

Corporate Governance

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The corporate governance of Kotobuki Spirits Co., Ltd. (the “Company”) is described below.

I. Basic Views on Corporate Governance, Capital Structure, Corporate Attributes and Other Basic Information

1. Basic Views

The Company strives to reinforce and enhance its corporate governance practices while aiming to continuously maximize shareholder value over the long-term. To such ends, we heighten the soundness and efficiency of our management while also focusing on the interests of each and every stakeholder who lends support to our business initiatives, underpinned by management philosophy impelling us “to create happiness, provide happiness,” as a basic policy of our business.

Management Philosophy

“To create happiness, provide happiness.”

Corporate Motto

“Thankfulness & Gratitude” “Originality & Ingenuity” “Earnestness & Sincerity”

Business Creed

- We take our pleasure in pleasing our customers.
- We talk dreams each other, and strive daily to be the number one.
- We have consciousness of being professionals and true courage, and inspire people.
- We set high goals, earnestly strive, and achieve them without fail.
- We will realize both materialistic and spiritual affluences by creating higher values.

[Reasons for Non-compliance With the Principles of Japan’s Corporate Governance Code]

[Supplementary Principle 4.1.3] Specific plans regarding successorship of the CEO and other top executives
Although the Company does not prepare specific plans regarding successorship with respect to the CEO and other top executives at this point in time, its management does recognize the notion that bringing up the next generation of top management is one of the highest management priorities that must be addressed in order for the Company to achieve sustainable growth and increase corporate value over the medium to long term. As such, we implement training programs for our midcareer executives and others, and are furthermore taking steps to hasten development of management skills by engaging in initiatives that address business challenges, with the aim of cultivating the next generation of senior managers who will spearhead the organization’s sustainable growth and development. Going forward, the Board of Directors will appropriately supervise efforts that include those of developing our next generation of senior managers with its sights set on increasing our corporate value over the medium to long term based on the deliberations and recommendations of the Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee, a majority of whose members are Independent Outside Directors.

[Principle 1.4] Cross-shareholdings

The Company maintains cross-shareholdings based on the view that doing so helps it to maintain and develop favorable business relationships while also enabling it to maintain stable financing relationships. We accordingly hold stock deemed to help increase our corporate value, and the Board of Directors regularly assesses holdings with respect to the medium- to long-term economic rationale of such holdings, the status of transactions, and other such factors. Based on such policy, we act to reduce holdings if we find there to be an absence of rationale for maintaining such holdings. We appropriately exercise our voting rights upon comprehensively placing consideration on factors that include how the outcome might affect sound management of the issuing company and enhancement of its corporate value over the medium to long term.

[Principle 1.7] Related party transactions

When conducting related party transactions, we appropriately engage procedures with respect to the Board of Directors and disclose such matters in our securities reports and other such documents. We subject all Officers of the Company (including officers of the Kotobuki Spirits Group (the "Group")) to surveys regarding related party transactions, and monitor such activity. When it comes to transactions within the Group, we strive to ensure compliance with our "Regulations on Affiliate Management" which forbid any such transaction that would be detrimental to the interests of either party.

[Supplementary Principle 2.4.1] Ensuring diversity in the promotion to core human resources

(i) Policies on ensuring diversity

The Group recognizes that promoting diversity in workstyles and employment, such as by securing human resources who have diverse perspectives and encouraging their active participation, is one of the highest management priorities that must be addressed in order for the Group to achieve sustainable growth and increase corporate value over the medium to long term.

The Group is working on the following measures to ensure diversity.

- Promoting female employees to managerial positions to encourage their active participation
- Hiring professional human resources and foreign nationals through midcareer hires
- Advancing workstyle reforms and health and productivity management
- Enhancing human resource development
- Changing the management's mindset on diversity

(ii) Voluntary and measurable goals for ensuring diversity

- Promoting female employees to managerial positions

While the ratio of female employees in managerial positions was 10.7% as of March 31, 2025, the Group believes it is extremely beneficial to leverage distinctive perspectives of women in management given the Group's business. The Group will continue to actively promote competent female employees, including midcareer hires, to managerial positions, with the aim of increasing the ratio of female managers to 30%.

- Promoting midcareer hires to managerial positions

The Group has actively hired professional human resources in departments such as product development, production technology, online marketing, IT, and overseas business in line with the expansion of its business, resulting in the ratio of midcareer hires in managerial positions of approximately 63.6% as of March 31, 2025. Going forward, the Group will further focus on the promotion of new graduate hires to managerial positions through enhancement of human resource development, while also recruiting managers through midcareer hires as needed for business development to maintain a good balance.

- Promoting foreign nationals to managerial positions

Commensurate with the expansion and development of the overseas business and the domestic business targeting inbound tourists, the Group will hire foreign nationals and promote them to managerial positions as appropriate upon considering the strategic needs and other factors.

(iii) Status of securing diversity

For the status of the promotion of female employees, midcareer hires, and foreign nationals to managerial positions, refer to the ESG data disclosed on the sustainability page of the Company's website.

<https://www.kotobukispirits.co.jp/sustainability/>

(iv) Policies on the development of human resources and internal environment for ensuring diversity and the status thereof

Refer to the (i) above and “[Supplementary Principle 3.1.3] (Investments in human capital)” of this report. In addition, as part of its initiatives to promote diversity, the Group will develop a positive workplace environment by encouraging male employees to take childcare leave. The Group is also promoting the development of an environment in which senior human resources over 60 years old can participate more actively through revisions to the continued employment system for employees past the retirement age.

[Principle 2.6] Roles of corporate pension funds as asset owners

Whereas Company and some of its consolidated subsidiaries previously enrolled in an employee’s pension fund for companies in Tottori Prefecture’s food industry, that fund was dissolved per approval of Japan’s Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare granted on March 25, 2016. The Company has no corporate pension funds under management at this time.

[Principle 3.1] Full disclosure

- (i) Company objectives (management philosophy, etc.), business strategy, and business plans
The Company’s business policies and other such information is disclosed in its financial statements, presented in its financial results briefings, and posted to its corporate website.
- (ii) Basic views and basic policy on corporate governance
The Company strives to reinforce and enhance its corporate governance practices while aiming to continuously maximize shareholder value over the long-term. To such ends, we heighten the soundness and efficiency of our management while also focusing on the interests of each and every stakeholder who lends support to our business initiatives, underpinned by management philosophy impelling us “to create happiness, provide happiness,” as a basic policy of our business. The Company’s basic views and basic policy on corporate governance are stated under “1. Basic Views” of this report and posted to its corporate website.
- (iii) Board of Director policies and procedures in determining remuneration of senior management and Directors
For basic policy on Director remuneration and methods for determining such remuneration, refer to the section, “Disclosure of Policy for Determining Remuneration Amounts or Calculation Methods Thereof” under “Director Remuneration” of this report.
- (iv) Board of Director policies and procedures in appointing and dismissing senior management and nominating Director candidates
When deciding on senior management and Director candidates, the Company engages a policy of nominating qualified individuals capable of fulfilling such duties and responsibilities upon making judgment on comprehensive factors that include a candidate’s character, experience, knowledge, aptitude and health. Director candidate nominations are proposed at general meetings of shareholders, upon having been deliberated on at meetings of the Board of Directors attended by the Independent Outside Directors. Going forward, to further enhance objectiveness and transparency of the procedures to appoint and decide on senior management and Director candidates, we will seek advice from the Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee, a majority of whose members are Independent Outside Directors.
- (v) Individual appointments and dismissal of the senior management and nominations of Director candidates by the Board of Directors
The Company’s Notifications of General Meeting of Shareholders disclose details upon appointment of senior management and nomination of Director candidates by the Board of Directors. Such details include career profiles of Director candidates in relation to their individual appointments and nominations, and reasons for appointment and career profiles of all Director candidates. In the event that the Company deems there to be objective grounds for dismissing a senior manager or Director amid a scenario where the Company finds, for instance, that the senior manager or Director has significantly damaged the Company’s corporate value upon having violated laws, regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, etc., the Board of Directors will resolve to remove the senior manager or Director upon having appropriately engaged in exhaustive deliberations in a meeting of the Board of Directors attended by the Independent Outside Directors. Going forward, to further enhance objectiveness and transparency of the procedures of appointment and dismissal of senior management and nomination of Directors, we will establish and seek advice from the Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee, a majority of whose members are Independent Outside Directors.

