# Concept 2016

Zensho Group Corporate Profile







# Aiming to be the world's top food company

Founded in 1982, over the last 34 years Zensho has grown into a corporate group with about 4,800 restaurants and other retail locations. Annual sales have reached 525.7 billion yen. After being listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 1999, Zensho's sales grew by a factor of 30 over the 16 years since 2000. Zensho has firmly established itself at the top position among food service companies in Japan.

Becoming the largest food service company in Japan was a significant milestone in Zensho's quest to realize its corporate mission, which is to become the No. 1 food company in the world, in order to help eradicate global hunger and poverty. Our top position in Japan serves as a foundation for further growth. Our real work has just begun.

ZENSHO SUMMARY (as of March 31, 2016)

## Consolidated sales

···· 525.7 billion yen

## Consolidated operating profit

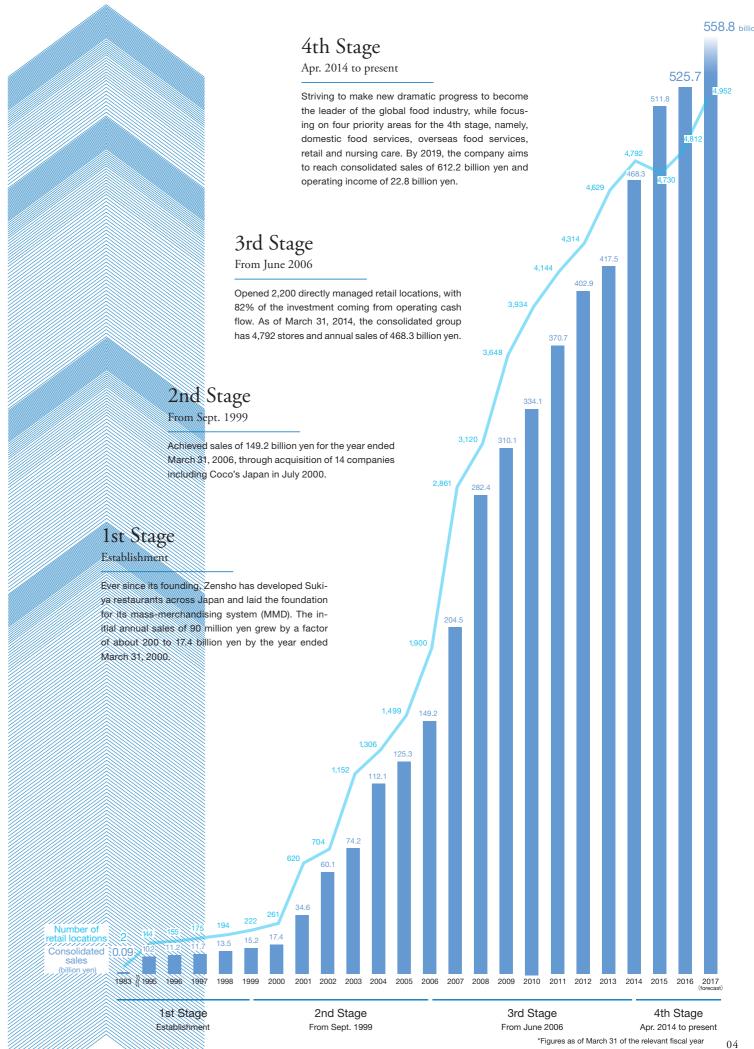
···· 12.1 billion yen

## Number of retail locations

····· 4,812 (including 197 outside Japan)

## Newly opened retail locations

···· 140 (including 62 outside Japan)



# "Our goal is to become the world's No. 1 company in the food industry — a position from which we can help eradicate hunger and poverty from the world."

Zensho's corporate mission to eradicate hunger and poverty from the world may appear like a lofty goal for a company that operates popular restaurants serving delicious food.

Yet this is the mission that has brought the Zensho Group together to become the largest food service company in Japan. Our next step is to become the top food company in the world.



# Achieving No. 1 in sales in Japan is just the beginning

On March 31, 2016, the Zensho Group posted net sales of 525.7 billion yen and had 4,812 retail locations worldwide. While being the No. 1 food service company in Japan by sales, Zensho also ranks among the top-ten food service companies in the world.

We are proud of these achievements, but our ultimate goal will require more efforts. Although Zensho leads the food service industry in Japan, it only accounts for 2% of total sales in the 24 trillion yen food market. Looking at other industries, top companies in the automotive sector control about 20% or 30% of their markets. It is clear that the industrialization of Japan's food service sector is still far behind that of other sectors. We would first like to change this structure and become the top food service company in the world, just as Japanese carmakers have risen to the top in their global market. We believe this is exactly the step we need to take to move closer to fulfilling our founding vision, "to eradicate hunger and poverty from the world."

Although our sales grew by a factor of about 30 since 2000, we still need more growth to realize our mission. With our JASDAQ listing in 1997, our creditworthiness increased, thereby supporting our rapid growth. The Zensho Group then expanded through acquisition of a variety of businesses. Although many people see Zensho as a group that grew through M&A, the driving force behind our growth has been more through the opening of new retail locations. Reflecting on Zensho's investments since 2007, while M&A accounted for only 20% of its investment, the opening of directly managed company outlets accounted for the remaining 80%.

Opening new retail locations is similar to planting seeds one by one by hand in a rice paddy. Thorough investigation must be carried out for each new restaurant before it can be opened. In the 3rd stage, which began in June 2006, a total of 2,200 directly managed retail locations were opened. Instead of using the franchise system to open new locations, Zensho believes in the direct management of its establishments. We believe this is the best way to fulfill our responsibilities to customers for safety, reliability and quality of the food we serve.

