

# INVESTOR DAY

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## **SKIPWORTH** President & Chief Executive Officer

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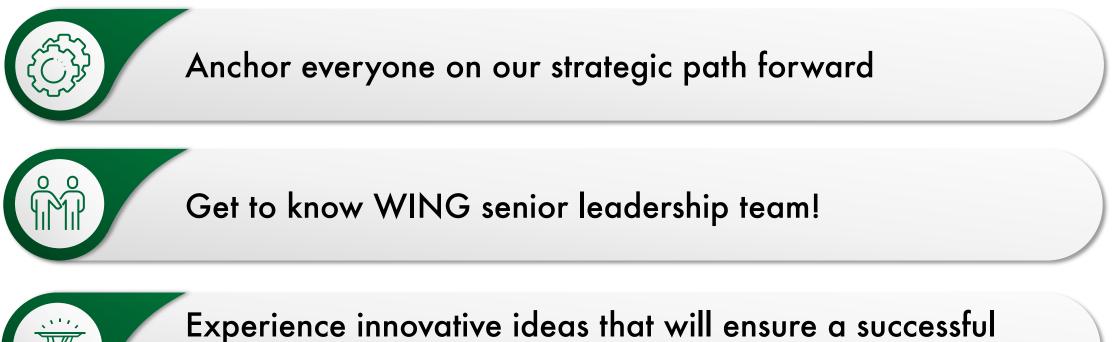
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## **TODAY'S OBJECTIVES**



delivery of our strategy

Deep dive on International business and outlook

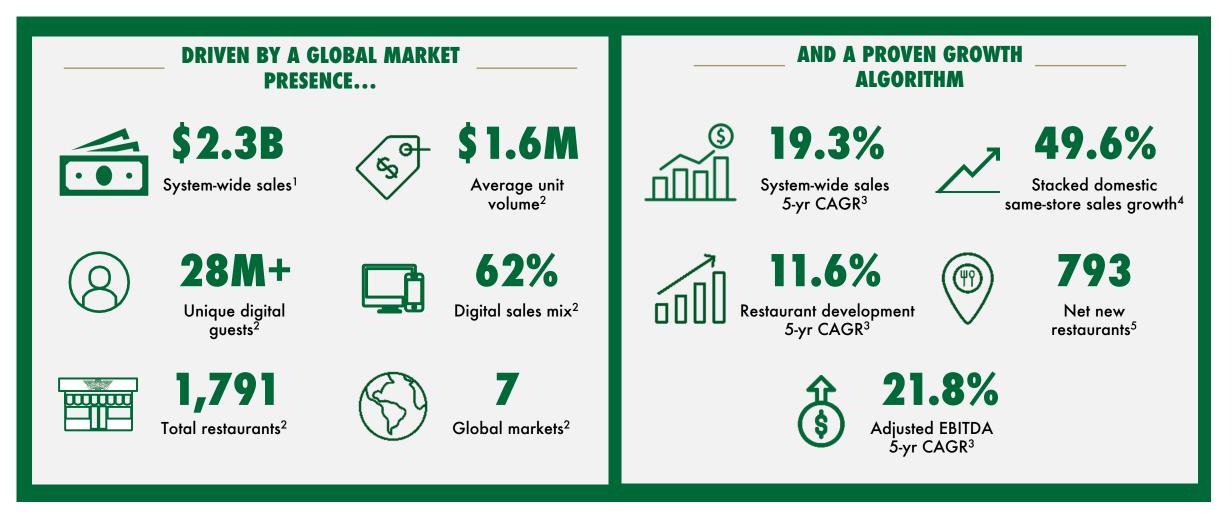


## **STEADFAST IN OUR MISSION AND VISION**

# **OUR MISSION OUR VISION** TO BECOME A TOP 10 GLOBAL RESTAURANT BRAND TO SERVE THE WORLD FLAVOR



## **A PROVEN TRACK RECORD**

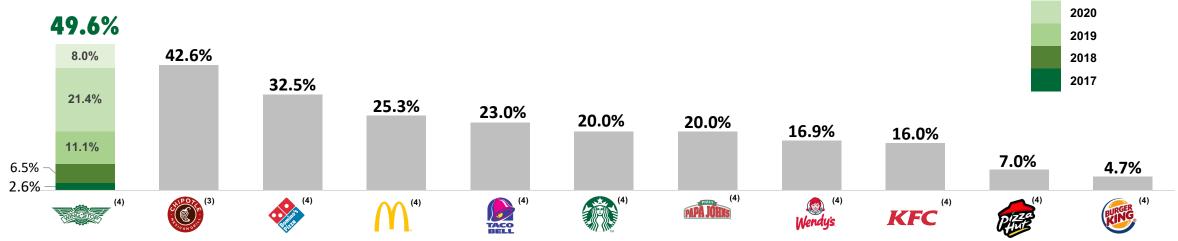


- 1. For fiscal year ended December 25, 2021.
- 2. For fiscal quarter ended March 26, 2022.
- 3. From fiscal year 2016 to end of fiscal year 2021.
- 4. For fiscal years 2017-2021.
- 5. From beginning of 2017 to end of first fiscal quarter 2022.

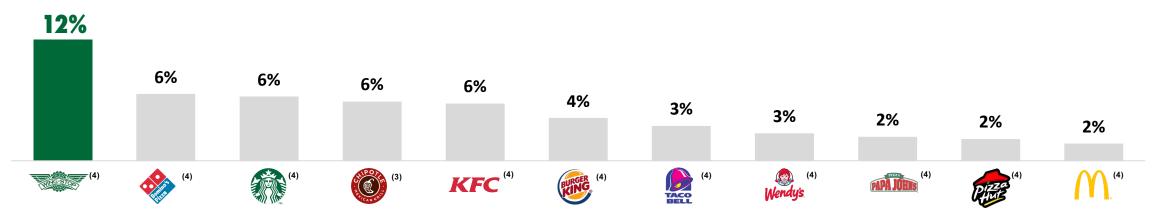


## WINGSTOP PERFORMANCE IS INDUSTRY LEADING





5-YR UNIT CAGR<sup>2</sup>



1. For fiscal years 2017-2021.

2. Compound annual growth rate from 2016 to 2021.

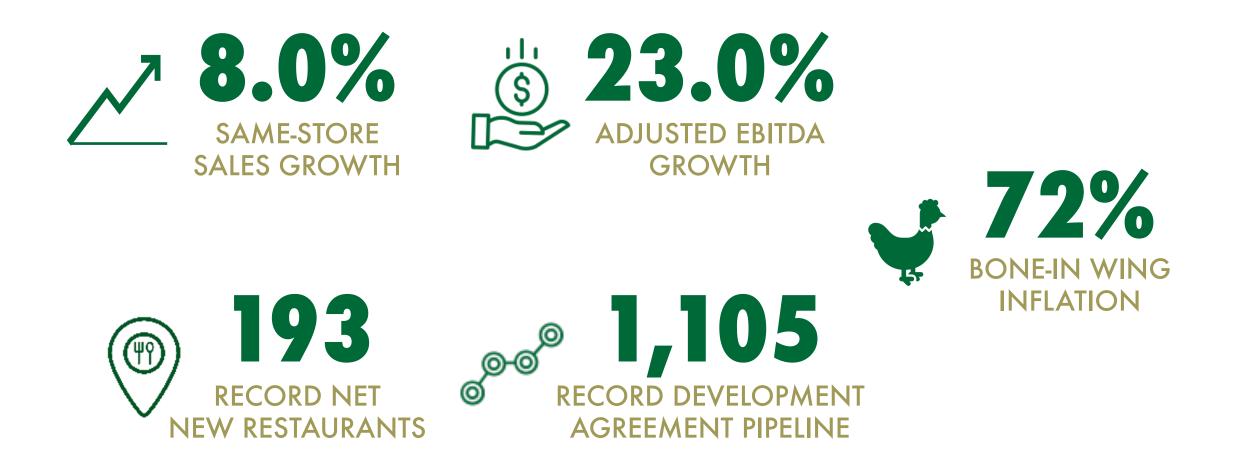
3. Reflects global system-wide

4. Reflects domestic system-wide.



2021

### **2021 SHOWCASED THE RESILIENCY OF OUR MODEL**





#### **RESTAURANT VOLUMES STRENGTHENING BRAND PARTNER RETURNS**

#### AUVs - COMPARABLE RESTAURANTS<sup>1</sup>

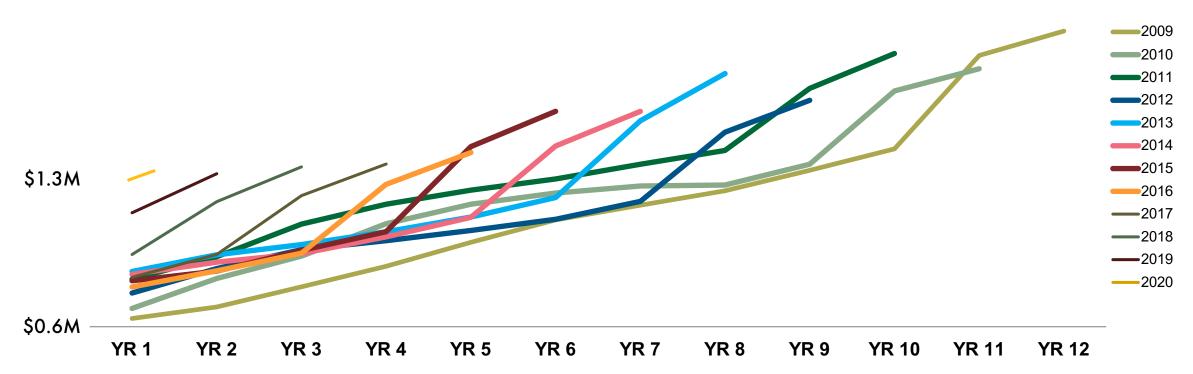




## **OUR RESTAURANTS CONTINUE TO GROW ACROSS ALL VINTAGES**

#### AVERAGE UNIT VOLUMES (AUVs) BY VINTAGE<sup>1</sup>

\$2.0M



#### We Haven't Found A Point Of Maturation!



1. Average unit volumes shown for each 52-week period since restaurant opening for their respective year. Results through December 25, 2021.

