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Seminar Japan Wholesale and Retail Landscape with Loic Bizel Monday 15/5 - 10.00AM-12.00PM @ TFC

- Introduction Loic Bizel
- Distribution channels
- Marketing
- Best practices (retail prices, distribution, marketing & PR, collaboration,...)
- ☐ Distribution and Retail Market Information
- Q&A session



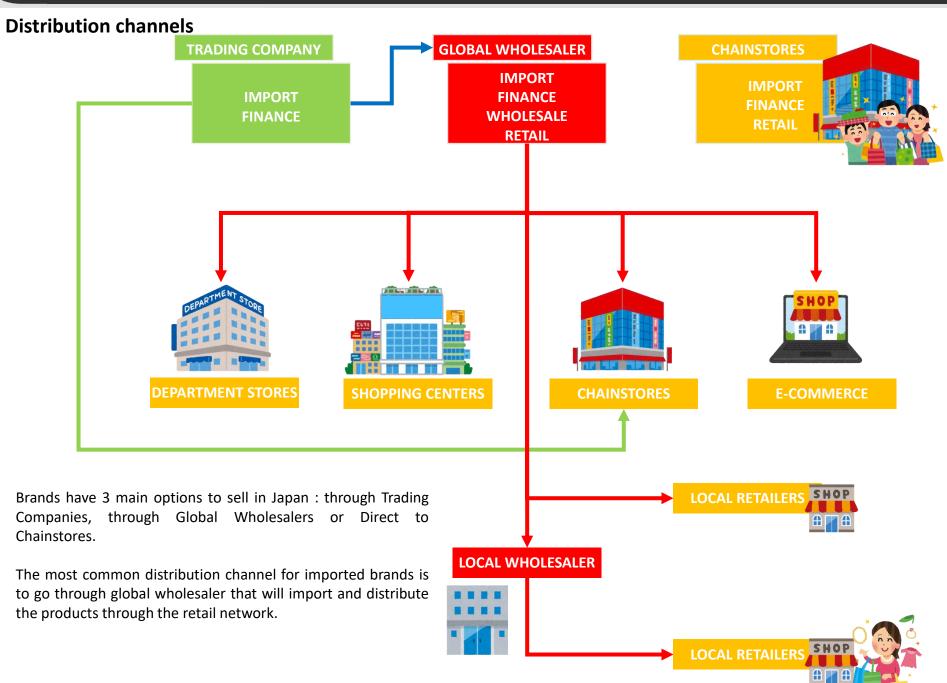
The main distribution channels for imported brands in Japan are department stores, select stores chainstores, specialty chainstores, E-commerce, shopping centers and fashion buildings, outlets malls and local independent retailers.

Distribution Channel	Key Players	+	-
Department Stores	Isetan, Takashimaya, Hankyu, Mitsukoshi	Medium volume, Brand oriented, High price	Only few are fashion oriented, Mainly old clients
Select Shops Chainstores	Beams, United Arrows, Ships, Baycrews, Urban Research	Image, Brand and trend oriented, High price	Limited volume, Exclusive edition
Specialty Chainstores	ABC mart, Asbee (shoes), Sazaby, Tokyo Delica (bags), Bals, Actus (home)	Medium volume, Brand oriented, Medium price	Exclusive edition, Medium retail presence
E-Commerce	Rakuten, Yahoo, Amazon, Locondo, Magaseek, Zozo (Start Today)	High volume, Large offer, Fashion oriented	Need to have importers to wholesale to them
Shopping Centers	Marui, Lalaport, Lumine, Parco, Atre	Medium volume, Mass retail presence, Fashion	Medium price, Domestic brands
Independent Retailers	Local store	Reach countryside clients	Low volume, Medium price, Purchase through wholesale
Discount Chainstores	Don Quichote, Jean's mate, ABC mart	High volume, Mass retail presence	Low image, Low price, Discount
GMS	Aeon, Itoyokado, Daiei	High volume, Mass retail presence	Low price, Not fashionable, Made in China

Each distribution channels has its own structure to import brands. Japan distribution system still rely a lot on middlemen : agent, trading company, importer, global wholesaler, local wholesaler.

Agents are less and less present in the market as the wholesalers now act as the importer, distributor and sometimes retailers, are becoming the agent.

Since 2000, more retailers, including select stores and department stores started to import directly in order to increase their margin. But the exchange rates fluctuation between the Yen, the USD and the Euro has impacted their cash flow and margin control, therefore, the middlemen are still predominant for imported brands.



Distribution Channel	PURCHASE	MIDDLEMEN	DIRECT
Department Stores	Mainly consignment	Importer / Wholesaler	Sometimes
Select Shops Chainstores	Purchase	Mainly through Wholesaler	Direct at exhibition when no distributor
Specialty Chainstores	Purchase	Mainly through Wholesaler	
E-Commerce	Consignment	Wholesaler	
Shopping Centers	Mainly consignment	Mainly through Wholesaler	
Independent Retailers	Purchase	Wholesaler	
Discount Chainstores	Purchase	Wholesaler	Parallel Import

Trading company (SOGO SHOSHA)

In imports alone, the top six firms account for some 25% of total imports. Other, broader estimates claim with some validity that these same companies are involved in at least part of the procurement, shipping and handling of more than 70% of Japan's imports, with the figure jumping to nearer 80% for bulk raw materials and foodstuffs alone. So powerful have Sogo Shosha become in certain categories of consumer goods, notably fashion and food, that their role merits a separate section from wholesalers. Indeed their increasing ownership of key retailers and their ambitions to increase these interests through M&A, suggests a future as powerful, vertical consumer goods businesses, from raw imports to retail:

- Main Trading Companies in Japan: Itochu Shoji, Mitsubishi Shoji, Sumitomo Shoji, Marubeni, Mitsui Bussan.
- Mitsui Bussan is main partner to Seven & I for sourcing across all major categories.
- In fashion, Itochu has acquired Java Holdings and Leilian and its subsidiaries and affiliates like Coronet and Joix are increasingly active as retailers of the brands they have distribution and license contracts for. Itochu Shoji has long been the most active in fashion brand distribution and continues to enjoy significant market share in key segments like sports, casual apparel, and accessories.
- Mitsubishi Shoji sold off a small brand distribution business in the early 2000s, but has become the leading supplier to Japan's new generation of fast growing apparel retailers. It helped Fast Retailing (Uniqlo) rapid rise and also supports Ryohin Keikaku (Muji), Adastria (Point), Cross Company, Urban Research, United Arrows and many of the other fastest growing apparel retailers of the last decade.
- Mitsui owns 50% of QVC Japan, and Sumitomo Shoji owns more than 50% of Jupiter Shop Channel. These two broadcasters alone control 50% of the ¥500 billion TV shopping market, and Itochu is also active in this channel.
- They are active in e-commerce too; Sumitomo Shoji owns various e-commerce businesses such as Elle through a stake in Hachette Fujingaho, and Itochu has a minority stake in Magaseek, a leading fashion online store, as well as investing in social fashion apps like iQon.

Fashion latest estimate, which incorporates government, industry and company data, shows a total fashion retail market (apparel, accessories and footwear) of ¥16.73 trillion in FY2014, of which apparel alone accounted for ¥12.81 trillion.

In 2014, there were 110,595 specialty retailers (excluding department stores and other mixed merchandise retailers) selling fashion of all kinds. Of these, 71,710 were part of 21,503 incorporated businesses, with the remainder being independent stores. However, concentration is much more significant than these numbers suggest because many retail chains are incorporated intro larger consolidated businesses.

Total apparel sales for the top 100 retailers reached ¥8.418 trillion in FY2014, giving the top 100 a share of 65.7% of the total apparel market (excluding accessories and footwear). The top 10 retailers have a 27% share. The majority of big fashion retailers today are specialty formats, and most of these have their own supply chains, although many use the services of Sogo Shosha and other suppliers as well.

