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Note Regarding Non-GAAP Measures

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Executive Summary: Building Strategic Momentum

Q2'23 Review

- Traffic strength across portfolio drove significant same-store sales (SSS) growth and average unit volumes (AUV) above internal expectations
- Exceeded guidance across AUVs, SSS, shop-level margin and adjusted EBITDA
- Shop-level margins surpassed 14%, an improvement of 300 basis points versus last year
- Signed Shop Development Area Agreements (SDAAs) totaling 106 new shop commitments to-date for the Franchise Growth Acceleration Initiative with additional deals in the pipeline
- Development efforts advanced with the hire of Lynette McKee to lead franchising and the return of our founder, Bryant Keil, as a franchisee in Maryland

Traffic-Driven Profitability and Unit Growth



Craveable Quality Food at a Great Value



People Creating Good Vibes



Customer

that Drive

Traffic

Growth

Digitally-Experiences Driven Awareness, Connection & Traffic



Franchise Focused Development

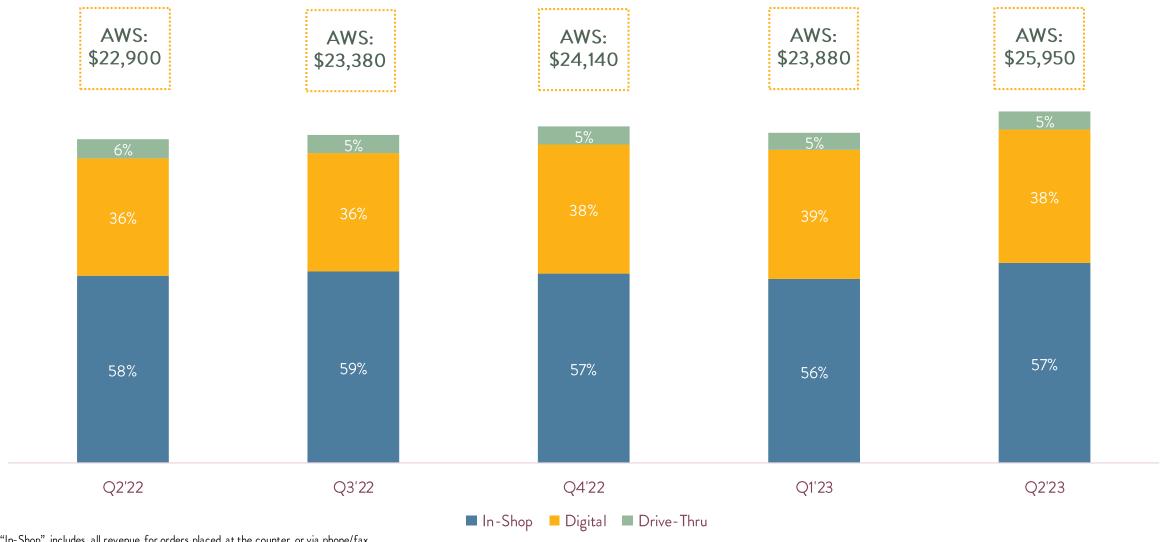
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Potbelly is the sandwich shop with the craveable quality and good vibes of a first-class dive.

SSS and AUV Trends Exhibit Continued Strength



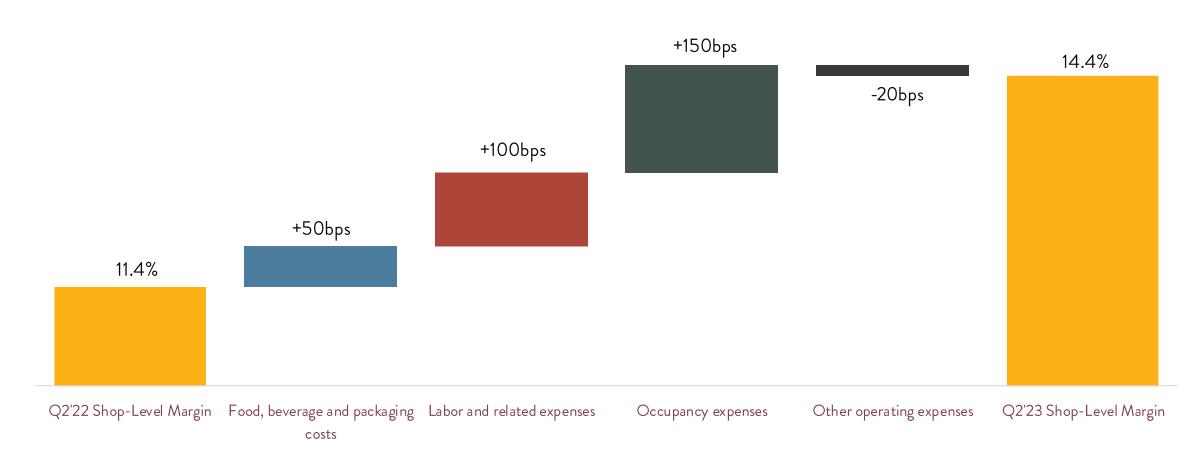
Consistent Order Mode Mix, Growing Digital Presence



[&]quot;In-Shop" includes all revenue for orders placed at the counter or via phone/fax.

