Bloomin' Brands, Inc.
Form 10-Q
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)
[X] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended March 29, 2015
or
TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$
Commission File Number: 001-35625

BLOOMIN' BRANDS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)
2202 North West Shore Boulevard, Suite 500, Tampa, Florida 33607
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
(813) 282-1225
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

## N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES x NO o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T
( $\$ 232.405$ of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES x NO o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.
Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer o
Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES o NO x

As of April 30, 2015, 123,969,839 shares of common stock of the registrant were outstanding.

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## PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE DATA, UNAUDITED)
MARCH 29, DECEMBER 28, 20152014

## ASSETS

Current Assets
Cash and cash equivalents \$135,648 \$ 165,744
Current portion of restricted cash and cash equivalents
Inventories
Deferred income tax assets
Assets held for sale
6,061 6,829

Other current assets, net
73,246
80,817

Total current assets
124,626
123,866

Restricted cash
Property, fixtures and equipment, net
Goodwill
Intangible assets, net
Deferred income tax assets
4,416 16,667

Other assets, net
140,338 206,628

Total assets
484,335 600,551
25,244 25,451
1,621,955 1,629,311
329,804 341,540
574,508 585,432
6,540 6,038
156,258 155,963
\$3,198,644 \$ 3,344,286
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|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MARCH 29, } \\ & 2015 \end{aligned}$ | DECEMBER 28, $2014$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LIABILITIES, MEZZANINE EQUITY AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |
| Current Liabilities |  |  |
| Accounts payable | \$207,149 | \$ 191,207 |
| Accrued and other current liabilities | 222,517 | 237,844 |
| Current portion of partner deposits and accrued partner obligations | 8,189 | 8,399 |
| Unearned revenue | 272,117 | 376,696 |
| Current portion of long-term debt, net | 25,491 | 25,964 |
| Total current liabilities | 735,463 | 840,110 |
| Partner deposits and accrued partner obligations | 63,036 | 69,766 |
| Deferred rent | 130,126 | 121,819 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | 177,898 | 181,125 |
| Long-term debt, net | 1,285,819 | 1,289,879 |
| Other long-term liabilities, net | 262,386 | 260,405 |
| Total liabilities | 2,654,728 | 2,763,104 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 13) |  |  |
| Mezzanine Equity |  |  |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interests | 25,069 | 24,733 |
| Stockholders' Equity |  |  |
| Bloomin' Brands Stockholders' Equity |  |  |
| Preferred stock, $\$ 0.01$ par value, $25,000,000$ shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding as of March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014 |  | - |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 475,000,000 shares authorized; 123,772,109 and |  |  |
| $125,949,870$ shares issued and outstanding as of March 29, 2015 and December 28, | 1,238 | 1,259 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 1,087,315 | 1,085,627 |
| Accumulated deficit | (484,612 | ) $(474,994$ |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (90,016 | ) $(60,542$ |
| Total Bloomin' Brands stockholders' equity | 513,925 | 551,350 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 4,922 | 5,099 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 518,847 | 556,449 |
| Total liabilities, mezzanine equity and stockholders' equity | \$3,198,644 | \$ 3,344,286 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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BLOOMIN' BRANDS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA, UNAUDITED)

|  | THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |
|  | 2015 | 2014 |
| Revenues |  |  |
| Restaurant sales | $\$ 1,194,810$ | $\$ 1,150,525$ |
| Other revenues | 7,249 | 7,334 |
| Total revenues | $1,202,059$ | $1,157,859$ |
| Costs and expenses |  |  |
| Cost of sales | 387,468 | 373,614 |
| Labor and other related | 323,986 | 311,418 |
| Other restaurant operating | 264,038 | 256,518 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 46,486 | 46,165 |
| General and administrative | 73,247 | 74,054 |
| Provision for impaired assets and restaurant closings | 9,133 | 6,064 |
| Total costs and expenses | $1,104,358$ | $1,067,833$ |
| Income from operations | 97,701 | 90,026 |
| Other expense, net | $(1,147$ | $(164$ |
| Interest expense, net | $(13,198$ | $)$ |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 83,356 | 73,598 |
| Provision for income taxes | 21,274 | 18,164 |
| Net income | 62,082 | 55,100 |
| Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | 1,494 | 1,367 |
| Net income attributable to Bloomin' Brands | $\$ 60,588$ | $\$ 53,733$ |
|  |  |  |
| Net income | $\$ 62,082$ | $\$ 55,100$ |
| Other comprehensive income: |  |  |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | $(25,462$ | $(5,365$ |
| Unrealized losses on derivatives, net of tax | $(4,012$ | $)$ |
| Comprehensive income | 32,608 | 49,735 |
| Less: comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests | 1,494 | 1,367 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Bloomin' Brands | $\$ 31,114$ | $\$ 48,368$ |
| Earnings per share: |  |  |
| Basic | $\$ 0.48$ | $\$ 0.43$ |
| Diluted | $\$ 0.47$ | $\$ 0.42$ |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: | 125,302 | 124,542 |
| Basic | 128,759 | 127,851 |
| Diluted | $\$ 0.06$ | $\$-$ |
| Cash dividends declared per common share |  |  |
|  |  |  |

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (IN THOUSANDS, UNAUDITED)

