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Annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021

OR

Transition report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 0-21660

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

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Papa John's International, Inc. 401(k) Plan
Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules
Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Plan Participants and Plan Administrator
Papa John's International, Inc. 401(k) Plan

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Papa John's International, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively, the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Plan in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Supplemental Information

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021 has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's financial statements. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental schedule reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental schedule. In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the supplemental schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

/s/ MCM CPAs & Advisors LLP

Louisville, Kentucky
June 29, 2022

We have served as the auditor of the Plan since 2006.

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assets		
Cash	\$ 443	\$ 518
Investments at fair value:		
Papa John's International, Inc. common stock	6,350,598	4,933,697
Mutual funds	61,104,918	53,130,027
Pooled separate accounts	24,873,851	21,888,872
Collective trust fund	3,431,540	3,132,322
Total investments	<u>95,760,907</u>	<u>83,084,918</u>
Receivables:		
Contributions receivable from participants	1,566	1,413
Contributions receivable from employer	2,298,333	1,306,543
Notes receivable from participants	1,882,141	1,984,783
Total receivables	<u>4,182,040</u>	<u>3,292,739</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 99,943,390</u>	<u>\$ 86,378,175</u>

See accompanying notes.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Additions (deductions):		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 14,085,951	\$ 12,161,503
Interest and dividend income	<u>1,150,001</u>	<u>1,029,793</u>
Total investment income	15,235,952	13,191,296
Contributions:		
Participant	5,627,031	5,516,381
Rollover	1,895,242	542,177
Employer	<u>2,298,346</u>	<u>1,306,543</u>
Total contributions	9,820,619	7,365,101
Benefits paid to participants	(11,201,942)	(10,069,400)
Administrative fees	<u>(289,414)</u>	<u>(281,162)</u>
Net increase	13,565,215	10,205,835
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	86,378,175	76,172,340
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	<u>\$ 99,943,390</u>	<u>\$ 86,378,175</u>

See accompanying notes.

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1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Papa John's International, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides general information. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

Papa John's International, Inc. (the "Company") established the Plan on October 1, 1995. The Plan is a defined contribution plan available to all eligible employees of the Company and its subsidiaries who have attained the age of 21 and have completed three months of service as defined by the Plan. Highly compensated employees, as defined by the Plan, were restricted from deferring contributions to the Plan until the Company adopted safe harbor status for the Plan as described below. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

Contributions

Participants may voluntarily elect to contribute from 1 to 75 percent of annual eligible wages to their accounts within the Plan, subject to Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") limits. The company makes matching contributions to the Plan. The Company contributed, to participants who completed 1,000 hours of service and were actively employed on the last day of the 2021 and 2020 Plan years, a matching amount equal to 67 cents and 35 cents for every dollar, respectively, contributed by the participants up to a maximum of the first six percent of the participants' eligible compensation contributed to the Plan. Participants who die, retire, or are disabled during the Plan year also receive Company matching contributions.

In October 2021, the Company adopted safe harbor matching employer contributions status effective January 1, 2022. The Company matches in cash at a rate of 100% of the first 4% of pay for a participant's compensation, as defined in the Plan, up to the maximum deferrable amount allowed by the IRC. As a result of the adoption, employer contributions will no longer be discretionary.

Participant Accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and Company matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company's contributions and Plan earnings. All contributions are allocated at the direction of the participant among selected investment funds. Each fund's investment income or loss, less any investment management fee, is allocated to participants' accounts based on their proportionate interest in the fund. The value of participant accounts will fluctuate with the market value of the securities in which the accounts are invested.

Vesting

Participant contributions and the earnings on those contributions are immediately vested to the participant. Company discretionary contributions and related earnings vest subject to a five-year graded vesting schedule which is based on years of vesting service. To receive vesting service for a Plan year, a participant must have completed at least 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year.

Distributions and Payment of Benefits

Vested account balances are payable upon retirement, death or disability, or termination of employment. In-service distributions are also permitted upon meeting certain requirements as defined by the Plan.

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The Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") was passed by the U.S. Senate on March 26, 2020. Plan Management approved an amendment to the Plan on April 8, 2020 in response to the CARES Act, which permitted eligible Plan participants to request penalty-free distributions until December 31, 2020 of up to the lesser of \$100,000 or 100% of their vested balance for qualifying coronavirus-related reasons. These reasons included adverse financial consequences due to being quarantined, furloughed, laid-off, having work hours reduced or being unable to work due to a lack of childcare due to COVID-19. Additionally, the CARES Act waived the 10% penalty tax for early withdrawals, and any early withdrawals would be included in the impacted participant's taxable income over a three-year period, unless the participant elected to have the withdrawal fully taxed in the year of distribution. There was no limit to the number of withdrawals each participant could make, and repayments of the withdrawal amounts are allowed if repayment occurs within three years of distribution.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Eligible participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum loan amount of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loans are secured by the balances in the participants' accounts and are interest bearing at the prime rate plus one percentage point at the time of the loans. The loans are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest.

