



YKK AP Integrated Report 2025



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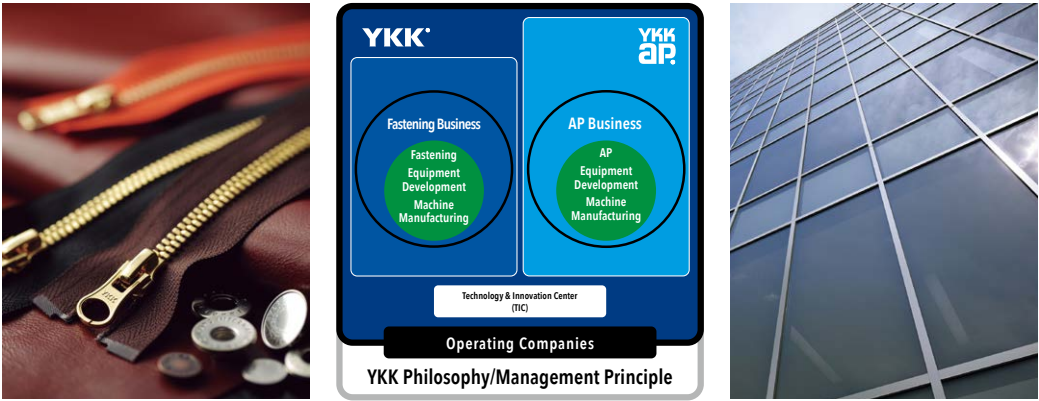


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YKK AP 30 Building
(Kurobe City, Toyama Prefecture)
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YKK Group Management Structure

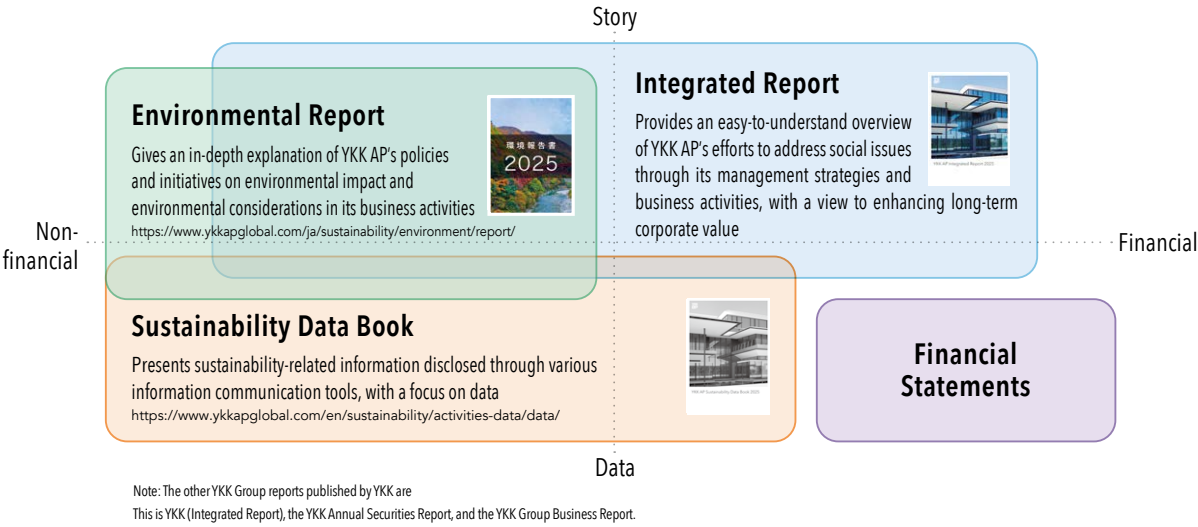
Since 1934, when YKK’s founder Tadao Yoshida began processing and selling fasteners, the YKK Group has developed its business by creating new value in fasteners through the establishment of an integrated production system and overseas expansion. Today, the YKK Group is a group of companies that share the YKK philosophy — CYCLE OF GOODNESS® and the Management Principle — "YKK seeks corporate value of higher significance," with YKK’s fastening business and YKK AP’s AP (Architectural Products) business* at its core. While sharing common ideas and philosophies, since 2021 we have been enhancing our business competitiveness through management structures that are best suited to each of our businesses. The Technology & Innovation Center (TIC) serves as a bridge between the two businesses while making contributions on the technical side.

*A business involving the design, manufacture, installation, and sale of industrial products for construction.



YKK AP Report Structure

YKK AP’s report structure consists of an "Integrated Report" that communicates the company’s corporate value and efforts to address social issues, an "Environmental Report" that details environmental impacts and measures, a "Sustainability Data Book" that compiles sustainability-related data, and its financial statements. YKK AP uses these reports to disclose a wide range of information from various perspectives.



Editorial Policy

The YKK AP Integrated Report 2025 is intended to provide stakeholders with a broader understanding of our various efforts to be a company that makes people happy through its business activities, in accordance with our Purpose, "We Build a Better Society Through Architectural Products." This report was produced with reference to the "International Integrated Reporting Framework" of the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC), the "Guidance for Collaborative Value Creation" of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and the "GRI Standards" of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).



Participant in the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)

YKK AP has endorsed the principles of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the world’s largest sustainability initiative, and signed on in May 2021.

Extent of Coverage

YKK AP Inc.
YKK AP affiliated companies

Period Covered

FY2024
(April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025)

Note: Some of the information included in this report is from outside of the period covered.

YKK Group and YKK AP Philosophy

YKK's founder Tadao Yoshida established the philosophy of CYCLE OF GOODNESS® as the foundation of the company's business activities. In line with this philosophy, Tadahiro Yoshida, the second president of YKK and founder of YKK AP, formulated the Management Principle — "YKK seeks corporate value of higher significance." Based on these principles, YKK AP has established a "Purpose" as its reason for being, which has now taken root at the heart of our employees' conduct and business decisions. We will maintain our commitment to the architectural products that give our company its name, striving to become a company that contributes to the happiness of society.

YKK's Founder Tadao Yoshida and the YKK Philosophy

CYCLE OF GOODNESS®: "No one prospers without rendering benefit to others."

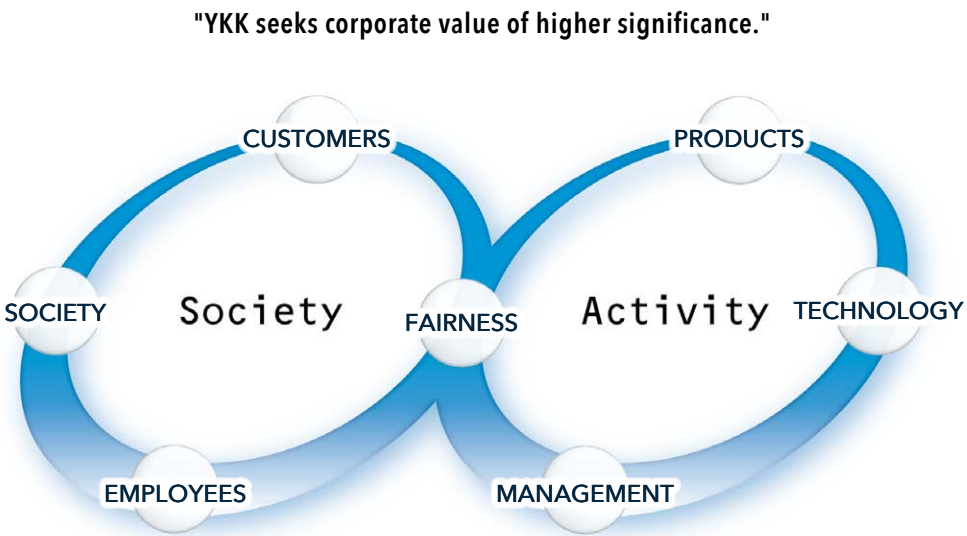


YKK's founder
Tadao Yoshida (1908–1993)

As an important member of society, a company survives through coexistence. When the benefits are shared, the value of the company's existence will be recognized by society. When pursuing his business, YKK's founder, Tadao Yoshida was most concerned with that aspect, and would find a path leading to mutual prosperity. He believed that using ingenuity and inventiveness in business activities and constantly creating new value would lead to the prosperity of clients and business partners, making it possible to contribute to society. This way of thinking is referred to as the CYCLE OF GOODNESS®, and has always served as the foundation of our business activities. We have inherited this way of thinking and have established this as the YKK Philosophy.

YKK Group Management Principle

The YKK Philosophy has served as the foundation of our business activities, supporting the growth of the group for many years. Our Management Principle — "YKK seeks corporate value of higher significance," represents the evolution of this philosophy in line with the trends of the times. The Management Principle expresses the importance of enhancing corporate value and represents our commitment to ongoing efforts in creating value based on Fairness, which is the foundation of all our decision-making.



Seeking corporate value of higher significance,
YKK will pursue innovative quality in the seven key areas shown above.

The YKK Group's Management Principle, based on the spirit of the CYCLE OF GOODNESS®, is "YKK seeks corporate value of higher significance." We aspire to become a company that is appreciated by our customers, valued by society, and where all employees are able to work with pride and pleasure. As a means to achieve this, we will enhance the quality of our products, technology, and management. In putting these into practice, we always place Fairness at the foundation of all our business activities. This Management Principle was formulated in 1994 by Tadahiro Yoshida, then president of YKK and YKK AP.