#### WE HAVE A CLEAR PATH TO CONTINUED AUV GROWTH...





### ....WHICH WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN RETURNS

#### CASH-ON-CASH RETURNS

	2015	2021	Today				
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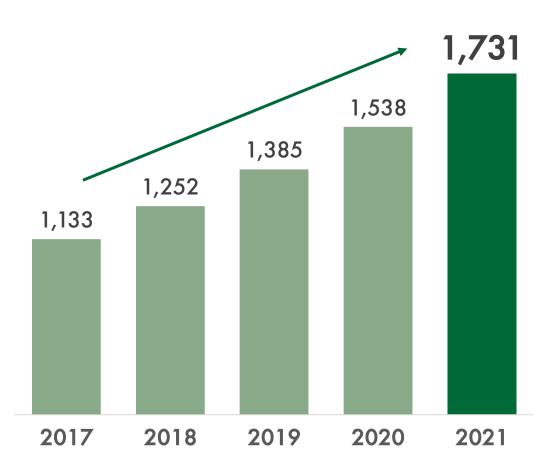
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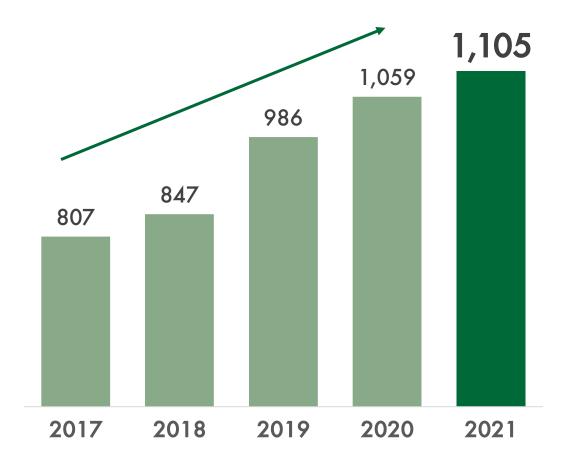


## BRAND PARTNERS RECOGNIZE STRENGTH IN MODEL, CREATING SIGNIFICANT DEMAND FOR UNIT GROWTH

**GLOBAL RESTAURANT COUNTS** 

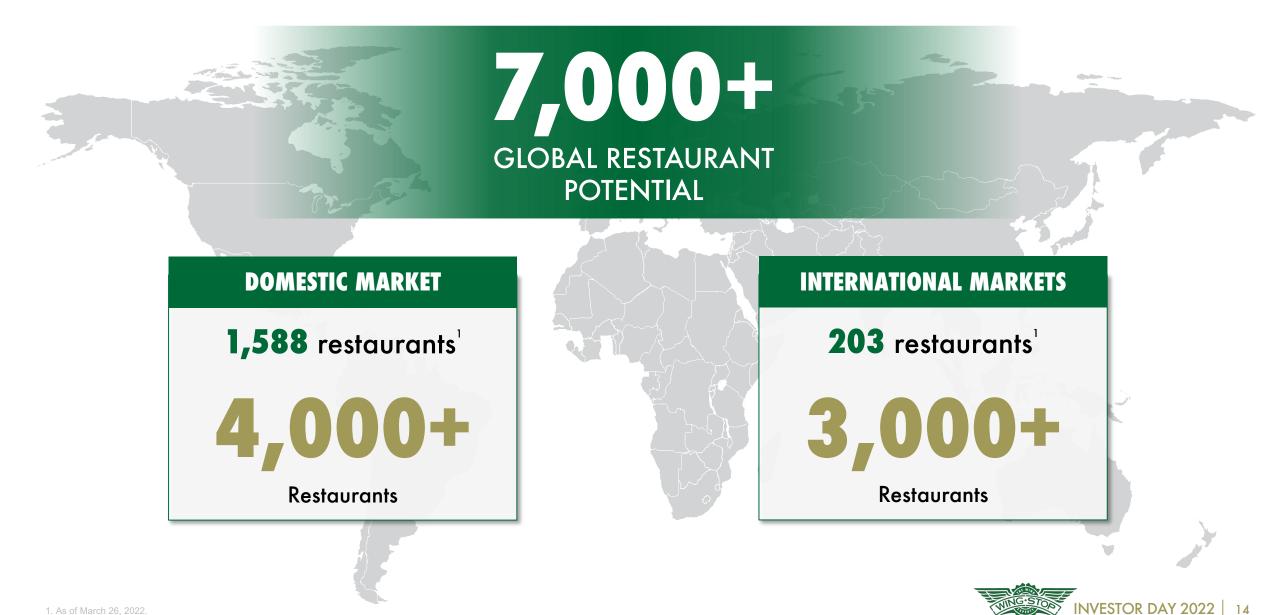


**GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE<sup>1</sup>** 





## **TRANSLATING INTO CONFIDENCE IN OUR LONG-TERM POTENTIAL**



### ...AND OUR STRATEGY REMAINS UNCHANGED



Invest in People as Our Competitive Advantage



#### **TOP 10 GLOBAL RESTAURANT BRAND**

SUSTAIN SSS GROWTH	MAINTAIN BEST-IN-CLASS RETURNS	ACCELERATE GROWTH					
Scale Brand Awareness	Cost of Goods Mitigation	✓ = Master Development ✓ = Plan					
Data-Driven Marketing	Menu Innovation	Global Expansion					
Global Digital Transformation	Fine Tune the Model	+− Leverage our Balance ×÷ Sheet					
Live the Wingstop Way & Invest in People as Our Competitive Advantage							



#### **BEST-IN-CLASS LEADERSHIP TEAM**



MICHAEL SKIPWORTH President & Chief Executive Officer





ALEX KALEIDA Sr. Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

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KraftHeinz
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STACY PETERSON Executive Vice President, Chief Digital & Technology Officer



MARISA CARONA Sr. Vice President, Chief Growth Officer





**DONNIE UPSHAW** Sr. Vice President, Chief People Officer





GERRY MCGRATH Sr. Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary FOGO DE CHÃC BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSI Baker MCKenzie.