Department stores, which account for around 23% of the corporate retail fashion market and 16% of all apparel-only sales, are expanding their own direct supply chains, and developing more private brands, either alone or in conjunction with apparel wholesalers. The top four chains are also diversifying into other formats, increasing their share of the fashion market as a whole.

Household items & furniture Nitori and IKEA alone account for around 20% of the furniture retail market and their share is growing rapidly. Shimachu is also a major furniture retailer. In addition, there are a number of smaller retailers growing fast in the home fashion market such as Actus and Zara Home, suggesting the emergence of more national specialty chains in the next five years similar to what has happened in apparel.

Department Stores

Classic & Fashion

- Imported brands
- 70% conservative clients looking for Classic styles
- Importance in the materials, details, quality, comfort
- Retail Prices is less important than brand name and quality
- Aging customers base

Select Shops

Fashion & Casual

- 80% fashion clients looking for Trendy styles
- Importance in the materials, details, quality and brand
- Retail Prices is as important as style, brand and quality
- Increase of private labels and collaboration with brands

E-commerce

Fashion & Young

- 70% fashion clients looking for Fashionable styles at reasonable prices or discount
- Importance in the quality of the pictures and brand explanations
- Retail Price is important and must be justified
- Over 50% of sales coming from M-Commerce

Marketing

- Fashion Magazines play a very important role in the development of the brand awareness.
- Increasing of lifestyle section (sports, cafes, interior decoration, DYI, pets, travel,...)
- To make sure to have a good PR coverage, you can hire a PR agency as well as support your distributors, including the retailers with PR materials (history, brand concept, pictures of factory, production techniques,...)



- Collaboration with designers or brands or select stores is also a good way to get PR and advertising as the magazines like to have some original and unique items to propose and write about.
- It is essential to choose the right designers or brands that fit into the brand DNA so that the press coverage will help you to develop your brand awareness. If the collaboration is with a select store, it is important that you control the product they want to use.



Collaboration Timberland x Mastermind

International presence in the key stores in Paris, London, Milan, NY, Los Angeles,... is also very important to bring legitimacy to your brand in the market. Renown international retailers in Japan are Colette, Corso Como, Fred Segal, Opening Ceremony, Ron Herman, IT.





Best practices (quality, delivery, retail prices, distribution, marketing & PR, collaboration,...)

Market Characteristics

Wide Variety, Small Lots, Short Fashion Cycles, Special Editions are common requests by the retailers.

Seasonal changes are clear in Japan; therefore, people switch outfits accordingly, and do the same with shoes. Due to this short cycle, retailers deal with small quantities of a wide variety of items.

Importance of Quality and Delivery Deadlines

"If you succeed in Japan, you will succeed anywhere else." Japanese are extremely conscious of product quality and delivery deadlines. Maintaining "quality and deadlines" is a key factor to keep a good business relationship with a Japanese company. There is usually no 2nd chance in Japan!

Shortening of Distribution Channels

For a long time, the typical distribution channel for shoes was: Manufacturer ⇒ Wholesalers ⇒ Retailers.

Since 1990, brands and/or makers started selling directly to retailers. This shortening has reduced costs and prices of merchandised products. Internet retailing has also been increasing, making it easier for manufactures/brands to sell products directly to consumers.

However, the retail prices are fixed in Japan for one item. So even though you are selling your brand directly to retailers, you must take into account the wholesale margin if you are also selling through wholesalers.

How to calculate your retail prices?

It is very important that your distribution have the same retail price for the same product, because the buying price of the retailers is based on the Retail Price (Jodai).

The wholesalers give a discount (Kakeritsu) on the Retail Price to their retailers. The discount vary according to the volume and the payment terms, usually from 40% to 60% of the Retail Price.

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How to fix your psychological retail prices?

The Retail Price should be fixed according to the EXW price but also to the true market value of your products, and the positioning you want to achieve.

It is often better to grant more margin to the distributor by fixing a retail price higher than it could be. This will give your distributor some budget to invest in marketing, exhibition and promotions, as well as give them margin to absorb exchange rate fluctuations (Euro went up / down 40% within the past 24 months!).

In the below price calculation, the FOB is 100 Euros and Retail Price is 50,440 Yen.

So EXW to Retail Price in Yen is 4.2 times if you sell through a wholesaler.

If you sell through Agent, you have to increase your EXW including a 10% commission for the agent.

If your wholesaler is using a local wholesaler, the total Wholesale margin should be 60% (40% for Global Wholesaler + 20% for Local Wholesaler).

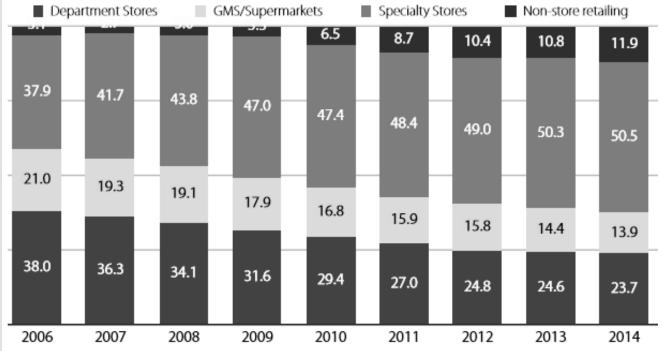
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Price Structure - Japan

Import Costs	Euros		JPY
Agent Commission	0% <mark>€ 100.00</mark>	¥	12,000
EXW	€ 100.00	¥	12,000
Freight Import of COGS	<i>20%</i> € 20.00	¥	2,400
Duties of COGS	<i>10%</i> € 12.00	¥	1,440
Forwarder of COGS	2% € 2.00	¥	240
Other Import Costs of COGS	<i>5</i> % € 5.00	¥	600
DDP Japan	€ 139.00	¥	16,680

Retail Price Structure	Euros		JPY
Wholesale Margin	40% € 55.60	¥	6,672
Retailer Margin	50% € 194.60	¥	23,352
Retail Price w/o VAT	€ 389.20	¥	46,704
VAT	8% € 31.14	¥	3,736
Retail Price with VAT	€ 420.34	¥	50,440

Chart 3: Market Share of Apparel Market by Retail Format among Top 100, FT2014



Share of non-store retailing for apparel sales has been increasing quickly since 2014, thanks to boom the EC and MC.

Share of Speciality Stores apparel sales also increased in the past years mainly because of the development of international fast fashion brands (H&M, Forever 21), the launch of new retail formats from domestic brands (Uniqlo, SPA brands like Stripe, Coen by United Arrows,...), the opening of new large shopping malls (like Aeon, Lalaport) and large outlets malls (Like Mitsui, Chelsea)

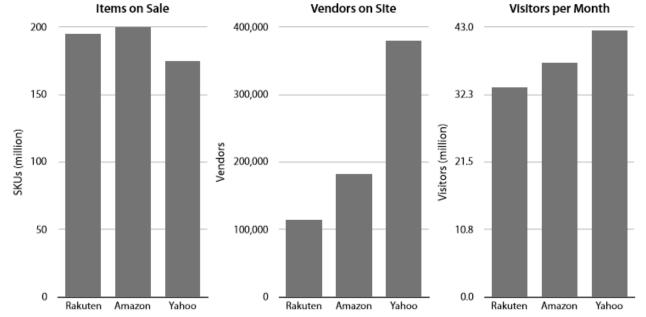
Source: Company Reports; Nikkei; Senken; Hanbai Kakushin; JDSA; JapanConsuming.

On the other hand, sales share of apparel in GMS/supermarkets have been decreasing sharply mainly due to the poor offer and products line-up.

Department Stores apparel share have also declined sharply because of the aging population of the department stores visitors, the opening of more and more stand-alone shops for imported brands and in the meantime, the closure of countryside department stores.

