

Lamb Weston Reports Fiscal First Quarter 2020 Results; Reaffirms Fiscal Year 2020 Outlook

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First Quarter 2020 Highlights

- Net sales increased 8% to \$989 million
- Income from operations increased 11% to \$170 million
- EBITDA including unconsolidated joint ventures (1) increased 9% to \$233 million
- Diluted EPS increased 8% to \$0.79 from \$0.73
- Returned \$34 million of cash to shareholders
- Reaffirms FY 2020 outlook

EAGLE, Idaho--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: LW) announced today its fiscal first quarter 2020 results.

"We're pleased with our solid start to our fiscal year, with each of our core business segments driving volume,

price/mix and earnings growth," said Tom Werner, President a innovation capabilities to support customers' growth, as well a mix. We're making good progress on our new ERP system, wl acquisitions in Australia. And our new Hermiston, Oregon fren flexibility to service and upgrade other production lines that ha

"We remain on track to deliver our fiscal 2020 targets, reflectin favorable current operating environment. In North America, de positive restaurant traffic trends, while manufacturing capacity basis, we believe the potato crop in our growing regions will b anticipate that our joint venture's performance will gradually in poor potato crop behind us. In our key international markets, I recent trends. Nonetheless, while current global french fry der macroeconomic conditions. Although these conditions may te towards more normalized rates, we believe we are well-positic and remain focused on creating value for our stakeholders over

Summary of First Quarter

(\$ in millions, excep

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Net sales		Cookies Settings
Net sales		
Income from operations	\$ 170.0	11%
Net income attributable to Lamb Weston	\$ 115.7	7%
Diluted EPS	\$ 0.79	8%
EBITDA including unconsolidated joint ventures ⁽¹⁾	\$ 232.9	9%

Q1 2020 Commentary

Net sales increased \$74.1 million to \$989.0 million, up 8 percent versus the year-ago period. Volume increased 6 percent, primarily driven by growth in the Company's Global segment, and includes an approximate 1 percentage point benefit from acquisitions. Price/mix increased 2 percent due to pricing actions and favorable mix.

Income from operations rose 11 percent to \$170.0 million versus the year-ago period, driven by higher sales and gross profit. Gross profit increased \$18.0 million due to favorable price/mix and volume growth. This increase was partially offset by higher manufacturing costs due to inefficiencies, which were primarily driven by higher maintenance and related costs. Gross profit growth was also tempered by input cost inflation and higher depreciation expense primarily associated with the Company's french fry production line in Hermiston, Oregon, which started operating towards the end of the fourth quarter of fiscal 2019. In addition, gross profit included a \$1.8 million gain related to unrealized mark-to-market adjustments and realized settlements associated with commodity hedging contracts in the current quarter, compared with a \$5.6 million loss related to these items in the prior year quarter.

The increase in gross profit was partially offset by a \$0.6 million increase in selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A"). The increase was largely driven by higher expenses related to information technology services and infrastructure, which included approximately \$1 million of expense associated with designing a new enterprise resource platform system, as well as investments in the Company's sales, marketing and operating capabilities. In addition, the increase included an approximate \$4 million decline in foreign exchange expense and a \$1.6 million decline in advertising and promotional expenses.

EBITDA including unconsolidated joint ventures⁽¹⁾ increased \$20.0 million to \$232.9 million, up 9 percent versus

the prior year period, primarily due to growth in income from concremental benefit from entering into an agreement to acquire Company's joint venture (the "BSW Acquisition"), Lamb West 2018, partially offset by lower equity method investment earning

Diluted EPS increased \$0.06, or 8 percent, to \$0.79. The incre operations and an approximate \$0.03 benefit from the BSW Arequity method investment earnings.

