## **Maruetsu** Its Business Activities



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- Founded: October 1945
- # employees: Full-time4,322, PT 12,177 Total 16,409 (73.3% PT) \*as of Feb 2018
- Operating income: ¥37.759B (group total) × as of Feb 2018
- **# stores :** 292 **\*** as of Feb 2018 (Excludes 2 stores in China)

Banner	# stores	Characteristics	•Where we are
Maruetsu	216 (74% of group total)	Strong in perishables, easy to shop. Supermarket where shoppers enjoy visiting every day	Tochigi 1
Maruetsu Petit	71 (24.3% of total)	Metropolitan supermarket where convenient services are provided	Saitama 55 Ibaraki 1
LINCOS	5 (1.7% of total)	Upscale supermarket with high quality product assortment and service functions	Kanagawa 142 Chiba 45 48
Wuxi (China)	2	Comfortable new lifestyle "High quality supermarket"	
≪Uoetsu (2	2 locations) ar	e counted as Maruetsu	** As of Feb 2018 2



 Purpose of existence
We contribute to healthy and bountiful food experiences through providing safe and delicious food products

 Business operation attitude
We will always innovate and challenge ourselves, and remain a fair and trustworthy company

Activitiy model

We strive to create stores filled with laughter and energy and cherished by local customers Purpose of Existence

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## 4 centers that support our product supply

- 1. Small store DC (reg & cold temp)
- 2. Perishable process (meat, seafood)
- 3. Produce (7 locations)
- 4. Bakery, deli (satellite supply)





### Provide customers with safe and delicious food and peace of mind

**Business Operation Attitude** 



Our store locations are fertile market soil, but we recognize the following challenges

- Soaring labor cost

PT wages metropolitan Tokyo average: ¥1,367 (\$13) (+¥190 company-wide average)

 Labor force shortage Utilization of high-cost temp workers

Optimization, energy-saving, and labor-saving are a must! Tackling these issues at Maruetsu Petit first

## Maruetsu Petit



To increase market share in the metropolitan Tokyo area, Maruetsu Petit is a "Big-city mini supermarket" with store operations and HQ support that enable multiple store development

Maruetsu Petit store size				Maruetsu Petit store revenue		
	Store name	Size (3.3sam)		Store name	Rev (¥million)	
Max	Shiodome Shiosite	179.3	Max	Konan City Tower	1,136	
Min	Hamamatsu-cho 2 cho	ome _36.4	Min	Hamamatsu-cho 2 chome _171		
X Largest Maruetsu store				X Regular Maruetsu stores'		
Floor size is 1.525.1 tsubo (42 time bigger)				Highest store revenue is ¥6.2B (36 time bigger)		

#### Maruetsu Petit store front



#### Regular Maruetsu store front



(1) Perishables sold  $\Rightarrow$ meat, produce, fish focus on freshness & large assortment <sup>(2)</sup>Processed food, GM offering  $\Rightarrow$ use high gondola to achieve high SKUs, high density ③Freshly made deli items  $\Rightarrow$ set up a kitchen or a simple fryer 4 Avoid competing w/c-stores ⇒minimal value-add service at cashiers (unlike c-s) <sup>(5)</sup>Maximize of revenue per sqf  $\Rightarrow$  differentiation from c-stores

