



# Investor Presentation

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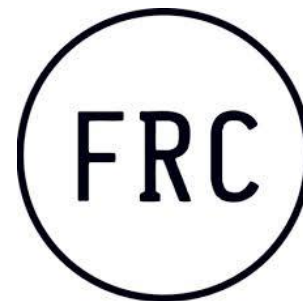
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# An Experiential Dining Category Leader

Culinary forward. First class hospitality. Concepts like no other.



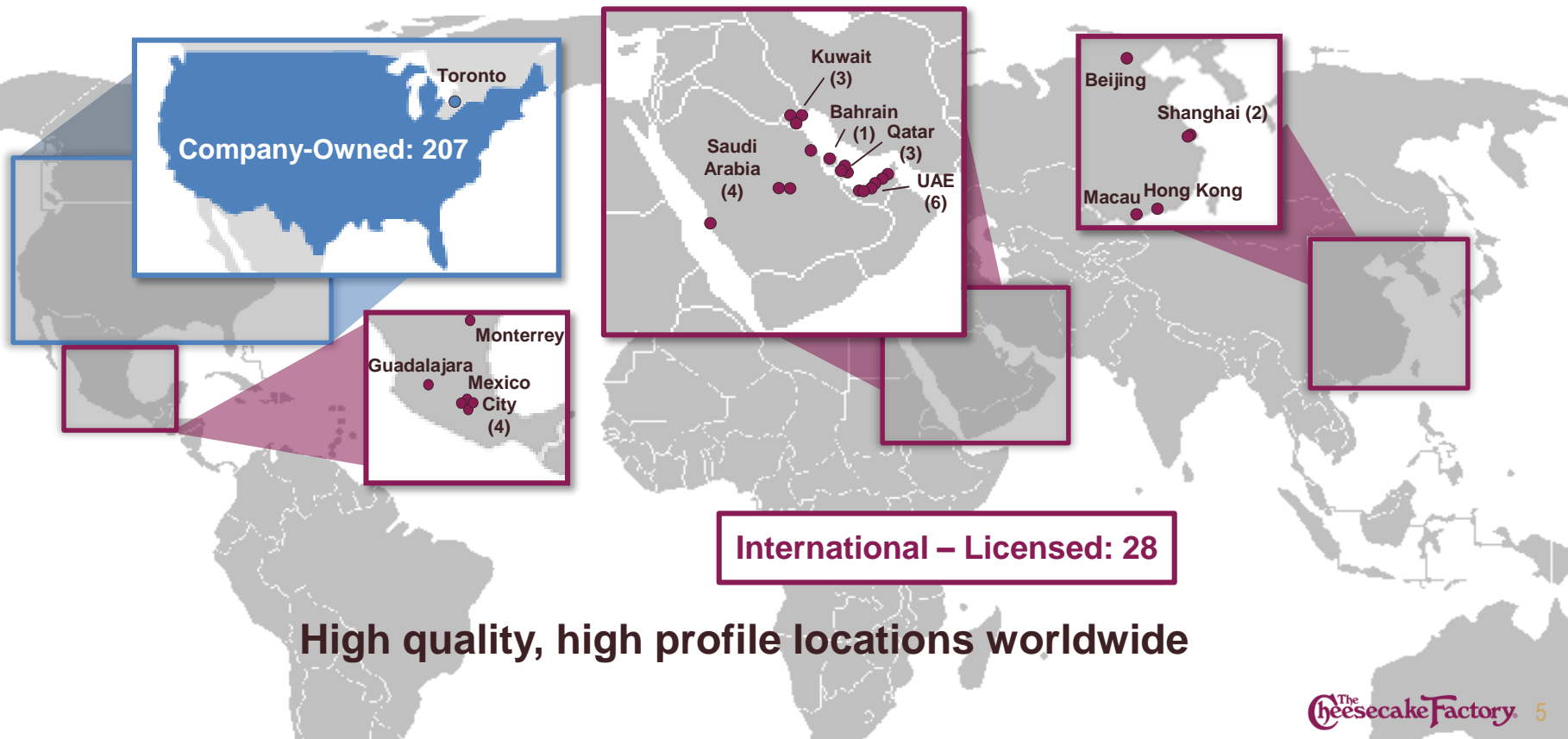
# Investment Highlights

- Experiential dining category leader with diversified growth engines
- Leveraging the Company's differentiation and strong foothold in the off-premise channel to support the business in the COVID-19 environment
- Best-in-class operational execution and industry-leading retention
- Significant and accelerating growth opportunities driving one of the highest expected growth rates in the casual dining industry



# The Cheesecake Factory - Global Footprint

Opportunity for 300 Domestic Locations Over Time &  
Continued International Expansion



