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# 1. Business and Financial Performance for Fiscal 2023



# **Consolidated Financial Results for Fiscal 2023**

	(*2) 2022 Results	9 months	vs. PY (%)	4Q	vs. PY (%)	2023 Results	vs. PY (%)	(Yen in billions) vs. Projections (%) (Ref. Feb 16,2023
Revenue	4,110.1	3,198.1	+7	1,115.7	(2)	4,313.8	+5	announcement) +4
Adjusted (*1) Operating Profit	482.6	362.3	+6	118.3	(16)	480.6	(0)	(6)
Margin	11.7%	11.3%	(0.2)pp	10.6%	(1.8)pp	11.1%	(0.6)pp	(1.1)pp
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	300.3	266.7	+41	64.6	(42)	331.3	+10	(1)
- Continuing Operations	305.4	265.7	+22	61.3	(31)	326.9	+7	(4)
- Discontinued Operations	(5.1)	1.1	-	3.3	(86)	4.4	-	-
ROIC <sup>(*1)</sup>	9.4%					8.7%	(0.7)pp	(1.8)pp
ROE <sup>(*1)</sup>	10.9%					10.4%	(0.6)pp	(1.0)pp

(\*1) Revenue, Adjusted Operating Profit, ROIC and ROE show figures for continuing operations and exclude revenue and expenses of the discontinued operations.

(\*2) Due to the application of IAS 12 'Income Taxes', the figures of fiscal year 2022 have been revised retrospectively.

# **Overview of the Performance for Fiscal 2023**

### **Executive Summary of FY 2023**

- In the premium tire business, we further strengthened our focus on the premium segment amid a challenging demand environment for replacement tires and a year-on-year decline in global sales volume.
- With respect to PS REP tires, we thoroughly improved sales mix mainly by below points;
   -Expanding sales of HRD tires (18"+), which have relatively little impact on environmental changes and maintained stable demand
   -Working to reduce loss-making and unprofitable areas
   -Launching high-performance, high-value-added Dan-Totsu products
- Amid a situation where demand for new tires is becoming more severe than expected, in TB REP business in North America, where we have strong business foundation such as Dan-Totsu products and solution network, we were able to improve our share of new and retread tires in the premium segment by combining retread tires with new tires.
- In addition, mining tires achieved solid sales and market share gains, underpinned the company's overall performance in a challenging business environment based on the strength of respect for being on-site, such as tire maintenance services, with the foundation of Dan-Totsu products.
- In the European business, which has been a management issue for the Group in terms of profitability and business foundation, weakness in the sales channel base and other factors have become apparent under the severe business environment, and issues remain to be addressed to improve the situation.
- In the Americas business, where Argentina's hyperinflationary accounting (\*) was applied, the impact of a large devaluation of the currency happened in December significantly pushed down business results, which negatively impacted company's consolidated financial results.

Regarding business results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, a lack of response to address changes has become apparent, and it has become urgent for us to improve our management to capture changes, our sensitivities to quickly respond to change, and the quality and speed of our PDCA (Plan, Do, Check, Act) cycle in the coming fiscal year. The goal of becoming a "strong" Bridgestone capable of adapting to change, which was set at the beginning of the fiscal year, remains a challenge.

\*IAS 29 Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies



## **Overview of the Performance for Fiscal 2023**

#### **Business and Financial Highlights**

- Revenue achieved a year-on-year increase. The favorable impacts came from improvement of sales mix of PSR REP premium tires(18"+inch tires, and profitable premium tire brands in each regions), as well as expanding sales of ultra-large/large mining tires, and tailwind of FX. These factors offset the negative impact of sales decrease by demand decline in the U.S. & Europe, and Argentina's hyperinflationary accounting.
- Adjusted operating profit(AOP) decreased year-on-year, including positive effect of FX. The negative impact of manufacturing costs due to raw materials and inflation (energy, labor cost etc.) was offset by improvements in price & sales mix, along with strong expense management, and on-site improvement in production. However, there was still a negative impact from decreased sales volume and increased conversion cost. Additionally, Argentina's hyperinflationary accounting had a significant negative impact on AOP. Excluding this negative impact of 10.0 billion yen, AOP increased vs. PY.
- AOP Margin was 11.1%, which was lower by 0.6pp year-on-year. Ongoing efforts of improving business quality to adapt to changes are accelerated.
- Net income achieved a year-on-year increase.

