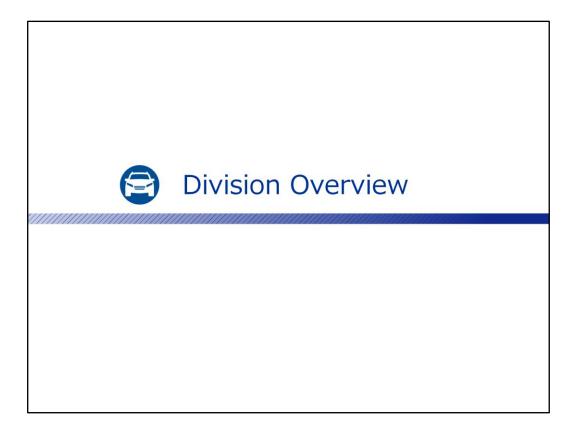
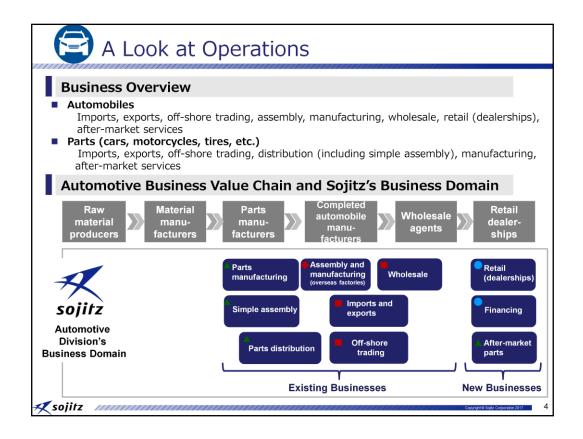




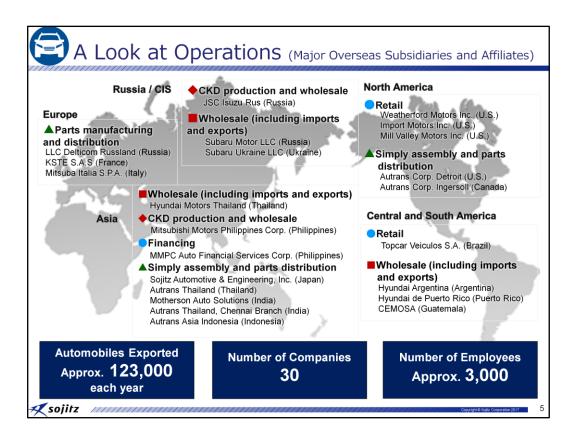
January 13, 2017 Sojitz Corporation Hiroto Murai Chief Operating Officer Automotive Division







- In the automobile industry's value chain, the Company is accelerating retail and dealership operations alongside existing businesses in fields such as parts manufacturing, completed automobile assembly, import and export, and wholesale.
- We are also developing auto financing and aftermarket parts businesses that arise from these operations.



- The Automotive Division operates an organization consisting of 30 companies with roughly 3,000 employees around the world. Our ability to effectively manage a business with such an organization is one of our strengths.
- Our business has grown to span the globe, beginning with Europe and expanding to encompass regions we specialize in, such as Russia, Asia, North America, and Central and South America. The experience gained through this business forms the foundation for our ongoing efforts to develop new revenue sources.



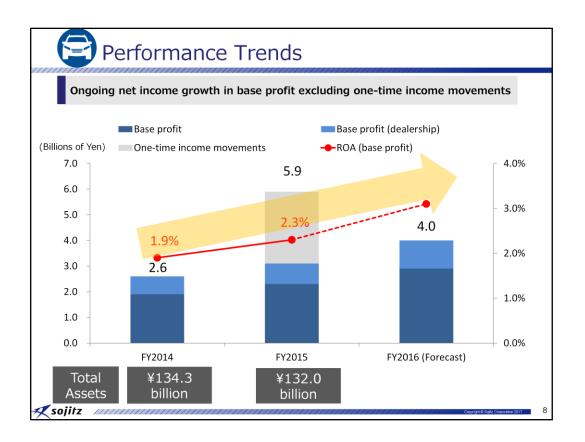


- In Medium-term Management Plan 2017, the Automotive Division defines its growth strategies and targets as revolving around incorporating market growth centered on emerging countries while expanding dealership businesses to develop a highly risk-resilient asset portfolio.
- We have established three key strategies for concrete strategies.

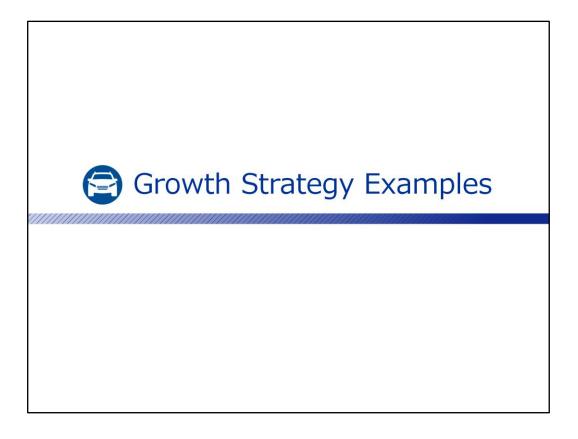
1. The first is the strengthening and refinement of existing businesses. This entails expanding, refining, and strengthening the automobile manufacturing and wholesales businesses in which we have years of experience.

