

FY2025 1Q Financial Results Conference Call Presentation Summary
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Good afternoon, everyone. I'm Yuichiro Wakatsuki, Co-President of Nippon Paint Holdings.

Thank you for taking the time to join today's conference call to review our financial results for the first quarter of 2025.

Supplementary Information

Analysis of operating results

In this document, we present our operating results in two formats: the reported basis ("Tanshin") and the adjusted basis ("Non-GAAP").

The analysis of factors contributing to changes primarily utilize Non-GAAP data, except for QoQ analysis

- The Tanshin basis reflects financial metrics that are identical or consistent with those in the consolidated financial statements, matching the figures disclosed in our financial reports
- The Non-GAAP basis presents Tanshin figures adjusted for FX impact and excludes one-off factors (subsidiaries, etc., M&A-related expenses, new consolidation, etc.) to accurately depict the YoY changes in earnings

	Tanshin	Non-GAAP
Exchange rates applied	FX for the corresponding quarter	Prior quarter FX for both current/prior reporting period
One-off factors (Subsidies, etc., M&A-related expenses, new consolidation, etc.)	Included	Excluded

FX rates used

	P/L: average rate								F/P: closing rate		(For reference) Estimates of FX sensitivity	
	FY2024				FY2025				FY2024	FY2025	Impact per 1 yen change (FY2024 full-year impact)	
	3M	6M	9M	F/Y	3M	6M	9M	F/Y	As of Dec. 31	As of Mar. 31	Revenue	Operating profit
JPY/USD	149.9	154.1	151.6	152.2	151.2	-	-	-	148.0	149.5	RMB	c. ¥28.9 bn
JPY/RMB	20.8	21.3	21.1	21.1	20.8	-	-	-	20.5	20.6	AUD	c. ¥3.2 bn
JPY/AUD	97.8	101.2	100.5	100.1	94.3	-	-	-	92.0	94.0		c. ¥0.4 bn
JPY/EUR	162.2	166.1	164.6	164.4	159.3	-	-	-	153.9	162.1		
JPY/TRY ¹	4.7	4.9	4.2	4.5	4.0	-	-	-	4.1	4.0	USD (FY2025 forecast) ²	c. ¥1.9 bn
JPY/IDR	0.0095	0.0096	0.0095	0.0096	0.0092	-	-	-	0.0098	0.0090		c. ¥0.4 bn

Terminology

•RMCC	:	Raw Material Cost Contribution	•CC	:	Construction Chemicals
•CCM	:	Computerized Color Matching	•NPCS	:	Nippon Paint Corporate Solutions
•ETICS	:	External Thermal Insulation Composite System	•c.	:	Circa (approximately)
•SAF	:	Sealants, Adhesives & Fillers			

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¹ Closing rates are used following the application of hyperinflationary accounting

² Our current forecast that includes AOC's 10-month earnings. AOC's PPA, which accounts for inventory step-up costs and other one-off expenses, reflects our current assumptions

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Before we turn to our financial results, I'd like to begin by confirming that we are maintaining the financial guidance announced in April.

We continue to believe that the targets shared in February and April are achievable across all regions. However, it's important to note that the foreign exchange assumptions announced in April, JPY 148 to 1 USD and JPY 20.5 to 1 RMB, have been subject to some fluctuation. During the first quarter, the yen weakened slightly compared to these assumptions, and exchange rates have remained highly volatile since April. Given this ongoing volatility, there is a possibility that future FX movements could impact our performance relative to the April guidance.

For reference, the table on the right-hand side of the slide provides our estimates of full-year FX sensitivity. Please note that the USD sensitivity figure includes the impact on AOC's earnings for the 10-month consolidation period.

