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#### Notice unveiling new Three-Year Strategic Plan, "Mid-Term Plan 2026"

ASICS Corporation (the "Company") hereby announces the establishment of the new Three-Year Strategic Plan for 2026, the "Mid-Term Plan 2026." Based on this plan, the Company will continue to promote "Global" and "Digital" toward achieving VISION 2030, and aim for sustainable growth.

The specific contents of the "Mid-Term Plan 2026" are as follows.

Mid-Term Plan 2026

- Effective Period: From January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026
- 1. Index
- Financial Index
  - ✓ Operating Income
  - ✓ Operating Income Ratio
  - ✓ Sales CAGR
  - ✓ ROA
  - ✓ Total Return Ratio
- Non-Financial Index
  - ✓ OneASICS Membership
  - ✓ Employee Engagement Score
  - ✓ Ratio of Employee with Disabilities in Japan
  - ✓ Ratio of Female Managers
- 2. Management Direction
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- 3. Strategic Priorities
- Global Growth
  - $\checkmark$  Growth in each category
  - $\checkmark$  Sustainable growth of existing revenue base regions
  - $\checkmark$  Establishment of a footprint in high-growth regions
- Enhancement of Brand Experience Value
  - $\checkmark$  Optimal channel mix
  - ✓ Expansion of the Ecosystem
  - ✓ Strengthening of innovation

80 billion yen or more Around 12% 7-10% Around 10% 50% during the "Mid-Term Plan 2026" Period

30 million or more 70 4.0% 40% or more

- Operational Excellence
  - ✓ Strengthening of data governance
  - ✓ Improvement of demand forecast accuracy and PSI management
  - ✓ Establishment of an integrated production system for manufacturing and sales
- Reinforcement of Business Foundation
  - ✓ Promotion of digital transformation
  - ✓ Promotion of sustainability initiatives
  - ✓ Investment in human capital
  - ✓ Financial strategy
  - ✓ Strengthening of corporate governance

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# **MID-TERM PLAN 2026**

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# **Review of Mid-Term Plan 2023**



2023 Forecast		MTP2023 Original Plan**	
OI	52 billion JPY	~	25 billion JPY
01%	9.1%	~	6.0% or more
ROA	6.3%	~	4.0%
EC Sales Growth	3.4 times compared to 2019	~	3 times or more compared to 2019
OneASICS Membership	9 million people (4.5 times compared to 2019)	~	5 million or more people (3 times or more compared to 2019)
Percentage Reduction of CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions	15%	~	15% CO <sub>2</sub> emissions reduction per product compared to 2015
Percentage of Female Managers	38%	~	35%

\*2023 Forecast: Estimated figures as of Q3 results \*\*MTP2023 Original Plan: as of February 2021 announcement

#### Achievements: Shift to a Growth Path

- Established the Category Management Structure, and achieved sales and profit targets substantially
- P.RUN, CPS, SPS and OT achieved their targets significantly
- Europe and Greater China drove company-wide profits, profitability improved in Japan, and high-growth countries grew rapidly
- Acquired race registration companies to expand consumer touchpoints and OneASICS membership, and accelerated E-Commerce

#### **Ongoing Efforts: Further Promotion of "Global" x "Digital"**

- Further promote the global management structure
- Provide premium brand experiences through the Ecosystem
- Maximize operational efficiency and profitability through digital technology

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## **Business Environment in 2026**

Recognizing the post-COVID world, further acceleration of the digital revolution, the urgency of sustainability, and the expansion of sports market as significant environmental changes

### The world after COVID-19

- Increase in health consciousness and sports participation
- Growing importance of geopolitical risk hedging
- Work style innovations through new technologies

#### **Urgency of sustainability**

- Sports environment transformation due to climate change
- Increase in regulations of human rights due diligence and transparency obligations especially in Europe
- Promotion of diversity and environmental considerations at sporting events

#### **Acceleration of digital revolution**

- Rapid development of **AI and machine learning** such as generative AI
- Spread of innovative services using digital technology and fostering of a new sports culture
- Improvement of **the efficiency of corporate activities** through the full use of digital technology

#### **Expansion of sports market**

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- Expansion of the sports market in high-growth regions
- Growth of casual and enjoyable sports such as padel, pickleball, and esports
- Development of social infrastructure for sports implementation

# **ASICS Materiality**

Importance to Social Value Creation & Impact

Setting nine materialities based on the social environment in 2026 to realize "Sound Mind, Sound Body"



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# **Overview of Mid-Term Plan 2026**

### Sound Mind, Sound Body

VISION 2030: Creating a world in which we can all live healthfully both mentally and physically, maintaining involvement with exercise and sports over our entire lifetime

