



Earnings Call

Fiscal 2022: Fourth Quarter Results

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A full-service restaurant company with ...

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Mission

Be financially successful through great people consistently delivering outstanding food, drinks and service in an inviting atmosphere making every guest loyal.

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Competitive Advantages

Significant Scale



Extensive Data & Insights



Rigorous Strategic Planning



Results-Oriented Culture

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Driving Philosophy

Back-To-Basics

Culinary Innovation & Execution



Attentive Service



Engaging Atmosphere



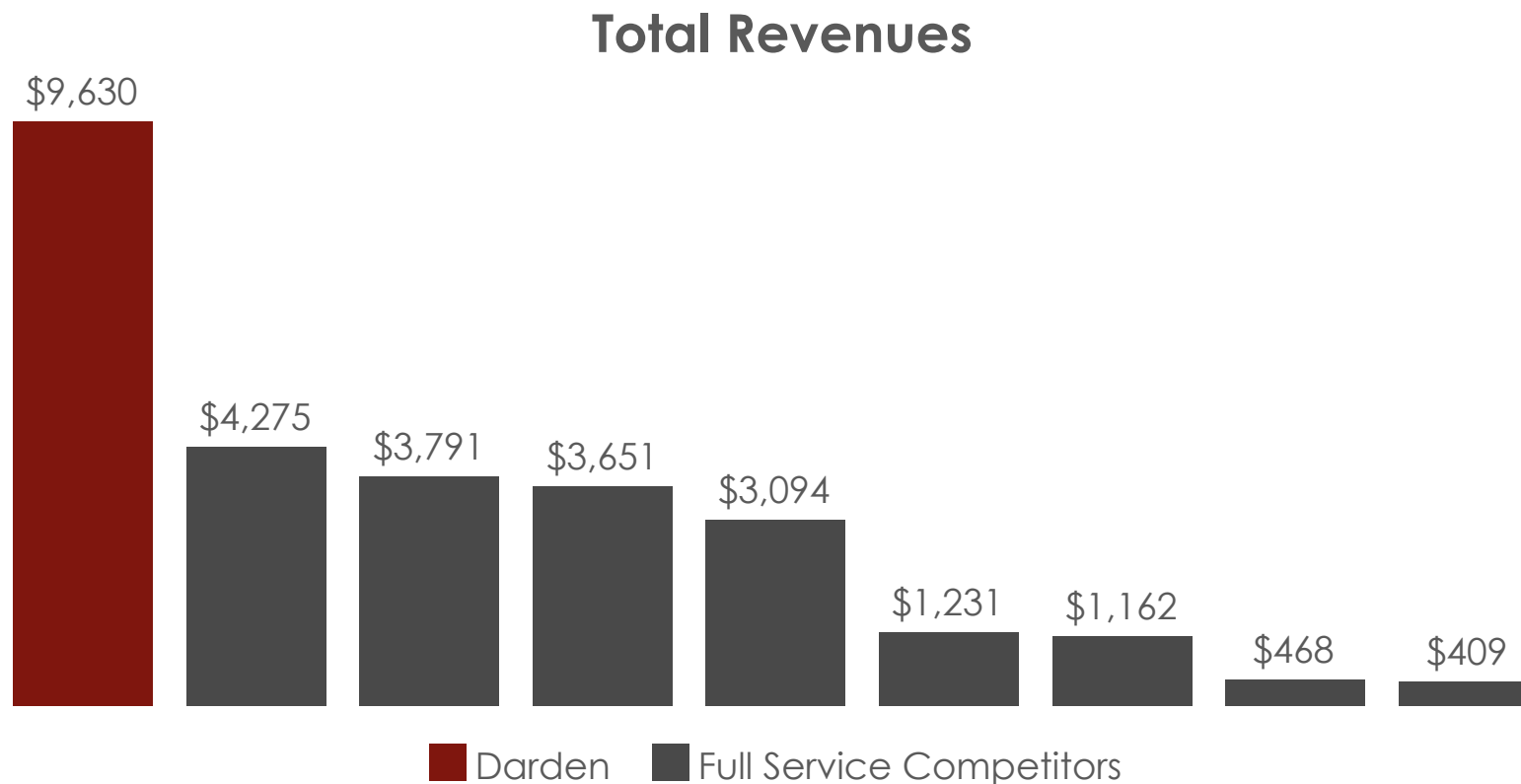
Integrated Marketing

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Iconic Brands



Competitively Superior Scale Advantage



Note: \$'s in Millions

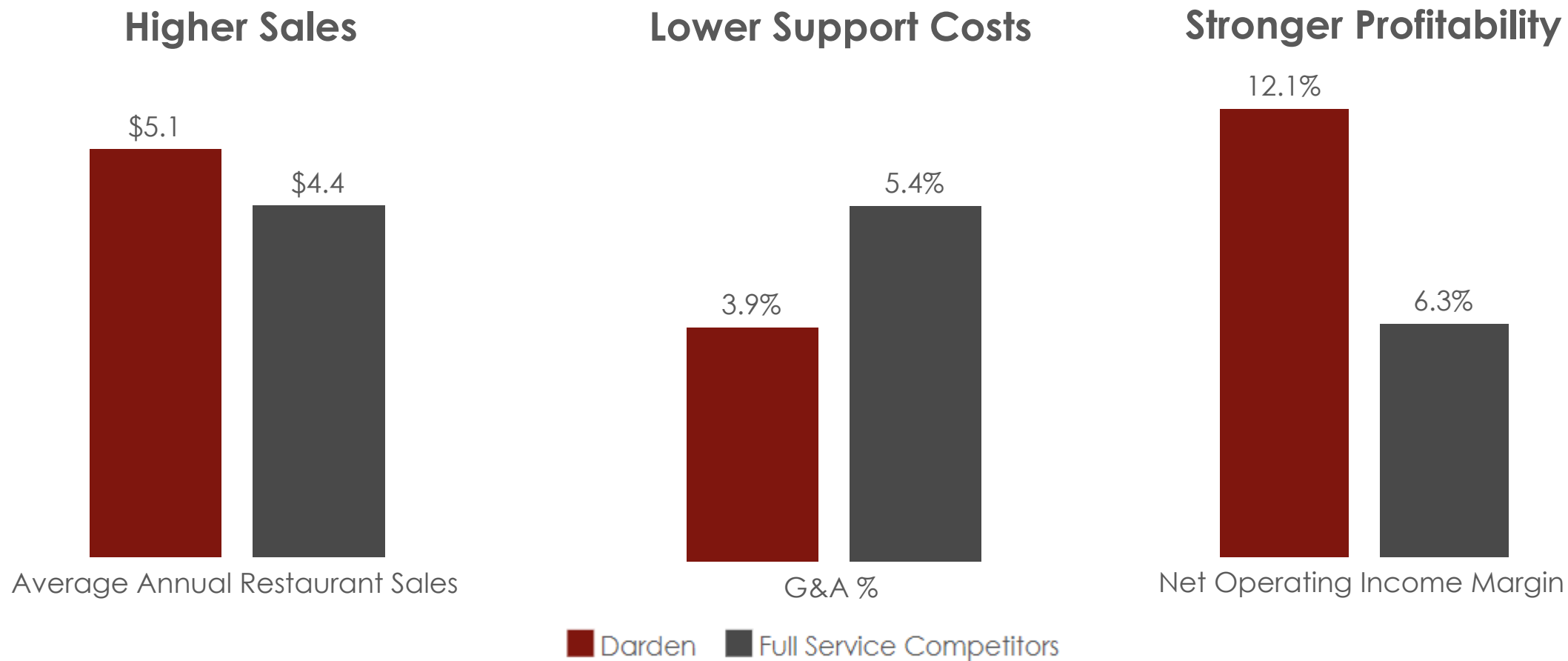
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Portfolio of Differentiated and Iconic Brands

