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Q4 2024 Earnings Release



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# **FY2024 Highlights**

#### **Global Market Status**

New Car Sales +2% (YoY) OE -1.5% (YoY) **RE** +3% (YoY)

Growth slows amid weak sales in China

EV market chasm & global economy downturn

Demand expands centered on Europe

#### **Financial Results**

Revenue 2.85tn (KRW)

External growth for 4 straight years

**OP 172bn** (KRW)

Increase in SG&A

≥18" 35.1%

YoY increase across all regions

#### Raw materials · Maritime logistics

- · Abnormal weather impacts rubber prices to soar
- SCFI under upward pressure due to continuous geopolitical risks and trade friction



#### Key Updates



Operation of 2<sup>nd</sup> phase in Europe



Extends marketing reach



Supply to global EVs

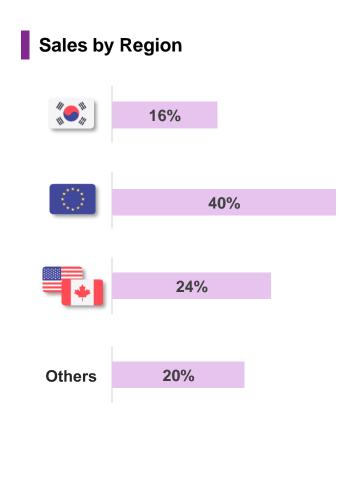


# 2. Financial Results

#### **FY2024 Financial Results**

- Revenue of 2.8tn KRW, marking a record-high driven by gradual increase in ASP and sales volume
  - Solid sales performance in Europe and Korea, while weak sales in North America limited profitability improvements
- · Operating profit of 172bn KRW, reflecting downstream distribution costs including logistics and warehousing

(Unit: bn KRW)	2022	2023	2024	YoY
Revenue	2,597.4	2,701.7	2,847.9	5.4%
COGS	2,165.9	1,962.4	2,055.0	4.7%
(%)	83.4%	72.6%	72.2%	-0.5%p
Operating Profit	(54.3)	187.0	172.1	-7.9%
(%)	-	6.9%	6.0%	-0.9%p
Income Taxes	(12.8)	46.6	43.1	-7.5%
Net Profit	(27.5)	103.1	126.7	22.9%
(%)	-	3.8%	4.4%	0.6%p
EBITDA	135.1	383.4	407.4	6.3%
(%)	5.2%	14.2%	14.3%	0.1%p



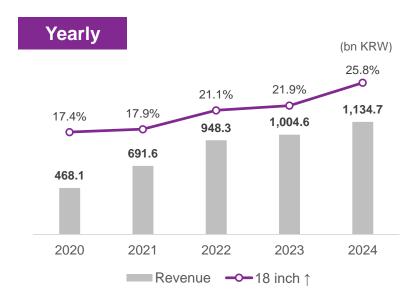
## **Q4 2024 Financial Results**

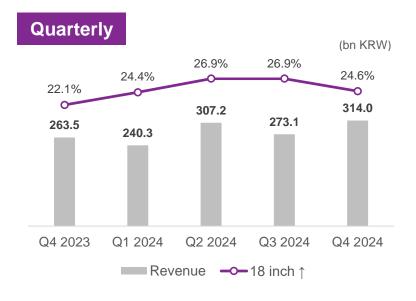
- Stable revenue based on sales of both OE and RE in the European markets despite weak sales in North America
- Distribution channels reorganization in North America has reduced company's overall ASP and the proportion of 18inch(or larger) tires, and an early response to EUDR has led to higher raw material input costs

(Unit: bn KRW)	Q4 2023	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	QoQ	YoY
Revenue	678.1	708.5	697.6	-1.5%	2.9%
COGS	460.1	497.6	516.9	3.9%	12.3%
(%)	67.8%	70.2%	74.1%	3.9%p	6.2%p
Operating Profit	64.1	52.3	15.5	-70.4%	-75.8%
(%)	9.5%	7.4%	2.2%	-5.2%p	-7.2%p
Income Taxes	24.8	4.1	8.8	112.9%	-64.4%
Net Profit	10.6	(6.4)	47.8	Return to profitability	352.1%
(%)	1.6%	-	6.8%	-	5.2%p
EBITDA	111.8	111.0	78.1	-29.6%	-30.2%
(%)	16.5%	15.7%	11.2%	-4.5%p	-5.3%p