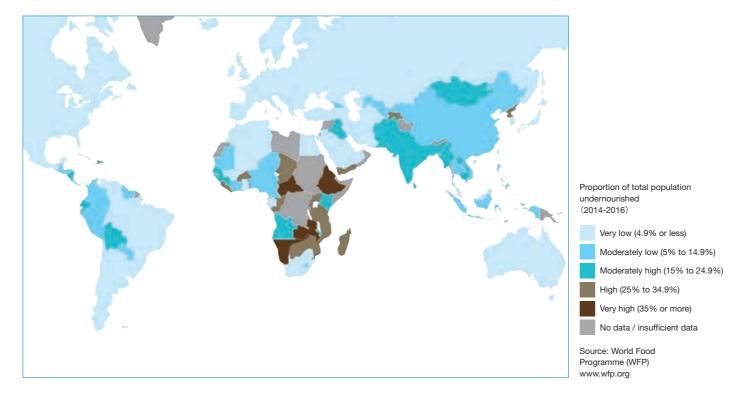
# Management philosophy inspires our efforts

Although Japan's food service market is said to be shrinking, our main focus is fast food, which has grown by 800 billion yen in the last 14 years. Meanwhile, there is a decline in traditional establishments such as ryokan inns and izakaya pubs. Major restructuring is occurring in the industry. Many people have asked about the reason behind Zensho's remarkable growth. Let me answer that question without equivocation. Our growth is due to our unwavering founding vision to eradicate hunger and poverty from the world, which has enabled us to attract various talented employees that truly share this vision and work with passion to materialize this every day

Each year, roughly 14 million people worldwide lose their lives to starvation. However, this is not due to an overall lack of food. The world produces enough food to sustain the global population of 7.3 billion. Unfortunately too much food ends up in developed countries where it sells for higher prices. This kind of uneven distribution is the biggest factor in food insecurity and hunger in developing countries. In order to eradicate hunger and poverty from the world, we need to eliminate food waste and inefficiency. That is why Zensho was founded—to create a sustainable mechanism that will prevent food shortages in all circumstances.

Most companies have some sort of management philosophy or mission, but frankly, they do not mean much unless the founder believes in them. Everyone at Zensho truly believes that we can help eradicate hunger and poverty from the world and in so doing, launch a new era in human history. It is due to our people's earnest efforts to achieve this ultimate goal that we have been able to achieve such dramatic 30-fold growth in just 16 years.

As we strive to achieve our goal, our employees grow stronger in the process of overcoming individual challenges. Even though we have reached a large size, we have remained capable of carrying out dynamic organizational changes with flexibility at each new stage of our development. Through this process, the organizational flexibility and the skills developed by individual employees have become great assets for our enterprise. That is why we believe we can become the top food company in the world.



The Zensho Group has created its own mass-merchandising system (MMD) to perform management of everything from raw material procurement to processing, logistics and sales. The MMD system forms the foundation of our management, and it has integrated our mission into actual daily operations. For instance, we strive to completely eliminate food waste and inefficiency and to provide customers with safe and reliable food at even more affordable prices. In order to achieve these goals, we decided that we had to design and create mechanisms to handle all the processes from ingredient procurement to food sales, and to do the hard work of carrying out these operations ourselves.

This system has achieved great results in Japan, and our goal now is to take it worldwide. A global presence will bring us much closer to realizing our vision of eradicating hunger and poverty from the world. We realize that we have a long way to go.

# Taking on the global market of 7.3 billion people

As of March 31, 2016, Zensho has 197 retail locations outside Japan, and the company plans to open many more at a faster pace. By expanding out of the Japanese market of 120 million people, Zensho is beginning full-scale development of a market that is about 60 times larger—the global market of 7.3 billion people. By establishing our MMD system in 200 countries and regions worldwide, we want to provide people everywhere with safe, convenient, delicious food. With a strong global presence, we will be better positioned to

contribute to humanity by helping eradicate hunger and poverty.

The more the company expands globally, the more its essential spirit and culture, as well as the character of its employees, are tested. In recent history, Japan has achieved rapid growth by learning and imitating Western technology and thinking. In the 21st century, however, I believe we will have to create and export uniquely Japanese products and services, as well as our own work methods, division-of-labor mechanisms and organizational forms.

Of course, our employees will need skills that are different from those they have used in the past. We require even more human resources that can think for themselves and take responsibility for their own decisions. We will also have to change from the traditional top-down management style to one that is more like a soccer team, where each member has personal vision and imagination and is able to think and take action independently.

Once employees are used to thinking and acting independently, they can develop management skills that work in any business area. By cultivating a big team of these human resources, we can ensure that the company never wavers in its mission of eradicating hunger and poverty from the world, even after I retire. I believe that, with a group of spirited employees who really believe in our mission, we can replicate dedicated teams around the world who can, in turn, set up the Zensho MMD system in 200 countries and regions worldwide. Ambitious goals like these make Zensho thrive.

# Starting with a rewarding purpose

In order to provide safe, reliable food, utmost care must be taken to ensure total purity from contaminants such as BSE, hazardous chemicals or radioactive materials. Food safety management is the highest priority for the Zensho Group. In 2005, we established a Food Safety Pursuing Unit (now the Group Food Safety Pursuing Division) followed by a Central Research Center in 2006 to perform our own food inspection and analysis. In the following year, we established an annex in China to perform our food inspection in the country. Through the introduction of the industry's most advanced analysis equipment, Zensho checks every day for contaminants such as pesticide residues, heavy metals and radiation.

As an initiative with an even longer term perspective, we directly operate a ranch called Zenshoen in Taikitown in Hokkaido Prefecture. As a pilot farm of the Zensho Group, it conducts research on the best ways to feed and raise cattle and on vegetable and rice varieties in order to match them to the best growing locations and improve quality.

