

# Sound to Life

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## For the 86th Fiscal Year

Foster Electric Company, Limited

Code Number: 6794

## To our shareholders

#### Foster aims to become a new-age company that is loved throughout society.

**BUSINESS REPORT** 

From April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, we faced extremely severe circumstances, including a continuously chaotic global economy caused by a rise in protectionism resulting from trade friction between the US and China and economic recession due to the spread of COVID-19, which started at the beginning of 2020.

The Foster Group (the "Group") recorded year-on-year declines in net sales and operating income due to lower demand for smartphone and automotive components and impact from the spread of COVID-19.

Currently, the Group is striving to revolutionize its businesses, with a particular focus on its automotive-related businesses, and alter the philosophies governing them. At the same time, the Group is endeavoring to develop new businesses and products while it prepares to usher in a new era. In accordance with its philosophy of embracing perpetual change, the Group will continue to conduct ESG management as it steadily moves forward with its efforts to become a new-age company that is loved throughout society and the market.

We modestly request your continued support as we move forward.

June 2020

Hiromi Yoshizawa

Atsushi Narikawa

# TOPICS

# To respond to market changes, we have shifted to an organizational framework that is arranged according to function.

As trends related to technology and environmental response accelerate, we cannot achieve sustainable growth without swiftly adapting to change. Accordingly, the Group is resolutely striving to revolutionize its businesses, with a particular focus on its automotive-related businesses, and alter the philosophies governing them. In line with this goal, we have aimed to become an organization that functions more efficiently and seamlessly by shifting from a framework aligned based on individual business divisions to one arranged according to function.



We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest sympathies for all who have been impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.

To fight the spread of the virus and to comply with the state of emergency declared by the Japanese government, we have implemented the following countermeasures aimed ensuring the safety of our employees, partners, and the regions in which we conduct business.

We have also continued business activities at Group companies in China and other nations overseas while thoroughly applying safety and health measures, including infection control and health checks. Furthermore, we began manufacturing protective masks internally, especially in China.

Group Initiatives (Group countermeasures)

- · Optimized inventory levels through production adjustment
- Limited overtime work, suspended business, or conducted temporary layoffs at plants as necessary.
- Promoted teleworking and online conferencing (minimized the number of employees required to commute to their workplaces)
- Adopted staggered working hours or flex-time scheduling for cases in which employees must report to work
- Suspended all business trip
- Requested that partners refrain from visiting Group companies whenever possible
- Implemented thorough health and safety measures (wearing masks, body temperature checks, abstaining from direct contact with external parties, etc.)
- Manufactured masks for company employees in plants in China

Financial Highlights Consolidated Performance for the Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2020







Net income attributable to owners of the parent ¥1,565 million



## Overview by Segment (Consolidated)



Note: The figure above includes intersegment sales.







# Products

#### Horn tweeter

#### T500A MkⅢ



Further developed from the original T500A model launched in 1992, this maximum-grade horn super tweeter features a pure magnesium ring-shaped diaphragm; a horn and an equalizer that have been precisely cut and processed with brass; and a distortion-reducing internal alnico magnetic circuit.

Price (for reference): ¥125,000 (not including consumption tax; limited production)

#### Network-compatible monitor speaker

6301DT



The 6301 series of monitor speakers is famous for its status as a bestseller that is widely used to support the operations of broadcasting stations and as a top seller in the installation market for over 30 years. This new model (scheduled for release in August) is compatible with the Dante<sup>™</sup> ethernetbased digital audio network, which is rapidly gaining popularity.

Note: Dante is a registered trademark of Audinate Pty. Ltd.

Price (for reference): ¥60,000 (not including consumption tax)

#### Information regarding Shareholder Incentives

Through FOSTEX ONLINE SHOP, our e-commerce site (in japanese only), we will provide the following discounts to all shareholders recorded in our shareholder registry as of March 31, 2020:



**Group Companies** 

The Group operates 38 bases in 12 countries and regions worldwide as bases for development, manufacturing, and sales activities. We have established a sophisticated production system integrating processes from components manufacturing to finished goods manufacturing.