# Driving Strong Pandemic Recovery with Industry-Leading Comparable Sales Growth

## Leveraging Sales to Drive Margin Performance



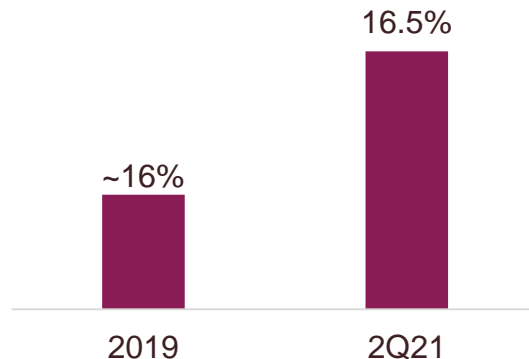
### 2Q21 Comp Sales vs 2019

**+7.8%**

### 2Q21 Average Weekly Sales (AWS)

**~\$225,500**  
Equates to \$11.7M  
Annualized Average  
Unit Volume (AUV)

### Restaurant-Level Margin\*



### 3QTD through July 26<sup>th</sup> Comp Sales vs 2019

**+10%**

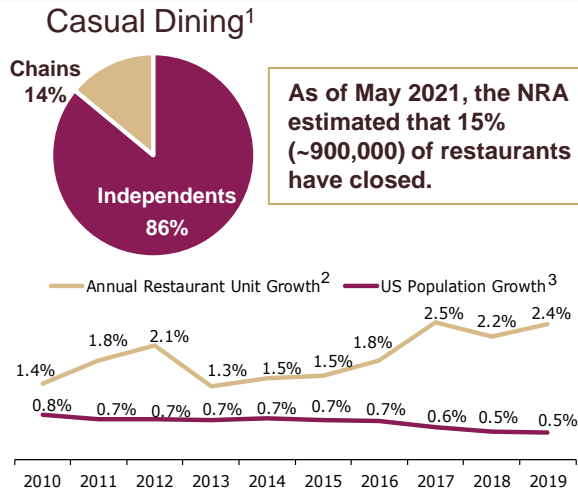
### 3QTD AWS

**~\$230,000**  
Equates to nearly \$12M AUV

\*Restaurant-level margin calculated as The Cheesecake Factory restaurants segment income from operations + segment preopening costs + segment impairment of assets and lease termination expenses + segment depreciation and amortization expenses / The Cheesecake Factory restaurants segment revenue

# We Believe Stable, Agile Brands Will Be Best Equipped to Weather Volatility and Thrive Post-COVID

## Potential Industry Rationalization - Market Share Opportunity



“Large chains and well-funded restaurant groups have the resources to ride out a protracted shutdown, **but the independent restaurants that make up about two-thirds of the American dining landscape – noodle shops, diners and that charming urban restaurant that always had a line out the door – may not survive.**”

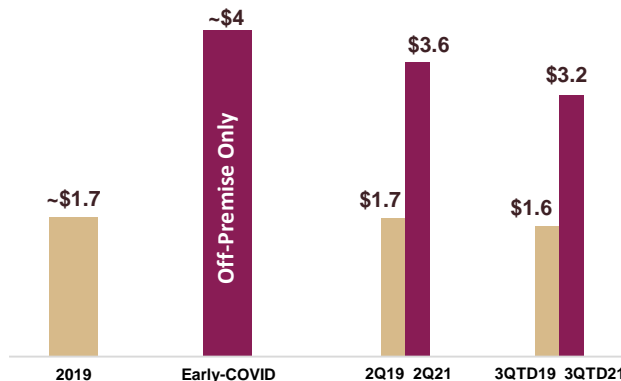
- New York Times, March 20, 2020

## Increased Consumer Emphasis On Off-Premise



### Sustained Off-Premise Sales Strength<sup>4</sup>

(AUV \$ millions)



“Off-premise will likely continue its rise in importance, even after the pandemic”

- Technomic, April 24, 2020



# Filling White Space for an On-Trend, Contemporary Italian Offering

- Potential for 200 domestic locations over time - 27 locations in 12 states & Washington D.C. currently
- All dishes handmade from scratch daily
- Serving lunch, dinner, weekend brunch & weekday happy hour
- Average check: \$25 - \$30
- 30%+ alcohol mix

**FY19 Comp Sales: 6%**

*Note: Operating metrics pre-COVID-19*





# Driving Strong Pandemic Recovery with Industry-Leading Comparable Sales Growth

Leveraging Sales - as well as CAKE Scale and Operational Expertise –  
to Drive Margin Performance

## NORTH ITALIA

2Q21 Comp Sales vs 2019

+10%

2Q21 AWS

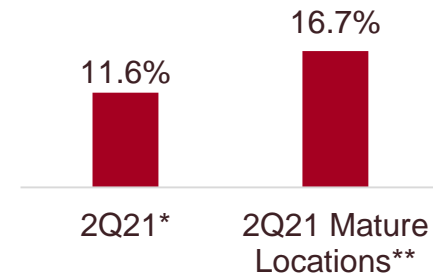
~\$133,000  
Equates to \$6.9M AUV

3QTD through July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Comp Sales vs 2019