YKK AP's founder, Currently Corporate Advisor of
YKK and YKK AP
Tadahiro Yoshida

The YKK AP Purpose



*We Build a Better Society
Through Architectural Products*

With a spirit of curiosity and exploration, we develop architectural products of true value that connect people, planet, and the future. We want to create a better society, while remaining committed to the art and technology that have always been fundamental to architectural culture.

YKK AP's Purpose expresses our desire to be a company that contributes to society through our products and services. That is, to continue to meet the desires of our customers and business partners with the Architectural Products that form the structural elements of houses and buildings. In doing so, we continue to be a company that contributes to customers, business partners, and society at large. While carrying on the ideals embodied in the company name "YKK AP," we aspire to remain an integral and essential part of this ever-changing society.



Initiatives to Instill our Philosophy

In order to support sustainable business growth, YKK AP is working to create an environment in which employees are conscious of the YKK Philosophy, Management Principle, and Purpose in their daily work. One example of this is the "talking sessions," where employees at each location and division share their own practices and ideas. These meetings are held annually to create opportunities for every employee to think about the connection between their work and the YKK Philosophy, Management Principle, and Purpose, and to help these ideals become widely understood and embraced.

Through communication based on exchange and dialogue, we aim to foster a sense of unity in each division and the company as a whole, as well as to develop the people and culture that will support sustainable growth. In FY2024, talking sessions were held at all of the approximately 2,000 divisions in Japan (sales, development, technology, manufacturing, and administrative).

Activities of the Purpose Awareness Working Group

Since establishing our Purpose in 2021, we have been implementing various initiatives to instill it throughout the company, such as distributing leaflets and booklets and holding roundtable discussions. In FY2024, we further implemented our YKK AP Purpose awareness activities under the name "Everyone's Blue Bird Program." Approximately 12,000 employees participated in e-learning to help them develop a more thorough understanding. Based on this e-learning, we held "talking sessions" nationwide to share, at the department level, examples of how the Purpose was put into practice. Representative examples were gathered from each department and compiled into a "Purpose Episode Map." This map was then used to hold thematic cross-departmental talking sessions, and we will continue to implement measures to further raise awareness of our Purpose.



Employees in discussion at a thematic cross-departmental talking session (YKK AP 30 Building)



FY2024 — A fourth consecutive year of record net sales
However, soaring material prices and the weak yen lead to a decline in profits

Looking back on our performance in FY2024, net sales reached 561.6 billion yen, marking a record high for the fourth consecutive year.

However, operating income fell below the level of the previous fiscal year, to 18.0 billion yen. The main factor behind this drop is rising costs, such as the surge in material prices that began in 2021. Cost increases exceeded 50.0 billion yen over the four years of the 6th Mid-term Management Plan, covering FY2021 to FY2024, and could not be absorbed by internal efforts such as reducing manufacturing costs and reviewing selling, general and administrative expenses. The impact of the weak yen was particularly significant, with the exchange rate fluctuating around 150 yen to the dollar at the end of FY2024,

compared to around 110 yen to the dollar in 2020. A one yen change in the exchange rate results in a change of several hundred million yen in the purchase price of aluminum.

Although the weak yen and the rise in material prices persist, we cannot stop our efforts to realize our vision or raising employee wages. Rather than continuing with improvements along the same lines as before, it is necessary to transform the company into one that is inherently profitable.

Last fiscal year, we also worked to comply with logistics guidelines in Japan. With new requirements to keep truck waiting and loading times to within two hours, we have spent a year developing a system to meet these standards. Since October 2024, we have been able to achieve a two-hour response time for all delivery vehicles. From the perspective of the CYCLE OF GOODNESS®, we have taken the first step toward reducing the burden on the logistics partners we depend on.

Strengthening revenue generation — the most important theme of the 7th Mid-term Management Plan
Measures underway such as shifting to profitable businesses

The 7th Mid-term Management Plan focuses on two main areas: "Transform Our Revenue Models" and "Create Value Through Technological Innovation." During the first two years, we will work to improve our corporate structure to become a company that consistently generates profits. Then, during the second two years, we will once again challenge ourselves to achieve our vision, "Evolution 2030." As profitability improves, it becomes possible to invest in business growth, which in turn leads to increased sales. This will then bring us closer to one of the targets of Evolution 2030, which is to achieve net sales of 1 trillion yen. The plan for FY2028, the final year of the current mid-term management plan, is for record net sales of 703.9 billion yen and operating income of 38.9 billion yen.

Focus on the renovation and remodeling markets
Specialized departments established nationwide

In terms of "Transform Our Revenue Models," we will focus on shifting toward renovation and remodeling markets and improving thermal insulation performance.

While the downward trend in the number of new housing starts in Japan is expected to continue, demand for improving the thermal insulation performance of existing residential buildings is expected to remain strong. In addition, the number

of condominiums that are 35 years old or older is expected to increase significantly over the next 10 years, reaching a peak in the mid-2030s. Furthermore, in its basic policy for realizing GX (Green Transformation), the Japanese government has stated that, over a 10-year period starting in 2023, it will allocate approximately 14 trillion yen in public and private investment for energy-saving renovations of houses and buildings. In light of these market conditions and policy trends, we recognize that residential remodeling and commercial building renovation are business areas that we should focus on going forward.

Accordingly, we have established specialized departments to concentrate our business resources in these areas. In the residential remodeling field, we established the new "Renovation Sales Management Department" as an organization to manage our business with large retailers such as home improvement centers and consumer electronics stores, as we aim to build a nationwide sales system under the direct leadership of the head office. In the commercial building renovation sector, we have established new renovation divisions in the Chubu and Kyushu regions, in addition to the existing divisions in the Tokyo metropolitan area and Kansai region, and have set up departments in each division to handle these operations.

Outline of the 7th Mid-term Management Plan (FY2025–FY2028)

The YKK Group 7th Mid-term Management Plan Vision

Prosper Together for a Sustainable Future

The YKK AP 7th Mid-term Business Policy

"Transform Our Revenue Models" and "Create Value Through Technological Innovation"

Transform Our Revenue Models

- Japan: Shift toward renovation and remodeling markets, optimize material composition across business domains, optimize manufacturing and supply system
- Overseas: Enhance growth strategies for further business expansion

Priority measures

- **Japan:**
 - Further penetration into the window and door renovation market through strengthened sales structure and product appeal
 - Shift to high thermal insulation windows, optimize material composition across business domains
 - Establish a manufacturing and supply system considering sales markets and transportation efficiency
 - Unmanned operation of manufacturing lines with digital and robotic technologies
- **Overseas:**
 - North America: Expanding operations in the Commercial Business with a view to building strong brand recognition in the entire U.S.A. and constructing new plants
In the Residential Business, expand sales areas in six southern states
 - China: Expand target segments in the new construction sector and strengthen market responsiveness in the renovation sector
Build a curtain wall business model
 - Taiwan: Expand target segments
 - Indonesia: Penetrate into high value-added products and expand channels
 - New regions: Entry into the European market with unitized curtain walls, etc.

Create Value Through Technological Innovation

- Transform manufacturing and operational processes through automation and labor savings
- Technology development for social value creation

Priority measures

- Enhance customer services through digital technologies such as AI estimation systems as part of operational process transformation
- Develop products and technologies to solve social issues and improve quality of life, and create social value through the development of sustainable materials

YKK AP FY2028 Business Plan

Overall	
Net sales	703.9 billion yen (Overseas: 159.7 billion yen)
Operating income	38.9 billion yen
Net sales to operating income ratio	5.5 %

Japan

Percentage of net sales accounted for by remodeling:
Residential Business: 50 %, Commercial Business: 37 %

Rate of high thermal insulation windows*:
Residential Business: 100 %, Commercial Business: 25 %

*Residential: Based on number of windows sold, Commercial: Based on number of windows ordered

ウチリモ
内窓

Existing window
Example: Aluminum frame
+ single paned glass

Uchi Remo
Vinyl frame
+ high-performance glass



The "Uchi Remo" vinyl inner window for remodeling, released in July 2025, is installed on the inner side of existing windows to improve thermal insulation performance. If the installation dimensions of the window frame are at least 47 mm^{*1}, it can be installed without an extension frame^{*2}. As awareness of thermal insulation remodeling for windows grows and the market for inner windows picks up steam, about half of Japan's existing housing stock has window frames with a depth of 70 mm or less, which often requires the use of extension frames to fit existing windows. The construction and design issues that this presents have been an obstacle to the installation of inner windows.

^{*1} Depth excluding parts that interfere with the opening and closing of inner windows (such as meeting stiles that protrude into the room on the existing window).

^{*2} A part for extending window frames to install inner windows when the depth of the existing window frame is insufficient.

^{*3} ウチリモ (Uchi Rimo) is a registered trademark of YKK AP Inc. in Japan.

Creating high value-added products in multiple fields through technological innovation

Due to factors such as the raising of thermal insulation performance grades, the thermal insulation performance of windows will become increasingly important in the future. We have set a target of raising the rate of high thermal insulation windows to 100% for residential buildings and 25% for commercial buildings^{*4} by FY2028. The key to achieving this is "Create Value Through Technological Innovation." Although products using domestically-produced wood and aluminum profiles for thermal insulation windows in commercial buildings present difficulties in terms of development, we will leverage our strengths to tackle these challenges. With respect to curtain walls, we will work to develop and provide renovation products that meet European standards, which are stricter than Japanese standards in terms of thermal insulation performance, as well as products with high thermal insulation performance.

