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## AN APPETITE FOR GROWTH

Noodles & Company is growing, and we are looking for exceptional franchise partners to join our family of 450+ restaurants and more than 8,000 passionate team members. Since 1995, we've been serving flavors that you know and love, and new ones you're about to discover for the first time. We believe that we have a truly different product to offer our guests with something for everyone, served alongside a safe and convenient experience. This promise holds true over our last 25 years in business. "We are pleased with the recapturing of momentum that we experienced during the first quarter after the initial impact of COVID-related temporary closures at the beginning of 2022," said Dave Boennighausen, Chief Executive Officer of Noodles & Company. "As we returned to full operating hours and exited normal low winter seasonality, our revenue and contribution margin improved meaningfully throughout the quarter, with Average Unit Volumes reaching \$1.35 million during March, with accelerated momentum into April. Additionally, we are pleased to report an inflection point in our unit growth with the largest number of quarterly openings since 2016. Our seven new openings in the first quarter contribute to the new store performance momentum and give us greater confidence in our unit growth trajectory."\*

\*Earnings report April 27, 2022



- Dave Boennighausen, Chief Executive Officer



# WHY NOODLES & COMPANY?

#### **Positioned for today**

Since 1995 we've been a leader in the fast casual dining segment offering a convenient, affordable, and relaxing experience whether you dine in or take our food to go. Noodles stands out as the only restaurant at scale serving global flavors with a noodles and pasta focused menu.

#### **Off Premise and Digital Strength**

Noodles entered 2020 with an advantage in off premise dining through food safety, quality, and ease of ordering. Speed of service is important, so whether you order through the Noodles Rewards app, online, or at the restaurant, your meal is delivered quickly and accurately.

#### **Attractive Target Market**

Everyone is welcome at our table. Whether you're picking up a quick bite for yourself or feeding the family and co-workers, we make it easy to get the Noodles you love. From customizable recipes to healthier, lowcarb options, we've got you covered. Our menu appeals to everyone from kids to adults, comfortable to adventurous, healthy to indulgent.

#### A Healthier Way to Noodle

Now Noodles can be healthy, fresh and nutritious. Whether you choose your meal based on dietary, allergen, or nutritional lifestyles, we have a delicious option for you.

**OUR VALUES:** 



We care for our franchisees and their business



## to always nourish and inspire every team member, guest and community we serve





Our franchisees share our passion for serving great food



We are proud of our franchise community and support them



We appreciate that every franchisee brings their personality, life story and perspective to our business

# OUR MENU

### Satisfy your taste for adventure

## REDEFINING WHAT PASTA WITH

LEANquin Lemon



44% ^ **More Protein\*** 

**56%** Lower Net Carbs\*







**Zucchini Grilled Orange Chicken** Reg \$00.00 450 Cal

Chicken *d* 

Reg \$00.00

920 Cal

Pesto Cavatappi with **Grilled Chicken** Reg \$00.00 910 Cal

Buffalo Chicken Mac *d* **Reg \$00.00** 1100 Cal

**Japanese Pan Noodles** with Marinated Steak **Reg \$00.00** 760 Cal

Spicy

Made without gluten-containing ingredients but potential for crosscontact exists.

00 Vegetarian Excludes meat & fish







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3-Cheese Tortelloni Rosa 🖉 🕫 Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00 700 · 350 Cal

3-Cheese Tortelloni Pesto 00 Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00 770 · 390 Cal

**Roasted Garlic Cream** Tortelloni 00 Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00 810 · 400 Cal

Penne Rosa 🖉 🕫 Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00 700 · 350 Cal

#### Buttered Noodles 00 Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00

760 · 380 Cal Spaghetti & Meatballs Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00 980 · 670 Cal

Alfredo MontAmoré\* with Parmesan-Crusted Chicken Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00

1410 · 800 Cal Pesto Cavatappi 00 Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00 740 · 370 Cal



### ZOODLES AND OTHER NOODLES

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Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00 450 · 300 Cal

Cauliflower Rigatoni in Roasted Garlic Cream 00

Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00 Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00 790 · 390 Cal 690 · 340 Cal

Ask us for our Nutrition and Allergen Guide. Before placing your order, please inform a team member if a person in your party has a food allergy. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice, but calorie needs vary. Additional nutrition information available upon request.