BLOOMIN' BRANDS, INC.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { COMMON STOCK } & \text { ADDITIONAL ACCUM- } & \text { ACCUMULATED NON- } \\ & & \text { OTHER } \\ \text { SHARES AMOUNT } & \text { PAID-IN } & \text { ULATED } & \text { CONTROLLINIGTAL } \\ & \text { CAPITAL } & \text { DEFICIT } & \text { COMPREHENSIVEONTERESTS }\end{array}$
Balance,
December 28, $125,950 \$ 1,259 \quad \$ 1,085,627 \$(474,994) \$(60,542 \quad$ ) $\$ 5,099 \quad \$ 556,449$ 2014

per common
share
Repurchase and retirement of (2,759 ) (28 ) - (69,972 ) - - $\quad(70,000)$ common stock Stock-based compensation
Excess tax benefit

| on stock-based | - | - | 1,127 | - | - | 1,127 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

compensation
Common stock
issued under
stock plans, net of

| forfeitures and | 581 | 7 | 3,199 | $(234$ | - | 2,972 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

shares withheld
for employee
taxes
Distributions to

interests
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Balance, March } \\ 29,2015\end{array} & 123,772 & \$ 1,238 & \$ 1,087,315 & \$(484,612 & )\end{array}(90,016 \quad \$ 4,922 \quad \$ 518,847$
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BLOOMIN' BRANDS, INC.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { COMMON STOCK } & \text { ADDITIONAL ACCUM- } & \text { ACCUMULATED } & \text { NON- } \\ & \text { OTHER } & \text { CONTROLLINGOTAL } \\ \text { SHARES AMOUNT PAID-IN } & \text { ULATED } & \text { COMPREHENSIVEONTRESTS }\end{array}$
Balance,
December 31, $124,784 \$ 1,248 \quad \$ 1,068,705 \quad \$(565,154) \$(26,418 \quad$ ) $\$ 4,328 \quad \$ 482,709$ 2013

compensation
Common stock
issued under
stock plans, net of
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { forfeitures and } & 765 & 7 & 5,642 & (481 & - & \text { - }\end{array}$
shares withheld
for employee
taxes
Purchase of
limited
$\left.\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { partnership } & - & - & (12,250 & ) & - & 1,236 & (11,014\end{array}\right)$
interests, net of
tax of \$6,197
Distributions to
$\left.\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { noncontrolling } & - & - & - & - & (1,167 & ) & (1,167\end{array}\right)$
interests
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Balance, March } \\ 30,2014\end{array} & 125,549 & \$ 1,255 & \$ 1,066,959 & \$(511,902 & ) & \$(31,783 & )\end{array}$
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS, UNAUDITED)



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|  | THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MARCH } 29, \\ & 2015 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MARCH 30, } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Cash flows used in financing activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Repayments of long-term debt | \$(21,104 | ) | \$(14,578 | ) |
| Proceeds from borrowings on revolving credit facilities | 131,000 |  | - |  |
| Repayments of borrowings on revolving credit facilities | (115,000 | ) | - |  |
| Proceeds from the exercise of stock options | 3,954 |  | 5,974 |  |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests | (1,336 | ) | (1,167 | ) |
| Purchase of limited partnership interests | - |  | (17,211 |  |
| Repayments of partner deposits and accrued partner obligations | (6,000 | ) | (7,388 | ) |
| Repurchase of common stock | (70,234 | ) | (481 | ) |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation | 1,127 |  | 1,221 |  |
| Tax withholding on performance-based share units | (748 | ) | (324 | ) |
| Cash dividends paid on common stock | (7,423 | ) | - |  |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (85,764 |  | (33,954 | ) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (816 |  | (1,385 | ) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (30,096 | ) | (37,267 | ) |
| Cash and cash equivalents as of the beginning of the period | 165,744 |  | 209,871 |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents as of the end of the period | \$135,648 |  | \$172,604 |  |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: |  |  |  |  |
| Cash paid for interest | \$13,352 |  | \$15,663 |  |
| Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds | 5,597 |  | 10,622 |  |
| Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Change in acquisition of property, fixtures and equipment included in accounts payable or capital lease liabilities | (469 |  | 851 |  |
| Deferred tax effect of purchase of noncontrolling interests | - |  | 6,197 |  |

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

## 1. Description of the Business and Basis of Presentation

Description of the Business - The Company owns and operates casual, upscale casual and fine dining restaurants primarily in the United States. The Company's restaurant portfolio has four concepts: Outback Steakhouse, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Bonefish Grill and Fleming's Prime Steakhouse \& Wine Bar. Additional Outback Steakhouse, Carrabba's Italian Grill and Bonefish Grill restaurants in which the Company has no direct investment are operated under franchise agreements. In January 2015, the Company sold its Roy's business.

Basis of Presentation - The accompanying interim unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, they do not include all the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("U.S. GAAP") for complete financial statements. In the opinion of the Company, all adjustments necessary for the fair presentation of the Company's results of operations, financial position and cash flows for the periods presented have been included and are of a normal, recurring nature. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2014.

Reclassifications - The Company reclassified certain items in the accompanying consolidated financial statements for prior periods to be comparable with the classification for the current period. These reclassifications had no effect on previously reported net income.

