

Domino's Pizza Announces Third Quarter 2014 Financial Results

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Achieves Robust Sales and Earnings Growth

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Oct. 14, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- **Domino's Pizza, Inc. (NYSE: DPZ)**, the recognized world leader in pizza delivery, today announced results for the third quarter of 2014, comprised of strong growth in same store sales, global store counts and earnings. Domestic same store sales grew 7.7% 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 same store sales growth of 7.1%, marking the 83rd consecutive quarter of international same store sales growth. The Company had global net store growth of 160 stores in the quarter.



Diluted EPS was 63 cents for the third quarter, which was up 18.9% over the Company's reported EPS in the prior year quarter, and up 23.5% over the Company's adjusted EPS in the prior year quarter. During the quarter, the Company repurchased 242,700 shares of its common stock for approximately \$17.4 million. The Board of Directors also declared a 25 cent per share quarterly dividend for shareholders of record as of December 15, 2014 to be paid on December 30, 2014.

J. Patrick Doyle, Domino's President and Chief Executive Officer, said: "Great people, food, service and technology have helped us deliver another strong quarter of global sales and profits. Our franchisees continued to drive vigorous store growth worldwide and have embraced our 'Pizza Theater' store reimage program in neighborhoods around the world."

Third Quarter Highlights:

			Three Fiscal Quarters of	Three Fiscal Quarters of
(dollars in millions, except per share data)	Third Quarter of 2014	Third Quarter of 2013	2014	2013
Net income	\$ 35.6	\$ 30.6	\$ 114.6	\$ 98.3
Weighted average diluted shares	56,610,608	57,345,677	57,030,669	57,831,660

Diluted earnings per share, as reported	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.53	\$ 2.01	\$ 1.70
Items affecting comparability*	-	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Diluted earnings per share, as adjusted*	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.51	\$ 1.98	\$ 1.68

^{*} 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 10.5% for the third quarter versus the prior year period, due primarily to higher supply chain revenues from increased volumes in the supply chain centers and elevated commodity prices, specifically cheese, as well as increased sales of equipment and supplies to stores as our store reimaging program accelerates. Additionally, sales and store growth contributed to increased revenues in all business segments.
- **Net Income** was up 16.3% for the third quarter versus the prior year period, primarily driven by domestic and international same store sales growth and global store count growth, as well as increased supply chain volumes.
- **Diluted EPS** was 63 cents for the third quarter versus 53 cents in the prior year quarter. The diluted EPS of 63 cents for the quarter was 12 cents, or 23.5% higher than the prior year adjusted EPS of 51 cents. This increase was due to higher net income and lower weighted average diluted shares outstanding. (See the *Items Affecting Comparability* section and the *Comments on Regulation G* section.)

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.

	Third quarter of 2014	Third quarter of 2013
Same store sales growth: (versus prior year period)		
Domestic Company-owned stores	+ 6.1%	+ 4.6%
Domestic franchise stores	+ 7.8%	+ 5.5%
Domestic stores	+ 7.7%	+ 5.4%
International stores (excluding foreign currency impact)	+ 7.1%	+ 5.0%
Global retail sales growth: (versus prior year period) Domestic stores International stores Total	+ 9.3% + 17.9% + 13.8%	+ 6.2% + 8.5% + 7.4%
Global retail sales growth: (versus prior year period, excluding foreign currency impact)		
Domestic stores	+ 9.3%	+ 6.2%
International stores	+15.2%	+13.9%
Total	+12.4%	+10.2%

	Domestic Company-owned Stores	Domestic Franchise Stores	Total Domestic Stores	International Stores	Total
Store counts:					
Store count at June 15, 2014	376	4,626	5,002	6,119	11,121
Openings	-	23	23	160	183
Closings _	<u>-</u>	(9)	(9)	(14)	(23)
Store count at September 7, 2014	376	4,640	5,016	6,265	11,281
Third quarter 2014 net change	<u>-</u>	14	14	146	160
Trailing four quarters net change	(14)	91	77	638	715

Conference Call Information

The Company will file its quarterly report on Form 10-Q this morning. Additionally, as previously announced, Domino's Pizza will hold a **conference call today** at 10 a.m. (Eastern) to review its third quarter 2014 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 www.dominosbiz.com. 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 34199327. The webcast will also be archived for 30 days on www.dominosbiz.com.

