

Financial Results Briefing for the First Half of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2019

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I. Overview of Financial Results for the First Half of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2019

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Results for the First Half of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2019 **FOSTER**.

(Millions of yen)

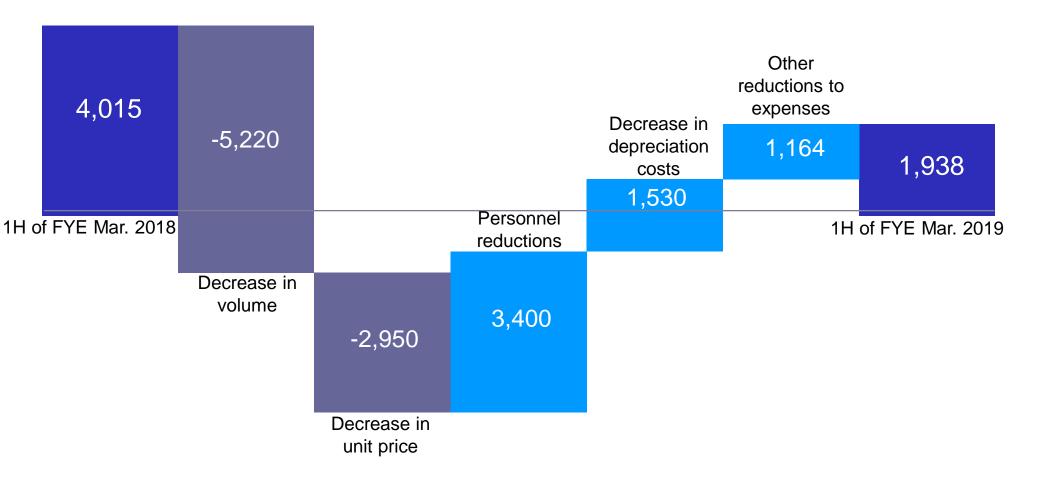
	1H of FYE Mar. 2018	Results for 1H of FYE Mar. 2019					
			Change in value (YoY)	Percentage change (YoY)			
Net sales	80,286	68,758	(11,528)	(14.4%)			
Operating income	4,015	1,938	(2,077)	(51.7%)			
Operating income to net sales	5.0%	2.8%					
Ordinary income	3,973	2,198	(1,775)	(44.7%)			
Ordinary income to net sales	4.9%	3.2%					
Net income*	2,559	(1,776)	(4,335)	-			
Net income to net sales*	3.2%	(2.6%)					
Dividends per share	¥20.00	¥10.00	(¥10.00)	(50.0%)			
Exchange rates	111.30 yen/US\$ 127.73 yen/EUR	110.71 yen/L 129.75 yen/E					

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Analysis of Fluctuations in Operating Income

(Millions of yen)

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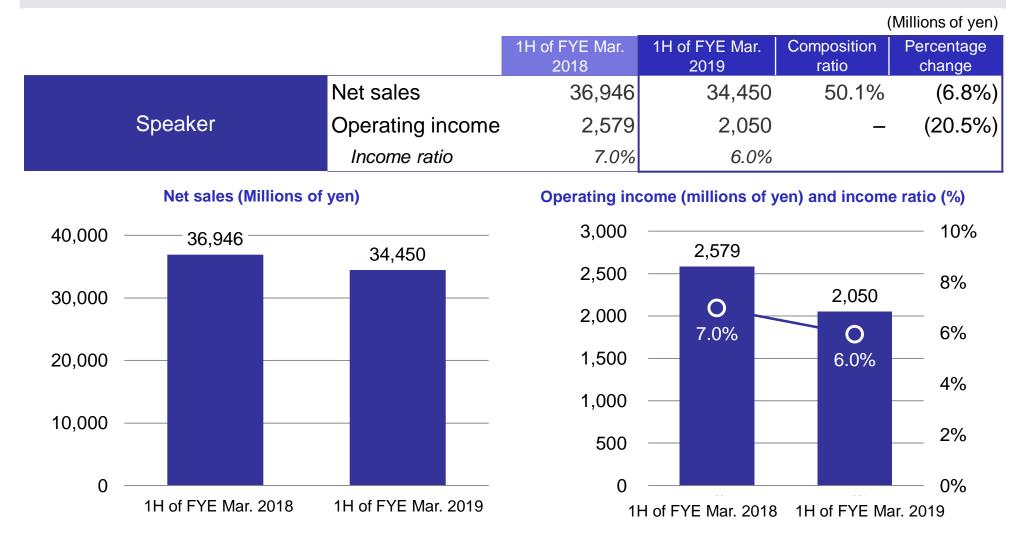
(Millions of yen)

		1H of FYE Mar. 2018	Composition ratio	1H of FYE Mar. 2019	Composition ratio	Percentage change
	Net sales	80,286		68,758		(14.4%)
	Operating income	4,015		1,938		(51.7%)
	Income ratio	5.0%		2.8%		
	Net sales	36,946	46.0%	34,450	50.1%	(6.8%)
Speaker	Operating income	2,579	64.2%	2,050	-	(20.5%)
	Income ratio	7.0%		6.0%		
	Net sales	40,440	50.4%	31,407	45.7%	(22.3%)
Mobile Audio	Operating income	1,212	30.2%	(254)	-	-
	Income ratio	3.0%		(0.8%)		
	Net sales	2,900	3.6%	2,990	4.2%	3.1%
Other	Operating income	223	5.6%	143	-	(35.8%)
	Income ratio	7.7%		4.8%		

Speaker Segment

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Net sales and operating income fell for car speakers due to a drop in the sale of premium brand products for some customers.