Recently Issued Financial Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted - In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2015-03: "Interest - Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs" ("ASU No. 2015-03"). ASU No. 2015-03 will require debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the related debt liability. The update requires retrospective application and represents a change in accounting principle. ASU No. 2015-03 will be effective for the Company in fiscal year 2016, with early adoption permitted. The Company does not expect ASU No. 2015-03 to have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-15: "Presentation of Financial Statements-Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40): Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern" ("ASU No. 2014-15"). ASU No. 2014-15 will explicitly require management to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and to provide related footnote disclosures in certain circumstances. The new standard is applicable for all entities and will be effective for the Company in fiscal year 2016. The Company does not expect ASU No. 2014-15 to have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09 "Revenue Recognition (Topic 606), Revenue from Contracts with Customers" ("ASU No. 2014-09"). ASU No. 2014-09 provides a single source of guidance for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes current revenue recognition standards. Under ASU No. 2014-09, revenue is recognized in an amount that reflects the consideration an entity expects to receive for the transfer of goods and services. ASU No. 2014-09 will be effective for the Company in fiscal year 2017 and is applied retrospectively to each period presented or as a cumulative effect adjustment at the date of adoption. The Company has not selected a
transition method and is evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Recent accounting guidance not discussed above is not applicable, did not have, or is not expected to have a material impact to the Company.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS <br> (UNAUDITED) - Continued

2. Impairments, Disposals and Exit Costs

The components of Provision for impaired assets and restaurant closings are as follows:

|  | THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (dollars in thousands) | MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |
| Impairment losses | 2015 | 2014 |
| Restaurant closure expenses | $\$ 1,295$ | $\$ 92$ |
| Provision for impaired assets and restaurant closings | 7,838 | 5,972 |
|  | $\$ 9,133$ | $\$ 6,064$ |

Restaurant Closure Initiatives - During 2014, the Company decided to close 36 underperforming international locations, primarily in South Korea (the "International Restaurant Closure Initiative"). As of March 29, 2015, 35 of the 36 locations had been closed. In connection with the International Restaurant Closure Initiative, the Company incurred pre-tax restaurant and other closing costs of $\$ 6.4$ million during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015, which were recorded within the International segment.

The Company expects to incur additional charges of approximately $\$ 1.0$ million to $\$ 2.0$ million, including costs associated with lease obligations, employee terminations and other closure related obligations, through the third quarter of 2015. Future cash expenditures of $\$ 7.0$ million to $\$ 10.0$ million, primarily related to lease liabilities, are expected to occur through August 2022.

In the fourth quarter of 2013, the Company completed an assessment of its domestic restaurant base and decided to close 22 underperforming domestic locations (the "Domestic Restaurant Closure Initiative"). Pre-tax restaurant and other closing costs of $\$ 1.3$ million and $\$ 4.9$ million were incurred during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 and March 30, 2014, respectively, in connection with the Domestic Restaurant Closure Initiative, which were recorded within the U.S. segment.

Following is a summary of restaurant closure initiative expenses recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income (dollars in thousands):

|  | LOCATION OF CHARGE IN THE |
| :--- | :--- |
| DESCRIPTION | CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF <br> OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE |
| INCOME |  |

THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED
MARCH 29, MARCH 30, 20152014
$\$ 7,741 \quad \$ 5,972$
$1,327 \quad 1,035$
(198 ) (2,078 )
$\$ 8,870 \quad \$ 4,929$

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(UNAUDITED) - Continued
The following table summarizes the Company's accrual activity related to facility closure and other costs, primarily associated with the Domestic and International Restaurant Closure Initiatives, during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015:

|  | THIRTEEN |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | WEEKS |
|  | ENDED |
| (dollars in thousands) | MARCH 29, |
| Beginning of the period | 2015 |
| Charges | $\$ 11,000$ |
| Cash payments | 8,220 |
| Adjustments (1) | $(6,663$ |
| End of the period (2) | $(479$ |

[^0]Roy's - On January 26, 2015, the Company sold its Roy's business to United Ohana, LLC (the "Buyer"), for a purchase price of $\$ 10.0$ million, less certain liabilities, and recorded a loss on sale of $\$ 1.1$ million, which was recorded in Other expense, net, during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015. Included in the sale agreement is a provision in which the Company will pay the buyer up to $\$ 5.0$ million, if certain lease contingencies are not resolved prior to April 2018 and the Buyer is damaged. At the time of this report, the Company believes it is probable there are no liabilities to recognize as the lease contingencies are expected to be resolved pursuant to the sale agreement.

In connection with the sale of Roy's, the Company continues to provide lease guarantees for certain of the Roy's locations. Under the guarantees, the Company will pay the rental expense over the remaining lease term in the event of default. The fair value and maximum value of the lease guarantees is nominal. The maximum amount is calculated as the fair value of the lease payments over the remaining lease term and assumes that there are subleases.

Following are the components of Roy's included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income during the periods indicated:
(dollars in thousands)
Restaurant sales

| THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |
| 2015 | 2014 |
| $\$ 5,729$ | $\$ 18,929$ |
| $\$(968$ | $\$ 455$ |

(1)Includes a loss on sale of \$1.1 million during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015.

## 3. Earnings Per Share

The Company computes basic earnings per share based on the weighted average number of common shares that were outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share includes the dilutive effect of common stock equivalents
consisting of stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units and performance-based share units, using the treasury stock method. Performance-based share units are considered dilutive when the related performance criterion has been met.

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(UNAUDITED) - Continued

The following table presents the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:
THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED
MARCH 29, MARCH 30,
(in thousands, except per share data)
Net income attributable to Bloomin' Brands
2015
2014
\$60,588
\$53,733
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding
125,302
124,542

Effect of diluted securities:
Stock options 3,193
Nonvested restricted stock and restricted stock units 230 111
Nonvested performance-based share units 6
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding } & 128,759 & 127,851\end{array}$
Basic earnings per share $\quad \$ 0.48$
\$0.43
Diluted earnings per share
\$0.47
\$0.42

Dilutive securities outstanding not included in the computation of earnings per share because their effect was antidilutive were as follows:
(in thousands)
Stock options
tirteen WEEKS ENDED

Nonvested restricted stock and restricted stock units
2,122 1,917
4. Stock-based Compensation

The Company recognized stock-based compensation expense as follows:

|  | THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (dollars in thousands) | MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |
| Stock options | 2015 | 2014 |
| Restricted stock and restricted stock units | $\$ 2,427$ | $\$ 2,468$ |
| Performance-based share units | 1,409 | 749 |
|  | 749 | 358 |
|  | $\$ 4,585$ | $\$ 3,575$ |

During the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015, the Company made grants to its employees of 1.1 million stock options, 0.4 million time-based restricted stock units and 0.2 million performance-based share units.