In order to help producers in developing countries, Zensho was early to adopt fair trade products. This involves ongoing direct purchases from producers in developing countries at reasonable prices. The aim is to improve the livelihoods of disadvantaged farmers and laborers in these countries. Zensho buys fair trade agricultural products such as coffee beans at fair prices that include a social premium surcharge. The premium goes toward improving the living conditions for people in the production area. Currently Zensho buys fair-trade products from 18 different countries. For example, the social premiums paid by Zensho support health programs for mothers and young children in Tanzania and construction of drinking water infrastructure and primary schools in Rwanda.

Eventually, Zensho plans to set up its MMD system in these developing countries and create a food infrastructure that can provide safe food for everyone. Although there are challenges involved in establishing agricultural and livestock businesses in developing countries, such as securing water resources, a solution can always be found by thinking carefully and through diligent work. The most realistic approach is to develop crops that are ideally suited to each individual climate and to organize worldwide production accordingly, while applying the best practices for agricultural and livestock farming. If this kind of food infrastructure can be built around the world, it would create more employment in many countries, and workers lives would be enriched through the added value of their labor. This initiative is part of our effort to realize our vision of eradicating hunger and poverty worldwide.

## 4th stage priority areas: domestic / overseas food services, retail and nursing care

In April 2014, Zensho entered the 4th stage, positioning it as a new period of growth.

In the 1st stage, which began with the company's founding, the initial annual sales of 90 million yen laid the foundation for Zensho's MMD system, while expanding Sukiya across Japan. By the year ending March 31, 2000, the company had grown by a factor of about 200, achieving sales of 17.4 billion yen.

In the 2nd stage, which began in September 1999, Zensho acquired 14 companies including Coco's Japan in July 2000, and sales reached 149.2 billion yen by March 31, 2006.

In the 3rd stage, launched in June 2006, Zensho opened 2,200 directly managed retail locations, and 82% of the investment came from operating cash flow.

In the 4th stage, which started in April 2014, by focusing on the four priority areas of domestic food services, overseas food services, retail and nursing care, Zensho has been aiming to make dramatic new progress and become the top company in the global food industry.

When a company grows and enters a new phase, issues which have been overlooked often come to light. At the Zensho Group, we are determined to tackle issues like this head on, as we take the next step toward providing all of our employees with a level of work and life satisfaction they can't find anywhere else. In fact, this is one of the keys to providing value to our shareholders and trading partners, and I am confident that we will continue to do that.



# Expanding Zensho's MMD System Worldwide

Zensho's mass merchandising system (MMD) allows the company to fulfill its mission to "provide safe, delicious food to people around the world at affordable prices." Zensho plans, designs and operates MMD systems that integrate everything from procurement of raw ingredients to manufacturing, processing, logistics and retail sales. The MMD system enables Zensho to procure safe, high-quality raw ingredients at stable and appropriate prices. By centrally procuring ingredients

for the entire group, Zensho is able to eliminate intermediate steps, in turn offering customers delicious food at reasonable prices. The MMD system forms the foundation of Zensho's business, and it is the driving force behind the company's breakthrough successes. Zensho is now expanding its MMD beyond Japan with its sights set on the entire world, seeking to provide an essential food infrastructure for all humanity.

#### Ingredients from around the world



## Procurement

Zensho Tradings Co., Ltd.

Zensho has built a very stable supply system by seeking out safe, high-quality ingredients worldwide and cultivating reliable procurement channels. Zensho also sends staff to visit actual production sites to check things in person to ensure full traceability. The company's efforts also include offering technical cooperation and making



## Manufacturing

GFF Co., Ltd. Sanbishi Co., Ltd. Yamatomosuisan Co., Ltd. Pocino Foods Company TR Factory Co., Ltd.

A stable supply of fresh ingredients is prepared and processed at 30 Zensho Group plants across Japan. The plants practice justin-time production based on production plans and daily sales forecasts. This avoids surplus inventory and ensures that customers can always enjoy the freshest



## Logistics

Global Fresh Supply Co., Ltd.

Safe, fresh food is sent to restaurants, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, from 33 distribution centers across Japan. Only the amounts needed are delivered to restaurants at four different temperature levels: frozen, refrigerated, room temperature and ultra-low temperature. This ensures thorough con-



Food Service

At the final stage of the MMD system, the restaurants serve safe, delicious meals to customers. Zensho creates the design for each chain by itself, selecting all the details such as interior and exterior decoration, tableware such as gyudon bowls as well as fixtures and fittings. The Zensho Group spares no effort to provide cus tomers with sincere service and an enjoyable dining experience.

Retail



#### Restaurants (Japan / Overseas)

















**Nursing Care** 



























Techno Support Co., Ltd. Retail location design and construction management

Global IT Service Co., Ltd. IT service

Global Table Supply Co., Ltd. Fixtures and fittings

Zensho Best Crew Co., Ltd. Personnel support

Zensho Business Service Co., Ltd. Human resources development and support

Zensho CooCa Co., Ltd.



## Zensho's Strict Safety Standards



Group Food Safety Pursuing Division

Zensho regards food safety as its highest priority. It set up a Food Safety Pursuing Unit (now the Group Food Safety Pursuing Division) in 2005, followed by a Central Research Center in 2006. The center is equipped with state-of-the-art analysis devices like no other in Japan's food service industry. The Central Research Center performs a range of inspections and analyses, including checks for residual agrochemicals in agricultural, livestock and fishery products, veterinary drugs, hazardous substances such as heavy metals, genetically modified crops and radioactive materials. When we newly procure ingredients, whether from Japan or overseas,

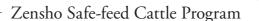
the center performs rigorous safety testing. It confirms that the farms and production factories meet Zensho Group's own food safety standards. Its staff travel to the site to carry out inspections in person. They perform independent food safety tests for agrochemical residues and other potential hazards and analyze soil and water quality to ensure high safety

Further, when domestically produced agricultural or livestock products are used in Zensho Group's outlets, we carry out on-going tests for radioactive residue to ensure that they meet our own stringent safety standards.





