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Domino's Pizza Announces First Quarter 2015 Financial Results Continued Global Momentum with Strong Sales and EPS Growth

ANN ARBOR, Michigan, April 23, 2015: Domino's Pizza, Inc. (NYSE: DPZ), the recognized world leader in pizza delivery, today announced results for the first quarter of 2015, comprised of strong same store sales results and store count growth, which resulted in robust EPS growth. Domestic same store sales grew 14.5% during the quarter versus the year-ago period, continuing the positive sales momentum in the Company's domestic business. The international division also posted strong results with quarterly same store sales growth of 7.8%, marking the 85th consecutive quarter of international same store sales growth. The Company had global net store growth of 110 stores in the first quarter of 2015.

Diluted EPS was 81 cents for the first quarter, which was up 14.1% over the Company's reported EPS in the prior year quarter, and up 19.1% over the Company's adjusted EPS in the prior year quarter. During the quarter, the Company repurchased 290,877 shares of its common stock for approximately \$29.5 million. The Board of Directors also declared a 31-cent per share quarterly dividend for shareholders of record as of June 15, 2015, to be paid on June 30, 2015.

J. Patrick Doyle, Domino's President and Chief Executive Officer, said: "We had an outstanding start to 2015. Strong global sales, store growth and technology advancements all demonstrated the fundamental strength of the Domino's brand."

First Quarter Highlights:

(dollars in millions, except per share data)	Q	First Quarter of 2015		First Quarter of 2014
Net income	\$	46.3	\$	40.5
Weighted average diluted shares	5	7,013,552		57,372,471
Diluted earnings per share, as reported	\$	0.81	\$	0.71
Items affecting comparability*				(0.02)
Diluted earnings per share, as adjusted*	\$	0.81	\$	0.68

- * Refer to the *Items Affecting Comparability* section on page three for additional details. Diluted earnings per share figures may not sum to the total due to the rounding of each individual calculation.
- **Revenues** were up 10.6% for the first quarter versus the prior year period, due primarily to higher supply chain revenues from increased volumes and increased sales of equipment to stores in connection with the Company's store reimaging program. 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 was up 14.4% for the first quarter versus the prior year period, driven by domestic and international same store sales growth, global store count growth and higher supply chain volumes. This was offset in part by the negative impact of foreign currency exchange rates.
- **Diluted EPS** was 81 cents for the first quarter versus 71 cents in the prior year quarter. The diluted EPS of 81 cents for the quarter was 13 cents, or 19.1% higher than the prior year quarter's adjusted EPS of 68 cents. (See the *Items Affecting Comparability* section on page three and the *Comments on Regulation G* section on page four.)

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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 four for additional details.

		Qua	First arter of — Q 2015	First Quarter of 2014
Same store sales growth: (versus pri	or year period)	·	·	
Domestic Company-owned stores			+15.9%	+ 1.5%
Domestic franchise stores			+ 14.4%	+ 5.2%
Domestic stores			+ 14.5%	+ 4.9%
International stores (excluding for	eign currency impa	ct)	+ 7.8%	+ 7.4%
Global retail sales growth: (versus p	prior year period)			
Domestic stores			+16.5%	+ 6.3%
International stores			+5.0%	+ 11.7%
Total			+ 10.4%	+9.1%
Global retail sales growth: (versus p excluding foreign currency impact) Domestic stores International stores Total	prior year period,		+ 16.5% + 16.4%	+ 6.3% + 15.9% + 11.3%
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	Domestic Company- owned Stores	Domestic Franchise Stores	Total Domestic Stores	Internationa Stores
ecember 28, 2014	377	4,690	5,06	7 6,56

Store count at December 28, 2014	377	4,690	5,067	6,562	11,629
Openings	2	20	22	140	162
Closings	—	(5)	(5)	(47)	(52)
Store count at March 22, 2015	379	4,705	5,084	6,655	11,739
First quarter 2015 net change	2	15	17	93	110
Trailing four quarters net change	3	90	93	658	751

Total

Conference Call Information

Store counts:

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 first quarter 2015 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>. If you are unable to participate on the call, a replay will be available for thirty days by dialing (855) 859-2056 (U.S./Canada) or (404) 537-3406 (International), Conference ID 71614586. The webcast will also be archived for 30 days on <u>biz.dominos.com</u>.

Share Repurchases

During the first quarter of 2015, the Company repurchased and retired 290,877 shares of its common stock under its open market share repurchase program for approximately \$29.5 million, or an average price of \$101.46 per share. Subsequent to the first quarter of 2015 and through April 16, 2015, the Company repurchased and retired 177,695 shares of its common stock for approximately \$18.0 million, or an average of \$101.49 per share. As of April 16, 2015, the Company had approximately \$85.2 million remaining under the program.

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Dividends

On April 21, 2015, the Board of Directors declared a 31 cent per share quarterly dividend for shareholders of record as of June 15, 2015, to be paid on June 30, 2015.