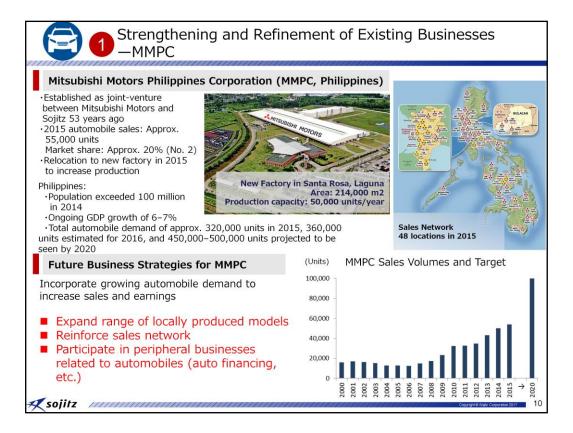
2. The second is the development of new earnings foundations. We aim to develop stable earnings foundations by concentrating investment on retail and dealership businesses.

3. The third is foundations for future growth. To establish these foundations, we will take part in ambitious projects with an eye to the period beyond the current medium-term management plan



- The Automotive Division is forecast to achieve profit for the year of ¥4.0 billion in the year ending March 31, 2017. A portion of this profit will come from steady earnings created through new initiatives, such as dealerships businesses.
- On a consolidated basis, Sojitz is targeting return on assets of more than 2% under Medium-term Management Plan 2017. The Automotive Division aims to achieve return on assets of 3%, and we are working toward this goal by improving asset efficiency and capturing new revenues

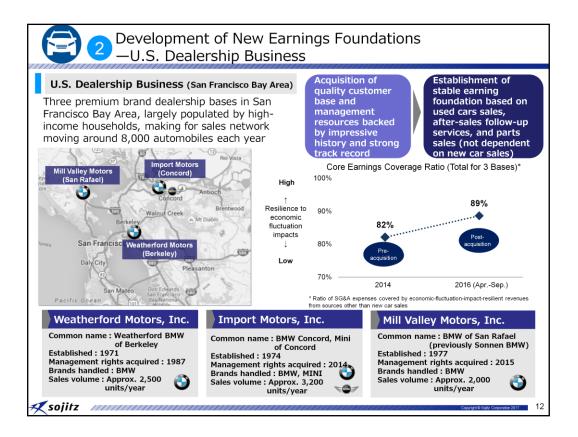




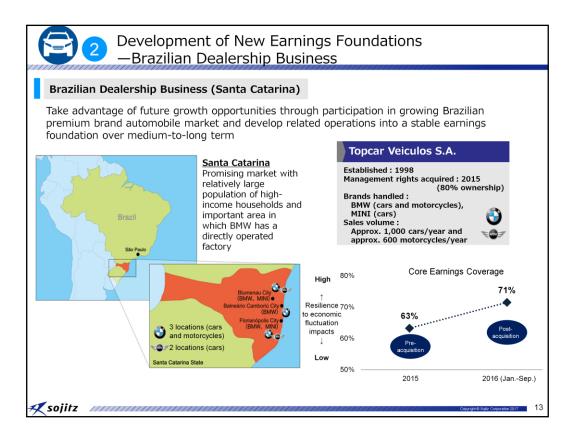
- Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corporation, or MMPC, assembles and sells Mitsubishi brand automobiles in the Philippines. This company has maintained a market share of nearly 20%, making it No. 2 in terms of share, second only to Toyota. MMPC has been steadily expanding its sales, and this company possesses a reliable network of highly capable dealerships that is able to sustain these sales.
- The market of the Philippines is growing at a rapid pace, and its automobile market, in particular, has displayed staggering growth in recent years. To ensure that we are able to fully take advantage of this growth, we will supplement our current business model by expanding the range of locally produced models, reinforcing our sales network, and stepping up efforts in peripheral businesses, such as auto financing, to increase sales.