	Total Sales ¹	Average Annual Restaurant Sales ²	Restaurants ¹
	\$4.5 B	\$5.1 M	884
	\$2.4 B	\$4.4 M	546
	\$676 M	\$3.9 M	172
	\$722 M	\$8.6 M	85
	\$547 M	\$9.0 M	62
	\$271 M	\$6.2 M	45
	\$268 M	\$6.4 M	42
	\$229 M	\$8.5 M	28

(1) Twelve months ending May 29, 2022. Company owned/operated restaurants

(2) Average annual sales are calculated as sales divided by total restaurant operating weeks multiplied by 52 weeks.

Leverage Scale to Invest In...

Our Brands' Value Propositions | Underpricing inflation over time

Product | Ensuring we have the items our guests expect

Technology | Enhancing the guest experience & simplifying operations

Our People | Helping them grow & thrive





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Fiscal 2022 Fourth Quarter Financial Highlights



\$2.6 Billion
TOTAL SALES

14.2%
TOTAL SALES GROWTH

11.7%
SAME-RESTAURANT SALES
GROWTH

\$2.24
DILUTED NET EPS FROM
CONTINUING OPERATIONS



Fiscal 2022 Fourth Quarter Financial Highlights



\$431 Million
EBITDA¹

\$137 Million
DIVIDENDS PAID

\$237 Million
SHARE REPURCHASES

¹ A reconciliation of Non-GAAP measures can be found in the Additional Information section of this presentation.



Margin Analysis

	Fiscal Q4 2022		
	(\$ millions)	% of Sales	vs Q4 2019* (bps) Favorable/(Unfavorable)
Sales	\$2,602.9		
Food and Beverage	\$811.4	31.2 %	(300)
Restaurant Labor	\$829.3	31.9 %	40
Restaurant Expenses	\$423.8	16.3 %	70
Marketing Expenses	\$20.2	0.8 %	230
Restaurant-Level EBITDA	\$518.2	19.9 %	40
General and Administrative Expenses	\$83.5	3.2 %	140
Depreciation and Amortization	\$93.0	3.6 %	40
Impairment and Disposal of Assets, Net	\$3.5	0.1 %	(10)
Operating Income	\$338.2	13.0 %	200
Interest Expense	\$18.9	0.7 %	(20)
Earnings Before Income Tax	\$319.3	12.3 %	180
Income Tax Expense	\$37.6	1.4 %	(90)
Note: Effective Tax Rate	11.8%		
Earnings From Continuing Operations	\$281.7	10.8 %	100

Note: Continuing operations, values may not foot due to rounding.

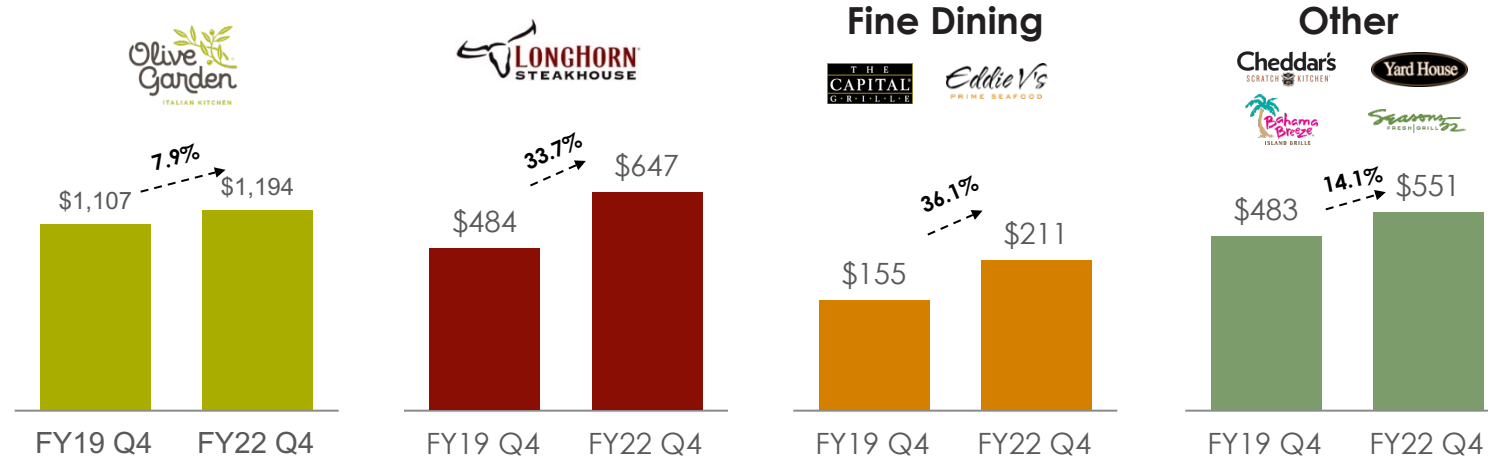
*Compared to fiscal 2019 adjusted performance due to impact of pandemic on fiscal 2020 & 2021. A reconciliation of Non-GAAP measures can be found in the Additional Information section of this presentation.