1. FY2025 1Q Operating Results: Record Revenue and Operating Profit Achieved

FY2025 1Q ^{*1}		
(Tanshin)		
(Billion yen)	Results	YoY
Revenue	405.7	+5.6% (+7.6%)
Operating Profit	51.4	+24.7%
OP margin	12.7%	+190 bps
(Non-GAAP)		
(Billion yen)	Results	YoY
Revenue	382.6	-0.3% (+1.6%)
Operating Profit	45.1	+7.0%
OP margin	11.8%	+80 bps

◆ **Tanshin**

- Revenue increased by 5.6% YoY, driven by volume growth primarily in decorative paints and incremental contributions from newly consolidated entities (the inclusion of three months of earnings from the India businesses and one month from AOC); Revenue would have increased by 7.6% under comparable conditions, assuming the change of the agent model for the trading business in China's decorative business had been implemented in FY2024 1Q (hereinafter, "under comparable conditions")
- Operating profit surged by 24.7%, despite recognizing a portion of AOC acquisition expenses, supported by improved RMCC ratio and contributions from new consolidations; excluding AOC's PPA because it is not yet finalized
- OP margin expanded by 190 bps to 12.7%
- Hyperinflationary accounting treatment continued in Türkiye (1Q impact: revenue c. -¥0.4 bn, operating profit c. -¥1.3 bn)

◆ **Non-GAAP**

- Consolidated revenue decreased by 0.3% (increased by 1.6% under comparable conditions) due to a change in operational model of China TUC's trading business
- China's decorative revenue increased by 5% driven by higher sales volume in TUC across all regions. In TUB, revenue is down 10% compared to last year with real estate market remaining lackluster
- China's total revenue decreased by 1.9% (an increase of 3.8% under comparable conditions) and operating profit increased by 13.0% due to lower RMCC ratio

Revenue YoY analysis	Paint and Coatings Business			Adjacencies business	FX	New consolidation
	Volumes	Price/Mix	Paint (others) ^{*2}			
	c. +2%	c. 0%	c. -2% (c. +0%)			

*1 Figures for FY2024 1Q has been restated retrospectively following the finalization of PPA for Alina (Kazakhstan). The same applies to following slides
*2 Products within the Paint and Coatings Business that have significantly different unit prices and volumes compared to paint products, such as semi-finished products and fine chemicals, are disclosed separately from volume and price/mix data in the above graph to provide more accurate information

Let me now summarize the key highlights of our performance in the first quarter of 2025.

On a Tanshin basis, revenue reached ¥405.7 billion, representing a 5.6% increase year-on-year. Operating profit rose significantly to ¥51.4 billion, a 24.7% increase, setting a new all-time high for any quarter. Revenue also reached a record high for the first quarter. These results reflect the positive impact of business consolidation, including three months of earnings from our India operations and one month from AOC. In addition, the operating profit margin improved, supported in part by AOC's contribution to overall profitability.

I would like to highlight two key points.

First, regarding revenue from NIPSEA China: as explained in February, we changed the agent model for the trading business within the decorative segment. When we adjust for this change, referred to here as "under comparable conditions" with 2024, consolidated revenue actually increased by 7.6%, rather than the reported 5.6%. Similarly, consolidated Non-GAAP revenue showed a 1.6% increase, instead of the reported 0.3% decline, under these comparable conditions.

Second, AOC delivered a strong operating profit margin of 35.6% in the first quarter. It's important to note that this figure is reported before purchase price allocation (PPA) adjustments and excludes amortization of intangible assets and one-off inventory step-up costs. The PPA process is expected to be finalized in the second half of 2025. Once completed, amortization costs will be retrospectively applied to the quarter in which the adjustments are finalized. From the next quarter onward, we expect AOC's margin to normalize accordingly. Additionally, acquisition-related expenses totaling approximately ¥1.1 billion were recorded as adjustment items in the consolidated financial statements of Nippon Paint Holdings.

On a Non-GAAP basis, excluding the effects of foreign exchange, contributions from newly consolidated businesses, and other one-off items, and under comparable conditions, revenue increased by 1.6%, while operating profit grew by 7%. In NIPSEA China's decorative business, TUC revenue increased by 5%, whereas TUB revenue declined by 10%. For NIPSEA China overall, Non-GAAP revenue rose by 3.8%, and operating profit increased by 13%, both under comparable conditions.

