NH Foods Group

## Medium-Term Management Plan 2023

**Progress Briefing** 

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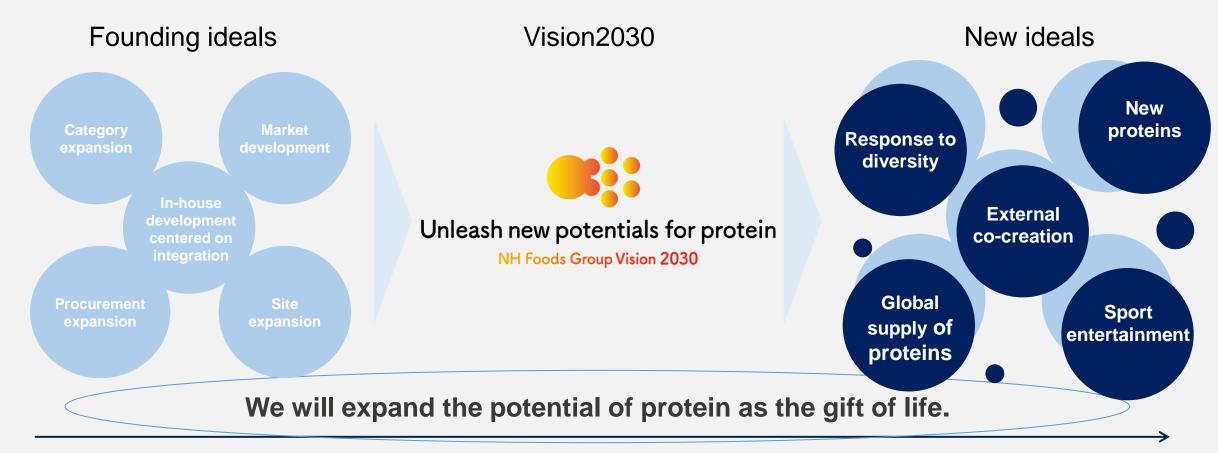
### **Strategic Direction for the NH Foods Group**



## Vision2030 Our ideals for 2030

## Unleash new potentials for protein

NH Foods Group will unleash new ideas beyond existing domains to expand new potentials for protein as the power of life. We will endeavor to create diverse dietary lifestyles so people can experience the "Joy of Eating" more freely, while ensuring a stable supply of food with respect to the environment and society.



## Corporate philosophies: Joy of Eating



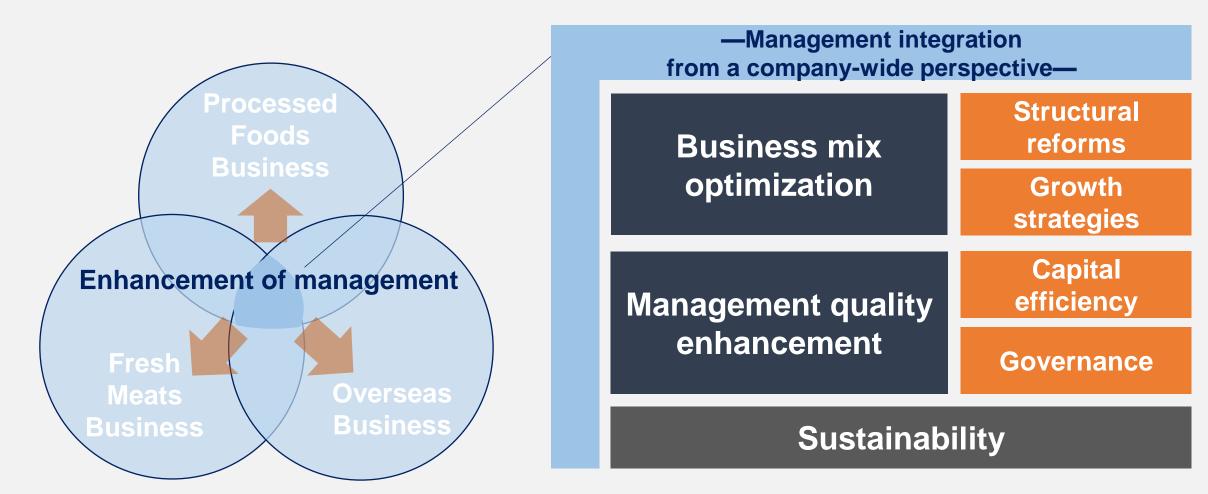
# Moving forward to a new stage through a commitment to structural reforms and growth strategies





