

## MIRA INFORM REPORT

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### IDENTIFICATION DETAILS

Name :	SOGO & SEIBU CO LTD
Registered Office :	Nibancho Center Bldg 8F, Nibancho Chiyodaku Tokyo 102-0084
Country :	Japan
Financials (as on) :	28.02.2018
Date of Incorporation :	May 1969
Com. Reg. No.:	0100-01-127026 (Tokyo-Chiyodaku)
Legal Form :	Limited Company (Kabushiki Kaisha)
Line of Business :	Operator of Department Stores, Supermarkets, Other (--100%)
No. of Employees :	2,852

### RATING & COMMENTS

(Mira Inform has adopted New Rating mechanism w.e.f. 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017)

MIRA's Rating :	A+
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Credit Rating	Explanation	Rating Comments
A+	Low Risk	Business dealings permissible with low risk of default

Maximum Credit Limit :	Yen 7,674 Million
Status :	Excellent
Payment Behaviour :	Regular
Litigation :	Clear

### NOTES :

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**ECGC Country Risk Classification List**

Country Name	Previous Rating (30.06.2018)	Current Rating (30.09.2018)
Japan	A1	A1

Risk Category	ECGC Classification
Insignificant	A1
Low Risk	A2
Moderately Low Risk	B1
Moderate Risk	B2
Moderately High Risk	C1
High Risk	C2
Very High Risk	D

**JAPAN - ECONOMIC OVERVIEW**

Over the past 70 years, government-industry cooperation, a strong work ethic, mastery of high technology, and a comparatively small defense allocation (slightly less than 1% of GDP) have helped Japan develop an advanced economy. Two notable characteristics of the post-World War II economy were the close interlocking structures of manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors, known as keiretsu, and the guarantee of lifetime employment for a substantial portion of the urban labor force. Both features have significantly eroded under the dual pressures of global competition and domestic demographic change.

Measured on a purchasing power parity basis that adjusts for price differences, Japan in 2017 stood as the fourth-largest economy in the world after first-place China, which surpassed Japan in 2001, and third-place India, which edged out Japan in 2012. For three postwar decades, overall real economic growth was impressive - averaging 10% in the 1960s, 5% in the 1970s, and 4% in the 1980s. Growth slowed markedly in the 1990s, averaging just 1.7%, largely because of the aftereffects of inefficient investment and the collapse of an asset price bubble in the late 1980s, which resulted in several years of economic stagnation as firms sought to reduce excess debt, capital, and labor. Modest economic growth continued after 2000, but the economy has fallen into recession four times since 2008.

Japan enjoyed an uptick in growth since 2013, supported by Prime Minister Shinzo ABE's "Three Arrows" economic revitalization agenda - dubbed "Abenomics" - of monetary easing, "flexible" fiscal policy, and structural reform. Led by the Bank of Japan's aggressive monetary easing, Japan is making modest progress in ending deflation, but demographic decline - a low birthrate and an aging, shrinking population - poses a major long-term challenge for the economy. The government currently faces the quandary of balancing its efforts to stimulate growth and institute economic reforms with the need to address its sizable public debt, which stands at 235% of GDP. To help raise government revenue, Japan adopted legislation in 2012 to gradually raise the consumption

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tax rate. However, the first such increase, in April 2014, led to a sharp contraction, so Prime Minister ABE has twice postponed the next increase, which is now scheduled for October 2019. Structural reforms to unlock productivity are seen as central to strengthening the economy in the long-run.

Scarce in critical natural resources, Japan has long been dependent on imported energy and raw materials. After the complete shutdown of Japan's nuclear reactors following the earthquake and tsunami disaster in 2011, Japan's industrial sector has become even more dependent than before on imported fossil fuels. However, ABE's government is seeking to restart nuclear power plants that meet strict new safety standards and is emphasizing nuclear energy's importance as a base-load electricity source. In August 2015, Japan successfully restarted one nuclear reactor at the Sendai Nuclear Power Plant in Kagoshima prefecture, and several other reactors around the country have since resumed operations; however, opposition from local governments has delayed several more restarts that remain pending. Reforms of the electricity and gas sectors, including full liberalization of Japan's energy market in April 2016 and gas market in April 2017, constitute an important part of Prime Minister Abe's economic program.

Under the Abe Administration, Japan's government sought to open the country's economy to greater foreign competition and create new export opportunities for Japanese businesses, including by joining 11 trading partners in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). Japan became the first country to ratify the TPP in December 2016, but the United States signaled its withdrawal from the agreement in January 2017. In November 2017 the remaining 11 countries agreed on the core elements of a modified agreement, which they renamed the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). Japan also reached agreement with the European Union on an Economic Partnership Agreement in July 2017, and is likely seek to ratify both agreements in the Diet this year.