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## Sales by Region (1) Europe





#### Market Status

- OE market impacted by global new vehicle sales slack by major OEMs
- Prolonged detour via the Cape of Good Hope
- Response to EUDR<sup>(1)</sup> and its implementation delays

#### FY2024

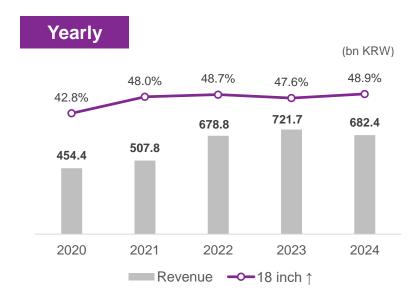
- (OE) Achieved revenue growth by securing stable supply volumes and optimizing portfolio, despite slowing market demand
- (RE) Sales expansion of 18 inch(or larger) and premium products

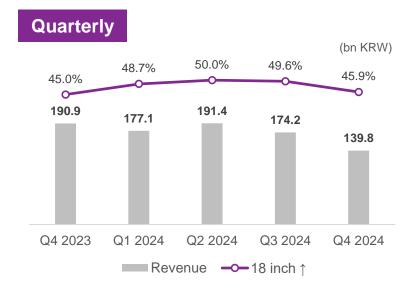
  → Changing market demand and new growth engines

- (OE) Supply expansion focused on premium vehicle models, despite automotive market downturn
- (RE) High growth driven by increased winter & all-weather tire sales offset sluggish sales elsewhere
- Expectations for scale growth and improved profitability with ramp-up of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase in Czech plant by the end of 2025

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## Sales by Region (2) North America





#### Market Status

- Increased imports from low-cost countries such as Southeast Asia and Mexico → Price competition intensifies
- Slowing inventory declines in major players and market growth driven mainly by low-tier companies
- Volatility under Trump administration's tariff and EV plans

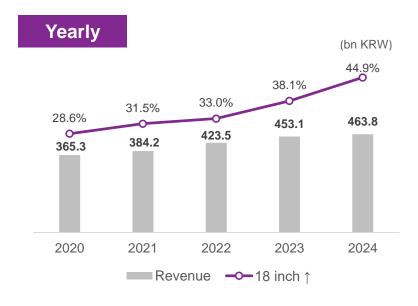
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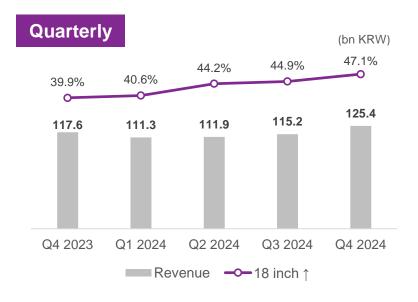
- (OE) Despite deferred new car demand related to the presidential election, the company's strong sales partially offset its decline in RE sales
- (RE) Revenue drop in 2H due to financial strain of one of the major customers

- (OE) Reflecting the slump in new car sales of major OEMs
- (RE) Sales setback during restructuring of distribution network
- In spite of slow market demand and the influx of budget brands, seeking to recover sales through diversified distributors

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## Sales by Region (3) Korea





#### Market Status

- Competition intensified with increased tire sales, including imported brands
- The increase in sales of premium tires as the market is polarized
- Diversification of distribution channels including hypermarkets, online platforms, and rental car services

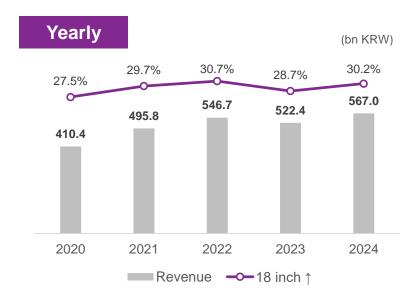
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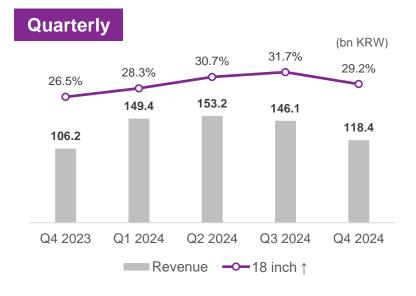
- (OE) Supply to the largest number of EV models in the domestic market
- (RE) Strengthen competency through sales channel diversification, including rental services and retail stores

