

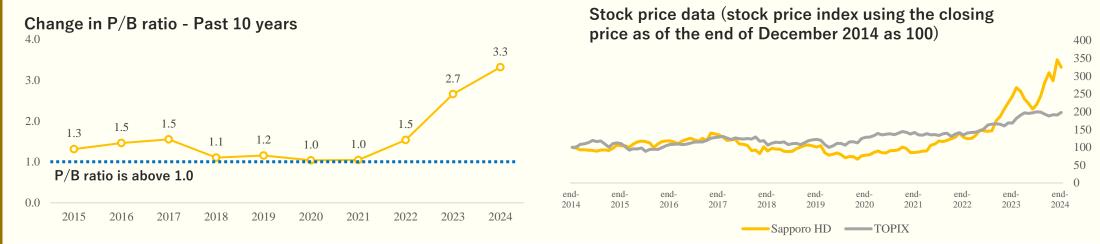
# Action to Implement Management that is Conscious of Cost of Capital and Stock Price

\*In this document, the name abbreviation is used: SPB: SAPPORO PREMIUM BEER

#### Action to Implement Management that is Conscious of Cost of Capital and Stock Price -Recognition of Current Status-

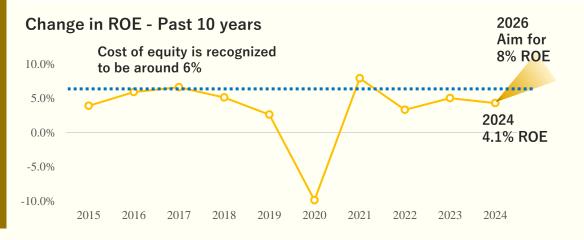
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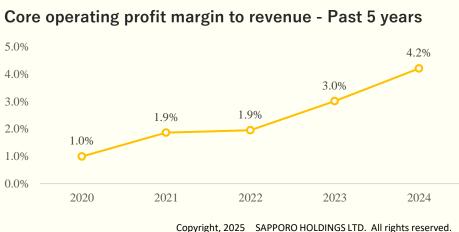
## P/B ratio has remained above 1, and the current stock price corresponds to a P/B ratio of around 3.



### **Recognition of Current Status**

We set a target ROE of 8% for 2026 in the medium-term management plan announced in November 2022, and aim to achieve ROE of 10% or more in the mid- to long-term. In 2024, ROE was 4.1% due to special factors such as impairment, which is lower than the 6% capital cost we recognize. Moreover, the core operating profit to revenue ratio, viewed as the main factor behind the typically low ROE, is on an upward trend, and the earning power of the core business is growing.





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### Action to Implement Management that is Conscious of Cost of Capital and Stock Price -Main efforts to enhance corporate value-



| Policy                    | To promote a financial strategy that emphasizes "sustainable growth" and "capital efficiency," which we have been working on for some time, and to achieve an increase in corporate value  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
|                           | <ul> <li>Aim to achieve Medium-Term Management Plan financial targets (ROE of at least 8% in 2026, overseas sales revenue and EBITDA growth of 10%/year)</li> <li>Promote both growth investment and shareholder returns based on cash allocation policy</li> </ul>                          |  |  |
| Efforts to<br>enhance ROE | For the realization of sustainable growth  |  |  |
|                           | <ul> <li>Enhance the earning capacity of each business</li> <li>Realization of business growth         Proactively develop areas of strength     </li> <li>Cost-related structural reforms         Create business structures that can respond to changes in the environment     </li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Growth investment</li> <li>Investment in overseas businesses with growth potential</li> <li>Investment in domestic business to strengthen the earnings base<br/>Respond flexibly to growth investment opportunities by utilizing financial<br/>leverage to the extent that our current credit rating can still be guaranteed</li> </ul>                 |  |
|                           | For the enhancement of capital efficiency  | <ul> <li>Balance sheet reforms</li> <li>Review of assets held</li> <li>Improve or sell underutilized assets and assets with low turnover</li> <li>Reduce cross-shareholdings</li> <li>Reduction of the ratio of book value of cross-shareholdings to total equity attributable to owners of parent to less than 20% by 2024 and less than 10% by 2026</li> </ul> |  |
|                           | <ul> <li>Thorough business monitoring with ROIC as an indicator</li> <li>Entire company managed by ROE and per-business ROIC</li> <li>Execution of streamlined initiatives toward enhancement using ROIC tree</li> </ul>   |  |  |
|                           | <ul> <li>Review of business portfolio</li> <li>Fundamental review of businesses positioned for restructuring/divestment</li> <li>Exit businesses that cannot be expected to improve and focus on growth areas</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Shareholder returns</li> <li>Increase the level of dividends in accordance with profit growth<br/>Aim to increase the amount of dividends while maintaining dividend stability</li> </ul>   |  |