+10%

- Reservation management to drive sales & throughout
- Leveraging buying power and sales/inventory management systems to reduce food costs
- Robust labor management systems and analysis to drive productivity
- Leveraging benefits infrastructure and equity plan to attract and retain top talent

### Restaurant-Level Margin



*\*2Q21 reported results reflect impact of 3 new unit openings year-to-date and other locations that have not yet reached steady-state operational levels.*

*\*\*Mature locations defined as locations opened 3 years or more at the beginning of 2021, excluding 1 underperforming restaurant in a tourist location significantly impacted by capacity restrictions.*

# Fox Restaurant Concepts (FRC) Expected to Serve as an Incubation Engine Innovating Concepts of the Future

## Potential Growth



**FLOWER CHILD**  
HEALTHY FOOD FOR A HAPPY WORLD

**BLANCO**  
TACOS • TEQUILA



## Boutique Brands



**THE HENRY**  
THE GREATEST NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT

**DOUGH BIRD**



**Olive & Ivy**  
RESTAURANT + MARKETPLACE



**55 Total FRC Locations Across the U.S.**

# Diversified Growth Engines Expected to Drive 7% Unit Growth Annually Beginning in FY22

**Diversified multi-concept across segment, price point, occasion, real estate and labor**

**Leveraging brand power, operational excellence, scale, supply chain and real estate development expertise**

## Anticipated Unit Growth Roadmap<sup>1</sup>

**The Cheesecake Factory**

**NORTH<sup>2</sup>**  
ITALIA

**FRC<sup>2</sup>**

Target Size (sq. ft.)	7,000 – 10,000	5,000 - 6,500	3,500 – 15,000
Average Unit Volume <sup>3</sup>	\$10.7M	~\$7M	Avg. \$5M+
Sales/sq. ft.	~\$1,000	~\$1,200	~\$1,000
Target Long-Term Unit Growth	~3%	~20%+	~15% - 20%
Top-Line Unit Growth Contribution	~3%	~2%	~2%
Target Restaurant-Level Margin %	~18%	~18% - 20%	~16% - 18%
Cash Capex Investment	\$8M+	\$3 - \$3.5M	\$500/sq. ft.
Target Cash-on-Cash Return	20% - 25%	35%+	25% - 30%
Sales/Investment Ratio	Varies	2:1	2:1

# We Have Resumed Strong Unit Growth With Impressive Early Results

## 2020 New Restaurants Opened



North Italia  
McLean, VA



Flower Child  
Houston, TX



Flower Child  
Cherry Creek, CO



Flower Child  
Oklahoma City, OK



Blanco  
Phoenix, AZ



Culinary Dropout  
Scottsdale, AZ

## 2021 New Restaurants Opened



The Cheesecake Factory  
Washington D.C.



Blanco  
Nashville, TN



North Italia  
Birmingham, AL



North Italia  
San Antonio, TX



North Italia  
Miami, FL



Flower Child  
Atlanta, GA



North Italia  
Franklin, TN

*7 additional units planned for 2021*



A large group of approximately 50-60 employees of The Cheesecake Factory are posed for a group photo in a restaurant setting. They are arranged in several rows, with some standing and some sitting at round tables. Many are wearing white aprons over their casual clothing. The background shows the restaurant's interior, including shelves stocked with jars and bottles, and large windows. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter.

# The Cheesecake Factory®

# The Cheesecake Factory - A Highly Differentiated Concept



Breadth of Menu &  
Innovation – 250 Items  
Made Fresh,  
From Scratch



Ambiance,  
Service and  
Hospitality



Best-in-Class  
Operational  
Execution



Integrated  
Bakery



# Integrated Bakery – The “Cheesecake” Magic

## Industry-Leading Dessert Sales

Differentiated positioning has been a key sales driver during COVID-19

FY19  
16%

FY20  
21%

- Produces over 70 cheesecakes and other baked desserts
- Enables creativity, quality control and supply chain efficiencies



# Best-in-Class Operational Execution and Industry-Leading Retention

## Average Tenure by Position

Senior VP of Operations	32 years
Regional Vice Presidents	23 years
Area Directors of Operations	20 years
Area Kitchen Operations Managers	19 years
General Managers	14 years
Executive Kitchen Managers	13 years

*Also recognized as a  
best workplace for  
diversity, millennials,  
and women*



“What we found is that food and beverage innovation is table stakes; you need to do it, but it’s not sustainable,” The ironclad correlation with success? “It was GM retention.”

– Wally Doolin, Black Box Intelligence\*



8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year

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\*Restaurant Business, May 2018

# Performance During COVID-19 Has Reinforced That The Cheesecake Factory is a Destination



- FY20 average sales per square foot adjusted for interior capacity restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic was \$1,127, a 14% increase over FY19. Reflecting the impact of COVID-19 dining restrictions, FY20 average sales per productive square foot declined 27% to \$716 from FY19.
- During COVID-19, The Cheesecake Factory restaurants have driven the highest absolute off-premise sales dollars and maintained the highest level of off-premise sales volumes when dining rooms reopened relative to its publicly-traded casual dining industry peers.
- California locations operating with off-premise and patios only during Summer 2020 generated nearly 90% of sales volumes of all locations with reopened indoor dining rooms when malls predominantly remained closed in California.