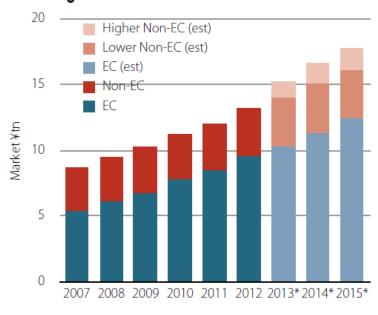
These trends will continue in the coming years with non-store retailing accelerating with the development of cross-border EC and new technology to better find the right clothing sizes.





Note: Rakuten Vendors include Rakuten Travel vendors (around 60% of total); Yahoo figures include Yahoo Shopping and Yahoo Auction Source: Trade press; Toyo Keizai; JapanConsuming.

Endless growth: Non-store retail sales to 2015

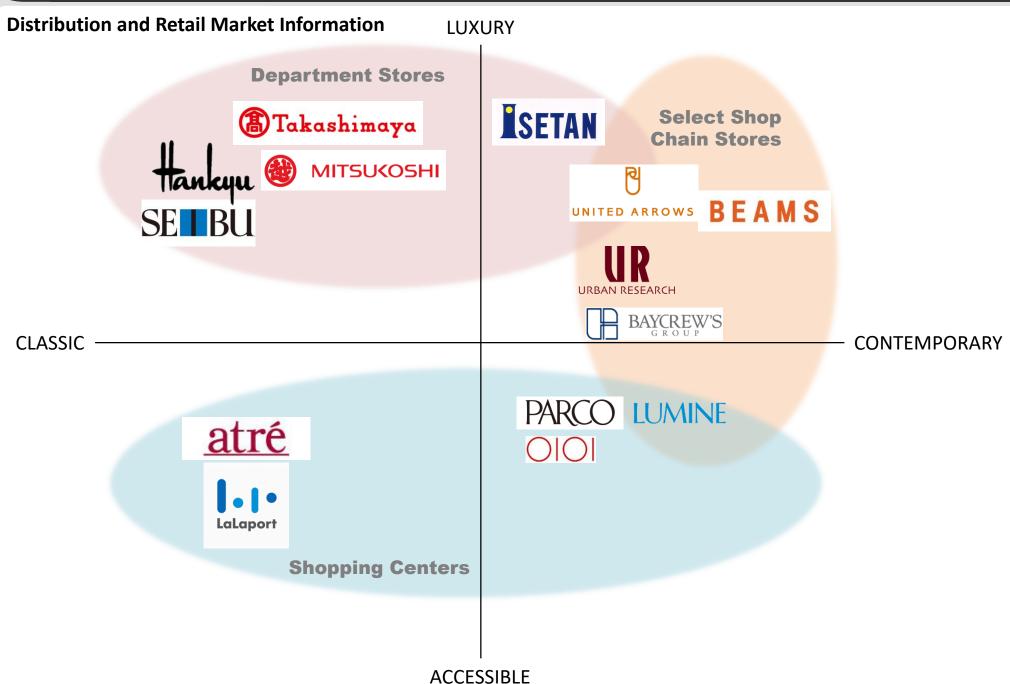


Note: 2013-15 figures estimates

Sources: Japan Apparel & Fashion Report 2013

While shopping portals like Rakuten, Amazon and Yahoo continue to remain the key players for EC, specialized and targeted EC or Appli like Zozo, Magaseek, Gladd and brands own EC sites are becoming stronger for fashion and lifestyle.

Store	Туре	Number of stores	Retail price range
Isetan	Department Store	6	High
Takashimaya	Department Store	19	High
Hankyu	Department Store	11	High
Mitsukoshi	Department Store	5	High
Beams	Select Shops Chainstore	123	High-Midium
United Arrows	Select Shops Chainstore	255	High-Midium
Ships	Select Shops Chainstore	74	High-Midium
Baycrews	Select Shops Chainstore	132	High-Midium
Urban Research	Select Shops Chainstore	254	High-Medium
TOMORROWLAND	Select Shops Chainstore	120	High-Medium
Nano Universe	Select Shops Chainstore	51	High-Medium
Marui	Shopping Center	29	Medium
Lalaport	Shopping Center	12	Medium
Lumine	Shopping Center	16	Medium
Parco	Shopping Center	30	Medium
Atre	Shopping Center	21	Medium



What makes you loyal?

Customer Segment	Priority for Loyalty	Loyalty Strategy examples
Women	Value for money Keeps up with my lifestyle	Weekly email discountsNew product alerts & offersAlliance partner purchase rewards
Over 55s	 Personal attention & respect 	Custom postal invitations
While collars	• Communications meet my needs	 Personalised, informational communications
Age 18-34	Trendy Products	New product information alertsTrial offers
High Income	New product informationSpecial events	New product launch event VIP invitations

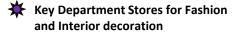
Leading Department Stores Group by Sales, FY2015

Rank	Company	HQ Location	Sales ¥mn	YonY %	Apparel Sales ¥mn*	Ratio %
1	Sogo Seibu	Tokyo	790,708	0.1	227,408	28.8
2	Takashimaya	Osaka	710,161	1.5	222,893	31.4
3	Isetan-Mitsukoshi	Tokyo	679,085	3.5	256,172	37.7
4	Daimaru-Matsuzakaya	Osaka	677,511	0.9	271,841	40.1
5	Hankyu-Hanshin	Osaka	430,731	2.4	145,896	33.9
6	Kintetsu	Osaka	250,516	-3.8	79,466	31.7
7	Marui	Tokyo	249,847	-1.3	119,623	47.9
8	Tokyu	Tokyo	189,377	0.5	54,886	29
9	Odakyu	Tokyo	146,242	1.3	44,463	30.4
10	Tobu	Tokyo	145,160	-2.9	43,707	30.1
11	JR Tokai Takashimaya	Nagoya	130,118	3.2	46,582	35.8
12	Iwataya-Mitsukoshi	Fukuoka	117,322	3.8	44,231	37.7
13	Mitsukoshi Nagoya	Nagoya	98,421	0.8	22,693	23.1
14	Keio	Tokyo	89,971	0.7	32,254	35.8
15	Tenmaya	Okayama	89,306	-3.2	31,072	34.8
16	Matsuya	Tokyo	82,357	16.2	27,929	33.9
17	JR West Isetan	Kyoto	80,177	1.3	31,068	38.7
18	Sapporo Marui Mitsukoshi	Sapporo	63,426	0	23,775	37.5
19	Izutsuya	Kokura	61,230	-1.8	22,111	36.1
20	Tsuruya	Kagoshima	57,601	3.9	20,136	35
21	Daimaru Hakata	Fukuoka	56,747	-1.2	20,629	36.4
22	Maruhiro	Kawagoe	54,722	-9.4	16,008	29.3
23	Meitetsu	Nagoya	53,717	-1.5	18,527	34.5
24	Fukuya	Hiroshima	51,515	-1.7	15,976	31
25	Keihan	Osaka	51,016	-3	11,928	23.4
26	Daiwa	Kanazawa	48,143	-2.4	18,401	38.2
27	Niigata Isetan-Mitsukoshi	Niigata	46,140	0.2	21,371	46.3
28	Yamakataya	Kagoshima	45,321	-2.4	17,235	38
29	Fujisaki	Sendai	43,020	-0.3	14,842	34.5
30	Tokiwa	Oita	42,741	-6.4	16,740	39.2

The most influential department stores in term of brands and products selection are Isetan Shinjuku (Tokyo) and Hankyu Umeda (Osaka).

Brands who are planning to sell through department stores should focus first on these 2 leaders.