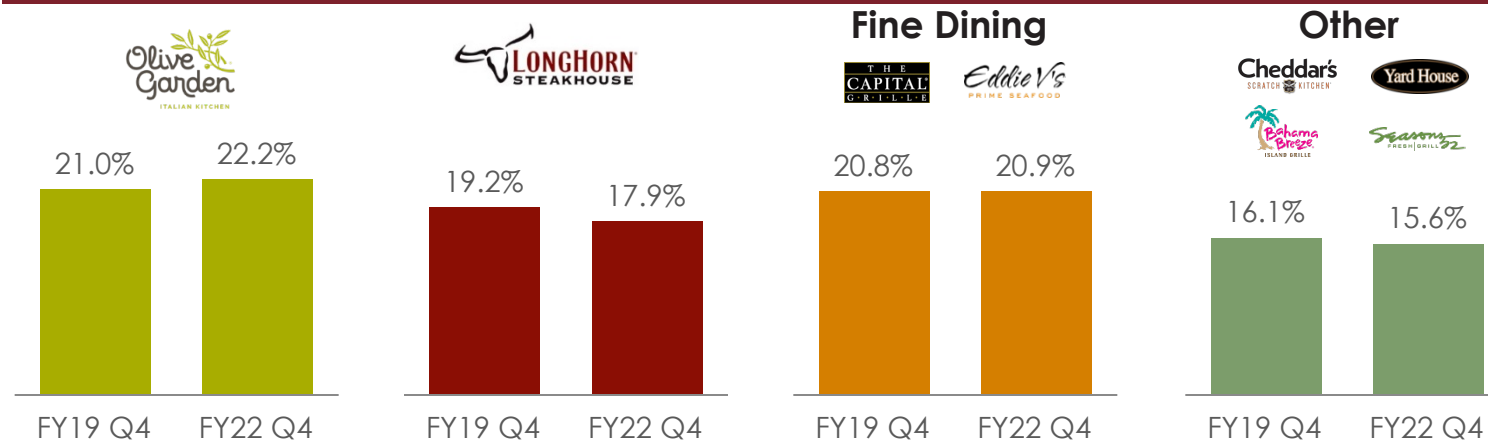
Fourth Quarter Segment Performance

Fiscal 2022 vs. Fiscal 2019 to compare to Pre-COVID results¹

Segment Sales (\$ millions)



Segment Profit Margin²



¹ Comparison to fiscal 2019 due to impact of pandemic on fiscal 2020 & 2021.

² Segment profit margin calculated as (sales less costs of food & beverage, restaurant labor, restaurant expenses and marketing expenses) / sales.