NICOLAS BOUDET President of International

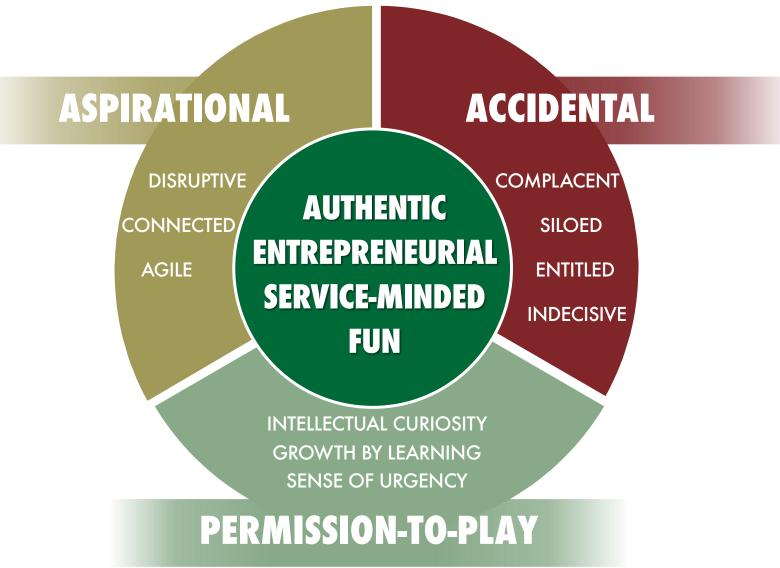






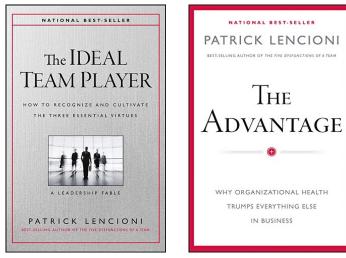
DONNE UPSHAW Chief People Officer

### **OUR CULTURE IS DEFINED BY THE WINGSTOP WAY**





## **OUR TEAM IS WINGSTOP'S COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE**



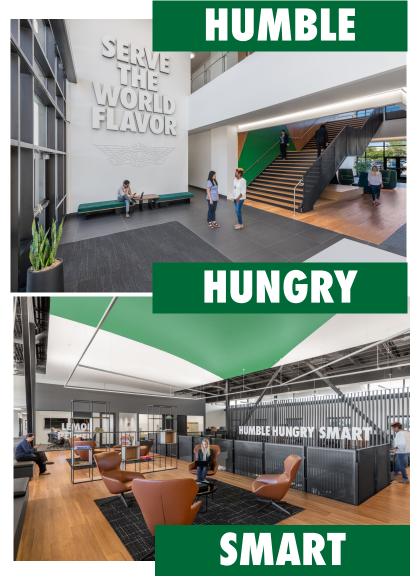
#### **RELENTLESS FOCUS ON**

Building a Cohesive Team



- **i** Overcommunicating Clarity
  - 7 Reinforcing Clarity

#### RECRUITING & RETAINING IDEAL TEAM PLAYERS



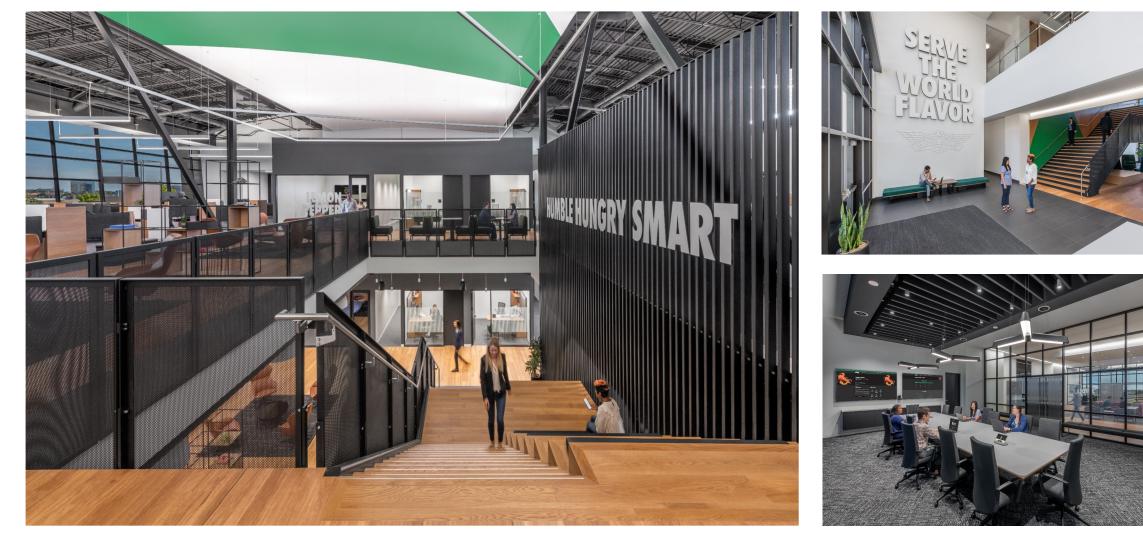


#### **CULTIVATING A HIGH PERFORMING AND ENGAGED TEAM**





## **INNOVATIVE OFFICE SPACE EMBODIES OUR CULTURE AND ATTRACTS TOP TALENT**





#### WELL-POSITIONED TO SCALE THE ORGANIZATION FOR NEXT PHASE OF GROWTH

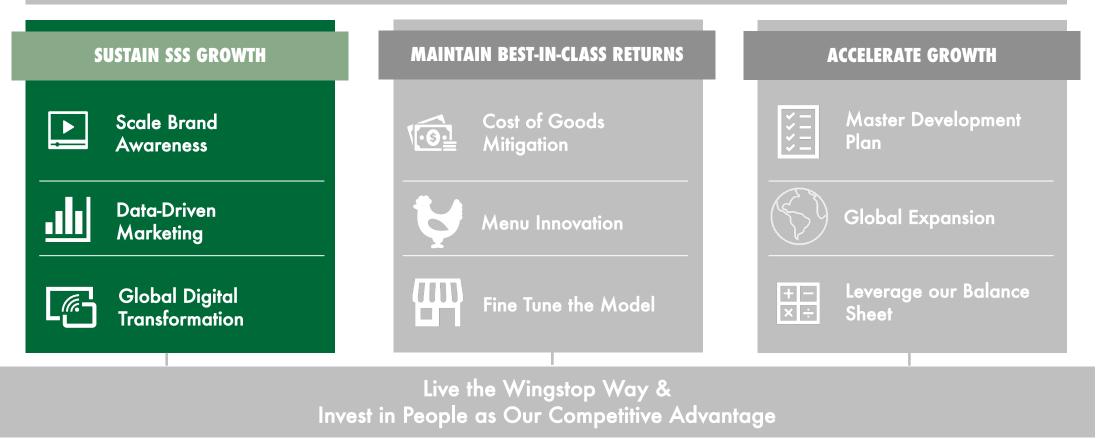






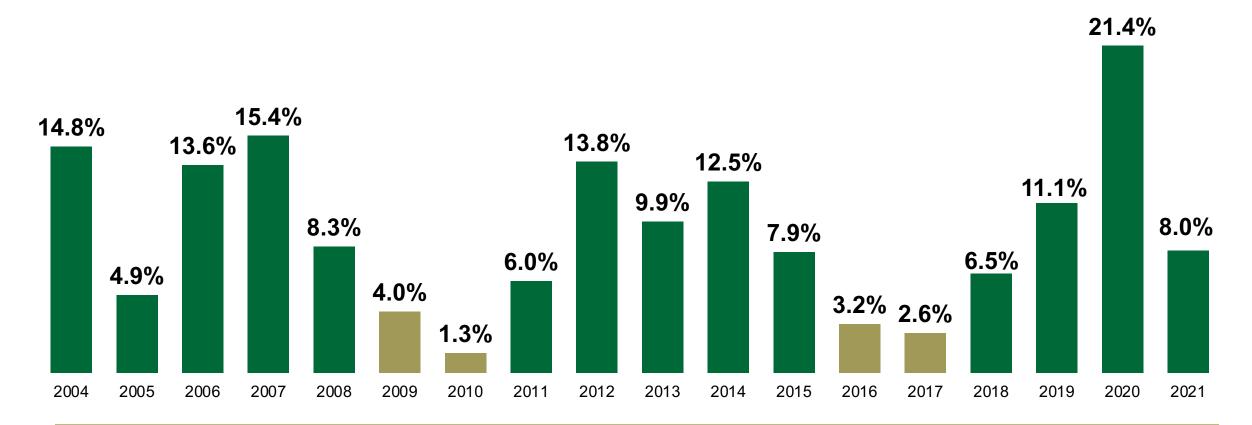
MARISA CARONA Chief Growth Officer

#### **TOP 10 GLOBAL RESTAURANT BRAND**





#### OUR STRATEGIES HAVE STAYING POWER... DELIVERING 18 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF DOMESTIC SAME-STORE SALES GROWTH



Demonstrated Growth Through Economic Cycles And Changing Consumer Sentiment



### WE HAVE A CLEAR PATH TO CONTINUED AUV GROWTH



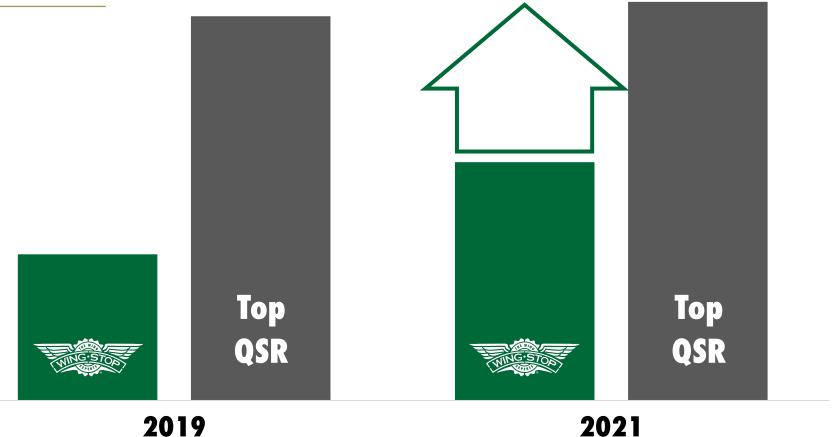






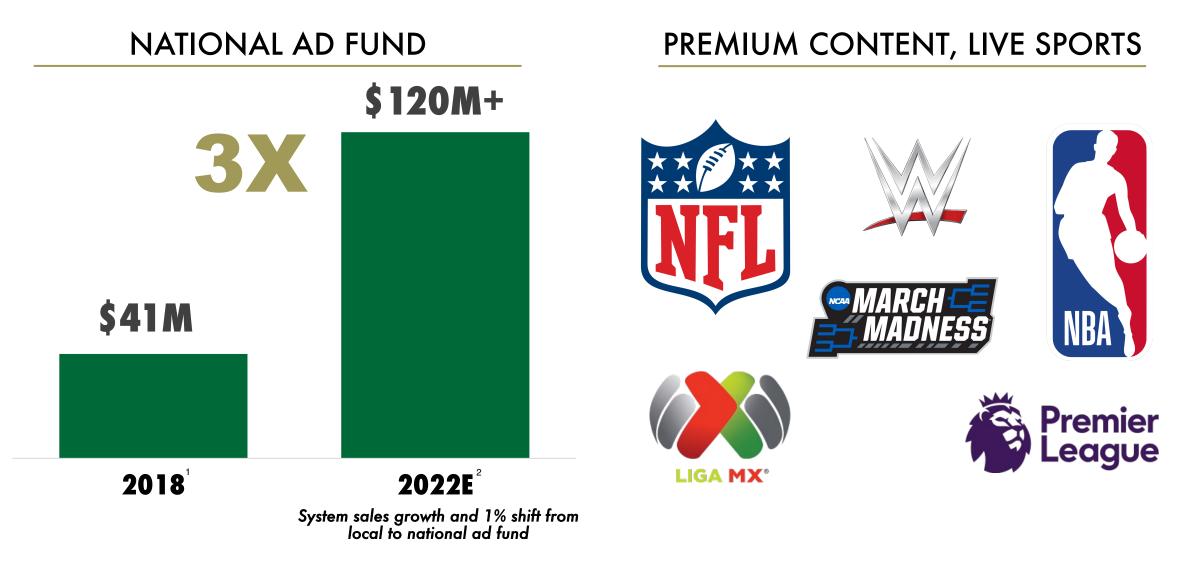
## TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AUVS BY CLOSING AWARENESS GAP...

#### **BRAND AWARENESS**



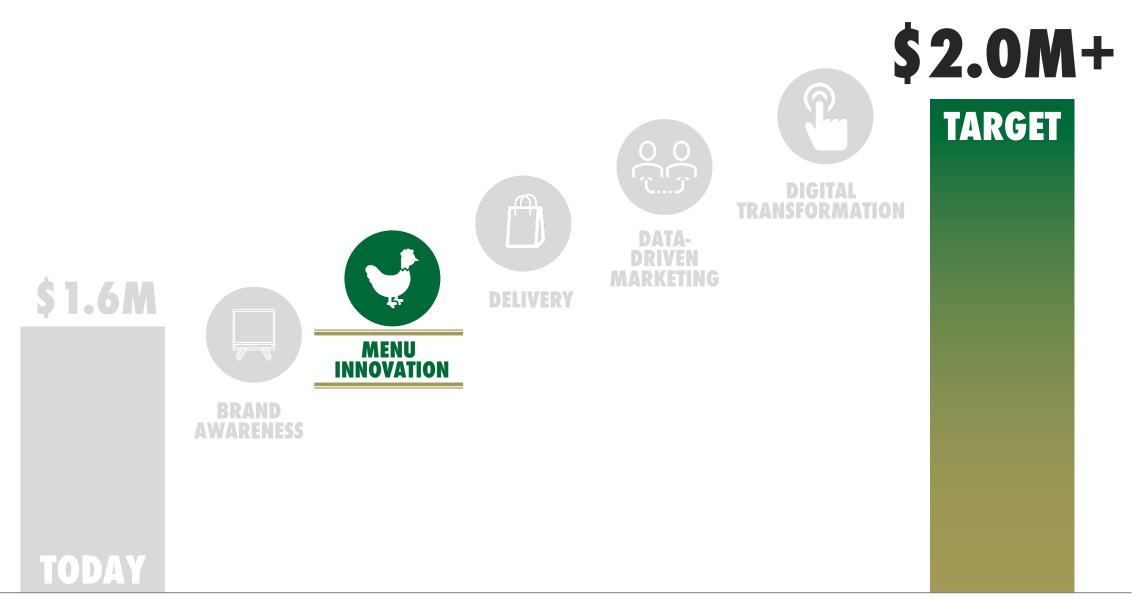


### ...AND WE HAVE THE FIREPOWER TO DO IT





For fiscal year ended December 29, 2018
Pro-forma estimate.