Mobile Audio Segment

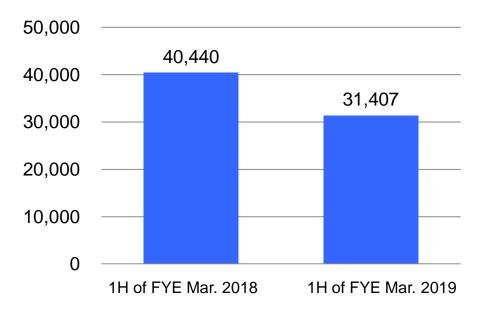
Sales and operating income of headsets for major clients fell due to a drop in sales volume and prices.

(Millions of yen)

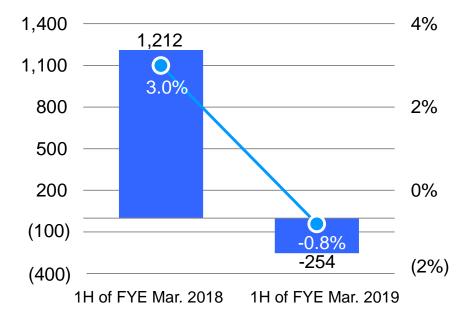
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		1H of FYE Mar. 2018	1H of FYE Mar. 2019	Composition ratio	Percentage change
	Net sales	40,440	31,407	45.7%	(22.3%)
Mobile Audio	Operating income	1,212	(254)	-	_
	Income ratio	3.0%	(0.8%)		

Net sales (Millions of yen)



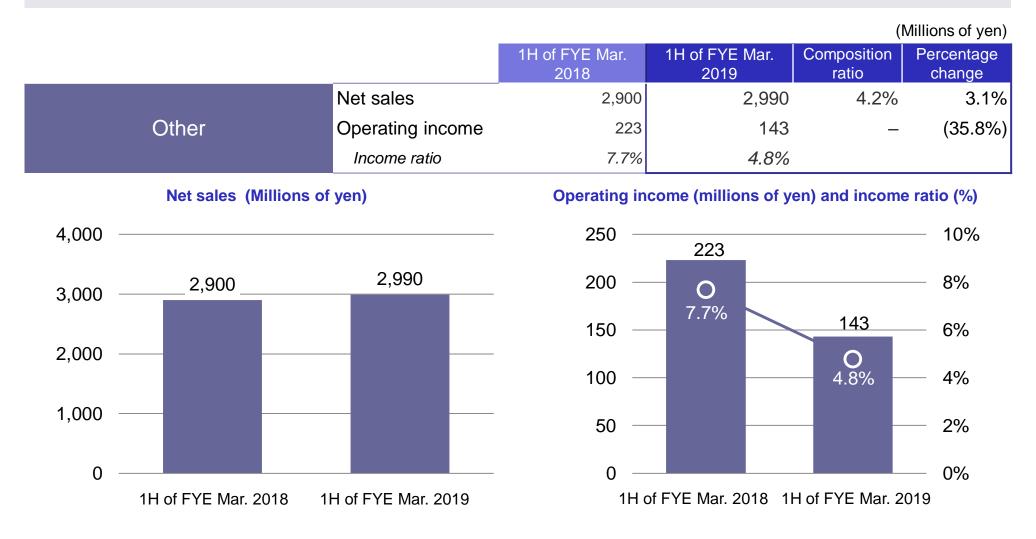
Operating income (millions of yen) and income ratio (%)



Other Segment

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 Net sales increased, but operating income decreased in this segment, which includes micro-acoustic components and "FOSTEX" brand products.



Consolidated Balance Sheet



Equity ratio at the end of September 2018 was 60.7% (61.5% as of the end of March 2018).

			(Millions of yen)
	FYE Mar. 2018	End 1H of FYE Mar. 2019	Amount of change
Current assets	73,614	73,013	(601)
Cash and deposits	9,704	13,108	3,404
Notes and accounts receivable - trade	22,243	19,324	(2,919)
Inventories	37,054	36,573	(481)
Other	4,613	4,008	(605)
Non-current assets	27,255	24,332	(2,923)
Property, plant and equipment	21,120	18,922	(2,198)
Intangible assets	1,300	1,182	(118)
Investments and other assets	4,835	4,227	(608)
Total assets	100,870	97,346	(3,524)
Current liabilities	25,953	24,338	(1,615)
Notes and accounts payable - trade	13,113	9,535	(3,578)
Short-term bank loans	3,353	3,839	486
Current portion of long-term debt	1,250	3,113	1,863
Other	8,237	7,851	(386)
Long-term liabilities	8,124	9,293	1,169
Long-term debt	7,098	8,243	1,145
Other	1,026	1,050	24
Net assets	66,792	63,714	(3,078)
Shareholders' equity	62,077	58,155	(3,922)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	(15)	975	990
Non-controlling interests	4,731	4,583	(148)
Total liabilities and net assets	100,870	97,346	(3,524)

