

<u>Domino's Pizza[®] Announces Third Quarter 2016 Financial Results</u> Continued Global Momentum with Strong Sales, Store Count and EPS Growth

ANN ARBOR, Michigan, October 18, 2016: Domino's Pizza, Inc. (NYSE: DPZ), the recognized world leader in pizza delivery, today announced results for the third quarter of 2016, comprised of strong growth in same store sales, global store counts and diluted earnings per share. Domestic same store sales grew 13.0% during the quarter versus the year-ago period, which represents the 22nd consecutive quarter of positive sales in the U.S. business. The international division also posted strong results with quarterly same store sales growth of 6.6%, marking the 91st consecutive quarter of international same store sales growth. The Company had global net store growth of 316 stores in the quarter, and 1,133 stores over the trailing four quarters.

Diluted EPS was 96 cents for the third quarter, which was up 43.3% over the prior year quarter. During the quarter, the Company repurchased 412,260 shares of its common stock for approximately \$59.7 million. The Company's Board of Directors also declared a 38-cent per share quarterly dividend for shareholders of record as of December 15, 2016, to be paid on December 30, 2016.

"We continued to execute at a very high level during the third quarter, as our unprecedented momentum, steady strategy and alignment with our outstanding franchisees is helping to take the business to new heights," said **J. Patrick Doyle, Domino's President and Chief Executive Officer**. "I couldn't be more pleased with the way our system continues to answer the challenge of sustained success."

Third Quarter Highlights:

(dollars in millions, except per share data)		ira ter of 16	Quarter of 2015	Quarters of 2016	Quarters of 2015
Net income	\$	47.2	\$ 37.8	\$ 141.9	\$ 130.0
Weighted average diluted shares	49,24	12,182	56,115,670	50,309,217	56,584,913
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.96	\$ 0.67	\$ 2.82	\$ 2.30

- **Revenues** were up 16.9% for the third quarter versus the prior year period, due primarily to higher supply chain revenues from increased volumes and store growth. Increased domestic franchise and Company-owned store revenues and higher international revenues resulting from both same store sales and store count growth also contributed to this increase.
- **Net Income** increased 24.8% for the third quarter versus the prior year period, due primarily to higher consolidated operating margins driven in part by the increase in sales and store growth. Higher general and administrative expenses, as well as higher interest expense as a result of the Company's 2015 recapitalization partially offset this increase. Additionally, the Company's consolidated operating margins and net income benefited from lower insurance expense in the quarter, due to a casualty insurance charge recorded in the third quarter of 2015.
- **Diluted EPS** was 96 cents for the third quarter versus 67 cents in the prior year quarter. This represents a 29-cent or 43.3% increase over the prior year quarter. This increase was driven by the aforementioned increase in net income as well as lower diluted share counts, primarily as a result of the share repurchases made during the trailing four quarters

The table below outlines certain statistical measures utilized by the Company to analyze its performance. Refer to the *Comments on Regulation G* section on page three for additional details.

	Third Quarter of 2016	Third Quarter of 2015
Same store sales growth: (versus prior year period)		_
Domestic Company-owned stores	+ 13.8%	+ 11.5%
Domestic franchise stores	+ 12.9%	+ 10.4%
Domestic stores	+ 13.0%	+ 10.5%
International stores (excluding foreign currency impact)	+ 6.6%	+ 7.7 %
Global retail sales growth: (versus prior year period) Domestic stores	+ 16.2%	+ 12.7%
International stores	+ 13.6%	+ 0.7%
Total	+ 14.9 %	+ 6.1 %
Global retail sales growth: (versus prior year period, excluding foreign currency impact)		
Domestic stores	+ 16.2%	+ 12.7%
International stores	+ 18.1%	+ 17.4%
Total	+ 17.2%	+ 15.2 %

	Domestic Company- owned Stores	Domestic Franchise Stores	Total Domestic Stores	International Stores	Total
Store counts:					
Store count at June 19, 2016	386	4,859	5,245	7,691	12,936
Openings	1	35	36	300	336
Closings	_	(8)	(8)	(12)	(20)
Store count at September 11, 2016	387	4,886	5,273	7,979	13,252
Third quarter 2016 net change	1	27	28	288	316
Trailing four quarters net change	10	151	161	972	1,133

Conference Call Information

The Company will file its quarterly report on Form 10-Q this morning. As previously announced, Domino's Pizza, Inc. will hold a **conference call today** at 10 a.m. (Eastern) to review its third quarter 2016 financial results. The call can be accessed by dialing (888) 400-9978 (U.S./Canada) or (706) 634-4947 (International). Ask for the Domino's Pizza conference call. The call will also be webcast at <u>biz.dominos.com</u>. The webcast will also be archived for one year on <u>biz.dominos.com</u>.