### WE'VE BEEN IN THE FLAVOR BUSINESS SINCE 1994



Providing Guests New News And Driving Occasions Through Flavor LTOs



## **OPPORTUNISTICALLY LEANING INTO PROVEN VALUE PLAYBOOK**



16 BONELESS WINGS | 6 TENDERS | 4 FLAVORS | LARGE FRIES | 3 DIPS







ORDER NOW



Per Person Average

Driving Occasions Through Value Messaging

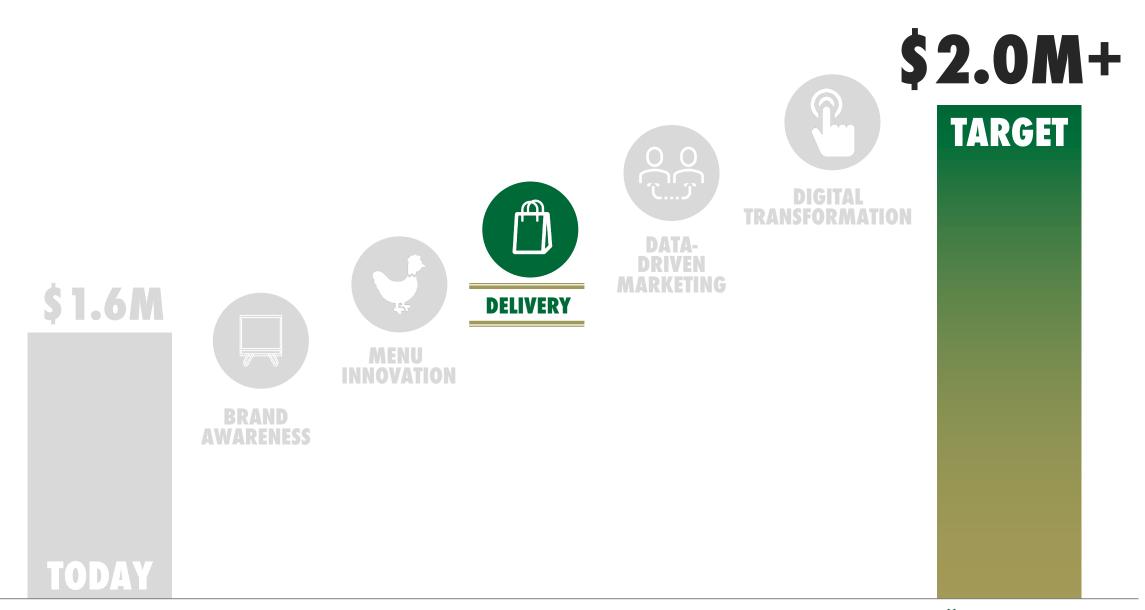


#### **MENU INNOVATION ADVANCING OUR WHOLE BIRD STRATEGY**



Developing Craveable Products To Increase Occasions For New And Existing Guests



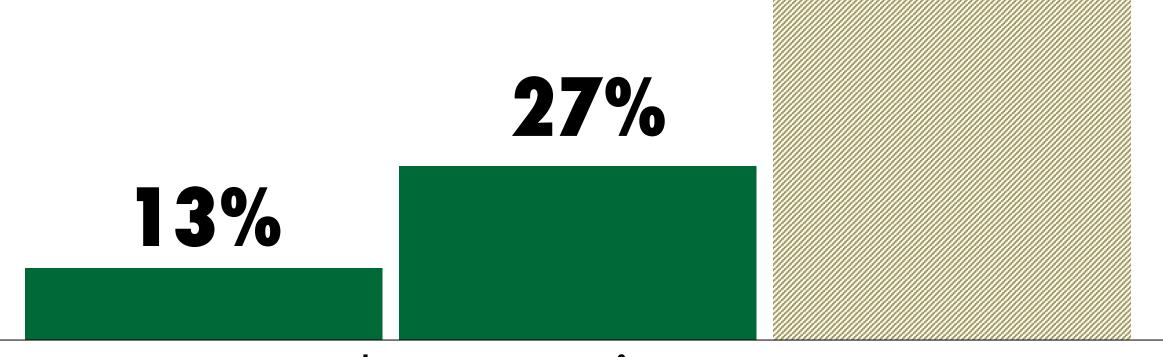




## **MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE DRIVING OUR DELIVERY SALES**

**DELIVERY SALES MIX** 





#### **2019 DELIVERY LAUNCH**<sup>1</sup>

TODAY<sup>2</sup>

#### **BENCHMARK**





## STACY PETERSON Chief Digital & Tech Officer





## **SCALING DIGITAL DATABASE TO TRANSFORM THE BUSINESS**





**28M+** 

Goal Of Digitizing 100% Of Our Transactions



## WE ARE A TECH COMPANY THAT SERVES FLAVOR

#### A TRADITIONAL RESTAURANT BRAND

#### • Limited customer data

- Promotional driven
- Rigid annual calendar
- Point in time transactions
- Focused on competitors

## A <u>Platform</u> Brand Wins with...





## ENRICHED DATA CAPABILITIES ENABLE IMPACTFUL PERSONALIZED MARKETING

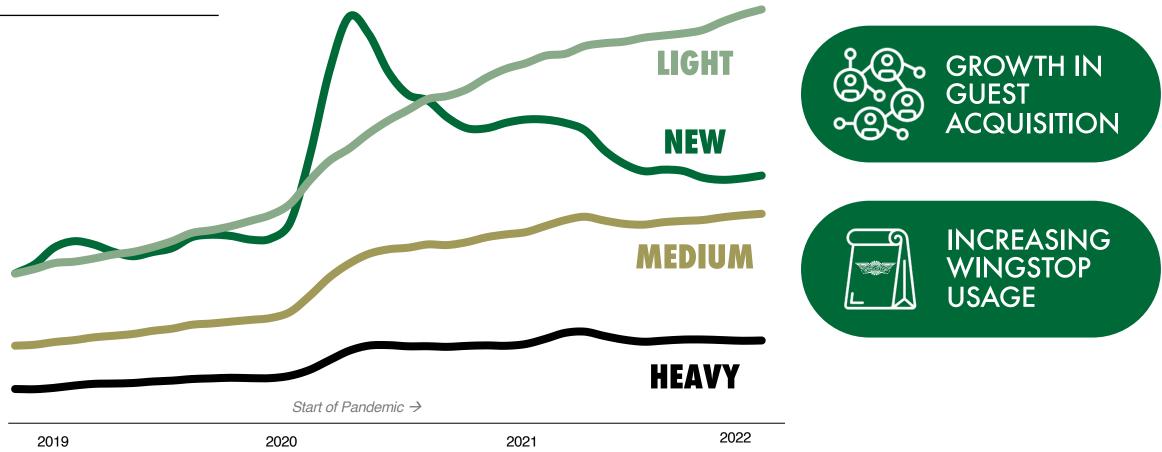


OVER 5000 DATA POINTS PER CUSTOMER



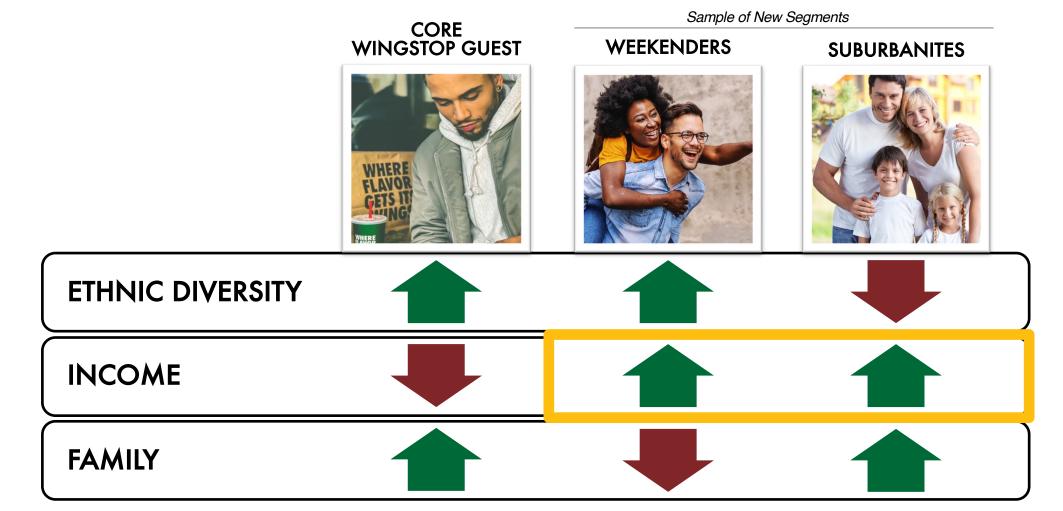
## EARLY IN OUR JOURNEY AND ALREADY SEEING HIGHER CONVERSION AND RETENTION







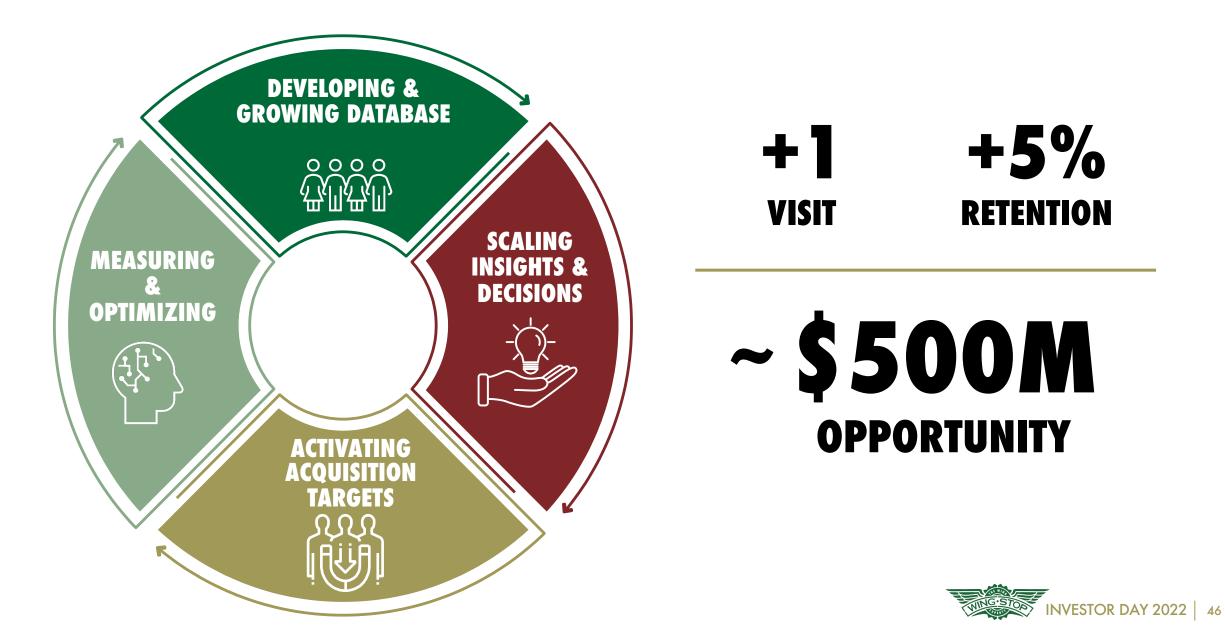
## FOCUSED ACQUISITION STRATEGIES ARE DIVERSIFYING OUR GUEST PROFILE AND ATTRACTING HEAVY QSR USERS