Management Direction

### Transformation to a Global Integrated Enterprise

	Global Growth	Enhancement of Brand Experience Value	<b>Operational Excellence</b>	
			Strengthening of data governance	
•	Growth in each category		Improvement of demand	
•	Sustainable growth in existing revenue	Optimal channel mix	forecast accuracy and strengthening of	
	base regions	• Expansion of the Ecosystem	PSI management	
•	Establishment of a footprint in high-growth	Strengthening of innovation	• Establishment of a production	
	regions		system that integrates	
			manufacturing and sales	
	Reinforcement of Business Foundation			
	Digital / Sustainability / Human Capital / Finance / Governance			

### Steady growth to achieve No.1 profitability in the global industry



FX rate	USD	EUR	RMB
2021 Actual	109.78yen	130.06yen	17.03yen
2022 Actual	130.54yen	137.76yen	19.38yen
2023 Forecast	140.00yen	150.00yen	19.50yen
2024-2026 Plan	140.00yen	150.00yen	19.50yen

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# 2026 SGA Control

### Strengthening of checking and review by cost owners and realization of disciplined expense control for growth



#### Personnel expenses

• Achieve an optimal number of personnel, and design an optimal compensation system aiming for a ratio to sales of 13% by 2026

#### Advertising expenses

Control the ratio to sales at 8%

• Disciplined management with a view of the actual expenditure amount



• Control within the scope of sales growth by optimizing operations, etc.

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# **Transformation to a Global Integrated Enterprise**

### Achievement of further global and dynamic management

#### Mid-Term Plan 2023: Multinational Enterprise

- Established regional sales companies globally, including high-growth countries
- The headquarters is responsible for management, product development, and production, while regions are responsible for product sales

#### Mid-Term Plan 2026: Global Integrated Enterprise (GIE)

- Establish an organizational category management system by strengthening cooperation between the headquarters and regional business companies
- Regional business companies are placed directly under COO and responsible for more than product sales
- Utilize and develop global human resources
- Fully leverage worldwide common IT platform and data sets



\*The maps are for conceptual illustrations

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## **Category Growth Strategy:**

## Further Growth in Running and Acceleration of Growth in the Next Pillar Categories



# **ASICS Market Share in Running Footwear Market**



### Becoming the No.1 Performance Running Footwear Brand

Market share: Calculated by ASICS based on data from our research firms in our target markets as well as data from our research firms Europe: Circana Europe Consumer Panel: Made and Used For Running Footwear Adult / EUR 90 or more / 2022, the U.S.: Running specialty, Japan: Compete India: Running Footwear 90USD or more, Australia and Southeast Asia: Running Footwear Market CAGR: Calculated by ASICS based on Euromonitor Performance Footwear market size

# **Category Growth Strategy: Performance Running Footwear (P.RUN)**



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• Expand profits through the omnichannel

# **Category Growth Strategy: Core Performance Sports Footwear (CPS)**







# **Category Growth Strategy: Apparel & Equipment (APEQ)**







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# Category Growth Strategy: Sportstyle (SPS)





### **Establishment of a Premium Active Lifestyle Brand**



• Strengthen the brand foundation for growth in the U.S. and high-growth regions

# Category Growth Strategy: Onitsuka Tiger (OT)





### Establishment of a Luxury Lifestyle Brand to achieve 100 billion JPY in sales

# **Regional Growth Strategy**

XIncl. Onitsuka Tiger

23 Forecast 26 Plan Accelerated Growth Stable Growth

Profit Improvement



### Sustainable growth in profitable regions

High growth

\*Southeast Asia: Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam

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# **Regional Growth Strategy: Greater China as a Growth Driver**

### Maintenance of high profitability and further acceleration of growth



# Acceleration of growth in other categories with a focus on Running

- Expand the market share in Running
- Accelerate growth in Tennis, Sportstyle, Kids, and Onitsuka Tiger

# Acquisition of new customers and further improvement of profitability through the use of digitalization

- Develop a Chinese version of OneASICS
- Promote an omnichannel strategy
- Expand business in cities where economic growth is expected

#### Strengthening of the China Division

- Strengthen governance in local production
- Exercise brand management to establish a premium position

# **Regional Growth Strategy: Sustainable Growth in Europe**

# Early achievement of 150 billion JPY in sales and driving of global growth through profits and brand presence



Sales CAGR: Around 5%

### Overwhelming No.1 position in Running and Tennis

- Strengthen initiatives to achieve the No.1 market share in five countries\*
- Execute product, sales, and marketing strategies in accordance with the brand position in each country
- Expand Sportstyle and establish a premium brand by taking advantage of the brand's No.1 position in Running and Tennis