Share Repurchases

During the third quarter of 2014, the Company repurchased and retired 242,700 shares of its common stock under its open market share repurchase program for approximately \$17.4 million, or an average price of \$71.69 per share. As of October 7, 2014, the Company had authorization for repurchases of approximately \$132.7 million remaining under the program.

Dividends

On October 8, 2014, the Board of Directors declared a 25 cent per share quarterly dividend for shareholders of record as of December 15, 2014 to be paid on December 30, 2014.

Items Affecting Comparability

The Company's reported financial results for the third quarter and three fiscal quarters of 2014 are not comparable to the reported financial results for the equivalent periods in 2013. The table below presents certain items that affect comparability between 2014 and 2013 financial results. The Company believes that including such information is critical to the understanding of its financial results for the third quarter and three fiscal quarters of 2014 as compared to the same periods in 2013 (See the *Comments on Regulation G* section on page four for additional details).

In addition to the items noted in the table below, the Company had lower weighted average diluted shares outstanding in 2014 that resulted in an increase in diluted EPS of approximately one cent in the third quarter of 2014 and three cents in the three fiscal quarters of 2014.

	Third Quarter				I Quarters	
(in thousands, except per share data) 2014 items affecting comparability:	Pre-tax	After-tax	Diluted EPS Impact	Pre-tax	After-tax	Diluted EPS Impact
Gain on the sale of Company-owned		\$ -	\$ -			
stores (1) Deferred tax asset valuation allowance	\$ -	Ψ	Ψ	\$ 1,652	\$ 1,033	\$ 0.02
reversal (2)					329	0.01
Total of 2014 items*	\$ -	\$ - 	\$ -	\$ 1,652	\$ 1,362	\$ 0.02
2013 items affecting comparability:						
Tax benefit for domestic dough production (3)	\$ -	\$ 1,358	\$ 0.02	\$ -	\$ 1,358	\$ 0.02
Total of 2013 items	\$ -	\$ 1,358	\$ 0.02	<u> \$ -</u>	\$ 1,358	\$ 0.02

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- (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.
- (3) Represents additional tax benefit recorded for prior tax years in connection with the Company revising its calculation for a deduction related to its domestic dough production.

Liquidity

As of September 7, 2014, the Company had approximately:

- \$30.9 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents;
- \$1.52 billion in total debt; and
- \$59.8 million of available borrowings under its \$100.0 million variable funding notes, net of letters of credit issued of \$40.2 million.

The Company's cash borrowing rate averaged 5.4% in the third quarter of 2014 and 5.3% in the third quarter of 2013. Additionally, the Company invested \$31.0 million in capital expenditures during the three fiscal quarters of 2014, compared to \$20.3 million in the three fiscal quarters of 2013.

Free cash flow, as reconciled below to cash flows from operations as determined under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), was approximately \$87.9 million in the three fiscal quarters of 2014.

	Three Fiscal Quarters
(in thousands)	of 2014
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 118,885

 Capital expenditures
 (30,983)

 Free cash flow
 \$ 87,902

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," 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 its global enterprise of more than 11,250 stores in over 75 international markets. Domino's had global retail sales of over \$8.0 billion in 2013, comprised of nearly \$3.8 billion in the U.S. and over \$4.2 billion internationally. In the third quarter of 2014, Domino's had global retail sales of over \$2.0 billion, comprised of \$0.9 billion in the U.S. and \$1.1 billion internationally. Its system is made up of franchise owners who accounted for nearly 97% of the Domino's Pizza stores as of the third quarter of 2014. The emphasis on technology innovation helped Domino's generate approximately 40% of U.S. sales from its digital channels in 2013, as well as reach an estimated \$3 billion annually in global digital sales. Domino's recently launched its ordering app for iPad®, adding to an existing ordering app lineup that covers nearly 95% of the smartphone market. In June 2014, Domino's debuted voice ordering for its iPhone® and Android ™apps, a true technology first within both traditional and e-commerce retail.

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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.