#### **Overview of the Performance by Product**

<b>PS/LT</b> (for passenger car & light truck)	<ul> <li>Sales expanded for 18"+inch tires which the demand maintained stable for its relatively calm impact of environment change; PSR-HRD sales: 108% YoY</li> <li>OE: Vehicle production conditions at automobile companies are improving. Tire sales increased year-on-year, excluding some regions.</li> <li>REP: Tire sales decreased year-on-year by economic slowdown. Mainly caused by sales decline from weak winter tire demand of Japan due to warm winter climate.</li> </ul>
<b>TB</b> (for truck & bus)	<ul> <li>OE: Demand continued to recover from the impact of semiconductor shortages. North America declined in sales year-on-year due to component shortage.</li> <li>REP: Sales mainly in the U.S. and Europe largely declined year-on-year due to economic slowdown, with Europe showing a significant decrease in sales.</li> </ul>
OR (for mining & construction)	<ul> <li>Mining: Demand for mainly steel and copper continues to be resilient, exceeding sales vs. PY globally.</li> <li>Construction: While OE sales increased, REP sales for small and medium-sized tires decreased due to decrease in harbor operations etc. in Europe.</li> </ul>

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### **Business Environment Surrounding Bridgestone Group for Fiscal 2023**

<b>\$</b> ¥	Currency Exchange								ed with PY R = ¥159) (Reference) FY2	2 1USD = ¥132,	, 1EUR = ¥138		
	Raw Materia	• al	• Raw Material: The feedstock prices of raw materials declined vs. PY, while the purchase costs of raw materials increased mainly in the 1st half, due to spike of energy, labor and other costs of raw material suppliers. As a result, the overall purchase cost of raw material became at almost the same level with previous year.										
	Tire Demanc (PSR/TBR)	● F   ・	reco REP: Tire and TB: In <b>N.</b> A However, apparent inventory PS: In N. A inventory demand f	vered by demand d Europe America, o some dea which led v levels mir America, n level are p for winter	for both for both demand si lers endect to a signifi- nimum. ormalizatio progressing tire decrea	ement o PSR /TI ignificant I slightly h ficant dec on of deale g to norm sed due to	f semico 3R has d Iy decreas igher than line in de er inventor alize. How o warm win	nductor s eclined d sed year-o a average y mand on a ry has com ever, the de nter climate	demand continued to recover shortage. ue to global economic slowdo <b>n-year basis</b> , despite the recovering ear end level. <b>Normalization is expe</b> <b>a year-on-year basis</b> . Dealer invento pleted at the end of 1st half, which le ealer inventory is still higher than ave e mainly in Japan. <b>Se vs. PY</b> mainly in the U.S. and Euro	own. Especially of trend from 3Q. No ected to complete my are lower than a ed recovery trend o erage year end leve	decline in TBR de rmalization of deale <b>in 1Q 2024.</b> Downt verage year end leve f demand to continu	emand vs. PY was r inventory has progr urn in economy <b>in Eu</b> el, as each dealers are ue in the 2nd half. In F	severe in the U.S. essed in most dealers r <b>ope</b> has also been e keeping their Europe, dealer
Market trer	nd of natural	rubber							Tire Demand (unit ba	ase% vs. PY)			
and crude of	oil (Average)	20	)22			20	)23		Estimated by Bridgestone	PSF	R/LTR	Т	BR
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q		OE	REP	OE	REP
Natural Rub	1//	165	146	130	137	135	134	145	Japan	116%	93%	109%	91%
〈TSR20〉( ¢ /	/kg)	100		100		100	101	115	A cia (*2)	106%	1100/	1/70/	1110/

Natural Rubber (*1) 〈TSR20〉 ( ¢ /kg)	177	165	146	130	137	135	134	145
Natural Rubber (*1) $\langle RSS#3 \rangle$ ( ¢ /kg)	210	211	163	150	161	155	151	166
Crude Oil 〈WTI〉(\$/bbl)	95	109	91	83	76	74	82	79

Fire Demand (unit base% vs. PY)       Estimated by Bridgestone     PSR/LTR									
	OE	REP	OE	REP					
Japan	116%	93%	109%	91%					
Asia <sup>(*2)</sup>	106%	110%	147%	111%					
N.America	107%	99% <sup>(*3)</sup>	96%	82% (*3)					
Europe	110%	91%	104%	79%					
(*2) Total of Thailand, Indonesia and China (*3) USTMA+TRAC demand Demand including tire imports from Asia is as follows.									