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(UNAUDITED) - Continued
Assumptions used in the Black-Scholes option pricing model and the weighted-average fair value of option awards granted were as follows:

|  | THIRTEEN <br> WEEKS ENDED |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | MARCH 29, |  |
|  | 2015 |  |
| Assumptions: | 1.66 | $\%$ |
| Weighted-average risk-free interest rate (1) | 1.0 | $\%$ |
| Dividend yield (2) | 6.3 years | $\%$ |
| Expected term (3) | 43.6 | $\%$ |
| Weighted-average volatility (4) | $\$ 10.20$ |  |

(1) Risk-free rate is the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect as of the grant date for periods within the contractual life of ${ }^{1)}$ the option.
(2) Dividend yield is the level of dividends expected be paid on the Company's common stock over the expected term
(2) of the option.

Expected term represents the period of time that the options are expected to be outstanding. The simplified method
(3) of estimating the expected term is used since the Company does not have significant historical exercise experience for its stock options.
(4) Volatility for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 is based on the historical volatilities of the Company's stock and the stock of comparable peer companies.

The following represents unrecognized stock compensation expense and the remaining weighted-average vesting period as of March 29, 2015:

Stock options
Restricted stock and restricted stock units
Performance-based share units

| UNRECOGNIZED |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| COMPENSATION | REMAINING |
| CXPENSE | WEIGHTED-AVERAGE |
| EXP | VESTING PERIOD (in |
| (dollars in | years) |
| thousands) |  |
| $\$ 31,549$ | 3.1 |
| $\$ 21,394$ | 3.4 |
| $\$ 3,347$ | 0.9 |

## 5. Other Current Assets, Net

Other current assets, net, consisted of the following:
(dollars in thousands)
Prepaid expenses
Accounts receivable - vendors, net
Accounts receivable - franchisees, net
MARCH 29, DECEMBER 28,

Accounts receivable - other, net
2015
2014
\$44,755
\$ 30,260
29,314
27,340
1,930
1,159
Other current assets, net
31,804
107,178
32,535
40,691
6. Goodwill

| (dollars in thousands) | U.S. SEGMENT | INTERNATIONAL | SEGMENT |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | CONSOLIDATED

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## 7. Long-term Debt, Net

Following is a summary of outstanding long-term debt:

| MARCH 29, 2015 |  |  | DECEMBER 28, 2014 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OUTSTANDINGNTEREST |  |  | OUTSTANDINGNTEREST |  |  |
| BALANCE | RATE |  | BALANCE | RATE |  |
| \$288,750 | 2.16 | \% | \$296,250 | 2.16 | \% |
| 215,000 | 3.50 | \% | 225,000 | 3.50 | \% |
| 341,000 | 2.16 | \% | 325,000 | 2.16 | \% |
| 844,750 |  |  | 846,250 |  |  |
| 297,649 | 4.09 | \% | 299,765 | 4.08 | \% |
| 84,836 | 9.00 | \% | 85,127 | 9.00 | \% |
| 85,863 | 11.25 | \% | 86,067 | 11.25 | \% |
| 468,348 |  |  | 470,959 |  |  |
| 545 |  |  | 634 |  |  |
| 3,183 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.72 \% \text { to } \\ & 7.00 \% \end{aligned}$ |  | 4,073 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.52 \% \text { to } \\ & 7.00 \% \end{aligned}$ |  |
| \$1,316,826 |  |  | \$1,321,916 |  |  |
| (25,491 |  |  | (25,964 | ) |  |
| (5,516 |  |  | (6,073 | ) |  |
| \$1,285,819 |  |  | \$1,289,879 |  |  |

(1) Represents the weighted-average interest rate for the respective period.

On March 31, 2015, the Company amended its credit agreement to effect an increase of its existing revolving credit
(2)facility in order to fully pay down its existing Term Loan B on April 2, 2015. See Note 15 - Subsequent Events for details regarding this amendment.
(3)Includes $\$ 6.0$ million of borrowings on the swing line loan sub-facilities at an interest rate of $4.25 \%$.
(4) Balance is comprised of sale-leaseback obligations and uncollateralized notes payable. Interest rates presented relate to the notes payable.

Fees on letters of credit and the daily unused availability under the revolving credit facility as of March 29, 2015 were $2.13 \%$ and $0.30 \%$, respectively. As of March 29, 2015, $\$ 29.6$ million of the revolving credit facility was committed for the issuance of letters of credit and not available for borrowing.

As of March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014, the Company was in compliance with its debt covenants.
8. Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests

|  | THIRTEEN |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | WEEKS |
| (dollars in thousands) | ENDED |
|  | MARCH 29, |
|  | 2015 |

Balance, beginning of period ..... \$24,733
Net income attributable to Redeemable noncontrolling interests ..... 336
Balance, end of period ..... \$25,069

As of March 29, 2015, the Company allocated Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests and performed a measurement of the redemption amount for Redeemable noncontrolling interests, including a fair value assessment. Based on the fair value assessment, no adjustment was required for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015.