The Company's effective tax rate⁽²⁾ in the first quarter of fiscal 2 percent in the prior year period. The effective tax rate varies from to the impact of U.S. state taxes, foreign taxes, permanent differences

Q1 2020 Segment Highlights

Global

Global Segment Summa

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	(Q1 2020			
	((\$ in mil.)			
Net sales	\$	517.6	11%	2%	9%
Segment product contribution margin ⁽¹⁾	\$	102.7	9%		

Net sales for the Global segment, which is comprised of the top 100 North American based restaurant chain customers as well as the Company's international business, increased \$50.8 million to \$517.6 million, up 11 percent compared to the prior year period. Volume increased 9 percent, driven by growth in sales, including the benefit of limited time product offerings, to strategic customers in the U.S. and key international markets, as well as an approximate 2 percentage point benefit from acquisitions. Price/mix increased 2 percent, largely reflecting pricing adjustments associated with multi-year contracts.

Global segment product contribution margin⁽¹⁾ increased \$8.2 million to \$102.7 million, up 9 percent compared to the prior year period. Favorable price/mix and volume growth drove the increase, more than offsetting higher manufacturing costs due to inefficiencies, input cost inflation, and higher depreciation expense primarily associated with the new Hermiston production line. The increase was also tempered by acquisition-related costs and higher tariffs on U.S. exports to China.

Foodservice

Foodservice Segment Summary							
			Year-Over-Year				
		Q1 2020	Growth Rates	Price/Mix	Volume		
	•	(\$ in mil.)					
Net sales	\$	305.4	3%	2%	1%		
Segment product contribution margin ⁽¹⁾	\$	102.5	0%				

Net sales for the Foodservice segment, which services North American foodservice distributors and restaurant

chains outside the top 100 North American based restaurant c million, up 3 percent compared to the prior year period. Price/improved mix and pricing actions initiated in the fall of 2018. V *Weston* branded and distributor private label products.

Foodservice segment product contribution margin⁽¹⁾ increased year period, as favorable price/mix and volume growth offset I input cost inflation, and higher depreciation expense primarily

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Retail

	Retail Segment Summa
	Q1 2020
	(\$ in mil.)
Net sales	\$ 129.3

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Segment product contribution margin ⁽¹⁾	\$	28.9
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Retail segment product contribution margin⁽¹⁾ increased \$6.2 million to \$28.9 million, up 27 percent compared to the prior year period, driven by improved price/mix, volume growth and lower advertising and promotional expense, partially offset by higher manufacturing costs due to inefficiencies, input cost inflation and higher depreciation expense, primarily associated with the new Hermiston production line.

Equity Method Investment Earnings

Equity method investment earnings from unconsolidated joint ventures in Europe and the U.S. were \$10.6 million and \$19.9 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2020 and 2019, respectively. These amounts included a \$1.1 million unrealized gain related to mark-to-market adjustments associated with currency and commodity hedging contracts in the current quarter and a \$0.7 million gain related to these items in the prior year quarter. Excluding these adjustments, earnings from equity method investments declined \$9.7 million compared to the prior year period, largely reflecting higher raw potato prices and manufacturing costs associated with last year's poor crop in Europe.

Outlook

The Company provides guidance on its financial outlook on a non-GAAP basis and does not reconcile guidance to GAAP as the Company cannot predict items impacting comparability that are included in reported GAAP results. These items are discussed in more detail in the notes to this press release.

The Company's fiscal 2020 outlook includes the contribution of a 53rd week in the fiscal period, with the additional week falling in the fourth quarter.

FY 2020 Outlook Summarv Net sales growth rate Attention! This is a USA website. The products you are Adjusted EBITDA including unconsolidated joint ventures⁽¹⁾ viewing are likely not available in your current location. Should we transfer you to your country website? Interest expense Yes, transfer me We care about your data, and Effective tax rate⁽²⁾ excluding comparability items we use cookies to improve your experience. Please click "Accept", if you Cash used for capital expenditures, excluding acquisitions agree to our use of cookies. Depreciation and amortization

As summarized in the table above, for fiscal 2020, the Compar

- Net sales to grow mid-single digits, largely driven by volume as well as modestly higher price/mix.
- Adjusted EBITDA including unconsolidated joint ventures '' in the range of \$950 million to \$970 million. The Company expects:
 - Volume-driven gross profit growth, with higher price/mix offsetting input cost inflation;
 - SG&A, excluding advertising and promotional expenses and investments to upgrade the Company's enterprise resource planning and other information systems infrastructure, to be 8.0 percent to 8.5 percent of net sales.
- Equity method investment earnings to improve versus fiscal 2019, reflecting the effect of a normalized raw potato cost environment in Europe.
- The Company increased its target for capital expenditures to approximately \$300 million from approximately \$275 million to reflect updated spending estimates for the upgrade of its enterprise resource planning system and other capital projects.