Strengthening and Refinement of Existing Businesses —SdPR	
 Sojitz de Puerto Rico (SdPR, Puerto Rico) Commenced operations in April 2009 after acquiring sales rights and assets for Hyundai automobiles Currently operating 19 dealerships, including 7 inherited when acquiring business and subsequently improved an revised as well as newly added dealerships Share of around 2–3% at time of acquisition grew to more than 10% in only 7 years as a result of sales volume increases, granting SdPR the No. 2 market position Ongoing recession in overall Puerto Rican automobile market continuing since August 2015 bond payment default by Puerto Rican government; SdPR growing 	d 15,000 10,000 5,000 0 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16(F) Sales Market share
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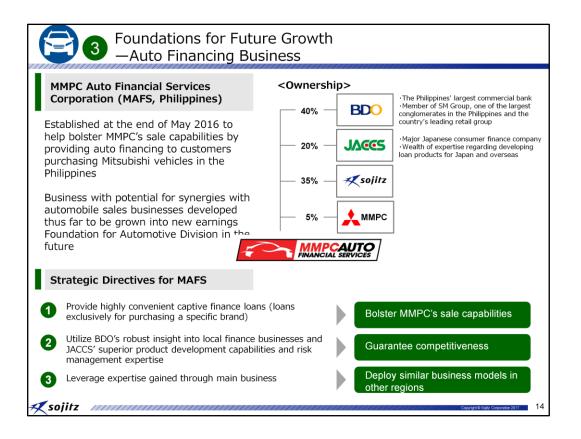
- The business of Sojitz de Puerto Rico, or SdPR, started in April 2009 after Sojitz acquired sales rights and assets for Hyundai automobiles in Puerto Rico.
- In the years that followed, this company proceeded to draft local sales strategies, conduct marketing, and reinforce its dealership network. Today, it has grown to become the No. 2 company in the market, second to Toyota, with a share approximately 13%.
- Negative growth in automobile demand has continued, especially since the 2015 bond payment default by Puerto Rican government. However, even faced with this difficult environment, SdPR has managed to increase sales by calling upon its past experience to conduct effective marketing while maintaining close coordination with affiliated dealerships.



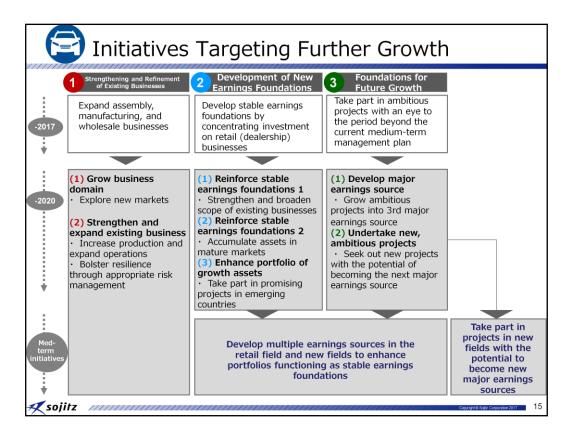
- The Automotive Division owns three dealerships in the United States.
- We have continued to develop our BMW brand automobile retail operations through Weatherford Motors, Inc., which was acquired in 1987. Having acquired a wealth of experience over the years, dealerships have been positioned as a central part of our strategies under Medium-term Management Plan 2017, and investments are being conducted in these operations accordingly.
- Our U.S. dealerships each sell between 2,000 and 2,500 automobiles each year, meaning that the scales of their businesses are around 10 times the size of those of Japanese dealerships.
- It is crucial for dealership businesses to have earnings foundations that are not dependent on new car sales. As such, our ability to improve the core earnings coverage ratio is a significant strength.



- Another facet of our dealership strategies is to develop operations in Brazil alongside those currently underway in the United States.
- The scale of the overall market in Brazil has shrunk to around half its peak levels due to slumping resource markets and political instability. Regardless, our Brazilian dealership business has succeeded in achieving performance in line with initial forecasts by focusing its efforts on premium brands.
- After acquiring dealership operations in Brazil, we proceeded to increase the value of all locations, leading to a substantial improvement in the core earnings coverage ratio.
- Dealership strategies are centered around mergers and acquisitions. By improving the core earnings coverage ratio, we are able to increase the value of dealerships after acquiring them and thereby get more value out of purchased assets.



- There are two strategic reasons behind our entry into the auto financing business in the Philippines.
- 1. The first reason is that we will be able to use this business as a tool for strengthening the operations and facilitating the growth of MMPC, which is also located in the Philippines.
- 2. The second reason is that the auto financing business itself presents an opportunity for the Automotive Division to acquire experience relevant to developing future earnings foundations. Accordingly, our engagement in this business is a forward-looking endeavor with a view toward our next step, deploying similar business models in other regions.



- There are three components in our medium-term initiatives in the Automotive Division.
- 1. In existing businesses, we will explore new markets while increasing production and expanding operations. At the same time, we will evolve our risk management practices to develop asset portfolios and business models that are highly resilient to risks.
- 2. We will continue to concentrate investment on dealership businesses, as is being done under the current medium-term management plan, as we also reinforce stable earnings foundations and accumulate assets in developed countries. In addition, we will adopt a medium-risk, medium-return approach by engaging in promising projects in semi-developed countries and emerging countries.
- 3. In the auto financing business and other businesses meant to serve as foundations for future growth, we will strive to grow profits to the point that these businesses can form earnings foundations in the period of the next medium-term management plan and beyond. We will also continue to advance into new business areas from a forward-looking perspective.
- The Automotive Division's overall strategy is thus to maintain stable earnings and continue growing through the balanced implementation of these initiatives.