#### CUSTOMIZE YOUR NOODLE

e LEANGUINI +\$00.00 210 · 410 Cal Zucchini Noodles +\$00.00 30 · 60 Cal Cauliflower-Infused Rigatoni +\$00.00 230 · 470 Cal Gluten-Free Pipette Shells +\$00.00 230 · 450 Cal 3-Cheese Tortelloni +\$00.00 240 · 490 Cal All Other Noodles Free 230-590 Cal





Lemon Parmesan 00 Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00 680 · 340 Cal **Zucchini Grilled Orange Chicken** 

Zucchini Pesto with Grilled Chicken 🛞 Reg \$00.00 Sm \$00.00 500 · 320 Cal

#### Experience a Tour de Noodle, from our World Famous Wisconsin Mac & Cheese and Classic Noodles to Asian dishes and lighter options. Our menu has something for everyone. From the convenience seeker to the Noodles loyalist, we have something to surprise and delight all of our guests.



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## MARKETS AND GROWTH AREAS

Target growth markets have opportunities for experienced, restaurant operators to have exclusive development rights to high profile, high population density areas to develop multiple restaurants over a designated time period.

#### **TARGET GROWTH MARKETS**

#### Texas

Dallas Houston Austin San Antonio

#### Georgia

Atlanta Savannah Columbus **Oklahoma** Oklahoma City Tulsa

**Alabama** Birmingham Huntsville Mobile

#### Florida

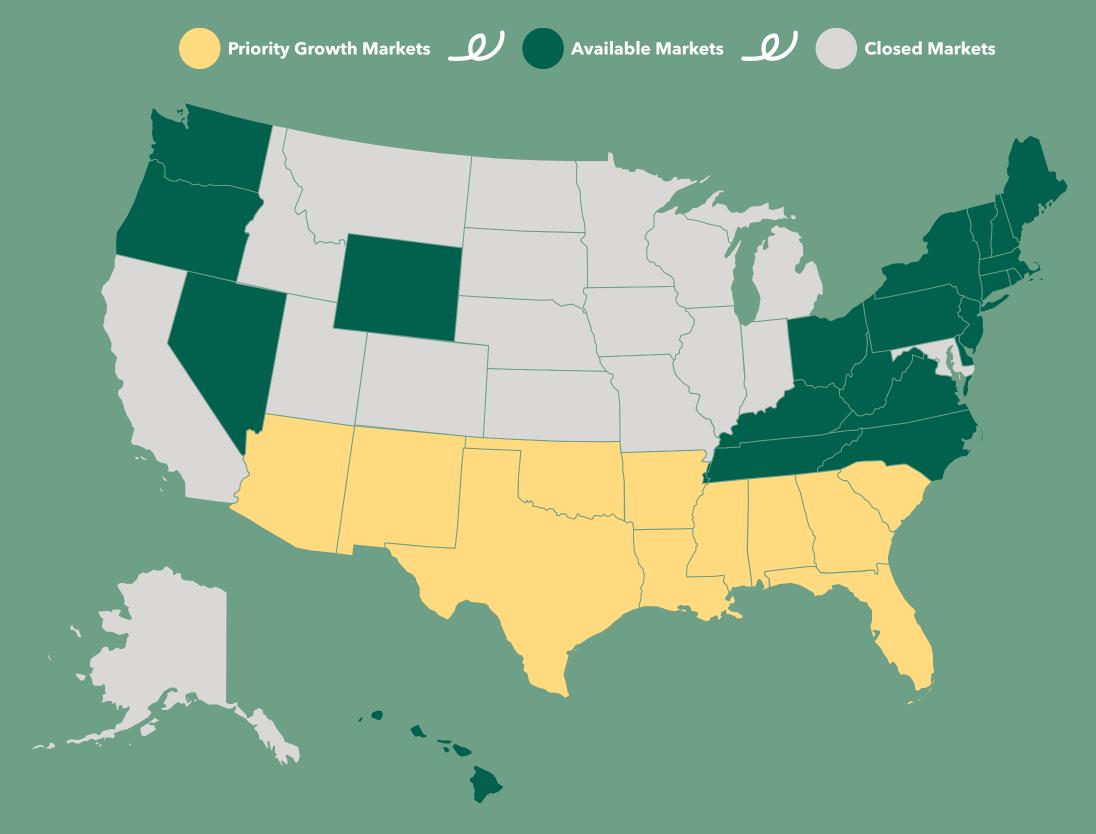
Miami Tampa Ft. Myers West Palm Beach **Arkansas** Little Rock Fayetteville