- (OE) Despite negative growth in EV sales(YoY) and car production disruptions due to labor negotiations, the company's supply has increased around export vehicle models
- (RE) Increased sales of premium and winter tires have continued to improve the sales mix, with proportion of 18 inch(or larger) products at record highs
- Synergy between distribution channels and related sales based on 'NEXT LEVEL'(NEXEN's rental service)

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## Sales by Region (4) Others





#### **Market Status**

- Attention to budget brands by inflation and weak consumer purchasing power
- Major Chinese tire companies set up plants in Latin America, targeting local market
- Business reorganization: Goodyear's withdrawal from the Australian market, Michelin's restructuring of its Indian business, and more

#### FY2024

- (OE) Increased supplies to Latin America drives strong sales performance
- (RE) Allocation of supplies based on profitability in response to shipping container shortage

- (OE) Stable sales to major OEM plants in regions such as China and Mexico
- (RE) Intense price competition in Latin America / Shipping disruptions due to prolonged geopolitical risks
- Expand sales of premium products and strengthen position of NEXEN's 2<sup>nd</sup> brand



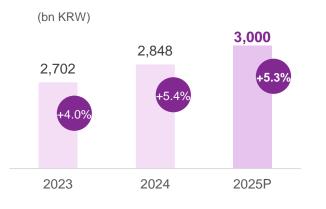
# 3. Business Issues

#### FY2025 Guidance

- Unfavorable business conditions are expected to continue in 2025, including U.S. monetary policy uncertainty and global trade tensions
  - → Achieve both revenue and profitability growth by focusing on securing competitive business resources

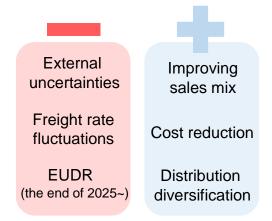
# 3 trillion KRW

- Maintain mid-single-digit sales growth
- Volume expansion from 2<sup>nd</sup> plant (Czech) and ASP increase





- Profits from sales targeting high ASP regions
- Full operation of Czech plant by the end of 2025





 Decline since the completion of European expansion investments in 2023



# **Key Business Strategies**

- Quantitative growth by strengthening core competencies spanning 'Product development-Manufacturing-Sales'
- Qualitative growth through an enhanced cost management system and profit-focused management

#### **Core Competencies**

#### **Product development**

Strategic new product launch Product portfolio review

#### Manufacturing

Ramp-up at Czech plant Facility improvement (Korean plants)



#### Sales · Distribution

Expansion of sales infrastructure Sales growth focused on profitability Sales recovery in North America

#### **Advancement in Management**

#### **COGS**

Systematization of compound

Raw material diversification

Al-driven production

#### **ICT** Upgrading

Launch of global ONE IT (SAP, MES)

Big Data Analysis

TISAX<sup>(1)</sup> readiness

#### Structure realignment

Leadership transition

Synergy between OE-RE

Enhancing sales support activities

Enhancing operational efficiency and sales capabilities

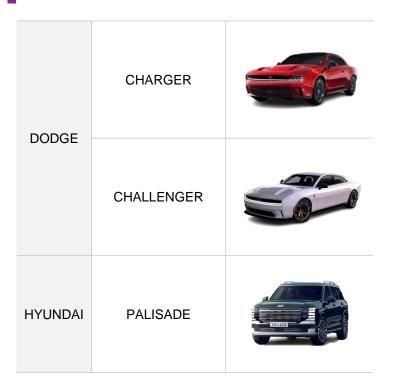
Profitability Improvement

(1) Trusted Information Security Assessment eXchange

#### **Brand Value**

- · Strategic sports marketing to enhance global recognition
  - → Expansion of the marketing area beyond Europe and the U.S. through the first partnership agreement in Australia

#### New OE Supply (Q4 2024)



#### New Partnership

#### FC Bayern München



- The club with the most Bundesliga titles
- Brand exposure on LED boards at the stadium
- Sales and marketing synergy in Europe

#### Sydney FC



- A flagship club of the A-League in Australia
- Maximizing marketing impact through sponsorship of both men's and women's teams
- A strategic market
  - Elevation of the Australian branch office to subsidiary
  - Enhancement of RDC(1) operations

