

# History

**1949.3**

Men's Shop Ogori Shoji is founded in Ube City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan.

**1963.5**

Ogori Shoji Co., Ltd., is established with capital of 6 million yen.

**1984.6**

The first UNIQLO store, the Fukuromachi store in Hiroshima, opens and specializes in casual apparel (closes in August 1991).

UNIQUE CLOTHING WAREHOUSE



**1985.6**

First UNIQLO roadside store opens. Proving an immediate success, the format is adopted as the new standard.



**1991.9**

Company name is changed to FAST RETAILING CO., LTD.

**1994.7**

Company stock is listed on the Hiroshima Stock Exchange.

**1998.2**

Head office is constructed in Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan.



**1998.10**

1,900-yen fleece campaign succeeds in attracting large public attention.



**1998.11**

First urban UNIQLO store opens in the fashionable Harajuku district of Tokyo.



**1999.2**

Company stock is listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

**1999.4**

Shanghai office is established to further enhance production management.

**2000.4**

Headquarter functions move to Tokyo to promote merchandising and marketing.

**2000.10**

Online sales business launches.

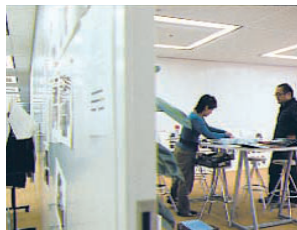
**2001.9**

First UNIQLO overseas store opens in London.



**2002.4**

UNIQLO Design Studio (current R&D Center) is established.



**2002.9**

First UNIQLO China store opens in Shanghai.

**2002.11**

SKIP brand food business starts (exits the business in April 2004).

**2003.10**

UNIQLO cashmere campaign generates high level of consumer interest.



**2004.1**

Fast Retailing invests in Link International Co., Ltd. (now LINK THEORY JAPAN CO., LTD.), developer of Theory brand apparel.



**2004.10**

First large-scale UNIQLO store opens in Shinsaibashi, Osaka (closes in 2010).

**2004.12**

UNIQLO Design Studio, New York, Inc. is established.

**2004.12**

Joint venture with Lotte Shopping Co., Ltd. of South Korea is established to expand UNIQLO business.

**2005.3**

Footwear retail chain Onezone Corp. becomes a subsidiary (comes under UNIQLO Co., Ltd. in April 2010).

**2005.5**

Nelson Finance S.A.S. (currently Création Nelson S.A.S.) is acquired as a subsidiary to develop the Comptoir des Cotonniers brand.



**2005.9**

First UNIQLO South Korea store opens in Seoul.



**2005.9**

First UNIQLO U.S. store opens in New Jersey (closes in 2006).

**2005.9**

First UNIQLO Hong Kong store opens in the Tsim Sha Tsui shopping district.

**2005.10**

Large-scale UNIQLO store opens in Ginza, Tokyo.



**2005.11**

Holding company structure is adopted at Fast Retailing.

**2006.2**

PETIT VEHICULE S.A.S. is acquired as a subsidiary to develop the Princesse tam.tam brand.



**2006.4**

Fast Retailing invests in women's apparel company Cabin Co., Ltd. (Cabin becomes a subsidiary in August 2006, merges with LINK THEORY JAPAN CO., LTD. in September 2010).



**2006.6**

Strategic business partnership is established between UNIQLO and Toray Industries, Inc.

**2006.9**

UNIQLO All-Product Recycling Initiative commences.

**2006.10**

First g.u. store opens in Chiba Prefecture, Japan.

**2006.11**

Fast Retailing invests in women's shoe speciality chain retailer Viewcompany Co., Ltd. (Viewcompany becomes a subsidiary in February 2008 and comes under UNIQLO Co., Ltd. in April 2010).

**2006.11**

First UNIQLO global flagship store opens, in Soho, New York City.

**2007.3**

Largest UNIQLO store, with over 3,300 square meters of floor space, opens in Kobe Harborland.

**2007.4**

Specialty UNIQLO T-shirt store, UT Store, opens in Harajuku (closes in 2011).

**2007.11**

Second UNIQLO global flagship store, 311 Oxford Street Store, opens in London.

**2007.12**

First UNIQLO France store opens in the Paris suburb of La Defense.

**2008.9**

Subsidiaries G.U. Co., Ltd., Viewcompany Co., Ltd. and Onezone Corp. merge into GOV Retailing Co., Ltd. (footwear business comes under UNIQLO Co., Ltd. in April 2010).

**2009.3**

g.u. 990-yen jeans are introduced to broad public acclaim.

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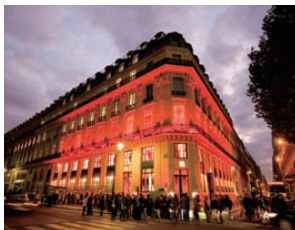
LINK THEORY JAPAN CO., LTD. becomes a subsidiary.

**2009.4**

First UNIQLO Singapore store opens in the Tampines district.

**2009.10**

Third UNIQLO global flagship store, Paris Opera Store, opens.

**2009.10**

g.u. collection, collaborative line produced with designer Ms. Jil Sander, starts selling at UNIQLO stores worldwide.

**2010.4**

First UNIQLO Russia store opens in Moscow.

**2010.5**

Fourth UNIQLO global flagship store, West Nanjing Road Store, opens in Shanghai.

**2010.7**

Second five-year plan between UNIQLO and Toray is announced, extending their strategic partnership.

**2010.7**

Joint venture between UNIQLO and Grameen Bank is agreed, with the aim to pursue a social business in Bangladesh.

**2010.10**

First UNIQLO global flagship store opens in Japan, in Shinsaibashi, Osaka.

**2010.10**

First g.u. flagship store opens in Shinsaibashi, Osaka.

**2010.10**

First UNIQLO Taiwan store opens in Taipei.

**2011.2**

Global Partnership Agreement between Fast Retailing and UNHCR is established, reinforcing All-Product Recycling Initiative.

**2011.3**

Clothing for Japanese disaster relief is donated by UNIQLO and G.U.

**2011.9**

First UNIQLO Thailand store opens in Bangkok.

**2011.9**

Sixth UNIQLO global flagship store, UNIQLO Mingyao Department Store, opens in Taipei.

**2011.10**

Seventh UNIQLO global flagship store, New York Fifth Avenue Store, opens in New York City.

**2011.11**

Eighth UNIQLO global flagship store, Myeongdong Central Store, opens in Seoul.