[Supplementary Principle 3.1.3] Initiatives on sustainability, etc.

(i) Initiatives on sustainability

As the Group advances various business activities that stem from its management philosophy, “To create happiness, provide happiness,” as the foundation of its corporate management, the Group recognizes that issues around sustainability, including social and environmental issues, are critical for the enhancement of its corporate value over the medium to long term. Under this recognition, the Group established the “Kotobuki Spirits Group Ethics Guidelines,” which includes “closely collaborate and cooperate with local communities, and contribute to the development of local communities” and “be aware that preserving the global environment in a better state is a condition necessary for our existence and activities as we receive various benefits, such as resources from the earth that are necessary for business activities, and carry out actions in a voluntary and proactive manner,” and stated that it will strive to appropriately respond to issues surrounding sustainability as its basic policy.

In addition, the Group identified the following six important items (materiality) in June 2024. In identifying the materiality, the Group first identified the social issues, and then it prepared a materiality map using the two axes of “level of importance to stakeholders” and “level of importance to the Group” in order to arrange and prioritize the issues. The items were then determined following deliberations by the Sustainability Committee and approval by the Board of Directors. We have advanced sustainability initiatives such as issuing our first integrated report in November 2024.

Kotobuki Spirits Group materiality

- Contributing to a sustainable, environmentally-friendly society
- Providing safe and reliable products
- Hiring and development of human resources while respecting diversity
- Establishing sustainable supply chains
- Coexisting and shared prosperity with local communities
- Enhancing corporate governance

For status of the Group’s initiatives on sustainability, refer to the sustainability page of the Company’s website.

<https://www.kotobukispirits.co.jp/sustainability/>

(ii) The impact of climate change-related risks and earning opportunities on its business activities and revenue

In April 2023, the Company expressed support for the recommendations of the TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures). With the establishment of the Sustainability Committee and support for TCFD recommendations, the Company will further strengthen analysis of and response to business risks and opportunities brought about by climate change and promote related information disclosure, and advance initiatives that support the realization of a decarbonized society by 2050. The Company’s initiatives based on the above are presented in its securities reports.

(iii) Investments in human capital

The Group aims to thoroughly practice participative management in which each and every employee participates in management with a sense of ownership, underpinned by the fundamental policy under which all employees strive to turn customers, workplace peers, and other stakeholders into enthusiastic fans. To this end, the Group works to instill management philosophy in its employees, strategically place personnel, establish career paths and provide training for enhanced human resource development, promote diversity in human resources such as active participation by women, and change the mindset of the management. In addition, as part of its initiatives to promote diversity, the Group will develop a positive workplace environment by encouraging male employees to take childcare leave. The Group is also promoting the development of an environment in which senior human resources over 60 years old can participate more actively through revisions to the continued employment system for employees past the retirement age.

(iv) Investments in intellectual property

As a corporate group that contributes to society, the Group invests in research and development taking into account rapid changes in social trends as well as market and consumer needs. In the confectionery manufacturing business, the Group explores and researches raw materials that are useful for developing high value-added products, and in businesses other than confectionery manufacturing, the Group researches beneficial substances and nutrients in collaboration with academic institutions with a focus on health functions, against the backdrop of people’s increased awareness on health associated with the

aging of population. Through these research efforts, the Group promotes acquisition of intellectual properties and development of products pertaining to the health and foods fields.

[Supplementary Principle 4.1.1] Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors (the scope of matters delegated to the management)

The Company's Board of Directors is bound by stipulations of the Articles of Incorporation, laws and regulations. Meanwhile, the Company's "Regulations of the Board of Directors" stipulate matters to be resolved by the Board of Directors. Through its pure holding company structure, the Company aims to achieve a swift and flexible approach to decision-making and Group management carried out with a sense of immediacy by keeping the Group's functions of management supervision separate from its functions of business execution. To such ends, the Company's "Regulations on Affiliate Management" and its "Regulations on Delegation of Authority" clearly specify the scope of authority delegated in relation to decision-making that pertains to business of Group companies, and the scope of matters subject to reporting.

[Principle 4.9] Independence standards and qualification of Independent Outside Directors

The Company appoints as Independent Outside Directors those who do not maintain interests that might conflict with those of general shareholders, in compliance correspondingly with provisions of the independence criteria of "the Guidelines concerning Listed Company Compliance, etc." stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange. As for qualification required of Independent Outside Directors, the Company appoints those who are likely to constructively engage in deliberations during meetings of the Board of Directors, from a standpoint of neutrality and objectivity.

[Supplementary Principle 4.10.1] Policy regarding the independence of the composition of the Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee, etc.

The Company has established the Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee as an advisory body to the Board of Directors, with the aim of strengthening supervisory functions on the Board of Directors and enhancing the Group's corporate governance system by ensuring transparency and objectivity in the evaluation and decision-making processes pertaining to the nomination and remuneration, etc. of Directors (including those of Group companies). Committee members and the chairperson of the Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee are appointed by resolution of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall comprise three or more members, a majority of whom shall be Independent Outside Directors, and its chairperson shall be an Independent Outside Director, to ensure the independence of the Committee and make its discussions substantive. Currently, the Committee comprises four Independent Outside Directors (chairperson: Matsuo Iwata and committee members: Megumi Yoshimoto, Yasuhiro Tanaka, and Keiko Ueda) and two Inside Directors (committee members: Shinji Matsumoto and Masamichi Yamane).

When the Company deliberates on the following particularly important matters (including those of Group companies) such as nomination and remuneration, the Board of Directors shall consult the Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee in advance and receive a resolution or report pertaining to such consulted matters based on approval by a majority of the members of the Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors shall also obtain appropriate involvement and advice from the Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee, including those based on perspectives of diversity, such as gender, and skills.

- Matters relating to the composition and balance of the Board of Directors
- Matters relating to the appointment and dismissal of Directors
- Matters relating to the selection and dismissal of Representative Directors and senior Directors
- Matters relating to the independence standards of Outside Directors
- Matters relating to the selection and dismissal of members of the Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee
- Matters relating to succession plans
- Matters relating to the policies and procedures in determining remuneration of Directors
- Matters relating to the contents of remuneration of Directors
- Other matters deemed necessary by the Board of Directors

[Supplementary Principle 4.11.1] Views on balance, diversity and size of the Board of Directors

The Company's Board of Directors comprises five Inside Directors, (including one Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee member), who have diverse expertise as well as a deep knowledge of the Group's businesses, a sense of balance and achievement, and decision-making ability; as well as four Outside Directors

(including two Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members), including one female Director, who have diverse perspectives as well as a wealth of experience and advanced knowledge and expertise regarding corporate management, finance and accounting, legal affairs, and society and culture, etc., aiming at lively deliberations and quick decision making. The Company strives to achieve an overall composition and scale of the Board of Directors that is optimal from the perspectives of sustainable growth and increase in corporate value over the medium to long term. Furthermore, going forward, the procedure for selecting Director candidates will include deliberations by the Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee, a majority of whose members are Independent Outside Directors. In addition, to ensure the balance and diversity of the Board of Directors as a whole in terms of knowledge, experience, and capability, which are required for the Group's sustainable growth and increase in corporate value over the medium to long term, the Board of Directors of the Company has set the following skills and competencies as those that should be possessed by Directors in light of the Group's management philosophy "to create happiness, provide happiness," the Ethics Guidelines, and management strategies.

