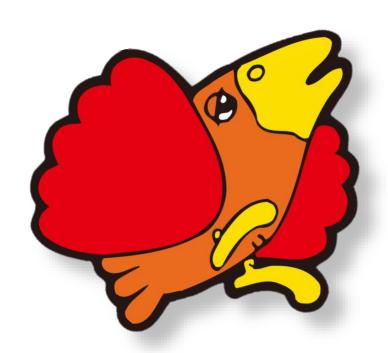
# About Skylark Group



**Skylark Holdings Co., Ltd.** 

## **Skylark At a Glance**



♦ Total number of Restaurants: 2,988(as of end-Mar 2023)

of which 98.5% stores are directly managed

and 73 are international stores

♦ Market Cap: approx. JPY390Bn (as of end-Mar 2023)

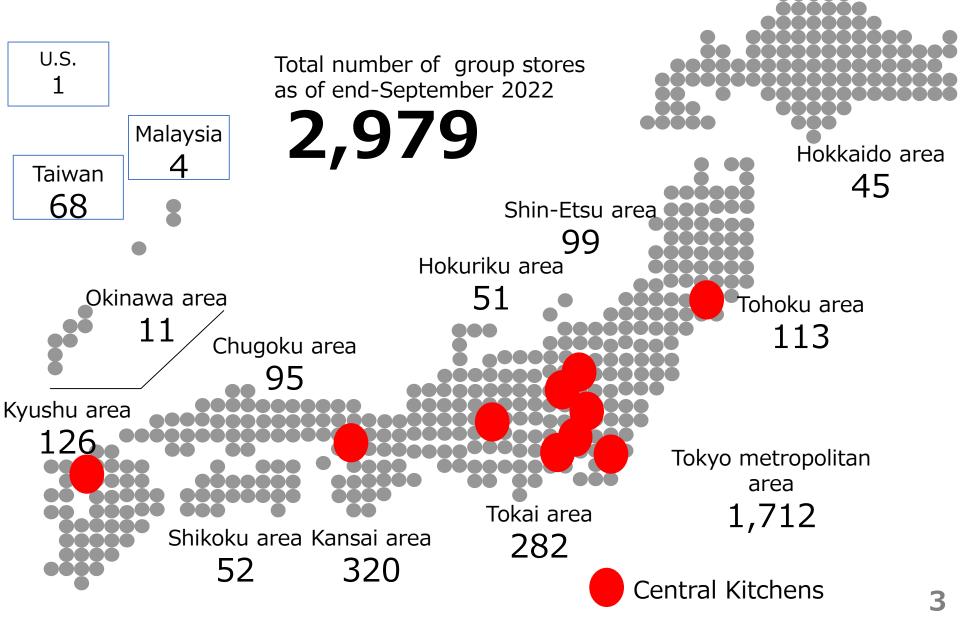
#### FY2022 Results

■ Total Revenue: JPY303.7Bn

Operating Profit/Loss: JPY-¥5.6Bn

■ Net Income/Loss: JPY-¥6.4Bn

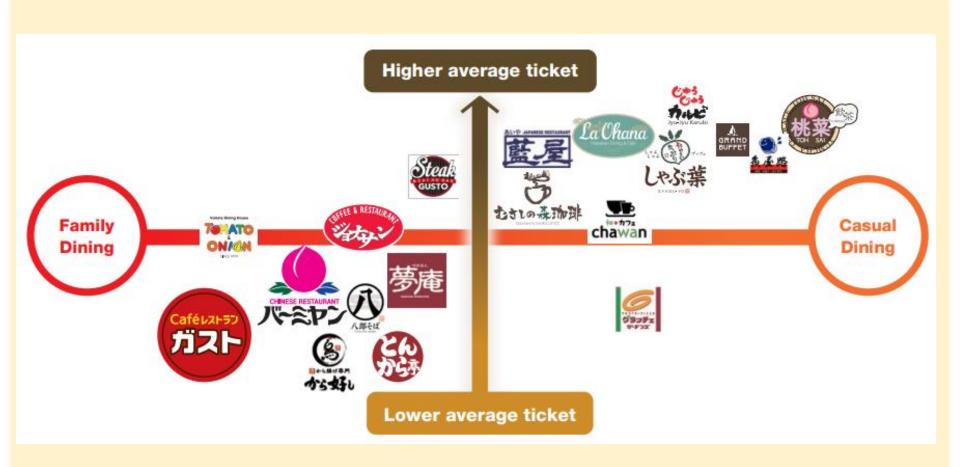
# One of the Largest Restaurant Chains in the World