With regard to the potential impact of U.S. tariffs, our Group primarily follows a local production for local consumption model, resulting in limited import or export of finished products to and from the U.S. Similarly, most raw materials are sourced locally within each region. As a result, we expect the direct, short-term impact of these tariffs to be minimal. That said, we are closely monitoring developments, particularly the responses of raw material suppliers and the production trends of our customers in the automotive and industrial segments. Looking at the medium to long term, as we have consistently emphasized, demand for paints, especially decorative paints, tends to move in line with GDP growth. While broader economic sentiment may influence paint consumption, we believe any resulting impact will remain within manageable levels from a Group-wide perspective.

While exchange rate fluctuations have limited impact on our underlying business performance in local currency terms, since we are not an export-oriented company, they can affect our yen-based consolidated financial results.

2. Raw Material Market Conditions and Operational Impact

Despite ongoing price fluctuations across regions and raw material categories, no material change in the RMCC expected

FY2025 1Q

- Crude oil prices rose by 5% and naphtha spot prices by over 1% compared to their average levels in FY2024 4Q, driven by persistent global economic weakness, concerns over easing oil supply/demand, rising tensions surrounding U.S. tariff policies, intensified sanctions on oil-producing nations, and the resurgence of conflicts in the Middle East
- In China, market raw material prices have risen slightly as many suppliers are operating on thin margins and faced pressures to increase pricing and/or cut volumes
- Japanese suppliers have continued implement price increases to preserve profit margins and offset rising costs, while exchange rates have remained stable relative to end-December levels
- Under these conditions, our gross profit margin improved by +250 bps YoY (+280 bps QoQ)

◆ Gross profit margin

FY2023 1Q	FY2023 2Q	FY2023 3Q	FY2023 4Q	FY2023
39.3%	40.0%	39.7%	40.6%	39.9%
FY2024 1Q	FY2024 2Q	FY2024 3Q	FY2024 4Q	FY2024
40.4%	40.2%	39.8%	40.1%	40.1%
FY2025 1Q	YoY	QoQ		
42.9%	+250 bps	+280 bps		

FY2025 2Q and beyond

- The imposition of mutual tariffs by the U.S. government led to a 17.5% decline in crude oil prices and a 14.7% drop in naphtha spot prices as of end-April, compared to end-March; both prices are currently fluctuating within a narrow range
- Despite continued weakness in global demand, many international suppliers are raising prices to protect profit margins, heightening concerns over price volatility
- In China, raw materials prices are expected to remain stable with a slight downward trend due to reduced demand stemming from tariff impact
- In Japan, while the yen has started to appreciate, the overall business environment remains largely unchanged, with suppliers continuing to raise prices to protect margins and pass on rising costs
- Despite fluctuations in regional and raw material prices, no significant change is expected in the Group's overall RMCC ratio

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We do not expect any significant overall changes in raw material cost trends, although conditions continue to vary by region. In China, while market prices remained relatively elevated during the first quarter, our raw material cost contribution ratio improved.