#### **Louisiana** New Orleans Baton Rouge Shreveport

**Mississippi** Jackson **New Mexico** Albuquerque Santa Fe

**Nevada** Reno





#### **SELECTIVE GROWTH MARKETS**

We have many high-potential markets with room for growth. We invite you to submit your areas of interest and our development team will evaluate development areas and options to create a growth territory for you.

# OPERATIONS / TRAINING / TECHNOLOGY

#### **Dedicated Franchise Support Team**

#### **OPERATIONS**

#### **Dedicated Operations Team**

- Operations experts dedicated to support franchise partners and their operations teams
- Business reviews for franchise groups and P&L reviews for specific restaurants
- Communications for franchisees on all topics critical to managing the business

#### New Market Entry

- Operations review for new markets
- Project management support for new restaurant openings
- Competitive environment •

#### **Systems & Standards**

- Periodic restaurant audits for system standard compliance
- Franchisee inclusion with rollouts, procedures and standard changes

#### TRAINING

## **New Franchisee On-Boarding**

• In-restaurant experience for prospective franchise candidates

#### **Dedicated Training restaurants**

• Certified training restaurants available for new franchisee management teams

#### **New Restaurant Opening Team**

- Training experts on opening teams dedicated to new franchisee openings
- Cost of team for first two openings of new franchisee included in initial franchise fee

#### **Ongoing Training**

- Regular communication on updated training materials and procedures
- Certified training restaurants available for new management teams
- iPad based training modules.
- Access to Noodles Learning Management System (LMS)



#### **TECHNOLOGY**

#### **Restaurant Technology Development and Support** Network

- Comprehensive in-house support team
- Bundled support package for every restaurant

#### **Online Ordering**

- Online ordering and menu systems
- Restaurant-specific pricing

#### **Noodles Rewards App**

- Native mobile app
- Regular updates and cutting-edge features for guest convenience

#### POS

- Hardware and software specific standards
- Aloha BOH fileserver
- Integrated labor scheduling and product ordering

#### **Rewards Loyalty program**

- Guest-focused loyalty programs
- Comprehensive database of guest behavior and trends



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## **DEVELOPMENT: DESIGN / CONSTRUCTION / REAL ESTATE**

**Comprehensive support from trade area surveys through restaurant opening** 

#### **REAL ESTATE**

#### **Trade Area Reviews**

- Population: residential, daytime
- Shopping, entertainment
- Demographics, psychographics

#### **Site Selection**

- Traffic counts, visibility, access
- Co-tenants, competition
- Location space size, parking, curbside pickup parking
- Pickup window, drive up window

#### Site Approval

- Lease review
- Pro Forma review
- Landlord-provided utility review

#### DESIGN

#### **Standard Base Drawings**

#### **Complete Design Details and standards**

- Details, specifications, materials
- Flooring, lighting, furniture, plumbing, HVAC

#### **Conceptual Layouts**

- Site-specific layouts
- Conceptual plan and full plan review provided for first two locations

#### Signage Specifications

• Interior and exterior signage standards

#### **Preferred Architects Lists**

• Qualified list of restaurant experienced architectural and engineering firms



• Typical complete set construction drawings

#### **CONSTRUCTION & EQUIPMENT**

#### **Preferred Contractor Lists**

• National database of restaurant experienced general contractors

#### **Project Management**

• Complete access to on-line project management system

#### **Construction Timeline**

• Timeline, trade schedules

#### **Cost Estimates**

• Typical cost breakdown by trades

#### **National Equipment Purchasing**

- Multiple purchasing options for equipment
- National providers & consolidators

#### **Facilities & Maintenance**

• National contracts with preferred vendors for maintenance, facility, and equipment support

