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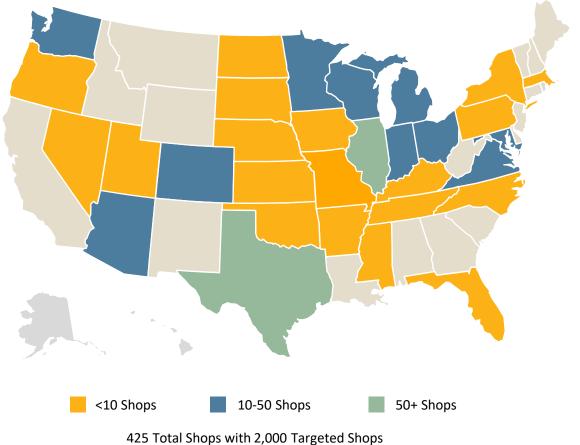
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## Welcome to Potbelly

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

- Strong heritage founded in a Chicago antique shop in 1977
- 425 locations today, including 53 franchise shops in the U.S.
- Delicious, craveable food made-to-order with fresh, high-quality ingredients
- Authentic concept with loyal customer base:
  - Inviting neighborhood feel
  - Fresh, Fast & Friendly service
  - Unique brand position



## Why Invest in PBPB?



**NASDAQ: PBPB** 



#### **Strong Brand, Differentiated Experience**

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



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#### **Focus on Volume and Profitability Targets**

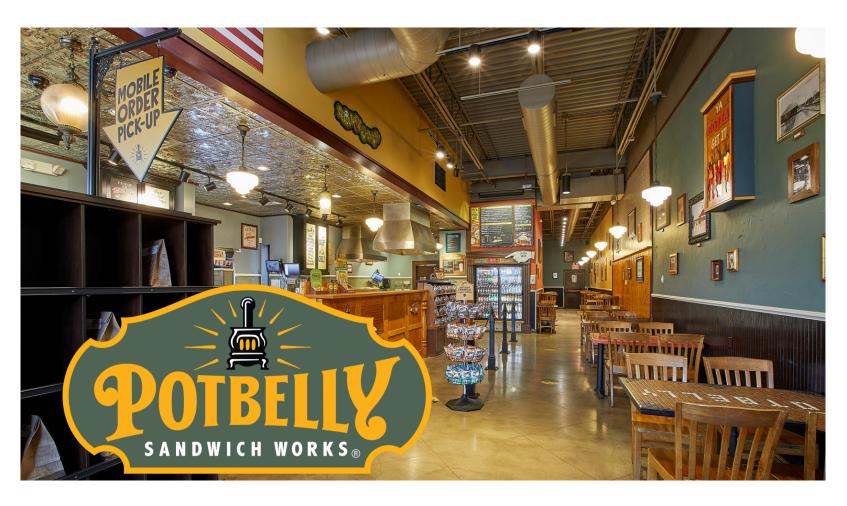
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#### **Brand Position**



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## Strong Leadership Team: Deep Restaurant Experience



**Bob Wright President & CEO** 



Steve Cirulis
Chief Financial Officer



Adam Noyes
Chief Operating Officer



Adiya Dixon
Chief Legal Officer



Jeffrey Douglas
Chief Information Officer



Larry Strain
Chief Development Officer



David Daniels
Chief Marketing Officer

## Executing Against Five-Pillar Strategic Plan



## Pillar 1: Craveable Quality Food at a Great Value



- Increased promotions and offerings
  - Continue to promote and highlight diverse,
     premium menu items
  - Growing catering business to compliment a multitude of social gatherings
  - Unique LTO menu items such as Meatball
     Madness and the Red Velvet Cookie
- Redefined sandwich sizes and increased meat and cheese portions have improved value for customers
- Increased Pick-Your-Pair combination options











## Pillar 2: People Creating Good Vibes



- Continue to embrace 'Hire for "Good Vibes" attitude & personality, train for skills' mantra
- Implemented employee retention and acquisition initiatives including referral bonus programs, pay band modifications, and digital tipping feature
- Transformed Rewards & Recognition systems to reward traffic driven profitability at all levels of management
- Balanced scorecard system aligns incentives and recognizes the top performers
- Hours-based labor management improves planning and productivity while reducing cost



## Pillar 3: Customer Experiences that Drive Traffic Growth



- Refined operating systems that focus on improving and delivering consistent food quality, speed, throughput and cleanliness
- Delivering outsized customer satisfaction performance vs. competition
- Leveraging two-line kitchen to deliver digital and off-premise business while maintaining in shop line speed and experience
- Expanding implementation of Potbelly Digital Kitchen (PDK) in company and franchise shops improving customer and associate experience while saving labor costs
- Successful campaigns with third-party partners like DoorDash, Grubhub and Uber Eats complement Potbelly's in-house delivery