Items Affecting Comparability

The Company's reported financial results for the first quarter of 2015 are not comparable to the reported financial results for the equivalent period in 2014. The table below presents certain items that affect comparability between 2015 and 2014 financial results. The Company believes that including such information is critical to the understanding of its financial results for the first quarter of 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014 (See the *Comments on Regulation G* section on page four for additional details).

	First Quarter of 2014					
(in thousands, except per share data)	P	re-tax		After-tax		Diluted EPS Impact
2014 items affecting comparability:						
Gain on the sale of Company-owned stores (1)	\$	1,652	\$	1,033	\$	0.02
Deferred tax asset valuation allowance reversal (2)				329		0.01
Total of 2014 items*	\$	1,652	\$	1,362	\$	0.02

- * Diluted earnings per share figures may not sum to the total due to the rounding of each individual calculation.
- (1) Represents the gain recognized on the sale of 14 Company-owned stores to a franchisee. The gain is net of a reduction in goodwill of approximately \$0.5 million.
- (2) As a result of the capital gain recognized in connection with the sale of Company-owned stores, the Company was able to utilize a portion of a previously unrecognized benefit of a capital loss carry forward.

Liquidity

As of March 22, 2015, the Company had approximately:

- \$75.0 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents;
- \$1.53 billion in total debt; and
- \$55.9 million of available borrowings under its \$100.0 million variable funding notes, net of letters of credit issued of \$44.1 million. The Company has collateralized these letters of credit with restricted cash, and has the ability to access this cash with minimal notice.

The Company's cash borrowing rate averaged 5.3% in both the first quarter of 2015 and the first quarter of 2014. Additionally, the Company invested \$7.6 million in capital expenditures during the first quarter of 2015, versus \$6.6 million in the first quarter of 2014.

Free cash flow, as reconciled below to cash flows from operations as determined under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), was approximately \$77.1 million in the first quarter of 2015.

(in thousands)	Quarter f 2015
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 84,745
Capital expenditures	(7,600)
Free cash flow	\$ 77,145

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Comments on Regulation G

In addition to the GAAP financial measures set forth in this press release, the Company has included non-GAAP financial measures within the meaning of Regulation G due to items affecting comparability between fiscal quarters. 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 "**Diluted EPS, as adjusted**," which is calculated as reported Diluted EPS adjusted for the items that affect comparability to the prior year period discussed above. The most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP is Diluted EPS. The Company believes that the Diluted EPS, as adjusted measure is important and useful to investors and other interested persons and that such persons benefit from having a consistent basis for comparison between reporting periods. The Company uses Diluted EPS, as adjusted to internally evaluate operating performance, to evaluate itself against its peers and to determine future performance targets and long-range planning. Additionally, the Company believes that analysts covering the Company's stock performance generally eliminate these items affecting comparability when preparing their financial models, when determining their published EPS estimates and when benchmarking the Company against its competitors.

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, domestic supply chain revenues are directly impacted by changes in domestic 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**," 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**," 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.

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About Domino's Pizza[®]

Founded in 1960, Domino's Pizza is the recognized world leader in pizza delivery and digital ordering technology, with a significant business in carryout pizza. It ranks among the world's top public restaurant brands with a global enterprise of more than 11,700 stores in over 75 international markets. Domino's had global retail sales of over \$8.9 billion in 2014, comprised of more than \$4.1 billion in the U.S. and nearly \$4.8 billion internationally. In the first quarter of 2015, Domino's had global retail sales of over \$2.2 billion, comprised of \$1.1 billion in the U.S. and \$1.1 billion internationally. Its system is comprised of franchise owners who accounted for nearly 97% of Domino's Pizza stores as of the first quarter of 2015. Emphasis on technology innovation helped Domino's generate approximately 50% of U.S. sales from digital channels at the end of 2014, and reach an estimated run rate of \$4 billion annually in global digital sales. Domino's features an ordering app lineup that covers nearly 95% of the U.S. smartphone market and, in June 2014, debuted voice ordering for its iPhone[®] and AndroidTM apps, a true technology first within traditional and e-commerce retail.