## We will enhance profitability through management integration from a company-wide perspective.

- > Business mix (portfolio) optimization
- > Allocation of management resources to key areas based on clearly defined priorities



### **Strategies Going Forward**



Realization of growth strategies through stronger strategy execution and accelerated structural reforms under management leadership

### Our challenge—Evolution to a new stage

Portfolio optimization

Shift away from self-sufficiency philosophy

Structural reforms

- Optimization of production structures for core businesses
- ➤ Review of low-profit businesses
- Profit generation and cost minimization through marketing-logistics integration

**Growth** strategies

- Concentration of investment in growth areas
- Enhancement of marketing
- Creation of new value through external co-creation (human resources, R&D, etc.)
- Creation of new businesses using existing resources

## Management quality enhancement

- Restructuring of ROIC management
- Training/recruitment of transformational managers
- Review of roadmap for production structure optimization, consideration of additional actions and cross-segment utilization of production facilities
- Profitability improvement combined with the improvement of capital efficiency through asset lightening



## FY2024/3 Strategy



The target in the Medium-Term Management Plan 2023 was not achieved due to dramatic changes in the external environment, but there was a shift to a recovery trend. In the current fiscal year, we will lay foundations for a return to growth and build structures in preparation for Medium-Term

Management Plan 2026.

| magement Plan 2020.                            | 2023/3<br>results        | FY2024/3<br>plan         | FY2024/3<br>Medium-Term<br>Management Plan |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Net sales                                      | ¥ <b>1,259.8</b> billion | ¥ <b>1,260.0</b> billion | ¥ <b>1,220.0</b> billion                   |
| Business profit                                | ¥ <b>25.6</b> billion    | ¥ <b>38.0</b> billion    | ¥ <b>61.0</b> billion                      |
| Business profit ratio                          | 2.0%                     | 3.0%                     | 5.0%                                       |
| Profit attributable to<br>Owners of the parent | ¥ <b>16.7</b> billion    | ¥ <b>23.0</b> billion    | -  |
| ROE  | 3.4%                     | 4.6%                     | 8.0%                                       |
| ROIC   | 2.4%                     | 3.5%                     | 6.0%                                       |



## Our transition to a new stage will begin with the enhancement of our strengths and the implementation of structural reforms, leading to an early profitability recovery.

| Business<br>strategies  | Processed<br>Foods Business | ➤ Recovery of earning power through enhanced food marketing ➤ Cost minimization through the improvement of key indicators  |  |  |
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|                         | Fresh Meats<br>Business     | <ul> <li>Profitable expansion of our share of the fresh meat market through enhanced Food sales</li> <li>Profit expansion through the enhancement of procurement structures for imported fresh m combined with external co-creation</li> </ul> |  |  |
|                         | Overseas<br>Business        | ➤ Concentration of our activities in the North American processed food market, expansion of s ➤ Profit recovery through changes to low-profit businesses and the reduction of volatility in Australia  |  |  |
|                         | Ballpark Business           | ➤ New business initiatives following the opening of HOKKAIDO BALLPARK F VILLAGE  |  |  |
|                         | New businesses              | ➤ Successful start-up of the D2C business, new challenges  |  |  |
| Sustainability strategy |                             | ➤ Focus on priority issues, pursuit of strategy linked to business strategies  |  |  |
| Cross-se                | egment strategies           | ➤ Achievement of early results through the pursuit of cross-segment strategies   |  |  |
| DX strategy             |                             | ➤ Planning changes will delay the realization of benefits, but will continue our efforts to maximize results   |  |  |
| Financial strategy      |                             | ➤ Maintenance of an optimal debt-equity structure through the recovery of cash flows from operating activities and stringent selection of capital expenditure projects  ➤ Sustainable dividend growth  |  |  |