In recent years, there has been growing demand among customers for homes fully equipped with exterior features such as carports, fences, and plantings. To address this, in July 2024, we welcomed TERAYAMA Inc., a company with a proven track

record in greening projects, into the YKK AP Group as an affiliated company. In addition to strengthening our capabilities in the residential sector, its ability to handle rooftop, garden, and wall greening in the commercial building sector provides us with a significant competitive advantage.

We will also engage in product development using new technologies. One current initiative is the development of windows that generate electricity from sunlight. This is a revolutionary technology that transforms windows into sources of energy. Eventually, we hope to roll this technology out to balconies, gates, and fences.

In the healthcare business, we expect to announce indoor sensor products within the current fiscal year. The sensors detect when a resident has a fall, then send a notification to nursing staff or a security company. By FY2026, we aim to release a system that detects disease risks using tablets and other mobile devices. By having users look at a tablet camera for a certain amount of time, it is possible to detect the risk of diabetes and high blood pressure, and by having them speak into a microphone, it is possible to detect the risk of dementia and depression, enabling early intervention.

^{*4} Residential: Based on number of windows sold, Commercial: Based on number



Message from the Financial Officer

Focusing on ROA while Improving Profitability Making Balanced Investments with a View to Medium- to Long-term Growth

Director
Executive Vice President/
Head of Internal Auditing Division
Kosuke Iwabuchi

Iwabuchi joined YKK AP in 1986. From 1996 to 2009, he worked in the U.S.A. and China, where he held management positions. After returning to Japan in 2009, he served as Vice President and Head of the Corporate Planning Department, before becoming an Executive Vice President in April 2016 and a Director in June of the same year. Since July 2025, he has also been serving concurrently as Head of the Internal Auditing Division.

Focusing on digitalization to expand our business foundation FY2024: Increased revenue but decreased profit, with challenges in terms of profitability

In FY2024, YKK AP’s net sales increased to 561.6 billion yen, up 4.4% on the previous fiscal year, marking a fourth consecutive record high. On the other hand, operating income decreased by 29.4% to 18.0 billion yen, and the net sales to operating income ratio was 3.2%, indicating that there are still issues with profitability. The main factor behind the decline in profits is the sharp rise in material prices. The yen continued to weaken, causing aluminum prices denominated in US dollars to rise further. We also made the decision to revise our prices, a move made necessary by increases in logistics and labor costs, but the

results were as described above.

Our overseas business accounts for 19% of net sales, indicating that there is still room for growth. In the U.S.A., we will review our product policy for residential applications and work to secure more orders. We also hope that the establishment of YKK AP (Jiangsu), a manufacturing site for extruded aluminum profiles, will contribute to further business expansion in China. In Taiwan and Indonesia, we will strive to further increase revenue by expanding target regions and implementing streamlining measures.

With regard to financial indicators, we will continue to focus on return on assets (ROA), which is calculated by multiplying asset efficiency (total asset turnover rate) by

Key consolidated financial data

	FY2021 (Results)	FY2022 (Results)	FY2023 (Results)	FY2024 (Results)	FY2025 (Plan)
Net sales (consolidated)*1	446.3 billion yen	508.6 billion yen	538.1 billion yen	561.6 billion yen	587.5 billion yen
Japan	388.6 billion yen	425.7 billion yen	450.4 billion yen	460.7 billion yen	479.6 billion yen
Overseas*2	79.7 billion yen	115.8 billion yen	119.5 billion yen	134.7 billion yen	138.9 billion yen
Overseas ratio*3	14 %	17 %	18 %	19 %	19 %
Operating income	17.3 billion yen	17.8 billion yen	25.6 billion yen	18.0 billion yen	17.2 billion yen
Operating income ratio	3.9 %	3.5 %	4.8 %	3.2 %	2.9 %

*1 Transactions with parties inside the Group have been offset.
*2 Includes transactions with parties inside the Group in each region.
*3 The proportion of overseas sales out of net sales to external customers.

	FY2021 (Results)	FY2022 (Results)	FY2023 (Results)	FY2024 (Results)
Return on assets (ROA)	2.7 %	3.5 %	4.0 %	3.2 %
Equity ratio	56.2 %	57.9 %	64.6 %	66.0 %
Return on equity (ROE)	4.8 %	6.1 %	6.6 %	4.8 %

profitability (operating income ratio). YKK AP, as a non-listed company, is based on YKK Group Finance, and we believe that it is important to utilize the Group’s financing capabilities to optimize assets and improve profitability.

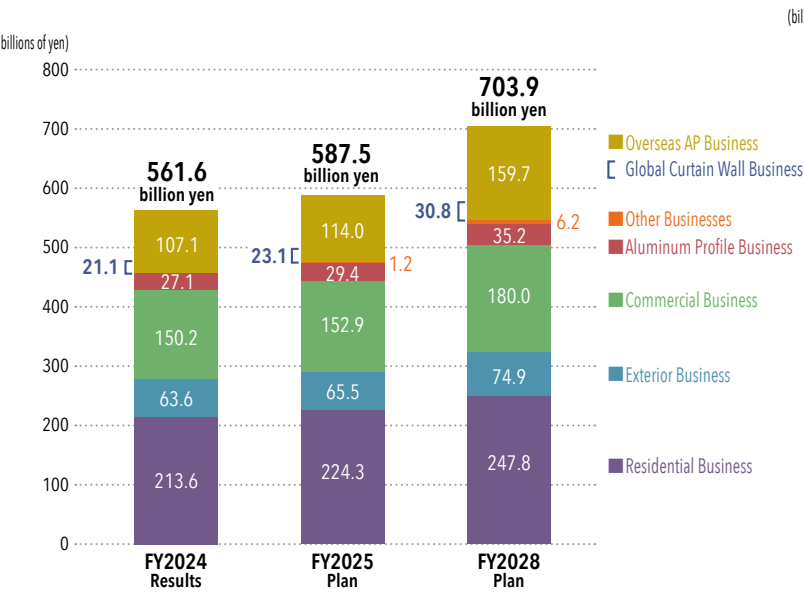
If the total asset turnover rate becomes too high, there may be a shortage of new investments, and if it is too low, asset efficiency may deteriorate. Our benchmark is “1” or higher, and with total assets currently standing at 494.7 billion yen, we are meeting this standard. We will strive to expand our business

while keeping an eye on the inventory turnover and accounts receivable turnover rates, thereby improving asset efficiency.

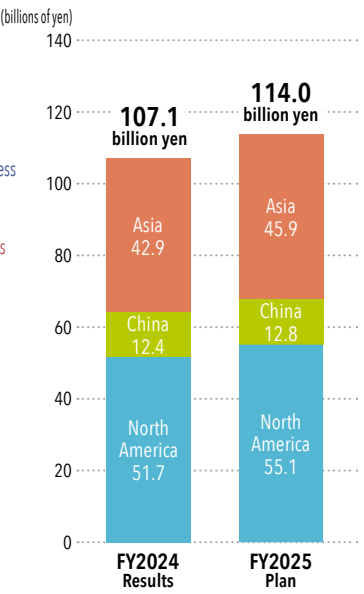
ROA for FY2024 was 3.2%, down from 4.0% in FY2023. This is due to a decline in operating income ratio. Going forward, we will focus on the ratio of net sales to gross profit (gross profit margin) for each product in order to verify product appeal. It is necessary to increase gross profit by introducing new products with high added value, and product appeal is the key to improving profitability.

YKK AP’s business portfolio

Net sales by business



Net sales by overseas region

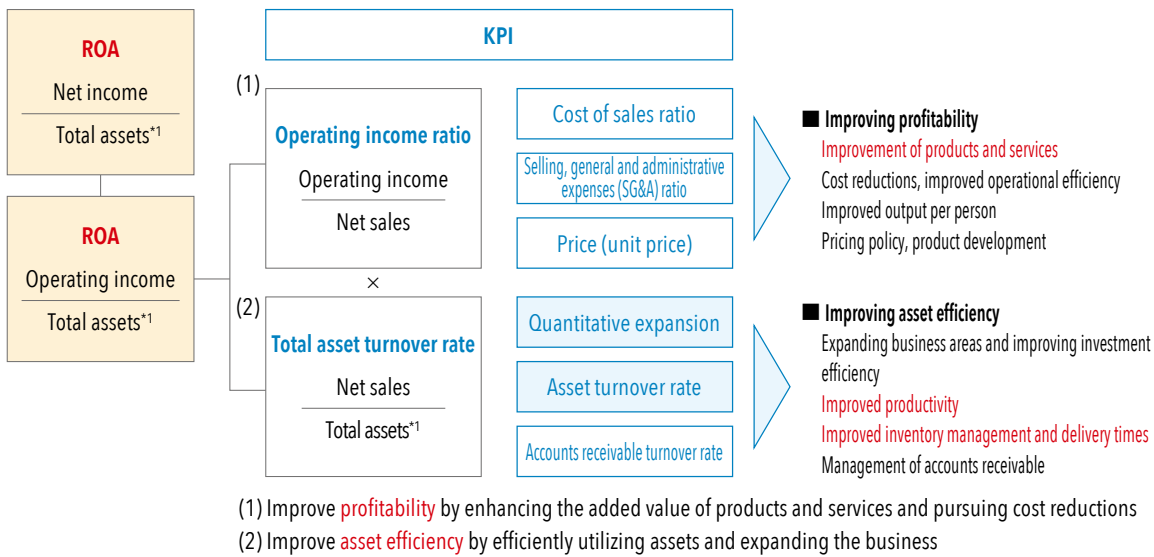


FY2025 investment plan—Based on orders

Objective: Enhancing profitability and driving further growth of the overseas business

	Investment details	FY2024 (Results)	FY2025 (Plan)
Japan	Streamlining support	4.9 billion yen	6.6 billion yen
	Increase production capacity and support new products	3.7 billion yen	3.3

An approach based on breaking down and improving management indicators, centered on ROA



*1 (Total assets at the end of the current fiscal year + total assets at the end of the previous fiscal year) ÷ 2

Examining cost ratios by product and channel to improve efficiency

In order to reduce selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses, we are placing particular emphasis on reducing logistics costs. Logistics costs vary greatly depending on where and what is manufactured at each of our 25 production sites in Japan. We calculate the logistics cost ratio for each product based on net sales, and establish an optimized manufacturing and supply system that takes into account sales markets and transportation efficiency.