[&]quot;Digital" includes all revenue for orders placed through the mobile app, website, and third-party delivery partners.

Growth in Shop-Level Profit Margin

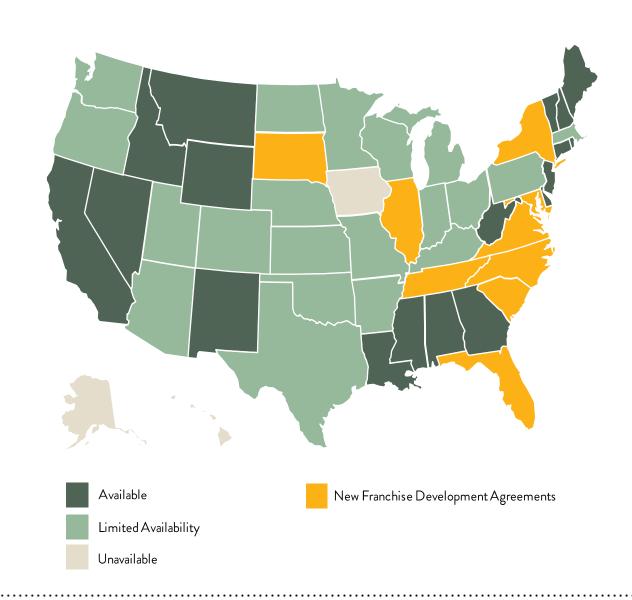


Note: Bridged incremental figures rounded to nearest 10 basis points

Franchise Growth Acceleration (FGA) Initiative

FGA Update

- Signed multiple new franchise development agreements from October 2022 to date totaling 106 new shop commitments including agreements for:
 - New York: 13 shop agreement in New York City
 - Florida: 46 shop commitments from
 (6) agreements in Tampa, Orlando,
 Panama City, Fort Myers, Naples,
 Broward County and Gainesville.
 - Maryland: 15 shop agreement across7 counties
- Refranchised 20 shops as part of aforementioned agreements



Q3'23 Guidance & FY'23 Outlook





\$25,000 - \$25,500

Same-store sales:

7.0% - 9.0%

Shop-level margin:

12.0% - 14.0%

Adj. EBITDA:

\$5.0 million - \$6.0 million

FY'23 Outlook

Average Unit Volumes:

Record levels

Same-store sales:

High single-digit to low double-digit growth

Shop-level margin:

Low teens



Strong Platform to Achieve Growth Targets



Strong Brand, Differentiated Experience

Authentic fast casual concept, with fresh, fast, & friendly service and high brand recognition across 400+ locations



Franchise Focused Development

2024 target of 10% unit growth; Longterm goal of 2,000 shops

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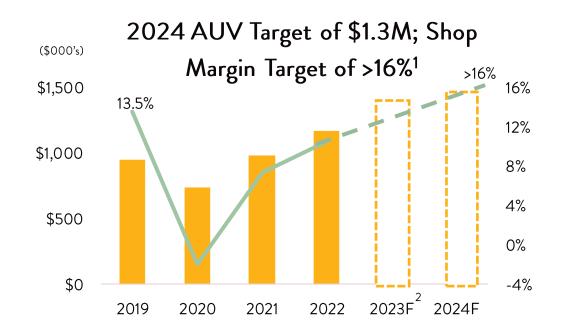
Renewed Focus of Strategic Marketing

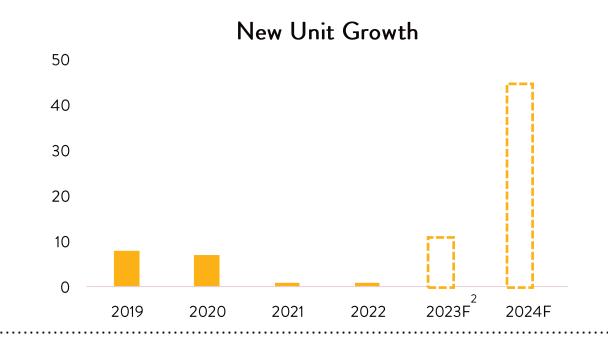
Positive momentum with Scale digital media and Perks loyalty program integration



Executing Five-Pillar Strategic Plan

'Traffic-Driven Profitability' underpinned by five key pillars to achieve sustainable long-term growth





^{1.} All margin levels for historical years reflect new margin reporting structure.

