



# **Third Quarter 2024 Conference Call**

**October 31, 2024**



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# **Agenda**

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**Q&A**



# Forward-Looking Statements and Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This presentation, and certain information that management may discuss in connection with this presentation, contains certain statements that are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the “Reform Act”). For all such forward-looking statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Reform Act.

Many important factors could affect our future results and could cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by our forward-looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to, those identified under the caption “Forward-Looking Statements” in our release issued on October 31, 2024 and in the “Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Projections” and “Risk Factors” sections of our most recent Form 10-K / Form 10-Qs.

In addition, this presentation and certain information management may discuss in connection with this presentation reference non-GAAP financial measures (i.e. adjusted revenue, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted earnings per share, free cash flow, and systemwide sales). These non-GAAP financial measures exclude certain expenses and benefits. Reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures are provided in the Appendix to this presentation.





**Kirk Tanner**

**President & Chief Executive Officer**

# Q3 2024 Performance Highlights

Global Systemwide Sales Growth of **1.8%** and Global SRS Growth of **0.2%**

**Maintained Traffic and Dollar Share** in the QSR Burger Category in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>

MSD Breakfast Sales Growth Year-Over-Year

Global Digital Sales **Grew ~40%** Year-Over-Year, Delivering **>17% Mix**

Remain on Track for **250–300 Global Restaurant Openings** in 2024

<sup>1</sup>Source: Circana Group/Crest®, three months ended September 2024 versus year ago



# @ Wendy's We Promise

## Fresh Famous Food... Made Right... For YOU

Quality is our recipe  
Best hamburgers in the business  
Iconic favorites

Perfect every time  
Excellent experience  
By great people

Fresh  
Custom  
Personalized

# We

Put the  
Customer  
First



Make Every  
Restaurant  
the Star



Operate  
The ONE  
Best Way



Own It



QUALITY IS OUR RECIPE

TREAT PEOPLE WITH RESPECT

DO THE RIGHT THING

PROFIT MEANS GROWTH

GIVE SOMETHING BACK

# Strategic Framework





# Long-Term Development Plans Remain on Track

- Launched new development incentive structure in U.S., Canada and Latin America countries
- Expect 250 to 300 global new restaurant openings in 2024
- 100% of expected new build goal for 2025 tied to development commitments





# Strategic Initiative to Strengthen our Restaurant Footprint

- Initiative will strengthen overall financial health of Wendy's system
- Additional restaurant closures located in underperforming trade areas with AUVs averaging ~\$1.1 million
- Over time many closures will be replaced by new restaurants located in thriving trade areas with anticipated AUVs over \$2 million



# Confident in Plans to Accelerate Growth in Q4

## Craveable Core



## Impactful Innovation



## Relevant Value



# GOTTA BE





## Coca-Cola Partnership Extended

- Supports our mission to enhance our beverage portfolio
- Systemwide Coca-Cola Freestyle machine remains a competitive advantage
- Fuels immediate and long-term profitable growth
- Highlighting partnership through \$1 any size drink promotion\*

\*Limited time only at participating U.S. Wendy's®. Excludes prepackaged beverages, coffees, brewed iced tea and Dave's Craft Lemonades. Not valid in a combo, with select offers, or via third-party delivery. Prices may be higher in AK, CA and HI



# Investments Driving Restaurant Economic Model

- Confident in continued breakfast growth, supported by marketing investments
- Voice AI driving restaurant labor efficiencies allowing crew members to deliver an elevated customer experience



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**Gunther Plosch**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

# Third Quarter Financial Results

\$ Mils (except per share amounts)

|                                          | 2023    | 2024    | B/(W)     |
|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Global Systemwide Sales Growth           | 4.8%    | 1.8%    | 2-Yr 6.6% |
| Global System SRS                        | 2.8%    | 0.2%    | 2-Yr 3.0% |
| US Company Restaurant Margin             | 15.6%   | 15.6%   | 0 bps     |
| G&A                                      | \$59.3  | \$62.8  | (5.9%)    |
| Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup>             | \$139.2 | \$135.2 | (2.9)%    |
| Adjusted EPS <sup>1</sup>                | \$0.27  | \$0.25  | (7.4)%    |
| Year to Date Free Cash Flow <sup>1</sup> | \$226.4 | \$234.1 | 3.4%      |