# Cult Status & Strong Consumer Engagement

## Investigating the NBA's Obsession With The Cheesecake Factory

We surveyed NBA players about the strange cult fanaticism America's no.1-ranked casual-dining chain inspires—and why the brown bread remains the G.O.A.T

Feb 15, 2017

Written by: Josh Martin



5M+ fans



990K followers



355K followers



Millions of Viewers

Note: Statistics as of July 21, 2021

FOOD

TORONTO  
LIFE

The Cheesecake Factory is now open and Toronto is losing its cheesecake-loving mind

**BuzzFeed**

24 Cheesecake Factory Jokes That Are Almost As Good As The Brown Bread

"The Cheesecake Factory menu is the same size as the Bible and has about the same cultural significance."



Karen Howell  
@karenehowell

Very cool to include the Cheesecake Factory menu in this special ceremony.

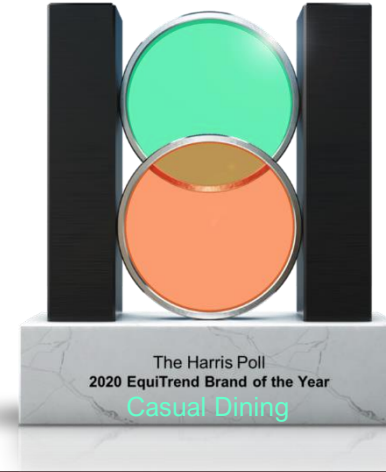


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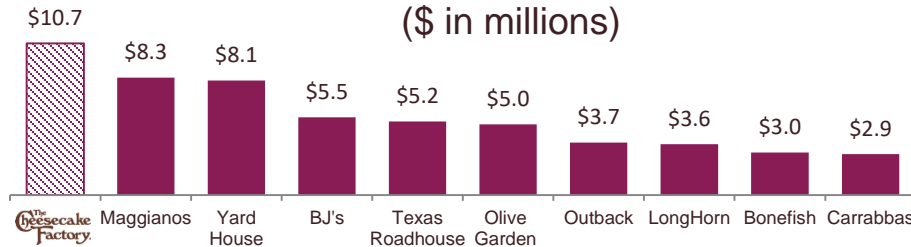
12.9K Retweets 1,104 Quote Tweets

155K Likes

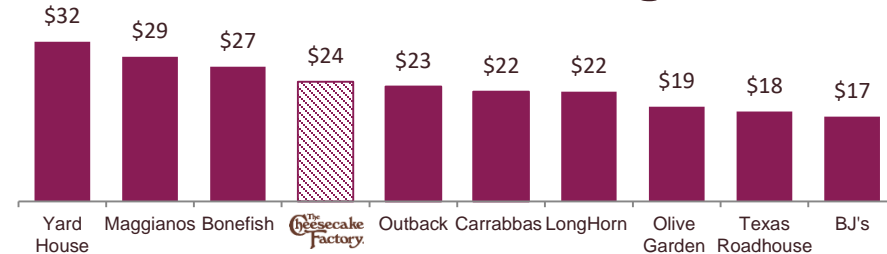
# Broad Consumer Demographic and Appeal



## Highest Unit Volumes (\$ in millions)



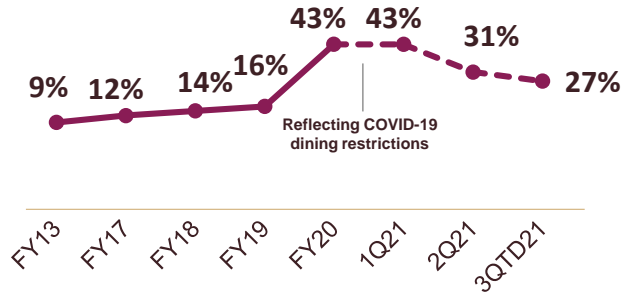
## With a Moderate Average Check



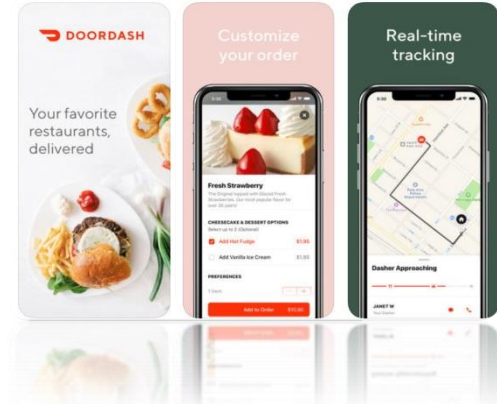
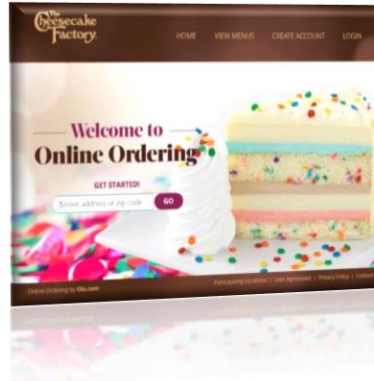