We will also work to reduce costs incurred in sales activities. Selling different products via each channel leads to varied transaction conditions, which complicates operations and increases system costs. We will consolidate products while closely monitoring SG&A ratios by channel, and strive to standardize and streamline operations.

The 7th Mid-term Management Plan, which began in FY2025, calls for "Transform Our Revenue Models" and "Create Value Through Technological Innovation" as our mid-term business policies, and we are working diligently to implement these measures. Particular emphasis is being placed on investment in digital-related areas. The number of new residential and commercial construction starts in Japan is certain to decline in the future, necessitating bold streamlining measures. One prerequisite for investment in digital is business design. We will consider standardizing and centralizing our

operations, invest in digital technology, and implement reforms to our production and business processes through automation and labor saving.

System updates to realize smart factorization

YKK AP is implementing company-wide initiatives to use digital technology to connect all information related to its business activities, thereby improving operational efficiency. This will also lead to smart factorization at major plants in Japan and overseas. For example, by applying computer-based digital twin technology to existing manufacturing lines, it becomes possible to simulate equipment layout, production processes, quality, and other factors in a digital space, eliminating work that depends on specific individuals and enabling greater efficiency.

Since the development of an information infrastructure is essential for smart factorization initiatives, we are also working to update our core systems. Over the previous Mid-term Management Plan, we worked on building an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, but due to the complexity involved, the implementation is taking some time. System



		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
Profit and loss	Ordinary income	18.6 billion yen	21.3 billion yen	28.3 billion yen	21.8 billion yen
	Net income attributable to owners of parent company	11.1 billion yen	15.2 billion yen	18.8 billion yen	15.4 billion yen
	Comprehensive income	19.7 billion yen	27.6 billion yen	48.7 billion yen	21.5 billion yen
Financial status	Net assets	241.8 billion yen	266.0 billion yen	312.1 billion yen	329.3 billion yen
	Total assets	426.5 billion yen	455.8 billion yen	478.8 billion yen	494.7 billion yen
Cash flow	Cash flow from operating activities	26.9 billion yen	32.3 billion yen	53.4 billion yen	39.4 billion yen
	Cash flow from investing activities	△19.8 billion yen	△22.8 billion yen	△44.1 billion yen	△40.5 billion yen
	Cash flow from financing activities	△5.4 billion yen	△4.9 billion yen	△5.6 billion yen	10.9 billion yen
	Ending balance of cash and cash equivalents	31.7 billion yen	37.6 billion yen	46.8 billion yen	54.1 billion yen
Capital investments/ R&D expenses	Capital investments	20.6 billion yen	29.6 billion yen	44.4 billion yen	38.8 billion yen
	Sustainability investments*2	—	—	3.9 billion yen	2.8 billion yen
	R&D expenses	9.0 billion yen	9.3 billion yen	10.6 billion yen	11.9 billion yen

These figures have not been audited by a certified public accountant or audit firm, but the consolidated financial data for profit and loss, financial status, and cash flow have been reviewed by an audit firm.

*2 Sustainability investments represents the amount ordered for the current fiscal year.

updates require enormous costs, but we will continue to expand and strengthen our business foundation for medium- to long-term growth.

Creating new businesses in areas surrounding buildings

Since creating new products is also essential for transforming our revenue models, we will strive to create new businesses in areas surrounding buildings. In addition to developing Building Integrated Photovoltaics (BIPV) systems using perovskite solar cells that contribute to energy conservation and CO₂ reductions, we are also exploring new businesses in the healthcare field, which is becoming increasingly important in an aging society.

In order to establish a system for creating new businesses in terms of both seeds and needs, we have established a new organization within the Technical Research Division to explore new technologies globally, and a New Business Development organization within the Corporate Planning Department to consider new businesses from the market perspective. It is important that these two organizations collaborate and explore new business models that combine markets and technology.

We will also continue to invest in human capital for

medium- to long-term growth. In order to expand our overseas business, it is necessary to systematically develop global human resources with extensive knowledge of finance, a thorough understanding of market and industry conditions, and strong language skills. We also need personnel who can work in the sectors of remodeling and renovation, and we will focus on developing the necessary skills while also investing in digital education. YKK AP plans to increase the percentage of net sales accounted for by overseas sales to 30% by FY2030. Many overseas companies are already at a stage where local employees are involved in management, indicating the importance we place on overseas human capital.

The strength of non-listed companies lies in their ability to make decisions that require significant investment to generate innovation with a medium- to long-term perspective, without being constrained by the need for immediate profits. In order to foster more in-depth discussions from a variety of perspectives, we appointed our first outside director in FY2024 and are now receiving a wide range of opinions at Board of Directors' meetings and other forums. We will continue to actively invest capital with a medium- to long-term perspective in order to enhance profitability and achieve steady growth.

terms of ensuring proper procedures are followed and that active discussion takes place.

Hori: What has changed most of all is the topics of discussion. When only inside directors were attending meetings, discussions tended to be little more than continuations of what had been spoken about in business meetings. Now, it has become a forum to consider what is important for the company while also paying attention to risks and compliance. Regardless of whether a company is listed or not, I believe that this kind of governance system and its further strengthening are essential for a company's growth.

Improving strategic accuracy and Board of Directors effectiveness with a broad outlook and long-term perspective

—What discussions took place during the formulation of the 7th Mid-term Management Plan?

Hori: We have not yet been able to adapt to the recent surge in material prices. Although we have expanded our business areas and reviewed our personnel allocation, we still have much to do in terms of pursuing productivity and efficiency. We spent a great deal of time discussing our policy of shifting our focus to the high-margin remodeling sector and pursuing added value, as well as passing on price increases to customers and expanding into new regions.

Inoue: There was also discussion about the importance of investing in people. In order to achieve what is set out in the 7th Mid-term Management Plan, it is important to enhance the capabilities of our employees and maintain their motivation.

—From an outside perspective, what are your thoughts on YKK AP's management?

Inoue: I feel that the management style is very aggressive. The company takes appropriate risks in terms of both regions and businesses, and is expanding its value chain.

Ono: I believe that YKK AP should not only take the top market share, but also become the undisputed leader. Only by pulling ahead of our competitors can we reap the benefits. YKK's fastening business has grown by expanding applications for fasteners. Similarly, YKK AP has gained market share in Japan and expanded overseas, broadening the scope of its business from windows to related housing fixtures. If you capture the market and value the trust your customers place in you, profits will naturally follow.

Hori: That's exactly right. We have also spoken about the need

to differentiate ourselves from the competition at the Board of Directors. Naturally, simply protecting our existing businesses is not enough to secure our future. We are currently at a turning point and are exploring what steps to take next.

—Please tell us about the future prospects and challenges for the Board of Directors.

Inoue: When considering individual proposals, I feel that discussions would be more thorough if the approach of always referring back to the overall portfolio was shared among the Board of Directors. YKK AP has its figures for each business neatly laid out, so by assessing the current state of affairs and where we want to be, we can determine how much capital to invest where, which should lead to greater precision in terms of the management strategy and human resources strategy needed to achieve these goals. In order to further improve effectiveness, I think it would be a good idea to seek external evaluation.

Ono: I have examined numerous companies, and I believe that YKK's governance is more than adequate. However, with so much time devoted to immediate issues, I feel that there is not enough time to discuss medium- to long-term issues. We are working to strengthen corporate governance through effectiveness evaluations by external expert organizations regarding the form of the Board of Directors itself and the scope of its discussions. How about YKK AP?

Hori: The lack of time for discussion regarding the medium- to long-term is also an issue at YKK AP. We will also need to reexamine the state of the company's governance and the matters discussed at meetings of the Board of Directors. We plan to evaluate the effectiveness of the Board of Directors in the 7th Mid-term Management Plan, but first we will work to improve ourselves by broadening our outlook and adopting a long-term perspective.