# MARKETING

### A Successful Recipe

- Visionary leadership focused on building a national brand that is loved and admired
- Marketing expertise across all core disciplines brand and creative, digital, culinary, marketing technology, local outreach, community partnerships, in-restaurant, new restaurant openings
- Sophisticated marketing campaign development and execution informed by a deep understanding of the fast casual and Noodles & Company guest
- Data-driven decision making to ensure all marketing investments yield a strong ROI
- Highly Value and invest in community relationships through local events, partnerships, and fundraising nights



**Brand awareness** and engagement

**Best-in-class digital** and off-premise experience

**Data-Driven Decision Making** 



## **GUESTS & COMMUNITY**

### **A Passion for Noodles**

- Broad appeal. The breadth and customization of our menu appeals to a wide variety of demographics, from families and co-workers to individuals and even large parties.
- Convenient options. Guests can choose from different to-go options or relax in our dining room. It's always a unique and differentiated experience.
- Our high-quality, cooked-to-order dishes travel extremely well. Guests can feel confident they will enjoy a delicious, and warm, bowl of noodles at their home or office.
- A best-in-class loyalty program makes it easy to earn points and redeem them for tasty offers.

### **Living Our Values**

- We are a purpose-driven organization with defined values that guide how we operate the restaurant and engage with the community.
- Ongoing commitment to give back to the communities that our restaurants and team members call home through fundraising nights, community sponsorships, and local restaurant events.
- Team members are encouraged to actively participate in the community while doing what we do best - serving a delicious bowl of noodles.







## **INVESTMENT**

#### FEES

#### **Initial Franchise Fee**

• \$35,000 per restaurant

#### **Development Fee**

• \$10,000 per restaurant. Credited back against Initial franchise fee upon opening

#### Royalty

• 5% of net sales

#### **Marketing Fee**

- Marketing Administration Fee: 1.25% net sales
- Field Marketing funds: 1% of net sales
- Brand development fund: 0% of net sales

#### **On-going Investments**

- There are many programs and services (optional and mandatory) that include one-time or on-going expenses. Refer to the FDD, items 5-11 for details
- Franchise restaurant technology support package: comprehensive support for Internet, phones, POS, online ordering, data security, wireless, Office 365, and iPad management, \$1,000 per month per restaurant

#### SALES

#### **Sales & Profitability**

- quality of operations, occupancy expenses, labor costs, etc
- P&L projections

#### **From March 2020 Franchise Disclosure Document**

	Average	Median	High	Low
Company and Franchise Net Sales	\$1,300.003	\$1,275,552	\$2,576,075	\$481,796
Company Net Sales	\$1,310,605	\$1,277,951	\$2,576,075	\$481,796
Franchise Net Sales	\$1,244,795	\$1,243,670	\$2,031,536	\$672,960



• We are unable to tell you what your sales or profitability will be because of variables such as restaurant location,

• We do provide sales and restaurant level performance information within item 19 of our FDD. Please refer to this document and notes prior to creating your own sales and

• Statement of and information regarding average and median net sales of Noodles & Company Restaurants for the 52-week period ended December 28, 2021

#### INVESTMENT

#### Investment

- Your initial investment will vary based on many factors, including size, geographic region, condition of space, construction labor, etc
- Estimated investment numbers are included in the FDD item 7
- Estimates include construction, POS, equipment, signage, working capital and other expenses
- The range of investment is calculated to be **\$727,300 to \$1,032,642** per restaurant

#### **Return on Investment**

- We require that every franchisee submit a business and capitalization plan.
- Your return on investment will vary based on your cash equity, debt service, total investment, etc.

Note: All fees are per the current 2022 FDD and are subject to change. See Note #2,3



## LEADERSHIP



#### **DAVE BOENNIGHAUSEN** Chief Executive Officer

Since 2004, Dave served the company in finance until being named CEO in 2017. He remains committed to making Noodles the best place in the industry to work for those that love life.