# Leveraging This Differentiation in the Off-Premise Channel

Off-Premise Sales  
(% of Total Revenue)



~\$3.2 million  
per restaurant\*



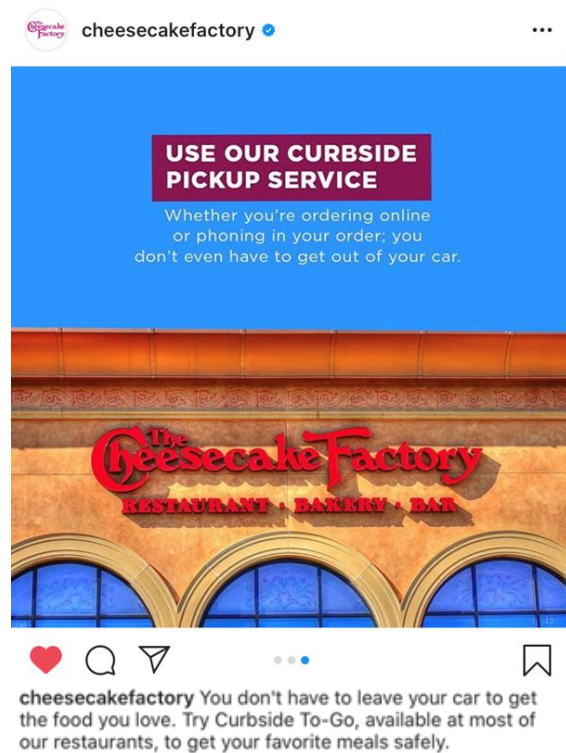
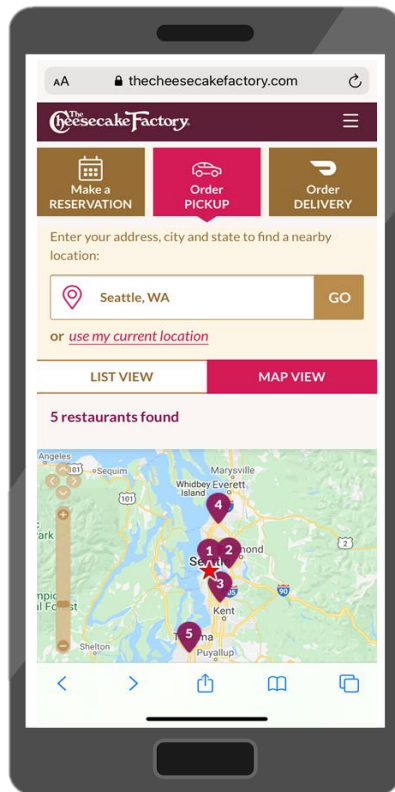
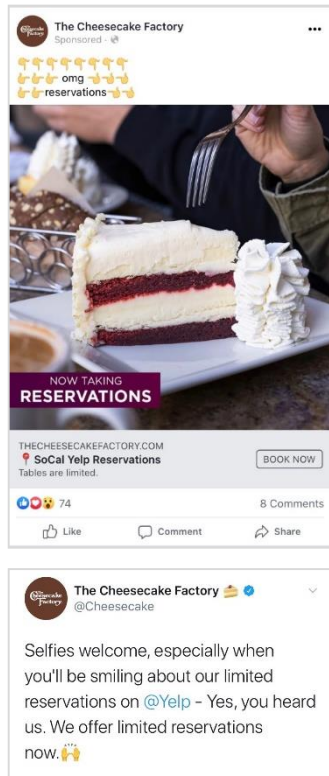
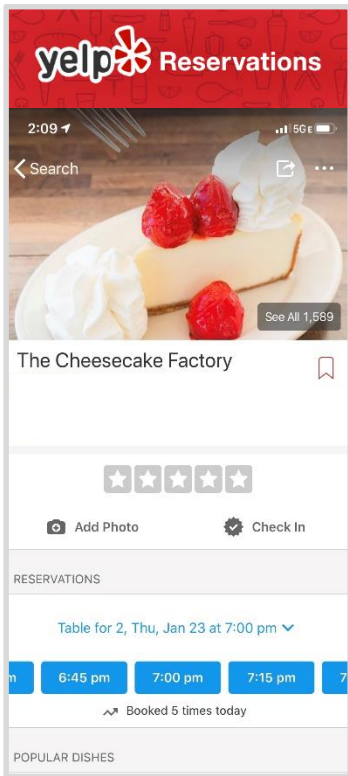
## New Takeout Packaging



\*Annualized unit volume equivalent based on total system average weekly sales



# Further Leaning in to Convenience



# The Cheesecake Factory – Expanding International Licensed Presence

- Anticipated continued expansion within current geographies
- Potential for additional geographies with current licensees
- Opportunity to add licensees and territories

**+1¢**

Per Restaurant  
in EPS, on Average

**\$0**

Capital  
Expenditure



# Capitalizing on the Power of the Brand

## The Cheesecake Factory At Home®



≡ delish

**The Cheesecake Factory Is Releasing A Line Of Ice Cream And The Flavors Are Unreal**

This is not a drill!!

