

Corporate History

The city of Noda is ideally situated close to soybean-growing regions as well as the Edo River, which provided a convenient transportation route to and from Edo (present-day Tokyo). Noda has been well-known for its soy sauce production since the Edo period (1603–1867). In December 1917, eight family-run companies merged to form Noda Shoyu Co., Ltd., the predecessor of Kikkoman Corporation, with capital of ¥7 million.

1925 April	Noda Shoyu Co., Ltd. absorbs Noda Shoyu Jozo Co., Ltd., Manjo Mirin Co., Ltd. and Nippon Shoyu Co., Ltd. through a merger.	1990 December	The production facility of President Kikkoman Inc. begins shipments.
1931 September	The Takasago soy sauce production plant (formerly the Kansai Plant) begins shipments.	1996 April	Kikkoman establishes Kikkoman Foods Europe B.V. in the Netherlands.
1957 June	Kikkoman International Inc. (now Kikkoman Sales USA, Inc.) is established in San Francisco, California, in the United States.	1997 October	Kikkoman Foods Europe B.V. holds its grand opening.
1961 July	Kikko Food Industries Co., Ltd. (now Nippon Del Monte Corporation) is established.	1998 October	The second U.S. manufacturing plant of Kikkoman Foods, Inc., in Folsom, California, holds its grand opening.
1962 February	Tone Beverage Co., Ltd. (now Tone Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Ltd.) is established.	2000 May	A joint-venture company, Kunshan President Kikkoman Biotechnology Co., Ltd., is established in Kunshan, China.
1962 October	Katsunuma Yoshu Co., Ltd. (now Manns Wine Co., Ltd.) is established.	2002 May	The China Plant of Kunshan President Kikkoman Biotechnology Co., Ltd. holds its grand opening.
1964 October	Noda Shoyu Co., Ltd. is renamed Kikkoman Shoyu Co., Ltd.	2004 March	Kikkoman invests in Higeta Shoyu Co., Ltd. and Kibun Food Chemifa Co., Ltd. (now Foodchemifa Co., Ltd.)
1969 June	Kikkoman invests in Japan Food Corporation (now JFC International Inc.) in the United States.	2005 January	Siam Del Monte Company Limited is established in Thailand.
1970 March	Kikkoman invests in Pacific Trading Co., Ltd.	2005 March	Country Life, LLC is established in New York in the United States.
1972 March	Kikkoman Foods, Inc. is established in Walworth, Wisconsin, in the United States.	2006 February	Siam Del Monte Company Limited holds its grand opening.
1973 June	The Wisconsin Plant of Kikkoman Foods, Inc. holds its grand opening.	2006 November	Del Monte Foods (Xiamen) Co., Ltd. is established in Amoy, in China.
1979 March	Kikkoman Trading Europe GmbH is established in Neuss, in Germany.	2008 June	Kikkoman enters a capital and business alliance with Riken Vitamin Co., Ltd.
1980 October	The Company takes on its present name, Kikkoman Corporation.	2008 July	Kikkoman establishes joint venture President Kikkoman Zhenji Foods Co., Ltd in Shijiazhuang in China.
1983 June	Kikkoman (S) Pte Ltd, a production facility, is established in Singapore.	2008 October	Del Monte Foods (Xiamen) Co., Ltd. holds its grand opening.
1984 November	The production facility of Kikkoman (S) Pte Ltd holds its grand opening.	2009 March	Tone Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Ltd. removed from scope of consolidation as a result of a partial transfer of shares.
1987 January	Kikkoman's Chitose Plant (now Hokkaido Kikkoman Company) in Hokkaido begins shipments.	2009 June	President Kikkoman Zhenji Foods Co., Ltd holds its grand opening.
1990 January	Kikkoman buys perpetual marketing rights for the Del Monte brand in the Asian-Pacific region, excluding the Philippines.	2009 October	Kikkoman shifts to a holding company structure.
1990 February	A joint-venture company, President Kikkoman Inc., is established to produce soy sauce in Tainan, in Taiwan.	2010 May	Kikkoman Exhibits at Japan Industry Pavilion, Expo 2010 Shanghai China.

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