PSR/LTR REP: 100% TBR REP: 77%

(\*1) Source: Singapore Commodity Exchange Limited



# Tire Sales Growth for Fiscal 2023(vs. PY)

PSR/LTR	vs PY
Global	94%
OE	
Global	102%
Japan	113%
China, Asia-Pacific	89%
N. America	105%
Europe	106%

### REP

Global	90%
Japan	86%
China, Asia-Pacific	97%
N. America	95%
Europe	85%

TBR	
	vs PY
Global	88%
OE	
Global	96%
Japan	113%
China, Asia-Pacific	105%
N. America	89%
Europe	109%

#### REP

Global 85%	
Japan 89%	
China, Asia-Pacific 96%	
N. America 86%	
Europe 70%	

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Ultra-Large	(REP)	105%
Large		104%
	OE	97%
F	REP	108%
Small & Me	dium	99%
	OE	107%
F	REP	94%

	PSR HRD	(18"+)
G	108%	
	REP	105%



## Analysis of Adjusted Operating Profit for Fiscal 2023(vs. PY)



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## **Consolidated Financial Results by Segment for Fiscal 2023**

(Yen in billions)

		2022 Results	2023 Results	vs. PY (%)	vs. Projections (%) (Ref. Feb 16,2023 announcement)
(*1)	Revenue	1,157.1	1,242.4	+7	(3)
Japan	Adjusted OP	150.6	206.5	+37	+29
	Margin	13.0%	16.6%	+3.6pp	+ 4.1pp
	Revenue	457.0	461.1	+1	(5)
China, Asia-Pacific	Adjusted OP	39.9	41.6	+4	(15)
	Margin	8.7%	9.0%	+0.3pp	(1.1)pp
	Revenue	1,988.0	2,080.0	+5	+3
Americas	Adjusted OP	251.2	212.0	(16)	(21)
	Margin	12.6%	10.2%	(2.4)pp	(3.2)pp
Europe, Russia,	Revenue	870.0	908.5	+4	+4
Middle East, India	Adjusted OP	66.4	25.1	(62)	(50)
and Africa	Margin	7.6% <sup>(*2)</sup>	2.8%	(4.9)pp	(2.9)pp

(\*1) From Fiscal 2023, profit/loss of export business of Japan (PSR/LTR and TBR) are reclassified from "Inter-segment" to "Japan segment". Figures of 2022 have been recalculated with this new method for y/y comparison purpose. (\*2) Margin level excluding previous year's temporary factors such as transfer pricing: 5.2%(approx.)

# **Consolidated Financial Results by Product for Fiscal 2023**

			(Yen in billions)	
		2022 Results	2023 <sup>(*1)</sup> Results	vs. PY (%)
	Revenue	2,203.5	2,375.4	+8
PS/LT	Adjusted OP	261.2	272.3	+4
(incl. retail & credit card business)	Margin	11.9%	11.5%	(0.4) pp
	Revenue	1,066.6	1,028.6	(4)
TB	Adjusted OP	95.3	58.2	(39)
(incl. retread business)	Margin	8.9%	5.7%	(3.3) pp
	Revenue	561.9	611.4	+9
	Adjusted OP	116.7	137.0	+17
Specialties (OR/AC/AG/MC)	Margin	20.8%	22.4%	+1.6 pp
	Revenue	278.1	298.4	+7
(*2)	Adjusted OP	9.5	13.2	+39
Diversified Products Business	Margin	3.4%	4.4%	+1.0 pp

(\*1) From Fiscal 2023, calculation method for P&L by segment has been partially changed. Figures of previous year have been recalculated for y/y comparison purpose.

(\*2) In accordance with the decisions of business transfer, the Company has classified its anti-vibration rubber business and chemical products solutions business as discontinued operations.