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## 9. Stockholders' Equity

Secondary Public Offering - In March 2015, Bain Capital sold its remaining shares of Bloomin’ Brands through an underwritten secondary public offering. The selling stockholders received all of the proceeds from the offering. Pursuant to the underwriting agreement for the secondary public offering, the Company repurchased from the underwriters $2,759,164$ of the shares sold by Bain Capital at a cost of $\$ 70.0$ million.

Share Repurchases - In December 2014, the Company's Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program under which the Company was authorized to repurchase up to $\$ 100.0$ million of its outstanding common stock. The authorization will expire on June 12, 2016. As of March 29, 2015, $\$ 70.0$ million of outstanding stock had been repurchased under the program as discussed above.

Shares repurchased are retired. The par value of the repurchased shares is deducted from common stock and the excess of the purchase price over the par value of the shares is recorded to Accumulated deficit.

Dividends - On February 12, 2015, the Board of Directors declared the Company's first quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 0.06$ per share, which was paid on March 18, 2015.

On April 29, 2015, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 0.06$ per share, payable on May 27, 2015 to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 15, 2015.

Accumulated other comprehensive loss - Following are the components of Accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCL"), net of tax:
(dollars in thousands)

Balances as of December 28, 2014
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax
Balances as of March 29, 2015
FOREIGN
CURRENCY
TRANSLATION
ADJUSTMENT
$\$(58,149$
$(25,462$
$\$(83,611$
UNREALIZED
LOSSES ON
DERIVATIVES
) $\$(2,393) \$(60,542$
) $(4,012)(29,474)$
) $\$(6,405) \$(90,016$

ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS
) $\$(60,542$ )
) $(29,474)$
) $\$(90,016$ )

## 10. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company is exposed to certain risk arising from both its business operations and economic conditions. The Company manages economic risks, including interest rate risk, primarily by managing the amount, sources and duration of its debt funding and through the use of derivative financial instruments. The Company's objectives in using interest rate derivatives are to add stability to interest expense and to manage its exposure to interest rate movements. To accomplish these objectives, the Company primarily uses interest rate swaps.
DESIGNATED HEDGES
Cash Flow Hedges of Interest Rate Risk - On September 9, 2014, the Company entered into variable-to-fixed interest rate swap agreements with eight counterparties to hedge a portion of the cash flows of the Company's variable rate debt. The swap agreements have an aggregate notional amount of $\$ 400.0$ million, a forward start date of June 30 , 2015, and mature on May 16, 2019. Under the terms of the swap agreements, the Company will pay a weighted-average fixed rate of $2.02 \%$ on the $\$ 400.0$ million notional amount and receive payments from the counterparty based on the 30-day LIBOR rate.

The interest rate swaps, which have been designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge, are recognized on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value and are classified based on the instruments' maturity dates. Fair value changes in the interest rate swaps are recognized in AOCL for all effective portions. Balances in AOCL are subsequently

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reclassified to earnings in the same period that the hedged interest payments affect earnings. The Company estimates $\$ 4.8$ million will be reclassified to interest expense over the next twelve months.

The following table presents the fair value and classification of the Company's interest rate swaps:

| (dollars in thousands) | MARCH 29, 2015 | DECEMBER 28, | CONSOLIDATED BALANCE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Interest rate swaps - liability | $\$ 4,421$ | $\$ 2,617$ | SHEET CLASSIFICATION |
| Interest rate swaps - liability | 6,081 | 1,307 | Accrued and other current liabilities |
| Total fair value of derivative instruments |  |  |  |
| (1) | $\$ 0,502$ | $\$ 3,924$ | Other long-term liabilities, net |

(1)See Note 11 - Fair Value Measurements for fair value discussion of the interest rate swaps.

As of March 29, 2015, no interest expense related to the interest rate swaps is accrued in the Consolidated Balance Sheets or recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income as the interest rate swaps do not commence until June 30, 2015. During the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015, the Company did not recognize any gain or loss as a result of hedge ineffectiveness.

The following table summarizes the effects of the interest rate swap on the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015:
(dollars in thousands)
Interest rate swaps
AMOUNT OF (LOSS) GAIN
RECOGNIZED IN OTHER
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
\$(6,578
2,566
$\$(4,012$

Net of income taxes
\$(4,012
The Company records its derivatives on the Consolidated Balance Sheets on a gross balance basis. The Company's derivatives are subject to master netting arrangements. As of March 29, 2015, the Company did not have more than one derivative between the same counterparties and as such, there was no netting.

By utilizing the interest rate swaps, the Company is exposed to credit-related losses in the event that the counterparty fails to perform under the terms of the derivative contract. To mitigate this risk, the Company enters into derivative contracts with major financial institutions based upon credit ratings and other factors. The Company continually assesses the creditworthiness of its counterparties. As of March 29, 2015, all counterparties to the interest rate swaps had performed in accordance with their contractual obligations.

As of March 29, 2015, the fair value of the Company's derivatives in a net liability position, excluding any adjustment for nonperformance risk, was $\$ 10.7$ million. As of March 29,2015 , the Company has not posted any collateral related to these agreements. If the Company had breached any of these provisions as of March 29, 2015, it could have been required to settle its obligations under the agreements at their termination value of $\$ 10.7$ million.