4. Summary of Operating Results in Major Segments

(Billion yen)		Tanshin		Non-GAAP		Overview
		FY2025 1Q	YoY	FY2025 1Q	YoY	
Japan	Revenue	48.4	+4.1%	48.4	+4.2%	Higher revenue driven by a rebound in automotive sales and price adjustments in industrial business, which more than offset flat decorative revenue
	OP	4.4	+19.2%	4.4	+19.1%	Higher profit due to higher revenue, along with lower RMCC ratio and SG&A ratio
NIPSEA China	Revenue	127.6	-2.1% (+3.6%*)	127.3	-1.9% (+3.8%*)	China's total revenue decreased by 1.9% (revenue would have increased by 3.8% under comparable conditions, assuming that the change of the agent model for the trading business in China's decorative business had been implemented in FY2024 1Q), supported by TUC's growth in sales volume across all regions, which offset the lower TUB performance still reeling from the weak property market
	OP	19.3	+12.6%	18.8	+13.0%	Higher profit, despite lower revenue, due to lower RMCC ratio
NIPSEA Except China	Revenue	94.3	+9.7%	85.1	-1.0%	Revenue flat as growth from Malaysia Group, Singapore Group and PT Nipsea (Indonesia) was offset by decline in Türkiye
	OP	15.5	+20.2%	14.2	+0.4%	Profit flat, despite lower revenue, due to a slight decrease in RMCC ratio
DGL (Pacific)	Revenue	56.0	-2.2%	58.1	+1.5%	Higher revenue driven by decorative growth with small share gains and price inflation / mix benefit
	OP	7.3	+9.9%	7.6	+14.1%	Profit higher from revenue growth and lower SG&A (timing of marketing and other SG&A spend)
DGL (Europe)	Revenue	33.8	-5.7%	34.7	-3.3%	Revenue down due to soft market volumes, competitive pricing pressures / mix impact in France and weaker ETICS demand
	OP	0.0	-95.0%	0.0	-94.9%	Profit decline due to lower revenue
Americas	Revenue	28.9	+1.4%	29.1	+1.9%	Higher revenue, despite flat growth in the automotive business, driven by strong sales growth in Northern California market for decorative business
	OP	1.1	-10.3%	1.2	-2.0%	Profit held largely steady despite an improved RMCC ratio, due to increased investment*2 in the decorative business in Northern California
AOC	Revenue	16.8*3	-	-	-	Market demand modestly lower primarily due to weaker macroeconomic conditions
	OP	6.0*3	-	-	-	Weaker market demand offset partially by sales margin and operating cost productivity improvements

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*1 Assuming that the change of the agent model for the trading business in China's decorative business had been implemented in FY2024

*2 Opened 17 new stores by the end of May 2024 at locations where a competitor had closed their stores. *3 One-month earnings, excluding PPA because it is not yet finalized

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I will skip the heat map shown on page 5 and move directly to page 6, which provides an overview of the performance across our key business segments. While we will cover specific details during the Q&A session, I would like to offer a brief summary of each segment.

1. Japan Segment: Revenue grew by 4%, supported by a strong recovery in the automotive business, which saw double-digit growth due to a rebound in auto production from last year's lower levels. Additional contributions came from expanded sales of new products in the decorative business and price increases in the industrial business. Operating profit increased by 19%, driven by higher revenue, an improved product mix, and cost reductions across various areas.
2. NIPSEA China: The macroeconomic environment in China remains relatively challenging. Despite this, the TUC segment delivered solid performance, with volume growth recorded across all regions. In the automotive business, revenue increased, supported by higher auto production and expanded sales to Chinese OEMs. For NIPSEA China overall, we achieved price increases, a more favorable product mix, and a lower raw material cost contribution ratio. These factors contributed to a meaningful improvement in operating profit margin, even without adjusting for the change in trading model. As we have consistently emphasized, we delivered firm and profitable growth.
3. NIPSEA Except China: Overall performance in this region remained solid, with strong results in markets such as Indonesia. However, performance varied by country, with Türkiye being the exception. In Türkiye, revenue declined on both a Tanshin and Non-GAAP basis due to the absence of a sales uplift from promotional campaigns run in Q4 2024 and a deteriorating market environment caused by high interest rate policies aimed at curbing inflation. Despite these headwinds, our Türkiye operations maintained firm profitability, achieving a double-digit operating profit margin. This was supported in part by

a lower raw material cost contribution ratio, even after applying hyperinflationary accounting treatment.

