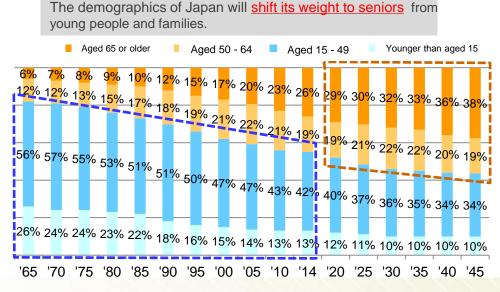
Eat what you like more wisely. Right size for one more item! Small-sized bag-type instant noodles were launched!

Propose bag-type instant noodle products based on a new concept for one-person households and senior households with married couple only.

#### Trends in total production volume of instant noodles (100 mil. servings)

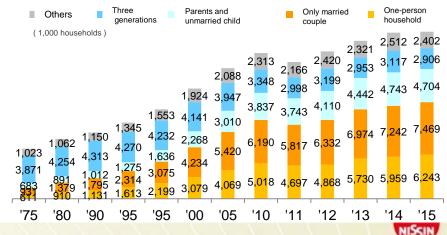


#### Demographics (age)



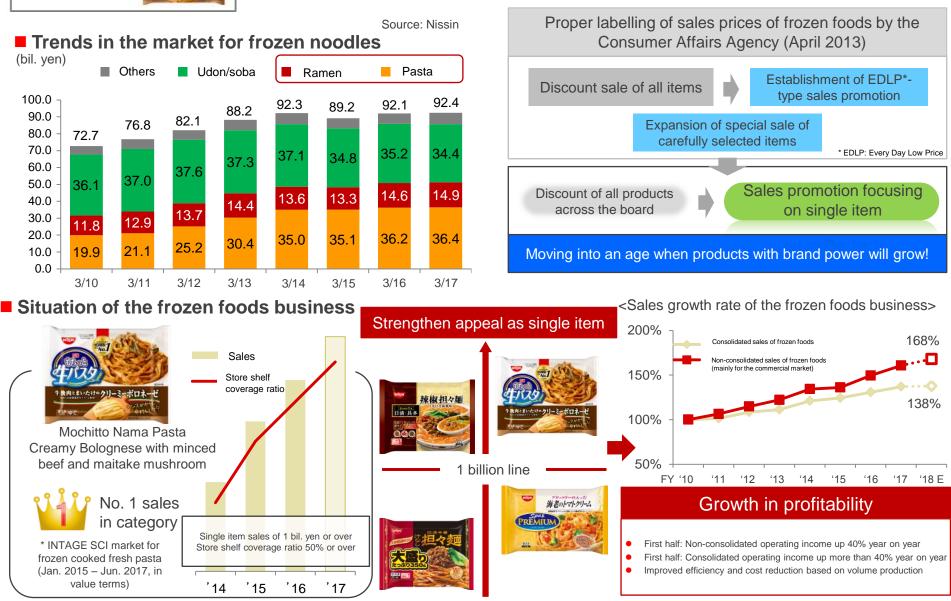
#### Trends in households with a person aged 65 or older by family structure

Many senior households are "one person" or "married couple only," and the number of people per household is small.



EARTH FOOD CREATOR \* Source: Statistics Bureau and the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research 17 Strategies to Achieve the Medium-Term Business Plan: Growth of Frozen Foods Business

Changes in the market environment (sales method)



Establishing a second pillar that generates revenue and

profits



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## Strategies to Achieve the Medium-Term Business Plan

# Promote local personnel to senior executives in major overseas areas

• Build local area-based strategies based on management familiar with culture and business customs, etc.

INDO NISSIN FOODS PRIVATE LTD. President: Gautam Sharma Jan. 2014 -

He has worked for several global consumer goods manufacturers and until recently served as the president of a local Indian subsidiary of a leading U.S. manufacturer. He has enormous connections in India and developing more attractive new products tailored to local tastes.

## "Future Leader Session (FLS)" course (July 12 – 14, 2017)

• Hold selective training in Japan for the purpose of cultivating global managers, for 8 executives at overseas companies.