Share Repurchases

During the third quarter of 2016, the Company repurchased and retired 412,260 shares of its common stock under its open market share repurchase program for approximately \$59.7 million, or an average price of \$144.85 per share. As of September 11, 2016, the end of the third quarter, the Company had a total remaining authorized amount for share repurchases of \$165.5 million.

Liquidity

As of September 11, 2016, the Company had approximately:

- \$30.0 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents;
- \$2.23 billion in total debt; and
- \$46.2 million of available borrowings under its \$125.0 million variable funding notes. Letters of credit issued under the Company's variable funding note facility were \$43.8 million.

The Company invested \$38.3 million in capital expenditures during the three fiscal quarters of 2016. Free cash flow, as reconciled below to cash flows from operations as determined under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), was approximately \$124.4 million in the three fiscal quarters of 2016.

(in thousands)	1	Three Fiscal Quarters of 2016
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	162,617
Capital expenditures		(38,254)
Free cash flow	\$	124,363

Comments on Regulation G

In addition to the GAAP financial measures set forth in this press release, the Company has included the free cash flow non-GAAP financial measure within the meaning of Regulation G. The Company has also included metrics such as global retail sales growth and same store sales growth, which are commonly used statistical measures in the quick-service restaurant industry that are important to understanding Company performance.

The Company uses "Global retail sales" to refer to total worldwide retail sales at Company-owned and franchise stores. The Company believes global retail sales information is useful in analyzing revenues because franchisees pay royalties that are based on a percentage of franchise retail sales. The Company reviews comparable industry global retail sales information to assess business trends and to track the growth of the Domino's Pizza® brand. In addition, supply chain revenues are directly impacted by changes in franchise retail sales. Retail sales for franchise stores are reported to the Company by its franchisees and are not included in Company revenues.

The Company uses "**Same store sales growth**," which is calculated by including only sales from stores that also had sales in the comparable period of the prior year. International same store sales growth is calculated similarly to domestic same store sales growth. Changes in international same store sales are reported excluding foreign currency impacts, which reflect changes in international local currency sales.

The Company uses "**Free cash flow**," which is calculated as cash flows from operations less capital expenditures, both as reported under GAAP. The Company believes that the free cash flow measure is important to investors and other interested persons, and that such persons benefit from having a measure which communicates how much cash flow is available for working capital needs or to be used for repurchasing debt, making acquisitions, repurchasing common stock, paying dividends or other similar uses of cash.

About Domino's Pizza®

Founded in 1960, Domino's Pizza is the recognized world leader in pizza delivery, with a significant business in carryout pizza. It ranks among the world's top public restaurant brands with a global enterprise of more than 13,200 stores in over 80 markets. Domino's had global retail sales of over \$9.9 billion in 2015, with more than \$4.8 billion in the U.S. and nearly \$5.1 billion internationally. In the third quarter of 2016, Domino's had global retail sales of nearly \$2.5 billion, with over \$1.2 billion in the U.S. and nearly \$1.3 billion internationally. Its system is comprised of independent franchise owners who accounted for over 97% of Domino's stores as of the third quarter of 2016. Emphasis on technology innovation helped Domino's reach an estimated \$4.7 billion annually in global digital sales at the end of 2015, and has produced several innovative ordering platforms including Facebook Messenger, Samsung Smart TV®, Apple Watch, Amazon Echo, Twitter and text message using a pizza emoji. In late 2015, Domino's announced the design and launch of the DXP®, a purpose-built pizza delivery vehicle, as well as Piece of the Pie RewardsTM, its first digital customer loyalty program.

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Domino's Pizza, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income

(Unaudited)

	Fiscal Quarter Ended					
	September 11, 2016		% of Total September Revenues 2015		ptember 6, 2015	% of Total Revenues
(In thousands, except per share data)						
Revenues:						
Domestic Company-owned stores	\$	100,966		\$	86,456	
Domestic franchise		70,637			59,385	
Supply chain		355,036			303,591	
International franchise		40,038			35,264	
Total revenues		566,677	100.0 %		484,696	100.0%
Cost of sales:						
Domestic Company-owned stores		77,221			70,032	
Supply chain		315,553			272,710	
Total cost of sales		392,774	69.3%		342,742	70.7%
Operating margin		173,903	30.7%		141,954	29.3%
General and administrative		72,992	12.9%		61,411	12.7%
Income from operations		100,911	17.8%		80,543	16.6%
Interest expense, net		(25,097)	(4.4)%		(19,915)	(4.1)%
Income before provision for income taxes		75,814	13.4%		60,628	12.5%
Provision for income taxes		28,582	5.1%		22,796	4.7%
Net income	\$	47,232	8.3 %	\$	37,832	7.8%
Earnings per share:				· <u> </u>		
Common stock – diluted	\$	0.96		\$	0.67	

