

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).



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 Cottonniers 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

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.

2007.11

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 Défense.

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.



2009.3

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 Opéra Store, opens.



2009.10

UJ collection, collaborative line produced with designer Ms. Jill 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

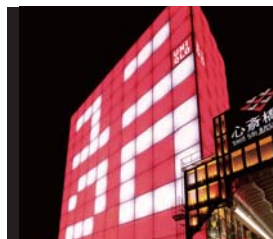
Second five-year plan between UNIQLO and Toray is announced, extending their strategic partnership.

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.

2010.11

First UNIQLO Malaysia store opens in Kuala Lumpur.

2011.2

Global Partnership Agreement between Fast Retailing and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (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.



2012.3

Ninth UNIQLO global flagship store, UNIQLO Ginza, opens in Tokyo.



2012.3

Third g.u. flagship store opens in Ginza, Tokyo.



2012.5

UNIQLO appoints tennis star Novak Djokovich as Global Brand Ambassador.



2012.6

First UNIQLO Philippines store opens in Manila.

2012.9

First global hotspot store, BICQLO Shinjuku East Exit Store, opens in Tokyo.



2012.10

First U.S. West Coast store, UNIQLO Union Square Store, opens in San Francisco.