TOP 40 D	epartment Stores by S	ales, FY2015		Sales	YonY	Sales Area	Sales Density ¥/sqm/	Sales Density YonY
Rank	Company Name	Location*	Area	¥m	%	Sqm	month	%
‡ 1	Isetan	Shinjuku	Kanto	244,546	7.1	70,325	289,781	-4.46
₩ 2	Hankyu	Umeda, Osaka	Kinki	218,358	10.4	97,520	186,592	10.69
₩ 3	Seibu	Ikebukuro	Kanto	190,018	1.4	73,814	214,523	1.43
4	Takashimaya	Nihonbashi	Kanto	136,630	5.2	49,230	231,278	3.91
. 5	Mitsukoshi	Nihonbashi	Kanto	133,432	3.2	62,580	177,682	-0.26
₩ 6	Takashimaya	Yokohama	Kanto	132,045	-2.1	56,548	194,591	-3.11
※ 7	JR Tokai Takashimaya	Nagoya	Chubu	130,118	3.2	61,070	177,553	2.29
8	Takashimaya	Namba, Osaka	Kinki	127,629	4.2	64,040	166,080	11.26
9	Matsuzakaya	Nagoya	Chubu	124,834	-0.6	86,758	119,906	-0.63
10	Sogo	Yokohama	Kanto	114,200	1.1	83,654	113,762	1.07
11	Tobu	Ikebukuro	Kanto	101,970	-3.1	85,944	98,873	-3.09
12	Kintetsu Abeno Harukas	Abeno, Osaka	Kinki	97,638	-0.7	100,000	81,365	-5.8
13	Odakyu	Shinjuku	Kanto	94,936	2.4	50,954	155,264	2.41
14	Tokyu	Shibuya	Kanto	91,893	3	61,540	124,435	3.38
1 5	Daimaru	Shinsaibashi	Kinki	91,072	7.8	46,490	163,247	7.87
16	Takashimaya	Kyoto	Kinki	85,945	1.8	60,005	119,358	2.15
* 17	Mitsukoshi	Ginza	Kanto	85,293	14.6	36,566	194,381	14.6
18	Daimaru	Kobe	Kinki	85,079	-1.1	50,656	139,962	-1.08
19	JR West Isetan Kyoto	Kyoto	Kinki	80,177	1.3	56,964	117,292	1.33
20	Mitsukoshi	Sakae, Nagoya	Chubu	79,153	1.4	78,484	84,044	1.38
21	Keio	Shinjuku	Kanto	78,794	1.6	43,948	149,408	1.57
22	Matsuya	Ginza	Kanto	76,427	18.1	32,182	197,903	18.1
23	Sogo	Chiba	Kanto	76,053	-1.1	69,648	90,997	-1.11
2 4	Iwataya	Fukuoka	Kyushu	73,932	5.7	49,554	124,329	5.66
25	Daimaru	Tokyo	Kanto	73,169	4.3	46,000	132,553	4.29
26	Takashimaya	Shinjuku	Kanto	70,440	3.7	53,727	109,256	3.74
27	Daimaru	Kyoto	Kinki	70,000	-0.5	50,830	114,762	-0.46
28	Daimaru	Umeda, Osaka	Kinki	65,212	2.1	64,000	84,911	2.06
29	Daimaru	Sapporo	Hokkaido	62,710	2.2	45,000	116,130	2.21
30	Hanshin	Umeda, Osaka	Kinki	58,919	-17.7	33,429	146,876	-19.42
31	Tsuruya	Kumamoto	Kyushu	57,601	3.9	71,813	66,841	3.93
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36	Sogo	Kobe	Kinki	46,757	1.5	42,563	91,545	1.55
37	Tenmaya	Okayama	Chugoku	46,593	-3.3	61,500	63,134	-4.46
38	Izutsuya	Fukuoka	Kyushu	45,599	-2.2	65,770	57,776	-13.38
39	Yamakataya	Kagoshima	Kyushu	45,321	-2.4	33,236	113,634	-2.35
40	Hankyu	Hakata	Kyushu	43,850	3.7	41,835	87,347	3.68



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2001	Total	38	7 9,628.4	10	-3.8	-	3,511	12,709.30	0.7		- 36,1	76 6,878	80	3.3	-1.7	423,996	-5.4	136,808	-1.9	98.3	101.
2002	Total	37	2 9,369.	20	-2.7	-	3,641	12,670.20	-0.3		- 37,0	83 6,980	00	1.5	-1.7	400,657	-5.5	132,280	-3.3	95.7	100.
2003	Total	36	4 9,106.	70	-2.8	-	3,755	12,652.60	-0.1		- 37,6	91 7,096	40	1.7	-2.3	402,879	0.6	132,446	0.1	94.6	100.3
2004	Total	35	8 8,853.	50	-2.8	-	3,932	12,613.90	-0.3		- 38,6	21 7,289	20	2.7	-0.6	414,402	2.9	133,649	0.9	94.6	100.
2005	Total	34	5 8,763.0	00	-1	-	3,940	12,565.60	-0.4		- 39,6	00 7,359	60	1	-0.6	407,595	-1.6	134,828	0.9	96.2	10
2006	Total	33	5 8,644.	20	-1.4	-	3,989	12,501.00	-0.5		- 40,1	83 7,399	00	0.5	-2.4	414,346	1.7	134,910	0.1	98.2	100.
2007	Total	32	3 8,467.	50	-2	-	4,124	12,733.60	1.9		- 40,4	05 7,489	40	1.2	-0.9	422,542	2	135,415	0.4	99.7	100.
2008	Total	31	2 8,079.0	00	-4.6	-	4,258	12,872.40	1.1	-1	.3 40,7	45 7,942	60	6.1	4.2	428,087	1.3	136,017	0.4	102.7	101.
2009	Total	29	0 7,177.	50	-11.2	-10.1	4,391	12,798.60	-2.1		-5 41,7	24 7,980	80	0.5	-2.1	317,980	-25.7	132,961	-2.2	101.7	100.
2010	Total	27	4 6,842.	30	-4.7	-3	4,683	12,737.30	-0.5	-0	.5 42,3	47 8,113	60	1.7	2.8	325,163	2.3	136,479	2.6	100	99.
2011	Total	26	5 6,660.	50	-2.6	-2.3	4,771	12,932.70	0	-1	.5 43,3	73 8,774	70	8.1	5.6	331,300	1.9	135,157	-1	101.6	99.
2012	Total	25	9 6,638.	30	-0.3	0.4	4,873	12,954.70	0.2	-1	.3 47,8	01 9,477	20	4	-0.3	324,617	-2	137,584	1.8	100.6	99.
2013	Total	25	4 6,719.	50	1.2	1.8	5,057	13,057.90	0.2	-1	.5 50,2	34 9,872	40	4.2	-1.2	327,238	0.8	138,898	1	101.9	10
2014	Total	25	0 6,825.	20	1.6	2	5,130	13,369.50	1.8	0	.3 52,7	25 10,423	20	5.6	0.7	327,659	0.1	141,219	1.7	105.1	102.
2015	Jul	24	7 619	.1	3.1	3.6	4,780	1,086.50	3.1	1	.2 53,7	92 1,003	20	5.3	1.2	27,048	-0.7	12,030	0.8	103.3	100.
	Aug	24	7 483	.2	2	2.7	4,781	1,122.50	3.2	1	.4 54,1	35 99	5.1	5.5	1.7	25,183	-0.8	11,541	0.8	102.7	100.
	Sep	24	6 494	.1	1.1	1.8	4,776	1,017.30	3.4	1	.6 54,0	27 91	3.9	5.1	1.3	27,268	-2.9	11,232	-0.1	102.1	100.
	Oct	24			3.8	4.2	4,782	1,057.60	4	2	.3 54,1	05 94	3.4	6.1	2.5	26,857	-1.8	11,574	1.8	101.5	
	Nov	24	6 599	.2	-2.9	-2.6	4,794	1,049.90	0.1		-1 54,2	29 89	9.2	4.2	0.9	26,067	-2.2	11,516	-1.1	101.4	99.
	Dec	24			-0.1	0.3	4,818		1.2					5.1	1.4	28,579	-3.9	13,357	-1.1	101	
2015	Total		6 6,825.		0	0.5		13,222.90	-1.1		,	05 10,993		5.5	1.4	•	-2.5	140,666			
2016	Jan	24			-2.1	-1.6		1,104.40			,			4.8	1	23,255	-6.2	11,468	-0.2		
	Feb	24	-		-0.3	0.5	4,814	997.3	5		,-			7.6	1.6	24,655	-4	10,766	0.4		
	Mar	24			-3.2	-2.8	4,815	,	1.3		,			3.5	-0.1	27,898	-6.8	12,283	-1		
	Apr	24			-4	-3.6		1,044.60	1.9		•		19	4.5	0.9	24,955	-5.3	11,449	-0.9		
	May	24			-5.4	-4.8	,	1,085.40	-0.1		•			2.6	-0.3	23,002	-6.7	11,529	-2.1		
	Jun	24			-3.9	-3.6		1,049.20	0.9		•			3.8	0.8	25,079	-7.3	11,324	-1.3		
	Jul*	24	1 616	.5	-0.4	-0.2	4,810	1,104.60	1.6	1	.1 55,1	72 1,041	60	3.8	0.3	24,828	-8.2	12,003	-0.2	-	99.