APPENDIX: GAAP TO NON-GAAP RECONCILIATIONS

Q2'23 Performance Review: Adjusted Net Income

In Millions	Q2 2023	Q2 2022
Net Income	\$2.2	\$0.6
Impairment, Disposals & Closures	\$0.7	\$1.0
Loss on FGA Initiative	\$0.0	
Income Tax Adjustments	(\$0.9)	(\$0.2)
Adjusted Net Income	\$2.0	\$1.5

Q2'23 Performance Review: Adjusted EBITDA

In Millions	Q2 2023	Q2 2022
Net Income	\$2.2	\$0.6
Depreciation Expense	\$2.9	\$3.0
Interest Expense	\$1.0	\$0.4
Income Tax Expense	(\$0.0)	(\$0.0)
EBITDA	\$6.1	\$3.9
Impairment, Disposals & Closures	\$0.7	\$1.0
Stock Compensation	\$1.3	\$0.8
Loss on FGA Initiative	\$0.0	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$8.0	\$5.8

Q2'23 Performance Review: Shop Margin

In Millions	Q2 2023	Q22022
Income from Operations	\$3.3	\$1.0
Less: Franchise Revenue	\$1.9	\$1.0
Franchise Support, Rent & Marketing	\$1.2	\$0.1
G&A Expense	\$11.7	\$8.8
Pre-opening Costs	\$0.0	
Loss on FGA Initiative	\$0.0	
Depreciation Expense	\$2.9	\$3.0
Impairment, Disposals & Closures	\$0.7	\$1.0
Shop-level Profit	\$17.9	\$13.1
Total Revenues	\$126.6	\$116.0
Less: Franchise Revenue	\$1.9	\$1.0
Sandwich Shop Sales, Net	\$124.7	\$115.0
Shop-level Margin	14.4%	11.4%

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Information reconciling forward-looking shop-level profit margin to GAAP financial measures is unavailable to the Company is not able to provide reconciliations of shop-level profit margins and Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP financial measures because certain items required for such reconciliations are outside of the Company's control and/or cannot be reasonably predicted. These items include but are not limited to impairment charges, gain or loss on asset disposals, shop closure costs, and restructuring costs that are difficult to predict in advance in order to include in a GAAP estimate and may be significant.

Definitions

The following definitions apply to these terms as used throughout this presentation:

- Revenues represents net company-operated sandwich shop sales and our franchise royalties and fees. Net company-operated shop sales consist of food and beverage sales, net of promotional allowances and employee meals. Franchise royalties and fees consist of royalty income, franchise fees, and other fees collected from franchisees including advertising and rent.
- Company-operated comparable store-sales or same-store traffic—an operating measure that represents the change in year-over-year sales or transactions for the comparable company-operated store base open for 15 months or longer.
- Average Unit Volumes (AUV) an operating measure that represents the average sales of all company-operated shops which reported sales during the associated time period.
- System-wide sales an operating measure that represents the sum of sales generated by company-operated shops and sales generated by franchised shops, net of all promotional allowances, discounts, and employee meals. Net sales from franchised shops are not included in total revenues. Rather, revenues are limited to the royalties, fees and other income collected from franchisees.
- EBITDA a non-GAAP measure that represents income before depreciation and amortization expense, interest expense and the provision for income taxes.
- Adjusted EBITDA a non-GAAP measure that represents income before depreciation and amortization expense, interest expense and the provision for income taxes, adjusted to eliminate the impact of other items, including certain non-cash and other items that we do not consider representative of our ongoing operating performance.
- Shop-level profit (loss) a non-GAAP measure that represents income (loss) from operations excluding franchise royalties and fees, franchise support, marketing and rent expenses, general and administrative expenses, depreciation expense, pre-opening costs, restructuring costs, loss on Franchise Growth Acceleration Initiative activities and impairment, loss on the disposal of property and equipment and shop closures.
- Shop-level profit (loss) margin a non-GAAP measure that represents shop-level profit expressed as a percentage of net company-operated sandwich shop sales.
- Adjusted net income (loss) a non-GAAP measure that represents net income (loss), adjusted to eliminate the impact of restructuring costs, impairment, loss on the disposal of property and equipment, shop closures, and other items we do not consider representative of our ongoing operating performance, including the income tax effects of those adjustments.
- Adjusted diluted EPS a non-GAAP measure that represents adjusted net income (loss) divided by the weighted average number of fully dilutive common shares outstanding.

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