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#### Q12024 EARNINGS SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

May 28, 2024



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The forward-looking statements included in this presentation are made only as of the date hereof. Any forward-looking statement made by us in this presentation speaks only as of the date of this presentation and are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements included in this presentation. Factors or events that could cause our actual results to differ may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of them.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This presentation contains "non-GAAP financial measures" that are financial measures that either exclude or include amounts that are not excluded or included in the most directly comparable measures calculated and presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). Specifically, we make use of the non-GAAP financial measures "Adjusted EBITDA", "Adjusted EBITDA Margin", and "Free Cash Flow." We present Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA Margin, and Free Cash Flow in this presentation as supplemental measures of financial performance that are not required by, or presented in accordance with, GAAP. We believe they assist investors and analysts in comparing our operating performance across reporting periods on a consistent basis by excluding items that we do not believe are indicative of our operating performance. Management believes Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA Margin, and Free Cash Flow are useful in highlighting trends in our operating performance, while other measures can differ significantly depending on long-term strategic decisions regarding capital structure, the tax jurisdictions in which we operate, and capital investments. Management uses Adjusted EBITDA Margin, and Free Cash Flow to supplement GAAP measures of performance in the evaluation of the effectiveness of our business strategies, to make budgeting decisions, and to compare our performance against that of other peer companies using similar measures. Management supplements GAAP results with non-GAAP financial measures to provide a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting the business than GAAP results alone provide. Please refer to Appendix of this presentation for a reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable financial measure prepared in accordance with GAAP.

## **OUR MISSION**

To bring heart, health, and humanity to food.

#### WE BELIEVE IN:

Serving delicious food that helps more people eat well and live well.

Taking care of the people and things that feed us: the earth, farmers, purveyors, and team members.

Food as a unifier, for a more diverse yet inclusive world where all are welcome.

## OUR 2024 STRATEGIC PILLARS

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Expand Our Mediterranean Way in Communities Across The Country

Develop Personal Relationships with Guests, Even As We Scale

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Run Great Restaurants, Every Location, Every Shift

**Operate as a High-Performing Team** 



## Q12024 RESULTS

CAVA Revenue \$256.3M +30.3% versus Q1<u>2023</u>

CAVA Same Restaurant Sales Growth (SRS%)

**2.3%** 2Y CAVA SRS% of 30.7%

> CAVA Restaurant Level Profit Margin **25.2%** \$64.6M CAVA Restaurant Level Profit

Total Company Adjusted EBITDA\* \$33.3M 12.9% of Total Company Revenue

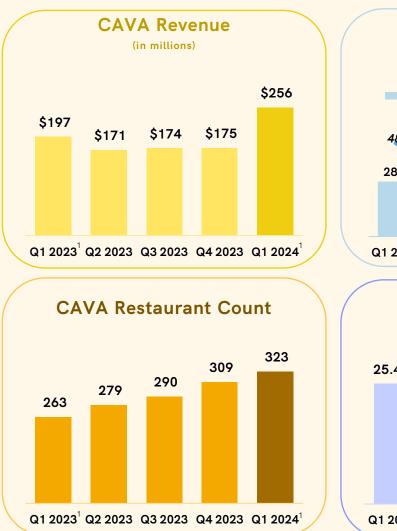
> Total Company Net Income \$14.0M 5.4% of Total Company Revenue

Total Company Free Cash Flow\* \$4.7M 1<sup>st</sup> in CAVA Company History

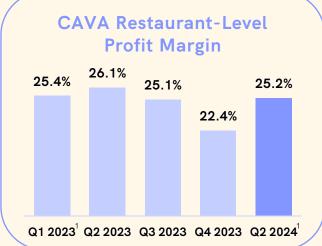
\*Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP measure, is defined as net income (loss) adjusted to exclude interest expense (income), net, provision for income taxes, and depreciation and amortization, further adjusted to exclude equity-based compensation, other income, net, impairment and asset disposal costs, restructuring and other costs and certain non-recurring public company costs. Adjusted EBITDA Margin is defined as Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenue. Free Cash Flow is defined as net cash provided by operating activities adjusted to exclude purchases of property and equipment. Reconciliations for these non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable financial measures presented in accordance with GAAP are set forth in the tables at the end of this presentation.



## Q12024 BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS









- CAVA Revenue up 30.3% YoY
- 2.3% CAVA SRS% growth
- 30.7% 2Y SRS%
- 17.2% 2Y traffic growth

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- 14 Net New CAVA Restaurant Openings
- 22.8% increase in total CAVA Restaurants YoY

• Restaurant-Level Profit Margin of 25.2%

<sup>1</sup>Q1 includes 4 periods within our 13 period fiscal year calendar; Q2 – Q4 each contain 3 periods <sup>2</sup>CAVA Same Restaurant Sales Growth for Q4 2023 is presented excluding the impact of the 53<sup>rd</sup> week of fiscal year 2023

## A SWEET RETURN...

Bringing back our hearty and healthy fan favorite - White Sweet Potato!