Notes: LfL: Like for Like Sales YonY % Change; JC is reporting METI's official figures. METI revised its calculation methods in February 2013 and revised previous data. JC figures were updated accordingly. Wholesale prices set to 2010 = 100 and consumer price indices were readjusted in mid-2016 so that 2015 = 100. *: Latest figures are estimates; †: After July 2015, like for like sales from industry associations. Source: METI; BOJ; JDSA; JCSA; JFCA; JapanConsuming.

LEADING CITY SHOPPING CENTRES

June (YonY%)				
Hokkaido	Total	H'hold	Apparel	Food
Sapporo Stellar Place	0	-0.3	-1.9	0.4
Sapporo Parco	-6.9	-	-	-
Kanto to Nagoya				
Lumine Shinjuku	-1.2	-0.4	0.7	-5.3
Lumine Est	-0.2	0	0	-1.8
Shinjuku MyLord	-1.2	-4.3	-10.5	10.9
Lumine Ikebukuro	3.9	4.8	2	-4.3
Shibuya Parco	9.8	-	-	-
Shibuya 109	-9.2	-	-	-
Atre Ebisu	-2.7	-2.9	18.5	1.4
Tama Plaza Terrace	1.2	1.7	-0.1	0.7
Tamagawa Takashimaya SC	-5.1	-	-	-
Lumine Omiya	2.4	3	2.3	-0.1
Lumine Yokohama	-3.7	-5.8	-7.6	4.8
Atre Kawasaki	-5.9	-6	-7.5	-7.6
Sotetsu Joinus	0.1	-0.5	5.4	-5
Central Park, Nagoya	-7.7	-9.9	-16.6	4.4
Osaka to Kyushu				
Hankyu Sanbanchi	2.7	3.2	-4.9	1.7
HEP Five	-5.3	-5.5	-	-1.9
Lucua Osaka	-4.1	-1.5	-1.2	-13.1
Diamor Osaka	-7.1	-8.5	-1.4	8.9
Keihan Mall	6.4	12.6	1.9	-1.1
Nanba City	5.9	5.4	3.4	7.1
Tennoji Mio	0.2	0.5	1	4
Solaria Plaza	-12.3	-12.5	-10.1	-16.4
Tenjin Core	0.9	-6.4	0.6	44.9

Source: Senken; JapanConsuming.

Shopping centres can be divided into 2 main categories:

Fashion Buildings: Parco, 109, Laforet, MyLord Train Station Buildings: Lumine, Atre

GMS CHAINS AND SUPERMARKETS (PREVIOUS MONTH)

	Company	Sales ¥mn	YonY %	Sales Space 1,000 sqm	Jun/ May 1,000 sqm	Store	Store	Sales/ sqm ¥	Sales/ Store ¥m
1	Aeon Group	660,400	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Ito-Yokado	72,750	-2.2	1,591	1	183	0	45,726	398
3	Uny	59,812	0.4	1,623	-14	224	-3	36,853	267
4	Life Corporation	51,261	4.9	653	1	261	1	78,501	196
5	Izumi	41,522	0.2	1,220	0	92	0	34,034	451
6	York Benimaru	33,288	3.3	542	2	202	1	61,417	165
8	Heiwado	30,715	5.2	781	2	152	1	39,328	202
7	Maruetsu	30,663	2.1	335	2	291	2	91,531	105
9	Fuji	22,605	0.8	686	0	97	-1	32,952	233
10	Beisia	22,372	-1.1	734	-7	143	0	30,480	156
11	Kasumi	21,800	7.5	301	0	174	0	72,425	125
14	Izumiya	20,979	-3.4	513	-8	93	-1	40,895	226
12	Summit	20,846	4.1	196	1	113	0	106,357	184
15	Coop Kobe	19,755	1	227	-5	161	-1	87,026	123
13	Okuwa	19,512	-0.8	464	-1	158	0	42,052	123
16	Tokyu Store	16,758	2.4	142	0	80	0	118,014	209
17	Inageya	16,167	0	198	0	139	0	81,652	116
18	Tobu Store	6,509	-1.7	101	0	60	0	64,446	108
	Total	507,314	1.2	10,307	-14	2,623	1	49,220	193

Notes: Aeon figures are consolidated for all group companies. Seiyu figures are not reported publicly. For all companies: sales space and store numbers are not updated monthly. Source: NMJ; Japan Chain Store Association; Aeon Company Reports; JapanConsuming.

GMS and Supermarkets are weak in term of apparel and interior decoration. They mainly sell cheap items and their private label or some licensing items. They focused more on food.