0.38

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Dividends declared per share

Domino's Pizza, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income

(Unaudited)

		Three Fiscal Quarters Ended					
	Se	eptember 11, 2016	% of Total Revenues	Se	eptember 6, 2015	% of Total Revenues	
(In thousands, except per share data)							
Revenues:							
Domestic Company-owned stores	\$	295,243		\$	267,625		
Domestic franchise		208,463			181,986		
Supply chain		1,029,990			918,150		
International franchise		119,497			107,584		
Total revenues		1,653,193	100.0%		1,475,345	100.0%	
Cost of sales:							
Domestic Company-owned stores		223,771			204,266		
Supply chain		916,465			819,387		
Total cost of sales		1,140,236	69.0%		1,023,653	69.4%	
Operating margin		512,957	31.0%		451,692	30.6%	
General and administrative		209,632	12.7%		184,665	12.5%	
Income from operations		303,325	18.3%		267,027	18.1%	
Interest expense, net		(75,977)	(4.5)%		(58,939)	(4.0)%	
Income before provision for income taxes		227,348	13.8%		208,088	14.1%	
Provision for income taxes		85,403	5.2%		78,058	5.3%	
Net income	\$	141,945	8.6%	\$	130,030	8.8%	
Earnings per share:			<u>-</u>				
Common stock – diluted	\$	2.82		\$	2.30		
Dividends declared per share	\$	1.14		\$	0.93		

Domino's Pizza, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

	Septe	ember 11, 2016	Ja	anuary 3, 2016
(In thousands)				
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	29,981	\$	133,449
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		123,569		180,940
Accounts receivable		138,107		131,582
Inventories		38,834		36,861
Advertising fund assets, restricted		115,234		99,159
Prepaid expenses and other		26,865		20,646
Total current assets		472,590		602,637
Property, plant and equipment, net		132,601		131,890
Other assets		71,416		65,318
Total assets	\$	676,607	\$	799,845
Liabilities and stockholders' deficit				
Current liabilities:				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	73,877	\$	59,333
Accounts payable		103,994		106,927
Dividends payable		18,547		557
Advertising fund liabilities		115,234		99,159
Other accrued liabilities		98,865		110,007
Total current liabilities		410,517		375,983
Long-term liabilities:				
Long-term debt, less current portion		2,156,884		2,181,460
Other accrued liabilities		45,352		42,653
Total long-term liabilities		2,202,236		2,224,113
Total stockholders' deficit		(1,936,146)		(1,800,251)
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	\$	676,607	\$	799,845

Domino's Pizza, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

		Three Fiscal Quarters Ended		
	Se	ptember 11, 2016	September 6, 2015	
(In thousands)				
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$	141,945 \$	130,030	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by				
operating activities:		25.460	22 60 7	
Depreciation and amortization		25,460	22,695	
Loss (gain) on sale/disposal of assets		473	(73)	
Amortization of debt issuance costs		4,562	3,825	
Provision for deferred income taxes		2,657	959	
Non-cash compensation expense		12,344	11,188	
Tax impact from equity-based compensation		(41,479)	(15,745)	
Other		(406)	(1,216)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		17,061	15,645	
Net cash provided by operating activities		162,617	167,308	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Capital expenditures		(38,254)	(33,834)	
Proceeds from sale of assets		4,658	10,464	
Changes in restricted cash		57,371	29,933	
Other		(1,669)	1,304	
Net cash provided by investing activities		22,106	7,867	
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		63,000	5,000	
Repayments of long-term debt and capital lease obligations		(77,592)	(5,198)	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		12,324	4,459	
Tax impact from equity-based compensation		41,479	15,745	
Purchases of common stock		(283,858)	(138,550)	
Tax payments for restricted stock upon vesting		(5,605)	(7,442)	
Payments of common stock dividends and equivalents		(37,548)	(48,141)	
Net cash used in financing activities		(287,800)	(174,127)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(391)	603	
Change in cash and cash equivalents		(103,468)	1,651	
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of period		133,449	30,855	
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period	\$	29,981 \$	32,506	
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