1. Having experience in a position with responsibilities for corporate management and practical experience in corporate reforms
2. Being well-versed in solving issues on finance, accounting, and capital policies and having related knowledge
3. Having knowledge of and experience in legal affairs and risk management
4. Having knowledge of and experience in personnel affairs, labor management, and human resource development
5. Having knowledge of general consumer lives
6. Having knowledge of ESG

Refer to the final page of this report for a list of skills possessed by individual Directors (including Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members), which make up an appropriate balance.

[Supplementary Principle 4.11.2] Directors with concurrent assignments

Concurrent assignments of the Company's Directors are disclosed in the General Meeting of Shareholders Notifications and securities reports. Outside Directors of the Company concurrently serving as officers of other listed companies are to rationally limit the scope of such duties so that they are able to devote the time and effort required for them to appropriately fulfill their respective roles and responsibilities as Outside Directors of the Company.

[Supplementary Principle 4.11.3] Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors

The Company carried out an analysis and evaluation based on the results of a "Survey Related to Effectiveness of the Board of Directors" conducted for all Directors (including Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members) in May 2025 and discussion in the Board of Directors meetings. As a result, at this time, the Board of Directors has been evaluated to be achieving overall effectiveness as it has a good overall balance of knowledge, experience, and capability for performing the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, it maintains an appropriate size, and its meetings are run appropriately with decisions made based on high-quality, active discussion. Going forward, the Company will conduct evaluations of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors once a year, disclosing a summary of the evaluations and improving the Board of Directors' effectiveness.

[Supplementary Principle 4.14.2] Training policy for Directors

Upon ushering in Outside Directors, the Company provides them with opportunities to learn and understand details pertaining to the Company's business environment, particularly those involving the Company's history, business overview, and tours of the Group's factories. The Directors engage in diligent study to ensure that they acquire knowledge and information necessary for them to fulfill their roles and responsibilities as Directors. This involves, taking part in seminars that draw on external specialized institutions and other such bodies and participating in training exchanges with external organizations and other such bodies. The Audit and Supervisory Committee members belong to the Japan Audit & Supervisory Board Members Association, and accordingly improve their auditing skills by gaining access to knowledge and information they need as Audit and Supervisory Committee members by participating in various training sessions held by the Association.

[Principle 5.1] Policy on constructive dialogue with shareholders

The Company's policy on systemic development and initiatives for facilitating constructive dialogue with its shareholders is as follows:

- (i) The Company's investor relations activities are spearheaded by the President & CEO and the Director and General Manager of the Corporate Planning Division;
- (ii) Investor relations information is handled by the Corporate Planning Division which is the department in charge of IR in coordination with related departments of the business company;
- (iii) The Company's primary IR activities encompass efforts that involve holding biannual financial results briefings and quarterly meetings with individual institutional investors and analysts, and engaging in planning and operation of the investor relations section of the corporate website. The Company also posts materials and video footage of its financial results briefings and general meetings of shareholders to the investor relations section of its corporate website;
- (iv) The Company shares opinions, etc. gained through IR activities by appropriately reporting such feedback in meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee; and
- (v) The Company appropriately and prudently controls insider information when engaging in dialogue on the basis of its "Regulations on Information Disclosure" and its "Regulations on Preventing Insider Trading."

[Measures to Promote Management With an Awareness of Cost of Capital and Share Price (English Disclosure)]

Content of Disclosure Update	Disclosure of initiatives (Update)
Availability of English Disclosure Update	Available
Date of Disclosure Update Update	May 14, 2025

Explanation of Actions [Update](#)

The cost of shareholders' equity is calculated using the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) and is generally recognized to be around 9.5%. ROE was 29.9% for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, 35.1% for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, and 32.2% for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025, significantly exceeding the cost of shareholders' equity. We will continue to aim for an ROE of over 30%, striving to further improve our profitability, promote high ROE management, and increase our corporate value.

For details, refer to FY2025 (year ended March 31, 2025) Consolidated Business Results (pages 56 to 57) on the Company's website.

2. Capital Structure

Foreign Shareholding Ratio	From 10% to less than 20%
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[Status of Major Shareholders] [Update](#)

Name	Number of Shares Owned (Shares)	Shareholding Ratio (%)
S. Kawagoe Corporation	45,500,000	29.48
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust account)	17,828,900	11.55
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY 505001 (Standing proxy: Settlement & Clearing Services Department, Mizuho Bank, Ltd.)	12,470,493	8.08
Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust account)	4,462,900	2.89

Name	Number of Shares Owned (Shares)	Shareholding Ratio (%)
The San-in Godo Bank, Ltd.	3,657,300	2.37
INDUS SELECT MASTER FUND, LTD. (Standing proxy: The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Tokyo Branch)	2,636,800	1.71
TORIGIN LEASE Corporation	2,234,000	1.45
Kotobuki Spirits Employee Stock Ownership Association	2,143,462	1.39
The Shoko Chukin Bank, Ltd.	1,800,000	1.17
Fukuyama Transporting Co., Ltd.	1,800,000	1.17

Controlling Shareholder (except for Parent)	—
Parent (Listed Stock Market)	N/A

Supplementary Explanation [Update](#)

The information in the “Status of Major Shareholders” above is based on the shareholder register as of March 31, 2025.

3. Corporate Attributes

Listed Stock Market and Market Section	Tokyo Stock Exchange Prime Market
Fiscal Year-End	March
Type of Business	Foods
Number of Employees (Consolidated) at End of the Previous Fiscal Year	1,000 or more
Net Sales (Consolidated) for the Previous Fiscal Year	From ¥10 billion to less than ¥100 billion
Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries at End of the Previous Fiscal Year	From 10 to less than 50

4. Policy for Measures to Protect Minority Shareholders in Conducting Transactions With Controlling Shareholder

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5. Special Circumstances Which May Have Material Impact on Corporate Governance

No items to report.