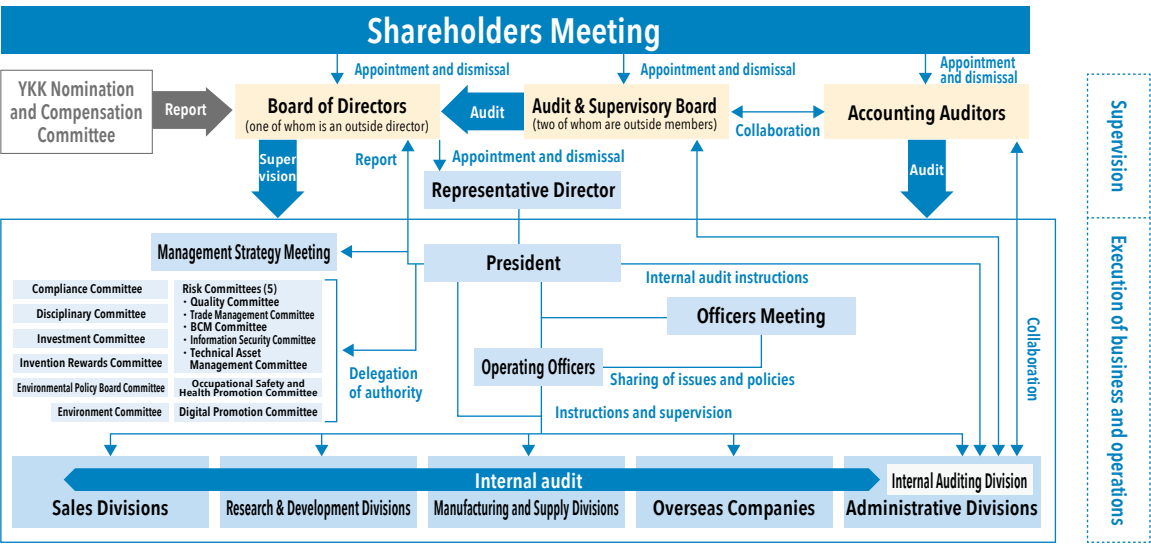


Basic Approach

Underlying YKK AP's corporate activities is the YKK philosophy — CYCLE OF GOODNESS®, which states that "no one prospers without rendering benefit to others." Accordingly, we have consistently made fairness the foundation of all our business activities. In line with this approach, we aim to enhance our corporate governance system with the goal of further increasing

corporate value. Based on an organizational system in which the Board of Directors serves as the decision-making and supervisory body and the Audit & Supervisory Board serves as the auditing body, YKK AP has adopted an Operating Officer System to promote the execution of business and operations.

Corporate governance system



Separation of management and execution (Execution of duties by directors, Operating Officer System)

Directors comply with the regulations of the Board of Directors and follow the rules regarding director duties, and carry out business appropriately based on the division of duties. They regularly attend compliance training offered by lawyers, etc., and submit to the company written oaths pledging to comply with laws and regulations in performing their duties as

directors. In addition, we have introduced the Operating Officer System to ensure the faster execution of business operations via the separation of management and execution. While directors dedicate themselves to realizing total optimization, operating officers execute individual businesses and operations with responsibility and authority, in accordance with the policies resolved on at the Board of Directors.

Main committees for executing business/duties

Committee	Number of committee members*	Number of meetings in FY2024
Compliance Committee	15	2
Disciplinary Committee	60	19
Investment Committee	7	10
Invention Rewards Committee	21	3
Environmental Policy Board Committee	12	1
Environment Committee	65	4
Quality Committee	8	4
Trade Management Committee	13	3
BCM Committee	13	3
Information Security Committee	12	3
Technical Asset Management Committee	12	3
Occupational Safety and Health Promotion Committee	28	3
Digital Promotion Committee	57	2

*Number of committee members as of June 2025

Details of the main committees are presented in the Sustainability Data Book.
<https://www.ykkapglobal.com/en/sustainability/activities-data/data/governance/#section01-08>

Directors and Board of Directors (as of June 2025)



Chairman Representative Director
Chairman of the Board
Director, YKK Corporation
Hidemitsu Hori



President Representative Director
Akira Uozu



Vice Chairman Director
Shinichiro Yamaji



Director
Executive Vice President, Head of Internal Auditing Division
Kosuke Iwabuchi



Director
Executive Vice President
Hiroshi Abe



Director
Executive Vice President
Koichi Ebihara



Director
Kazuo Matsutani



Director
Shuichi Mizukami



Director
Chairman, YKK Corporation
Hiroaki Otani



Director
Executive Vice President, Administration Division
Director in Charge of Pension Policies and CFO, YKK Corporation
Satoshi Honda



Director (outside)
Tomoko Inoue

Personal histories of directors and their attendance at meetings are presented in the Sustainability Data Book.
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Board of Directors meetings in FY2024

Number of meetings	14 (including extraordinary meetings)
Average number of agenda items	11
Average time per meeting	3.5 hours
Main agenda items and reporting items	• Matters related to the Shareholders Meeting • Matters related to directors, operating officers, and executive specialists • Matters related to organizations and personnel • Matters related to business • Matters related to the disposal and transfer of important assets • Matters related to Japan and overseas affiliated companies

Policy on determination of individual compensation for directors

In order to raise awareness of ensuring consistency between sustainably increases in corporate value and paying stable dividends to shareholders, as well as improving business performance, YKK AP's basic policy is to set compensation for directors in consideration of the company's results and to determine the appropriate level of compensation for each director in accordance with their responsibilities. Specifically, directors' compensation consists of base salary and bonuses.

The Board of Directors deliberates and resolves on important matters, determines management policies, and supervises the execution of business operations. Currently, the Board has 11 directors (no more than 11 members), and the main results of deliberations in FY2024 are shown on the left. In order to promote active discussions, important matters are discussed at the Management Strategy Meeting before being brought up at Board of Directors' meetings, external Audit & Supervisory Board members attend and state their opinions, and the chairman, president, and Audit & Supervisory Board members exchange opinions (three times in FY2024).

YKK Nomination and Compensation Committee

Members: 5 (including 2 YKK outside directors)
Number of meetings in FY2024: 11

The YKK Group has set up the Nomination and Compensation Committee in YKK as an advisory body, and its members are appointed by resolution of the YKK Board of Directors. The committee deliberates on matters such as the election and dismissal of directors, Audit & Supervisory Board members, operating officers, and specialized officers, as well as their compensation, and reports back to the YKK Board of Directors and the YKK AP Board of Directors.

Audit & Supervisory Board and Members (as of June 2025)



Chairman of the Audit & Supervisory Board
Audit & Supervisory Board Member (outside)
Fuminao Hachiuma



Audit & Supervisory Board Member (full-time)
Hisao Miyamura



Audit & Supervisory Board Member (full-time)
Wataru Otani



Audit & Supervisory Board Member (outside)
Mina Sekiguchi

Audit & Supervisory Board meetings in FY2024

Number of meetings	14 (including extraordinary meetings)
Average number of agenda items	3
Average time per meeting	1.5 hours
Key audit items	• Initiatives for improving employee engagement • Initiatives to establish a common infrastructure for AP business • Compliance initiatives • Sustainable management initiatives • Initiatives to strengthen the business management system for overseas affiliated companies • Confirmation of internal controls at Group affiliated companies • Initiatives to strengthen the quality assurance system • Initiatives to strengthen the safety management system • Initiatives to strengthen governance

Personal histories of Audit & Supervisory Board members and their attendance at meetings are presented in the Sustainability Data Book.
<https://www.ykkapglobal.com/en/sustainability/activities-data/data/governance/#section01-04>

The Audit & Supervisory Board, which consists of four Audit & Supervisory Board members, held 14 meetings in FY2024 to audit the execution of duties by directors from the standpoint of legality and propriety. They also attend major meetings such as Board of Directors' meetings, express opinions as necessary, and visit each location to conduct audits in accordance with the audit policy. Two of the Audit & Supervisory Board members are invited from outside the company. With a high level of expertise, insight and experience in corporate management, they conduct impartial audits from an objective standpoint.

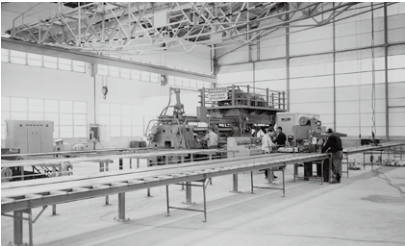
Skill matrices

Category	Name	Company management	Global	Specialist field				
				Sales and marketing	Manufacturing and technology	Financial and accounting	Organization and personnel	Legal and compliance
Director	Hidemitsu Hori	●	●	●		●	●	
	Akira Uozu	●	●	●				
	Shinichiro Yamaji			●				
	Kosuke Iwabuchi		●			●	●	●
	Hiroshi Abe				●			
	Koichi Ebihara			●				
	Kazuo Matsutani			●	●		●	

History of Value Creation

The AP business began in 1959, leveraging our knowledge of aluminum materials acquired through fastener manufacturing. Since then, we have continued to develop and supply products that meet customer needs in every era and also provide new value.

1957-1989
Start of Architectural Products Business



Aluminum extruder installed in 1959

Yoshida Shoji Co., Ltd., the predecessor to YKK AP, was established in 1957 to undertake the sales and exports of fasteners manufactured by Yoshida Kogyo K.K. (now YKK). The company launched its architectural products business in 1959 and launched the "Hi-Sash" residential aluminum sash in 1966. Product development was also expanded.

1959	Aluminum casting and extrusion work begin
1961	Manufacture and sales of interior aluminum architectural products begin
1962	Manufacture and sales of aluminum sashes begin
1976	First overseas affiliate, YKK Industries (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (now YKK AP SINGAPORE PTE. LTD.), established
1983	Manufacture and sales of vinyl sashes begin
1986	First overseas plant with an integrated production system, YKK Almico Indonesia (now PT YKK AP INDONESIA), established

1990-2004
Founding of YKK AP



The inaugural press conference of YKK AP's first President, Tadahiro Yoshida (currently Corporate Advisor), in May 1990

In 1990, YKK Architectural Products (abbreviated to YKK AP) was founded out of its parent company, Yoshida Shoji Co., Ltd., as the core company of the YKK Group's architectural products business. In 2003, all architectural products businesses in the YKK Group were fully consolidated into one. This established YKK AP's corporate structure.