Fiscal 2022 Financial Highlights



\$9.6 Billion
TOTAL SALES

\$7.40
DILUTED NET EPS FROM
CONTINUING OPERATIONS

\$1.5 Billion
EBITDA¹

\$1.6 Billion
CASH RETURN²

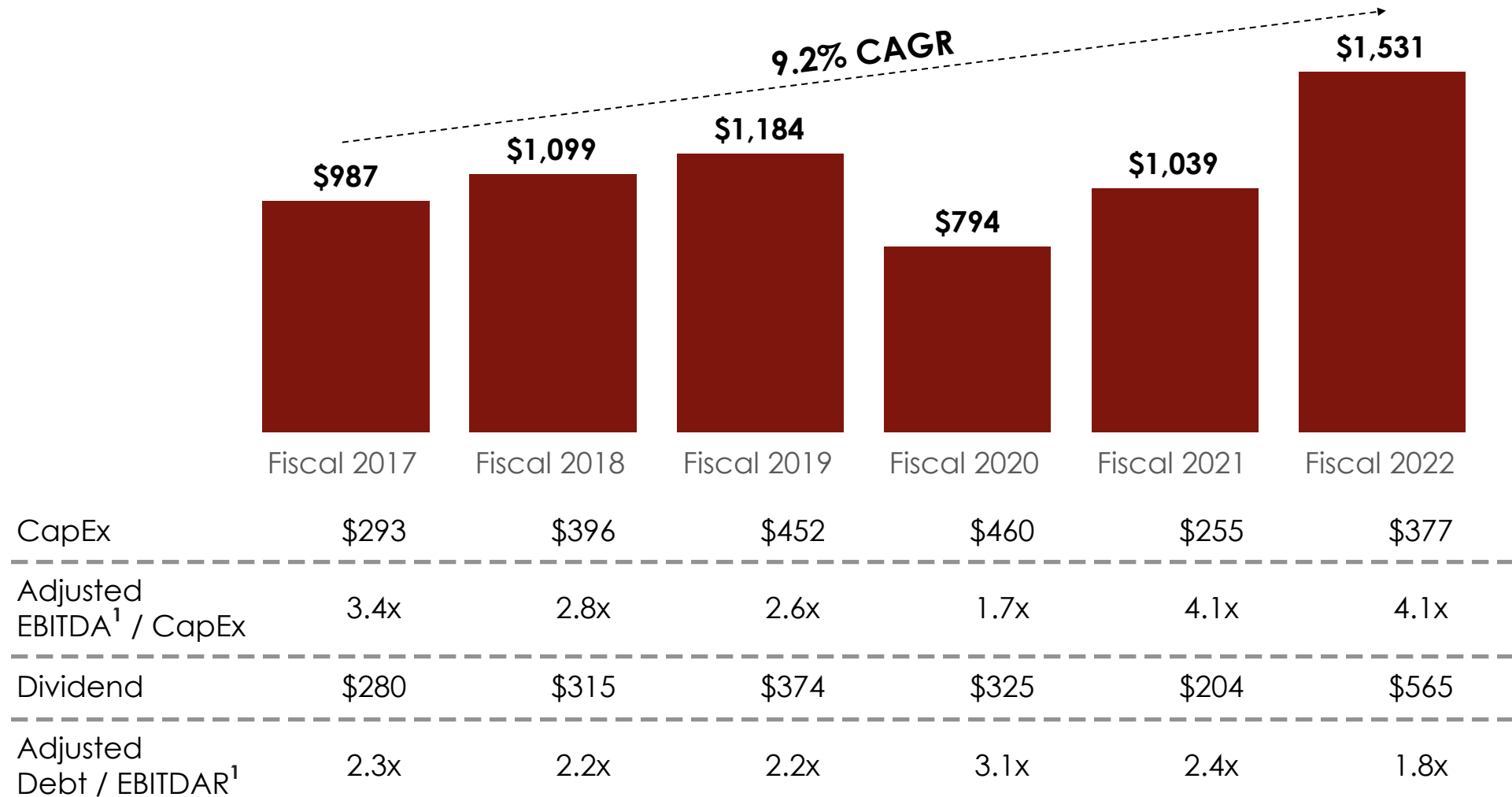
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² Includes dividends paid and repurchases of common stock.