**BuzzFeed**

**People Are Freaking Out Because They Can Buy The Brown Bread From The Cheesecake Factory In Grocery Stores**

Quite possibly the most important story of the century.





# CSR – Contributing to the Well-Being of Our Staff, Local Communities and the Environment We All Share



**470,000**  
pounds of food  
donated to local non-profits

**70%**

of land-based proteins are  
sourced from suppliers that  
have eliminated physical  
alterations and/or are  
providing pain relief

**2<sup>ND</sup> Year**

in a row ranked by Business  
Benchmark on Farm Animal  
Welfare (BBFAW) at Tier 3



**17,300**  
hours volunteered  
by staff in their local  
communities



**100%**  
of direct palm oil sourcing is  
Roundtable for Sustainable  
Palm Oil certified

**99%**

of sourced shrimp  
is benchmarked to  
“Good Alternative” by  
Monterey Bay Aquarium’s®  
Seafood Watch® program



**\$289,717**  
donated to Feeding America®



**76%**  
of dairy supply is  
rBST/rBGH free\*



**5,776,550**  
hours of training in 2019 for our  
restaurant staff and managers



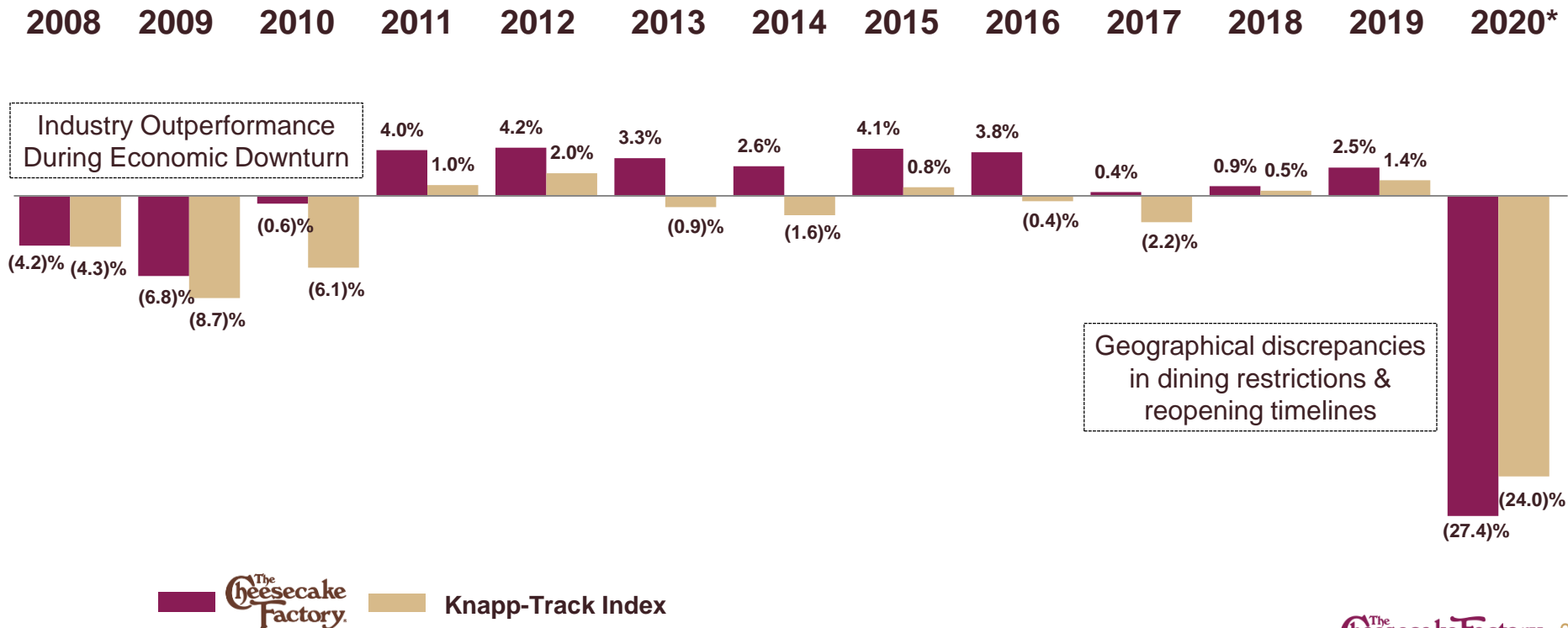
**40+**  
vegetarian and vegan  
dishes available to guests