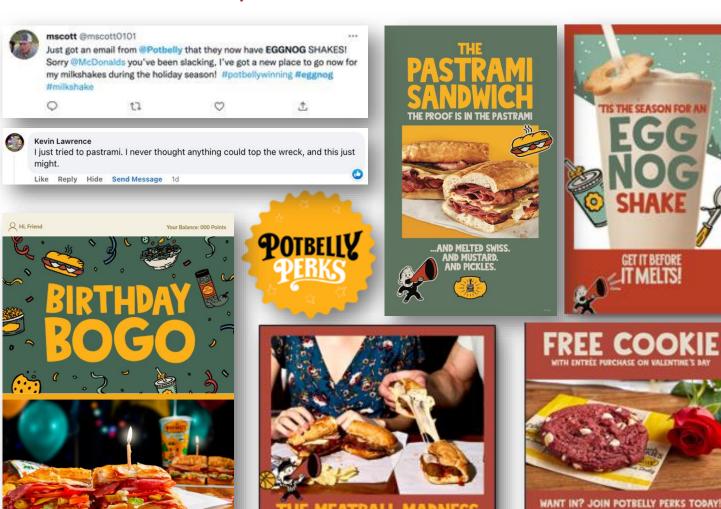
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## Pillar 4: Digitally-Driven Awareness, Connection & Traffic



- Continued strength in digital results, representing 36% of revenue in Q1'23, and Perks Loyalty Program activations, driving record fourth quarter top-line results
- Digital engagement driven by a combination of increased digital marketing efforts and promotional activity such as the digital-only offering to promote 'underground' Meatball menu items
- Catering business continues to strengthen and fast approaching pre-pandemic levels driven by both return to office trends and social engagements
- Launched LTOs such as the Pastrami Sandwich. Eggnog Shake, and Red Velvet Cookie which built customer excitement and drove top-line expansion



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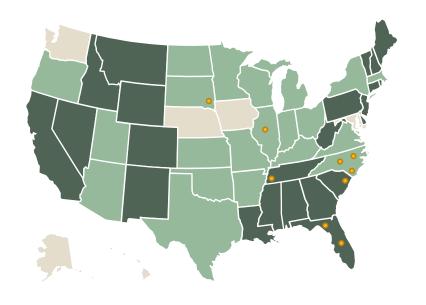
## Pillar 5: Franchise-Focused Development



Escalating new shop development emphasizing franchising and building organization capability to support growth

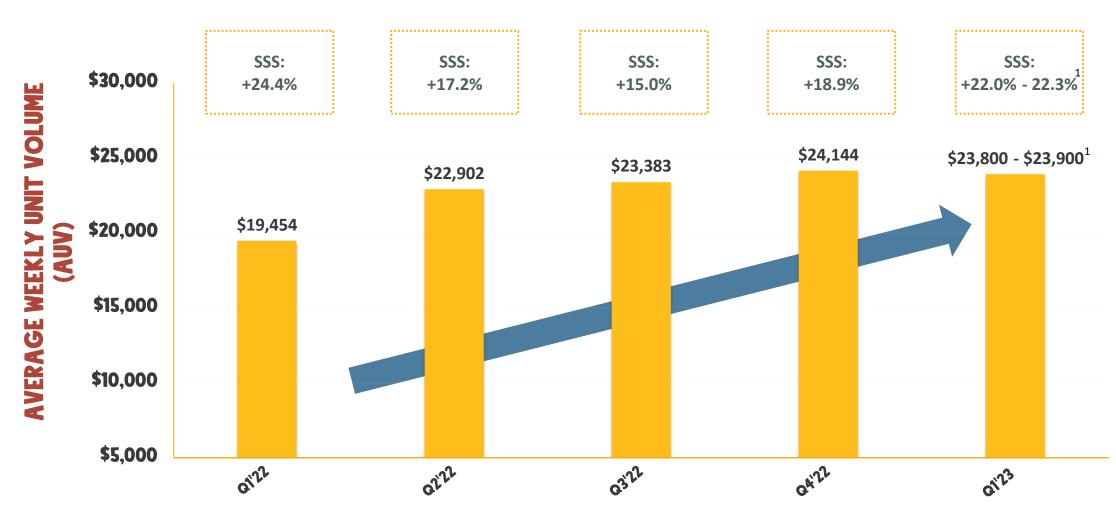
- Compelling franchisee financial returns
  - Highest AUV in its category\*
  - ~2:1 Sales to investment ratio
  - Strong and improving shop margins
- Highly active and fluid pipeline of quality Potbelly franchisee candidates
- Increasing momentum
  - Signed multiple new franchise development agreements with 81 new shop commitments since the first announcement in 2022
  - Refranchised NYC Market: Sold 8 company locations along with 13 shop SDAA (Shop Development Area Agreement)
  - 2023 deal activity continues to build momentum