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# Promotion of efforts to enhance capital profitability and decrease capital cost

|                                       | Main efforts  |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Business growth                       | Proactively develop areas of strength   | Enhancement of capital<br>profitability<br>(8% ROE by 2026) |
| Review of business<br>portfolio       | Exit businesses that cannot be expected to improve and focus on growth areas  |   |
| Structural reforms                    | Create business structures that can respond to changes in the environment   | Aim to expand the<br>equity spread                          |
| Balance sheet reforms                 | Improve or sell underutilized assets and assets with low turnover<br>Reduce cross-shareholdings   |   |
| Capital policy and shareholder return | Optimize capital structure<br>Aim to increase the amount of dividends while maintaining dividend stability  |   |
|                                       |   |   |
| Strengthening of ESG                  | Reduce long-term risk by promoting sustainability management<br>Strengthen governance   | Reduction of capital cost                                   |
|                                       |   | (Cost of equity is recognized to be                         |
| Strengthening of<br>SR and IR         | Elimination of asymmetry of information through expansion of information disclosure<br>(Planned disclosure of achievements in dialogue with capital markets and contents of dialogue<br>in the integrated report) | around 6%)  |
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#### Action to Implement Management that is Conscious of Cost of Capital and Stock Price -Achievements in 2024 and future policy-



In 2024, the core operating profit margin relative to revenue improved due to the strengthening of domestic beer and structural reforms in each business, which increased the earning power of core businesses. We will continue to improve earning power and capital efficiency through further structural reforms to achieve the ROE target of 8% set for 2026 in the medium-term management plan.

| Main efforts to enhance corporate value    |                                       | Achievements in 2024 and future policy  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| Enhancement<br>of capital<br>profitability | Business growth                       | The concentration of production sites in domestic beer and continued positive trends for Black Label and SPB contributed to profit growth.<br>Going forward, we will strengthen investment in sales promotion of Black Label in Japan, and overseas, we will strengthen the manufacturing and<br>sales structure of SPB, whose revenue continues to grow.                           |
|  | Review of business<br>portfolio       | The liquidation process for Anchor is in progress, and the transfer of the plant-based yogurt business has been completed.<br>Continue to strengthen monitoring by business and set and manage target ROIC by adding spread to WACC.  |
|  | Structural reforms                    | The structural reforms for part of the domestic Food & Soft Drinks business and the Restaurants business, as planned in the current medium-term management plan, have been completed.<br>In the U.S. business, which has been newly positioned for restructuring, we will carry forward structural reforms and rebuild the management and business foundation.                      |
|  | Balance sheet reforms                 | In 2024, we sold 19 stocks of cross-shareholdings worth 19.7 billion yen, reducing the book value ratio of cross-shareholdings to capital from 27% to 16%.<br>Continuation of further reductions in cross-shareholdings to achieve the target of a book-value ratio of less than 10% by 2026.   |
|  | Capital policy and shareholder return | The dividend is expected to increase for the second consecutive year in 2024 (dividend per share: 47 yen $\rightarrow$ 52 yen) and for the third consecutive year in 2025 (dividend forecast: 60 yen).<br>Continue to provide stable dividends while aiming for an increase in dividend levels in line with profit growth.  |
| Reduction of capital cost                  | Strengthening of ESG                  | Start of disclosure of nature-related financial information integrated with "initiatives toward climate change" based on the TNFD information disclosure framework.<br>Addition of "Realization of a society in harmony with nature" and "Promoting of responsible drinking" as new "most important issues" in line with changes in the social conditions and business environment. |
|  | Strengthening of<br>SR and IR         | The number of SR and IR meetings in 2024 was 205, an increase of approximately 1.4 times compared to the previous year, reflecting active dialogue.<br>We will continue to actively communicate with investors.   |