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Statement of Cash Flows

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Free cash flows for the first half of FYE March 2019 were positive 1.46 billion yen

(Millions of yen)

	1H of FYE Mar. 2018	1H of FYE Mar. 2019	Amount of change
Operating activities	(1,359)	3,617	4,976
Investing activities	(3,665)	(2,154)	1,511
Free cash flows*	(5,024)	1,463	6,487
Financing activities	1,660	1,158	(502)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(3,645)	2,812	6,457
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	8,392	12,962	4,570

* Free cash flow = operating activities + investing activities



II. Forecast for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2019

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Forecast for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2019 **FOSTER**

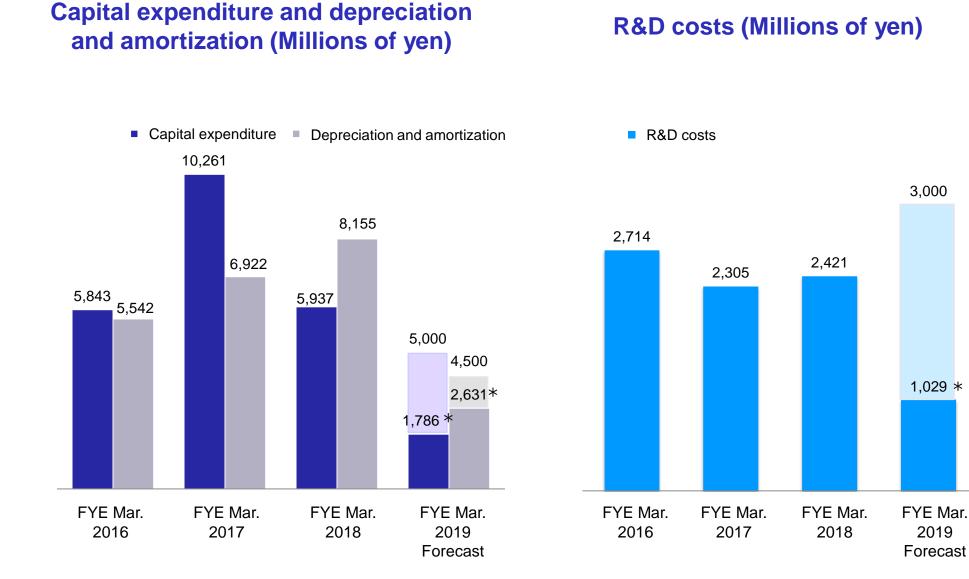
(Millions of yen)

	FYE Mar. 2018	FYE Mar. 2019 Forecast	Amount of change	Percentage change
Net sales	184,800	140,000	(44,800)	(24.2%)
Operating income	9,307	3,000	(6,307)	(67.8%)
Operating income to net sales	5.0%	2.1%		
Ordinary income	9,062	2,500	(6,562)	(72.4%)
Ordinary income to net sales	4.9%	1.8%		
Net income [*]	4,265	(2,500)	(6,765)	-
Net income to net sales [*]	2.3%	(1.8%)		
Net income per share (in exact yen)	¥165.78	(¥97.16)	(¥262.9)	-
Dividends per share (in exact yen)	¥55.0	¥20.0	(¥35.0)	(63.6%)
Dividend payout ratio	33.2%	-		
Assumed exchange rates	110.71 yen/US\$ 130.24 yen/EUR	-		

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Capital Expenditure, Depreciation and Amortization, and R&D Costs

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* Results for the first half of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019



III. Future Initiatives

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Medium-Term Initiatives

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Promote quality management and aim for long-term growth focused on profitability

Medium-term management target: ROE over 10%

Improve management quality based on thorough efforts to achieve quality	Pursuit of high-added value
 Quality of products Quality of proposals Quality of customer communication 	 Mobile Audio : Pursuit of high-added value Automotive: Initiatives geared to era of autonomous vehicles Development of new markets and products

Optimization of Global Production and Supply Structure

- Strengthen cost competitiveness through improvements to allocation and labor savings

Promotion of cash flow-oriented management

Measures to be Taken during the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2019



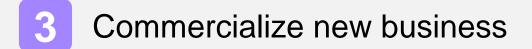
Summary of measures taken in 1H of FYE Mar. 2019



Address drop in demand for headsets for a major customer



Make steady shift to car speakers for new premium brands



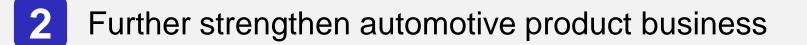
Measures to be Taken during the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2019