- Available
- Limited Availability
- Unavailable
- New Franchise Development Agreements

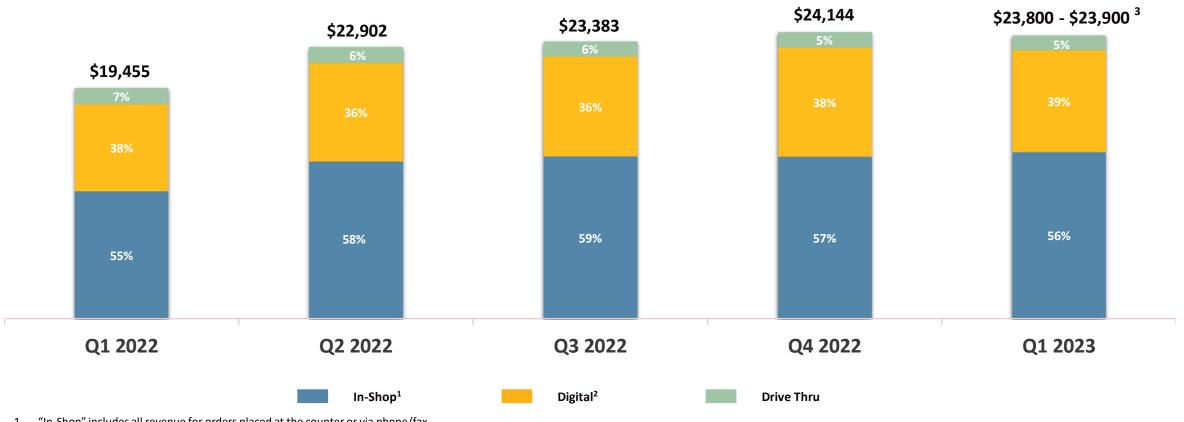
## SSS and AUV Trends Sustain Positive Momentum



<sup>1.</sup> Represents preliminary figures

## Consistent Order Mode Mix, Ongoing Digital Strength

#### **Average Unit Volume and Order Mode Mix**



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

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

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## Preliminary Q1'23 Results vs Guidance & FY'23 Outlook

#### Q1'23 Guidance and Preliminary Results



**Guidance at 3/2/2023 Q1'23 Preliminary Results** 

**Average Unit Volumes:** \$23,000 to \$24,000 \$23,800 to \$23,900

**Same-store-sales:** 18.5% to 20.5% 22.0% to 22.3%

**Shop-level margin:** 10.0% to 11.5% 11.5% to 12.0%

Adj. EBITDA \$4 to 5 million \$5.2 to \$5.6 million

#### FY'23 Outlook

**Average Unit Volumes:** Record levels

Same-store-sales: High single-digit to low double-digit growth<sup>1</sup>

**Shop-level margin:** Low teens

## Strong Platform to Achieve Growth Targets



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## Franchise Focused Development

2024 target of 10% unit growth; refranchise approximately 25% of Company-owned shops; Long-term goal of 2,000 shops

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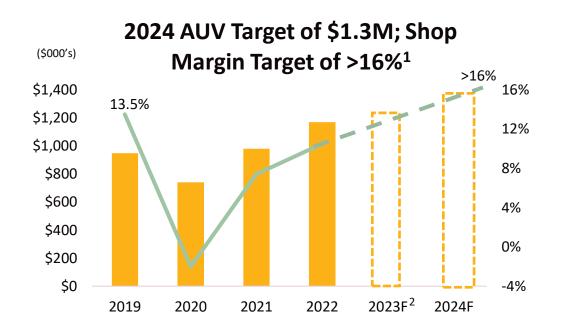
#### Renewed Focus of Strategic Marketing

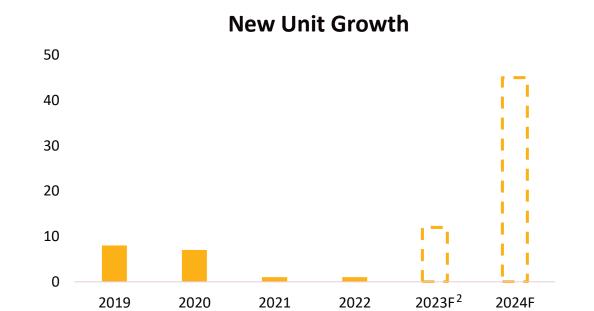
Positive momentum with Scale digital media and Perks loyalty program integration