Forfeitures

Forfeited balances of terminated participants' non-vested accounts are used to reduce future Company contributions. Forfeitures of approximately \$60,000 and \$30,000 were used to reduce the amount of the employer matching contributions receivable as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Forfeited amounts approximated \$70,000 and \$32,000 at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company or Plan participants, as provided by the Plan.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Contributions

Contributions from participants are recorded when the Company makes payroll deductions. Discretionary employer contributions are determined, funded and recorded annually. Contributions receivable represent amounts not yet deposited into the participants' individual accounts.

Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value (see Note 3). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The Plan presents in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits the net appreciation in the fair value of its investments which consists of the realized gains or losses and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments.

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Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued and unpaid interest. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021 and 2020. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Plan's management ("Plan Management") to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in these financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. Fair Value Measurements

The Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three-tier fair value hierarchy includes the following categories:

- Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. An active market for the asset or liability is a market in which the transaction for the asset or liability occurs with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- Level 2: Observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or model-derived valuations.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data. These inputs reflect a company's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the investments measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Papa John's International, Inc. common stock:

Papa John's International, Inc. common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market tier of The NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol PZZA. The common stock is valued at its quoted market price at the daily close of NASDAQ on the last business day of the Plan year and is classified as a Level 1 investment.

Papa John's International, Inc. 401(k) Plan**Notes to Financial Statements****December 31, 2021 and 2020***Mutual funds:*

Mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices in an exchange and active market. These investments are classified as Level 1 investments.

Pooled separate accounts:

Pooled separate accounts ("PSAs") are privately managed through investment companies and are not publicly quoted. PSAs are comprised primarily of shares of registered investment companies held through sub-accounts of an insurance company. The PSAs are valued using net asset value ("NAV") as a practical expedient to estimate fair value where NAV is based on the value of the underlying investment assets held through sub-accounts of a separate account of an insurance company. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the account will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. The Plan has concluded that the NAVs reported by the investment companies approximate the fair value of the investments. There are currently no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments on these investments.

Collective trust fund:

The Principal Stable Value Fund, held in a collective trust fund, invests in conventional and synthetic guaranteed investment contracts ("GICs") issued by life insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions with excess cash invested in cash equivalents. The objective of the stable value fund is to provide preservation of capital and relatively stable returns regardless of the volatility of the financial markets. The investments are valued using NAV as a practical expedient to estimate fair value where NAV is based on the value of the underlying investment assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the account will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner. There are currently no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments on these investments.

The Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	December 31, 2021			
	Fair Value Measurements			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Papa John's International, Inc. common stock	\$ 6,350,598	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 6,350,598
Mutual funds	61,104,918	—	—	61,104,918
Total assets in fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 67,455,516</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>67,455,516</u>
Investments measured at NAV (a)				28,305,391
Investments at fair value				<u>\$ 95,760,907</u>

	December 31, 2020			
	Fair Value Measurements			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Papa John's International, Inc. common stock	\$ 4,933,697	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,933,697
Mutual funds	53,130,027	—	—	53,130,027
Total assets in fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 58,063,724</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>58,063,724</u>
Investments measured at NAV (a)				25,021,194
Investments at fair value				<u>\$ 83,084,918</u>

(a) Includes pooled separate accounts and a collective trust fund which are measured using NAV as a practical expedient and are not classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are shown for the purpose of reconciling to the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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4. Tax Status

Effective January 1, 2019, the Plan is based on a volume submitter document provided by Principal Financial Group. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") ruled on August 8, 2014 that the volume submitter document is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has been amended and restated since receiving the IRS determination letter. However, the Plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan Management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects are recognized when the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken.

The Plan is subject to audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

5. Transactions with Parties-in-Interest

Transactions in shares of Papa John's International, Inc. ("Papa John's") common stock qualify as allowable party-in-interest transactions under the provisions of ERISA. The Plan held \$6,350,598 and \$4,933,697 of Papa John's common stock at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Plan had purchases of Papa John's common stock of approximately \$298,000 and \$523,000 and sales of \$1,400,000 and \$928,000, respectively.

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Plan held units in various pooled separate accounts and a stable value fund managed by affiliates of Principal Trust Company, the Plan trustee. These transactions qualify as allowable party-in-interest transactions under the provisions of ERISA.

6. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks, as well as uncertainties related to global events and public health concerns. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participant account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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7. Reconciliation to the Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits from the Form 5500, "Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan" ("Form 5500"), which is filed with the Department of Labor, to the financial statements:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 99,943,390	\$ 86,378,175
Adjustment from fair value to net asset value as a practical expedient for collective trust fund	—	—
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	<u>\$ 99,943,390</u>	<u>\$ 86,378,175</u>

The following is a reconciliation of net income per the Form 5500 to net increase per the financial statements:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Net income per the Form 5500	\$ 13,565,215	\$ 10,159,407
Change in adjustment from fair value to net asset value as a practical expedient for collective trust fund	—	46,428
Net increase per the financial statements	<u>\$ 13,565,215</u>	<u>\$ 10,205,835</u>

8. Subsequent Events

Plan Management has evaluated all events or transactions that occurred through June 29, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued and determined that there were no significant events that would have a material impact on its financial statements and related notes.

Supplemental Schedule

**Papa John's International, Inc. 401(k) Plan
Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4i
EIN: 61-1203323, Plan Number: 001
As of December 31, 2021**

Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment	Shares / Units Held or Rate of Interest	Value
Common stock:			
*Papa John's International, Inc.	Common Stock	47,581 shares	\$ 6,350,598
Mutual funds:			
Pimco	Pimco Total Return Institutional Fund	86,021 shares	883,439
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target RMT Income INV Fund	8,557 shares	211,525
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target RMT 2015 INV Fund	396 shares	9,772
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target RMT 2020 INV Fund	123,209 shares	3,364,831
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target RMT 2025 INV Fund	5,731 shares	168,267
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target RMT 2030 INV Fund	359,741 shares	11,029,670
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target RMT 2035 INV Fund	11,497 shares	365,481
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target RMT 2040 INV Fund	433,467 shares	14,300,108
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target RMT 2045 INV Fund	11,884 shares	404,881
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target RMT 2050 INV Fund	228,609 shares	7,832,160
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target RMT 2055 INV Fund	14,226 shares	488,659
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target RMT 2060 INV Fund	88,591 shares	3,055,511
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target RMT 2065 INV Fund	5,418 shares	171,314
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Equity-Income ADM Fund	18,160 shares	1,674,670
Franklin Templeton Investments	Franklin U.S. Government Securities R6 Fund	38,730 shares	226,572
Blackrock Advisors, LLC	Blackrock High Yield Bond K Fund	213,124 shares	1,670,891
Blackrock Advisors, LLC	Ishares US Aggregate Bond Index K Fund	29,859 shares	313,220
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index ADM Fund	16,112 shares	1,595,219
American Century Investment Management	American Century Mid-Cap Value Fund	57,426 shares	1,033,093
Dimensional Fund Advisors	DFA Infl Protected SEC I Fund	21,872 shares	291,117
Vanguard Group	Vanguard EMG MK Stk IDX ADM Fund	25,448 shares	1,043,358
Blackrock Advisors, LLC	Ishares MSCI EAFE Int IDX K Fund	11,899 shares	188,714
Blackrock Advisors, LLC	Ishares S&P 500 Index K Fund	7,824 shares	4,385,231
Vanguard Group	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Admiral Fund	18,801 shares	1,444,079
Blackrock Advisors, LLC	Blackrock Mid-Cap Growth Equity K Fund	102,954 shares	4,953,136
			<u>61,104,918</u>
Pooled separate accounts:			
*Principal Life Insurance Company	Diversified International Separate Account	20,926 units	2,730,156
*Principal Life Insurance Company	Small-Cap S&P 600 Index Separate Account	11,522 units	1,150,624
*Principal Life Insurance Company	Mid-Cap S&P 400 Index Separate Account	17,026 units	1,618,087
*Principal Life Insurance Company	Capital Appreciation Separate Account	156,557 units	10,266,028
*Principal Life Insurance Company	Large-Cap Growth I Separate Account	132,479 units	9,108,956
			<u>24,873,851</u>
Collective trust fund:			
*Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal Stable Value Z Fund	144,852 units	3,431,540
			<u>3,431,540</u>
*Participant Loans			
		4.25% to 6.50% per annum	1,882,141
			<u>\$ 97,643,048</u>

*Represents party-in-interest to the Plan.

Cost information not required due to Plan being participant directed.

SIGNATURE

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

Date: June 29, 2022

PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN

/s/ Ann B. Gugino
Ann B. Gugino
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-168561) of Papa John's International, Inc. of our report dated June 29, 2022, relating to our audit of the financial statements of the Papa John's International, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), which appears in the Annual Report on Form 11-K of the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2021.

/s/ MCM CPAs & Advisors LLP

Louisville, Kentucky
June 29, 2022