## Scientific Management of Food Safety





There are various ongoing threats to food safety worldwide, such as incidents of "mad cow disease" (bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE), residual agrochemicals and radioactive contamination. Zensho ensures the safety of its food using strict standards so that customers can always enjoy delicious food with peace of mind.

One example of Zensho's safety commitment involves U.S. beef. In order to procure BSE-free beef, Zensho has introduced its own beef management program called Zensho Safe-feed Cattle (SFC). This program involves documenting the dates and locations of cattle births and ensuring that the animals

have not been given any feed that might cause BSE infection. These healthy cattle are then certified as SFC. The program is based on Zensho's ability to ascertain the history of livestock destined for Zensho at a supplier's ranch or processing plant. This history includes each steer's life history from its birthplace till its shipment. Under the company's SFC program, Zensho employees inspect production sites in person to perform certification. They carefully check for legal compliance at farms and processing plants including inspection systems to ensure the removal of specific risk material. Only beef checked for safety reachs our Zensho kitchen.

#### Zensho's Own Control Program

✓ Calf production record

- Reception of calves
- ✓ Ear tag
- √ Grain-heavy formula Cattle feed mill / ingredients of a feed mix / history of feed given / inspection

- ✓ Confirmation of age in months
- ✓ Check that the health of cattle
- ✓ Removal of specified-risk
- √ HACCP-based hygiene and temperature control
- ✓ Inspection for harmful bacteria

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Zensho's Global Expansion

In China, Zensho operates 147 Sukiya restaurants. After starting in Shanghai, Sukiya began a full-scale expansion in China in 2012 with new locations opening in Tianjin, Beijing and other cities. Zensho has positioned China as the launch pad for its worldwide expansion. Naturally, Zensho ensures that food safe-

> ty, reliability, delicious taste, speed and service levels: in China are just as high as those in Japan.



cultural similarities. In May 2011, the first Sukiya restaurant in Thailand was opened in a large shopping center in suburban Bangkok. Thai people love Sukiya's gyudon for its tender beef and delicious rice. Sukiya Thailand also has a strong



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a Sukiva restaurant was

opened in Mexico City, an economic and cultural hub for Central America with a population of 20 million. Zensho plans to keep opening locally tailored restaurants here to let many more people enjoy the great taste of Sukiya's gyudon



Brazil's largest city. São Paulo. Sukiva is a popular choice among the community of Japanese Brazilians, who number more than one million, Non-Japanese Brazilian customers have also been increasing as well. Zensho aims to open restaurants that welcome every custome to come in and enjoy the Japanese cuisine.

## A Popular Japanese Comfort Food with Global Ambitions

Sukiya expands around the world

Gyudon has become a national food that the Japanese people cannot live without. It contains rice, the ultimate grain for its good balance of amino acids; beef, the crown of domesticated meats; and soy sauce, the best seasoning obtained through fermentation. The exquisite harmony produced by these three ingredients is catching on around

The Zensho Group has been expanding the Sukiya gyudon chain globally. As of July 31, 2016, there are a total of 197 Sukiya locations in China,

Note: All location numbers are current as of July 31, 2016.

Brazil, Thailand, Malaysia, Mexico, Taiwan, Indonesia and Vietnam. Zensho plans to aggressively open new locations in the future. While opening new locations overseas, Zensho is also setting up its MMD system, a mechanism perfected through day-to-day operations in Japan, in countries outside of Japan. This creates a safe, efficient food infrastructure in the countries concerned. Zensho's aspiration is to help enrich the lives of people living everywhere.

Tanzania began selling fair trade coffee to Zensho in 2009. It is grown by two grower cooperatives near Kilimaniaro in the country's north. Social development funds\* are added to each sale, and these funds are used to train field workers for a program designed to improve the health of mothers and children in this coffee growing region. The workers give advice to expecting mothers to help them protect their own health and that of their babies.



In the region of Cascol in Manabí, Ecuador, where Zensho began to trade JAS certified organic coffee in November 2011, there is a plan to renovate educational facilities across 58 villages. In the mountain villages, there are not enough school buildings; in order to stem the flow of young people from the villages there are plans to build 13 primary schools and 15 classrooms in seven villages. This initiative will vastly improve the educational environment for local residents



Visit the website for

Countries where Zensho promotes fair trade

(18 countries as of March 31, 2016) Kenya

Uganda Rwanda Burundi Tanzania Democratic Republic of the Congo India Sri Lanka Fast Timor Papua New Guinea Mexico

Costa Rica Nicaragua

> Since November 2010, Zensho has been buying JAS certified organic fair trade coffee and cocoa powder from Peru, Social development funds were used to build a library in the coffee growing

## Fair Trade for Global Sustainable Development

Zensho practices fair trade

The Zensho Group serves and sells imported fair trade coffee, tea and cocoa at its restaurants and retail locations. While fair trade products tend to have a higher final selling price, they are still chosen by consumers for their social contribution value. Zensho's commitment to fair trade is not just about providing "aid," but rather about developing a long-term relationship with producers for the purpose of mutual growth and development. Zensho employees regularly travel to the production regions to meet directly with the grower groups. They check the growth of the crops and provide technical guidance when needed

and stable production brings revenue and technology to producers, helping to make them economically independent. Through these long-term supply relationships, Zensho also secures a stable supply of good quality ingredients, which it can offer to customers at reasonable prices. This is truly a business model of mutually beneficial long-term development.

While expanding the number of its fair trade items and producer countries, Zensho will also focus on human resources development in the countries and regions concerned, so that producers can use their revenues to invest in and manage things that the country or region needs.