Our success as a brand can be attributed to our strong leadership team and commitment to being a valuesdriven company. We maintain a strong and experienced Board of Directors to provide guidance.

#### **STACEY POOL** Chief Marketing Officer

Stacey joined us in 2019 with an impressive history of utilizing guest insights to deliver strong business results as SVP for Vail Resorts and other top brands. She believes in a digital-first and analytics-informed marketing approach.

#### **CARLY HABIEN** Vice President, Franchise Operations

Carly has been with Noodles since 2012 in a variety of roles in training, new restaurant openings, and franchise operations. Carly and her team exclusively support all new and current franchisees.



#### **CARL LUKACH** Chief Financial Officer

Joining Noodles as CFO in 2020, Carl has over 20 years of experience in finance, treasury, tax, investment banking and financial operations across lifestyle and digital brands.

#### **BRAD WEST** Executive Vice President, Operations

Brad provides over 40 years of operations experience in restaurant concepts like Smoothie King and Einstein Bros. Bagels. He has proven expertise in Franchise and company operations.

#### JOHN RAMSAY Vice President, Franchise Sales

John brings over 30 years of Franchise and Development experience to Noodles. John has held leadership roles with other successful franchisors such as Jack in the Box, TGI Friday's, and Long John Silver's.



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#### Number of locations required

#### Do you award single location franchise agreements?

No, we currently are only offering development agreements. A Development agreement would typically include a minimum of three (3) locations, and up to twenty (20), based on the size of the market and territory being developed.

### Financing

#### Do you provide financing for franchisees?

No, we currently do not have an arrangement with a bank or lender for preferred financing options. We will work with you and your preferred lender to provide any financial information they may need to prepare a loan for you.

#### **Franchisee selection criteria**

#### What is the criteria you use to select new franchisees?

We value the relationship with our franchisees, and are always looking to strengthen our franchise community, so we evaluate new franchisees very thoroughly, using five components:

- **Financial:** The ability to fund the development of multiple new restaurants within a specific geography.
- **Operational:** Must demonstrate a proven success record of operating restaurants.
- Development: Success with new restaurant development, experience working with general contractors, architects, and permitting.
- Personal character: Alignment with Noodles vision and values. Commitment to people first; hiring, training, and retaining great leaders.
- Business management: Demonstrate history of success owning and operating your own business.







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#### **Partnerships**

#### Do you allow multiple owners and partners for a franchise agreement?

Yes, and we encourage partnerships in today's competitive environment. Having the skills and resources to development and operate multiple restaurants takes a strong team.

#### How long does it take, and what is the process to becoming a franchisee?

The first step in the process is completing the initial inquiry form. We will contact you to discuss development opportunities within the markets of interest. If we mutually agree to move forward, we will provide you our franchise disclosure document (See Note #1). You will complete the application process by providing a business plan including financial statements and a capitalization plan. We would conduct a series of meetings in our restaurants, our corporate office, and your home market. We would then agree upon the terms of a development agreement, sign a letter of intent, then move to execute legal agreements. The timing of this process is primarily driven by your level of commitment to provide documents and attend the meetings we schedule. Once agreements are signed we begin the site selection process, then schedule management training for your team. The development process is driven by the availability and condition of sites within your market.

#### Legal Disclaimers:

- Note #1: Franchise Offers are made only after delivery of a Franchise Disclosure Document.
- Note #2: This information is included in Item 5 and Item 6 of the 2022 FDD.
- Note #3: Based on the average volume of company and franchise operated restaurants for the period ending Dec 28, 2021. This information appears in Item 19 of our 2022 FDD. Please refer to the FDD for complete information on financial performance. Your results may differ. There is no assurance that you will do as well.
- Note #4: This information is included in Item 7 of the 2022 FDD. These estimates include build out costs, pre-opening costs & additional funds, and the initial franchise fee. Noodles & Company is a Delaware corporation, which was formed on December 19, 2002. Our principal place of business is 520 Zang Street, Suite D, Broomfield, CO 80021



#### **Timing & Process**



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