LTO WHITE SWEET POTATO MAIN



#### WHITE SWEET POTATO CUSTOM BOWL

#### A few guest feelings...

"They say if u love something let it go...if it comes back it's yours... 🖤 🥑 🎔 "

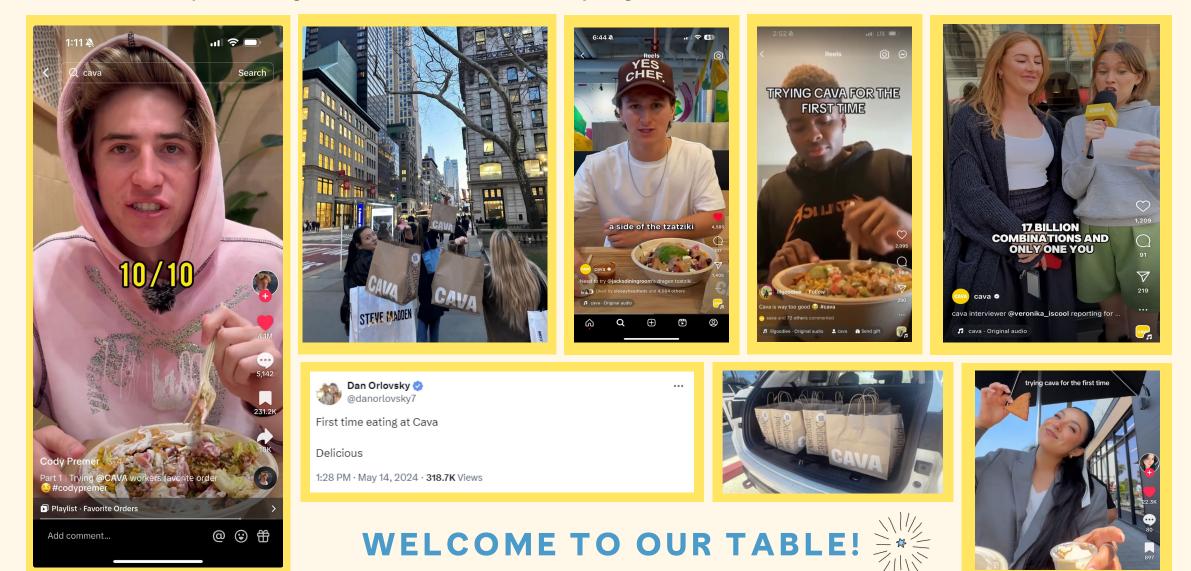
"Cava out here making dreams come true 😌 😌

**"SAY LESS** 

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## WE LOVE YOU AS MUCH AS YOU LOVE US!

As brand awareness spreads, our guests remain at the center of everything we do!



### **2024 FISCAL YEAR OUTLOOK**

PRIOR GUIDANCE	REVISED GUIDANCE				
Net New Restaurant Openings: 48 - 52	Net New Restaurant Openings: 50 - 54				
CAVA Same Restaurant Sales Growth: 3.0% - 5.0%	CAVA Same Restaurant Sales Growth: 4.5% - 6.5%				
CAVA Restaurant Level Profit Margin: 22.7% - 23.3%	CAVA Restaurant Level Profit Margin: 23.7% - 24.3%				
Pre-Opening Costs: \$11.5M - \$12.5M	Pre-Opening Costs: \$12.0M - \$13.0M				

Adjusted EBITDA<sup>\*</sup>: \$86.0M - \$92.0M

Adjusted EBITDA\*: \$100.0M - \$105.0M

Actual results may differ materially from CAVA Group's fiscal 2024 guidance as a result of, among other things, the factors described under "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" in this presentation. A reconciliation of the forward-looking fiscal 2024 Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss) cannot be provided without unreasonable effort because of the inherent difficulty of accurately forecasting the occurrence and financial impact of the various adjusting items necessary for such reconciliation that have not yet occurred, are out of our control, or cannot be reasonably predicted.

#### **ADJUSTED EBITDA & FREE CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION**

Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation, \$000s	Q1 2024	FY 2023	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q2 2023	Q1 2023
Net income (loss)	\$13,993	\$13,280	\$2,049	\$6,833	\$ 6,539	\$ (2,141)
Interest (income) expense, net	(4,914)	(8,852)	(4,222)	(3,956)	(699)	25
Provision for income taxes	252	768	652	38	40	38
Depreciation and amortization	17,322	47,433	12,337	11,528	10,709	12,859
Equity-based compensation	5,170	9,575	3,409	3,183	1,778	1,205
Other income, net	(78)	(471)	(59)	(120)	(118)	(174)
Impairment and asset disposal costs	1,290	4,899	604	1,190	386	2,719
Restructuring and other costs	282	6,080	920	1,092	1,853	2,215
Certain non-recurring public company costs	-	1,113	-	-	1,113	-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$33,317	\$73,825	\$15,690	\$19,788	\$ 21,601	\$ 16,746
Free Cash Flow Reconciliation, \$000s	Q1 2024	Q1 2023				
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$38,386	\$25,679				
Purchases of property and equipment	(33,687)	(39,097)				
Free Cash Flow	\$4,699	\$(13,418)				