\*Social development funds, also called a social premium, are added on top of the price of goods with the understanding that they will be used for projects to enhance local living standards.







which began selling fair trade coffee to Zensho in December 2011 used social development funds to build joint infrastructure to supply water to 6.000 village residents. This has freed the children from the task of fetching water, which used to take

Fair Trade Zensho



them an hour or more each day. An elementary school classroom with a solar panel was also built.



region. In the cacao producing area, a cafeteria was renovated at a kindergarten and new play equipment was installed.



## Offering the pleasure of choice to even more customers

Starting with Sukiya, Japan's leading chain of *gyudon* (beef bowl) restaurants by number of locations, Zensho offers a great selection of dining options, including family dining restaurants specializing in hamburger steaks, pasta, Japanese cuisine and *yakiniku* barbecue, as well as fast food outlets such as coffee shops, *udon* and ramen noodle shops and conveyor-belt sushi restaurants. Always prioritizing food safety, Zensho's network of dining establishments continues to expand both in and outside of Japan.





## Sukiya

#### Japan's leading gyudon chain

Sukiya is Japan's leading *gyudon* chain by number of locations. Sukiya offers delicious beef bowl dishes at affordable prices with great service. Customers can choose between casual counter seating or tables for families and small groups. Sukiya restaurants are open all day and operate year-round, every day, serving *gyudon* to order. Sukiya will continue to open new restaurants, to provide delicious food to even more people.





Locations: 1,969
(As of March 31, 2016; the date also applies for all data on restaurants listed hereafter)

#### Nakau

#### Purely Japanese-style fast food chain

The affordable Nakau chain of restaurants satisfies customers with delicious rice bowl dishes and Kyoto-style *udon* dishes. The classic *oyako* rice bowl is made by hand in each restaurant using Nakau's own broth and carefully selected eggs, with just the right touch of seasoning. It is a dish that rivals those of specialty restaurants. It is especially delicious with a bowl of Nakau's exquisite *udon* noodles in a Kansai-style broth.





Locations: 470
(including 455 directly managed locations)

#### Coco's

#### Family dining restaurants

Originating in the U.S., Coco's restaurants are found across Japan, mainly in the Kanto and Kansai regions. It offers popular items such as Coco's Beef Hamburger Steak, and Hamburger en Papillote. There is also a "Premium Drink Bar" with an extensive selection, and customers can count on friendly service provided with a smile. Coco's delivers peace of mind by offering safe food and a comfortable dining environment to everyone from children to seniors.





Locations: 570 (including 492 directly managed locations)

#### El Torito

#### Mexican cuisine restaurants

After bringing California's largest Mexican restaurant chain directly to Japan, Zensho made sure that El Torito offers authentic Mexican cuisine that also appeals to Japanese tastes. The specialty is fajitas with freshly grilled tortillas, as well as frozen margaritas, the most popular cocktail. This is the place to enjoy an extraordinary food experience in a restaurant filled with the atmosphere of sunny Mexico.





Locations: 5

#### Big Boy

#### Steaks and hamburger steaks

With 277 locations across Japan, from Hokkaido to Kyushu, Big Boy focuses on grilled foods including steaks and hamburger steaks. The popular, handmade *Tegone* Hamburger Steaks are individually mixed in-store for a juicy, delicious texture. With a variety of all-you-can-eat options, such as the salad bar, soup bar and curry, Big Boy appeals to a wide range of customers.





Locations: 277

#### Victoria Station

#### Steaks and hamburger steaks

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Offering a menu of steaks and hamburger steaks, the Victoria Station chain operates 45 restaurants across Japan, with the largest number of locations in Hokkaido. Popular menu choices include a beef sirloin steak, where carefully selected beef is served in a thick, satisfying portion as in the original restaurant. In addition to the safe, delicious meat dishes, the popular salad bar offers an abundance of fresh veoetables.





Locations: 45

#### Jolly Pasta

#### Italian cuisine

Jolly-Pasta

Jolly Pasta offers 40 kinds of authentic spaghetti dishes, and the pasta is cooked especially for each order. There are a wide variety of pastas at affordable prices, and the noodles are made from carefully selected 100% durum semolina flour. Jolly Pasta serves authentic pasta at its best. Fair trade coffee is also available at the drink bar.





Locations: 225

# Hanaya Yohei Washoku Yohei





#### Japanese cuisine

Hanaya Yohei is a Japanese-style restaurant chain located in Tokyo and four other prefectures, serving authentic Edo-style sushi, shabu-shabu hotpot made with domestic beef and many other tasty Japanese dishes made with seasonal ingredients.

Washoku Yohei, with its comfortable tatami seating areas and casual shabu-shabu-based menu, offers a new dining style where all customers are warmly welcomed, whether they come alone or in a large family group.



Hanaya Yohei Locations: 137 Washoku Yohei Locations: 14



#### Gyuan

Shabu-shabu, yakiniku and sukiyaki



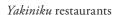
A restaurant chain specializing in meat dishes where customers can enjoy shabu-shabu hotpot, vakiniku and sukivaki made from choice beef and seasonal ingredients, Gyuan serves beef specially selected for its flavor at a reasonable price. The party course features an all-you-can-eat menu of your favorite dishes. Enjoy the variety of delicious flavors





Locations: 22

#### Ichiban





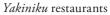
Yakiniku Club Ichiban is the perfect place for families and groups to enjoy yakiniku, Japanese-style barbecue, casually. While keeping prices reasonable, Ichiban is proud to offer quality meat that rivals those of an exclusive restaurant. Diners can choose from the vakiniku all-vou-can-eat course or the a la carte menu to suit their preference. The restaurant has cozy and warm atmosphere.





Locations: 34

## Takarajima





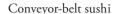
Takarajima is perfect for families and groups of friends who want to enjoy delicious yakiniku at a reasonable price. There are a wide variety of combo meals, an affordable all-you-can-eat course and a wealth of a la carte menu options. This restaurant chain appeals to a diverse range of customers for its food safety and reliability, as well as value, portion size and delicious taste.