NISSIN FOODS (U.S.A.) CO., INC. President: Al Multari Mar. 2015 -

He built his long career in a leading global food company and has most recently served as the head of the Baking division. His background is mainly in marketing and sales. He drove the renewal of CUP NOODLES in FY2016.



NISSIN FOODS DE MEXICO S.A. DE C.V. President: Luis Javier Gomez Martinez Sept. 2017 -

He worked in sales, logistics and marketing for many years at a food and consumer goods manufacturer in Mexico. He also has extensive management experience.

Global training, etc. of the Nissin Foods Group

#### "Brand marketing in the digital age" (2016 - )

- It consists of three parts: "What is CUP NOODLE?" "Mechanism of brand marketing in the digital age" and "Workshop."
- We provide the training by visiting Brazil, the United States, India, Mexico and Asia.

#### "Global IT meeting 2017" (June 13 and 14, 2017)

 Nine employees including those in charge at overseas companies discuss their efforts and issues in sessions related to IT vision, IT strategy and security.

## "Survival training on a deserted island" for new management level employees (Sept. 28 – 30, 2017)

• 22 new management-level employees of Group companies in Japan, and 10 management-level employees in local subsidiaries in the China/Hong Kong segment participated in the training on a deserted island for the first time.

#### "Global Finance meeting 2017" (Nov. 20 – 22, 2017)

 Financial training for 13 employees including those in charge of accounting overseas.



**ESG** 

## Management Considering ESG

#### Enactment of Nissin Group Policy on Sustainable Procurement

The Nissin Foods Group adopted the Basic Policy on Green Procurement in May 2007 and has been promoting environmentfriendly procurement of raw materials. The Group has now adopted the Nissin Group Policy on Sustainable Procurement, which takes the sustainability of the earth into account.



#### Environmental Conservation

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In this forest conservation project, NISSIN FOODS Group employees work with their own hands to thin trees and produce hand-made chopsticks from the timber; an indispensable item when eating Ramen noodles.



#### RSPO Membership

By attaining membership in RSPO, NISSIN FOOD PRODUCTS CO., LTD. aims to procure certified palm oil for the prevention of deforestation and the protection of biodiversity as raw materials for its instant noodle business.

\* RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil)

(Nissin Group Initiatives for Certified Palm Oil)

- 2013: NISSIN FOODS (U.S.A.) CO., INC. joined RSPO
- 2016: Nissin Foods Kft. (Hungary) joined RSPO
- Feb. 2016: Nissin Foods Kft. completed the shift to 100% certified palm oil
- Dec. 2016: NISSIN FOODS (U.S.A.) completed the shift to 100% certified palm oil
- Sep. 2017: Nissin Foods Holdings applied for RSPO membership
- Oct. 2017: Nissin Foods Holdings acquired RSPO

#### Initiatives of Diversity Committee



A volunteer group of employees has established a platform to support diverse work styles for employees of diverse natures, aiming to achieve an improvement in both competitiveness and productivity for the Company. To begin with, the volunteer group has been taking active steps to address issues related to gender diversity.

Promotion of Work-life Balance

Introduction of a childcare subsidy program to assist employees in need, promotion of a shortened working hour program, the telework system, a flexible working hour system, childcare leave (aiming to encourage male employees to take childcare leave more easily), etc.

• Establishment of Corporate Culture Promoting Diversity Hosting company events including the Diversity Award and Family Day

Career support for female employees

Catalyst training (female leadership development program), career development program for young female employees, Sister-to-sister program, a mentor program designed for female employees, networking activities for female managers, a relationship management program for male leaders with female subordinates, a training program for female sales staff, seminars, etc.







# APPENDIX



## NISSIN FOOD PRODUCTS Generate cash and enhance profitability

1<sup>st</sup> Half

Bag-type: YoY -5%; Cup-type: YoY +3%; Products other than instant noodles: YoY +62%; Total: YoY +3%

Profit growth achieved on strong sales and brand enhancement

- Challenge to be a 100-year brand company
- Maximization of brand value for existing products -
  - "CUP NOODLE", "DNBEI", "YAKISOBA U.F.O" achieved further growth in sales, recording even better performance than the excellent results for 1H of FY2017
- Contribution to growth in the instant rice market
  - Excellent performance by "CURRY MESHI" and "BUKKOMI MESHI"





CURRY MESHI

BUKKOMI MESHI

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Management Policy

- Challenge to be a 100-year brand company
  - Maximization of brand value for existing products -
- Beyond Instant Foods
  - Creating new value and new market -
- Achieve record-high sales for the 3rd consecutive fiscal period.