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This press release contains forward-looking statements. You can identify forward-looking statements because they contain words such as "believes," "expects," "may," "will," "should," "seeks," "approximately," "intends," "plans," "estimates," or "anticipates" or similar expressions that concern our strategy, plans or intentions. These forward-looking statements relating to our anticipated profitability, estimates in same store sales growth, the growth of our international business, ability to service our indebtedness, our future cash flows, our operating performance, trends in our business and other descriptions of future events reflect the Company's expectations based upon currently available information and data. However, actual results are subject to future risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially include: the level of our long-term and other indebtedness; uncertainties relating to litigation; consumer preferences, spending patterns and demographic trends; the effectiveness of our advertising, operations and promotional initiatives; the strength of our brand in the markets in which we compete; our ability to retain key personnel; new product, digital ordering and concept developments by us, and other food-industry competitors; the ongoing level of profitability of our franchisees; and our ability and that of our franchisees to open new restaurants and keep existing restaurants in operation; changes in food prices, particularly cheese, labor, utilities, insurance, employee benefits and other operating costs; the impact that widespread illness or general health concerns may have on our business and the economy of the countries where we operate; severe weather conditions and natural disasters; changes in our effective tax rate; changes in foreign currency exchange rates; changes in government legislation and regulations; adequacy of our insurance coverage; costs related to future financings; our ability and that of our franchisees to successfully operate in the current credit environment; changes in the level of consumer spending given the general economic conditions including interest rates, energy prices and weak consumer confidence; availability of borrowings under our variable funding notes and our letters of credit; and changes in accounting policies. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations are more fully described in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including under the section headed "Risk Factors" in our annual report on Form 10-K. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release, and you should not rely on such statements as representing the views of the Company as of any subsequent date. Except as required by applicable securities laws, we do not undertake to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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

	Fiscal Quarter Ended					
	 March 22, 2015		% of Total Revenues		March 23, 2014	% of Total Revenues
(In thousands, except per share data)						
Revenues:						
Domestic Company-owned stores	\$			\$	82,457	
Domestic franchise	61,7				53,421	
Supply chain	311,6	56			284,334	
International	 36,2				33,640	
Total revenues	502,0	27	100.0%		453,852	100.0%
Cost of sales:						
Domestic Company-owned stores	68,1	52			62,791	
Supply chain	276,8	09			254,019	
Total cost of sales	344,9	61	68.7%		316,810	69.8%
Operating margin	157,0	66	31.3%		137,042	30.2%
General and administrative	62,8	13	12.5%		52,867	11.6%
Income from operations	94,2	53	18.8%		84,175	18.6%
Interest expense, net	(20,0	71)	(4.0)%)	(20,295)	(4.5)%
Income before provision for income taxes	 74,1	82	14.8%	_	63,880	14.1%
Provision for income taxes	27,8	93	5.6%		23,406	5.2%
Net income	\$ 46,2	89	9.2%	\$	40,474	8.9%
Earnings per share:						
Common stock – diluted	\$ 0.	81		\$	0.71	
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.	31		\$	0.25	

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

	Marc	March 22, 2015		December 28, 2014	
(In thousands)					
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	74,991	\$	30,855	
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		121,533		120,954	
Accounts receivable		118,085		118,395	
Inventories		37,899		37,944	
Advertising fund assets, restricted		72,555		72,055	
Other assets		20,978		48,158	
Total current assets		446,041		428,361	
Property, plant and equipment, net		114,744		114,046	
Other assets		76,196		76,873	
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	636,981	\$	619,280	
Liabilities and stockholders' deficit					
Current liabilities:					
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	234	\$	565	
Accounts payable		88,323		86,552	
Dividends payable		17,579		14,351	
Advertising fund liabilities		72,555		72,055	
Other accrued liabilities		96,622		92,085	
Total current liabilities		275,313		265,608	
Long-term liabilities:					
Long-term debt, less current portion		1,527,202		1,523,546	
Other accrued liabilities		48,044		49,591	
Total long-term liabilities		1,575,246		1,573,137	
Total stockholders' deficit		(1,213,578)		(1,219,465)	
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	<u>\$</u>	636,981	\$	619,280	

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

	Fiscal Quarter Ended			
	Ν	1arch 22, 2015	March 23, 2014	
(In thousands)				
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$	46,289	6 40,474	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		7,347	6,421	
(Gain) loss on sale/disposal of assets		150	(1,556)	
Amortization of deferred financing costs		1,274	1,390	
Provision for deferred income taxes		198	700	
Non-cash compensation expense		4,466	4,455	
Tax impact from equity-based compensation		(4,677)	(7,834)	
Other		74	45	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		29,624	(7,891)	
Net cash provided by operating activities		84,745	36,204	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Capital expenditures		(7,600)	(6,561)	
Proceeds from sale of assets		6,789	3,906	
Changes in restricted cash		(579)	16,827	
Other		1,556	(279)	
Net cash provided by investing activities		166	13,893	
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Repayments of long-term debt and capital lease obligations		(103)	(6,032)	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		1,196	2,458	
Tax impact from equity-based compensation		4,677	7,834	
Purchases of common stock		(29,512)	(15,131)	
Tax payments for restricted stock upon vesting		(3,632)	(4,308)	
Payments of common stock dividends and equivalents		(13,965)	(11,053)	
Net cash used in financing activities		(41,339)	(26,232)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		564	128	
Change in cash and cash equivalents		44,136	23,993	
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of period		30,855	14,383	
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period	<u>\$</u>	74,991	38,376	

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