Source : CIA

## **COMPANY NAME & ADDRESS**

### **SOGO & SEIBU CO LTD**

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**URL:** <http://www.sogo-seibu.co.jp>  
**E-Mail address:** (Thru the URL)

**ACTIVITIES:** Department store operator  
**BRANCHES:** 15 department stores

**OFFICERS:** TAKUJI HAYASHI, PRES Kaoru Aragane dir  
Takeshi Morita, dir Mari Tsutsumi, dir  
Toshiki Kubota, dir Masatoshi Okada, dir

**Yen Amount:** In million Yen, unless otherwise stated

## **SUMMARY**

FINANCES	FAIR	A/SALES	Yen 685,888 M
PAYMENTS	REGULAR	CAPITAL	Yen 20,000 M
TREND	SLOW	WORTH	Yen 68,771 M
STARTED	1969	EMPLOYES	2,852

**COMMENT:** DEPARTMENT & SUPERMARKET OPERATOR. FINANCIAL SITUATION CONSIDERED FAIR AND GOOD FOR ORDINARY BUSINESS ENGAGEMENTS.

MAX CREDIT LIMIT: ESTIMATED AT YEN 7,674 MILLION, ON 30 DAYS NORMAL TERMS.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

The subject company is a department operator, also operates supermarket. Both Sogo & Seibu operated department stores separately but merged and became a wholly owned subsidiary of Seven I Holdings Co Ltd. Now operates 15 department stores.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The sales volume for Feb/2018 fiscal term amounted to Yen 685,888 million, a 10% fall from Yen 760,692 million in the previous term. The recurring profit was posted at Yen 3,254 million while the net losses at Yen 29,974 million, respectively, compared with Yen 2,593 million recurring profit and Yen 28,426 million net losses, respectively, a year ago.

For the current term ending Feb 2019 the recurring profit is projected at Yen 3,300 million and the net profit at Yen 0 million, respectively, on a 3% rise in turnover, to Yen 706,500 million.

The financial situation is considered FAIR and good for ORDINARY business engagements. Max credit limit is estimated at Yen 7,674.4 million, on 30 days normal terms.

## **REGISTRATION**

**Date Registered:** May 1969  
**Regd No.:** 0100-01-127026 (Tokyo-Chiyodaku)  
**Legal Status:** Limited Company (Kabushiki Kaisha)  
**Authorized:** 300 million shares  
**Issued:** 190,464,740 shares  
**Sum:** Yen 20,000 million  
**Major shareholders (%):** Seven & I Holdings (100)

Nothing detrimental is known as to the commercial morality of executives.

## **OPERATION**

**Activities:** Operator of department stores, supermarkets, other (--100%)

**Clients:** [Mfrs, wholesalers] Individual buyers, consumers (94.8%), corporates (5.2%), other

No. of accounts: Unavailable

Domestic areas of activities: Nationwide

**Suppliers:** [Mfrs, wholesalers] Onward Kashiyama, Shiseido Japan, World Inc, Estee Lauder Cosmetics, Japan Loreal, Kakiyasu Honten, other

**Payment record:** Regular

**Location:** Business area in Tokyo. Office premises at the caption address are leased and maintained satisfactory.

**Bank References:**  
Mizuho Bank (H/O)

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Relations: Satisfactory

## **FINANCES**

(In Million Yen)

Terms Ending:	28/02/2019	28/02/2018	28/02/2017	29/02/2016
Annual Sales	706,500	685,888	760,692	803,443
Recur. Profit	3,300	3,254	2,593	..
Net Profit	0	-29,974	-28,426	-4,034
Total Assets		369,310	424,143	436,878
Net Worth		68,771	93,827	124,905
Capital, Paid-Up		20,000	20,000	20,000
Div.P.Share(¥)		0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>&lt;Analytical Data&gt;</b>	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
S.Growth Rate	3.01	-9.83	-5.32	0.06
Current Ratio		..	..	..
N.Worth Ratio		18.62	22.12	28.59
N.Profit/Sales	0.00	-4.37	-3.74	-0.50

**Notes:** Forecast (or estimated) figures for the 28/02/2019 fiscal term.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES**

Currency	Unit	Indian Rupees
US Dollar	1	INR 73.26
UK Pound	1	INR 95.05
Euro	1	INR 83.99
YEN	1	INR 0.65

**Note** : Above are approximate rates obtained from sources believed to be correct

**INFORMATION DETAILS**

<b>Analysis Done by :</b>	NIY
<b>Report Prepared by :</b>	TPT

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**RATING EXPLANATIONS**

Credit Rating	Explanation	Rating Comments
A++	Minimum Risk	Business dealings permissible with minimum risk of default
A+	Low Risk	Business dealings permissible with low risk of default
A	Acceptable Risk	Business dealings permissible with moderate risk of default
B	Medium Risk	Business dealings permissible on a regular monitoring basis
C	Medium High Risk	Business dealings permissible preferably on secured basis
D	High Risk	Business dealing not recommended or on secured terms only
NB	New Business	No recommendation can be done due to business in infancy stage
NT	No Trace	No recommendation can be done as the business is not traceable

NB is stated where there is insufficient information to facilitate rating. However, it is not to be considered as unfavourable.

This score serves as a reference to assess SC's credit risk and to set the amount of credit to be extended. It is calculated from a composite of weighted scores obtained from each of the major sections of this report. The assessed factors are as follows:

- Financial condition covering various ratios
- Company background and operations size
- Promoters / Management background
- Payment record
- Litigation against the subject
- Industry scenario / competitor analysis
- Supplier / Customer / Banker review (wherever available)