- Health conscious products for core customers
  - "CUP NOODLE NICE" launched

CUP NOO	DLE NICE

Well-accepted especially by male consumers aged in their 30s to 50s

- Development of products attracting female consumers
  - "RAOH" cup-type launched. Product renewal for "MENSHOKUNIN".







MENSHOKUNIN

## Revitalization of bag-type noodles







<sup>Needs for one</sup> more item
Needs for compact packaging

OWAN DE TABERU

Assorted packages for small families

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## **MYOJO FOODS**

Enhance main brands and employ a proposal-type marketing strategy

1<sup>st</sup> Half

Bag-type: YoY +3%; Cup-type: YoY -2%; Total: YoY -1%

- Strong enhancement of main brands
- "Myojo Charumera" Sales increase due to the effect of successful promotion of Charumera.



Charumera

"Ippeichan Yomise-no-Yakisoba" Recovery in sales from July



Ippeichan Yomise-no-Yakisoba

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Management Policy

- Strong enhancement of main brands
  - Continue to pursue the "Charumera" strategy
- Revamp sales of "Ippeichan Yomise-no-Yakisoba"
- Nurture new concept products
  - Establish low-carbohydrate noodles category called "Teitoshitsumen" ( Promotion aimed at winning a certain designated spot on store shelves)



Umadashiya

- Sales expansion of "Umadashiya",
  - a Japanese cup-type noodle product (Introduction of open-price products into the category of large-sized
- cup-type Japanese noodle products) Comprehensive efforts to control marketing expenses

## Nissin Chilled Foods Nurture value-added brands and leverage technologies

Market Trend

The market for chilled noodles remained weaker than last year

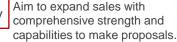
- Demand has shifted from low-price items, three servings in a bag to higher added value items, two servings in a bag
- Growing trend toward solitary dining and ready-to-eat food, given the aging population with the decreasing birth rate, the downsizing of families and less time spent on home food preparation.

1<sup>st</sup> Half

#### Sales: YoY +1%; OP: YoY Decreased

- Cold food items
- Sales plunged due to the record number of rainy days in August in East Japan
- Nurture brands with high added value
- Expand sales of the "Gyoretsu-no-dekiru-mise" series
- "Futomen Yakisoba" Entries made by competitors helped to expand the market size EARTH FOOD CREATOR
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2<sup>nd</sup> Half Management Policy



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- Accommodating customer demand for easy-to-cook or precooked food
- Renewal of "Ramen-yasan" for to be able to make it with only a pan.
- Stepping up marketing efforts for the "Furaipan Hitotsu-de" series
- Addressing a trend toward single serving
- Introduction of single packaged products with high added value
- More authentic, more savory
- Marketing "Futomen Yakisoba" with new sauce
- Product expansion of popular restaurant series



Ramen-vasan



Furaipan Hitotsu de Champon



## FY2018 Domestic Businesses: Qualitative Information by Segment - 3



- Excellent performance for "Coconut Sable" and "Choco Flakes"
  - Note: YoY comparisons for the first half are based on the non-consolidated business results of the operating company, exclusive of sales

achieved by subsidiaries and internal sales to affiliated companies.

"Kokonattsu 3:20," "Choco Flakes Petit Pack"

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Confectionery and beverage



## FY2018 Domestic Businesses: Qualitative Information by Segment - 4

#### Bonchi

### Market Trend

1<sup>st</sup> Half

The overall confectionery market (except for chocolates) remained weak

The rice-based snack market also remained weak

Enhance business in the Kanto area

Sales: -11%: OP: Decreased (Jan-Jun in FY2017; Apr-Sep in FY2018)

\*High demand season (Jan-Mar); Low demand season (Jul-Sep) Sales and profit both plunged, largely affected by differences in financial years for revenue recognition among group companies YoY change (Apr-Sep)/Sales: -3%; OP: increased

Launched a marketing campaign for "Aji Karuta" commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### **Nissin York**