Weekenders And Suburbanites Now 1/3 Of Our Customer Database



## **DATA UNLOCKS MEANINGFUL TOPLINE GROWTH**







## **PROACTIVE INVESTMENTS HAVE POSITIONED US WELL**

## **2014**<sup>'</sup>

\$ 974K AUVS 614 Units Cash Registers & Fax Machines



## **TODAY**<sup>2</sup>

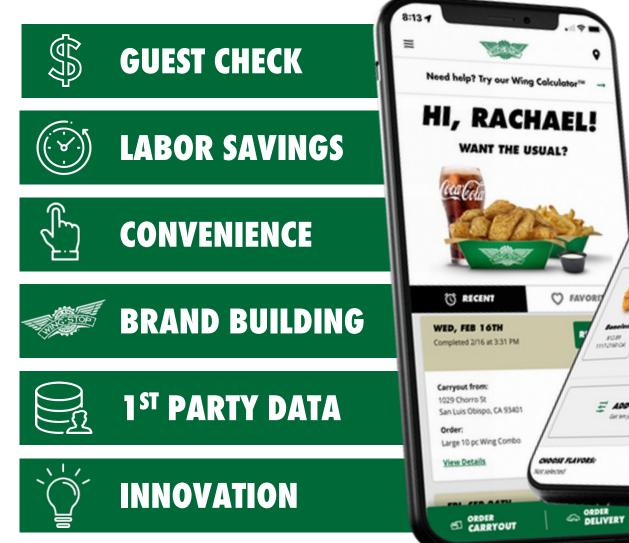
## \$1.6M AUVs

1,791 Units Standardized POS & Custom App/Website





## OUR STRENGTH IN DIGITAL DRIVES MEASURABLE CONTRIBUTION TO AUVS AND PROFITABILITY





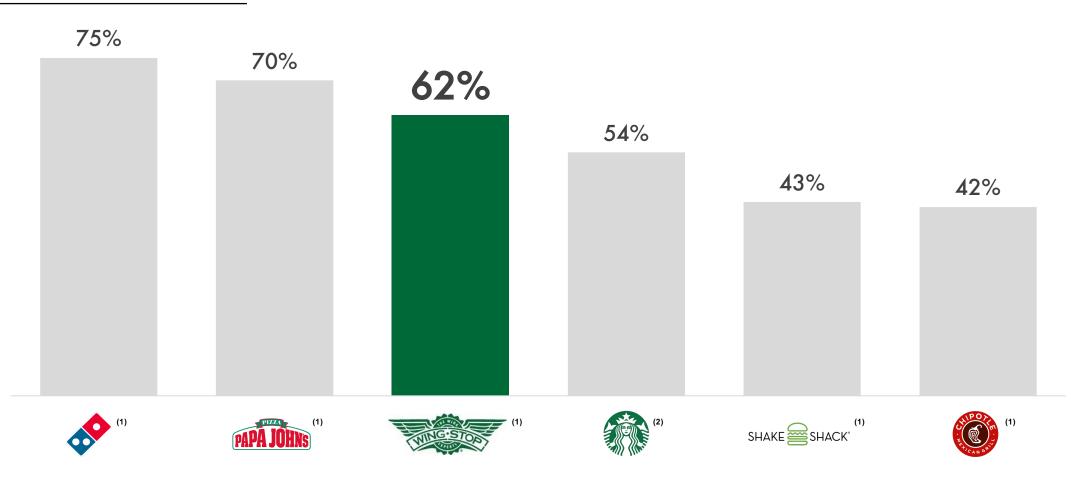
**\$5** 

#### HIGHER CHECK FOR DIGITAL ORDERS



## WE ARE NOW ON PAR WITH THE DIGITAL SALES MIX OF MORE ESTABLISHED INDUSTRY LEADERS

#### **DIGITAL SALES MIX**





1. As % of domestic sales for fiscal quarter ended March 2022.

2. As % of company-owned restaurant sales for fiscal quarter ended March 2022.

## GLOBAL TECH INVESTMENTS POSITIONING US TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL OF 100% DIGITAL BUSINESS

Investing to fuel our global digital transformation

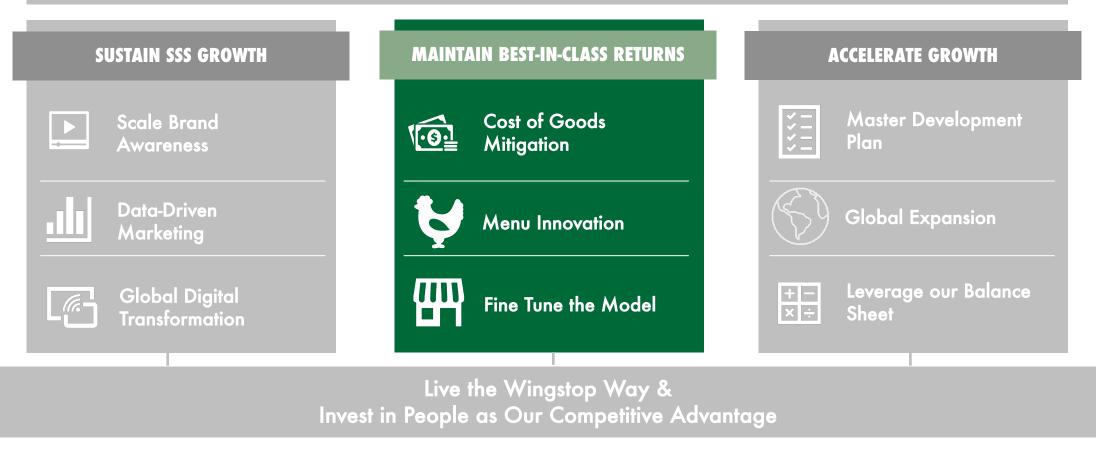






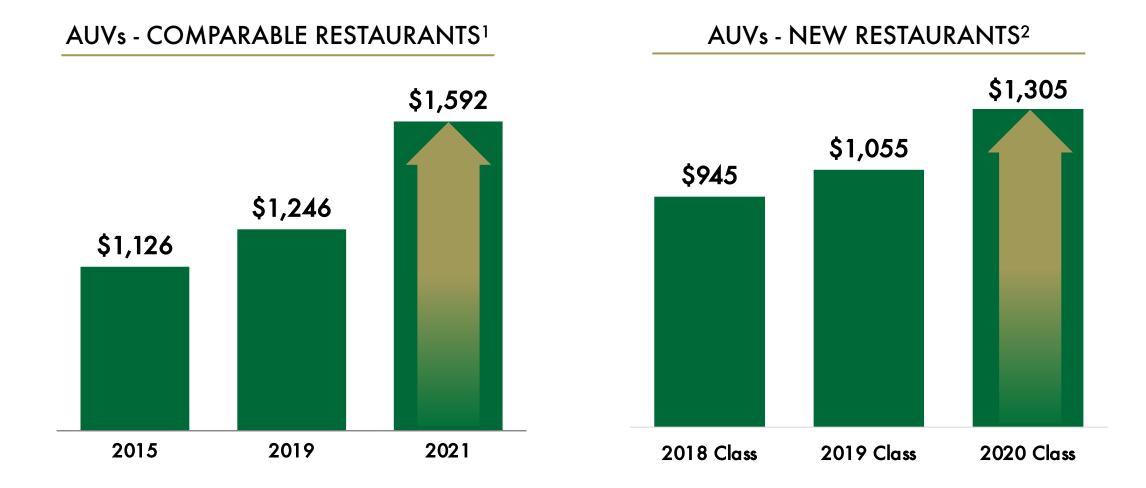
## ALEX KALEDA Chief Financial Officer

#### **TOP 10 GLOBAL RESTAURANT BRAND**





## AUVS IMPROVING RETURNS, NEW RESTAURANTS OPENING STRONGER THAN EVER

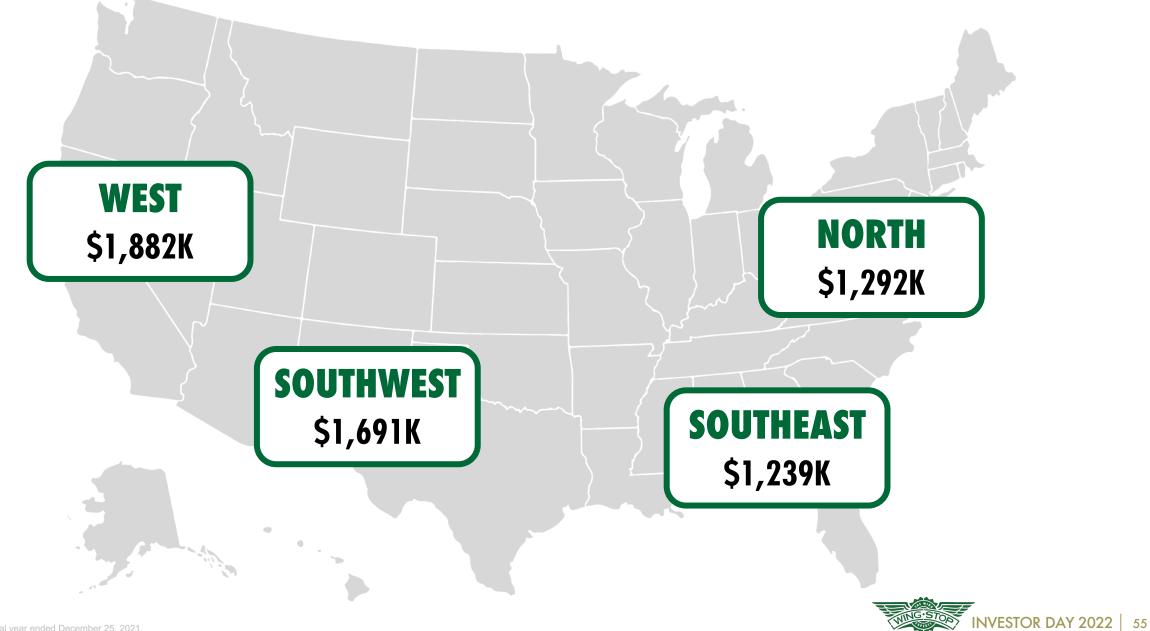




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2. Average unit volumes shown for each 52-week period since restaurant opening for their respective year. Results through 12/25/2021

## **REGIONS ARE ACHIEVING GAME-CHANGING AUVS**



# OUR FOCUSED, SIMPLE OPERATING MODEL HELPS SUSTAIN LONG-TERM GROWTH

#### EFFICIENT LABOR MODEL

Simple menu and streamlined operations enable a lean labor model



#### LOW FIXED COSTS

Focused on "B" real estate sites translating to low occupancy rates



#### STRATEGIC MENU MANAGEMENT

Pricing and innovation utilized to influence mix shift and offer valuecentric meal options



Large 10 pc Wing Combo 10 Boneless or Classic (Bone-In) wings with up to 2 flavors, regular fries or veggie sticks, 1 dio and a 2002 drink

Large 5 pc Crispy Tender Combo 5 Crispy Tenders with 1 flavor, regular fries or veggie sticks, 1 dip and a 20 oz