<sup>(1)</sup> Regional Distribution Center

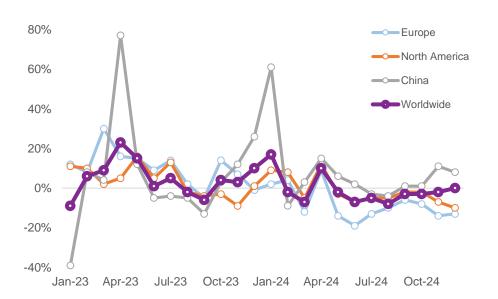


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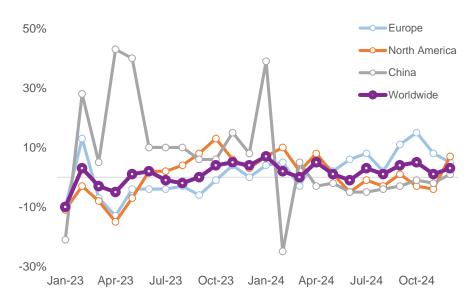
#### **Global Tire Market**

- Y2024 marks modest YoY growth (+2%)
   (OE -1.5% YoY) Lower car sales in 2H, mainly in Europe, led to slower tire demand
   (RE 3% YoY) Demand expansion driven by increased sales of winter and all-weather tires in Europe
- A similar growth rate is expected in 2025, amid slowing global consumer spending and widespread protectionism
   (OE) Major global OEMs expand HEV lineup in preparation for slump in new vehicle sales
   (RE) Amid ongoing global trend toward high-rim tires, the market is simultaneously shifting demand to lower-tier brands

#### Growth Rate - OE (YoY, based on quantity)



#### Growth Rate - RE (YoY, based on quantity)



<sup>\*</sup> Sources: PC & LT only, Estimation based on data provided by regional tire manufacturers' associations and research firms

#### **Raw Materials**

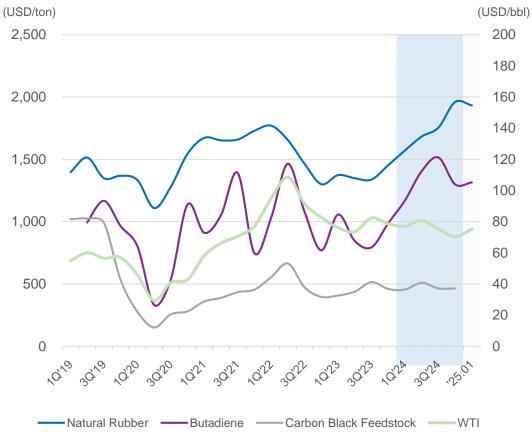
- · Raw material costs rose YoY in 2024, mainly due to a sharp rise in rubber prices
- Possible import restrictions on Chinese vehicles in the U.S. or Europe may dampen growth in China's tire industry, reducing demand for raw materials, which could offset supply-side price increases

#### Natural Rubber

- The delay in EUDR<sup>(1)</sup> implementation caused a price dip, but average price in Q4 2024 has risen for 5 consecutive quarters
- Abnormal weather in South East Asia reduced global production and depleted inventories, thereby supporting prices

#### Synthetic Rubber

 Despite butadiene price drops in Q4 2024, synthetic rubber prices stayed strong on natural rubber prices and robust downstream industry



<sup>(1)</sup> EU Deforestation Regulation

<sup>\*</sup> Sources: Natural Rubber(TSR20, SICOM), Butadien(FOB Korea), Carbon Black Feedstock(Means of Platts Singapore)

# **Maritime Logistics**

- Following the sharp rise in early 2024 due to geopolitical risks, volatility factors, such as U.S. tariff hikes on China, are being reflected in the index
- Expected to stabilize in 2025 with new ship deliveries, while U.S.-China trade tensions and detours via the Cape of Good Hope continue

#### Shanghai Containerized Freight Index

- After turning downward in Q3 2024, it rebounded at the end of 2024 on concerns about strikes by ILA<sup>(1)</sup>
  - → Uncertainty resolved by the agreement signed in January, 2025
- Global cargo volumes may decline gradually due to slow economic growth in key regions and U.S. tariff policies
- The potential resumption of Red Sea–Suez
   Canal operations, but it would take time to normalize