Market Trend

- Expand sales to cover the incremental depreciation cost arized from starting new Kanto factory operation
- The fermented milk drinks market has leveled off following a declining trend
- Demand remains on a upward trend for milk-based and lactobacillus drinks

1<sup>st</sup> Half

- Sales: YoY +1%; OP: YoY Decreased
- "Pilkul"
- Sales growth helped by strong sales at mass merchandisers
- "Tokachi Nomu Yogurt"
- Sales expansion has leveled off following aggressive marketing efforts focused on offering different flavors
- Other
- Sales of flavored drinks remained weak due to smaller spots for chilled drinks in convenience store shelf

#### Domestic others

1<sup>st</sup> Half

Sales: YoY+7%; OP: YoY -66%

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Management Policy

Aim for a rapid recovery from the product recall of "Pilkul"

Product recall (for incorrect flavors) announced on October 18, 2017

Product development in view of the recent trend for

Sales strategy focused on Six pack rice snacks with flavors

of baby sardines, sea urchin, and shrimp (launched in July)

single serving and package downsizing

- Enhance marketing activities for "Pilkul" and "Tokachi Nomu Yogurt"
- Publicize functional value of "Pilkul" and improve the cover ratio
- To launch "Pilkul Light 1000ml" and "Pilkul Carbohydrate Off 500 ml"
- Increase the number of retail shops carrying "Tokachi Nomu Yogurt"

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Management Policy Initial forecast remains unchanged





Six pack seafood-flavored rice snacks











Tokachi Nomu

Yogurt

Aji Karuta

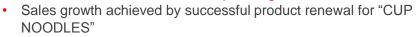
## FY2018 Overseas Businesses: Qualitative Information by Segment -1

#### The Americas Cater to changes in the market and enhance the CUP NOODLES strategy in Brazil

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Half

U.S.

### Sales: YoY +6%; Operating loss



- "Top Ramen" recorded good sales performance due to successful CUP NOODI ES distribution around the country
- Higher CoGS (raw materials cost and manufacturing cost) resulted in • a slight decline in profit
- Mexico Sales: YoY +6%: OP: YoY Decreased
- Test marketing undertaken for new products
- Heavy expenses related to the test marketing for new products resulted in a lower profit
- Sales: YoY +0%; OP: YoY Increased Brazil
- Aiming to recover from the plunge in sales recorded for 1Q in 2Q
- "CUP NOODLES" enjoy growth in sales mainly in big cities
- Profit growth was achieved, reflecting lower costs for advertising and sales promotion activities

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Management Policy

#### U.S.

- Stepped up marketing activities by implementing product renewal for "Top Ramen"
- Launched "CUP NOODLES Very Veggie" with a high unit price
- Launched "SEAFOOD" and "CURRY" positioned as global "CUP NOODLES" flavors
- Mexico
- Subsequently to the test marketing, conducted sales activities mainly in the northern part of Mexico for "NISSIN PASTA U.F.O."



NISSIN PASTAUEO

- Brazil
- Step up marketing activities for "CUP NOODLES" in big cities
  - Participation in large social events with the aim of enhancing product recognition
  - Promote in-store food sampling to help consumers actually taste our products

#### China Application made for IPO (Seek faster decision-making and M&A opportunities for the local market)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Half

- Hong Kong Sales: YoY +27%; OP: YoY Increased
- Sales were up 20% yoy, reflecting the consolidation of MCMS Contributed to profitability enhancement for the "Demae Iccho" brand
- Launched "CUP NOODLES Light"
- Mainland China Sales: YoY +7%; OP: YoY Decreased
- Sales growth achieved for "CUP NOODLE" brands, helped by the expansion of the sales area
- Aiming to achieve sales expansion by launching "RAOH" cup in saturated markets such as Fujian and Guangdong
- Heavy depreciation expenses associated with the new production plant (Zhejiang Nissin) that became operational in May

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Management Policy

### Hong Kong

- Growth achieved in both sales and profit, reflecting the consolidation of MCMS
- Sales expansion for "CUP NOODLES Light"
- Enhance the competitive edge by promoting business diversification (into potato chips and cereals)
- Mainland China
- Sales growth through expansion of the sales area
- Enhance brand value through quality improvement for "CUP NOODLES"
- Sales growth on the strength of "RAOH" Cup
- Acquire more display space in stores and promote collaborative activities with SNS