# Track Record of Consistent Financial Performance

# History of Outperforming the Industry

## Comparable Sales - Historical 2-year Stack

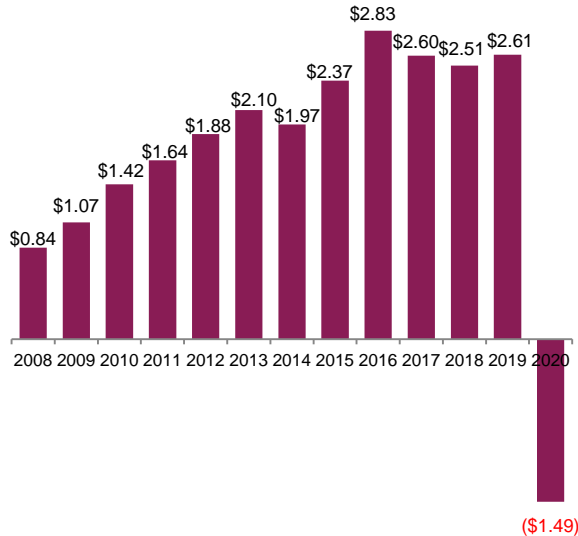


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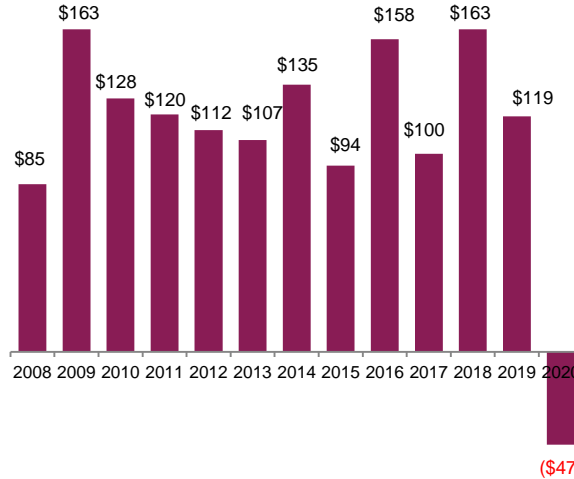
# Durable Business Over Time

## Adjusted Earnings/(Loss) Per Share



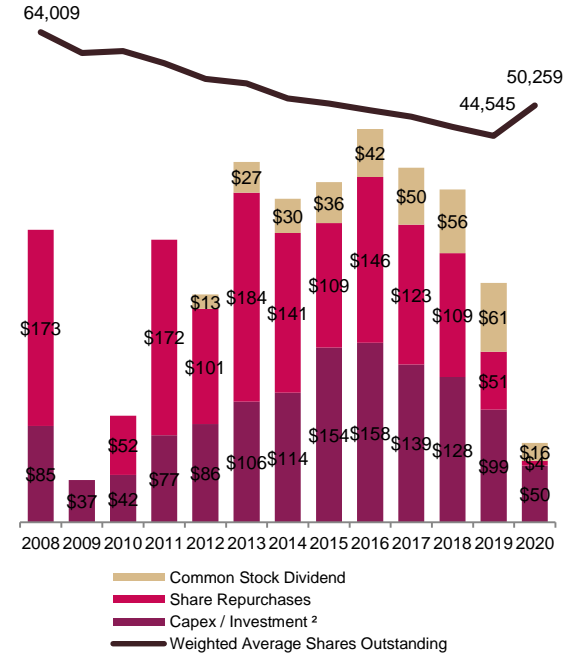
## Free Cash Flow<sup>1</sup>

(\$ in millions)



## Capital Allocation Detail

(\$ in millions)



<sup>1</sup>Free cash flow defined as cash flow from operations (includes adjustment for excess tax benefit related to stock options exercised in 2008-2016 to conform to current year presentation) less capital expenditures and investment in unconsolidated affiliates prior to the acquisition of North Italia and Fox Restaurant Concepts

<sup>2</sup>2019 Capex/Investment does not include the acquisition of North Italia and Fox Restaurant Concepts

Note: 2020 results reflect the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the issuance of 200,000 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. Please see Appendix for GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliations and for an explanation regarding an accounting reclassification for prior years



## Appendix

# Non-GAAP Reconciliations

In addition to the results provided in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”) in this presentation, the Company is providing non-GAAP measurements which present diluted net income/(loss) per share excluding the impact of certain items and free cash flow.

The non-GAAP measurements are intended to supplement the presentation of the Company’s financial results in accordance with GAAP. The Company believes that the presentation of these items provides additional information to facilitate the comparison of past and present financial results.