Strong Model Generates Durable Cash Flows

Adjusted EBITDA¹ from Continuing Operations (\$ in millions)



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Fiscal 2023 Annual Outlook

SALES

Total Sales
\$10.2B to \$10.4B

Same-Restaurant Sales Growth
4% to 6%

DEVELOPMENT

Restaurant Openings
55 to 60

Capital Spending
\$500 to \$550 million

MARGIN

Total Inflation: ~6%
Commodities: ~7%

Effective Tax Rate
~13.5%

Earnings per Diluted Share
\$7.40 to \$8.00

(~124 million Weighted Average Diluted Shares Outstanding)

Thank You To Our Team Members



Nourish & Delight Everyone We Serve

Our Team Members



Our Guests



Our Communities



Question & Answer Session

Additional Information

Commodities Outlook – First Half Fiscal 2023

			First Half FY2023
	First Half spend by category	Coverage	Outlook
Beef	23%	65%	High single digit inflation
Produce	12%	80%	High single digit inflation
Seafood	11%	85%	Low double digit inflation
Dairy / Oil ¹	9%	50%	Mid double digit inflation
Chicken	7%	80%	Mid double digit inflation
Wheat ²	7%	85%	Mid double digit inflation
Non-Perishable / Other	31%	50%	Low double digit inflation
<i>Weighted average coverage</i>	100%	70%	

¹ Includes cheese, cream, butter, and shortening.

² Includes breadsticks and pasta.

Non-GAAP Reconciliations

Q4 Fiscal 2022 EBITDA Reconciliation

\$ in millions

Net Earnings from Continuing Operations	\$281.7
Interest, Net	\$18.9
Income Tax Expense	\$37.6
Depreciation and Amortization	\$93.0
EBITDA	\$431.2

Q4 Fiscal 2019 Reported to Adjusted Earnings Reconciliation

\$ in million except EPS	Earnings Before Income Tax	Income Tax Expense	Net Earnings	Diluted Net Earnings Per Share
Reported Earnings from Continuing Operations	\$217.9	\$9.2	\$208.7	\$1.67
Adjustments:				
Asset Impairments ¹	\$14.6	\$3.6	\$11.0	\$0.09
Adjusted Earnings from Continuing Operations	\$232.5	\$12.8	\$219.7	\$1.76

(1) Fiscal 2019 fourth quarter non-cash asset impairment charges relate to four underperforming restaurants whose projected cash flows were not sufficient to cover their respective carrying values. These were relatively newer locations we intend to continue to operate and focus on improving their results of operations.



Non-GAAP Reconciliations

Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation						
\$ in millions	5/28/2017	5/27/2018	5/26/2019	5/31/2020	5/30/2021	5/29/2022
Sales	\$7,170.2	\$8,080.1	\$8,510.4	\$7,806.9	\$7,196.1	\$9,630.0
Net Earnings from Continuing Operations	\$482.5	\$603.8	\$718.6	\$(49.2)	\$632.4	\$954.7
Interest, Net	40.2	161.1	50.2	57.3	63.5	68.7
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	154.8	1.9	63.7	(111.8)	(55.9)	138.8
Depreciation and Amortization	272.9	313.1	336.7	355.9	350.9	368.4
EBITDA	\$950.4	\$1,079.9	\$1,169.2	\$252.2	\$990.9	\$1,530.6
Adjustments:						
Cheddar's acquisition & integration costs ¹	16.3	19.4	—	—	—	—
Pension settlement charge (adjustment) ²	19.9	—	—	145.5	—	—
Goodwill Impairment ³	—	—	—	169.2	—	—
Trademark impairment ³	—	—	—	145.0	—	—
Other asset impairment ⁴	—	—	—	28.8	—	—
International entity liquidation	—	—	—	6.2	—	—
Restaurant impairments ⁵	—	—	14.6	47.0	—	—
Corporate Restructuring ⁶	—	—	—	—	47.8	—
Adjusted EBITDA	\$986.6	\$1,099.3	\$1,183.8	\$793.9	\$1,038.7	\$1,530.6
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	13.8%	13.6%	13.9%	10.2%	14.4%	15.9%
Minimum Rent	\$303.5	\$342.7	\$359.5	\$392.6	\$385.7	\$409.8
Adjusted EBITDA excluding minimum rent (EBITDAR)	\$1,290.1	\$1,442.0	\$1,543.3	\$1,186.5	\$1,424.4	\$1,940.4