1990	The company is renamed YKK Architectural Products Inc. (YKK AP) Sales of "EXIMA" system sashes for commercial buildings begin
2002	The company is renamed YKK AP Inc.
2003	YKK's Architectural Products Manufacturing Group is integrated into YKK AP Inc. and the architectural products business of the YKK Group becomes a fully integrated organization Sales of "SYSTEMA" series of system sashes for non-residential buildings begin

2005-2010
Evolution into a Window Manufacturer



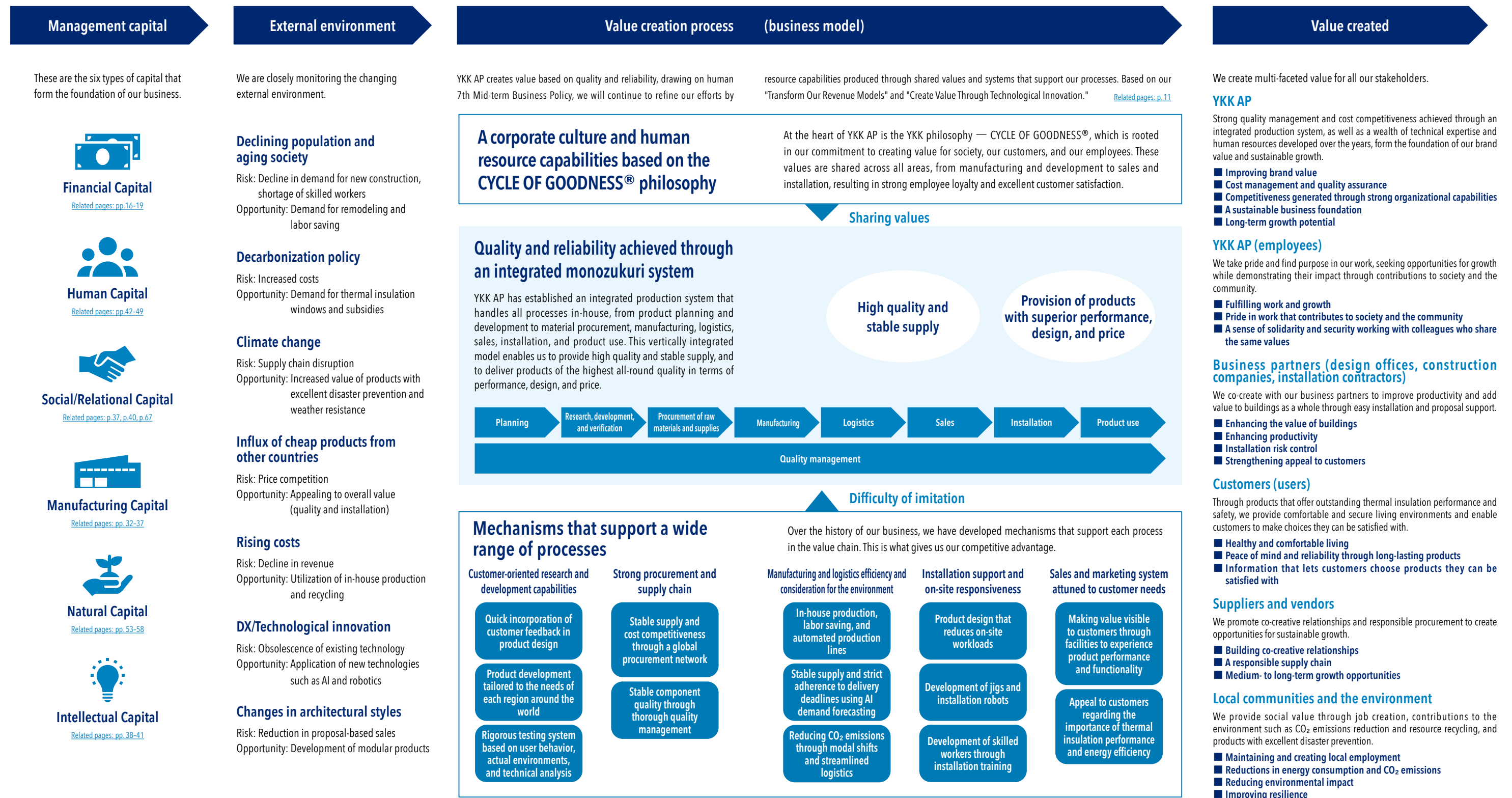
The "APW 330," launched in 2009

With the goal of "transforming from sash manufacturer to window manufacturer," we take a new direction as a producer of windows, supplying windows as finished products, and announces the window business brand "APW." In 2009, it launched the "APW 330" vinyl window. The Overseas Facade Business also began full-scale activities.

2005	Proclamation to promote insulating glass for residential windows
2006	The window business brand "APW" series is launched
2007	Value Verification Center established
2008	

The Value Creation Process

Through the integration of a highly integrated production and sales system, human resources who can put our philosophy into action, and mechanisms that support a wide range of processes, YKK AP has established a distinct identity as a company that can create value beyond that of just a component manufacturer. These are unique strengths that cannot be easily imitated by other companies.



Materiality-Based Initiatives

In line with the start of our 7th Mid-term Management Plan, we reviewed our materiality (priority issues) in February 2025. YKK AP has designated promotion divisions responsible for each materiality issue to enhance its initiatives. The Sustainability General Meeting, chaired by the president, is composed of the Environmental Policy Board Committee, the Compliance Committee, the Human Rights Working Group (WG), the Human Resources Policy Committee, the General Administration Department, and the Chief Risk Management Officer (CRO). In addition, the Materiality Promotion WG is responsible for promoting materiality and managing KPIs.

Materiality targets in the 7th Mid-term Management Plan and promotion divisions

Materiality		Reasons for selection/Issues identified	How we seek to be	Promotion divisions	Indicators	FY2024 (results)	FY2025 (targets)	FY2028 (targets)	Related SDGs
"Human Resources" to support sustainable growth	Diversity & inclusion pp. 42-43, 46-47	As stated in our Diversity & Inclusion Declaration, in order to create new value, we must work on developing female leaders who can make proposals and improvements that draw on a diverse range of perspectives in the areas of sales, manufacturing, technology, and management.	Involving female leaders with diverse values and perspectives in decision-making will promote innovation. We will also improve employee engagement to enhance productivity and creativity, thereby contributing to society.	Human Resources Department	Number of women in management positions ◇ ¹	148	200 or more by end FY2028		
	A fulfilling and employee-friendly workplace pp. 42-43, 48	To enable diverse work styles, the Work Style Reform Committee will continue to discuss initiatives for new work styles, determine policies, and implement measures to create a fulfilling work environment. Along with conducting employee engagement surveys, we will continue to work on both practical and psychological measures to improve work fulfillment and the working environment, as well as to identify and quickly address any issues that may arise.	While continuing to create an employee-friendly workplace, we will enhance work fulfillment (motivating factors) through company-wide performance evaluations and career development, sharing of company philosophy and policies, and active workplace communication.	Work Style Reform Committee	Employee engagement ◇ ¹ Rate of employees who take childcare leave (men) ◇ ¹ Presenteeism ◇ ¹ *WHO-HPQ absolute presenteeism	50 % 69.0 % 63	55 % by FY2028 70 % or over 64 67		
	Talent development for value creation pp. 42-45	Sustainable growth requires the constant creation of new value. Our employees are expected to take the initiative in enhancing their skills and experience, and to continue generating new ideas and solutions. Because independent learning and action toward achieving career goals lead to value creation for the organization, we provide support for our employees' career autonomy.	We will promote human resource development with the aim of enabling each and every employee to pursue their own career goals and continue learning independently. By fostering many talented individuals who continue to take on new challenges without fear of change, we will contribute to the sustainable growth of the organization.	CHRO Human Resources Development Department	Achievability of career goals ◇ ¹ *Percentage of employees who feel they can achieve their career goals Number of times employees obtained qualifications eligible for public qualification incentives ◇ ¹ Next-generation leader development program ◇ ¹ ● Number of participants *Figures in parentheses indicate cumulative number of participants ● Number of corporate officers appointed (cumulative total)	46 % 1,509 9 (213) 41	47 % 1,525 9 (222) 43	50 % 1,580 9 (249) 49	