CUP

NOODLES

CUP NOODLES Light



RAOH







## FY2018 Overseas Businesses: Qualitative Information by Segment -2

# Quick recovery of India business, focus on growth segments and alliance with Mitsubishi Corp.

1<sup>st</sup> Half

Asia

India Sales: YoY Decreased; Operating loss: YoY Worsened

• Suffered a reactionary plunge in sales following significant growth recorded last year, reflecting the results of GST (tax reform initiatives)

Incurred higher marketing expenses for sales promotion activities

- Singapore Sales: YoY Increased; OP: YoY Increased
- Stepped up sales activities for cup-type and bowl-type instant noodles with high profitability
- Enhancement of TT sales channels (traditional retail system)
- Thailand <u>Sales: YoY Increased; OP: YoY Increased</u>
- Good sales performance achieved by high-end bag-type noodles(at 10 Baht)
- Marketed "CUP NOODLES" at retailers including convenience store
- Indonesia <u>Sales: YoY Increased; Operating loss: YoY Worsened</u>

• Sales promotion activities undertaken for "GEKIKARA" and "MIKUYA", a bag-type noodle product

- Incurred higher marketing expenses for sales promotion activities
- Vietnam Sales: YoY Increased; Operating loss: YoY Flat
- "CUP NOODLES" brand was gradually recognized among consumers in big cities

## **EMEA**

Enhancing the platform for production activities in response to sales expansion

1<sup>st</sup> Half

- Europe Sales: YoY Increased; Operating Loss
- "Soba" and "CUP NOODLES" both saw sales growth. Another contributor to the sales growth was the OEM business with Premier Foods PLC in the U.K.
- Suffered a decline in profit, reflecting an extended start-up period for the new production plant in Hungary
- Turkey Sales: YoY Increased; Operating loss: YoY Improved
- Sales growth was helped by "NISSIN NOODLES", a bag-type noodle product

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Management Policy

- India
- Expand sales of "CUP NOODLES" primarily at 8 metropolitans
- Singapore
- Aims to achieve sales expansions for "CUP NOODLES" and "U.F.O."
- Aims to achieve sales growth on the strength of business diversification into potato chips and others
- Thailand
- Aims to achieve further growth in sales of high-end bag-type noodles (at 10 Baht)



- Enhancement of marketing channels for "CUP NOODLES"
- Indonesia
- Enhancement of marketing activities for "GEKIKARA" and "MIKUYA", a bag-type noodle product
- Aims to achieve sales expansion for "CUP NOODLES" and "U.F.O."
- Vietnam
- To concentrate marketing activities in major hub cities, seeking to ensure operational efficiencies