Initiatives for 2H FYE Mar. 2019



Restructure headset production system



3 Launch Foster Alliance Program

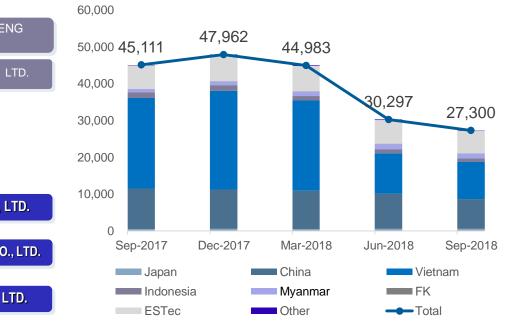
Optimize headphone and headset production system

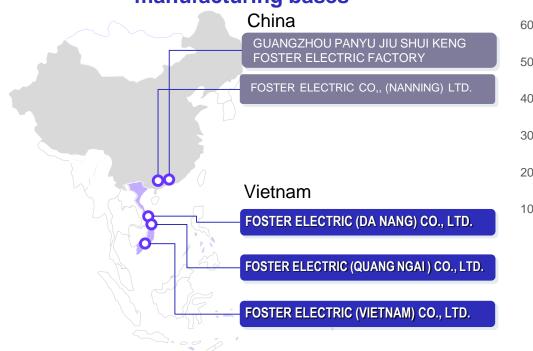
- Extremely harsh business environment due to drop in sales volume and prices for headsets for a major customer
- Restructure optimal production system primarily by reviewing human resource system and facilities

Foster Electric Company's headphone and headset manufacturing bases

Foster Group's employee changes

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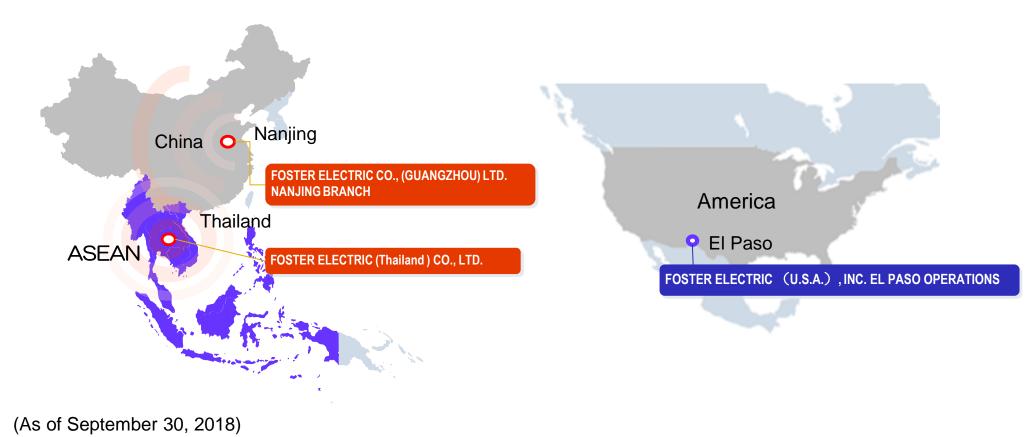
(As of September 30, 2018)

Reinforce Automotive Product Business

 Set up a branch of Foster Electric (Guangzhou) in Nanjing, Jiangsu province
 Strengthen marketing capacity in ASEAN region (Foster Electric (Thailand) Co., Ltd.*)

*Shift from marketing in Thailand to marketing in the ASEAN region

Launch full-scale operations to start production of car speakers at the El Paso operations center (Production is set to start in fiscal 2019)



Foster Alliance Program

Aim to build a product development ecosystem through a mutual complementary relationship between Foster's strengths and partners who can provide solutions that Foster lacks



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Automotive Product Business Becomes Foster's Core Business **FOSTER**.

Develop a solutions business through sound and vibration



Returns to Shareholders - Dividends -



Annual dividend of 20 yen planned for the current term

[Dividend policy]

Recognizing the enhancement of corporate value as a corporate challenge and keeping the balance between profit allocation and financial sustainability on a long-term perspective, the Group improves the comprehensive benefit to shareholders.

	FYE Mar. 2016	FYE Mar. 2017	FYE Mar. 2018	FYE Mar. 2019 Forecast
Net income per share	¥255.44	¥41.16	¥165.78	(¥97.16)
Dividends per share	¥50.0	¥40.0	¥55.0	¥20.0
Dividend payout ratio	19.6%	97.2%	33.2%	



Acquisition of treasury stock resolved

Decision date:	August 30, 2018
Type of shares to be acquired:	Common shares
Total number of shares to be acquired:	3,750,000 shares (maximum)
Total acquisition price for shares:	4.5 billion yen (maximum)
Acquisition period:	September 3, 2018 to March 31, 2019
Acquisition method:	Purchase on TSE



IV. Reference Materials

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Company Profile



Our Corporate Creed is "Sincerity" and our Corporate Vision is "To make contributions to future society through acoustics"

Company Name	Foster Electric Company, Limited
Representative	Hiromi Yoshizawa, President & Representative Director
Founded	June 20, 1949
Headquarters	1-1-109, Tsutsujigaoka, Akishima City, Tokyo 196-8550, Japan
Listed Market	Listed on Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (May 1962) Designated for First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (September 1999)
Common Stock	¥6,770 million (As of September 30, 2018)
Business Domains	Production and sales of loudspeakers, audio equipment, and electronic equipment
Number of Employees	Consolidated: 27,300 (including the employees of our outsourcee in Panyu, China) Non-consolidated: 489 (as of September 30, 2018 for both consolidated and non-consolidated)