II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Supervision in Management

1. Organizational Composition and Operation

Organization Form	Company with audit and supervisory committee
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[Directors]

Maximum Number of Directors Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	15
Term of Office Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	1
Chairperson of the Board	President
Number of Directors	9
Appointment of Outside Directors	Appointed
Number of Outside Directors	4
Number of Independent Officers Designated from among Outside Directors	4

Outside Directors' Relationship with the Company (1)

Name	Attribute	Relationship with the Company*										
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
Matsuo Iwata	From another company											○
Megumi Yoshimoto	From another company											○
Yasuhiro Tanaka	Certified public tax accountant											○
Keiko Ueda	Attorney at law											○

* Categories for "Relationship with the Company"

“○” when the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;

“△” when the director fell under the category in the past;

“●” when a close relative of the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category; and

“▲” when a close relative of the director fell under the category in the past

a. Executive (a person who executes business; hereinafter, the same) of the Company or its subsidiary

b. Non-executive director or executive of the parent of the Company

c. Executive of a fellow subsidiary of the Company

d. Party whose major client or supplier is the Company or an executive thereof

e. Major client or supplier of the Company or an executive thereof

f. Consultant, accounting professional or legal professional who receives a large amount of monetary consideration or other property from the Company besides compensation as a director

g. Major shareholder of the Company (or an executive of the said major shareholder if the shareholder is a corporation)

h. Executive of a client or supplier of the Company (which does not correspond to any of d., e., or f.) (the director himself/herself only)

i. Executive of a corporation to which outside officers are mutually appointed (the director himself/herself only)

- j. Executive of a corporation that receives a donation from the Company (the director himself/herself only)
k. Other

Outside Directors' Relationship with the Company (2)

Name	Membership of Audit and Supervisory Committee	Designation as Independent Officer	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons for Appointment
Matsuo Iwata		○	—	Mr. Matsuo Iwata has been involved in corporate management over many years, and accordingly draws on the abundant experience and extensive knowledge he has gained as a manager throughout his career. Accordingly, the Company has appointed him to the position of Outside Director upon having deemed that he is capable of applying such strengths to management of the Company from a perspective of neutrality and objectivity. Moreover, the Company has furthermore assigned him the designation of Independent Officer given that there are no special interests between him and the Company, and he does not pose concerns regarding potential conflict of interest with general shareholders.
Megumi Yoshimoto		○	—	Ms. Megumi Yoshimoto possesses abundant experience and extensive knowledge gained through many years' experience as an announcer and through working as a lecturer and professor at multiple universities. She also possesses a distinctive perspective as a woman. Accordingly, the Company has appointed her to the position of Outside Director upon having deemed that she is capable of applying such strengths to management of the Company from a perspective of neutrality and objectivity. She has never in the past been directly involved in the management of a company. However, the Company judges she will appropriately fulfill her duties as an Outside Director based on the above reasons.

Name	Membership of Audit and Supervisory Committee	Designation as Independent Officer	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons for Appointment
				Moreover, the Company has furthermore assigned her the designation of Independent Officer given that there are no special interests between her and the Company, and she does not pose concerns regarding potential conflict of interest with general shareholders.
Yasuhiro Tanaka		○	—	Mr. Yasuhiro Tanaka wields expert knowledge and abundant experience in the realms of finance and accounting as a certified public tax accountant. Accordingly, the Company has appointed him to the position of Outside Director upon having deemed that he is capable of applying such strengths to management of the Company, from a perspective of neutrality and objectivity. He has never in the past been directly involved in the management of a company. However, the Company judges he will appropriately fulfill his duties as an Outside Director based on the above reasons. Moreover, the Company has furthermore assigned him the designation of Independent Officer given that there are no special interests between him and the Company, and he does not pose concerns regarding potential conflict of interest with general shareholders.
Keiko Ueda		○	—	Ms. Keiko Ueda is qualified as an attorney at law and wields expert knowledge and abundant experience in the realm of legal affairs as an attorney at law. She also possesses a distinctive perspective as a woman. Accordingly, the Company has appointed her to the position of Outside Director upon having deemed that she is capable of applying such strengths to management of the Company from a perspective of neutrality and objectivity. She has never

Name	Membership of Audit and Supervisory Committee	Designation as Independent Officer	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons for Appointment
				in the past been directly involved in the management of a company. However, the Company judges she will appropriately fulfill her duties as an Outside Director based on the above reasons. Moreover, the Company has furthermore assigned her the designation of Independent Officer given that there are no special interests between her and the Company, and she does not pose concerns regarding potential conflict of interest with general shareholders.

[Audit and Supervisory Committee]

Committee's Composition and Chairperson's Attributes

	Total Committee Members	Full-time Members	Inside Directors	Outside Directors	Chairperson
Audit and Supervisory Committee	3	1	1	2	Inside director

Appointment of Directors and/or Employees to Support Duties of the Audit and Supervisory Committee

Not appointed

Reasons for Applying Current Systems

The Audit and Supervisory Committee does not assign employees to assist in the duties of the Audit and Supervisory Committee because it cooperates with the Internal Audit Department as necessary.

Cooperation among Audit and Supervisory Committee, Financial Auditor and Internal Audit Department

With respect to mutual cooperation involving internal audits, the Audit and Supervisory Committee, and accounting audits, the Audit and Supervisory Committee receives explanations from the Financial Auditor regarding accounting audits, and coordinates efforts that involve exchanging information. In addition, the Internal Audit Office coordinates efforts with the Audit and Supervisory Committee and the Financial Auditor by reporting findings of operational audits to the Audit and Supervisory Committee and the Financial Auditor. As for such audits, the Internal Audit Office appropriately furnishes reports and exchanges opinions with the Administrative Division which acts as an internal control department and strives to maintain internal controls through initiatives that include following up on issues identified and areas for improvement.

[Voluntary Committees]

Voluntary Establishment of Committee(s) Equivalent to Nominating Committee or Remuneration Committee	Established
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Status of Establishment of Voluntary Committees, Composition and Chairperson's Attributes

	Name of Committee	Total Committee Members	Full-time Members	Inside Directors	Outside Directors	Outside Experts	Other	Chairperson
Voluntary Committee Equivalent to Nominating Committee	Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee	6	0	2	4	0	0	Outside director
Voluntary Committee Equivalent to Remuneration Committee	Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee	6	0	2	4	0	0	Outside director

Supplementary Explanation

The Company has established the voluntary Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee, a majority of whose members are Independent Outside Directors, as an advisory body to the Board of Directors. The Committee comprises six Directors. It is chaired by Outside Director Matsuo Iwata, and also includes two Inside Directors (Shinji Matsumoto and Masamichi Yamane) and three Outside Directors (Megumi Yoshimoto, Yasuhiro Tanaka, and Keiko Ueda). The Committee receives advisory requests from the Board of Directors regarding the nomination and remuneration of Directors (including those of Group companies), and after deliberation in the committee, the deliberation result, etc., is reported to the Board of Directors. Furthermore, the Committee meetings are held at least once a year in principle, and may also be held whenever necessary.

[Independent Officers]

Number of Independent Officers	4
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Matters relating to Independent Officers

The Company has assigned the designation of Outside Officer to all of its Independent Officers who qualify as independent officers.

[Incentives]

Implementation of Measures to Provide Incentives to Directors	Measures other than performance-linked remuneration and share options
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Supplementary Explanation

The remuneration system for the Directors of the Company places maximum emphasis on sustainably increasing corporate value over the medium to long term; and the Company's basic policy when determining the remuneration of individual Directors, is to set it at an appropriate level based on the duties and so forth of each Director. The remuneration system for Directors consists of the basic fixed remuneration (monetary remuneration) and the restricted shares remuneration as medium- to long-term incentives. Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members and Outside Directors receive the basic remuneration only in consideration of the independence of their duties.

Recipients of Share Options	
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Supplementary Explanation

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[Director Remuneration]

Disclosure of Individual Directors' Remuneration	No individual disclosure
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Supplementary Explanation Update
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The Company distinguishes between the remuneration paid to Directors and the remuneration paid to Audit and Supervisory Committee members when disclosing remuneration.

Officer remuneration for the year ended March 31, 2025

Annual total amount of remuneration for Directors (excluding Audit and Supervisory Committee members): ¥168 million

Annual total amount of remuneration for Directors (Audit and Supervisory Committee members): ¥33 million

Policy for Determining Remuneration Amounts or Calculation Methods Thereof Update	Established
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Disclosure of Policy for Determining Remuneration Amounts or Calculation Methods Thereof
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At its Board of Directors meetings held on May 14, 2024, the Company resolved its policy on determining the details of individual remuneration for Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members; the same applies hereinafter).