4. DuluxGroup: DGL (Pacific) delivered revenue growth despite broadly flat market conditions. This was driven by price increases and an improved product mix. Operating profit margin also improved, supported by reductions in SG&A expenses, resulting in a 14% increase in Non-GAAP operating profit. In contrast, DGL (Europe) saw a decline in operating profit, reflecting continued weakness in the French market, which contracted by nearly 5% in the first quarter. However, as the first quarter typically represents a seasonal low-demand period following the fourth quarter, we remain cautiously optimistic about a potential recovery starting in the second quarter and beyond.
5. Americas: In the automotive business, revenue remained largely flat, as a modest gain in market share helped offset the impact of ongoing market challenges. In the decorative business, revenue grew, driven by price increases and the continued expansion of store locations in Northern California, despite adverse weather conditions in March.
6. AOC: As noted earlier, the first quarter reflects only one month of AOC's earnings contribution, as PPA adjustments are still in progress. Despite a challenging market environment, marked by the absence of expected interest rate cuts and a slight softening in demand, AOC maintained a very high operating profit margin, reinforcing our unchanged outlook for strong profit contributions. In addition, we have identified significant synergy opportunities, particularly in procurement, that benefit both AOC and Nippon Paint Group. We are making steady progress in capturing these synergies and are focused on realizing them as early as possible.

5. Major Topics

Grand Prize at the 4th NIKKEI Integrated Report Awards (Announced on February 28)

- Received the highest honor, the Grand Prize, at the 4th NIKKEI Integrated Report Awards, hosted by Nikkei Inc. (We were honored with the Grand Prize G, the second-highest distinction, at the 3rd NIKKEI Integrated Report Awards in 2024)
- Building on this prestigious recognition, we remain dedicated to continuously enhancing our Integrated Report, ensuring greater depth and clarity while actively engaging with investors and stakeholders worldwide



Appointment of New Independent Director (Resolved on March 27)

- Resolved the election of Directors at the 200th annual general meeting of shareholders: One newly appointed, eight reappointed, and one retired
- Six of the nine Directors are Independent Directors

Andrew Larke



Reason for selection

His deep industry experience and knowledge of chemicals and coatings, as well as his extensive experience in capital markets including in M&A

Past experience and positions

April 2006	Orica Limited Executive Global Head of Strategy, Planning and M&A
October 2010	DuluxGroup Limited Non-Executive Director (current)
February 2013	Orica Limited Executive Global Head Chemicals
February 2015	Ixom chemicals Managing Director and CEO
March 2015	Diversified United Investment Limited Non-Executive Director (current)
October 2015	Ixom Pty Ltd Chairman
January 2018	L1 Long Short Fund Limited Independent Chairman (current)
February 2019	Ixom Holdings Pty Ltd Chairman (current)
July 2024	Aspire2 Group Limited Chairman (current)

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Next, I'd like to highlight two key topics, beginning with our Integrated Report.

We are honored to share that our Integrated Report received the Grand Prize at this year's NIKKEI Integrated Report Awards, an upgrade from the Grand Prize G Award we received last year. This achievement reflects the strong collaboration between our executive team and Independent Directors in articulating the Nippon Paint Group's long-term growth story. Our sole mission, Maximization of Shareholder Value (MSV), remains a clear and powerful message. However, we recognize the challenge of keeping the message engaging and relevant with each annual publication. That's why we remain committed to continually refining the content and presentation of the Report, no matter how modest, to enhance its value for investors. We greatly appreciate your continued input and feedback to support these efforts.

Second, I'd like to touch on the recent appointment of a new Independent Director. At the General Meeting of Shareholders held in March, Andrew Larke was appointed as an Independent Director of Nippon Paint Holdings. Mr. Larke has served as a Non-Executive Director of DuluxGroup since its time as a listed company on the ASX and continued to play a key role in overseeing DuluxGroup's governance following its acquisition by NPHD. He has worked closely with Wee Siew Kim, Goh Hup Jin, and myself during this time. Having strongly aligned with our sole mission, Maximization of Shareholder Value (MSV), he has graciously accepted the role at the NPHD Board. Following his appointment, our Board structure remains unchanged: six of the nine members are Independent Directors, and four of the nine are non-Japanese. This diversity reinforces our commitment to safeguarding the interests of minority shareholders and advancing our mission of MSV.

Thank you for your attention.