# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 8, 2022 Commission File Number: 000-21660

## PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

61-1203323

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2002 Papa Johns Boulevard Louisville, Kentucky 40299-2367 (Address of principal executive offices)

(502) 261-7272

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- "Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

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Title of each class:	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered:
Common stock, \$0.01 par value	PZZA	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

## Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 8, 2022, Papa John's International, Inc. (the "Company") filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3ASR (the "Registration Statement") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") in order to maintain an effective shelf registration statement.

On the same date, the Company filed a prospectus supplement (the "Resale Prospectus Supplement") to the prospectus (together with the Resale Prospectus Supplement, the "Resale Prospectus") that forms a part of the Registration Statement registering the resale from time to time of shares of the Company's common stock (the "Resale Shares") by the selling stockholders identified in the Resale Prospectus Supplement. Any such resales will be made under the Registration Statement and the Resale Prospectus. The Resale Prospectus supersedes the prospectus supplements and the accompanying prospectus previously filed by the Company with respect to the Resale Shares and relating to the Company's prior shelf registration statement. The Company is filing herewith a copy of the opinion of Hogan Lovells US LLP regarding the legality of the Resale Shares, attached hereto as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The Company is not offering for sale any shares of common stock in the Resale Prospectus, and the Company will not receive any proceeds from the sale of any Resale Shares by the selling stockholders from time to time pursuant to the Resale Prospectus.

#### Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

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Number	Description
<u>5.1</u>	Opinion of Hogan Lovells US LLP
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 8, 2022

PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Registrant)

/s/ Caroline Miller Oyler

Caroline Miller Oyler

Chief Legal & Risk Officer and Corporate Secretary



August 8, 2022

Board of Directors Papa John's International, Inc. 2002 Papa John's Boulevard Louisville, KY 40299

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Hogan Lovells US LLP Columbia Square 555 Thirteenth Street, NW Washington, DC 20004 T+1 202 637 5600 F+1 202 637 5910 www.hoganlovells.com

We are acting as counsel to Papa John's International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the public offering of up to 2,758,360 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares") by the selling stockholders named in the prospectus supplement, dated August 8, 2022 (the "Prospectus Supplement"). The offering of the Shares is being made pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying base prospectus dated August 8, 2022 (together with the Prospectus Supplement, the "Prospectus") that form part of the Company's effective automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"). This opinion letter is furnished to you at your request to enable you to fulfill the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K, 17 C.F.R. § 229.601(b)(5), in connection with the Registration Statement.

For purposes of this opinion letter, we have examined copies of such agreements, instruments and documents as we have deemed an appropriate basis on which to render the opinions hereinafter expressed. In our examination of the aforesaid documents, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the accuracy and completeness of all documents submitted to us, the authenticity of all original documents, and the conformity to authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies (including pdfs). As to all matters of fact, we have relied on the representations and statements of fact made in the documents so reviewed, and we have not independently established the facts so relied on. This opinion letter is given, and all statements herein are made, in the context of the foregoing.

This opinion letter is based as to matters of law solely on the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended. We express no opinion herein as to any other statutes, rules or regulations.

Based upon, subject to and limited by the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

This opinion letter has been prepared for use in connection with the filing by the Company of a Current Report on Form 8-K relating to the offer and sale of the Shares, which Form 8-K will be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement and Prospectus, and speaks as of the date hereof. We assume no obligation to advise of any changes in the foregoing subsequent to the delivery of this letter.

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We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the above-described Form 8-K and to the reference to this firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are an "expert" within the meaning of the Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ HOGAN LOVELLS US LLP