Retail Companies and Groups with Sales exceeding ¥250 billion, FY2015																					
Rank	Company	Format	FY	Total	YonY	Operating Y	onY	Pretax	YonY	Net	Ra	ank	Company Forma	FY	Total	YonY	Operating	g YonY	Pretax	YonY	Net
				Revenue	%	Profit %	,	Profit	%	Profit					Revenue	%	Profit	%	Profit	%	Profit
				¥m		¥m		¥m		¥m					¥m		¥m		¥m		¥m
1	Aeon	HD	16/2	8,176,73	1 15.5	176,977	25.2	179,674	17.8	6,008		16	Yodobashi CE	16/3	679,610) 4.	3 -	-	51,219	9 0	1 32,025
	Aeon Retail	GM	16/2	2,177,100	2.8	48	92	2,900	7.4	16,100	:	17	Izumi GM	16/2	668,783	15.	4 31,912	2 5.2	31,102	2 4	5 18,766
	United Supermarket HD	SM	16/2	663,79	8 -	14,024 -		13,862	-	5,329	:	18	K's Holdin CE	16/3	644,181	. 1.	1 21,744	17.3	3 28,614	1 10	7 16,305
	Daiei	GM	16/2	533,07	3 -1.1			-	-		:	19	Life Corpo SM	16/2	629,985	5 7.	5 12,831	18.6	12,982	2 18	8 7,923
	Welcia HD	DG	16/2	528,40	2 -	18,759	212.7	20,377	-	9,527	_ :	20	Shimamur AP	16/2	547,022	2 6.	7 39,913	8.4	40,709	5	5 24,747
	Welcia Yakkyoku	DG	16/2	432,55	4 -			19,078	-	10,791		21	Matsumot DG	16/3	536,052	2 10.	4 27,418	55.5	29,805	5 48	8 17,853
	Maruetsu	SM	16/2	363,259	9 5.9			6,459	66.9	2,569	_ 2	22	Sundrug DG	16/3	503,773	3 1	3 516	-45.9	33,817	7 27	6 21,569
	Ministop	CV	16/2	336,33	2 1.3	2,597	-12.4	3,653	-12.3	968		23	Arcs SM	16/2	501,905	6.	7 14,429	13.5	15,894	1 11	2 6,547
	Maxvalu West Japan	SM	16/2	275,989	9 2.3	6,066	43.3	6,276	39.5	2,503	_ 2	24	Valor HD SM	16/3	497,463	5.	7 16,683	3 11.2	2 17,586	5 9	2 10,759
2	Seven & I HD	HD	16/2	6,045,70	4 0.1	352,320	2.6	350,165	2.5	160,930		25	Nitori HD SP	16/2	458,140) 9.	8 73,039	10.2	75,007	7 10	4 46,969
	Seven Eleven Japan [2]	CV	16/2	4,291,06	7 7.1			-	-	-	_ 2	26	Nojima CE	16/3	454,842	86.	4 14,593	125.5	14,892	2 121	1 13,226
	Ito-Yokado	GM	16/2	1,289,58	6 0.3	-13,980 -		-13,405	-	-23,923		27	Tsuruha H DG	15/5	440,427	⁷ 13.	4 26,905	11.6	27,985	5 10	5 17,210
	Sogo Seibu	DP	16/2	803,442	2 0.1	7,411	-27.5	6,070	-34.1	-			Tsuruha DG	15/5	286,060) 4.	4 -	-	18,773	3 -6	1 13,649
	Seven Eleven Japan	FR	16/2	793,66		•	5.2		10.4	162,910		28	DCM HD HC	16/2	437,731		6 18,446	5 13			
	York Benimaru	SM	16/2	412,97			3.9	14,529	3.6	8,696			Heiwado GM	16/2	437,085						
3	Lawson [2]	CV	16/2	2,049,55	4 4.5			-	-	-	3	30	Sugi HD DG	16/2	414,885	8.	•		3 23,810	8	7 14,605
	Lawson	FR	16/2	583,45			2.9	69,622	-2.9	31,381			Cosmos Ya DG	15/5	408,466) 2.2	19,028	3 4	6 11,694
4	Familymart	[2]	CV	16/2	2,005,580			-	-	-	- 3	32	Daiso San _{ DS	16/3	395,800		2 -	-	-	-	-
	Familymart	FR	16/2	427,67			20.6	51,888	22	21,067	3	33	Cainz HC	16/2	393,775		7 -	-	27,727	7 1	
5	Fast Retailing	AP	15/8	1,681,78	1 21.6	164,463	26.1	180,676	33.4	110,027	3	34	Coop Mira CP	16/3	380,352	2 2.	7 -	-	8,267	7 -10	3 5,177
	Uniqlo	AP	15/8	780,13				-	-		3	35	Joshin DerCE	16/3	375,782				•		
6	Yamada Denki	CE	16/3	1,612,73	5 -3.1	58,158	192	62,734	76.5	30,395	3	36	Cocokara I DG	16/3	373,275		-	154.5	•		7 6,927
7	Isetan Mitsukoshi HD	DP	16/3	1,287,25			0.1	36,704	6.2	26,506	3	37	Trial Comp DS	16/3	347,688	5.	3 -	-	7,025		
	Isetan Mitsukoshi	DP	16/3	679,08		•	-28.4	25,687	-1.6	17,059			Yaoko SM	16/3	325,441		0 13,850		•		
8	J Front Retailing	DP	16/2	1,163,56			13.9	47,910	18.4	26,313			Komeri HC	16/3	324,343						
	Daimaru Matsuzakaya	DP	16/2	677,51			30.5	24,474	33.6	10,747	4		Fuji GM	16/2	318,423		-	2 30.2	,		•
9	Uny Group HD	HD	16/2	1,038,73			10.5	21,657	5.7	-2,873	4		Mandai SM	16/2	313,528		8 -	-	7,908		
	Circle K Sunkus [3]	CV	16/2	936,710		•	-3.5	7,161	-9.7				OK Super SM	16/3	307,568		9 -	-	13,342		
	Uny	GM	16/2	757,94			2.1	10,939	14.9	2,541			Ryohin Ke SP	16/2	307,532						
10	Amazon Japan [1]	EC	15/12	999,900				-	-	-			Kohnan St HC	16/2	302,934		•		•		
11	Takashimaya	DP	16/2	929,58		- ,-	3	37,785	5.2	2,382			Askul DM	15/5	276,759			60.2			
12	H2O Retailing	DP	16/3	915,690		•	11.6	23,060	8.7	14,053			Beisia SM	16/2	298,751			-	14,395		
	Hankyu Hanshin	DP	16/3	431,64				-	-	-			Kintetsu C DP	16/2	270,774						
	Izumiya	GM	16/3	318,57				-	-	-			Okuwa SM	16/2	268,115						4 806
13	Bic Camera	CE	15/8	795,36			-6.1	20,401	-15.2	6,804			Geo HD SP	16/2	267,910			2 73.2			
14	Edion	CE	16/3	692,08		17,050	58.7	17,275	55.4	6,022			Coop Sapt CP	16/3	267,883		1 -	-	5,805		
	Seiyu [1]	GM	15/12	750,000				-	-	-			Summit SM	16/3	266,344		2 -	-	6,469		
15	Don Quijote HD	SP	15/6	683,98		,	14	40,160	13.2	23,148			Cawachi Y DG	16/3	260,624		•		•		
	Don Quijote	DS	15/6	471,54	2 12.3			22,798	-	14,204	į	53	Inageya SM	16/3	257,384	1 7.	1 3,320) 2	2 3,682	2 1	7 948

NOTES: [1] Sales for Amazon Japan & Seiyu are estimates; [2] CV sales for franchisees included; [3] Circle K Sunkus sales for all franchisees, profits for parent company only, -: unavailable or unreported. FORMAT KEY: AP: Apparel; CE: Consumer Electronics; CP: Coop; CV: Convenience Store; DG: Drugstore: DM: Direct Mail; SM: Supermarket; SP: non-specific specialty. SOURCES: NMJ; Diamond Chain Store; Company Reports; JapanConsuming.DP: Department Store; DS: Discount store; EC: E-commerce; FR: Franchise owner; GM: General Merchandise; HC: Home Centre; HD: Holding company or group;

Leading TV Shopping Firms, FY2014

		Sales	YonY
	Company	¥	%
1	Jupiter Shop Channel	136,525	2.8
2	QVC Japan	96,200	-3.8
3	Japanet Takata	46,100	7.9
4	Oaklawn Marketing	29,948	4.8
5	TV Shopping Kenkyujo	21,205	2.7
6	Suntory Wellness	20,600	7.9
7	Kyusai	19,200	5.5
8	Egao(241241.jp)	18,500	0
9	Tokdao	10,800	4.9
10	Dinis-Cecile	10,594	16.6
11	Nihon TV Broadcasting	9,082	-10.6
12	GSTV	8,824 -	
13	Wakasa Seikatsu	8,650 -	
14	Guthy-Renker Japan	8,300	2.5
15	Happiness Club (e-hapi.com)	8,000	-8.6
16	Ever Life	7,800	15.1
17	TV Tokyo Direct	7,707	13.7
18	Grand Marché	7,400	-14.9
19	Ropping Life	7,144	-18.5
20	Nihon Chokuhan (666-666.jp)	6,100	-12.9

TV Shopping is targeting mainly housewife and retired people living on the suburban or countryside areas.

The 2 leaders, Jupiter and QVC are trying to reach younger and more urban customers by offering brands like Beams or United Arrows.

All TV shopping firms require to hold a large amount of stock in Japan during the sales event but do not guarantee the sales amount.

Brands usually need to go through a distributor who will take the risk of stock.