Business Domains



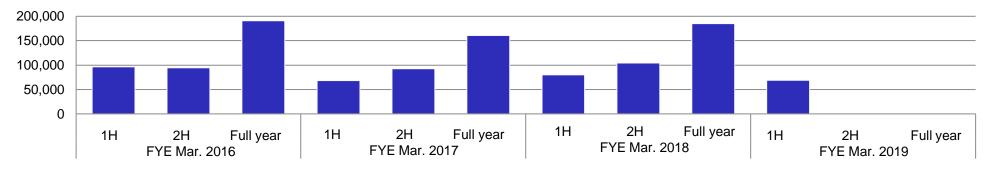
Provision of acoustic products, mainly through ODMs and OEMs, using our original analog technologies

Speaker Segment	Mobile Audio Segment
Speakers and speaker systems for audio and TV, and car speakers and speaker systems, etc.	 Headsets, headphones, and small speakers, as well as commercial microphones, etc.
TV speakers Car speakers Car speaker systems	Micro speakers Headphones Headsets for PCs and Microphones smartphones
	H of TE Mar. 2019 46% Sales Composition
Other Segment	4%
Buzzers and sounders for alarms, FOSTEX brand products, logistics services, etc.	Micro acoustic components FOSTEX products

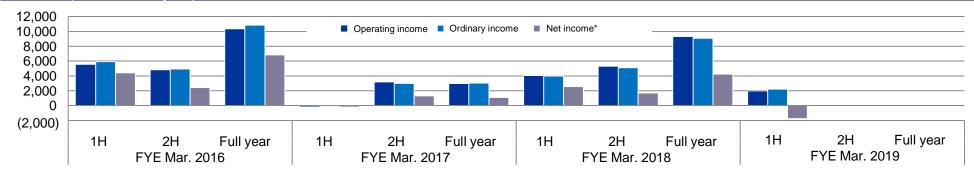
Half-year and Full-year Results

Results table (Millions of yen)												
	F	YE Mar. 201	6	F	YE Mar. 201	7	FYE Mar. 2018			FYE Mar. 2019		
	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year
Net sales	96,641	94,287	190,928	68,342	92,554	160,896	80,286	104,514	184,800	68,758		
Operating income	5,524	4,827	10,351	(182)	3,145	2,963	4,015	5,292	9,307	1,938		
Ordinary income	5,927	4,920	10,847	28	2,989	3,017	3,973	5,089	9,062	2,198		
Net income*	4,406	2,427	6,833	(227)	1,315	1,088	2,559	1,706	4,265	(1,776)		
Income ratio	5.7%	5.1%	5.4%	(0.3%)	3.4%	1.8%	5.0%	5.1%	5.0%	2.8%		
Ordinary income margin	6.1%	5.2%	5.7%	0.0%	3.2%	1.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	3.2%		
Net income margin*	4.6%	2.6%	3.6%	(0.3%)	1.4%	0.7%	3.2%	1.6%	2.3%	(2.6%)		

Net sales (Millions of yen)



Profits (Millions of yen)



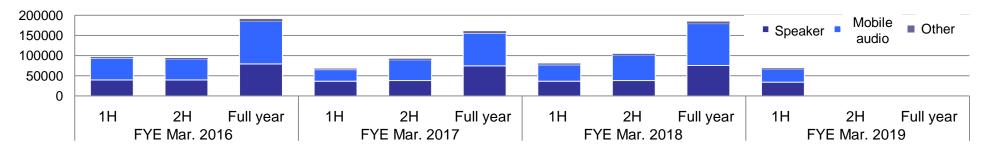
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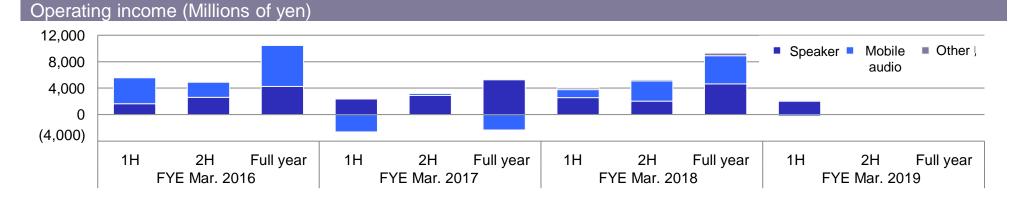
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Half-year and Full-year Results by Segment