75pc Pack

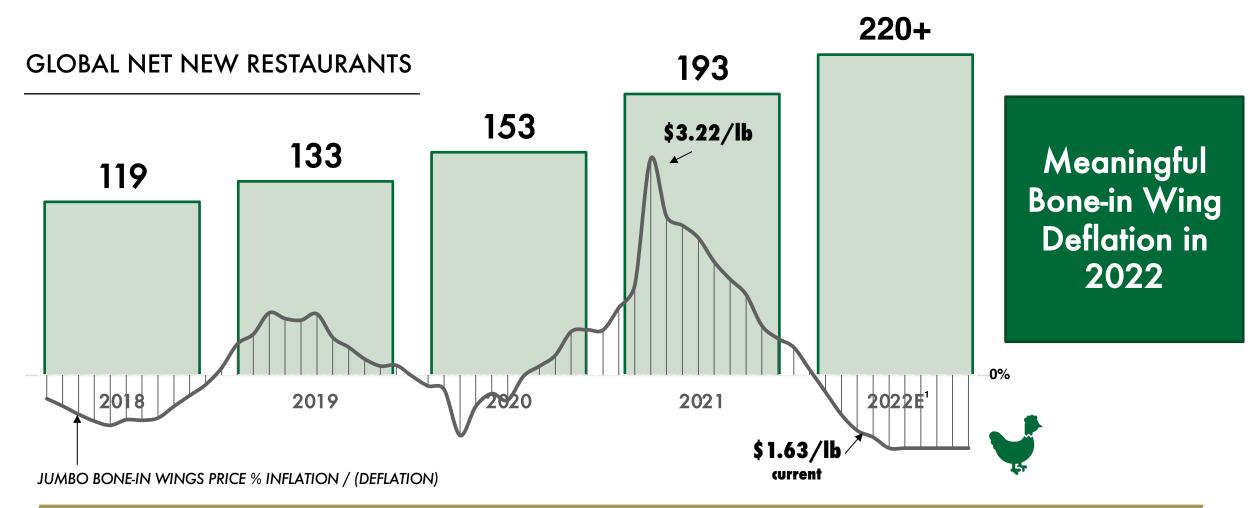
#### SIMPLE COMMODITY BASKET

65% of food costs associated with bone-in wings





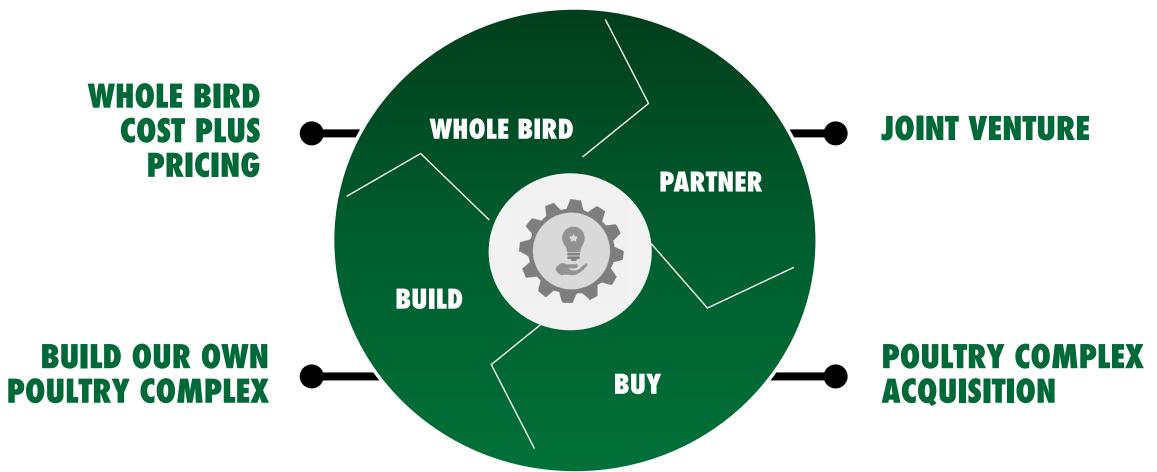
## DESPITE WING PRICE VOLATILITY, DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES TO ACCELERATE



Minimizing Volatility Further Accelerates Growth



## EXECUTING A CLEARLY DEFINED STRATEGY TO TAKE GREATER CONTROL OF OUR SUPPLY CHAIN



Committed To Maintaining Our Asset-lite Model



## ...AND THIS STRATEGY WILL DELIVER PREDICTABLE FOOD COSTS FOR OUR BRAND PARTNERS



Maintaining Best-in-Class Returns



## **CREATING A FLYWHEEL FOR DEVELOPMENT**

#### CASH-ON-CASH RETURNS

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- AUVs continue fueling growth for brand partners
- Low investment cost
- Industry-leading returns driving less than 2-year payback on investment

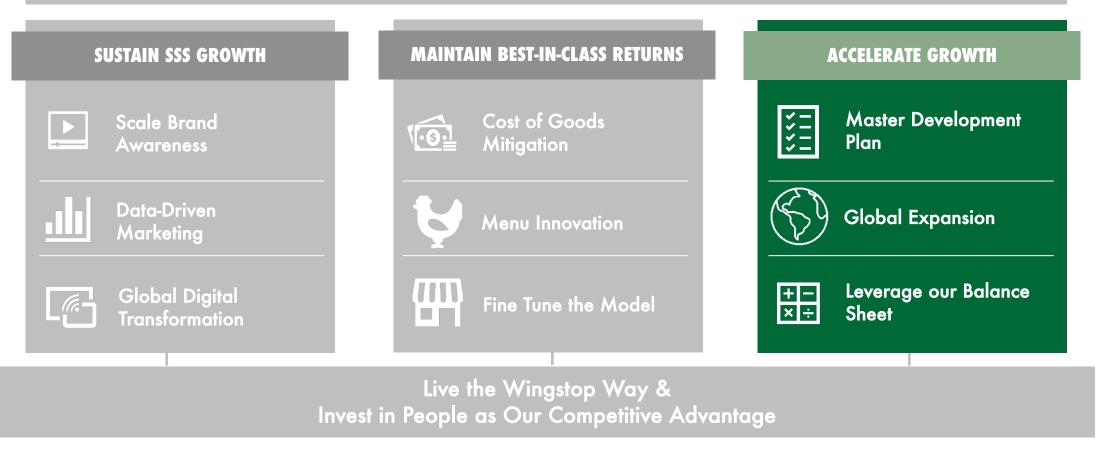


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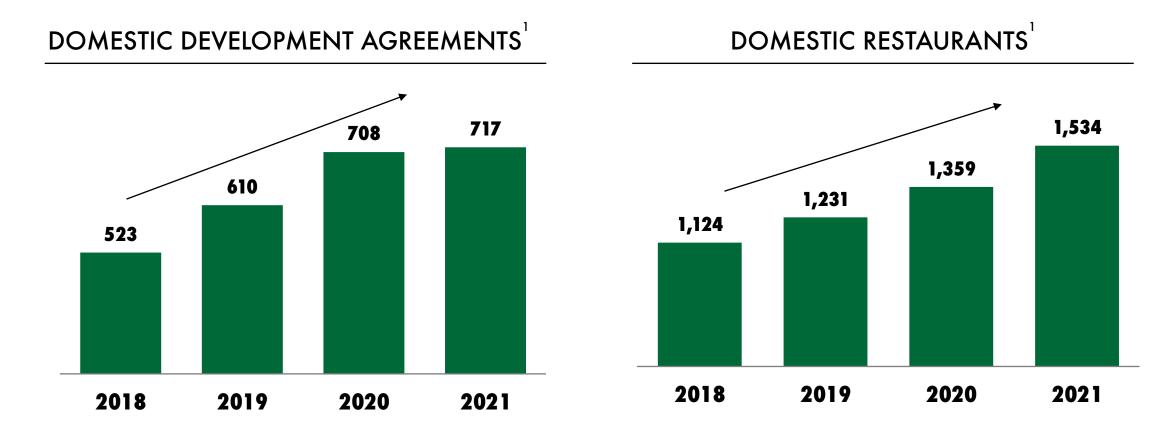
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#### **TOP 10 GLOBAL RESTAURANT BRAND**





# STRENGTH OF PIPELINE AND UNIT ECONOMICS FUELING INDUSTRY-LEADING DEVELOPMENT



93% Of Restaurant Openings Driven By Existing Brand Partners



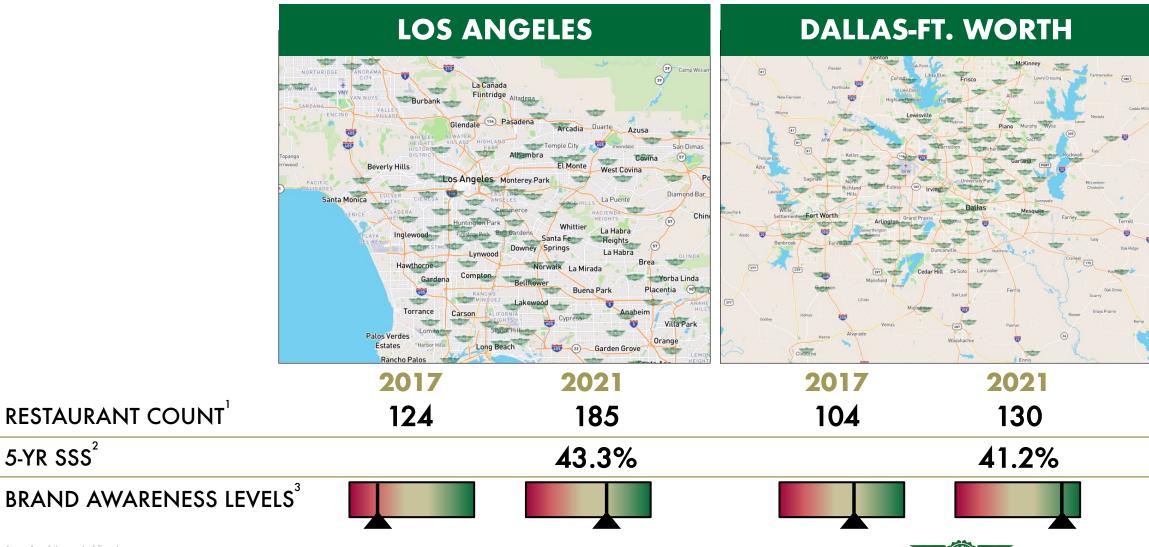
1. Values as of the end of each respective 52-week period. Results through December 25, 2021.

## MARKET PLANNING AND PLAYBOOK CLEARLY OUTLINES OUR PATH TO 4,000+ RESTAURANTS





## **EXISTING MARKETS DEMONSTRATE POWER OF OUR MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

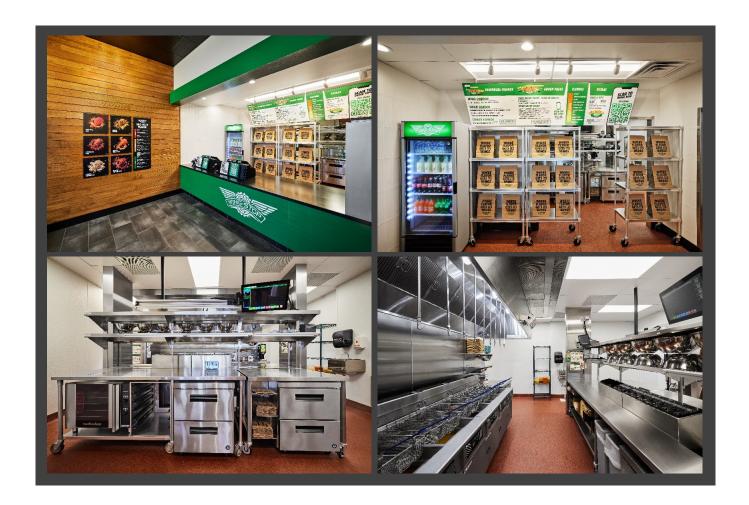


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As of the end of fiscal year