### FY2024/3 Plan Net sales ¥420.0 billion, Business profit ¥6.5 billion

## Recovery of earning power through enhanced marketing, cost minimization through the improvement of key indicators

Growth with profitability

Creation of Marketing Management Division

#### Full recovery of three major brands

➤ Development of integrated value chain strategies as the basis for stronger branding

#### Implementation of profit management

➤ Structuring of product portfolios to maximize profit (elimination of unprofitable products)

#### Development of hit brands, initiatives in new areas

➤ Development from the consumer's perspective, initiatives of plant-based, allergy care products

Sales Management Division

#### Prioritized marketing of high-margin products from an overall optimization perspective

- Expansion of market shares of flagship brands (Schau Essen, Chuka Meisai, Chilled pizza)
- ➤ Attraction of new customers through the launch of new products (*Morning Serve*)

Focus on productivity

Product
Management
Division

#### Enhancement of cost competitiveness through production structure optimization

- Fixed cost reduction, leading to lower production costs
- Centralization of production of flagship brands on production lines with high productivity
- ➤ Consideration of OEM for our products
- Development of optimal logistics structures, including efficiency improvements on key routes



## FY2024/3 Plan Net sales ¥720.0 billion, Business profit ¥32.0 billion

## Expansion of fresh meat market share through enhanced Food sales, expansion of procurement structures for imported fresh meats, external co-creation

Market share expansion with profitability, profit recovery

## Utilization of our strengths

#### Strengthening of upstream business infrastructure

- ►Increased weighting of production mix toward branded fresh meats
- Profitability enhancement through the comprehensive improvement of key production indicators

#### **Quantitative expansion of Food sales**

- Establishment of dedicated organizations for each channel and enhancement of marketing capabilities in preparation for the pursuit of area strategies
- Expansion of sales of high-margin branded fresh meats
- Marketing initiatives for new high-added-value products

External co-creation

## Creation of procurement structures capable of flexible adjustment to environmental changes

Quantitative expansion of external purchasing

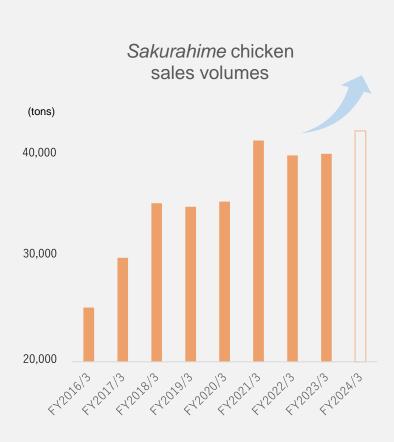
## Development of production structures suited for an environment of rising production costs

Continuation of efforts to cut feed costs through co-creation with feed manufacturers

Rebuilding

#### Redevelopment of procurement structures for imported fresh meats

Adoption of advanced supply-demand forecasting methods for imported fresh meats





## FY2024/3 Plan Net sales ¥295.0 billion, Business profit ¥1.7 billion

Sales expansion through an increased focus on the North American processed food market, profit recovery through changes to low-profit businesses and the reduction of volatility in Australia





### FY2024/3 Plan Net sales ¥25.0 billion, Business profit ¥1.5 billion

## **Ballpark Business**

### Business expansion following the opening of HOKKAIDO BALLPARK F VILLAGE

#### **Economic value**

#### Revenue structure transition following relocation to the new ballpark

- Expansion of earnings thanks to growth in revenues from advertising, goods, and season tickets
- ➤ Initiatives to raise ticket revenue level (e.g., premium tickets, gifts to ballpark visitors)
- ➤ Enhancement of visitor attractiveness through content other than baseball, as well as exciting food & beverage facilities

#### Social value

#### F VILLAGE as a hub for contribution to communities and society

- ➤ Co-creation of a sustainable community through collaboration among government-businessacademia partners
- ➤ Development of facilities and environments to provide various experiences to children as citizens of the future

#### **New businesses**

### Successful start-up of the D2C business, new challenges

Sustainable businesses

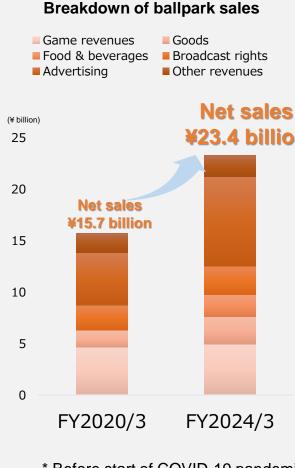
New business creation

Development of products that contribute to a better future by sharing various values

