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## **DOMINO'S PIZZA CROWNS ITS FASTEST PIZZA MAKER IN THE UK**

*- Zagros Aumar of Portsmouth wins UK fastest pizza maker title for second year-running -*

Zagros Jaff, store manager from Domino's Portsmouth store, located on Fratton Road, has once again beaten hundreds of competitors from Domino's stores across the UK and Ireland to be crowned as the fastest pizza maker. Domino's Pizza, the pizza delivery expert, held its annual Fastest Pizza Maker competition final at its recent annual awards in Liverpool and Zagros Jaff came first, with an amazing time of 51.57 seconds – a time that four years ago would have bagged him a world record.

Store managers and team members from Domino's Pizza stores across the UK and Ireland have been battling it out over the last couple of months to claim the prestigious title of fastest pizza maker. Regional heats have taken place in England, Wales, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland and the fastest 21 competitors travelled to Milton Keynes to take part in the final.

Each competitor had to make three large pizzas from scratch – one topped with pepperoni, one with mushrooms and the final one topped with just cheese. All pizzas had to be made to a high standard in as fast a time as possible.

After spending months honing their dough stretching, saucing and topping techniques all the competitors were eager to put their pizza making skills to the test and do their best to win. Judges, Jason Prescott and Simon Hudson were looking for pizza perfection as the candidates were judged on speed, accuracy and the quality of the pizza they produced.

Winner, Zagros Jaff, said: "To win this title again is a huge honour! The competition is fierce as there are so many good contenders, all with the same passion and energy, so to beat them all is just fantastic."

Judge Hudson said: "I am so pleased for Zagros; he is a very worthy winner. Each year he gets better and better. His determination to succeed is admirable and his passion for pizza making perfection is there for all to see."

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**Notes to Editors:**

Domino's Pizza Group plc is the leading player in the fast-growing pizza delivery market and holds the exclusive master franchise to own, operate and franchise Domino's Pizza stores in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Luxembourg. The first UK store opened in Luton in 1985 and the first Irish store opened in 1991. In April 2011, the Group acquired a majority stake in the exclusive master franchise to own, operate and franchise Domino's Pizza stores in Germany. In September 2012, the Group acquired the master franchise for Switzerland, Luxembourg and Liechtenstein and an option to acquire the Master Franchise Agreement in Austria prior to the end of 2014.

As at 31 March 2013, there were 810 stores in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Germany and Switzerland. Of these, 626 stores are in England, 51 are in Scotland, 32 are in Wales, 20 are in Northern Ireland, one is on the Isle of Man, two are mobile units, 48 are in the Republic of Ireland, 20 are in Germany and 10 are in Switzerland.

Founded in 1960, Domino's Pizza is one of the world's leading pizza delivery brands. Through its primarily franchised system, Domino's Pizza operates a global network of more than 10,000 Domino's Pizza stores in 75 international markets. Domino's Pizza has a singular focus – the home delivery of pizza, freshly made to order with high quality ingredients.

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