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## Papa John's International Celebrates First Restaurant in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Papa John's International, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: PZZA), continues its expansion into Central Asia with the announcement of the first Papa John's restaurant in Kyrgyzstan. The Kyrgyzstan Papa John's is located in Bishkek and opened its doors on February 8, 2018. Papa John's is now in 45 countries and territories around the globe.

Papa John's franchisee PJ Western plans to open six restaurants in the Kyrgyzstan market. PJ Western currently operates 147 Papa John's in Russia, Belarus and Poland, and will continue to expand in Eastern Europe and into Central Asia. A second restaurant in Bishkek is scheduled to open in early March.

"We are excited about establishing and expanding the Papa John's pizza brand in Kyrgyzstan, and also plan to open in Kazakhstan soon," said Christopher Wynne, co-owner and CEO of PJ Western. "We believe that our passion for better ingredients will transfer well to Bishkek and beyond and our new customers will love our quality pizza."

"PJ Western continues to be one of Papa John's fastest-growing franchise groups and we look forward to their continued success in the region. We expect that Christopher and his team will continue to deliver on our BETTER INGREDIENTS. BETTER PIZZA. brand promise in Kyrgyzstan," said Tim O'Hern, Senior Vice President & Chief Development Officer.

Papa John's International is currently looking for potential franchisees in Paris, France, as well as Belgium and Denmark.

### About Papa John's

Headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, Papa John's International, Inc. (NASDAQ: PZZA) is the world's third-largest pizza delivery company. For 16 of the past 18 years, consumers have rated Papa John's No. 1 in customer satisfaction among all national pizza chains in the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI). For more information about the company or to order pizza online, visit Papa John's at [www.papajohns.com](http://www.papajohns.com). Looking to be a part of something Better? Join the Papa John's Pizza family at [www.papajohns.com/franchise](http://www.papajohns.com/franchise).

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