<sup>\*</sup> Sources: Korea Customs Logistics Association

<sup>(1)</sup> The International Longshoremen's Association, North America



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# **Global Production Capacity**

- Production capacity of 50mn+ units by 2025, through the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase expansion of Europe plant and productivity improvement
- As a global tire manufacturer specializing in Passenger Car and Light Truck, NEXEN is prepared to secure volume & profit



- In 2024, gold medal rating from 'EcoVadis', the ESG evaluation agency, with the top 3% score among 130K companies in 180 countries
- Practicing ESG management through various initiatives and the improvement of evaluation metrics

#### **Major Performances**

#### · 'Green Tire' seal by AutoBild, a German magazine · Research of sustainable raw materials **Environment** - Securing new tech to apply 70% of sustainable raw materials by utilizing bio-oil and recycled PET code, etc. · No.1 tire manufacturer by the 'Global Customer Satisfaction Index<sup>(1)</sup> for 15 years in-a-row · Winning the grand prize of 'National Service Awards<sup>(2)</sup> for 5 consecutive years Social · Rewarded with the Excellence Award at the '2024 Safety Culture Innovation Awards' · Selected for '2024 CSR(3) in the Community' · Selected as an excellent workplace for win-win cooperation project & health and safety(4) Established a dedicated department for ethical management under the CEO Governance · Operating ESG Committee under the BOD

#### **Initiatives and Awards**



Gold **Top 3%** 

(2024)



**Low Risk, 12.9** (2024)



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(2024)



BB

(2023)

**AutoBild Magazine Test** 

The Green Tire

(2023)



UN affiliated initiative UNGC(5)

(2023)



Information **Security** Certification

- Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber GPSNR<sup>(6)</sup> **GPSNR** 
  - (2020)

- (1) Hosted by 'Global Management Association' (Research and evaluation agency under 'Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy') / (2) Hosted by 'The Institute for Industrial Policy Studies' (3) Corporate Social Responsibility / (4) Organized by 'Ministry of Employment and Labor' and 'Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency' / (5) UN Global Compact
- (6) Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber / (7) Trusted Information Security Assessment eXchange

# **Consolidated Income Statement**

(bn KRW)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenue	1,698.1	2,079.4	2,597.4	2,701.7	2,847.9
COGS	1,259.8	1,639.8	2,165.9	1,962.4	2,055.0
(%)	74.2%	78.9%	83.4%	72.6%	72.2%
Gross Profit	438.3	439.6	431.5	739.3	792.9
(%)	25.8%	21.1%	16.6%	27.4%	27.8%
SG&A	398.9	435.2	485.8	552.3	620.8
(%)	23.5%	20.9%	18.7%	20.4%	21.8%
Operating Profit	39.4	4.4	(54.3)	187.0	172.1
(%)	2.3%	0.2%	-	6.9%	6.0%
Non-operating Profit	(52.1)	12.1	13.9	(37.3)	(2.3)
Income Taxes	3.9	11.8	(12.8)	46.6	43.1
Net Income	(16.6)	4.6	(27.5)	103.1	126.7
(%)	-	0.2%	-	3.8%	4.4%
EBITDA	226.1	188.5	135.1	383.4	407.4
(%)	13.3%	9.1%	5.2%	14.2%	14.3%

## **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

(bn KRW)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Assets	3,541.1	3,823.4	3,944.3	4,232.7	4,574.5
Cash Equivalents <sup>(1)</sup>	571.5	610.0	452.4	455.4	347.9
Account Receivable	345.6	397.5	382.2	430.1	513.7
Inventories	346.5	497.1	649.2	640.8	894.0
Tangible Assets	2,096.7	2,068.8	2,135.0	2,325.1	2,414.1
Liabilities	1,994.1	2,223.5	2,348.1	2,527.8	2,702.9
Debt	1,376.8	1,355.8	1,639.6	1,749.5	1,658.8
Account Payable	88.4	158.7	166.5	102.2	164.3
Equity	1,547.0	1,599.9	1,596.2	1,704.9	1,871.6
Net Debt	805.3	745.8	1,187.2	1,294.2	1,310.9

<sup>(1)</sup> Cash Equivalents = Cash Equivalents, Financial Assets Measured at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income, Other Financial Assets