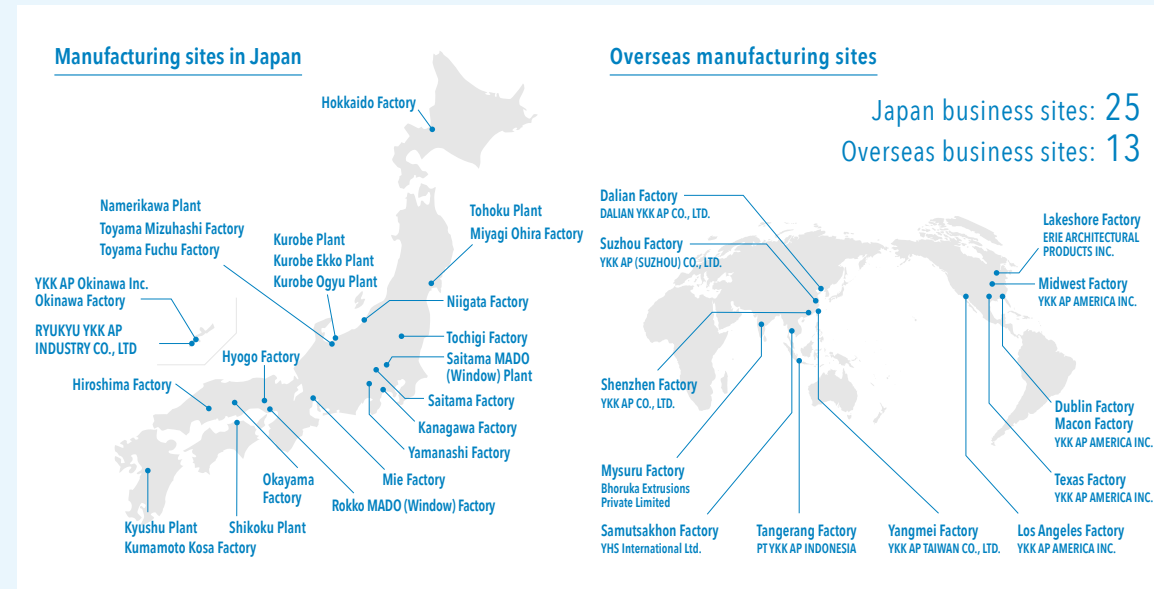
Feature 1: Evolution of Monozukuri Systems for Value Creation

Overview of manufacturing capital

Manufacturing products tailored to each country and region at 38 sites worldwide

The requirements for YKK AP's architectural products vary depending on the climate, geography, and culture of each country and region. To meet these needs, we operate businesses with strong roots in local communities and maintain a strong commitment to product development and

manufacturing in each country and region. The technologies developed by each company are consolidated at the YKK AP R&D Center in Japan and then rolled out laterally to other countries and regions, enabling us to continue our technology oriented value creation around the world.



Aiming to improve efficiency, competitiveness, and design through platforming

In recent years, we have been working on the platforming of products and manufacturing as a key theme. We began capital investment focused on platforming in FY2022, and the fence products were launched and switched over in FY2024. Through thorough automation and process integration, these platforming efforts aim to enhance production efficiency and cost competitiveness, as well as accommodating advanced design requirements. By standardizing product designs, as well as the assembly methods, parts, and equipment used in manufacturing, we have built automated production lines with integrated processes. This enables us to produce a wide variety of products on a single production line while reducing the number of personnel involved and the amount of floor space required. In addition, as with the "APW" series, our flagship window product that is manufactured near where it is needed, thereby reducing logistics costs and CO₂ emissions, we have expanded automated production lines for our fence products at

two manufacturing sites, the Kyushu and Tohoku plants, which are close to areas of demand. We hope that this will allow us to achieve 180% of FY2021 levels of productivity by FY2026.



Feature 1: Evolution of Monozukuri Systems for Value Creation

Intellectual Capital Strategy

Promoting innovation and enhancing our intellectual capital

YKK AP's strengths in intellectual capital lie in its all-round capabilities, which are based on brand appeal, product appeal, and sales capabilities. Brand appeal is, in other words, product quality itself, and is directly linked to the trust placed in us by end users. Product appeal refers not only to strict performance evaluations that go beyond national specifications and JIS standards, but also to designs that take into consideration usability, ease of assembly and installation. Of course, design is also important for a product to be chosen by customers, so we analyze trends at the Design Center, Product Research & Development Division and collaborate on an ongoing basis to incorporate their results into product research and development. I believe that our track record in sales, including our ability to deliver high-quality products on schedule and respond quickly to any problems or requests, is what builds trust with our customers.

Technical facilities that form the basis of the monozukuri process

Our strengths in terms of intellectual capital stem from the

Masahiro Yoshino

Senior Vice President,
Head of Technical Research
Division



Since FY2023, Yoshino has served as head of the Technical Research Division, which was established to accelerate the research and development of new technologies. He harnesses his management experience in departments such as research and development, manufacturing, and quality control to drive technological innovation.

cycle of development, evaluation, verification, technical proposals, and communication that forms the foundation of YKK AP's monozukuri process. The YKK AP R&D Center, Value Verification Center, and Partners Support Studio in Kurobe City, Toyama Prefecture, serve as bases for these activities (see Figure 1). The YKK AP R&D Center is a hub of technology and expertise where we conduct in-depth research and knowledge development in specialized fields to develop high-quality products. The Value Verification Center conducts "user verification" using user monitors and "field verification" that reproduces the natural environment. Finally, the Partners Support Studio presents proposals aimed at addressing the issues of professional users, based on our technology and product quality. Here, we use full-scale model homes to exhibit our products and conduct performance tests, allowing our business partners to experience our quality and technology firsthand while exchanging opinions and information.

In addition, we have transferred some of the functions and personnel of the YKK AP R&D Center to the YKK 60 Building in Tokyo for the purpose of collecting information related to

research and development, facilitating smooth collaboration with joint research partners, and discovering new partners. We have already transferred functions related to the development of advanced products for the Residential and Exterior Businesses, and are conducting product development in collaboration with the R&D Center in Kurobe.

Strengthening collaboration between global R&D sites

YKK AP has also strengthened its global research and development system. Our R&D centers conduct research and development in the warm climate of Japan, the cold climate of Germany, and the hot and humid climate of Indonesia (see Figure 2). Information specific to these different climates is compiled and shared to develop products optimally suited to each region. In addition, in 2023, YKK AP Technologies Lab (NA) in the U.S.A. established "xTech Lab (cross-tech lab)," a research & development center for the digital field. We also dispatch employees from our Technical Research Division to conduct surveys, research and development relating to advanced digital technologies, and quickly incorporate the information gathered into the development of products and production lines.

Promoting technological innovation through open innovation

Our vision, "Evolution 2030," includes "Contribute to the Global Environment" as one of its policies. We believe that accelerating development and promoting innovation are essential for developing new technologies and materials that will be key to realizing decarbonization and a circular society.

Feature 2:

Human Resources as the Foundation for Sustainable Growth and Organizational Strength

Human Capital Strategy

Yuka Murakami

Vice President,
Head of Human Resources
Department



Since FY2022, Murakami has served as the head of the Human Resources Department, responsible for all human resources-related matters. In accordance with our philosophy of encouraging employees to embrace change and take on new challenges with a positive attitude, she is reviewing our human resources strategy and implementing various personnel measures.

The key to realizing "Evolution 2030" is human resources and our future human resources strategy

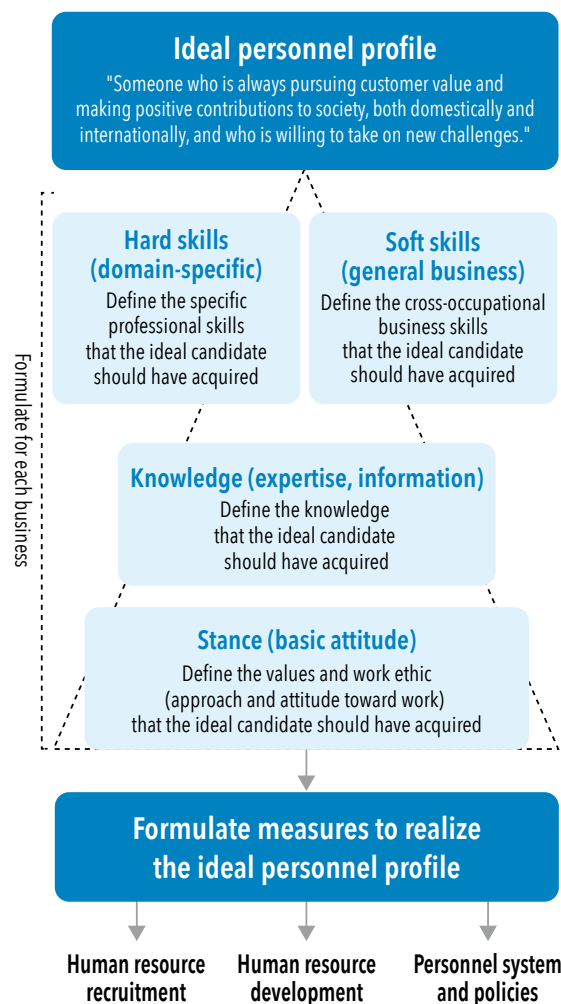
Realizing the "Evolution 2030" Vision requires moving on from the mature market cultivation phase in our management strategy. In order to create new markets, businesses, and value, it is necessary to restructure all our business plans and internal infrastructure, and the driving force behind this will be our human resources. I believe that developing and managing innovative human resources who can work globally with a broad perspective is essential for maximizing the potential of each and every employee and leading to the growth of the company.

In accordance with this view, we have formulated a "HR Strategy Roadmap" for the period from FY2024 to FY2030. The profile we are looking for is someone who is always pursuing customer value and making positive contributions to society, both domestically and internationally, and who is willing to take on new challenges. To achieve this ideal, the 7th Mid-term Management Plan aims to implement business-specific capability requirements in line with business strategies. At the same time, we will develop skill maps to visualize the gap between the personnel we require and the current state of our workforce. These will be used as a basis for implementing data-driven recruitment strategies, strengthening training systems, and promoting personnel allocation to maximize our organizational capabilities.