Accordingly, revenue and adjusted operating profit show figures for continuing operations and exclude revenue and expenses of the two businesses.

Consolidated Financial Results by Business for Fiscal 2023 (Diversified Products Business – Continuing Operations)



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# B/S and C/F Highlights for Fiscal 2023

		2022 Results (as of Dec 31, 2022)	2023 Results (as of Dec 31, 2023)	vs. Dec 31, 2022
Total Assets <sup>(*)</sup>		4,962.2	5,427.8	+465.6
Total Equity <sup>(*)</sup>		3,012.5	3,405.4	+392.9
Equity Ratio (%) $(*)$		59.8%	61.8%	+2.0pp
Interest-Bearing Debt 〈Net〉		248.3	105.6	(142.7)
Exchange rate	USD/JPY	¥133	¥142	+ ¥9
at the end of reporting period	EUR/JPY	¥141	¥157	+ ¥16
		2022 Results	2023 Results	vs. PY
Cash Flows from Operating Activ	ities	268.5	661.4	+393.0
Cash Flows from Investing Activit	ies	(338.0)	(297.7)	+40.3
Free Cash Flow		(69.5)	363.7	+433.2
Capital Expenditure		317.1	420.0	+102.8
Depreciation and Amortization		282.1	305.8	+23.7

(\*) Due to the application of IAS 12 'Income Taxes', the figures at the end of the fiscal year 2022 have been revised retrospectively.

(Yen in billions)

# 2. Consolidated Projections for Fiscal 2024



### **Consolidated Projections for Fiscal 2024**

(Yen in billions)

	2023 Results	2024 Projections	vs. PY (%)
Revenue	4,313.8	4,430.0	+3
Adjusted Operating Profit (*1)	480.6	530.0	+10
Margin	11.1%	12.0%	+ 0.8pp
Profit Attributable to Owners <sup>(*2)</sup> of Parent	331.3	359.0	+8
-Continuing Operations	326.9	359.0	+10
-Discontinued Operations	4.4	-	-
ROIC <sup>(*1)</sup>	8.7%	9.4%	+0.7pp
ROE <sup>(*1)</sup>	10.4%	10.6%	+0.3pp
Dividend per Share	¥200	¥210	

(\*1) Revenue, Adjusted operating profit, ROIC and ROE show figures for continuing operations and exclude revenue and expenses of the discontinued operations.

(\*2) "Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent" in the 2024 projections include gain on sale of fixed assets (approx. 63 billion yen).

With utilizing this gain, we will execute the 2nd stage of restructuring & rebuilding for the areas remaining issues exposed from 21MBP.

### **Business Environment Assumptions for Fiscal 2024**

General Business Environment	<ul> <li>Business environment will remain to be severe (especially 1Q/1st half)</li> <li>Severe economic trend (especially in Europe) / Energy cost will remain in a high level / Significant increase in labor cost Higher ocean freight due to the situation in the Red Sea / Cost increase related to sustainability</li> <li>Continuous monitoring of geopolitical risks required</li> </ul>
<b>(</b> ) Currency Exchange	• Assumptions: 1USD = ¥135, 1EUR = ¥149
Raw Material	• Raw materials: Both natural rubber and crude oil are expected to rise from the levels of 2023.
	• OE: Demand is expected to be the same level as 2023, excluding some regions.
Tire Demand (PSR/TBR)	<ul> <li>REP: Although there are differences by region, it is expected that the recovery trend will continue from 2nd half of 2023 and have gradual recovery. PSR-HRD(18"+inch) tire demand is expected to keep its increase mainly in the U.S. and Europe.</li> </ul>

### Currency Exchange Rate Assumptions

	2023	2024
USD/JPY	141	135
EUR/JPY	152	149

#### Tire Demand Assumptions (unit base% vs. PY)

Estimated by Bridgestone PSR/LTR				TBR		
	OE	REP	-	OE	REP	
Japan	100%	101~105%		111~115%	101~105%	
Asia <sup>(*1)</sup>	95~99%	101~105%		101~105%	101~105%	
N. America	100%	101~105% (*2)		100%	106~110% <sup>(*2)</sup>	
Europe	95~99%	100%		95~99%	100%	
(*1) Total of Thailand, Indonesia, India and China (*2) USTMA+TRAC demand						