# Non-GAAP Reconciliation

The Cheesecake Factory Incorporated Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures  
(\$ in thousands, except per share data)

	Fiscal Year												
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Net Income/(Loss) (GAAP)	\$ 52,293	\$ 42,833	\$ 81,713	\$ 95,720	\$ 98,423	\$ 114,356	\$ 101,276	\$ 116,523	\$ 139,494	\$ 157,392	\$ 99,035	\$ 127,293	\$ (277,107)
- Impairment of assets and lease terminations	2,952	26,541	-	1,547	9,536	(561)	696	6,011	114	10,343	17,861	18,247	219,333
- Partial IRS settlement	-	-	-	(1,794)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Unwinding of interest rate collars	-	7,421	7,376	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Chairman and CEO employment agreement	-	2,550	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Proceeds from variable life insurance contract	-	(668)	-	-	(419)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Loss on investment in unconsolidated affiliates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	479	4,754	13,439	-
- Gain on investment in unconsolidated affiliates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(52,672)	-
- Acquisition-related costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,270	2,699
- Acquisition-related contingent consideration and amortization expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,033	(3,872)
-Preferred Dividends to Apply If-Converted Method	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,485
-Direct and Incremental Costs Associated With Preferred Stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,257
-Assumed Impact of Potential Conversion of Preferred Stock into Common Stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-COVID-19 related costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,963
- Tax effect of adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	(1,181)	(14,605)	(2,951)	(331)	(3,814)	224	(278)	(2,404)	(46)	(4,329)	(5,880)	3,818	(62,692)
- One-time tax items <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(38,525)	-	-	-
Adjusted net income/(loss) (non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 54,064</u>	<u>\$ 64,072</u>	<u>\$ 86,138</u>	<u>\$ 95,142</u>	<u>\$ 103,726</u>	<u>\$ 114,019</u>	<u>\$ 101,694</u>	<u>\$ 120,130</u>	<u>\$ 139,562</u>	<u>\$ 125,360</u>	<u>\$ 115,770</u>	<u>\$ 116,428</u>	<u>\$ (74,934)</u>
Diluted net income/(loss) per share (GAAP)	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.71	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.64	\$ 1.78	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.96	\$ 2.30	\$ 2.83	\$ 3.27	\$ 2.14	\$ 2.86	\$ (6.32)
- Impairment of assets and lease terminations	0.05	0.44	-	0.03	0.17	(0.01)	0.01	0.12	0.00	0.21	0.39	0.41	4.36
- Partial IRS settlement	-	-	-	(0.03)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Unwinding of interest rate collars	-	0.12	0.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Chairman and CEO employment agreement	-	0.04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Proceeds from variable life insurance contract	-	(0.01)	-	-	(0.01)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Loss on investment in unconsolidated affiliates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	0.10	0.30	-
- Gain on investment in unconsolidated affiliates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.18)	-
- Acquisition-related costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.12	0.05
- Acquisition-related contingent consideration and amortization expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.02	(0.08)
-Preferred Dividends to Apply If-Converted Method	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.27
-Direct and Incremental Costs Associated With Preferred Stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.20
-Assumed Impact of Potential Conversion of Preferred Stock into Common Stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.80
-COVID-19 related costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.46
-Tax effect of adjustments	(0.03)	(0.23)	(0.05)	-	(0.06)	0.01	-	(0.05)	0.00	(0.09)	(0.12)	0.09	(1.25)
- One-time tax items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.80)	-	-	-
Adjusted diluted net income/(loss) per share (non-GAAP) <sup>(3)</sup>	<u>\$ 0.84</u>	<u>\$ 1.07</u>	<u>\$ 1.42</u>	<u>\$ 1.64</u>	<u>\$ 1.88</u>	<u>\$ 2.10</u>	<u>\$ 1.97</u>	<u>\$ 2.37</u>	<u>\$ 2.83</u>	<u>\$ 2.60</u>	<u>\$ 2.51</u>	<u>\$ 2.61</u>	<u>\$ (1.49)</u>

(1) The tax effect assumes a tax rate based on the federal statutory rate and an estimated blended state tax rate.

(2) Fiscal 2017 includes a \$38.5 million benefit to the income tax provision related to tax reform enacted in December 2017.

(3) Adjusted diluted net income per share may not add due to rounding.

# Non-GAAP Reconciliation

**The Cheesecake Factory Incorporated**  
**Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**  
**(\$ in millions)**

	Fiscal Year														
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cash flow from operations <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 169	\$ 197	\$ 170	\$ 200	\$ 170	\$ 197	\$ 198	\$ 213	\$ 249	\$ 248	\$ 316	\$ 239	\$ 291	\$ 219	\$ 3
Capital expenditures / investments	85	37	85	37	42	77	86	106	114	154	158	139	128	99	50
Free cash flow	\$ 84	\$ 162	\$ 85	\$ 163	\$ 128	\$ 120	\$ 112	\$ 107	\$ 135	\$ 94	\$ 158	\$ 100	\$ 163	\$ 120	\$ (47)

(1) The excess tax benefit related to stock options exercised is no longer reclassified from cash flows from operating activities to cash flows from financing activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows. The consolidated statements of cash flows for fiscal 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008 have been adjusted to conform to the current year presentation.