In addition, the individual remuneration for Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members is limited to a fixed basic remuneration (monetary remuneration), and is determined within the remuneration limit through consultation with the Audit and Supervisory Committee members considering the duties and responsibilities.

The policy for determining the remuneration for individual Directors.

(1) Basic policy

The remuneration system for the Directors of the Company places maximum emphasis on sustainably increasing corporate value over the medium to long term; and the Company's basic policy when determining the remuneration of individual Directors, is to set it at an appropriate level based on the duties and so forth of each Director. The remuneration system for Directors consists of the basic fixed remuneration (monetary remuneration) and the restricted shares remuneration as medium- to long-term incentives. Outside Directors receive the basic remuneration only in consideration of the independence of their duties.

(2) Policy on determining individual amounts of remuneration, etc. for basic remuneration (monetary remuneration) (including a policy for determining the time of payment and terms and conditions)

Basic remuneration for the Directors of the Company (excluding Outside Directors) is fixed monthly remuneration determined through comprehensive consideration, also giving weight to contribution to the Company's performance based on position and duties, levels at other companies comparable to the number of years worked, the Company's performance, and the level of employee salaries.

Basic remuneration for Outside Directors is monthly fixed remuneration, determined in consideration of duties and responsibilities, and levels at other companies, etc.

(3) Policy for determining details of non-monetary remuneration, etc., and calculation methods of amounts or numbers thereof (including a policy for determining the time of payment and terms and conditions)

As non-monetary remuneration, the Company shall provide the restricted shares remuneration to Directors to provide them an incentive to sustainably increase the Company's corporate value and further promote shared value between shareholders and them.

The specific number of restricted shares remuneration provided shall be determined by considering each Director's position and responsibilities. The Board of Directors shall resolve the number of individually allotted shares, and the remuneration shall be provided at a certain time every year.

(4) Method of determining details of individual remuneration of Directors

To determine the amount of individual remuneration of Directors, the Representative Director creates a proposal in comprehensive consideration of the amounts of the basic and non-monetary remuneration for each Director and their percentages based on the aforementioned policy within the remuneration limit for Directors resolved at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. Then, the Board of Directors receives a report on the deliberation of the proposal by the Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee, having heard the opinion of the Audit and Supervisory Committee in advance, and deliberates on the proposal and makes the determination at a meeting of the Board of Directors attended by Outside Directors.

Furthermore, with regard to the amount of remuneration of Directors, at the 64th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 28, 2016, approval was granted for maximum remuneration amounts, such that remuneration for Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members) is to amount to no more than ¥300 million annually (of which, remuneration for Outside Directors is to amount to no more than ¥25 million annually), and remuneration for Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members is to amount to no more than ¥50 million annually. As of the conclusion of the said Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, there were six Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members) and three Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members.

In addition, at the 72nd Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 25, 2024, it was resolved that, as a separate remuneration from the one previously mentioned, the additional amount of remuneration to grant restricted shares to Directors (excluding Outside Directors and Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members; "Eligible Directors") shall be within ¥60 million per year (excluding employee salaries of Directors who concurrently serve as employees). As of the conclusion of the said Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, there were four Eligible Directors.

[Supporting System for Outside Directors]

Whereas there is no section in charge of assisting the Outside Directors, the Administrative Division and Corporate Planning Division take action as necessary, particularly in terms of furnishing prior notification regarding matters to be discussed in the meetings of the Board of Directors and explanations in that regard.

2. Matters on Functions of Business Execution, Audit and Supervision, Nomination and Remuneration Decisions (Overview of Current Corporate Governance System) [Update](#)

<Board of Directors>

The Company's Board of Directors has nine members (of which, four are Outside Directors), consisting of President & CEO Seigo Kawagoe who serves as the Chairperson, and Managing Director Shinji Matsumoto, Directors Masayuki Shirouchi, and Ryoichi Sakamoto, Outside Directors Matsuo Iwata and Megumi Yoshimoto, Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee member) Masamichi Yamane, and Outside Directors (Audit and Supervisory Committee members) Yasuhiro Tanaka and Keiko Ueda. The Company's Board of Directors determines important matters related to business execution and supervises execution of duties by Directors, as stipulated in the Articles of Incorporation, laws and regulations, and pursuant to the "Regulations of the Board of Directors" which define matters to be resolved by the Board of Directors.

To ensure that the Directors execute their duties efficiently, the Board of Directors meets once per month, in principle, and holds extraordinary meetings when necessary.

<Audit and Supervisory Committee>

The Company's Audit and Supervisory Committee takes on the role of auditing the Directors' execution of business, and has three members (of which, two are Outside Directors), consisting of Director (full-time Audit and Supervisory Committee member) Masamichi Yamane and Outside Directors (Audit and Supervisory Committee members) Yasuhiro Tanaka and Keiko Ueda. Meetings of the Audit and Supervisory Committee

are held once a month, in principle, on an as-necessary basis, in order to decide audit plans and report on audit execution.

The Audit and Supervisory Committee members attend meetings of the Board of Directors, and also attend the Group Executive Committee meetings and other important meetings in order to gain an understanding of important decision-making processes and the status of business execution. The Audit and Supervisory Committee members may view important documents related to business execution and may furthermore seek explanations from Directors or employees as necessary.

<Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee>

On June 22, 2021, the Company established the voluntary Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee, a majority of whose members are Independent Outside Directors, as an advisory body to the Board of Directors. The Committee comprises six Directors. It is chaired by Outside Director Matsuo Iwata, and also includes two Inside Directors (Shinji Matsumoto and Masamichi Yamane) and three other Outside Directors (Megumi Yoshimoto, Yasuhiro Tanaka, and Keiko Ueda). The Committee receives advisory requests from the Board of Directors regarding the nomination and remuneration of Directors (including those of Group companies), and after deliberation in the committee, the deliberation result, etc., is reported to the Board of Directors. Furthermore, the Committee meetings are held at least once a year in principle, and may also be held whenever necessary.

<Sustainability Committee>

On April 15, 2023, the Company established the Sustainability Committee. The Committee is chaired by the Company's President & CEO Seigo Kawagoe, and the Company's Managing Director in charge of management Shinji Matsumoto serves as the supervising officer. Meanwhile, its membership consists of the persons responsible for the management departments of the respective Group companies and individuals appointed to the committee from the respective Group companies. The Committee meetings are held at least two times a year in principle, and are also held whenever necessary. The Company maintains a basic policy of striving to appropriately respond to issues surrounding sustainability, and deliberates the identification of materiality, the response to the identified initiative themes and other matters.

<Internal Audit Office>

The Company's Internal Audit Office consists of General Manager of Internal Audit Office (one member). The Internal Audit Office conducts internal audits with respect to the Company and the Group, pursuant to the "Internal Audit Regulations" which stipulate basic matters regarding the Company's internal audits, thereby ensuring that business operations are undertaken appropriately and effectively in accordance with relevant laws and regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, and internal regulations, and subject to internal controls. The Company's President & CEO makes direct appointments with respect to the Internal Audit Office, which acts as an organization under direct control of the President. Upon performing audits, the Internal Auditors are able to seek submission of documents, explanation of content thereof, and other necessary information. They also wield authority, etc. to seek confirmation from external parties when necessary.

<Compliance Committee>

The Compliance Committee is chaired by the Company's President & CEO Seigo Kawagoe and the Company's Managing Director in charge of management Shinji Matsumoto serves as the Chief Compliance Officer. Meanwhile, its membership consists of individuals appointed to the committee from the respective Group companies. The committee holds meetings once every three months, in principle, on an as-necessary basis in order to address exclusive prerogatives, pursuant to the "Compliance Regulations" which define compliance initiatives, such as training and education on compliance and corporate ethics, action taken based on findings of investigations into matters such as reporting through the whistleblowing system, and measures involving risk management to address risk events.