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# Tire Sales Growth Projections for Fiscal 2024 (vs. PY)

PSR/LTR	
	vs. PY
Global	101~105%
OE	
Global	100%
Japan	90~94%
Asia, Pacific, India, China	101~105%
N. America	100%
Europe	101~105%
REP	
Global	106~110%
Japan	111~115%
Asia, Pacific, India, China	111~115%
N. America	106~110%
Europe	95~99%

	vs. PY
Global	101~105%
OE	
Global	101~105%
Japan	101~105%
Asia, Pacific, India, China	85~89%
N. America	111~115%
Europe	90~94%
Asia, Pacific, India, China <b>N. America</b>	85~89% 111~115%

#### REP

Global	106~110%
Japan	100%
Asia, Pacific, India, China	106~110%
N. America	106~110%
Europe	101~105%

OC	ORR	vs. PY
Ultra-L	arge (REP)	100%
L	arge	101~105%
	OE	90~94%
	REP	106~110%
Small &	& Medium	100%
	OE	90~94%
	REP	101~105%

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G	lobal	111~115%		
	REP	116~120%		

(\*)Due to reclassification, India is included

# Analysis of Adjusted Operating Profit for Fiscal 2024 (vs. PY)





# **Consolidated Projections by Segment for Fiscal 2024**

2023 Results **2024 Projections** vs. PY (%) +2 Revenue 1,242.4 1,265.0 Adjusted OP 206.5 182.0 (12)Japan 16.6% 14.4% (2.2)pp Margin 551.5 570.0 +3Revenue Asia, Pacific, India,<sup>(\*)</sup> Adjusted OP 55.2 63.0 +14China +1.0pp 10.0% 11.1% Margin 2,080.0 2,165.0 Revenue +4Americas Adjusted OP 212.0 250.0 +18+1.4pp Margin 10.2% 11.5% 815.7 820.0 +1Revenue Europe, Middle East, Adjusted OP 11.7 27.0 +130and Africa +1.9pp 1.4% 3.3% Margin

(\*) Effective from 2024, segmentation are changed as follows.

"China, Asia-Pacific" is changed to "Asia, Pacific, India, China"

"Europe, Russia, Middle East, India and Africa" is changed to "Europe, Middle East, and Africa"

Note that the 2023 figures are approximate values and may change as a result of the accounting audits.

(Yen in billions)

# 3. Shareholder Returns



### **Shareholder Returns**

#### **Basic Policy for the Appropriation of Profits**

- Regarding the interests of shareholders as an important management priority, the Company follows a basic policy of strengthening our management base in preparation for future business developments while working to improve business results.
- In regard to distributing profit to shareholders, the Company will prioritize to realize sustainable growth and enhancement of corporate value through strategic growth investment to strengthen earning power, focus on creating value and building sustainable premium brand. This also contributes to maintain an appropriate financial position and enhance shareholder returns.
- In determining dividend payments, the Company comprehensively evaluates factors including business results, financial positions for the relevant fiscal period, medium-term earnings forecasts, investment plans, and cash flows. Based on these considerations, the Company strives to live up to the expectations of shareholders by achieving continuous increases of dividend payment amount through a stable consolidated payout ratio of 40% by sustainably enhancing our corporate value.

#### Year End Dividend for Fiscal 2023 and Dividend Forecast for Fiscal 2024

 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, following the above basic policy, the Company plans a **total cash dividend of ¥200 per share**, including an interim cash dividend of ¥100 per share.

(Continuous improvement with an increase of ¥25 per share vs. PY)

- The Company plans to submit a proposal to the 105th Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held on March 26, 2024, to approve a year-end cash dividend of ¥100 per share.
- For fiscal 2024, the Company plans to pay a cash dividend of ¥210 per share, comprising a year-end cash dividend of ¥105 per share and an interim cash dividend of ¥105 per share. (Continuous improvement with an increase of ¥10 per share vs. PY)

	2023	2024 Forecast
2nd Quarter End	¥100	¥105
Year End	¥100	¥105
Total	¥200	¥210



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