Locations: 37

#### Hamazushi





The motto of Hamazushi conveyor-belt sushi is "Serving safe and delicious sushi at an affordable price." Using only high-quality ingredients that have passed strict safety standards, it offers great value with sushi at 100 yen per plate, or only 90 yen on weekdays. There are also 150 yen plates for special items (all prices exclude tax). By leveraging the Zensho Group's economies of scale, Hamazushi has been aggressively opening new locations with the goal of becoming Japan's largest conveyor-belt sushi chain.





Locations: 432

#### Denmaru

#### Ramen restaurants



Denmaru is a chain of Hokkaido-style ramen noodle restaurants in the Kanto region. The restaurant's popularity derives from its distinct and delicious soup, made from chicken stock and using several types of miso with vegetables and spices. In addition to the safety and reliability of the ingredients, customers love the option of getting an extra portion of ramen noodles. A variety of side menus including fried rice and gyoza dumplings are also available. The restaurants feature booth seating, ideal for families with young children.





Locations: 59

#### Kyubeiya

#### Udon, tempura and shabu-shabu



This chain of specialty udon shops makes noodles in-house from a unique blend of flour and serves them in a slowly simmered broth flavored with carefully selected kombu kelp and five kinds of fish. It also serves tempura, prepared fresh for every order. Based on the concept of a "menu based on safe, reliable ingredients with a taste that only Kyubeiya can create," this chain serves udon with an emphasis on good ingredients.





Locations: 50

#### Seto Udon



Sanuki-style udon

This Sanuki-style udon restaurant is popular for its freshly prepared udon noodles that are crafted in the style developed in Sanuki, using good quality flour. Customers can select toppings such as crisp justfried tempura or a half-boiled egg to create their own personal styles. The affordable prices and quick service make Seto Udon great for a casual bite to





Locations: 26

#### Tamon'an



Self-service Sanuki-style udon

Tamon'an is a self-service udon noodle chain that is expanding mainly in the food courts of shopping centers. The restaurant uses ingredients such as natural salt containing bittern and a flour blend made from high-quality wheat processed using its own milling method. Tamon'an serves authentic Sanuki-style udon with an emphasis on glistening noodles that retain a firm, smooth texture.





Locations: 11 (including 8 directly managed locations)

#### Moriva Coffee





Evoking the atmosphere of an enchanting beech for est, this chain of coffee shops seeks to give customers space to relax. Moriva Coffee uses only beans that have been personally checked for safety and quality by dedicated staff who visit the coffee fields. At 170 yen (before tax), the price of a cup of coffee is quite reasonable. The popular Moriva Sandwiches are prepared fresh for every order.





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Locations: 17



#### United Veggies

Fruit and vegetable stores offering safety and reliability

United Veggies operates greengrocer and florist shops from the Kanto to the Sanyo region. These convenient fruit and vegetable stores are located in train station buildings, supermarkets, shopping centers and discount stores. The fruit and vegetables purchased by customers every day are safe and of dependably good quality, yet eminently af-





#### Maruya

Supporting the lifestyles of local customers

Maruya is a supermarket chain offering fresh foods mainly in Saitama and Chiba prefectures. With the motto of "developing stores that are loved and trusted by local communities," Maruya provides safe, good-quality food while also pursuing the most affordable prices. With an atmosphere that is inviting and makes visitors feel at home. Maruva supermarkets are committed to enabling customers to buy what they need and as much as they need, whenever they need it.

Locations: 31

#### Yamaguchi Supermarket

Using the catchphrase,
"Happy Dinner Tables, 365 Days a Year"

This supermarket is managed by Maruya Co., Ltd. Located in Ashikaga, Tochigi Prefecture, Yamaguchi has expanded to eight stores around the city. As a supermarket with a proud history going back to 1950s, Yamaguchi's activities are rooted in the local community, and it supports local customers with fresh produce and good prices.

Locations: 8

## Maruei

Providing fresh products at affordable prices

This supermarket has expanded mainly around Ichihara, Chiba Prefecture. It offers a wide range of fresh vegetables and seasonal fish caught locally. The company's motto is, "We provide fresh products at a low price," and it is committed to operating stores that are closely connected to the munity and much loved over the years.

Locations: 9



Very Foods Owariya

Seeking the very best flavors



Very Foods Owariya is a supermarket with 8 stores across Chiba Prefecture. In order to offer the best products to its customers, it delivers products at their best season as quickly as possible. The Zensho Group supports regional customers by selling safe,

reliable and delicious products at low prices.



#### Tolona Japan

Distribution of pizzas and

other food products

Established through a business alliance with Tolona of the U.S., Tolona Japan has been selling pizza, pasta, salads, prepared foods and popsicles. Utilizing its sales network across Japan, Tolona Japan also sells products from Zensho Group plants, such as ready-to-serve Sukiya-brand gyudon beef.

Locations: 8

#### Sanbishi

Supporting Japanese food culture with traditional seasonings

Based on the belief that soy sauce is the best seasoning ever created, Sanbishi continues to develop its brewing techniques. Sanbishi provides customers with safe and reliable value-added products such as the long-selling "Gold Label" soy sauce, which is made using the traditional method and has been sold for more than 40 years, as well as a low-salt product that pioneered the low-salt sov



#### Yamatomosuisan

Fish cake products made from carefully selected ingredients

Yamatomosuisan is headquartered in Shiogama, Miyagi Prefecture. Using the mottos of "Pursuing Great Taste" and "Commitment to Taste," the company delivers delicious Japanese fish cake products, including sasa-kamaboko, the local specialty. Yamatomosuisan continually pursues new flavors, forms and preparation methods, while maintaining its traditional techniques.