Non-GAAP Reconciliations

1 Includes immaterial amounts incurred but not adjusted.

2 In April 2018, our Benefits Plans Committee approved the termination of our primary non-contributory defined benefit pension plan. In fiscal 2020 the benefit obligations to plan participants was settled, resulting in a pension settlement charge.

3 Non-cash goodwill and trademark impairments were related to the economic impact of COVID-19 on Darden's overall market capitalization and the impact on Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen cash flows, coupled with the relative recency of the addition of Cheddar's to our portfolio.

4 Non-cash other asset impairments were related to the economic impact of COVID-19, approximately \$15 million of which is related to inventory obsolescence and \$14 million related to receivables we deemed uncollectible.

5 Fiscal 2019 non-cash asset impairment charges related to four underperforming restaurants whose projected cash flows were not sufficient to cover their respective carrying values. These were relatively newer locations we intended to continue to operate and focus on improving their results of operations. Fiscal 2020 non-cash impairments were related to the economic impact of COVID-19 on 11 underperforming restaurants we permanently closed during the fourth quarter and 9 other restaurants whose projected cash flows were not sufficient to cover their respective carrying values.

6 Includes cash expenses of approximately \$38 million, primarily related to severance and benefits, paid over an eighteen month period, and non-cash expenses of approximately \$10 million related to acceleration of equity-settled awards and expense associated with the postretirement benefit plan.



Non-GAAP Reconciliations

Adjusted Total Debt Reconciliation

\$ in millions	5/28/2017	5/27/2018	5/26/2019	5/31/2020	5/30/2021	5/29/2022
Short-term debt	—	—	—	\$270.0	—	—
Capital lease obligation	\$58.9	\$80.5	\$84.0	—	—	—
Long-term debt, excluding unamortized discount and issuance costs	\$950.0	\$939.1	\$939.1	\$939.1	\$938.9	\$939.1
Total Debt	\$1,008.9	\$1,019.6	\$1,023.1	\$1,209.1	\$938.9	\$939.1
Lease-debt equivalent (6x minimum rent)	\$1,821.0	\$2,056.2	\$2,157.0	\$2,355.4	\$2,314.2	\$2,459.0
Guarantees ¹	\$163.2	\$154.0	\$151.6	\$151.5	\$121.5	\$101.0
Adjusted Total Debt	\$2,993.1	\$3,229.8	\$3,331.7	\$3,716.0	\$3,374.6	\$3,499.1

¹ Consists solely of guarantees associated with leased properties that have been assigned to third parties and are primarily related to the disposition of Red Lobster.



Non GAAP Reconciliations

Pre-COVID EBITDA Margin

\$ in millions

	Q4 FY19	Q1 FY20	Q2 FY20	Q3 FY20	Total
Sales	\$2,229	\$2,134	\$2,056	\$2,347	\$8,766
Net Earnings from Continuing Operations	209	172	25	233	639
Interest, Net	12	11	13	13	49
Income Tax Expense	9	19	(32)	32	28
Depreciation and Amortization	88	86	88	88	350
EBITDA	\$318	\$288	\$94	\$366	\$1,066
Adjustments:					
Pension Settlement	—	—	147	—	147
International Liquidation	—	—	6	—	6
Restaurant Impairment	15	—	—	—	15
Adjusted EBITDA	\$333	\$288	\$247	\$366	\$1,234
EBITDA margin	14.1 %				