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Management Policy

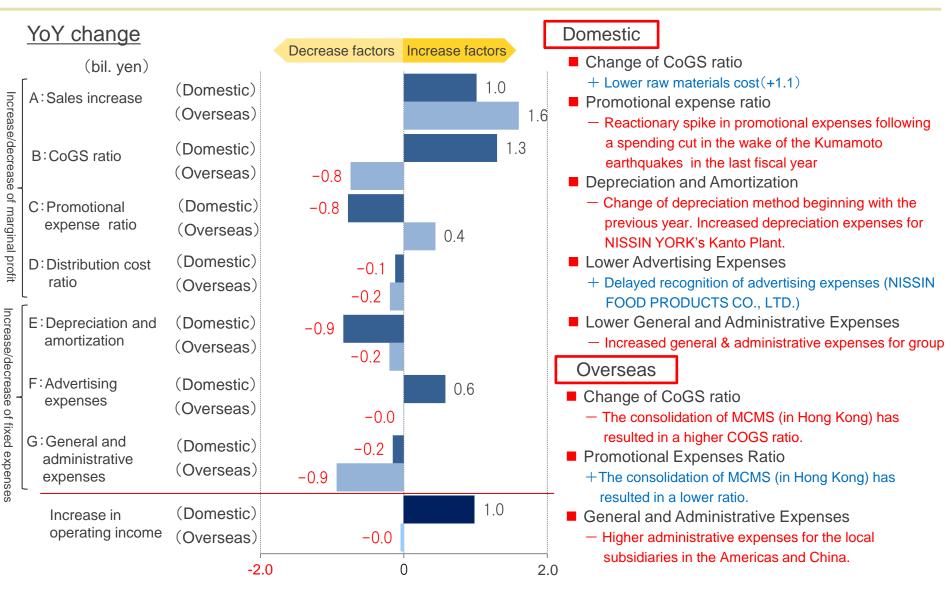
Europe

- To achieve stable operations for the new production plant in Hungary
- To expand the sales areas for "Soba" and "CUP NOODLES"
- Collaboration with Premier Foods PLC in the U.K. (on the strength of the OEM business and local marketing channels owned by the British partner)
- Turkey
- To expand marketing channels for "NISSIN NOODLES"





## Analysis of Operating Income: Consolidated (Domestic/Overseas)



\* Consolidation adjustment expenses (up 2.7 bil. yen yoy) have been posted separately.

[Calculation method] (1) Variable costs (A,B,C,D)=(Current FY sales \* Previous FY sales ratio)- Current FY costs

(2) Fixed costs (E,F,G)=(Previous FY costs - Current FY costs)



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## Nissin Group Policy on Sustainable Procurement

<ol> <li>Food Security/Food Safety         Confidence in food safety leads to a pleasant eating experience.         The Nissin Foods Group has redoubled its efforts in food safety, which the Group has considered as a top priority issue since its foundation, by procuring raw materials from the standpoint of sustainability and traceability, providing security and delicious products to consumers.     </li> </ol>	<ul> <li>Analysis and testing of raw materials</li> <li>Implementing quality assurance system and quality investigation activities</li> <li>Strict observance of regulations related to products and their production</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>products and their production</li> <li>Provision of product information</li> <li>Proper transportation and storage</li> </ul>
2. Compliance with laws and regulations/Ethical acts The Nissin Foods Group is well aware of the social responsibility of the Company and has adopted a code of ethics in which compliance with applicable laws and regulations in daily operations and actions suitable in terms of social ethics are stipulated. For procurement, the Group complies with laws and regulations in each country and builds a fair, impartial and transparent relationship with partner companies, and ensures appropriate procurement activities. In addition, the Group manages confidential information and personal information related to procurement in an appropriate manner.	<ul> <li>Honesty of business</li> <li>Prohibition of bribery</li> <li>Corporate governance system</li> <li>Maintenance of confidentiality, protection of personal information</li> </ul>
3. Earth/Environment Environmental issues such as global warming and the depletion of water resources have a huge impact on stable food production. The Nissin Foods Group procures raw materials produced in consideration of the sustainability of the earth and environment, mitigating the burden on the environment (preventing deforestation and global warming, etc.), conserving limited resources, and maintaining the ecosystem (preventing overexploitation, conserving biodiversity, etc.). In addition, the Group strives to reuse limited resources by procuring renewable materials.	<ul> <li>Environmental management system</li> <li>Waste management (promotion of zero emission)</li> <li>Efficient energy use</li> <li>Green procurement</li> <li>Prevention of environmental pollution</li> <li>Respect for biodiversity</li> </ul>
4. Respect for human rights All people are born free and are equal in terms of respect and rights. The Nissin Foods Group procures raw materials produced in consideration of human rights, working environment, and industrial health and safety, promoting the abolishment of forced labor, child labor, discrimination, and inhumane treatment, and fair business with respect for basic human rights.	<ul> <li>Prohibition on child labor</li> <li>Prohibition on forced labor</li> <li>Prohibition on discrimination</li> <li>Prohibition on abuse/harassment</li> <li>Securing of health and safety in work place</li> </ul>
5. Co-existence with local communities The Nissin Foods Group works to create properous communities through talks with stakeholders. For producers of raw materials to be able to shift to the sustainable production of resources, the Group supports the improvement in the work environment and living standard of producers, contributing to the development and economic independence of local communities. In addition, the Group strives to build favorable relationships with partner companies by strictly ensuring fair procurement/contracts.	<ul> <li>Contribution to society and local communities</li> <li>Fair competition</li> <li>Proper payment and benefit packages</li> <li>Encouragement of sustainable activities</li> </ul>







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