### **Executing Five-Pillar Strategic Plan**

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





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# APPENDIX: FINANCIAL REVIEW AND GAAP TO NON-GAAP RECONCILIATIONS

#### Q4 2022 Performance Review: Y/Y

In Millions	Q4 2022	Q4 2021
Revenue	\$120.2	\$102.8
Same Store Sales (SSS)	18.9%	33.8%
GAAP Net Income (Loss)	\$2.7	(\$2.5)
Adjusted Net Income (Loss) <sup>1</sup>	\$2.6	(\$1.6)
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	\$7.5	\$2.6
Shop-level Profit <sup>1</sup>	\$16.9	\$9.9
G&A/Sales	9.0%	8.4%
Food, Beverage, & Packaging Costs/Sales	28.7%	28.4%
Labor/Sales	30.8%	32.8%
Other Operating Expenses/Sales	15.1%	16.2%
Shop-level Margin <sup>1</sup>	14.2%	9.7%

<sup>1.</sup> See Appendix to this presentation for GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliations; Shop-level margins now include allocation of marketing and advertising expenses.

#### FY 2022 Performance Review: Y/Y

In Millions	FY 2022	FY 2021
Revenue	\$452.0	\$380.1
Same Store Sales (SSS)	18.5%	30.3%
GAAP Net Income (Loss)	\$4.3	(\$23.8)
Adjusted Net Income (Loss) <sup>1</sup>	(\$0.1)	(\$14.4)
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	\$15.7	\$0.5
Shop-level Profit <sup>1</sup>	\$47.2	\$27.8
G&A/Sales	8.4%	8.3%
Food, Beverage, & Packaging Costs/Sales	28.8%	27.8%
Labor/Sales	31.7%	33.7%
Other Operating Expenses/Sales	16.7%	16.8%
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# Q4 & FY 2022 Performance Review: Adjusted Net Income

In Millions	Q4 2022	FY 2022
Net Income (Loss)	\$2.7	\$4.3
Impairment, Disposals & Closures	\$0.8	\$4.8
Gain on Debt Extinguishment	\$0.0	(\$10.2)
Income Tax Adjustments	(\$0.8)	\$1.0
Adjusted Net Income (Loss)	\$2.6	(\$0.1)

## Q4 & FY 2022 Performance Review: Adjusted EBITDA

In Millions	Q4 2022	FY 2022
Net Income/(Loss)	\$2.7	\$4.3
Depreciation Expense	\$2.8	\$11.9
Interest Expense	\$0.3	\$1.3
Income Tax Expense	\$0.2	\$0.3
EBITDA	\$5.9	\$17.9
Impairment, Disposals & Closures	\$0.8	\$4.8
Stock Compensation	\$0.8	\$3.3
Gain on Debt Extinguishment	\$0.0	(\$10.2)
Adjusted EBITDA	<b>\$7.5</b>	\$15.7

## Q4 & FY 2022 Performance Review: Shop Margin

In Millions	Q4 2022	FY 2022
Income/(Loss) from Operations	\$3.2	(\$3.8)
Less: Franchise Revenue	\$1.1	\$4.1
Franchise Marketing	\$0.3	\$0.7
G&A Expense	\$10.8	\$37.7
Depreciation Expense	\$2.8	\$11.9
Impairment, Disposals & Closures	\$0.8	\$4.8
Shop-level Profit	\$16.9	\$47.2
Total Revenues	\$120.2	\$452.0
Less: Franchise Revenue	\$1.1	\$4.1
Sandwich Shop Sales, Net	\$119.0	\$447.9
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#### **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 an initial franchise fee, a franchise development agreement fee and royalty income from the franchisee.
- Company-operated comparable store-sales or same-store traffic—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) represents the average sales of all company-operated shops which reported sales during the associated time period.
- EBITDA represents income before depreciation and amortization expense, interest expense and the provision for income taxes.
- Adjusted EBITDA 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) represents income (loss) from operations excluding franchise royalties and fees, franchise marketing expenses, general and administrative expenses, depreciation expense, pre-opening costs, restructuring costs and impairment, loss on the disposal of property and equipment and shop closures.
- Shop-level profit (loss) margin represents shop-level profit expressed as a percentage of net company-operated sandwich shop sales.
- Adjusted net income (loss) 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 represents adjusted net income (loss) divided by the weighted average number of fully dilutive common shares outstanding.

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