Supporting comfortable senior living



Kagayaki operates private nursing homes and other seniors' housing with services, mainly in Hokkaido. The company helps seniors to live enjoyable, stressfree and comfortable lives during their advanced years. With awareness as senior-care professionals, the employees of Kagayaki aim to provide peace of mind, comfort, kindness, love, respect and dignity to their clients.

# **ZENSHO NEWS**

New initiatives by the Zensho Group



Creating an Environment Conducive to Good Work

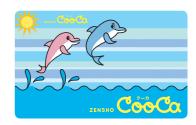
#### On-Site Kagayaki Childcare Facility for Zensho Group **Employees**

In September 2015, the Zensho Group opened the on-site Kagayaki Nursery Tsukuba in Tsukuba City, Ibaraki Prefecture. The nursery was established as part of the Group's initiatives to support women in the workplace, offering affordable childcare services to employees working at Zensho Group restaurants and business locations. Experienced staff prepare healthy meals without using artificial flavorings, in appropriate portions and seasoned to appeal



#### Fostering Human Assets to Lead Friendly Japan-China and Japan-Vietnam Relations

The Zensho Group financially supports a course that was created by the University of Tokyo at the Vietnam National University, Hanoi, which aims to foster young and talented Japan-related researchers in Vietnam. The Group also financially supports a student exchange program between the University of Tokyo and Naniing University, whose studies are aimed at fostering well-rounded individuals who are both pro-China and pro-Japan



#### Launch of ZENSHO CooCa Prepaid and Points Card

In November 2015, the Zensho Group launched the ZEN-SHO CooCa prepaid and points card service, which can be used at Zensho Group restaurants. In addition to speeding up payment, cardholders earn CooCa points for their purchases. Collected points can be exchanged for CooCa coupons that can be used when paying for food. As of May 31, 2016, the ZENSHO CooCa card was accepted at some 2,900 Group restaurants including Sukiya, Coco's, Hamazushi. Takaraiima and many others.



Social Initiatives Involving Food

#### Mobile Sukiya Kitchen Serves Kumamoto Earthquake Victims

The Zensho Group sent its mobile Sukiya kitchen to serve meals to victims of the Kumamoto Earthquake that hit Japan in April 2016. The mobile kitchen was stationed for five days at a local evacuation center and in that time served 8,561 meals including mini-gyudon and egg-topped rice. All Zensho Group restaurants that were affected by the earthquake reopened for business by April 29, providing area residents with warm meals as part of the food infra-



Contributing to the International Community

#### Project to Supply Milk to Somali Refugees Completed

Southern Somalia was impacted by drought and famine in 2011, causing a large number of Somalis to seek refuge in neighboring Kenya. From early 2012 through the end of 2015, the Zensho Group operated a program to supply milk to children in refugee camps, feeding some 18,000 children by distributing 1.84 million aseptic milk packs as part of school meals. The project has been discontinued as of 2015, as the situation has now stabilized with the Kenvan rnment introducing a plan to repatriate the refugees.