 $5-YR SSS^2$ 

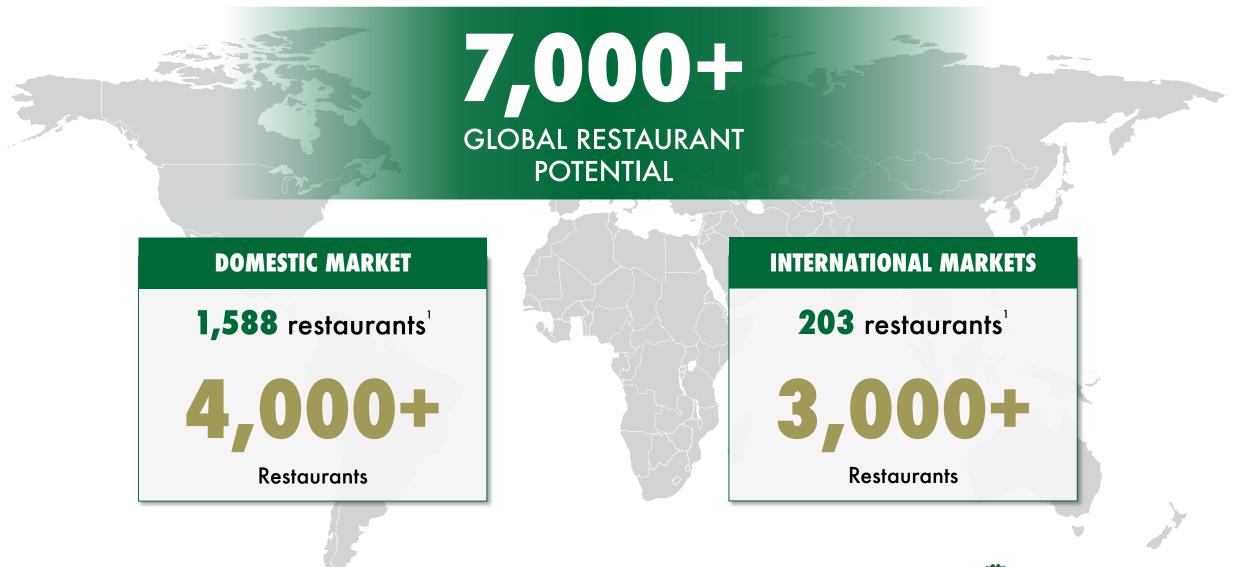
## TECHNOLOGY FRONT AND CENTER IN NEW RESTAURANT FORMAT, CREATING OPTIONALITY FOR MARKET PLANS



- 100% delivery + carryout mix
- Fully-digitized payments
- Al voice ordering
- Innovative back-of-house design with KDS solution



## **GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT WELL-POSITIONED FOR CONTINUED ACCELERATION**



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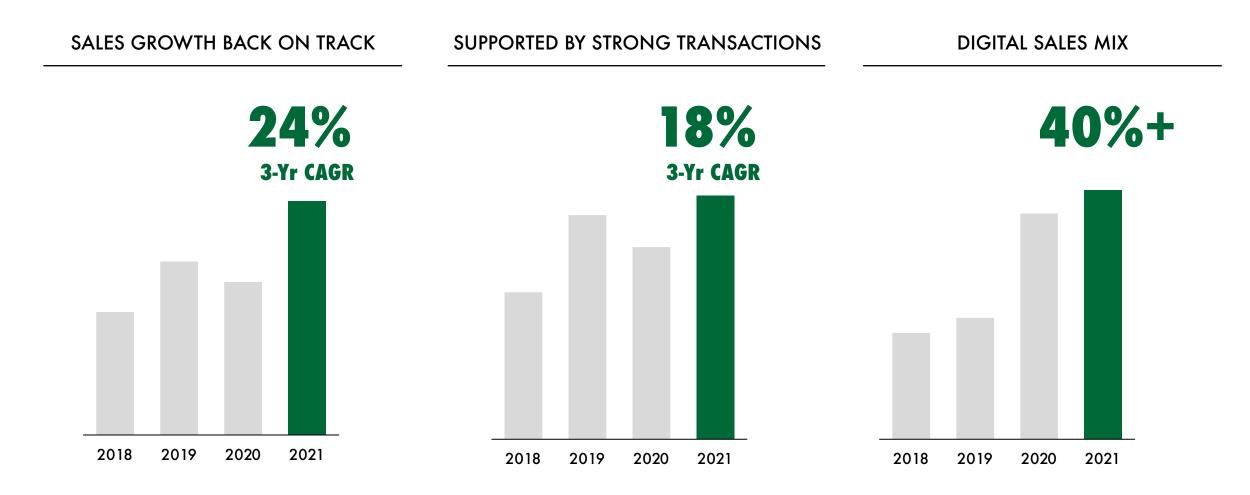
NICOLAS BOUDET President of International

# OUR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS IS EMERGING FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH

		TOTAL RESTAURANTS	TOTAL RESTAURANT POTENTIAL	Q1′22 SSS	SALES TO INVESTMENT RATIO
٩	MEXICO	107	200	26.8%	2:1
	INDONESIA	50	120	3.3%	2:1
	UNITED KINGDOM	18	200 - 250	33.1%	8:1
	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	15	25 - 50	14.8%	3:1
(***	SINGAPORE	12	25	19.9%	5:1
	FRANCE	1	75 - 100	49.1%	1:1



# EXISTING MARKETS PROVED TO BE RESILIENT THROUGH THE PANDEMIC





1. Results shown based on total sales & transactions in international markets for fiscal years 2018-2021

2. Digital sales mix as of fiscal quarter ending 12/25/2021.

## WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR PROVEN INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY



#### **PREMIUM QUALITY HALO**

High-quality positioning supporting a premium price



#### **OFF-PREMISE DINING**

Product attributes support ever-growing delivery/carryout



**FLAVOR EXPERTISE** "Flavor Experts" allows us to differentiate by market



#### SIMPLE OPERATING MODEL

Simple ops and smaller footprints enable scaling and economics



### **CHICKEN WING FOCUS** Specialized product in a high-growth protein segment



#### **DIGITAL & TECHNOLOGY FOCUS**

Robust platforms for consistent, convenient guest experiences



## **U.K. SUCCESS IS THE BLUEPRINT FOR OUR GLOBAL EXPANSION**



200-250 restaurant potential

- **\$2M+** average unit volume
- **22%** restaurant EBITDA margins
- 8.0X sales-to-investment ratio
- **38.2%** 3-year stacked same-store sales growth



Priced at parity with its competitive fast casual set



Diverse asset mix



High growth in delivery. Won Deliveroo's Restaurant of the Year in 2021



Digital mix of 50%+



Made minority investment in U.K. operations to accelerate growth



## **U.K. HAS QUICKLY CREATED BRAND LOVE FUELED BY FLAVOUR**



HIGH-END, MODERN ASSETS CREATING A DESTINATION BRAND

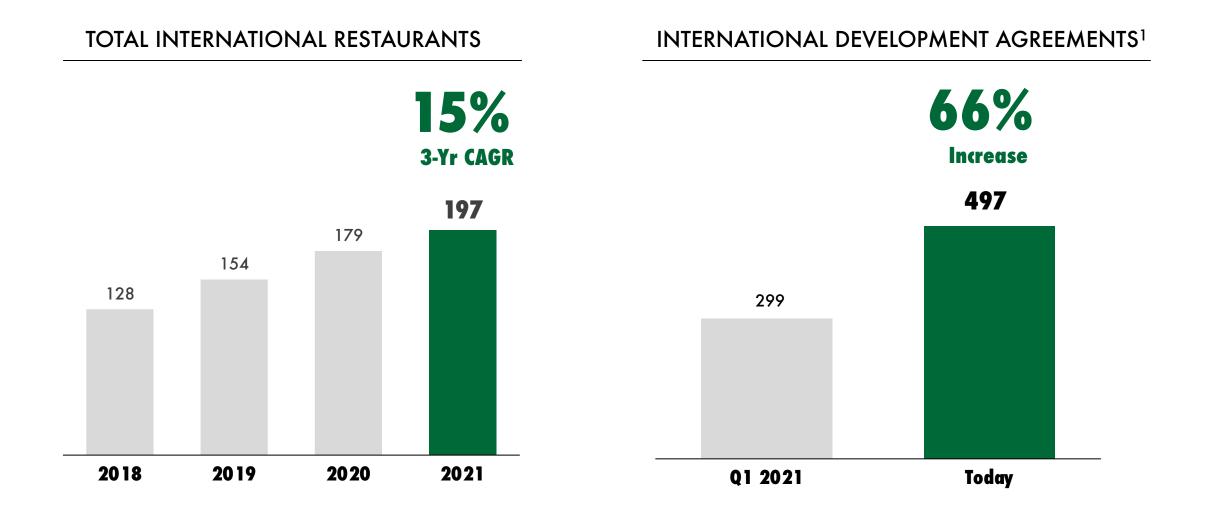


**THE ONLY DRIP THAT MATTERS** 

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT CULTIVATING BRAND AWARENESS



## **OUR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS IS SUPER-CHARGED FOR GROWTH**





## EXPANDING OUR NORTH AMERICAN DOMINANCE THROUGH CANADA MARKET LAUNCH



150 - 200 RESTAURANT POTENTIAL







Diverse asset mix – following U.K. blueprint



Launching with multiple DSPs



Leveraging U.S. tech stack



Well-capitalized partners with ownership in F&B sector



### ENTERING KOREA IN 2023, A VIBRANT AND INFLUENTIAL ASIAN MARKET





53 million people; high disposable income



Diverse asset mix – following U.K. blueprint



Strong off-premise consumer behavior with growing delivery business



Tech-savvy consumers with one of the highest digital penetration in the world





Experienced brand partner group with current F&B holdings



### **RESOLUTE IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF OUR INTERNATIONAL ROADMAP**





### WE ARE PREPARED TO ENTER CHINA WHEN THE TIMING IS RIGHT

#### RELEVANT OCCASIONS

Indexing strongly on group gatherings and differentiated flavors

#### BRAND-BUILDING ASSETS

Full brand immersion with a mix of flagship for awareness, small box for scale

#### RELEVANT MENU

Our menu line-up is perceived as authentic and appealing with our flavors and limited-time offers