Results tak	Results table (Millions of yen)														
	FYE Mar. 2016			F	YE Mar. 201	7	F١	/E Mar. 201	8	FYE Mar. 2019					
Net sales	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year	1H	2H	Full year			
Speaker	39,859	39,440	79,299	36,437	38,403	74,840	36,946	38,574	75,520	34,450					
Mobile audio	53,914	51,542	105,456	29,050	51,243	80,293	40,440	63,073	103,513	31,407					
Other	2,867	3,306	6,173	2,853	2,909	5,762	2,900	2,986	5,886	2,990					
Operating income															
Speaker	1,631	2,630	4,261	2,396	2,892	5,288	2,579	2,057	4,636	2,050					
Mobile audio	3,951	2,245	6,196	(2,620)	295	(2,325)	1,212	3,047	4,259	(254)					
Other	(58)	(48)	(106)	42	(41)	1	223	190	413	143					

Net sales (Millions of yen)

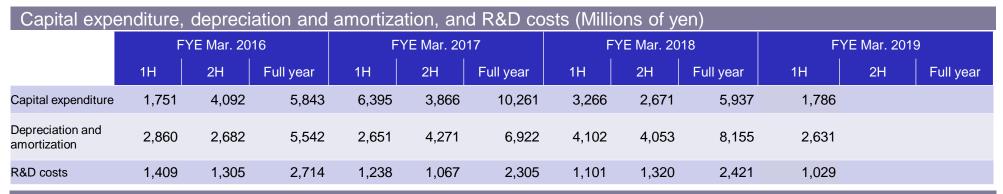




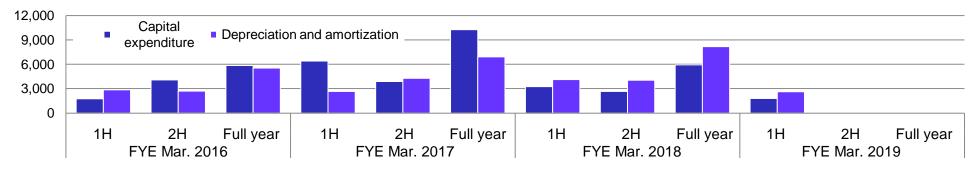
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Half-year and Full-year Capital Expenditure, Depreciation and Amortization, and R&D Costs

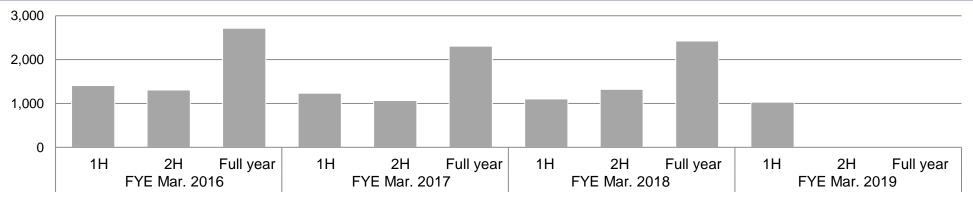




Capital expenditure and depreciation and amortization (Millions of yen)



R&D costs (Millions of yen)



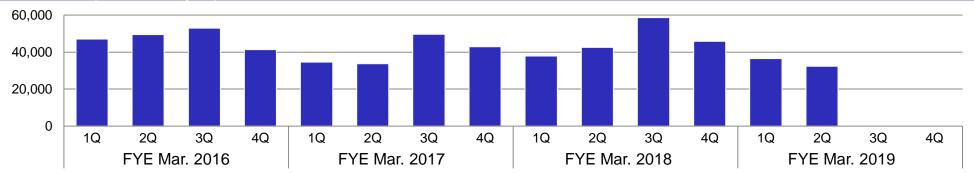
Quarterly Results



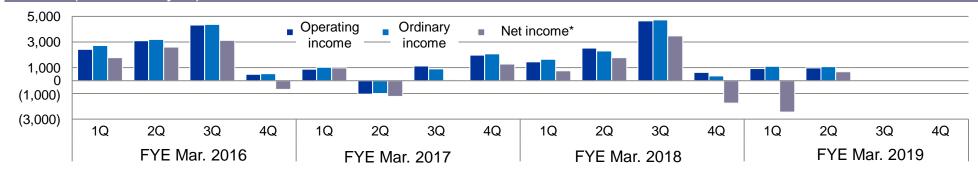
Results table (Millions of yen)

	FYE Mar. 2016				FYE Mar. 2017					FYE Ma	r. 2018	FYE Mar. 2019				
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Net sales	47,092	49,549	52,934	41,353	34,555	33,787	49,645	42,909	37,800	42,486	58,660	45,854	36,512	32,246		
Operating income	2,424	3,100	4,343	484	885	(1,067)	1,148	1,997	1,468	2,547	4,647	645	947	991		
Ordinary income	2,728	3,199	4,376	544	1,048	(1,020)	908	2,081	1,656	2,317	4,722	367	1,101	1,097		
Net income *	1,784	2,622	3,124	(697)	997	(1,224)	28	1,287	770	1,789	3,474	(1,768)	(2,464)	688		
Income ratio	5.1%	6.3%	8.2%	1.2%	2.6%	(3.2%)	2.3%	4.7%	3.9%	6.0%	7.9%	1.4%	2.6%	3.1%		
Ordinary income margin	5.8%	6.5%	8.3%	1.3%	3.0%	(3.0%)	1.8%	4.8%	4.4%	5.5%	8.0%	0.8%	3.0%	3.4%		
Net income margin*	3.8%	5.3%	5.9%	(1.7%)	2.9%	(3.6%)	0.1%	3.0%	2.0%	4.2%	5.9%	(3.9%)	(6.7%)	2.1%		

