

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.

1984.6

First UNIQLO store opens in Hiroshima, Japan. (closed in 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.

1998.10

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



1998.11

First urban UNIQLO store opens in the fashionable Harajuku district of Tokyo. (closed in 2007)



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 store outside Japan in the UK opens in London. (closed in 2004)



2002.4

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

2002.9

First UNIQLO store in Mainland China opens in Shanghai. (closed in 2022)

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 store in South Korea opens in Seoul. (closed in 2021)

2005.9

First UNIQLO store in the USA opens in New Jersey. (closed in 2007)

2005.9

First UNIQLO store in Hong Kong opens in Tsim Sha Tsui shopping district, a breakthrough in our global expansion.

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 begins its All-Product Recycling Initiative. (expanded into RE.UNIQLO from 2020)



2006.10

First GU store opens in Chiba, Japan. (closed in 2012)

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 store in France opens in Paris.

2009.3

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

2009.4

First UNIQLO store in Singapore opens in Tampines. (closed in 2021)

2009.10

Global flagship store, Paris Opera store, opens.



2010.4

First UNIQLO store in Russia opens in Moscow. (closed in 2023)

2010.5

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



2010.10

First UNIQLO store in Taiwan opens in Taipei.

2010.11

First UNIQLO store in Malaysia opens in Kuala Lumpur.

2011.2

Global Partnership Agreement with UNHCR is established, reinforcing All-Product Recycling Initiative.

2011.9

First UNIQLO store in Thailand opens in Bangkok.

2011.9

Global flagship store, UNIQLO Mingyao Department store, opens in Taipei. (UNIQLO TAIPEI refurbished in 2021)

2011.10

Global flagship store, UNIQLO New York Fifth Avenue store, opens in New York City.



2012.3

Global flagship store, UNIQLO Ginza, opens in Tokyo.



2012.3

GU flagship store opens in Ginza, Tokyo.

2012.6

First UNIQLO store in the Philippines opens in Manila.

2013.4

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

2013.6

Launch of new LifeWear concept.

2013.6

First UNIQLO store in Indonesia opens in Jakarta.

2013.9

First GU store outside Japan in Mainland China opens in Shanghai. (closed in 2025)

2013.9

Global flagship store, UNIQLO SHANGHAI, opens in Mainland China.



2014.3

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

2014.4

First UNIQLO store in Australia opens in Melbourne.

2014.4

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

2014.10

Global flagship store, UNIQLO OSAKA, opens.

2015.10

First UNIQLO store in Belgium opens in Antwerp. (closed in 2025)

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 store in Canada opens in Toronto.

2017.9

First UNIQLO store in Spain opens in Barcelona.



2018.8

First UNIQLO store in Sweden opens in Stockholm.



2018.9

First UNIQLO store in the Netherlands opens in Amsterdam.

2018.10

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

2019.4

First UNIQLO store in Denmark opens in Copenhagen.



2019.9

First UNIQLO store in Italy opens in Milan.



2019.10

First UNIQLO store in India opens in New Delhi.



2019.12

First UNIQLO store in Vietnam opens in Ho Chi Minh City.

2020.6

UNIQLO TOKYO opens in Ginza, our LifeWear showcase global flagship store.



2020.9

UNIQLO launches RE.UNIQLO to promote the recycling of collected secondhand clothing into new clothing products.



2021.11

UNIQLO BEIJING SANLITUN global flagship store opens in Mainland China.



2022.4

Moves to the new Prime Market section on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

2023.4

UNIQLO Maebashi Minami IC store, a new style of roadside store, opens.



2023.10

First UNIQLO store in Luxembourg opens in Grand-Rue.

2024.9

Clare Waight Keller is appointed UNIQLO Creative Director.

2024.9

GU NY SOHO (flagship store) opens, the first official GU store in the USA.

2024.9

First UNIQLO store in Poland opens in Warsaw.

2024.10

UNIQLO Shinjuku HONTEN global flagship store opens in Tokyo.



2025.8

UNIQLO announces Academy Award winner Cate Blanchett as Global Brand Ambassador.



2025.10

UNIQLO named among Top 100 Best Global Brands in Interbrand's 2025 rankings.

2025.10

UNIQLO UMEDA opens as a global flagship store in Japan.