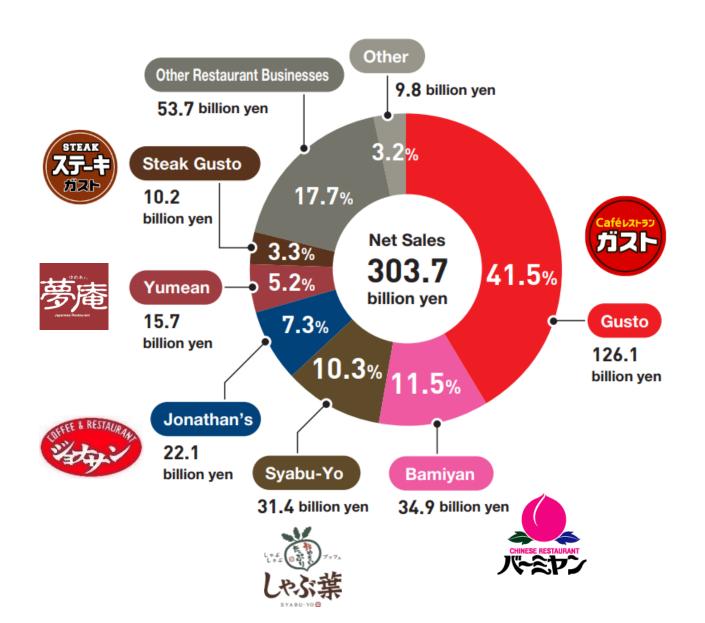
#### **Our Business Portfolio**

**Dining** Family Dining Out **Casual Dining Business Business** Value price **Moderate price** La Ohana Caféレストラン むさい森地球 ガスト chawan Home Dining / **Home Cooking Delivery** EC Business **Take Out** Retail Sales

# Meeting Customer Needs with A Diverse Portfolio of Brands



## Break-down of Sales by Brand (FY2022)



## **Recent History of Skylark**

## Rapid expansion (Pre-2008)

- Growth through new store openings and acquisitions
- Expanded concepts into rural areas, though not all concepts traveled well
- Significant number of underperforming restaurants

#### Rationalization led by Mr. Tani (2008-2012)

- Closed underperforming restaurants
  - Footprint adjusted from 3,329 stores in 2007 to 3.000 stores in 2011 (1)
  - Revitalized core concepts
    Improved margins significantly
    Invested in supply chain

## Building foundation for sustainable growth (2012-2019)

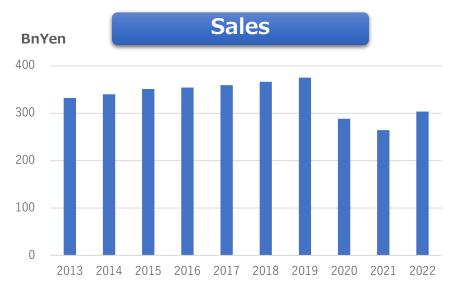
- Implementation of data-driven pricing and marketing strategies
- 🥨 Refined restaurant prototype
  - Investment in restaurant remodeling and conversions
- Improved site selection capabilities
- Bain sold all shares in Nov.2017

# **COVID-19 Pandemic**(2020-2022)

- COVID-19 spreads from Feb 2020; sales significantly declines
- Specialty brands (Musashino Mori Coffee, La Ohana, Totoyamichi) do well
- Although sales declines, profit is secured with gov't subsidy for shortening of operating hours
- With DX, store productivity is significantly improved (DMB, floor service robots)

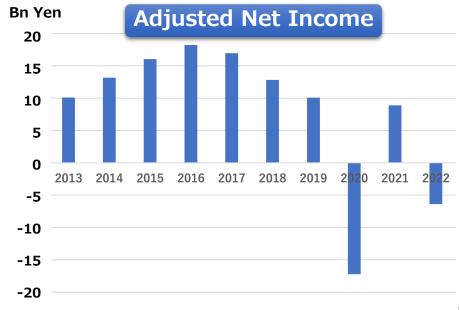


## **Key Financials**











## **Robust Business Model**

## **Our Competitive Advantage**

#### ■ Vertically Integrated Supply Chain

- Bulk procurement of ingredients for all brands
- 10 central kitchens that cover approx. 3,000 stores
- · A cross-brand logistics network makes efficient distribution possible
- High quality food offered at reasonable prices

From procurement to home delivery, all is in-house =>A strong cost competitiveness within the industry

- ■In our approx. 3,000 stores:
- Same operating system and manuals
- One HR system covers the entire group

