

## Furukawa Electric

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### Interview with CFO

## Quick Note

#### Interview mentions that management aims to raise the shareholders' equity ratio to around 50% in 31/3

The *Nikkei* published an interview with Furukawa Electric's CFO Koji Aoshima in its morning edition of 26 June. The company's medium-term business plan released in May 2026 made no mention of indicators pertaining to financial soundness. However, in the *Nikkei* interview, Mr Aoshima said that management is looking to raise the shareholders' equity ratio to around 50% in 31/3.

Our forecasts look for the shareholders' equity ratio to rise from 39% at end-26/3 to 60% at end-31/3. This is because although we take into account a series of large-scale capital investments, we believe the company will be able to generate high operating cash flow, and we expect it to sell off assets as well.

The company's medium-term business plan targets capital investment of ¥650bn, operating cash flow of ¥800bn, shareholder returns of ¥120bn, a ¥120bn reduction in net interest-bearing liabilities, and free cash flow of ¥240bn over the five years through 31/3. We, on the other hand, forecast capital investment of ¥600bn, operating cash flow of ¥780bn, shareholder returns (dividend payments) of ¥119bn, a ¥78bn reduction in net interest-bearing liabilities, and free cash flow of ¥189bn over the same period.

At the company's 5 June business briefing, management said it was in the final stages of considering expanding optical fiber production capacity. We have, to some extent, already factored in additional large-scale investments to increase optical fiber production capacity that the company could announce going forward. Furthermore, we think the water-cooling module business could make better progress than is assumed in company's current plan, and we see potential for additional investment in this area as well.

Rating

**Buy**

Target price

**JPY 61,500**

Closing price

**JPY 49,920**

25 June 2026

(Note: Quick Note reports are not a vehicle for changes to ratings, target prices, or earnings forecasts)

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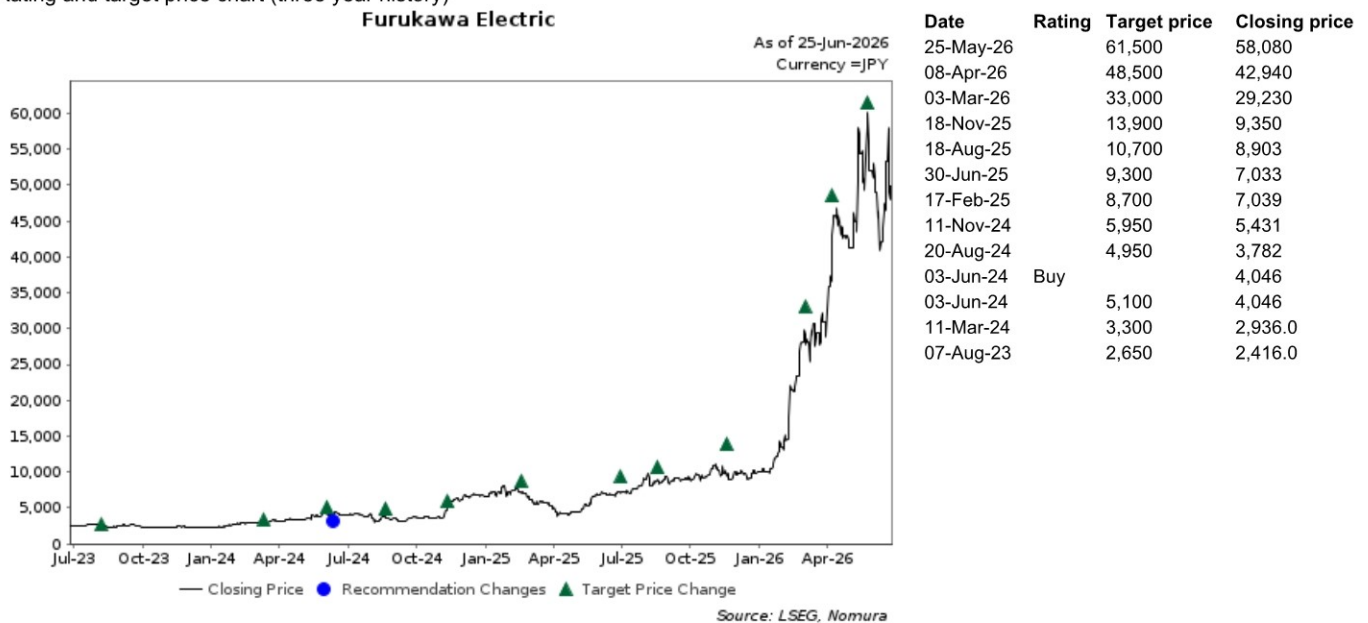
Issuer	Ticker	Price	Price date	Stock rating	Sector rating	Disclosures
Furukawa Electric	5801 JP	JPY 49,920	25-Jun-2026	Buy	N/A	A1,A2,A3,A4,A5,A6,A11,A25