Leading Specialty Retail Companies with sales exceeding ¥150 billion, FY2015

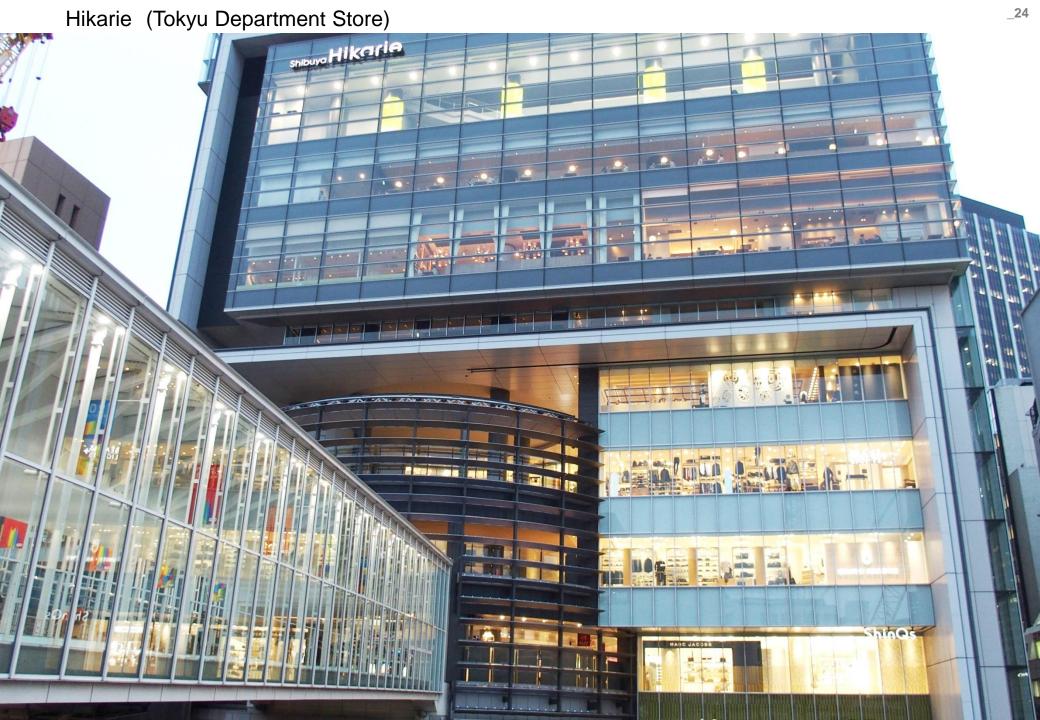
Sector	Company	FY	Revenue	YonY	Operatir	g YonY	Pretax Prc YonY		Net	YonY
			¥m	%	Profit	%	¥m	%	Profit	%
					¥m				¥m	
Apparel	Fast Retailing	15/08	1,681,781							
	Shimamura	16/02	547,022							
	Aoyama Shoji	16/03	240,224							
	Adastria	16/02	200,038							
	Aoki Holdings	16/03	188,594							
		Average	571,532				-		-	
Consumer	Yamada Denki	16/03	1,612,735							
Electronics	Bic Camera	15/08	795,368							
	Edion	16/03	692,087			0 58.7				
	Yodobashi Camera	16/03	679,610			-	51,219			
	K's Holdings	16/03	644,181	1.1	21,74	4 17.3	28,614	10.7	16,305	8.5
	Nojima	16/03	454,842	86.4	14,59	3 125.5	14,892	121.1	13,226	269.6
	Joshin Denki	16/03	375,782	0.9			7,802	17.7	4,356	29.4
	Kojima	15/08	226,124	-13.8	90	4 -62.7	1,225	-78.5	-6,346	-
	Best Denki	16/02	170,512	-2.6	2,07	1 199.5	2,590	32.8	1,694	3.5
	Kitamura	16/03	154,219			6 -41.6	1,144	-39.7	70	-84.4
		Average	580,546	7	15,78	9 55.6	20,790	18.1	10,455	55.4
Discount	Don Quijote HD	15/06	683,981	11.7	39,10	3 14	40,160	13.2	23,148	7.8
Stores	Daiso Sangyo	16/03	395,800	2		-	-	-	-	-
	Trial Company	16/03	347,688	5.3	i -	-	-	-	-	-
	Kobe Bussan	15/10	228,590	6.8	6,80	1 31.3	8,568	33.4	4,112	58.1
		Average	414,015	6.45	22,95	2 22.7	24,364	23.3	13,630	33
Drugstores	Matsumotokiyoshi HD	16/03	536,052	10.4	27,41	8 55.5	29,805	48.8	17,853	53.6
	Welcia HD	16/02	528,402		18,75	9	20,377		9,527	
	Sundrug	16/03	503,773	13	33,02	5 27.4	33,817	27.6	21,569	31.8
	Tsuruha HD	15/05	440,427	13.4	26,90	5 11.6	27,985	10.5	17,210	18.2
	Sugi HD	16/02	414,885	8.1	23,11	2 10.8	23,810	8.7	14,605	13.5
	Cosmos Yakuhin	15/05	408,466	9.9	17,08	0 2.2	19,028	4.6	11,694	10.3
	Cocokara Fine	16/03	373,275	6.9	11,11	9 154.4	13,461	104.7	6,927	317.7
	Cawachi Yakuhin	16/03	260,624	0.9	4,65	6 65.5	5,875	55.2	1,975	
	Ain HD	16/04	234,843	25	14,61	9 27.7	15,158	29.6	7,917	27.8
	Nihon Chozai	16/03	219,239	20.6	10,48	9 57.8	9,878	64.5	6,329	127.8
	Create SD HD	15/05	213,918	8.3	10,72	8 19.1	. 10,982	16	6,561	13.5
		Average	375,809	11.7	17,99	2 43.2	19,107	37	11,106	68.2

Leading Spec	cialty Retail Companies	with sale	es excee	ding ¥15	0 billion	, FY2015	,				
Sector	Company	FY	Revenue	YonY	Operating YonY		Pretax Pro	YonY	Net	YonY	
			¥m	%	Profit	%	¥m	%	Profit	%	
					¥m				¥m		
Direct Mail	Askul	15/05	276,759	9.2	2 6,849	60.2	6,959	56.4	4,032	86.3	
	Nissen Holdings	15/12	157,289		-8,159		-7,363		-13,324		
		Average	217,024	9.2	2 -655	60.2	-202	56.4	-4,646	86.3	
Entertainment	Geo Holdings	16/03	267,910	-0.9	9 16,552	73.2	17,824	77.7	10,563	44	
	Culture Convenience Club	16/03	239,233	19.4	1 -	-	18,577	3.3	-	-	
	Lawson HMV	16/02	210,000	9.9) -	-	-	-	-	-	
	Maruzen CHI HD	16/01	175,137	3.7	7 2,204	8.9	2,226	17.3	1,025	21.4	
		Average	223,070) {	9,378	41.1	12,876	32.8	5,794	32.7	
Home Centres/	Nitori Holdings	16/02	458,140	9.8	3 73,039	10.2	75,007	10.4	46,969	13.3	
Furniture	DCM Holdings	16/02	437,732	1.6	18,446	11	17,489	7.6	10,549	17	
	Komeri	16/03	324,343	2.3	3 17,928	11.3	17,409	12.2	9,585	33.7	
	Kohnan Shoji	16/02	302,934	3.:	l 14,568	23.1	12,911	29.9	6,044	9	
	Nafco	16/03	229,908	3.4	1 8,709	19.2	9,308	21.3	5,203	29.5	
	Joyful Honda	15/06	166,861	-7.9	6,788	-25.6	8,070	-23.7	4,560	-28.9	
	Keiyo	16/02	157,797	-6.8	3 160	-82.3	1,118	-36.1	-4,316		
	Shimachu	15/08	154,979	-6.8	9,581	-24.8	13,488	-14.1	10,440	11.2	
		Average	279,087	-0.2	18,652	-7.2	19,350	0.9	11,129	12.1	
Sports	Xebio HD	16/03	221,391	5.3	L 6,167	9.1	6,394	-0.6	2,118	1.6	
	Alpen	15/06	218,948	3.6	3,130	-52.6	4,616	-42.7	1,117	-76.6	
		Average	220,170	4.4	4,649	-21.8	5,505	-21.7	1,618	-37.5	
Others	Ryohin Keikaku	16/02	307,532	18.2	34,439	44.4	32,700	22.9	21,718	30.6	
	ABC Mart	16/02	238,154	11.	41,514	4.7	42,196	4.4	26,130	7.2	
	Autobacs Seven	16/03	208,142	-0.6	6,701	. 4.6	7,780	-5.7	4,371	-5.2	
	Yamaya	16/03	169,371	3.8	6,553	19.3	6,580	20.4	2,362	46.3	
		Average	230,800	8.2	22,302	18.3	22,314	10.5	13,645	19.7	

NOTES: Others: Ryohin Keikaku: Mixed merchandise with around 50% sales from apparel; ABC Mart: footwear; Autobacs Seven: car merchandise; Yamaya: specialty food & liquor. SOURCES: NMJ; Diamond Chain Store; Company Reports; JapanConsuming.