## 11. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability, or the exit price, in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Fair value is categorized into one of following three
levels based on the lowest level of significant input:
Level 1 Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
Level 2 Observable inputs available at measurement date other than quoted prices included in Level 1
Level 3 Unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by observable market data
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Fair Value Measurements on a Recurring Basis - The following table summarizes the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value by hierarchy level on a recurring basis as of March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014:

MARCH 29, 2015 DECEMBER 28, 2014
(dollars in thousands)
TOTAL LEVEL 1 LEVEL 2 TOTAL LEVEL 1 LEVEL 2
Assets:
Cash equivalents:

| Fixed income funds | $\$ 3,065$ | $\$ 3,065$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 4,602$ | $\$ 4,602$ | $\$-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Money market funds <br> Restricted cash equivalents: <br> Money market funds | 2,852 | 2,852 | - | 7,842 | 7,842 | - |
| Total asset recurring fair value <br> measurements | 3,607 | 3,607 | - |  | 3,360 | 3,360 |

Liabilities:
Accrued and other current liabilities:

| Derivative instruments - interest rate | $\$ 4,421$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 4,421$ | $\$ 2,617$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 2,617$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| swaps | 637 | - | 637 | 566 | - | 566 |
| Derivative instruments - commodities <br> Other long-term liabilities: <br> Derivative instruments - interest rate <br> swaps <br> Total liability recurring fair value <br> measurements <br> 6,081 | - | 6,081 | 1,307 | - | 1,307 |  |

Fair value of each class of financial instrument is determined based on the following:
FINANCIAL
INSTRUMENT
Fixed income funds and Money market funds

Derivative instruments

## METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

Carrying value approximates fair value because maturities are less than three months.
Derivative instruments primarily relate to the interest rate swaps. Fair value measurements are based on a discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves and credit spreads. The Company incorporates credit valuation adjustments to reflect both its own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. As of March 29, 2015, the Company has determined that the credit valuation adjustments are not significant to the overall valuation of its derivatives.

Fair Value Measurements on a Nonrecurring Basis - Assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis relate primarily to property, fixtures and equipment, goodwill and other intangible assets, which are remeasured when carrying value exceeds fair value. The following table summarizes the Company's assets measured at fair value by hierarchy level on a nonrecurring basis for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015:
(dollars in thousands)

| CARRYING | TOTAL |
| :--- | :--- |
| VALUE (1) | IMPAIRMENT |
| $\$ 1,564$ | $\$ 171$ |
| 950 | 1,124 |
| $\$ 2,514$ | $\$ 1,295$ |

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Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments - The Company's non-derivative financial instruments as of March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014 consist of cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and current and long-term debt. The fair values of cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate their carrying amounts reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets due to their short duration.

Debt is carried at amortized cost; however, the Company estimates the fair value of debt for disclosure purposes. The following table includes the carrying value and fair value of the Company's debt by hierarchy level as of March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014:

MARCH 29, 2015
FAIR VALUE

| (dollars in thousands) | CARRYING <br> VALUE | LEVEL 2 | LEVEL 3 | CARRYING <br> VALUE | LEVEL 2 | LEVEL 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Senior Secured Credit Facility: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Term loan A | $\$ 288,750$ | $\$ 287,306$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 296,250$ | $\$ 294,769$ | $\$-$ |
| Term loan B | 215,000 | 213,925 | - | 225,000 | 222,188 | - |
| Revolving credit facility | 341,000 | 338,443 | - | 325,000 | 322,563 | - |
| CMBS loan: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mortgage loan | 297,649 | - | 305,912 | 299,765 | - | 308,563 |
| First mezzanine loan | 84,836 | - | 84,895 | 85,127 | - | 85,187 |
| Second mezzanine loan | 85,863 | - | 86,782 | 86,067 | - | 86,988 |
| Other notes payable | 1,821 | - | 1,760 | 2,722 | - | 2,625 |

Fair value of debt is determined based on the following:
DEBT FACILITY METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS
Senior Secured Credit
Facility
CMBS loan

Other notes payable

DECEMBER 28, 2014
FAIR VALUE
CARRYING LEVEL 2 LEVEL 3
VALUE
\$296,250 \$294,769 \$-
325,000 322,563 $2,722 \quad$ - $\quad 2,625$

Quoted market prices in inactive markets.
Assumptions derived from current conditions in the real estate and credit markets, changes in the underlying collateral and expectations of management.
Discounted cash flow approach. Discounted cash flow inputs primarily include cost of debt rates which are used to derive the present value factors for the determination of fair value.

## 12. Income Taxes

The effective income tax rate for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 was $25.5 \%$ compared to $24.8 \%$ for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014. This increase in the effective income tax rate was due to a change in the blend of taxable income across the Company's U.S. and international subsidiaries.

## 13. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation and Other Matters - The matter set forth below is subject to uncertainties and outcomes that are not predictable with certainty. The Company is unable to estimate a range of reasonably possible loss for the matter described below as the proceedings are at stages where significant uncertainty exists as to the legal or factual issues. The Company provides disclosure of matters when management believes it is reasonably possible the impact may be
material to the consolidated financial statements.

On October 4, 2013, two then-current employees (the "Nevada Plaintiffs") filed a purported collective action lawsuit against the Company, OSI Restaurant Partners, LLC ("OSI"), and two of its subsidiaries in the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada (Cardoza, et al. v. Bloomin' Brands, Inc., et al., Case No.: 2:13-cv-01820-JAD-NJK). The complaint alleges violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act by requiring employees to work off the clock, complete on-line training without pay, and attend meetings in the restaurant without pay. The suit seeks to certify a nationwide

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collective action that all hourly employees in all Outback Steakhouse restaurants would be permitted to join. The suit seeks an unspecified amount in back pay for the employees that join the lawsuit, an equal amount in liquidated damages, costs, expenses, and attorney's fees. The Nevada Plaintiffs also filed a companion lawsuit in Nevada state court alleging that the Company violated the state break time rules. On October 27, 2014 the Court conditionally certified a class for notice purposes consisting of all employees that worked at a company-owned Outback Steakhouse between October 27, 2011 and October 27, 2014. The Company subsequently filed a Motion to Reconsider the October 27, 2014 order. On February 5, 2015, the Court denied the Company's Motion to reconsider the October 27, 2014 order granting conditional certification. The Company believes these lawsuits are without merit, and is vigorously defending all allegations.