At the core of our human resources strategy lies YKK philosophy — CYCLE OF GOODNESS®, and the "Forest Management" philosophy advocated by YKK's founder Tadao Yoshida. "Forest Management" is the idea that, just as there are thick trees with many rings accumulated through experience, there are also young trees with thin trunks, tall trees, and short trees. Each type of tree has its own characteristics, and each works to its own particular strengths, moving forward together. This is the very essence of diversity and inclusion, which enables all employees to perform to the

best of their abilities regardless of age, gender, educational background, nationality, or experience, and it forms the bedrock of our human resource development policy. By upholding these universal philosophies and principles and translating them into specific measures based on the current

Process for setting personnel requirements



Feature 2: Human Resources as the Foundation for Sustainable Growth and Organizational Strength

Creating a workplace where a diverse mix of employees can thrive

In accordance with the "Forest Management" philosophy advocated by YKK's founder Tadao Yoshida, we promote diversity and inclusion, striving to create systems and environments where each employee can demonstrate their full potential based on the principles of autonomy and coexistence, regardless of age, gender, educational background, or other factors.

Initiatives to promote the active participation of women

Under our Diversity & Inclusion Declaration, we are actively working to support the career development of female employees. As a result, the number of women in management positions reached 148 in FY2024, achieving the target we had set. To keep up this progress, we have set a target of 200 female managers by FY2028 and are implementing various measures to that end (YKK AP (non-consolidated)).

In FY2024, we continued the "AP Women's Career Development Program," a support program aimed at fostering the next generation of female leaders to help women build long-term careers, with 201 employees participating.

In addition, we have launched a "sponsorship system" in which executive vice presidents act as sponsors for female employees, providing appropriate coaching and guidance to support their advancement through interviews and other means. This is a system designed to produce the next generation of managers who can contribute to the business. The first batch of participants consists of six female employees, and from FY2025 onwards, the program will evolve into the "AP Women's Career Development Program Premium," which aims to accelerate the development of female managers at the department head level and above.

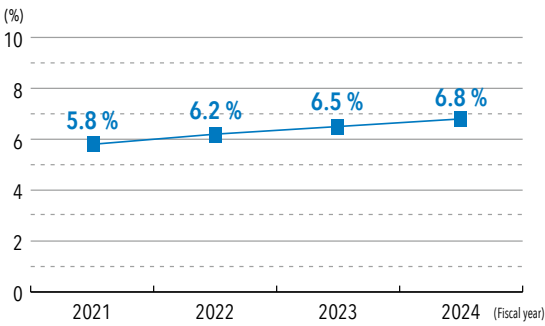
Other initiatives include the "AP FemCare Project" launched in FY2023, which involves providing "basic training on women's health" for all employees in Japan to improve literacy in women's health. In addition, we have introduced a "menstrual symptom relief program" for female employees who suffer from menstrual discomfort, which allows them to consult a gynecologist online and receive a prescription for low-dose birth control pills as needed. In this way, we are considering and implementing measures to maximize work performance by alleviating health issues specific to women.

Diversity & Inclusion Declaration

Based on the concept of "fairness," we will create new value through mutual recognition and acceptance of differences in age, gender, educational background, nationality, and disability, or other factors.

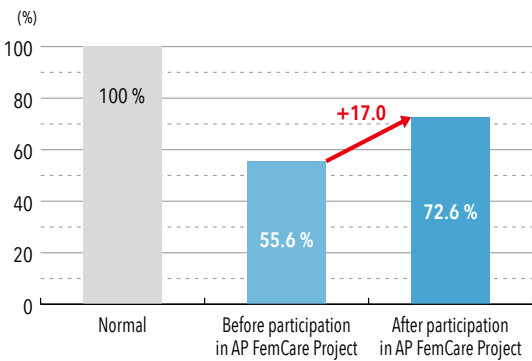
- 1. We aim to create a workplace where anyone can engage in their work actively and comfortably with motivation, regardless of generation.
- 2. We aim to cultivate female leaders who can make proposals and improvements utilizing diverse perspectives in the fields of sales, manufacturing, technology, and management.
- 3. We aim for a company that can respond to the demands of society through each employee's diverse values.

Rate of female managers



*Covers the YKK AP (non-consolidated)

Work performance scores during menstrual discomfort



Feature 3: Building a Solid Foundation to Protect Trust and Confidence

Jumpei Ishii

Executive Chief Specialist
Legal Counsel
Head of Compliance Promotion Office,
Legal & Intellectual Property Department



Ishii works as a lawyer for YKK and YKK AP, handling legal affairs. In 2018, he studied abroad at the School of Law at the University of California Berkeley, U.S.A., and passed the New York State Bar Examination. In 2022, he was appointed as Executive Chief Specialist and Legal Counsel. From 2025, has also been serving as the head of the Compliance Promotion Office.

Compliance Strategy

Strengthening compliance based on the YKK philosophy — CYCLE OF GOODNESS®

Compliance in the YKK Group refers to "not only observing laws and regulations and internal rules, but also complying with the social norms expected of us in the course of our corporate activities."

To realize compliance management, we have established a Compliance Committee consisting of five units (Sales, Development and technology, Manufacturing and supply, Administration, and Overseas) to strengthen monitoring of compliance with rules, regulations, and guidelines.

In addition to regular compliance training for officers, all employees receive at least two hours of compliance training per year on topics such as curbing long working hours, eliminating harassment, preventing bribery, and complying with subcontracting laws.

For persons heavily involved in compliance work, we also provide education in specialized fields led by the relevant specialized departments and committees (HR, purchasing, occupational health and safety management, trade management, information security, technical asset management, the environment, etc.).

Standards for compliance activities
"YKK Global Criteria of Compliance"

YKK AP has set out the YKK Global Criteria of Compliance (YGCC), the YKK Group's compliance standards based on the YKK Philosophy and ISO 26000, and is working to instill them at its locations in Japan and overseas.

We regularly carry out YGCC audits such as self-inspection and internal audits, and have standardized monitoring items to improve the effectiveness of the audit process and ensure continuous improvement.

Whistleblowing system

The YKK Group operates the "YKK Group Whistleblowing System," which allows individuals to consult with/report to consultation desks inside and outside the company anonymously regarding behavior that violates laws, work regulations, or internal rules. Efforts are underway to ensure that all users are aware of this system. In addition, the principle of whistleblower protection prohibits the disadvantageous treatment of any individual for making a consultation.

In FY2024, we established a Basic Policy on Customer Harassment based on the YKK AP Human Rights Policy. In addition to establishing a customer harassment consultation desk, we conduct training for employees to learn about customer harassment and methods for dealing with it.

Number of whistleblowing cases

Fiscal year	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cases	42	49	59	71

*Total number of inquiries received by the Japan consultation desk regarding the YKK AP Group (Japan)



Feature 3: Building a Solid Foundation to Protect Trust and Confidence

Addressing climate change

YKK AP is working to reduce CO₂ emissions and address climate change in all of its business activities.

This initiative is being promoted by the Carbon Neutrality Project, led by the head of the Manufacturing Division. This project consists of seven working groups involving young engineers, and is promoting the formulation of a carbon neutrality technology roadmap and initiatives based thereon.

Aiming to achieve, relative to FY2013, a 80% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 and a 30% reduction in Scope 3 by FY2030, we will accelerate capital investment and technological development while reviewing each platform for products and monozukuri.

Furthermore, the popularization of high thermal insulation products will reduce the amount of energy used for heating and cooling, contributing not only to YKK AP's carbon neutrality but also to that of society as a whole.

Scope 1 and 2 initiatives

We are working to reduce the amount of fuel and electricity used in our manufacturing processes and offices. The Machinery & Engineering Department, which is responsible for

developing manufacturing equipment, is improving the energy efficiency through standardization and the adoption of energy-saving technologies. In terms of fuel, we are switching from liquid fuels to natural gas. Furthermore, with a view to the future, we are developing and testing the use of hydrogen and other gases in gas burners.

We are also working on energy creation from renewable sources, such as solar, hydro, and wind. As of FY2024, we have increased the amount of renewable energy installed to nine times the FY2021 level. This accounts for approximately 7% of YKK AP's total electricity consumption.

In order to measure our progress in reducing CO₂ emissions, we are also developing a database that tracks energy consumption by facility and manufacturing site and visualizes CO₂ emissions.

As of FY2024, we have reduced Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 37% relative to FY2013 levels.

Scope 3 initiatives

Scope 3 emissions account for the majority of the CO₂ emissions associated with YKK AP's business activities across

the entire supply chain. Of these, emissions from material procurement for products account for 80% of the total. In particular, the procurement (mining, smelting, and overseas transportation) of aluminum ingots has a significant impact, and the utilization of recycled aluminum will have the greatest impact in achieving carbon neutrality.

We have already achieved a 100% internal recycling rate, and our next challenge is to expand the utilization rate of market-obtained recycled materials (recycled raw materials such as aluminum scrap recovered from the market). Since market-obtained recycled materials contain a variety of metals, we are focusing on improving separation technologies for extracting only high-quality aluminum.

The Shikoku Plant, which introduced a dedicated aluminum recycling furnace in FY2023, reached a recycled aluminum usage rate of 80% by the end of FY2024.

We are involved, as the lead company, in the "Creation of a Toyama Resource Recycling Society Model," an industry-academia fusion hub concept project to revitalize aluminum-related industries in Toyama Prefecture, led by the University of Toyama. In this way, we are working to accelerate in-depth technical development of aluminum recycling through collaboration between industry, government, academia, and the private sector. From April 2024, a joint research course with YKK AP is being offered at Tohoku University to promote research aimed at realizing an aluminum recycling-oriented

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