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### Furukawa Electric (5801 JP)

JPY 49,920 (25-Jun-2026) Buy (Sector rating: N/A)

Rating and target price chart (three year history)



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**Valuation Methodology** We obtain our target price of ¥61,500 by multiplying our 27/3 EPS forecast of ¥1,279 by a fair-value P/E of around 48x. We value the shares at 2.3x the average P/E of around 21x for the Russell/Nomura Large Cap manufacturing sector, as: (1) we forecast an EPS CAGR of 24% over the five years through 32/3 (over the 27/3 baseline), above the benchmark average of around 8%, and (2) investments planned through 32/3 in high-voltage direct current (HVDC) cables, optical fiber, and optical cables should contribute to earnings from 33/3 onward.

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Transactions involving foreign equities are subject to a domestic sales commission of up to 1.045% (tax included) of the transaction amount (which equals the local transaction amount plus local fees and taxes in the case of a purchase or the local transaction amount minus local fees and taxes in the case of a sale) (for transaction amounts of ¥750,000 and below, maximum domestic sales commission is ¥7,810 (tax included)). Local fees and taxes in foreign financial instruments markets vary by country/territory. When foreign equities are purchased via OTC transactions (including offerings), only the purchase price shall be paid, with no sales commission charged. However, Nomura Securities may charge a separate fee for OTC transactions, as agreed with the customer. Foreign equities carry the risk of losses owing to factors such as price fluctuations and foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

Margin transactions are subject to a sales commission of up to 1.43% (tax included) of the transaction amount (or a commission of ¥2,860 (tax included) for transactions of ¥200,000 or less), as well as management fees and rights handling fees. In addition, long margin transactions are subject to interest on the purchase amount, while short margin transactions are subject to fees for the lending of the shares borrowed. A margin equal to at least 30% of the transaction amount (at least 33% for online transactions) and at least ¥300,000 is required. With margin transactions, an amount up to roughly 3.3x the margin (roughly 3x for online transactions) may be traded. Margin transactions therefore carry the risk of losses in excess of the margin owing to share price fluctuations. For details, please thoroughly read the written materials provided, such as listed securities documents or documents delivered before making a contract.

Transactions involving convertible bonds are subject to a sales commission of up to 1.10% (tax included) of the transaction amount (or a commission of ¥4,400 (tax included) if this would be less than ¥4,400). When convertible bonds are purchased via OTC transactions (including offerings), only the purchase price shall be paid, with no sales commission charged. However, Nomura Securities may charge a separate fee for OTC transactions, as agreed with the customer. Convertible bonds carry the risk of losses owing to factors such as interest rate fluctuations and price fluctuations in the underlying stock. In addition, convertible bonds denominated in foreign currencies also carry the risk of losses owing to factors such as foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

When bonds are purchased via public offerings, secondary distributions, or other OTC transactions with Nomura Securities, only the purchase price shall be paid, with no sales commission charged. Bonds carry the risk of losses, as prices fluctuate in line with changes in market interest rates. Bond prices may also fall below the invested principal as a result of such factors as changes in the management and financial circumstances of the issuer, or changes in third-party valuations of the bond in question. In addition, foreign currency-denominated bonds also carry the risk of losses owing to factors such as foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

When Japanese government bonds (JGBs) for individual investors are purchased via public offerings, only the purchase price shall be paid, with no sales commission charged. As a rule, JGBs for individual investors may not be sold in the first 12 months after issuance. When JGBs for individual investors are sold before maturity, an amount calculated via the following formula will be subtracted from the par value of the bond plus accrued interest: (1) for 10-year variable rate bonds, an amount equal to the two preceding coupon payments (before tax) x 0.79685 will be used, (2) for 5-year and 3-year fixed rate bonds, an amount equal to the two preceding coupon payments (before tax) x 0.79685 will be used.