In addition, the Company is subject to legal proceedings, claims and liabilities, such as liquor liability, sexual harassment and slip and fall cases, which arise in the ordinary course of business and are generally covered by insurance if they exceed specified retention or deductible amounts. In the opinion of management, the amount of ultimate liability with respect to those actions will not have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations and cash flows.

## 14. Segment Reporting

During the first quarter of 2015, the Company recast its segment reporting to reflect two reporting segments, U.S. and International, which matches changes made in how the Company manages its business, reviews operating performance and allocates resources. The U.S. segment includes all brands operating in the U.S. while brands operating outside the U.S. are included in the International segment. All prior period information was recast to reflect this change.

The Company's reporting segments are organized based on restaurant concept and geographic location. Resources are allocated and performance is assessed by the Company's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), whom the Company has determined to be its Chief Operating Decision Maker. The Company has two reporting segments: U.S. and International. Following is a summary of reporting segments:

| SEGMENT | CONCEPT |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Outback Steakhouse |
| U.S. | Carrabba's Italian Grill |
|  | Bonefish Grill <br> Fleming's Prime Steakhouse \& Wine Bar <br> InternationalOutback Steakhouse (1) |
|  | Carrabba's Italian Grill (Abbraccio) |

## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

United States of America, including Puerto Rico

South Korea, Brazil, Hong Kong, China Brazil
(1) Includes international franchise locations in 18 countries and Guam.

Segment accounting policies are the same as those described in Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2014. Revenues for all segments include only transactions with customers and include no intersegment revenues. Excluded from net income from operations for U.S. and International are legal and certain corporate costs not directly related to the performance of the segments, interest and other expenses related to the Company's credit agreements and derivative instruments, certain stock-based compensation expenses, certain insurance expenses managed centrally and certain bonus expense.

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The following table is a summary of Total revenue by segment:

|  | THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (dollars in thousands) | MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |
| Total revenues | 2015 | 2014 |
| U.S. | $\$ 1,062,014$ | $\$ 1,010,626$ |
| International | 140,045 | 147,233 |
| Total revenues | $\$ 1,202,059$ | $\$ 1,157,859$ |

The following table is a reconciliation of Segment income from operations to Income before provision for income taxes:
(dollars in thousands)

| THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |  |
| 2015 | 2014 |  |
|  |  |  |
| $\$ 127,408$ | $\$ 106,901$ |  |
| 8,879 | 16,225 |  |
| 136,287 | 123,126 |  |
| $(38,586$ | $)$ | $(33,100$ |
| 97,701 | 90,026 |  |
| $(1,147$ | $)$ | $(164$ |
| $(13,198$ | $)$ | $(16,598$ |
| $\$ 83,356$ | $\$ 73,264$ |  |$)$

The following table is a summary of Depreciation and amortization expense by segment:
THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED
(dollars in thousands)
Depreciation and amortization
U.S.

International
Corporate
MARCH 29, MARCH 30, 2015

2014

Total depreciation and amortization
\$36,716
\$35,773
Segment income from operations
$\left.\begin{array}{lll}\text { U.S. } & \$ 127,408 & \$ 106,901 \\ \text { International } & 8,879 & 16,225 \\ \text { Total segment income from operations } & 136,287 & 123,126 \\ \text { Unallocated corporate operating expense } & (38,586 & )(33,100 \\ \text { Total income from operations } & 97,701 & 90,026 \\ \text { Other expense, net } & (1,147 & ) \\ \text { Interest expense, net } & (164,198 & ) \\ \text { Income before provision for income taxes } & \$ 83,356 & \$ 73,264\end{array}\right)$

| THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED  <br> MARCH 29, MARCH 30, <br> 2015 2014 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
|  |  |
| $\$ 36,716$ | $\$ 35,773$ |
| 6,837 | 6,843 |
| 2,933 | 3,549 |
| $\$ 46,486$ | $\$ 46,165$ |

## 15. Subsequent Events

On March 31, 2015, OSI entered into an amendment (the "Amendment") to OSI's existing credit agreement (as previously amended, the "Existing Credit Agreement") to effect an increase of OSI's revolving credit facility from $\$ 600.0$ million to $\$ 825.0$ million in order to fully pay down its existing Term Loan B on April 2, 2015 (the "Prepayment"). No other material changes were made to the terms of OSI's Existing Credit Agreement as a result of the Amendment.
Prior to the Prepayment, the Company had an outstanding balance of $\$ 215.0$ million on its Term Loan B. In connection with the Amendment, the Company made a $\$ 216.3$ million draw on the revolving credit facility to prepay its Term Loan B and to pay related accrued interest, fees and expenses. Following the Prepayment and Amendment, the Company will recognize a loss on extinguishment and modification of debt of approximately $\$ 2.6$ million, which
will be recorded in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income in the thirteen weeks ending June 28, 2015.