<sup>1</sup> See reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures in the Appendix



# 2024 Financial Outlook

**Global Systemwide Sales  
Growth**

**~3%**

*Previous: 3% to 5%*

**Adjusted EBITDA**

**\$535M to \$545M**

*Unchanged*

**Free Cash Flow**

**\$275M to \$285M**

*Unchanged*

**Adjusted EPS**

**\$0.99 to \$1.01**

*Previous: \$0.98 to \$1.02*

**Capital Expenditures**

**\$90M to \$100M**

*Unchanged*



# Capital Allocation Policy **Remains Unchanged**

**1**

Continue to  
**Invest in the Business for Growth**

**2**

**Sustain an Attractive Dividend**

*Quarterly dividend rate held at \$0.25 per share  
Reflecting \$1 per share dividend for FY 2024<sup>1</sup>*

**3**

**Utilize Excess Cash to  
Repurchase Shares and/or Reduce Debt**  
*\$500M Share Repurchase Authorization Expiring February 2027*





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**Head of Investor Relations**



# Investor Relations Calendar

**November 19:** Morgan Stanley NDR (Chicago)

**November 20:** Stephens Conference (Nashville)

**December 3:** Barclay's Conference (NYC)

**February 13, 2025:** Q4 2024 Earnings Release & Conference Call

**March 5, 2025:** Investor Day



**Q&A**

# Appendix

# Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to the GAAP financial measures included in this presentation, the Company has presented certain non-GAAP financial measures (i.e., adjusted revenues, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted earnings per share, free cash flow, and systemwide sales). These non-GAAP financial measures exclude certain expenses and benefits as detailed in the accompanying reconciliation tables.



# Reconciliations of Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA and Revenue to Adjusted Revenues

**The Wendy's Company and Subsidiaries**  
**Reconciliations of Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA and Revenues to Adjusted Revenues**  
**Three and Nine Month Periods Ended October 1, 2023 and September 29, 2024**  
(In Thousands)  
(Unaudited)

|                                                                                                                        | Three Months Ended |                   | Nine Months Ended   |                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                                                                        | 2023               | 2024              | 2023                | 2024                |
| Net income                                                                                                             | \$ 58,049          | \$ 50,224         | \$ 157,502          | \$ 146,860          |
| Provision for income taxes                                                                                             | 19,915             | 19,427            | 54,627              | 55,071              |
| Income before income taxes                                                                                             | 77,964             | 69,651            | 212,129             | 201,931             |
| Other income, net                                                                                                      | (7,637)            | (6,246)           | (22,546)            | (19,382)            |
| Investment loss (income), net                                                                                          | —                  | —                 | 10,389              | (11)                |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt                                                                                   | 319                | —                 | 1,585               | —                   |
| Interest expense, net                                                                                                  | 30,957             | 31,270            | 93,798              | 92,800              |
| Operating profit                                                                                                       | 101,603            | 94,675            | 295,355             | 275,338             |
| Plus (less):                                                                                                           |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| Advertising funds revenue                                                                                              | (108,922)          | (123,154)         | (320,092)           | (343,162)           |
| Advertising funds expense (a)                                                                                          | 107,834            | 122,963           | 316,583             | 342,510             |
| Depreciation and amortization (exclusive of<br>amortization of cloud computing arrangements<br>shown separately below) | 34,288             | 36,996            | 101,258             | 110,006             |
| Amortization of cloud computing arrangements                                                                           | 3,844              | 3,576             | 7,692               | 10,637              |
| System optimization gains, net                                                                                         | (120)              | (420)             | (119)               | (573)               |
| Reorganization and realignment costs                                                                                   | 611                | 354               | 8,100               | 8,479               |
| Impairment of long-lived assets                                                                                        | 59                 | 178               | 513                 | 2,873               |
| Adjusted EBITDA                                                                                                        | <u>\$ 139,197</u>  | <u>\$ 135,168</u> | <u>\$ 409,290</u>   | <u>\$ 406,108</u>   |
| Revenues                                                                                                               | \$ 550,555         | \$ 566,739        | \$ 1,640,927        | \$ 1,672,219        |
| Less:                                                                                                                  |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| Advertising funds revenue                                                                                              | (108,922)          | (123,154)         | (320,092)           | (343,162)           |
| Adjusted revenues                                                                                                      | <u>\$ 441,633</u>  | <u>\$ 443,585</u> | <u>\$ 1,320,835</u> | <u>\$ 1,329,057</u> |