End Notes

- (1)Adjusted EBITDA including unconsolidated joint ventures, EBITDA including unconsolidated joint ventures, and segment product contribution margin are non-GAAP financial measures. Please see the discussion of non-GAAP financial measures, including a discussion of earnings guidance provided on a non GAAP basis, and the reconciliations at the end of this press release for more information.
- (2) The effective tax rate is calculated as the ratio of income tax expense to pre-tax income, inclusive of equity method investment earnings.

Webcast and Conference Call Information

Lamb Weston will host a conference call to review its first quarter 2020 results at 10:00 a.m. ET today. Investors and analysts may access the call toll-free by dialing (866) 548-1710 and 10:00 a.m. ET today. Investors and analysts may access the call toll-free by dialing (866) 548-1710 and 10:00 a.m. ET today. Investors and analysts may access the call toll-free by dialing (866) 548-1710 and 10:00 a.m. ET today. Investors and analysts may access the call toll-free by dialing (866) 548-1710 and 10:00 a.m. ET today. Investors and analysts may access the call toll-free by dialing (866) 548-1710 and 10:00 a.m. ET today. Investors and analysts may access the call toll-free by dialing (866) 548-1710 and 10:00 a.m. ET today. Investors and analysts may access the call toll-free by dialing (866) 548-1710 and 10:00 a.m. ET today.

About Lamb Weston

Lamb Weston, along with its joint venture partners, is a leading and vegetable products to restaurants and retailers around the led the industry in innovation, introducing inventive products the customers and make things more delicious for their customers grown to proactive customer partnerships, Lamb Weston alwawe look at a potato, we see possibilities. Learn more about us

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within such as "continue," "expect," "support," "grow," "will," "believ "create," "leverage," "make," "integrate," "provide," "deliver," are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Examples limited to, statements regarding the Company's plans, executi looking statements are based on management's current expechanges in circumstances. Readers of this press release shou guarantees of performance or results. Many factors could affe

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them to vary materially from the expectations contained in the forth in this press release. These risks and uncertainties incluc successfully execute its long-term value creation strategies; its including construction of new production lines; the competitive in which it and its joint ventures operate; political and economic

ventures conduct business and other factors related to its international operations; disruption of its access to export mechanisms; risks associated with possible acquisitions, including its ability to complete acquisitions or integrate acquired businesses; its debt levels; the availability and prices of raw materials; changes in its relationships with its growers or significant customers; the success of its joint ventures; actions of governments and regulatory factors affecting its businesses or joint ventures; the ultimate outcome of litigation or any product recalls; levels of pension, labor and people-related expenses; its ability to pay regular quarterly cash dividends and the amounts and timing of any future dividends; the Company's ability to remediate the material weakness in internal control described in the Company's Form 10-K; and other risks described in the Company's reports filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company cautions readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements included in this press release, which speak only as of the date of this press release. The Company undertakes no responsibility for updating these statements, except as required by law.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement the financial information included in this press release, the Company has presented EBITDA including unconsolidated joint ventures and segment product contribution margin, each of which is considered a non-GAAP financial measure. The non-GAAP financial measures provided should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, financial measures prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") that are presented in this press release. The non-GAAP financial measures presented may differ from similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures presented by other companies, and other companies may not define these non-GAAP financial measures the same way. These measures are not substitutes for their comparable GAAP financial measures, such as net income, or other measures prescribed by GAAP, and there are limitations to using non-GAAP financial measures.

Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures to assist in comparing the Company's performance on a consistent basis for purposes of business decision making. Management believes that presenting these non-GAAP financial measures provides investors with useful information because they (i) provide meaningful supplemental information regarding financial performance by excluding certain items, (ii) permit investors to view performance using the same tools that management uses to budget, make operating and strategic decisions, and evaluate historical performance, and (iii) otherwise provide supplemental information that may be useful to investors in evaluating the Company's results. The Company believes that the presentation of these non-GAAP financial

measures, when considered together with the corresponding of those measures, provides investors with additional understand Company's business than could be obtained absent these dis

The Company also provides guidance on its financial outlook certain elements that are included in reported GAAP results, ir significant acquisition and integration costs, and other items ir potential items, and the Company will update as necessary as be highly variable and could be significant to its GAAP measulitems is not feasible and a full reconciliation of Adjusted EBITE net income has not been provided.

Consolidated Statemer (unaudited, dollars in millions, ex

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Net sales				
Cost of sales				
Gross profit				
Selling, general and administrative expenses		78.6		78.0
Income from operations		170.0		152.6
Interest expense, net	_	28.2		26.8
Income before income taxes and equity method earnings		141.8		125.8
Income tax expense		36.7		34.3
Equity method investment earnings	_	10.6		19.9
Net income		115.7		111.4
Less: Income attributable to noncontrolling interests (1)		_		3.6
Net income attributable to Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.	\$	115.7	\$	107.8
Earnings per share				
Basic	\$	0.79	\$	0.73
Diluted	\$	0.79	\$	0.73
Dividends declared per common share	\$	0.20000	\$	0.19125
Computation of diluted earnings per share:				
Net income attributable to Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.	\$	115.7	\$	107.8
Less: Increase in redemption value of noncontrolling interests in excess of earnings allocated, net of tax benefits (1)		_		0.9
Net income available to Lamb Weston common stockholders	\$	115.7	\$	106.9
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding		147.0		147.2
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.79	\$	0.73
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BSW's earnings beginning November 2, 2018. See Note 7, Combined and Consolidated Financial Statements in "Part I Data" of the Company's fiscal 2019 Form 10-K, for more info

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(1)On November 2, 2018, we entered into an agreement to ac BSW, LLC ("Lamb Weston BSW"). Our Consolidated Stater

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents

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Receivables, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1.3 and
Inventories
Prepaid expenses and other current assets

Total current assets	906.2	961.5
Property, plant and equipment, net (1)	1,555.1	1,597.8
Operating lease assets (1)	160.3	_
Goodwill	306.4	205.9
Intangible assets, net	40.4	37.6
Equity method investments	225.5	224.6
Other assets	28.7	20.7
Total assets	\$3,222.6	\$3,048.1

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Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	\$ —	\$ 8.4
Current portion of long-term debt and financing obligations	36.5	38.0
Accounts payable	284.9	289.2
Accrued liabilities (1)	218.7	217.2
Total current liabilities	540.1	552.8
Long-term liabilities:		
Long-term debt and financing obligations, excluding current portion (1)	2,210.1	2,280.2
Deferred income taxes	143.5	125.7
Other noncurrent liabilities (1)	236.6	94.0
Total long-term liabilities	2,590.2	2,499.9
Commitments and contingencies		

Commitments and contingencies

Stockholders' equity:

Common stock of \$1.00 par value, 600,000,000 shares authorized; 146,760,237 and

146,654,827 shares issued

Additional distributed capital

Retained earnings (1)

Accumulated other comprehensive loss

Treasury stock, at cost, 697,515 and 585,794 common shares

Total stockholders' equity (deficit)

Total liabilities and stockholders' equity

(1) Effective May 27, 2019, the Company adopted Accounting amendments, using the modified retrospective transition mercording the cumulative effect of initially applying the guida Company did not recast prior periods presented in the Connew lease standard resulted in the recognition of an operat lease liability of \$155.5 million. The adoption also resulted i million (\$20.5 million, net of tax), to increase retained earning related to a sale leaseback and the elimination of \$38.7 million of lease financing obligations also related to the sale

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impact on the Company's results of operations or cash flow Consolidated Financial Statements in "Part I, Item 1. Financ quarter Form 10-Q, for more information.

Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(unaudited, dollars in millions)

		Thirteen We	eks l	Ended
	A	ugust 25,	Αι	ugust 26,
		2019		2018
Cash flows from operating activities				
Net income	\$	115.7	\$	111.4
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization of intangibles and debt issuance costs		46.0		38.6
Stock-settled, stock-based compensation expense		5.4		4.2
Earnings of joint ventures in excess of distributions		(0.5)		(3.2)
Deferred income taxes		10.3		13.9
Other		5.6		3.1
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisition:				
Receivables		(27.0)		(18.6)
Inventories		35.6		33.2
Income taxes payable/receivable, net		24.8		9.5
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		43.3		41.1
Accounts payable		7.7		17.1
Accrued liabilities		(28.4)		(22.4)

Net cash provided by operating activities

Cash flows from investing activities

Additions to property, plant and equipment

Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired

Other

Net cash used for investing activities

Cash flows from financing activities

Proceeds from issuance of debt

Debt repayments

Dividends paid

Payments of short-term borrowings

Repurchase of common stock and common stock withheld to

Cash distributions paid to noncontrolling interest

Other

Net cash used for financing activities

Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents

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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	

Segment Information

(unaudited, dollars in millions)

	Thirteen Weeks Ended Year-Over- Year						
	August 25,		August 26,		Growth		
		2019		2018	Rates	Price/Mix	Volume
Segment sales				and the second s			
Global	\$	517.6	\$	466.8	11%	2%	9%
Foodservice		305.4		297.8	3%	2%	1%
Retail		129.3		116.2	11%	3%	8%
Other		36.7		34.1	8%	(10%)	18%
	\$	989.0	\$	914.9	8%	2%	6%
Segment product contribution margin (1)							
Global	\$	102.7	\$	94.5	9%		
Foodservice		102.5		102.0	0%		
Retail		28.9		22.7	27%		
Other		9.7		5.0	94%		
		243.8		224.2	9%		
Other selling, general, and administrative expenses		73.8					
Income from operations	\$	170.0	\$				

Lamb Weston Hold Reconciliation of Non-GAAP (unaudited, dollars

To supplement the financial information included in this press including unconsolidated joint ventures, which is considered a reconciles net income attributable to Lamb Weston to EBITDA

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⁽¹⁾Product contribution margin is defined as net sales, less co Segment product contribution margin excludes general cor management believes these amounts are not directly associated

Net income attributable to Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.	\$ 115.7	\$ 107.8
Income attributable to noncontrolling interests	_	3.6
Equity method investment earnings	(10.6)	(19.9)
Interest expense, net	28.2	26.8
Income tax expense	36.7	34.3
Income from operations	170.0	152.6
Depreciation and amortization	43.1	37.4
EBITDA (1) (2)	213.1	190.0
Unconsolidated Joint Ventures (3)		
Equity method investment earnings	10.6	19.9
Interest expense, income tax expense, and depreciation and		
amortization included in equity method investment earnings	9.2	7.5
Add: EBITDA from unconsolidated joint ventures	19.8	27.4
Consolidated Joint Ventures (3)		
Income attributable to noncontrolling interests	_	(3.6)
Interest expense, income tax expense, and depreciation and		
amortization included in income attributable to noncontrolling interests	_	(0.9)
Subtract: EBITDA from consolidated joint ventures		(4.5)
EBITDA including unconsolidated joint ventures (1)	\$ 232.9	\$ 212.9

(1)EBITDA including unconsolidated joint ventures is a non-Gaimpacting comparability between periods as it believes these operations of the Company. Lamb Weston presents this me means to evaluate the performance of the Company on an used by the Company's management and assists in provide analysis of non-GAAP financial measures should be done of accordance with GAAP. This non-GAAP measure is not interpreted and should not be used as such.

(2) EBITDA includes EBITDA from consolidated joint ventures f

(3) Lamb Weston holds equity interests in two potato processir Weston/RDO Frozen and Lamb-Weston/Meijer v.o.f., which method of accounting. Prior to purchasing the remaining 50 Lamb Weston consolidated the financial statements of Lam Lamb Weston began recognizing 100% of Lamb Weston BS Earnings on November 2, 2018. See Note 7, Investments in Consolidated Financial Statements in "Part II, Item 8. Financompany's fiscal 2019 Form 10-K, for more information.

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