ISETAN (Department Store)





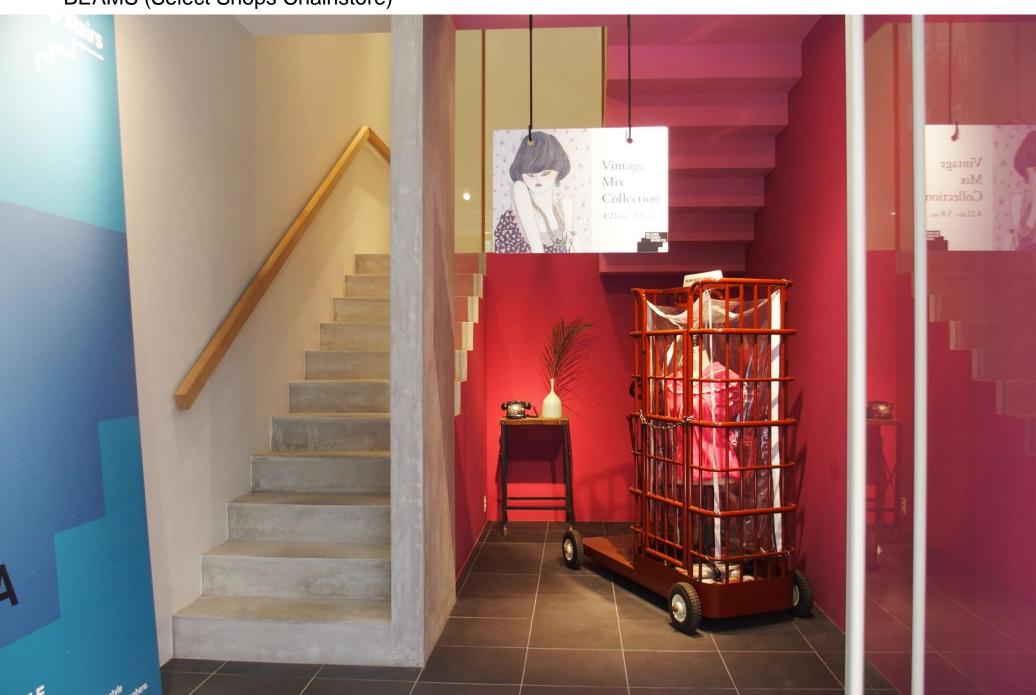


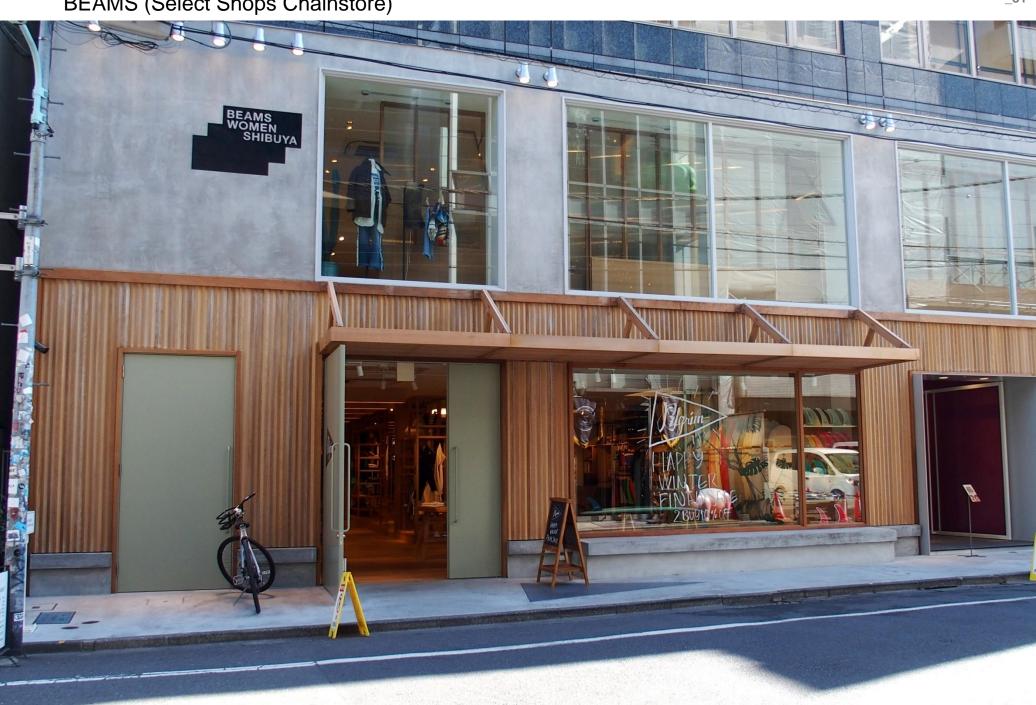
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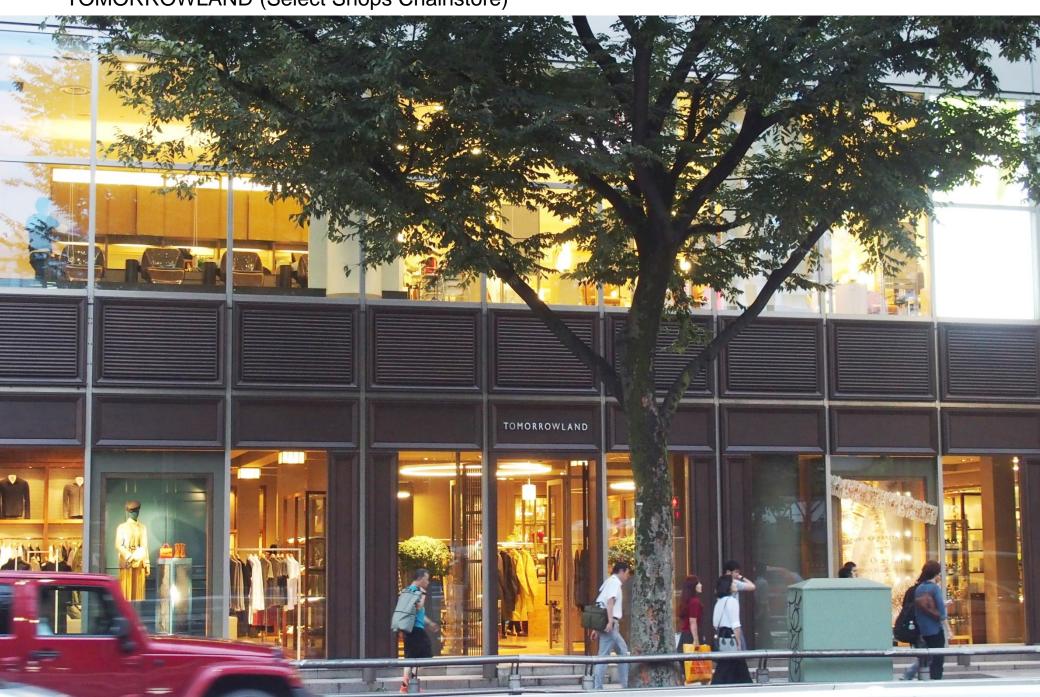


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