### **Company Information**

#### Company Profile (As of March 31, 2020)

Company Name:	Foster Electric Company, Limited
Founded:	June 20, 1949
Common Stock:	¥6,770,360,135 Listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange
Headquarters:	1-1-109, Tsutsujigaoka, Akishima City, Tokyo, 196-8550, Japan Phone:+81-42-546-2311 (switchboard)
Number of employees:	20,677 Number includes our outsourcee in Panyu, China
URL:	https://www.foster-electric.com

#### Directors and Corporate Auditors (As of June 24, 2020)

CEO:	Hiromi Yoshizawa	Senior Executive Officer:		Terushige Nagasawa
COO:	Atsushi Narikawa	Se	nior Executive Officer:	Takuro Yamaguchi
Senior Managing Director:	Lu San Tie	Se	nior Executive Officer:	Masatoshi Kohama
Managing Director:	Kazuhiro Kishi	Se	Senior Executive Officer: Tatsuhito Tanaka	
Director:	Hidetoshi Shirakawa	Se	nior Executive Officer:	Ryoji Otowa
Director <sup>*1</sup> :	Minoru Matsumoto	E>	xecutive Officer:	Yasuhide Takahara
Director <sup>*1</sup> :	Chieko Matsuda	E>	xecutive Officer:	Naoki Kanai
Director <sup>*1</sup> :	Yasuhiro Goto	E>	xecutive Officer:	Yuji Harada
Standing Corporate Auditor:	Tsutomu Inokuma	E>	xecutive Officer:	Hiroki Miura
Corporate Auditor <sup>*2</sup> :	Takuma Ino	E>	xecutive Officer:	Yuji Sakuta
Corporate Auditor <sup>*2</sup> :	Takashi Suzuki	E>	xecutive Officer:	Roy Ching-Sheng Chen
Corporate Auditor"2:	Satoko Kimoto	E	xecutive Officer:	Oh In-Yong

\*1: Minoru Matsumoto, Chieko Matsuda, and Yasuhiro Goto are Independent Directors. \*2: Takuma Ino, Takashi Suzuki, and Satoko Kimoto are Independent Corporate Auditors.

#### Information for Shareholders

Notice

Fiscal Year:	From April 1 to March 31 of each year	
Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders:	June of each year	
Record date:	Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders: March 31 Year-end dividends: March 31 Interim dividends: September 30	
Number of Unit ("tangen") Shares:	100	
Transfer Agent Transfer Agent Branch:	Stock Transfer Agency Department, Head Office of Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. 1-2-1, Yaesu, Chuo-ku, Tokyo	
Media for Public Notice:	Nihon Keizai Shimbun (daily newspaper) issued in the Metropolis of Tokyo	

#### **Stock Information**

Status of Shares (As of March 31, 2020)

 
 Total number of shares authorized to be issued by the Company:
 Distribution of Shareholders by Shareholder Type

 80,000,000 shares
 Foreign entities, etc.
 Individuals institutions

Total number of shares issued: 26,000,000 shares

Number of shareholders: 5,660



Major Shareholders

Shareholder's Name	Number of Shares Held (Thousands)	Ratio of Shares Held (%)
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (trust account)	1,799	7.8
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (trust account)	1,284	5.6
Mizuho Bank, Ltd.	1,016	4.4
GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY	973	4.2
MUFG Bank, Ltd.	945	4.1
The Bank of New York Mellon 140044	570	2.5
The Bank of New York Mellon 140042	506	2.2
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (trust account 9)	499	2.1
Showa Aircraft Industry Co., Ltd.	446	1.9
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Treasury stock (3,195,624 shares) is excluded for the calculation of the "Ratio of Shares Held."

# Inquiries for Handling of Stocks Shareholders who have an account at a securities company The securities company with which you have a business connection Shareholders who have a special account Stock Transfer Agency Department, Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. Shareholders are not allowed to make any stock transactions other than the purchase of shares less than one unit (Tanger). Stock Transfer Agency Department, Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. Payment of unpaid dividends Head office and branches nationwide of Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd., and Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

## Information on Individual Number System relating to stocks

Your Individual Number notified by your local government is required for tax procedures relating to stocks. For this reason, shareholders must notify their stockbrokers of their Individual Numbers.

Contact Information for Inquiries about Individual Number Notifications

If your shares are in an account managed by a securities company or stockbroker: Please contact your broker. If your shares are not managed through a securities company or stockbroker: Stock Transfer Agency Department, Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.

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