The Compliance Committee acts as a system that facilitates monitoring, with its meetings attended by Director (full-time Audit and Supervisory Committee member) Masamichi Yamane and General Manager of Internal Audit Office.

<Group Executive Committee>

The Group Executive Committee is chaired by the Company's President & CEO Seigo Kawagoe, and its members include Managing Director Shinji Matsumoto, Directors Masayuki Shirouchi and Ryoichi

Sakamoto, and respective Directors and relevant department heads of the Group companies. It holds meetings once per month, in principle, and acts to ensure managerial efficiency, soundness and transparency, while accelerating decision-making. To such ends, it promotes guidance and training with respect to affiliated companies, while also communicating the Group's business policies, reporting on business activities of respective Group companies, and supervising business execution, pursuant to the "Regulations on Affiliated Companies" which stipulate aims of streamlining management of the Group.

The Group Executive Committee acts as a system that facilitates monitoring, with its meetings attended by Director (full-time Audit and Supervisory Committee member) Masamichi Yamane, Outside Directors (Audit and Supervisory Committee members) Yasuhiro Tanaka and Keiko Ueda, and General Manager of Internal Audit Office as necessary.

<CPA Audit>

CPA audits are assigned to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC, which undertakes them as ordinary accounting audits and is subject to advice on managerial issues and other such matters in the course of performing such audits. The Company furnishes various forms of information and data, and otherwise maintains an environment that facilitates the performance of swift and accurate audits. The certified public accountancy that performs such services and assistants involved with audit work are as follows:

Designated Unlimited Liability Partner, Engagement Partner, Certified Public Accountant: Isao Kashiro

Designated Unlimited Liability Partner, Engagement Partner, Certified Public Accountant: Joji Furukawa

Four Certified Public Accountants, three persons who have passed the certified public accountant examination and nineteen other persons

3. Reasons for Adoption of Current Corporate Governance System

When it comes to corporate governance, the Company believes the notion of ensuring that the function of management oversight enlists external objectivity and neutrality is of key importance, and enhances the oversight function of management by establishing its Audit and Supervisory Committee such that a majority of its membership consists of Outside Directors, four of whom possess a high degree of independence. In addition, the Company has established the voluntary Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee such that a majority of its membership consists of Independent Outside Directors, in order to ensure transparency and objectivity of the evaluation and decision process with regard to the nomination and remuneration of its Directors (including those of Group companies). As such, the Company deems that the system operates sufficiently for the enhancement of corporate governance.

III. Implementation of Measures for Shareholders and Other Stakeholders

1. Measures to Energize General Shareholders Meetings and Smooth Exercise of Voting Rights

	Supplementary Explanations
Early Notification of General Shareholders Meeting	The Company strives to send out its Notifications of General Shareholders Meetings prior to the legally mandated deadline.
Scheduling AGMs Avoiding the Peak Day	The Company arranges to hold its annual general meetings of shareholders on dates that will make it possible for many shareholders to attend, and accordingly avoids holding such meetings on dates that are likely to have a concentration of such meetings held by other companies.
Allowing Electronic or Magnetic Exercise of Voting Rights	The Company has adopted the exercise of voting rights by electronic or magnetic means.
Participation in Electronic Voting Platform and Other Efforts to Enhance the Voting Environment for Institutional Investors	The Company has adopted the exercise of voting rights using the platform for electronic exercise of voting rights operated by ICJ, Inc.
Providing Convocation Notice in English (Translated Fully or Partially)	The Company posts convocation notices in English (translated fully or partially) on the Company's website, the Tokyo Stock Exchange website and the platform for electronic exercise of voting rights.

2. IR Activities

	Supplementary Explanations	Explanation by Representative
Regular Investor Briefings for Analysts and Institutional Investors	A Company's representative explains details of financial results and forward-looking strategy twice annually, with the first-half financial and year-end financial results.	Yes
Posting of IR Materials on Website	The following website link provides access to Financial Reports, other timely disclosure materials, and financial Results Briefings Materials: https://www.kotobukispirits.co.jp/	
Establishment of Department and/or Manager in Charge of IR	Department in charge of IR: Corporate Planning Division Manager in charge of IR: Shinji Matsumoto, Managing Director, Executive General Manager of the Group Corporate Management Division	

3. Measures to Ensure Due Respect for Stakeholders

	Supplementary Explanations
Provisions to Ensure Due Respect for Stakeholders in Internal Rules, etc.	The Kotobuki Spirits Group Ethics Guidelines constitute codes and standards of conduct applicable to all Group employees. Accordingly, the guidelines stipulate that we show due respect toward all stakeholders involved with the Group, while endeavoring to maintain sound and positive relationships.

	Supplementary Explanations
Formulation of Policies for Information Provision to Stakeholders	The Company strives to disclose information to each of its stakeholders in a timely, appropriate, and fair manner, and has accordingly established “Regulations on Information Disclosure” and “Regulations on Preventing Insider Trading.”

IV. Matters Related to Internal Control System

1. Basic Views on Internal Control System and Progress of System Development

1. Basic policy on business operations

The Company and the Group maintain basic policies applicable to all Officers and employees with respect to their execution of duties, underpinned by the management philosophy as follows.

[Management Philosophy]

To create happiness, provide happiness.

[Corporate Motto]

Thankfulness & Gratitude

Originality & Ingenuity

Earnestness & Sincerity

[Business Creed]

- We take our pleasure in pleasing our customers.
- We talk dreams each other, and strive daily to be the number one.
- We have consciousness of being professionals and true courage, and inspire people.
- We set high goals, earnestly strive, and achieve them without fail.
- We will realize both materialistic and spiritual affluences by creating higher values.

The Company is aware that developing and operating systems that ensure proper business execution is a key responsibility of management, and accordingly builds its internal control system as follows. The Company keeps striving to appropriately develop its system of internal control in a manner that addresses changes in its internal and external environments.

2. Basic policy on internal controls

(1) System for retaining and managing information pertaining to execution of duties by Directors

Information pertaining to execution of duties by Directors is to be retained and managed in a manner that enables Directors to view it as necessary, and accordingly managed in adherence to laws and regulations, as well as with the regulations on document management and other internal regulations.

(2) Regulations and other system for managing risk of loss

The Company stipulates matters involving managing risk of loss stemming business executed by the Company and the Group in its regulations on approval document, regulations on accounting, regulations on sales management, regulations on purchasing management, and other such regulations on managing operations.

When risk of loss materializes, the Director in charge of duties relevant thereof addresses such risk in accordance with stipulations of internal regulations, and accordingly makes final decisions upon engaging procedures that include deliberations of the Board of Directors and approval, tailored to the degree of such risk.

(3) System for ensuring that the Directors execute their duties efficiently

To ensure that the Directors execute their duties efficiently, the Board of Directors holds meetings once per month, in principle, and extraordinary meetings when necessary, during the course of which the Directors are to make decisions on important matters and supervise the status of the Directors' execution of business.

With respect to business executed on the basis of decisions made by the Board of Directors, the organizational regulations, regulations on segregation of duties, and Regulations on Delegation of Authority stipulate matters involving respective persons in charge and their responsibilities, and procedures for executing their duties.

