

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 opens in Hiroshima (closed in August 1991).



1985.6

First UNIQLO roadside store opens.



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 (closed in 2012).



1999.2

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

2000.10

E-commerce 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.

2004.1

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



2004.9

UNIQLO makes Global Quality Declaration, and cashmere campaign generates high level of consumer interest.



2004.12

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

2005.9

First UNIQLO South Korea store opens in Seoul.

2005.9

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

2005.11

Holding company structure is adopted at Fast Retailing.

2006.6

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

2006.9

UNIQLO All-Product Recycling Initiative commences.



2006.10

First GU store opens in Chiba Prefecture, Japan.

2006.11

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



2007.11

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

2007.12

First UNIQLO France store opens in Paris.

2009.3

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

2009.4

First UNIQLO Singapore store opens.

2009.10

Global flagship store, Paris Opera Store, opens.



2010.4

First UNIQLO Russia store opens in Moscow.

2010.5

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



2010.10

Global flagship store, UNIQLO Shinsaibashi Store, opens in Osaka.



2010.10

First GU 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 with UNHCR is established, reinforcing All-Product Recycling Initiative.

2011.9

First UNIQLO Thailand store opens in Bangkok.

2011.9

Global flagship store, UNIQLO Mingyao Department Store, opens in Taipei.

2011.10

Global flagship store, UNIQLO New York 5th Avenue Store, opens in New York City.



2011.11

Global flagship store, UNIQLO Myeongdong Central Store, opens in Seoul.

2012.3

Global flagship store, UNIQLO Ginza, opens in Tokyo.



2012.3

GU flagship store opens in Ginza, Tokyo.

2012.6

First UNIQLO Philippines store opens in Manila.

2012.9

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



2012.12

U.S.-based premium denim company J Brand Holdings, LLC is acquired.

2013.4

Global flagship store, UNIQLO Lee Theatre Store, opens in Hong Kong.

2013.6

First UNIQLO Indonesia store opens in Jakarta.

2013.9

First GU overseas store opens in Shanghai.

2013.9

Global flagship store, UNIQLO SHANGHAI, opens in China.



2014.3

Fast Retailing Hong Kong Depository Receipts (HDR) are listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.



2014.3

Global hotspot store, UNIQLO Ikebukuro Sunshine 60 Street Store, opens in Tokyo.

2014.4

First UNIQLO Australia store opens in Melbourne.

2014.4

First UNIQLO Germany store, Tauentzien global flagship, opens in Berlin.

2014.4

Global hotspot store, UNIQLO Okachimachi Store, opens in Tokyo.

2014.10

Global hotspot store, UNIQLO Kichijoji Store, opens in Tokyo.

2014.10

Global flagship store, UNIQLO OSAKA, opens in Osaka.

2015.10

First UNIQLO Belgium store opens in Antwerp.

2015.10

First store in the U.S. Midwest, the UNIQLO Michigan Avenue Store, opens in Chicago.



2016.4

Construction is completed on state-of-the-art distribution center in Ariake, Tokyo.



2016.9

UNIQLO Orchard Central Store opens as the first UNIQLO global flagship store in Southeast Asia.

2016.9

First UNIQLO Canada store opens in Toronto.



2017.2

UNIQLO CITY TOKYO Ariake Office opens. UNIQLO product and commercial functions moved from Roppongi Office to Ariake Office.



2017.9

First UNIQLO Spain store opens in Barcelona.



2018.6

Included in FTSE 4Good Index Series and FTSE Blossom Japan Index for responsible social investment.

2018.7

Appoints professional tennis player Roger Federer as UNIQLO Global Brand Ambassador.



2018.7

Fast Retailing announces a stronger strategic partnership with Shima Seiki Mfg. Ltd. for the mass production of WHOLEGARMENT™ products.

2018.8

First UNIQLO Sweden store opens in Stockholm.

2018.9

First GU Korea store opens in Lotte World Mall, Seoul.

2018.9

First UNIQLO the Netherlands store opens in Amsterdam.

2018.10

Global flagship store, UNIQLO Manila store, opens in Philippines.



2018.10

Fast Retailing forms a logistics-related strategic global partnership with materials handling equipment firm Daifuku Co., Ltd.



2018.10

The Ariake distribution center starts operating as a fully automated dedicated online sales warehouse.