\*France, Germany, UK, Italy, and Spain

#### Building of the Running Ecosystem

- Expand EC with a focus on OneASICS
- Expand touchpoints with runners through Njuko, a race registration company
- Build a unique ecosystem in Europe with external partners

#### Further enhancement of the brand value

- Promote the brand through sporting events and international competitions
- Be preferred by consumers and customers
- Improve operational efficiency

# **Regional Growth Strategy: Strengthening the Profit Structure in Japan**

### Improvement of brand presence and profitability, and creation of sustainable profits



Sales

\*Figures for "Japan" in this section exclude the Walking business, etc. to be transferred to ASICS Trading at the beginning of FY2024 from the figures for ASICS Japan Corporation, for the sake of comparability with other regions

#### No.1 in Running and CPS focus category

- Running footwear: achieve the No.1 market share in the competition segment
- Achieve the No.1 market share for high-priced Tennis, Soccer, and Basketball footwear
- Become the No.1 brand in the working footwear market
- Onitsuka Tiger: Establish a luxury lifestyle brand position by implementing sub-brand strategies and promoting the omnichannel



Improvement of customer experience value with digital technology and OneASICS, and increase in lifetime customers

- Increase lifetime customers through the DTC omnichannel and consistent brand experience value
- Expand personalized brand experiences for OneASICS membership
- Strengthen the Running Ecosystem with Runkeeper and R-bies

#### Sustainable creation of healthy profits

- Improve profits through optimal category mix, channel mix, and merchandising mix
- Further increase the DTC ratio and strengthen initiative with wholesale strategic partners
- Realize reform and improve efficiency of operations using digital technology

# **Regional Growth Strategy: Completion of the Reform in North America**

### Shift to a profitable structure through fundamental profit restructuring



### No.1 in Running and Tennis footwear

- Running: achieve the No.1 market share in Running specialty footwear in 2025
- Tennis: Focus on specialty stores, sporting goods, and team businesses
- Establish a global product creation company in Boston, the U.S. to promote quick product planning and development

#### Improvement of profits through optimal channel mix

- Maximize profits for each channel through the effective execution of sales channel strategies
- Improve the quality of business with wholesale accounts

#### Toward a premium brand for target customers

- Focus on high-value-added products
- Establish the Running Ecosystem, and maximize customer lifetime value by utilizing OneASICS and digital technology

Sales CAGR: Around 5%

# **Regional Growth Strategy: Growth Acceleration in Asia**

### Sales in each country: Early achievement of \$100 million including Onitsuka Tiger



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# **Enhancement of Brand Experience Value**



Founding Philosophy Anima Sana In Corpore Sano Sound Mind, Sound Body Expansion of customer touchpoints through own DTC Retail and EC

Expand direct communication with customers through OneASICS and digital technology
Achieve an optimal channel mix and build a consistent brand image

VISION 2030 Creating a world in which we can all live healthfully both mentally and physically, maintaining involvement with exercise and sports over our entire lifetime

MTP2026To Become the Most Preferred,Brand DirectionPremium Sports Brand for the Lifetime Athletes

# Provision of high-value-added brand experiences by expanding the Ecosystem

- Fully support the self-actualization of Lifetime Athletes through complete and high-quality products and services
- Maximize the value of customer experience by introducing new services and strengthening global expansion

Creation of innovative products, services, and business models

and sustainability

- Further strengthen innovation by establishing a Global Product Creation Company
  Build a new business model that combines digital technology, personalization,

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# Brand Strategy: Optimal Channel Mix for "Enhance Brand Experience Value"



# Brand Strategy: Expansion of the Running Ecosystem

### Expansion of the Running Ecosystem as the No.1 race registration platform and expansion to other categories



#### Full support for runners' goals and self-realization

- Maximize the experience value of runners and events through the No.1 infrastructure in the Running market
- Provide digital and personalized services centered on races
- Expand Running station services

#### Strengthening of cooperation with regional business companies

- Integrate the DTC omnichannel in each region
- Provide a unique service in each region based on the global direction

#### Ecosystem 2.0

- Execute POC for new services such as payment, travel, recovery, etc.
- Expand to other categories such as Tennis and Sportstyle

# **Brand Strategy: Strengthen Innovation (Product)**

#### Strengthening of product planning and development functions globally



#### Establishment of a new Global Product Creation Company

- Comprised of product management, designers, researchers and developers
- Establish the company in Boston
- Secure top talent and proceed with product development quickly

#### Deepening of ASICS Design Philosophy

- Deepen our unique design philosophy that incorporates both a scientific approach and human senses
- Solve each issue of Lifetime Athletes through products