In managing their business results, the Company and the Group draw up quantitative targets constituting business plans, in a manner that involves clearly assigning targets and remaining thoroughly committed to profitability. The Group Executive Committee consists of the President & CEO, Officers in charge and relevant department heads, and holds meetings on a monthly basis. Its duties involve checking business results and status of implementation of measures, ensuring managerial efficiency, soundness, and transparency, and prompt decision-making.

- (4) System for ensuring that Directors and employees execute their duties in compliance with laws, regulations and the Articles of Incorporation

The Company and the Group clearly state the business philosophy (released on January 1, 2003) which forms criteria for assessing all matters based on the management philosophy. Furthermore, we draw up the “Kotobuki Spirits Group Ethics Guidelines” and “Compliance Regulations” with the aims of clarifying our fundamental stance on corporate ethics and legal compliance, and thoroughly adhere to the management philosophy and corporate ethics keeping all Officers and employees informed of such matters.

Moreover, we have established the “Compliance Committee” which acts as an organization that extends laterally across the Group and strives to develop, maintain and improve our compliance system.

The Board of Directors develops the regulations of the Board of Directors based on laws, regulations and the Articles of Incorporation, and furthermore sets standards for Board deliberations and reporting. The respective Directors mutually monitor and supervise execution of the Company’s business, in accordance with such standards for deliberations and reporting.

We have established the voluntary Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee, an advisory body to the Board of Directors, a majority of whose members are Independent Outside Directors, to ensure independence and objectivity of the decision on the nomination and remuneration of Directors.

The “Internal Audit Office” performs internal audits based on the Internal Audit Regulations in order to ensure appropriateness of systems of business operation.

The Company and the Group have established a whistleblowing system upon having specified “Regulations on Whistleblowing” that aim to facilitate corrective action and preventative measures appropriately taken on the basis of preventing violations of laws and regulations, etc., and achieving early detection thereof. The Company maintains confidentiality of details reported and ensures that whistle-blowers are not subjected to disadvantageous treatment.

- (5) System for ensuring proper business operations in the Group, which consists of the Company as well as its parent company and subsidiaries

In managing its operations, the Group manages subsidiaries based on the “Regulations on Affiliate Management.” Moreover, the Group Executive Committee engages in efforts that involve communicating the Group’s business policies, reporting on business activities of respective Group companies, and supervising business execution.

In addition, decisions of key importance made by subsidiaries require approval procedures of the Company’s Board of Directors, which makes adjustments to ensure that resources are allocated efficiently.

Business transactions between companies belonging to the Group are to be appropriately carried out in accordance with laws, regulations, accounting principles, tax laws, and other social norms.

The Internal Audit Office performs internal audits with respect to the Company and the Group, and reports its findings to the Representative Directors and Audit and Supervisory Committee of the Company and the Group.

- (6) Matters regarding employees who assist in the duties of the Audit and Supervisory Committee, matters regarding such employees’ independence from Directors, and ensuring effectiveness of instructions given to such employees

The Audit and Supervisory Committee may request that the Board of Directors assign an employee to assist with the duties of the Audit and Supervisory Committee when necessary. Moreover, decisions on

the appointment, change, etc. of such employees are to be made upon having obtained prior consent from the Audit and Supervisory Committee in order to ensure independence in regard to such decisions. The right to lead and direct such employees resides with the Audit and Supervisory Committee.

- (7) System for enabling Directors, employees and others of the Company and its subsidiaries to report to the Company's Audit and Supervisory Committee, and system for ensuring that those who have reported will not become subject to unfavorable treatment as a consequence of having reported
- Directors, employees and others of the Company and its subsidiaries are to swiftly report to the Audit and Supervisory Committee of the Company: statutory matters; incidents involving serious violations of laws, regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, and any facts of misconduct; and, details involving incidents that significantly affect the Company and Group, upon having become aware of such incidents. Moreover, the Company has the department in charge of the whistleblowing system regularly report the status of whistleblowing and other such matters to the Audit and Supervisory Committee. The Company ensures that the Group's Officers and employees who have reported to the Audit and Supervisory Committee are not subject to dismissal or unfavorable treatment otherwise as a consequence of their having reported.
- (8) Other system for ensuring that Audit and Supervisory Committee audits are performed effectively
- The Audit and Supervisory Committee members attend the Group Executive Committee meetings and other important meetings in order to gain an understanding of important decision-making processes and the status of business execution of the Board of Directors. The Audit and Supervisory Committee members may view important documents related to business execution and may furthermore seek explanations from Directors and employees as necessary. Moreover, the Audit and Supervisory Committee receives explanations regarding accounting audits and explanations regarding operational audits from the Financial Auditor and the Internal Audit Office, respectively. The Audit and Supervisory Committee also coordinates efforts that involve exchanging information. The Company honors requests from the Audit and Supervisory Committee members for the expenses, etc. incurred in performing their duties, unless such expenses, etc. are deemed unnecessary with respect to performing the duties of the Audit and Supervisory Committee.
- (9) System for ensuring reliability of financial reporting
- The Company builds the internal control system related to financial statements to appropriately take action with respect to its system for evaluating internal controls based on the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, and also continuously evaluating such systems and taking corrective action to address any deficiencies. Meanwhile, the Company ensures that its financial reporting is reliable by striving to achieve appropriate operation of such systems.

Please refer to the "Timely Disclosure System Overview" diagram in the reference materials at the end of this report.

2. Basic Views on Eliminating Anti-Social Forces and Progress of Related Efforts

The Company and the Group maintain a basic policy of taking a firm stance on an organization-wide basis with respect to severing any and all ties with organizations or individuals that threaten safety and social order, and pose a serious threat to sound business operations.

The Company has clearly stated the basic policy in the "Kotobuki Spirits Group Ethics Guidelines" and has also prepared a manual detailing action to be taken in addressing unreasonable demands made by crime syndicates and other antisocial forces. Our efforts in this regard involve: striving to ensure that all of our Officers and employees are thoroughly informed; establishing a department to address such matters and assigning a manager to take charge of preventing unreasonable demands; enhancing coordination with external specialist institutions that include locally-based centers for removal of criminal organizations, police, and legal advisors; and, striving to improve systems and gather information.

V. Other

1. Adoption of Takeover Response Policies

Adoption of Takeover Response Policies	Not adopted
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Supplementary Explanation

There are no plans for adoption at this time.

2. Other Matters Concerning Corporate Governance System Update

Details regarding the Group's internal system for ensuring timely disclosure of corporate information are as follows.

The Group handles information subject to timely disclosure as follows, premised on its fundamental stance with respect to providing timely and appropriate disclosure of corporate information to investors, such that is necessary in order for them to accurately determine investment value.

The Group has drawn up "Regulations on Information Management" and "Regulations on Information Disclosure," which accordingly stipulate basic matters necessary for management and disclosure of important information of the Group.

1. Organization responsible for timely disclosure

- (1) Manager in charge of handling information: Shinji Matsumoto, Managing Director, Executive General Manager of the Group Corporate Management Division
- (2) Departments in charge of information disclosure: Corporate Planning Division

2. Internal system and the disclosure process

(1) Matters regarding facts of decisions made

Acting under the manager in charge of handling information, the departments in charge of information disclosure give prior consideration to the necessity of disclosing proposals requiring resolution by the Board of Directors. If such disclosure has been deemed necessary, then the departments in charge of information disclosure gain approval of the Board of Directors upon having reported the matter to the President & CEO, then promptly follow procedures for disclosure.