#### History

June 1982	Zensho Co., Ltd. incorporated. Head Office and Yokohama Plant	July 2007	With the opening of the first Sukiya (beef bowl restaurant) in
July 1982	established in Tsurumi-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture.  Namamugi location opened in Tsurumi-ku, Yokohama City,		Okinawa Prefecture, Sukiya establishes presence in all 47 prefectures of Japan.
,	Kanagawa Prefecture, as the first Lunchbox shop (a shop selling	Jan. 2008	Zenshoen Co., Ltd. established.
Nov. 1982	take-out boxed meals).  Namamugi Ekimae location opened as the first Sukiya "inside of a	June 2008	Global IT Service Co., Ltd. established to streamline information system functions.
4 4000	building" restaurant (beef bowl restaurant).	Aug. 2008	Zensho do Brasil Comercio de Alimentos Ltda. established for
Aug. 1986	Company Head Office moved to Higashi-kanagawa-cho (now Kanagawa-ku) in Kanagawa-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa	Oct. 2008	business expansion.  Shares of Hanaya Yohei Co., Ltd. acquired for business expansion.
	Prefecture.	Sep. 2009	The company merges with GM Foods to concentrate management
Apr. 1987	Head Office moved to Kanagawa-ku (Tsuruya-cho), Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture.	·	resources and streamline management.
July 1987	Sukiya Mito location (in Mito City, Ibaraki Prefecture) opened as	Dec. 2009	Shares of Art Cafe Co., Ltd. acquired for business expansion.
Jan. 1989	the first Sukiya freestanding type restaurant.  Head Office moved to Nishi-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa	Mar. 2010	Full ownership of Nakau Co., Ltd. and Yamato Foods Co., Ltd. acquired through a share exchange to further expedite
	Prefecture.	Sep. 2010	management decision making.  The company merges with Gyuan Co., Ltd. to concentrate
Aug. 1997 Sep. 1999	Zensho goes public on the OTC market.	·	management resources and streamline management.
·	Listed on the second section of Tokyo Stock Exchange. Increased capital by 4.8 billion yen through a public offering.	Dec. 2010	Zensho Best Crew Co., Ltd. established to streamline part-time job recruitment.
July 2000	Shares of Coco's Japan Co., Ltd. acquired for business expansion.	Feb. 2011	Zensho (Thailand) Co., Ltd. established for business expansion.
Oct. 2000	Techno Support Co., Ltd. established to streamline furnishing and maintenance.	June 2011	All shares of Chicago Pizza Co., Ltd. transferred to CPH Co., Ltd.
Nov. 2000	Global Foods, Ltd. (now Zensho Tradings Co., Ltd.) established to streamline ingredients procurement.	Oct. 2011	Company name changed from Zensho Co., Ltd. to Zensho Holdings Co., Ltd. with shift from holding-operating company to holding company on October 1, 2011.
May 2001	Shares of Gyuan Co., Ltd. acquired for business expansion.		Zensho Food de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. established for business
July 2001	Head Office moved to Minato-ku, Tokyo.		expansion.
Sep. 2001	Listed on the first section of Tokyo Stock Exchange.	Dec. 2011	GFF Co., Ltd. established to enhance central kitchen functions.
June 2002	Global Table Supply Co., Ltd. established to streamline supplies and equipment procurement.	Mar. 2012	Zensho Foods Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. established for business expansion.
Oct. 2002	Hamazushi Co., Ltd. established to manage conveyor-belt sushi restaurant business.	Apr. 2012	Zensho Business Service Co., Ltd. established to promote employment and self-reliance support for people with disabilities.
Dec. 2002	Shares of Yamato Foods Co., Ltd. acquired for business expansion. Coco's Japan Co., Ltd. (a Zensho consolidated subsidiary) acquires shares of Big Boy Japan, Inc.	June 2012	Shares of Tamon Foods Co., Ltd. acquired for business expansion.
		July 2012	Zensho Fair Trade African Office established in Tanzania as a base for fair trade operations in Africa.
Feb. 2004	Company Head Office moved to current location (2-18-1 Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo) to consolidate the headquarters function.	Oct. 2012	Zensho Clean Energy Co., Ltd. established to generate, supply and sell electric power from clean energy.
Dec. 2004	Zensho America Corporation established for business expansion.	Nov. 2012	Shares of Maruya Co., Ltd. acquired for business expansion.
Jan. 2005	Coco's Japan Co., Ltd. (a Zensho consolidated subsidiary) establishes Coco's Shanghai Co., Ltd. (now Zensho Restaurant	Apr. 2013	Zensho Taiwan Co., Ltd and Pt. Zensho Indonesia established to expand business.
Mar. 2005	(Shanghai) Co., Ltd.) for business expansion.  Shares of Nakau Co., Ltd. acquired for business expansion.	Sep. 2013	Yamatomosuisan Co., Ltd. acquired.
Sep. 2005	Food Safety Pursuing Unit (currently Group Food Safety Pursuing	Oct. 2013	Maruei Co., Ltd. acquired.
	Division) established to enhance the approach to food safety.	Nov. 2013	Yamaguchi Supermarket acquired from Yamaguchi Honten Co., Ltd. through business transfer.
Mar. 2006	Shares of Takarajima Co., Ltd. and El Torito Japan Co., Ltd. which were spun off from Coco's Japan Co., Ltd. (a Zensho consolidated	Dec. 2013	Established Nihon Retail Holdings Co., Ltd.
Apr. 2006	subsidiary), acquired for business expansion.  UD Foods Co., Ltd. (a Zensho consolidated subsidiary, now	Jan. 2014	Kagayaki, a nursing care services company (now Kagayaki Co., Ltd.) acquired.
·	Sanbishi Co., Ltd.) takes over the business rights of Sanbishi Co., Ltd. for business expansion.	Mar. 2014	Capital increased by 26.7 billion yen through public offering.  Maruya Co., Ltd. made into a wholly-owned subsidiary and delisted.
May 2006	Full ownership of Catalina Restaurant Group Inc. acquired through Zensho America Corporation (a Zensho consolidated subsidiary) for business expansion. Company also acquires shares of Big Boy Japan Inc. and equity in Coco's Restaurant (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	June 2014	Sukiya divided into seven regional operating companies: Kita- Nihon Sukiya, Kanto Sukiya, Tokyo Sukiya, Chubu Sukiya, Kansai Sukiya, Chu-Shikoku Sukiya and Kyushu Sukiya.
	(now Zensho Restaurant (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.) from Coco's Japan	Aug. 2014	Shares of Owariya Co., Ltd. acquired.
	Co., Ltd. (a Zensho consolidated subsidiary) to streamline group governance and increase efficiency.	Oct. 2014	Name of Zensho Co., Ltd. changed to Sukiya Co., Ltd.
June 2006	Capital increased by 14.1 billion yen through a public offering.	Mar. 2015	Catalina Restaurant Group Inc. sold.
	Global Pizza System Co., Ltd. (predecessor of Tolona Japan Co., Ltd.) established for business expansion.	Apr. 2015	ZENSHO CooCa Co., Ltd. established to introduce proprietary prepaid card system for Group restaurants.
Aug. 2006	Global Fresh Supply Co., Ltd. established with the goal of streamlining logistics.	May 2015	Kagayaki Nursery Facilities Co., Ltd. established to operate corporate childcare facilities.
Feb. 2007	Shares of United Veggies Co., Inc. acquired for business	May 2015	Name of Global Foods, Ltd. changed to Zensho Tradings Co., Ltd.
Mar. 2007	expansion.  Shares of Sunday's Sun Co., Ltd. (now Jolly-Pasta Co., Ltd.)	July 2015	TAG-1 Co., Ltd. established to strengthen yakiniku business.
.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	acquired to expand business.		Zensho Cafe Co., Ltd. established to strengthen cafe business.

## Company Profile

#### Zensho Holdings Co., Ltd. Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo

Established: June 1982

Stock Listing: Listed on the First Section of Tokyo Stock Exchange Capital: ¥23,470 million

Number of Employees (consolidated): Full time: 7,563, Part time: 48,072 as of March 31, 2016

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Zensho (Thailand) Co., Ltd. Head Office: Khet Wattana, Bangkok

Zensho Food de Mexico, S.A. de C.V.

Head Office: Iztacalco, Mexico City

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#### Head Office: Taiki-cho, Hiroo-gun, Hokkaido Prefecture

Zensho Best Crew Co., Ltd.

#### Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo

Zensho Business Service Co., Ltd.

#### Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo / Tel: +81-3-6833-8806

Pocino Foods Company

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#### Nippon Agri Network Co., Ltd.

Kagayaki Nursery Facilities Co., Ltd. Head Office: Minato-ku. Tokvo

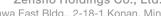
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