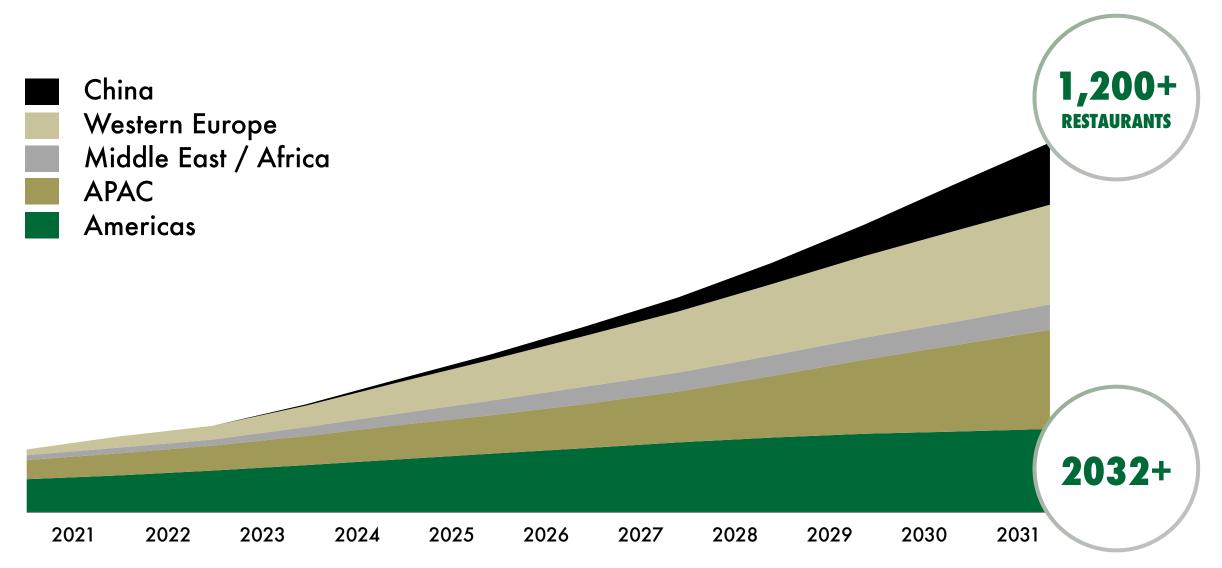
#### PREMIUM POSITIONING

Potential for elevated pricing compared to Western QSR



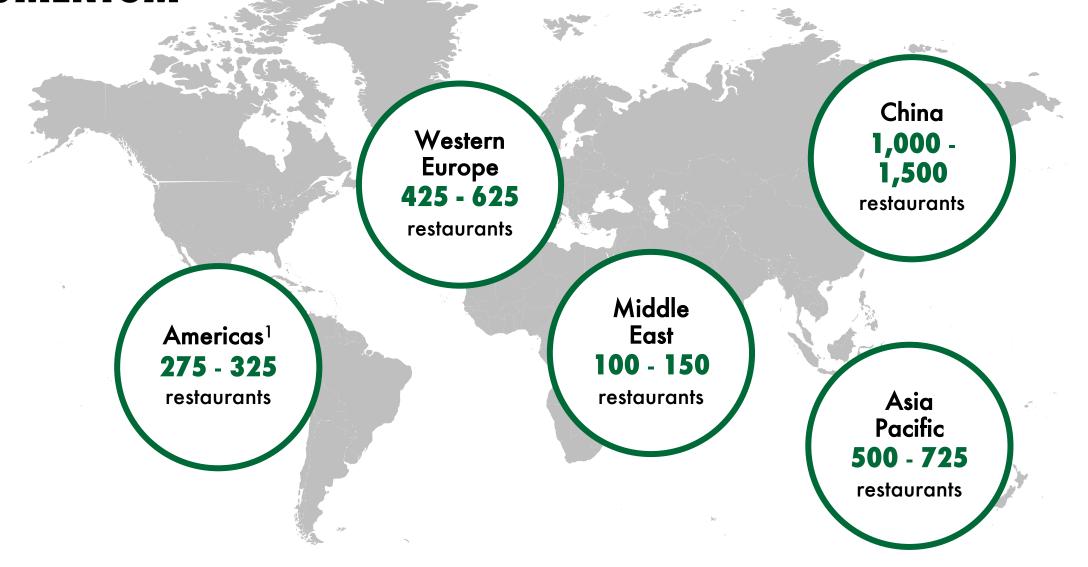


### **OUR INTERNATIONAL GROWTH IS RAMPING UP**





### PATH TO ACHIEVING 3,000+ INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANTS HAS MOMENTUM



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MARISA CARONA Chief Growth Officer

### **EXECUTING OUR GROWTH PLAN IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY**





### WE ARE PROUD OF OUR DIVERSE TEAM





**50%** Board Diversity<sup>1</sup>



**43%** Senior Leadership Team Diversity<sup>1</sup>



60% Brand Partner Diversity<sup>1</sup>

Un Vn Trair

100%

Unconscious Bias Training Completion for our Team Members



Team Member Diversity<sup>1</sup>

VS

40%

US Census Diversity



Source: Wingstop EEOC Report for 2021. Percentages for Wingstop are based on a total of 1,117 corporate team members. 1. "Diversity" refers to self identification as female, an underrepresented minority or LGBTQ+.

### **MINIMIZING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT AS WE EXPAND GLOBALLY**





Water Bottles Recycled<sup>2</sup> through our new uniform program





High-efficiency Equipment<sup>1</sup>

LED Lighting



100% Wind-Powered Global Support Center



1. Kitchen equipment (including fryers, water heaters, and line refrigeration) is high efficiency and/or ENERGY STAR® rated.

Estimated number of water bottles recycled based on Wingstop's anticipated order volume and usage

Based on the 2021 Grease Recycling Initiative.

### **PROVIDING A POSITIVE IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITIES**



2020 HIGHLIGHTS



**IM MEALS** provided through Flavor for Good





2021 HIGHLIGHTS



Non-profit organizations received funding



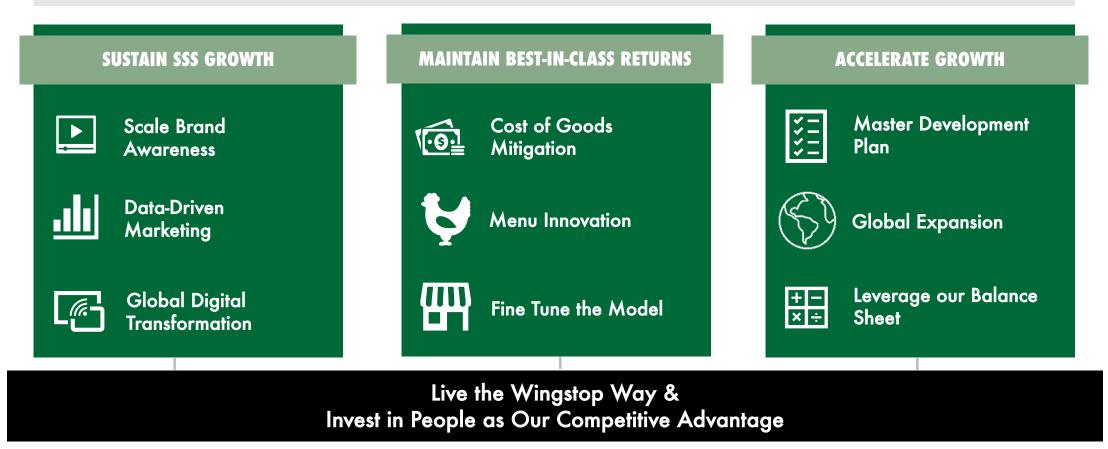
Nonprofit & Corporate Citizenship Award COVID-19 Community Support





# **SKIPWORTH** President & Chief Executive Officer

### **TOP 10 GLOBAL RESTAURANT BRAND**





### A PREDICTABLE FINANCIAL MODEL...



#### MULTI-YEAR STRATEGY TO GROW TOPLINE SALES

System sales increased by 54% since 2019



## DISCIPLINED INVESTMENTS AND USE OF CASH

Strategic investments for next phase of growth



#### MAINTAINING BEST-IN-CLASS UNIT ECONOMICS

Simple, streamlined operating model with AUVs of \$1.6M and path to \$2.0M+

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#### ASSET-LITE, STRONG & PREDICTABLE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

98% franchised 21.8% Adjusted EBITDA 5-year CAGR



#### LEADING CASH-ON-CASH RETURNS FOR OUR BRAND PARTNERS

Target Returns of 70%+



### MULTIPLE DRIVERS FOR INCREASING SHAREHOLDER VALUE

Over \$645M returned capital, ~ 430% TSR since IPO<sup>1</sup>



### ...AND SUSTAINING GROWTH WELL INTO THE FUTURE





Maximize Free Cash Flow Conversion And Best-in-Class Shareholder Returns



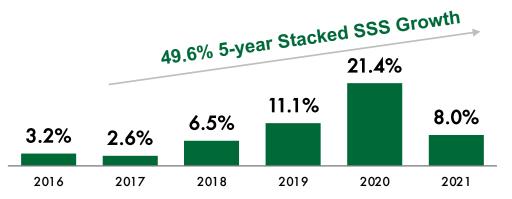
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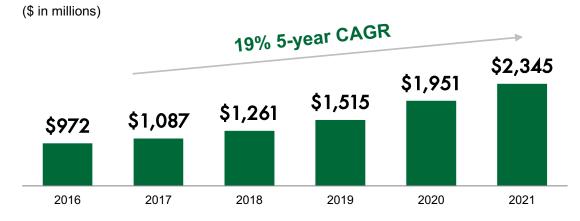
### **PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS ACCELERATION IN OUR BUSINESS**

#### DOMESTIC SAME-STORE SALES GROWTH

(\$ in millions)

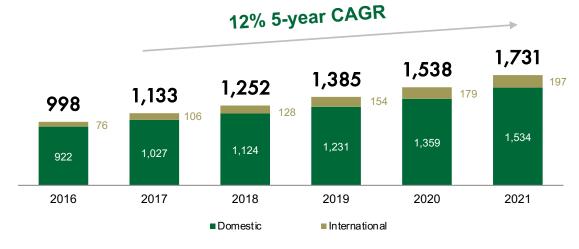


SYSTEM-WIDE SALES

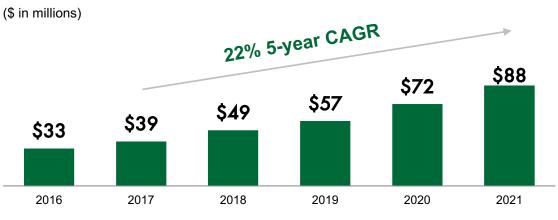


. Data as of fiscal year end for 12/31/2016, 12/30/2017, 12/29/2018, 12/28/2019, 12/26/2020, 12/25/2021.

TOTAL UNITS



#### ADJUSTED EBITDA





### **NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION**

#### (\$ in thousands)

Fiscal Year Ended	December 31, 2016	December 30, 2017	December 29, 2018	December 28, 2019	December 26, 2020	December 25, 2021
Net income	\$ 13,769 \$	23,940	\$ 21,719	\$ 20,476	\$ 23,306	\$ 42,658
(+) Interest expense, net	4,396	5,131	10,123	17,136	16,782	14,984
(+) Income tax expense	8,188	4,802	5,208	5,289	3,637	16,249
(+) Depreciation and amortization	3,008	3,376	4,313	5,484	7,518	7,943
EBITDA	\$ 29,361 <b>\$</b>	37,249	\$ 41,363	\$ 48,385	\$ 51,243	\$ 81,834
(+) Loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2,388 \$	-	\$ 3,898	\$ -	\$ 13,816	\$ -
(+) Gain on disposal of assets, net <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	-	-	(3,093)	(3,497)
(+) Consulting fees <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	1,630	1,358	425
(+) Stock-based compensation expense (4)	1,231	1,851	3,725	6,974	8,558	9,631
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 32,980 \$	39,100	\$ 48,986	\$ 56,989	\$ 71,882	\$ 88,393

Represents costs and expenses related to the refinancing of our securitized financing facility and payment of a special dividend. Represents a gain resulting from the re-franchise of company-owned restaurants to franchisees. 1.

2.

Represents costs and expenses related to consulting projects to support the Company's strategic initiatives. 3.

Includes non-cash, stock-based compensation. 4.