➤ Development and sale of eco-friendly products

## Enhancement of breadth and innovativeness of ideas through co-creation management

➤ Open innovation



<sup>\*</sup> Before start of COVID-19 pandemic

### **Sustainability Strategy/Cross-Segment Strategies/DX Strategy**



## Sustainability strategy

Focus on priority issues, pursuit of strategy linked to business strategies

Realization of sustainable livestock industry

Solving future social issues with a focus on future risks and social needs

- Acceleration of GHG reduction research, introduction of carbon-neutral farms
- ➤ Further evolution of PIG LABO
- Further dissemination of Animal Welfare Core Values, closer collaboration with business divisions

Cross-segment strategies

We will achieve early benefits through cross-segment strategies.

Sales and logistics reforms

Building structures to ensure optimal use of business resources

- ➤ Use of the nationwide marketing networks of Food Group to sell processed consumer products
- ➤ Curbing of cost increases through cross-segment utilization of logistics networks

We will create sustainable, robust value chains through linkage with DX strategies.

### **DX** strategy

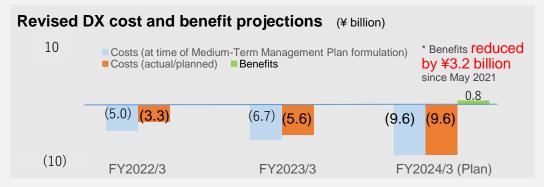
Planning changes will delay the realization of benefits, but we will continue our efforts to maximize results.

Efficiency improvement through accounting system update

Full-scale introduction in April 2022, followed by transition to sharing of accounting services

Realization of benefits from business process restructuring

Creation of new business opportunities through DX-based cross-segment collaboration



### **Financial Strategy**



## Maintenance of an optimal debt-equity structure and dividend growth through a recovery in operating cash flows and the stringent selection of capital expenditure projects

#### **Cash allocations**

In FY2024/3, we will generate cash through an operating cash flow recovery and the improvement of capital efficiency.

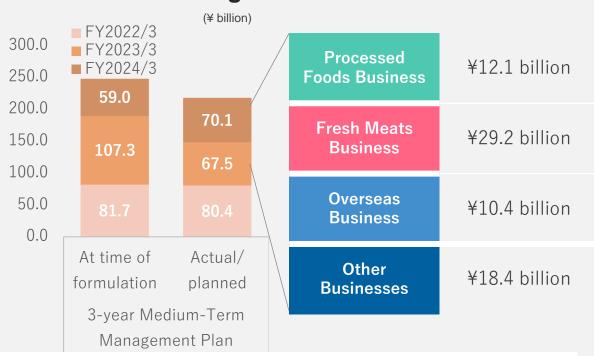
(¥ billion)

|   | Medium-Term<br>Management Plan<br>2023<br>Initial plan | Medium-Term<br>Management Plan<br>2023<br>Adjusted plan | 2023/3<br>results | 2024/3<br>forecasts |
|---|--|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities           | 227.2  | 119.5   | 11.3              | 74.8                |
| Interest-bearing<br>liabilities (repayments)  | (23.6)   | 13.5  | 38.3              | (21.8)              |
| Cash generation/ utilization of surplus funds | 40.0   | 71.9  | 38.7              | 12.4                |
| Source of funds                               | 243.7  | 204.9   | 88.3              | 65.4                |
| Capital<br>expenditures                       | (204.2)  | (182.1)   | (82.3)            | (55.4)              |
| Cash dividends                                | (30.4)   | (31.3)  | (10.4)            | (11.3)              |

### Capital expenditure \* Accrual basis

\* Accrual basis, including IFRS leases

## ¥30 billion reduction to ¥218 billion during the 3-year Medium-Term Management Plan



➤ Cash generation Sales of businesses and cross-shareholdings

➤ Shareholder returns Continual steady dividend growth based on a DOE ratio of 2.3%, with flexible buyback schemes as an option



Unleash new potentials for protein NH Foods Group Vision 2030