#### Promotion of sustainable product development

- Strengthen product planning and development to further promote circular manufacturing
- Develop innovative products through new materials and technologies that contribute to CO  $_{\mbox{\tiny 2}}$  reduction

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# **Operational Excellence: Supply Chain Reform**

### **Optimization of inventory governance and the entire supply chain**

#### Days Inventory Outstanding (DIO): under **140** days (2023 FCST: 170 davs)



Transport (ocean and land)

#### **Order to Cash**

(From order receipt to AR collection)



#### **Order and Production**



#### Improvement of profitability through demand/supply/inventory optimization support

- Improve demand planning accuracy through data utilization Strengthen collaboration between product planning and production, sales, and inventory planning
- Improve SKU efficiency



#### **Execution of sophistication and efficiency of overall SCM** operations

• Build a governance system by improving operations

- Strengthen master data management to maximize data utilization
- Optimize consolidation of the production system and procurement risk management

#### **Optimization of ocean transport costs**

- Select an optimal forwarder (transport company)
- Improve the visibility of transportation conditions

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# **Reinforcement of Business Foundation: Digital Promotion**

### **Becoming a truly Digital-Driven Company**



# **Reinforcement of Business Foundation: Sustainability**



**Reduction of CO**<sub>2</sub> emissions

and CO<sub>2</sub> labeling

# **Reinforcement of Business Foundation: Investment in Human Capital**

# Establishment of an environment where talented individuals with diverse backgrounds can fully utilize their abilities



#### Realization of "Sound Mind, Sound Body" by employees

- Achieve the industry's highest level compensation system
- · Achieve a highly engaged workplace by promoting employee well-being
- Provide diverse working styles and growth opportunities utilizing digital technology

#### Utilization of human resources globally and dynamically

- Discover, nurture, and promote talented individuals who can work globally from around the world
- · Achieve the optimal number of personnel based on operational excellence
- Place talented individuals in suitable positions and achieving a personnel expense ratio of 13%



#### Promotion of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I)

- Improve the ratio of female in management positions
- · Promote the employment of people with disabilities and improve their work environment
- Realize a multinational executive composition

# **Reinforcement of Business Foundation: Financial Strategy**

#### Achievement of further growth through financial strategy with pursuit of capital efficiency

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### Proper allocation of growth investment funds

• Lead the execution of the growth strategies for MTP2026 from a financial perspective

#### Further improvement of capital efficiency

• Optimize capital levels

• Maximize operating cash flow by optimizing inventory levels, etc.



#### Appropriate balance between returns and growth

- Set a total return ratio of 50% and implement a progressive dividend policy
- Pursue balance with growth investment

# **Reinforcement of Business Foundation: Capital Allocation**

### Three-year cash flow expectations



# **Reinforcement of Business Foundation: Governance**

### Establish an ASICS-style governance structure aimed at achieving business goals



#### Enhancement of corporate governance structure

- Transition to a new corporate governance structure for the CEO and COO
- Improve the management and oversight functions of the Board of Directors
- Conduct constant two-way communication with stakeholders, including shareholders
- Further enhance global internal controls

#### Governance supporting global integrated management

Establish a Global Summit to discuss and share management issues and the direction among the HQ and regional business companies
Promote borderless use of human and intellectual capital between the headquarters and domestic and regional business companies

#### **Promotion of ESG management**

- Promote sustainable corporate management in line with the nine materialities that reflect our awareness of the business environment and our corporate philosophy
- Strengthen the disclosure of non-financial information including human and intellectual capital

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#### Achieved to build a profitable foundation and to develop a growth path in MTP2023 Further improve profitability through transformation to a "Global Integrated Enterprise" in MTP2026

Торіс	Index	2023 Original target	2023 Forecast	2026 Target
Brand	OneASICS Membership	5 million people	9 million people	30 million people
	DTC Ratio	N/A	38%	40% or more
	Operating Income	25 billion JPY	52 billion JPY	80 billion JPY or more
Profitability	Operating Income Ratio	6.0%	9.1%	Around 12%
Growth Potential	Sales CAGR	N/A	18%	7-10%
Inventory Efficiency	DIO	N/A	170 days	Under 140 days
Capital Efficiency	ROA	4.0%	6.3%	Around 10%
Return to Shareholders	Total Return Ratio (during MTP period)	50% or more	50% or more	50%
Social	Employee Engagement Score	N/A	65	70
	Ratio of Employee with Disabilities (only in Japan)	N/A	2.7%	4.0%
	Ratio of Female Managers	35%	38%	40% or more

