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**YUM! Brands, Inc.
1441 Gardiner Lane
Louisville, Kentucky 40213**

March 20, 2015

Dear Fellow Shareholders:

On behalf of your Board of Directors, we are pleased to invite you to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of YUM! Brands, Inc. The Annual Meeting will be held Friday, May 1, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., local time, in the YUM! Conference Center at 1900 Colonel Sanders Lane in Louisville, Kentucky.

Once again, we encourage you to take advantage of the Securities and Exchange Commission rule allowing companies to furnish proxy materials to their shareholders over the Internet. We believe that this e-proxy process expedites shareholders' receipt of proxy materials, lowers the costs of delivery and helps reduce the Company's environmental impact.

Your vote is important. We encourage you to vote promptly whether or not you plan to attend the meeting. You may vote your shares via a toll-free telephone number or over the Internet. If you received a paper copy of the proxy card by mail, you may sign, date and mail the proxy card in the envelope provided. Instructions regarding the three methods of voting are contained on the notice or proxy card.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please bring your notice, admission ticket from your proxy card or proof of your ownership of YUM common stock as of March 3, 2015 as well as a valid picture identification. Whether or not you attend the meeting, we encourage you to consider the matters presented in the proxy statement and vote as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

David C. Novak
Executive Chairman

Greg Creed
Chief Executive Officer

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholders Meeting to Be Held on May 1, 2015 this notice and the proxy statement are available at www.yum.com/investors/investor_materials.asp. The Annual Report on Form 10-K is available at www.yum.com/annualreport.

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YUM! Brands, Inc.
1441 Gardiner Lane
Louisville, Kentucky 40213

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Friday, May 1, 2015 9:00 a.m.

YUM! Conference Center, 1900 Colonel Sanders Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40213

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- (1) To elect twelve (12) directors to serve until the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.
- (2) To ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 26, 2015.
- (3) To consider and hold an advisory vote on executive compensation.
- (4) To consider and vote on one (1) shareholder proposal, if properly presented at the meeting.
- (5) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

WHO CAN VOTE:

You can vote if you were a shareholder of record as of the close of business on March 3, 2015.

ANNUAL REPORT:

A copy of our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K is included with this proxy statement.

WEBSITE:

You may also read the Company's Annual Report and this Notice and proxy statement on our website at www.yum.com/annualreport and www.yum.com/investors/investor_materials.asp.

DATE OF MAILING:

This Notice, the proxy statement and the form of proxy are first being mailed to shareholders on or about March 20, 2015.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Christian L. Campbell
Secretary

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Under securities exchange rules, brokers cannot vote on your behalf for the election of directors or on executive compensation related matters without your instructions. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please provide your proxy by following the instructions on your Notice or proxy card. On or about March 20, 2015, we mailed to our shareholders a Notice containing instructions on how to access the proxy statement and our Annual Report and vote online.

If you received a Notice by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials in the mail, unless you request a copy. Instead, you should follow the instructions included in the Notice on how to access and review the proxy statement and Annual Report. The Notice also instructs you on how you may submit your vote by proxy over the Internet.

If you received the proxy statement and Annual Report in the mail, please submit your proxy by marking, dating and signing the proxy card included and returning it promptly in the envelope enclosed. If you are able to attend the Annual Meeting and wish to vote your shares personally, you may do so at any time before the proxy is exercised.

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YUM! Brands, Inc.
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PROXY STATEMENT

For Annual Meeting of Shareholders To Be Held On

May 1, 2015

The Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors" or the "Board") of YUM! Brands, Inc., a North Carolina corporation ("YUM" or the "Company"), solicits the enclosed proxy for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held at 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Saving Time), on Friday, May 1, 2015, in the YUM! Conference Center, at 1900 Colonel Sanders Lane, Louisville, Kentucky. This proxy statement contains information about the matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting and the voting process, as well as information about our directors and most highly paid executive officers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MEETING AND VOTING

What is the purpose of the Annual Meeting?

At our Annual Meeting, shareholders will vote on several important Company matters. In addition, our management will report on the Company's performance over the last fiscal year and, following the meeting, respond to questions from shareholders.

Why am I receiving these materials?

You received these materials because our Board of Directors is soliciting your proxy to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting. As a shareholder, you are invited to attend the Annual Meeting and are entitled to vote on the items of business described in this proxy statement.

Why did I receive a one-page Notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials this year instead of a full set of proxy materials?

As permitted by Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules, we are making this proxy statement and our Annual Report available to our shareholders electronically via the Internet. On or about March 20, 2015, we mailed to our shareholders a Notice containing instructions on how to access this proxy statement and our Annual Report and vote online. If you received a Notice by mail you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials in the mail, unless you request a copy. The Notice instructs you on how to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy statement and Annual Report. The Notice also instructs you on how you may submit your proxy over the Internet. If you received a Notice by mail and would like to receive a printed copy of our proxy materials, you should follow the instructions for requesting such materials contained on the Notice.

We encourage you to take advantage of the availability of the proxy materials on the Internet in order to help lower the costs of delivery and reduce the Company's environmental impact.

Who may attend the Annual Meeting?

The Annual Meeting is open to all shareholders of record as of close of business on March 3, 2015, or their duly appointed proxies. Seating is limited and admission is on a first-come, first-served basis.

What do I need to bring to attend the Annual Meeting?

You will need a valid picture identification and either an admission ticket or proof of ownership of YUM's common stock to enter the Annual Meeting. If you are a registered owner, your Notice will be your admission ticket.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MEETING AND VOTING

If you received the proxy statement and Annual Report by mail, you will find an admission ticket attached to the proxy card sent to you. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please so indicate when you vote and bring the ticket with you to the Annual Meeting. If your shares are held in the name of a bank or broker, you will need to bring your legal proxy from your bank or broker and your admission ticket. If you do not bring your admission ticket, you will need proof of ownership to be admitted to the Annual Meeting. A recent brokerage statement or letter from a bank or broker is an example of proof of ownership. If you arrive at the Annual Meeting without an admission ticket, we will admit you only if we are able to verify that you are a YUM shareholder. Your admittance to the Annual Meeting will depend upon availability of seating. All shareholders will be required to present valid picture identification prior to admittance. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A VALID PICTURE IDENTIFICATION AND EITHER AN ADMISSION TICKET OR PROOF THAT YOU OWN YUM COMMON STOCK, YOU MAY NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

Please note that computers, cameras, sound or video recording equipment, cellular and smart phones, tablets and other similar devices, large bags, briefcases and packages will not be allowed in the meeting room.

May shareholders ask questions?

Yes. Representatives of the Company will answer shareholders' questions of general interest following the Annual Meeting. In order to give a greater number of shareholders an opportunity to ask questions, individuals or groups will be allowed to ask only one question and no repetitive or follow-up questions will be permitted.

Who may vote?

You may vote if you owned YUM common stock as of the close of business on the record date, March 3, 2015. Each share of YUM common stock is entitled to one vote. As of March 3, 2015, YUM had 433,394,412 shares of common stock outstanding.