## **Vertically Integrated Platform**

**Procurement** 

Manufacturing

Logistics

Cooking/ Serving

**Delivery** 

### **Streamlined** procurement

Centralized ingredient sourcing for all concepts

#### **Central kitchens**

10 facilities covering about 3,100 stores of the Group

## Robust distribution network

Shared distribution network for all concepts

## Efficient restaurant operations

Providing high-quality and reasonably priced dishes in a comfortable space

### Expansive delivery network

One of the restaurant industry's largest fleet with approximately 4,000 delivery vehicles\*1

#### Flexibility (speed)

- ✓ Flexibly decide on who to procure from
- Systems enabling speedy development of menus
- ✓ Quick response to changes in demand in each area
- Easy environment to cook
- ✓ Uniform kitchen layouts for all brands
- ✓ Quick and accurate response to consumer demand

#### Efficiency (economies of scale)

- ✓ Mass orders for about 3,100 stores
- ✓ Pursuit of economies of scale in ingredient processing
- Reduced operation costs by improving the cooking speed at stores
- ✓ Cost efficiency
- ✓ Simplified store operations
- Sustained high gross profit margin by reducing inventories and waste losses
- Response to diverse needs by making bulk orders for use in multiple brands

#### Safety (quality and freshness)

- Controlled quality of ingredients
- ✓ Uniform quality and cooking methods for all stores
- ✓ Pursuit of food safety
- Maintenance of quality and freshness through delivering based on orders from stores
- ✓ Controlled uniform quality of dishes
- Maintain high quality through in-house delivery staff

#### **Central Kitchens**



#### Remodels: Providing an Inviting Atmosphere

■ Example of a Remodel: Jonathan's Shimo Igusa Store

(Remodeled in July 2022) [Before]





- Remodel impact (165 stores remodeled bet. Jan 2022 to Dec 2022)
  - => 4.7% sales increase
- ※Pre⇒90days before store closure Post⇒Store reopen up to Dec 31
- \*Dine-in sales only; sales is vs2019
- Gusto: Remodels begin with a new façade theme





- >A comfortable space for anyone and everyone to relax in
- More natural tones by clearing up unnecessary decorations

### **Brand Conversions: Improve Profitability**

Strength of having a wide portfolio of brands in many categories Significantly improve sales of unprofitable stores and improve profitability of our total portfolio of stores

- Resolve own brand cannibalization and create new demands
- **■** Convert to specialty brands which become customer destinations
- **■** Conversion impact (17 stores converted in 2022): 159.5%
- Planning 30-40 conversions for 2023



#### **New Brand Development**

First Hachiro Soba store Opened on Jan 18 First Toh-Sai Store Opened on Feb1



#### Hachiro Soba Shiraoka store





#### Toh-Sai Tsuruoka store



## **Promoting DX: Increase Customer Convenience and Store Productivity**

♦In 2022, renewed store systems, mainly the cash register.
Will continue with DX in 2023 and improve both customer convenience and store productivity



New POS registers introduced to all stores

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Labor hours per day -0.5hrs



#### Improvement of Digial Menu Books

- Developed a dedicated machine for inputting menu numbers(introduced to Hachiro Soba and Toh-sai)
- Real-time visualization of all tablets, linked with floor service robots

#### (Preparing)

- Table ushering
- Table checkout function

#### Introduction of cat-shaped floor service robots completed

3,000 floor service robots introduced

- 90% of customers are "Very satisfied" or "Satisfied"
- +2% improvement in lunch peaktime table turnover rate
- -35% less time to clear tables
- -42% less footsteps taken

(impact at Gusto stores)

#### Self-serve checkout counters introduced

800+ cashless self-serve checkout counters introduced

Usage rate of self-serve cashiers 25%+(2023/1)



(Preparing)
Self-serve checkout counters
which take cash

### **Enhancement of the Skylark** app functions

Advance ordering and payment functions for delivery, take-out and e-commerce orders

#### Skylark app

#### Take out



#### Delivery



#### E-commerce



## Promote company-wide DX

Dedicated DX staff appointed in all divisions to realize productivity improvement

To continue in 2023

#### Customer DX to further promote brand loyalty

### The Skylark App

■ Over 21million downloads and 11million members

As of end-Mar 2023

■ Promote customer loyalty by improving customer convenience through enhancing function and improving UI/UX

## Work in **Progress**

- ID integration with in-house delivery website
- POS linkage (advanced segmented messaging)
- Equipping digital version of cross-brand coupon book

#### **Preparing**

- Subscription and prepaid services
- Table reservation function
- From segmented messaging to personalized messaging

#### **Executed**

- By-brand app integrated
- Membership registration/ segmented messaging
- Take-out ordering and advance Payment
- Equipped with digital Platinum Passport
- Use of geofencing
- E-commerce function added



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