

YUM BRANDS INC
Form 8-K
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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)

November 12, 2015

Commission file number 1-13163

YUM! BRANDS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

13-3951308
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1441 Gardiner Lane, Louisville, Kentucky
(Address of principal executive offices)

40213
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (502) 874-8300

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: N/A

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:

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Section 7 - Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Yum! Brands, Inc. Releases Estimated October
Same-Store Sales for China Division

Louisville, KY (November 12, 2015) - Yum! Brands, Inc.'s (NYSE: YUM) China Division's October same-store sales grew an estimated 5%, comparable to the Division's same-store sales growth of 6% in September. October's results include estimated growth of 10% at KFC and an estimated decline of 9% at Pizza Hut Casual Dining.

We are reiterating our guidance for the fourth quarter of China Division same-store sales growth of 0% to 4%, with positive same-store sales growth at KFC and negative same-store sales at Pizza Hut Casual Dining. As previously stated, same-store sales remain difficult to forecast in China, and our overlaps become more difficult for the balance of year.

As a reminder, our fourth quarter for the China Division includes the months of September, October, November and December. We will release November same-store sales for the China Division in conjunction with our Annual Investor Conference.

Yum! Brands Annual Investor Conference will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CT in Plano, Texas. This meeting will be webcast live and a replay of this webcast will be available following the event. The webcast and presentations will be available online through the Yum! Brands Investor Relations website at <http://www.yum.com/investors>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ONLINE

Definitions of terms are available online at www.yum.com under "Investors".

Yum! Brands, Inc., based in Louisville, Kentucky, has over 41,000 restaurants in more than 125 countries and territories. Yum! is ranked #228 on the Fortune 500 List with revenues of over \$13 billion in 2014 and is one of the Aon Hewitt Top Companies for Leaders in North America. The Company's restaurant brands - KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell - are the global leaders of the chicken, pizza and Mexican-style food categories. Outside the United States, the Yum! Brands system opens over five new restaurants per day on average, making it a leader in international retail development.

CAUTIONARY LANGUAGE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This announcement does, and any related announcements may, contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We intend all forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. Our forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, which may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Factors that can cause our actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to: the outcome of our on-going review of strategic options, including those related to the Company's structure, and uncertainties that may delay or negatively impact such review or our ability to realize anticipated benefits of such review, the results thereof or announcements related thereto; food safety and food borne-illness issues; changes in economic conditions, consumer preferences, tax rates and laws and the regulatory environment, as well as increased competition and other risks in China, where a significant and growing portion of our

restaurants are located, including continued challenges in forecasting sales in China; the impact or threat of any widespread illness or outbreaks

of viruses or other diseases; changes in economic and political conditions in the other countries outside the U.S. where we operate; our ability to protect the integrity and security of individually identifiable data of our customers and employees; our ability to secure and maintain distribution and adequate supply to our restaurants; the success of our international development strategy; commodity, labor and other operating costs; the continued viability and success of our franchise and license operators; consumer preferences and perceptions of our brands; the impact of social media; pending or future litigation and legal claims or proceedings; changes in or noncompliance with government regulations; tax matters, including disagreements with taxing authorities; significant changes in global economic conditions, including consumer spending, consumer confidence and unemployment; and competition within the retail food industry, including with respect to price and quality of food products, new product development, advertising levels and promotional initiatives, customer service, reputation, restaurant location, and attractiveness and maintenance of properties. You should consult our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (including the information set forth under the captions “Risk Factors” and “Forward-Looking Statements” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K) for additional detail about factors that could affect our financial and other results. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions and currently available data and are neither predictions nor guarantees of future events or performance. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. We are not undertaking to update any of these statements.

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

YUM! BRANDS, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: November 12, 2015

/s/ David E. Russell
Vice President, Finance and
Corporate Controller