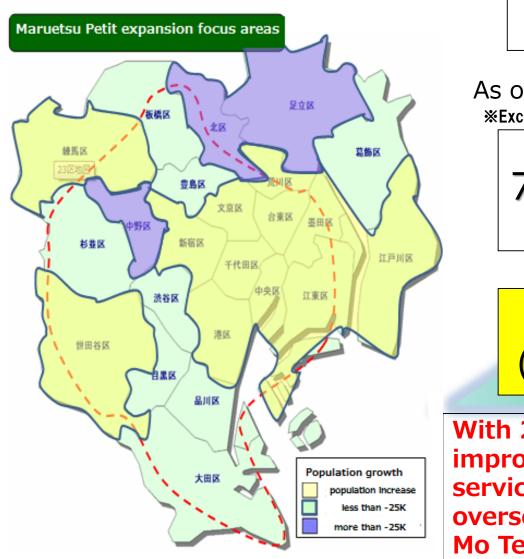






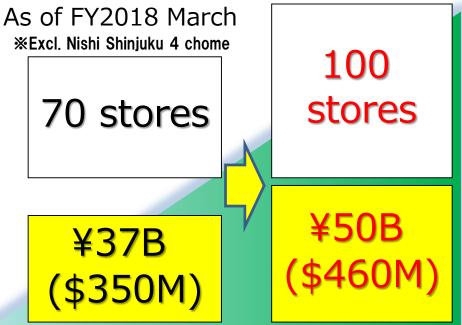
Store Expansion Strategies (Maruetsu Petit)

Areas where market size growth is expected



Maruetsu Petit store expansion strategies

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With 2020 Tokyo Olympics, further improve global-minded customer services and be ready for increasing overseas visitors with the spirit of "O Mo Te Na Shi (sense of hospitality)" Activity Model



Shopper data analysis with T-Data T-card is a point-based reward card where shoppers can earn/spend points at participating outlets.

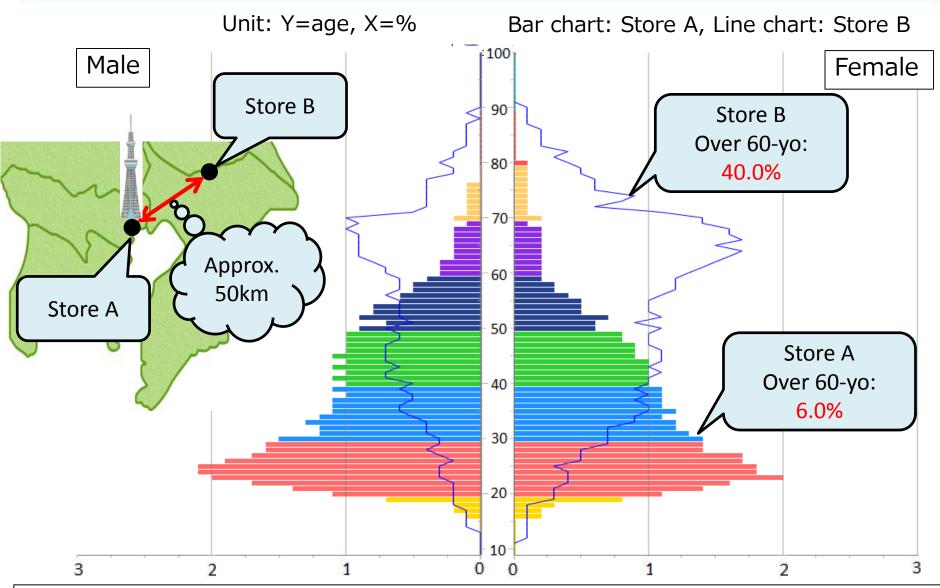
Maruetsu revenue from T-member: 80+% Maruetsu shoppers with T-card: below 80% (T-member store visitors are approx. 3M/mo.)

Since most shoppers are T-card holders, we are now able to analyze data from shopper demographics/lifestyle instead of POS-centric data analysis

(area  $\cdot$  age  $\cdot$  gender based shopper analyses and sales program development are possible)



## T-Data Analysis Example (histogram) et maruetsu



Each store shows very different shopper base, age, and gender  $\Rightarrow$  Decentralized sales programs and individual store merchandizing efforts are necessary

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## Future Operational Strategies

1. New store expansion strategy Focused store expansion in the fertile metropolitan Tokyo area with 2020 Tokyo Olympics in sight.

2. Product strategy

To meet competition from the likes of drugstores and E-commerce retailers, utilize the strength of a Brick-and-Mortar supermarket model

 $\Rightarrow$  Focus on fresh and perishable deli items with emphasis on fresh

3. Environment change challenges To manage soaring labor cost and other expenses, make efforts in activities that are energy-saving, labor-saving, and meet the needs of decreasing population (deli menu ordering, RPA · AI use, consolidated large room, etc.)









# **THANK YOU**