When inflation-indexed JGBs are purchased via public offerings, secondary distributions (uridashi deals), or other OTC transactions with Nomura Securities, only the purchase price shall be paid, with no sales commission charged. Inflation-indexed JGBs carry the risk of losses, as prices fluctuate in line with changes in market interest rates and fluctuations in the nationwide consumer price index. The notional principal of inflation-indexed JGBs changes in line with the rate of change in nationwide CPI inflation from the time of its issuance. The amount of the coupon payment is calculated by multiplying the coupon rate by the notional principal at the time of payment. The maturity value is the amount of the notional principal when the issue becomes due. For J117 and subsequent issues, the maturity value shall not undercut the face amount. Purchases of investment trusts (and sales of some investment trusts) are subject to a purchase or sales fee of up to 5.5% (tax included) of the transaction amount. Also, a direct cost that may be incurred when selling investment trusts is a fee of up to 2.0% of the unit price at the time of redemption. Indirect costs that may be incurred during the course of holding investment trusts include, for domestic investment trusts, an asset management fee (trust fee) of up to 5.5% (tax included/annualized basis) of the net assets in trust, as well as fees based on investment performance. Other indirect costs may also be incurred. For foreign investment trusts, indirect fees may be incurred during the course of holding such as investment company compensation.

Investment trusts invest mainly in securities such as Japanese and foreign equities and bonds, whose prices fluctuate. Investment trust unit prices fluctuate owing to price fluctuations in the underlying assets and to foreign exchange rate fluctuations. As such, investment trusts carry the risk of losses. Fees and risks vary by investment trust. Maximum applicable fees are subject to change; please thoroughly read the written materials provided, such as prospectuses or documents delivered before making a contract.

In interest rate swap transactions and USD/JPY basis swap transactions ("interest rate swap transactions, etc."), only the agreed transaction payments shall be made on the settlement dates. Some interest rate swap transactions, etc. may require pledging of margin collateral. In some of these cases, transaction payments may exceed the amount of collateral. There shall be no advance notification of required collateral value or collateral ratios as they vary depending on the transaction. Interest rate swap transactions, etc. carry the risk of losses owing to fluctuations in market prices in the interest rate, currency and other markets, as well as reference indices. Losses incurred as such may exceed the value of

margin collateral, in which case margin calls may be triggered. In the event that both parties agree to enter a replacement (or termination) transaction, the interest rates received (paid) under the new arrangement may differ from those in the original arrangement, even if terms other than the interest rates are identical to those in the original transaction. Risks vary by transaction. Please thoroughly read the written materials provided, such as documents delivered before making a contract and disclosure statements.

In OTC transactions of credit default swaps (CDS), no sales commission will be charged. When entering into CDS transactions, the protection buyer will be required to pledge or entrust an agreed amount of margin collateral. In some of these cases, the transaction payments may exceed the amount of margin collateral. There shall be no advance notification of required collateral value or collateral ratios as they vary depending on the financial position of the protection buyer. CDS transactions carry the risk of losses owing to changes in the credit position of some or all of the referenced entities, and/or fluctuations of the interest rate market. The amount the protection buyer receives in the event that the CDS is triggered by a credit event may undercut the total amount of premiums that he/she has paid in the course of the transaction. Similarly, the amount the protection seller pays in the event of a credit event may exceed the total amount of premiums that he/she has received in the transaction. All other conditions being equal, the amount of premiums that the protection buyer pays and that received by the protection seller shall differ. In principle, CDS transactions will be limited to financial instruments business operators and qualified institutional investors. Transfers of equities to another securities company via the Japan Securities Depository Center are subject to a transfer fee of up to ¥11,000 (tax included) per issue transferred depending on volume. No account fee will be charged for marketable securities or monies deposited.

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