(a) Excludes advertising funds expense of \$596 and \$1,802 for the three and nine months ended October 1, 2023, respectively, and \$6,599 and \$14,773 for the three and nine months ended and September 29, 2024, respectively, related to the Company's funding of incremental advertising. In addition, excludes other international-related advertising surplus (deficit) of \$535 and \$(789) for the three and nine months ended October 1, 2023, respectively, and \$(170) and \$(640) for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2024, respectively.



**The Wendy's Company and Subsidiaries**  
**Reconciliation of Net Income and Diluted Earnings Per Share to**  
**Adjusted Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share**  
**Three and Nine Month Periods Ended October 1, 2023 and September 29, 2024**  
(In Thousands Except Per Share Amounts)  
(Unaudited)

|                                                  | Three Months Ended |                  | Nine Months Ended |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                  | 2023               | 2024             | 2023              | 2024              |
| Net income                                       | \$ 58,049          | \$ 50,224        | \$ 157,502        | \$ 146,860        |
| Plus (less):                                     |                    |                  |                   |                   |
| Advertising funds revenue                        | (108,922)          | (123,154)        | (320,092)         | (343,162)         |
| Advertising funds expense (a)                    | 107,834            | 122,963          | 316,583           | 342,510           |
| System optimization gains, net                   | (120)              | (420)            | (119)             | (573)             |
| Reorganization and realignment costs             | 611                | 354              | 8,100             | 8,479             |
| Impairment of long-lived assets                  | 59                 | 178              | 513               | 2,873             |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt             | 319                | —                | 1,585             | —                 |
| Total adjustments                                | (219)              | (79)             | 6,570             | 10,127            |
| Income tax impact on adjustments (b)             | (187)              | (5)              | (2,272)           | (2,253)           |
| Total adjustments, net of income taxes           | (406)              | (84)             | 4,298             | 7,874             |
| Adjusted income                                  | <u>\$ 57,643</u>   | <u>\$ 50,140</u> | <u>\$ 161,800</u> | <u>\$ 154,734</u> |
| Diluted earnings per share                       | \$ .28             | \$ .25           | \$ .74            | \$ .71            |
| Total adjustments per share, net of income taxes | (.01)              | —                | .02               | .04               |
| Adjusted earnings per share                      | <u>\$ .27</u>      | <u>\$ .25</u>    | <u>\$ .76</u>     | <u>\$ .75</u>     |

(a) Excludes advertising funds expense of \$596 and \$1,802 for the three and nine months ended October 1, 2023, respectively, and \$6,599 and \$14,773 for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2024, respectively, related to the Company's funding of incremental advertising. In addition, excludes other international-related advertising surplus (deficit) of \$535 and \$(789) for the three and nine months ended October 1, 2023, respectively, and \$(170) and \$(640) for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2024, respectively.

(b) Adjustments relate to the tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments, which were determined based on the nature of the underlying non-GAAP adjustments and their relevant jurisdictional tax rates.

# Reconciliation of Net Income and Diluted Earnings Per Share to Adjusted Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share



# Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Free Cash Flow

The Wendy's Company and Subsidiaries  
Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Free Cash Flow  
Nine Month Periods Ended October 1, 2023 and September 29, 2024  
(In Thousands)  
(Unaudited)

|                                           | Nine Months Ended |                   |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                           | 2023              | 2024              |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 269,525        | \$ 286,681        |
| Plus (less):                              |                   |                   |
| Capital expenditures                      | (55,689)          | (52,361)          |
| Advertising funds impact (a)              | 12,613            | (244)             |
| Free cash flow                            | <u>\$ 226,449</u> | <u>\$ 234,076</u> |

- (a) Represents the net change in the restricted operating assets and liabilities of our advertising funds, which is included in "Changes in operating assets and liabilities and other, net," and the excess of advertising funds expense over advertising funds revenue, which is included in "Net income."





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