Net sales (Millions of yen)



Profits (Millions of yen)



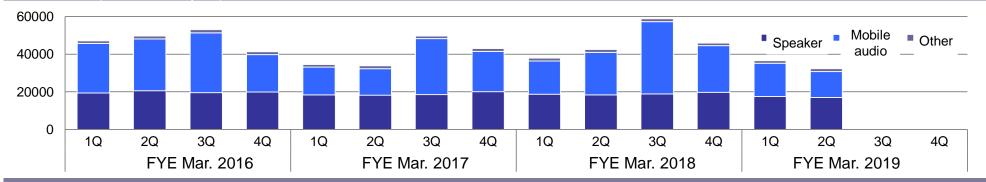
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Quarterly Results by Segment

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Results table	Results table (Millions of yen)															
		FYE M	ar. 2016			FYE Mar	. 2017			FYE Mar.	2018		FYE Mar. 2019			
Net sales	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Speaker	19,358	20,501	19,523	19,917	18,351	18,086	18,412	19,991	18,647	18,299	18,879	19,695	17,462	16,988		
Mobile audio	26,411	27,503	31,762	19,780	14,799	14,251	29,767	21,476	17,719	22,721	38,306	24,767	17,693	13,714		
Other	1,322	1,545	1,649	1,657	1,404	1,449	1,467	1,442	1,434	1,466	1,536	1,450	1,399	1,591		
Operating income																
Speaker	681	950	1,377	1,253	979	1,417	1,453	1,439	1,359	1,220	1,375	682	1,077	973		
Mobile audio	1,750	2,201	3,011	(766)	(161)	(2,459)	(353)	648	16	1,196	3,059	(12)	(203)	(51)		
Other	(6)	(52)	(45)	(3)	67	(25)	48	(89)	92	131	214	(24)	76	67		

Net sales (Millions of yen)





Quarterly Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flows

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Balance sheet (Millions of yen)

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	1Q	FYE Mar. 2016		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	FYE Ma	3Q	4Q					4Q	
Total current assets	74,107	77,218	78,898	69,959	63,208	65,776	75,523	69,315	70,265	76,770	82,913	73,614	73,361		3,013		-10
Cash and deposits	15,071	12,882	13,089	16,519	10,588	9,419	10,583	10,258	6,992	7,233	9,239	9,704	11,003	1:	3,108		
Notes and accounts receivable - trade	26,141	30,650	32,196	24,444	22,779	22,031	27,396	19,479	18,817	20,534	27,107	22,243	19,939	19	9,324		
Other	32,895	33,686	33,613	28,996	29,841	34,326	37,544	39,578	44,456	49,003	46,567	41,667	42,419	40	0,581		
Total non-current assets	31,288	29,880	30,085	28,775	29,566	31,781	34,587	33,094	31,910	31,701	30,349	27,255	24,231	24	4,332		
Property, plant and equipment	23,017	22,396	22,293	21,995	23,335	23,749	26,445	25,945	25,157	24,914	23,727	21,120	18,768	18	8,922		
Intangible assets	1,745	1,699	1,584	1,534	1,436	1,383	1,435	1,429	1,451	1,435	1,409	1,300	1,259		1,182		
Investments and other assets	6,525	5,785	6,207	5,245	4,794	6,648	6,706	5,718	5,301	5,351	5,212	4,835	4,203	4	4,227		
Fotal assets	105,395	107,099	108,983	98,735	92,775	97,557	110,111	102,409	102,175	108,471	113,263	100,870	97,593	9	7,346		
Total current liabilities	30,206	32,325	35,224	29,111	27,062	32,087	37,073	29,390	29,106	33,227	34,594	25,953	25,748	24	4,338		
Notes and accounts payable - trade	15,466	16,398	17,215	13,096	10,939	15,425	19,428	15,512	14,605	16,103	19,157	13,113	11,295	9	9,535		
Short-term loans and bonds payable	5,931	6,373	8,420	7,329	7,757	8,296	7,233	5,240	7,011	8,170	5,728	4,603	7,322	(6,952		
Other	8,809	9,554	9,589	8,686	8,366	8,366	10,412	8,638	7,490	8,954	9,709	8,237	7,131	-	7,851		
Fotal long-term liabilities	8,328	6,358	3,453	2,605	2,427	4,556	9,590	9,116	9,147	8,855	8,592	8,124	8,555	9	9,293		
Long-term debt and bonds payable	6,600	4,804	1,768	1,432	1,241	3,428	8,238	8,135	8,095	7,726	7,507	7,098	7,529	1	3,243		
Other	1,728	1,554	1,685	1,173	1,186	1,128	1,352	981	1,052	1,129	1,085	1,026	1,026		1,050		
Total net assets	66,860	68,415	70,305	67,017	63,285	60,913	63,447	63,901	63,922	66,388	70,076	66,792	63,289		3,714		
Shareholders' equity	56,573	59,195	61,650	60,954	61,282	60,057	58,247	58,972	59,099	60,887	63,845	62,077	58,634	58	8,155		
Accumulated other comprehensive income	6,401	5,131	4,666	1,924	(1,961)	(2,857)	1,393	620	633	1,230	1,691	(15)	263		975		
Non-controlling interests	3,885	4,088	3,987	4,138	3,964	3,713	3,807	4,309	4,188	4,270	4,539	4,731	4,391		4,583		
Total liabilities and net assets	105,395	107,099	108,983	98,735	92,775	97,557	110,111	102,409	102,175	108,471	113,263	100,870	97,593	9	7,346		
Statement of c	ash flo	ows (M	illions	of yen)												
		FYE Ma	r. 2016		FYE Mar. 2017						FYE Ma	ır. 2018			FYE Ma	ır. 2019	
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Operating activities	9,565	331	4,895	9,266	(1,0	15)	1,260	(106)	4,233	(2,243)	884	6,742	2,770	675	2,942		
nvesting activities	(1,183)	(302)	(870)	(1,591)	(3,0	(080)	5,137)	(1,837)	(1,035)	(1,738)	(1,927)	(2,311)	(1,155)	(556)	(1,598)		
inancing activities	(2,429)	(1,265)	(1,500)	(1,482)	(3	30)	2,665	1,940	(2,585)	859	801	(3,188)	(1,331)	2,043	(885)		
Effect of exchange rate change on a san flow	381	(415)	151	(1,616)	(1,4	93)	(332)	1,089	(59)	(420)	140	377	(146)	(320)	510		
Net increase (decrease) in cash	6,333	(1,652)	2,678	4,575	(5,9	20) (1,541)	1,085	556	(3,541)	(104)	1,622	137	1,840	972		
Cash flow at end of the period	12,257	10,606	13,283	17,858	11,	938	10,397	11,481	12,037	8,495	8,392	10,013	10,150	11,991	12,962		