TABLES TO FOLLOW

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

	Fiscal Quarter Ended					
	•	tember 7, 2014	% of Total Revenues	Sep	tember 8, 2013	% of Total Revenues
(In thousands, except per share data)						
Revenues:						
Domestic Company-owned stores	\$	77,644		\$	75,923	
Domestic franchise		51,858			47,846	
Domestic supply chain		254,820			226,315	
International		62,246			53,966	
Total revenues		446,568	100.0%		404,050	100.0%
Cost of sales:						
Domestic Company-owned stores		59,754			58,662	
Domestic supply chain		228,422			203,004	
International		24,878			21,750	
Total cost of sales		313,054	70.1%		283,416	70.1%
Operating margin		133,514	29.9%		120,634	29.9%
General and administrative		56,573	12.7%		53,858	13.3%
Income from operations		76,941	17.2%		66,776	16.6%
Interest expense, net		(19,952)	(4.4)%		(20,323)	(5.1)%
Income before provision for			_			_
income taxes		56,989	12.8%		46,453	11.5%
Provision for income taxes		21,371	4.8%		15,821	3.9%
Net income	\$	35,618	8.0%	\$	30,632	7.6%
Earnings per share:						
Common stock – diluted	\$	0.63		(0.53	
Dividends declared per share	\$	0.25		(0.20	

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

	Three Fiscal Quarters Ended					
	September 2014	7, % of Total Revenues	September 8, 2013	% of Total Revenues		
(In thousands, except per share data)						
Revenues:						
Domestic Company-owned stores	\$ 238,91	5	\$ 235,526			
Domestic franchise	157,31	7	147,330			
Domestic supply chain	769,89	9	691,154			
International	184,75	52	161,666			
Total revenues	1,350,88	33 100.0%	1,235,676	100.0%		
Cost of sales:						
Domestic Company-owned stores	183,26	62	179,466			

Domestic supply chain	689,487		615,736	
International	 72,933		64,047	
Total cost of sales	945,682	70.0%	859,249	69.5%
Operating margin	405,201	30.0%	376,427	30.5%
General and administrative	162,722	12.0%	 160,286	13.0%
Income from operations	242,479	18.0%	216,141	17.5%
Interest expense, net Income before provision for	 (60,071)	(4.5)%	 (61,621)	(5.0)%
income taxes	182,408	13.5%	154,520	12.5%
Provision for income taxes	67,854	5.0%	56,198	4.5%
Net income	\$ 114,554	8.5%	\$ 98,322	8.0%
Earnings per share:				
Common stock – diluted	\$ 2.01		\$ 1.70	
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.75		\$ 0.60	

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

	Septe	ember 7, 2014	Dece	mber 29, 2013
(In thousands)				
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	30,936	\$	14,383
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		73,592		125,453
Accounts receivable		103,540		105,779
Inventories		35,213		30,321
Advertising fund assets, restricted		60,111		44,695
Other assets		29,932		30,909
Total current assets		333,324		351,540
Property, plant and equipment, net		100,491		97,584
Other assets		77,068		76,131
Total assets	\$	510,883	\$	525,255
Liabilities and stockholders' deficit Current liabilities:				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	549	\$	24,144
Accounts payable		73,942		83,408
Dividends payable		14,111		11,849
Advertising fund liabilities		60,111		44,695
Other accrued liabilities		71,673		90,515
Total current liabilities		220,386		254,611
Long-term liabilities:				
Long-term debt, less current portion		1,523,740		1,512,299
Other accrued liabilities		48,499		48,547
Total long-term liabilities		1,572,239		1,560,846
Total stockholders' deficit		(1,281,742)		(1,290,202)
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	\$	510,883	\$	525,255

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

(Unaudited)

	Three Fiscal Quarters Ended		
	September 7, <u>2014</u>	September 8, <u>2013</u>	
(In thousands)			
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 114,554	\$ 98,322	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net			
cash flows provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	20,024	17,480	
Gains on sale/disposal of assets	(1,381)	(71)	
Amortization of deferred financing costs	4,046	4,264	
Provision for deferred income taxes	1,008	6,031	
Non-cash compensation expense	11,897	14,866	
Tax impact from equity-based compensation Other	(10,899)	(12,025)	
	(888)	(1,283)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(19,476)	(23,009)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	118,885	104,575	
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Capital expenditures	(30,983)	(20,286)	
Proceeds from sale of assets	5,802	3,184	
Changes in restricted cash	51,861	(3,273)	
Other	(1,365)	1,539	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	25,315	(18,836)	
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Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repayments of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	(12,152)	(18,268)	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	3,094	5,804	
Tax impact from equity-based compensation	10,899	12,025	
Purchases of common stock	(82,407)	(76,892)	
Tax payments for restricted stock upon vesting	(7,889)	(7,888)	
Payments of common stock dividends and equivalents	(39,208)	(23,223)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(127,663)	(108,442)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	16_	(31)	
Change in cash and cash equivalents	16,553	(22,734)	
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of period	14,383	54,813	
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period	\$ 30,936	\$ 32,079	
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