(2) Matters regarding facts of actual events

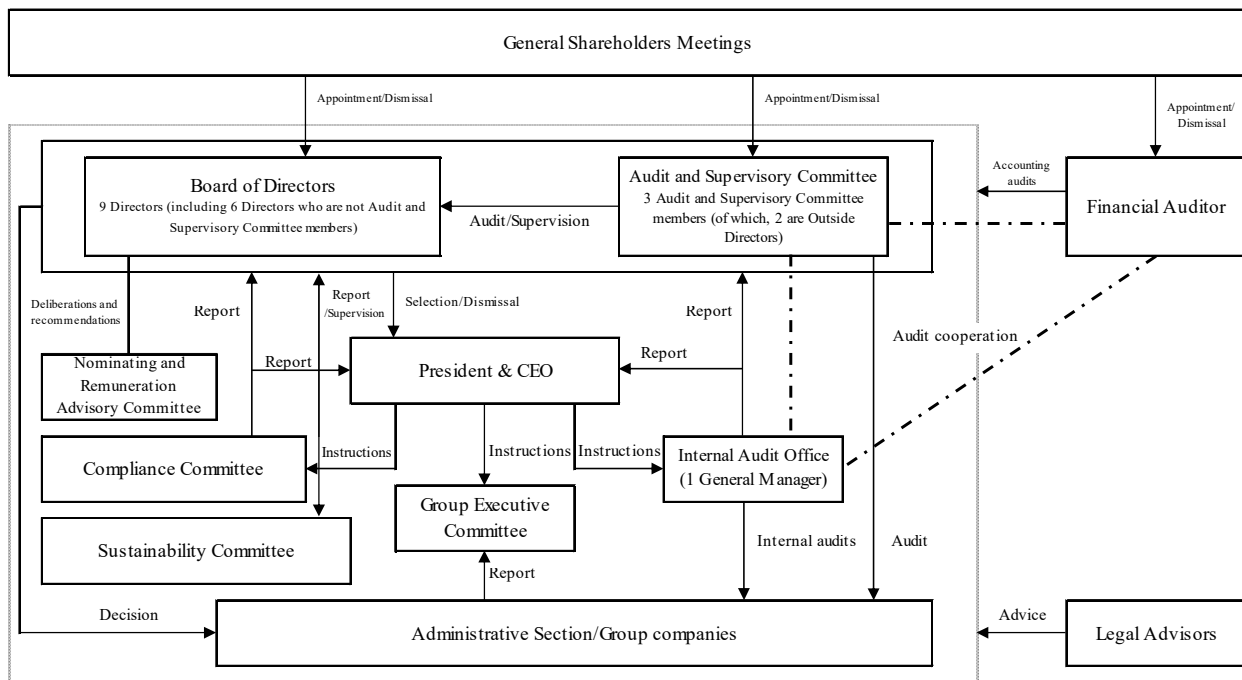
The manager in charge of handling information and the general managers of the departments in charge of information disclosure attend meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the Group Executive Committee, and accordingly strive to swiftly gain an understanding of facts that are potentially subject to disclosure.

If such an event occurs, then the general manager of the department involved and a manager of a subsidiary are to promptly report the matter to the manager in charge of handling information, and the department in charge of information disclosure is to immediately consider the need for disclosure. If disclosure has been deemed necessary, then the manager in charge of handling information follows the disclosure procedures without delay, upon having gained approval from the President & CEO.

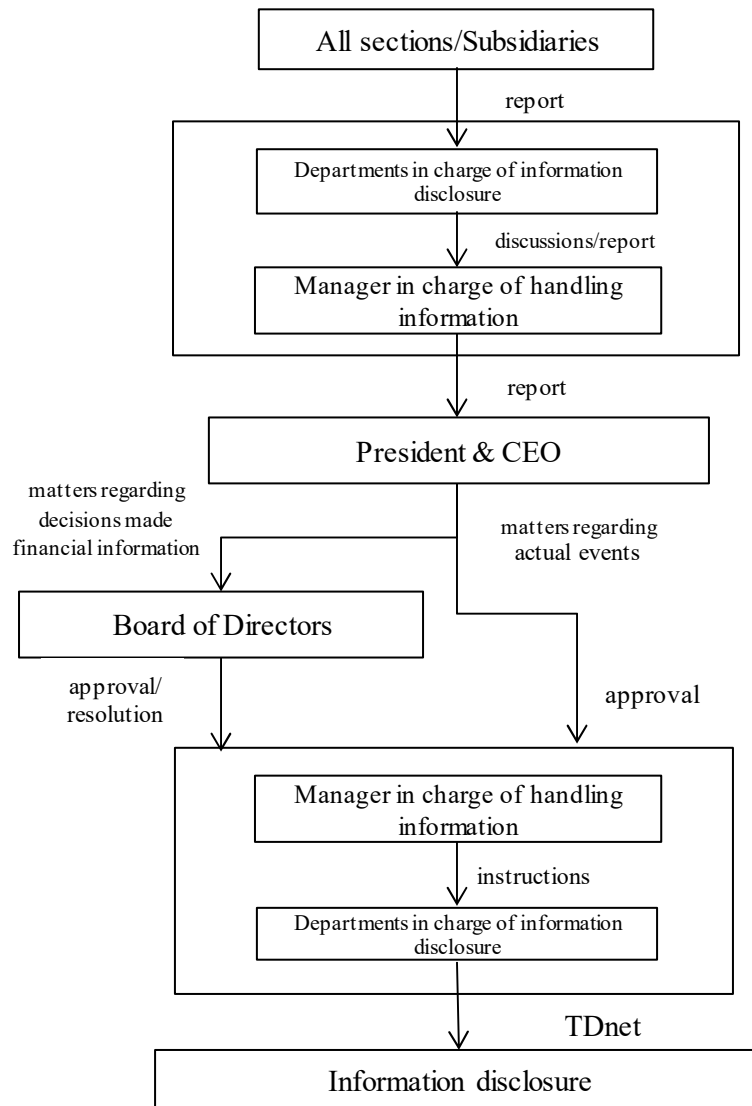
(3) Matters regarding financial results

Acting under the manager in charge of handling information, the departments in charge of information disclosure prepare financial results disclosure materials and report the matter to the President & CEO, then subsequently follow procedures for disclosure upon having gained approval from the Board of Directors.

【Corporate Governance System】



【Timely Disclosure System (Overview Diagram)】



【Skill Matrix for Directors】

Directors (excluding Audit and Supervisory Committee members)

Name	Gender	Attributes	Experiences and expertise possessed by the Director					
			Corporate management/ Management strategy	Finance/ Accounting	Legal affairs/ Risk management	Personnel affairs/ Labor management/ Human resource development	Consumer lives	ESG
Seigo Kawagoe	Male	Inside Director (full-time), President & CEO	○				○	○
Shinji Matsumoto	Male	Inside Director (full-time), Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee member	○	○	○	○		○
Masayuki Shirouchi	Male	Inside Director (full-time)	○				○	
Ryoichi Sakamoto	Male	Inside Director (full-time)	○				○	
Matsuo Iwata (Outside)	Male	Outside Director (part-time), Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee member	○			○	○	○
Megumi Yoshimoto (Outside)	Female	Outside Director (part-time), Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee member				○	○	○

Directors (Audit and Supervisory Committee members)

Name	Gender	Attributes	Experiences and expertise possessed by the Director					
			Corporate management/ Management strategy	Finance/ Accounting	Legal affairs/ Risk management	Personnel affairs/ Labor management/ Human resource development	Consumer lives	ESG
Masamichi Yamane	Male	Inside Director (full-time), Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee member	○		○	○		○
Yasuhiro Tanaka (Outside)	Male	Outside Director (part-time), Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee member		○				
Keiko Ueda (Outside)	Female	Outside Director (part-time), Nominating and Remuneration Advisory Committee member			○			