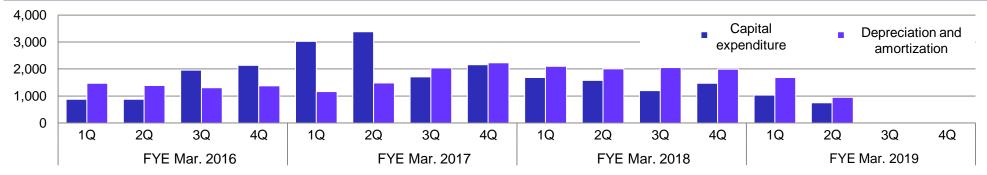
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Capital expenditure, depreciation and amortization, and R&D costs (Millions of yen)

		FYE Mar	. 2016				FYE Ma	ar. 2018		FYE Mar. 2019						
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Capital expenditure	874	877	1,962	2,130	3,018	3,377	1,713	2,153	1,687	1,579	1,198	1,473	1,036	750		
Depreciation and amortization	1,466	1,394	1,302	1,380	1,166	1,485	2,037	2,234	2,103	1,999	2,057	1,996	1,680	951		
R&D costs	811	598	726	579	715	523	574	493	607	494	681	639	667	362		

Capital expenditure and depreciation and amortization (Millions of yen)



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R&D costs (Millions of yen)

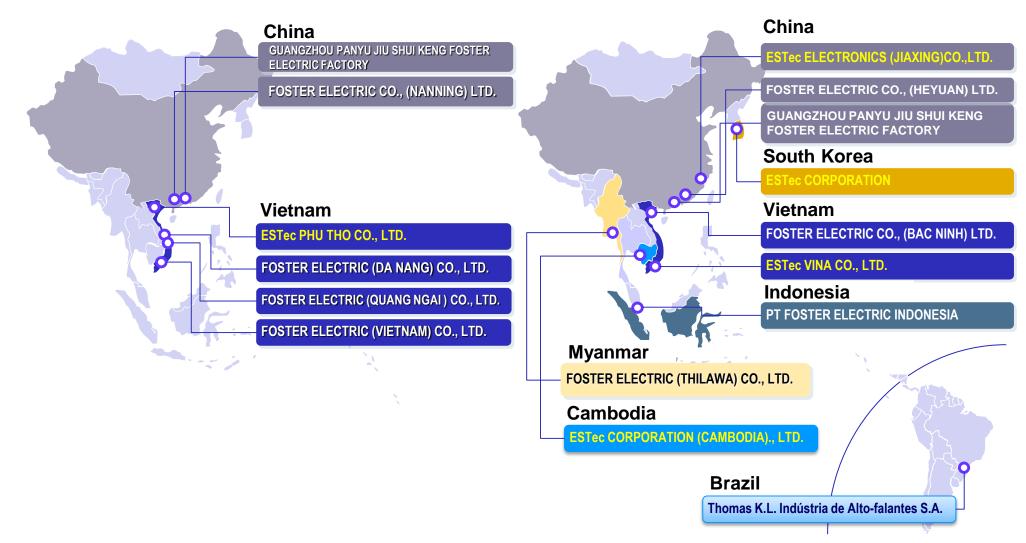
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