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and the related notes. Unless the context otherwise indicates, as used in this report, the term the "Company," "we," "us," "our" and other similar terms mean Bloomin' Brands, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

## Cautionary Statement

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the "Report") includes statements that express our opinions, expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions or projections regarding future events or future results and therefore are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the terms "believes," "estimates," "anticipates," "expects," "feels," "seeks," "forecasts," "projects," "intends," "plans," "may," "will," "should," "could" or "wou their negative or other variations or comparable terminology, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. These forward-looking statements include all matters that are not historical facts. They appear in a number of places throughout this Report and include statements regarding our intentions, beliefs or current expectations concerning, among other things, our results of operations, financial condition, liquidity, prospects, growth, strategies and the industry in which we operate.

By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that may or may not occur in the future. Although we base these forward-looking statements on assumptions that we believe are reasonable when made, we caution you that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that our actual results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and industry developments may differ materially from statements made in or suggested by the forward-looking statements contained in this Report. In addition, even if our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and industry developments are consistent with the forward-looking statements contained in this Report, those results or developments may not be indicative of results or developments in subsequent periods. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from statements made or suggested by forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the following:
(i)

Economic conditions and their effects on consumer confidence and discretionary spending, consumer traffic, the cost and availability of credit and interest rates;
(ii)

Our ability to compete in the highly competitive restaurant industry with many well-established competitors and new market entrants;
(iii) Our ability to preserve and grow the reputation and value of our brands;

Our ability to acquire attractive sites on acceptable terms, obtain required permits and approvals, recruit and train (iv) necessary personnel and obtain adequate financing in order to develop new restaurants as planned, and difficulties in estimating the performance of newly opened restaurants;
(v) $\begin{aligned} & \text { The effects of international economic, political, social and legal conditions on our foreign operations and on } \\ & \text { foreign currency exchange rates; }\end{aligned}$
(vi) Our ability to effectively respond to changes in patterns of consumer traffic, consumer tastes and dietary habits;

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(vii) Seasonal and periodic fluctuations in our results and the effects of significant adverse weather conditions and other disasters or unforeseen events;
(viii)

Our ability to comply with governmental laws and regulations, the costs of compliance with such laws and regulations and the effects of changes to applicable laws and regulations;
(ix)Minimum wage increases and additional mandated employee benefits;
(x)Fluctuations in the price and availability of commodities;
(xi) Consumer reactions to public health and food safety issues;
(xii) Our ability to protect our information technology systems from interruption or security breach and to protect consumer data and personal employee information; and

The effects of our substantial leverage and restrictive covenants in our various credit facilities on our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, to make capital expenditures to invest in new or renovate
(xiii) restaurants and to react to changes in the economy or our industry, and our exposure to interest rate risk in connection with our variable-rate debt.

In light of these risks and uncertainties, we caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement that we make in this Report speaks only as of the date of such statement, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement or to publicly announce the results of any revision to any of those statements to reflect future events or developments. Comparisons of results for current and any prior periods are not intended to express any future trends or indications of future performance, unless specifically expressed as such, and should only be viewed as historical data.

Note: Numerical figures included in this Report have been subject to rounding adjustments.

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF <br> FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS - Continued

## Overview

We are one of the largest casual dining restaurant companies in the world with a portfolio of leading, differentiated restaurant concepts. As of March 29, 2015, we owned and operated 1,312 restaurants and franchised 169 restaurants across 48 states, Puerto Rico, Guam and 22 countries. We have four founder-inspired concepts: Outback Steakhouse, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Bonefish Grill and Fleming's Prime Steakhouse \& Wine Bar.
The casual dining restaurant industry is a highly competitive and fragmented industry and is sensitive to changes in the economy, trends in lifestyles, seasonality and fluctuating costs. Operating margins for restaurants can vary due to competitive pricing strategies, labor costs and fluctuations in prices of commodities and other necessities to operate a restaurant, such as natural gas or other energy supplies. Restaurant companies tend to be focused on increasing market share, comparable restaurant sales growth and new unit growth. Our industry is characterized by high initial capital investment, coupled with high labor costs. As a result, we focus on driving increased sales at existing restaurants in order to raise margins and profits, because the incremental contribution to profits from every additional dollar of sales above the minimum costs required to open, staff and operate a restaurant is relatively high. Historically, we have focused on restaurant growth with strong unit level economics.

## Executive Summary

Our financial results for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 ("first quarter 2015") include the following:

- An increase in total revenues of $3.8 \%$ to $\$ 1.2$ billion in the first quarter of 2015 , as compared to the first quarter of 2014, primarily due to the growth of blended U.S. comparable restaurant sales of $3.6 \%$.

Income from operations of $\$ 97.7$ million in first quarter of 2015 as compared to $\$ 90.0$ million in the first quarter of 2014, which was primarily due to an increase in operating margin at the restaurant-level and lower general and administrative expense, partially offset by higher restaurant closing costs from our International Restaurant Closure Initiative.

Following is a summary of significant actions we have taken and other factors that impacted our operating results and liquidity to date in 2015:

Dividend and Share Repurchase Programs - On February 12, 2015, the Board of Directors declared our first quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 0.06$ per share. In the first quarter of 2015, we repurchased $\$ 70.0$ million of our common stock held by Bain Capital, as part of the secondary public offering, under a repurchase program authorized by our Board of Directors. The remaining $\$ 30.0$ million authorization will expire on June 12, 2016.

Roy's - In January 2015, we sold our Roy's business and recognized a loss on sale of $\$ 1.1$ million.

## Key Performance Indicators

Key measures that we use in evaluating our restaurants and assessing our business include the following:
Average restaurant unit volumes-average sales per restaurant to measure changes in customer traffic, pricing and development of the brand;

Comparable restaurant sales-year-over-year comparison of sales volumes for Company-owned restaurants that are open 18 months or more in order to remove the impact of new restaurant openings in comparing the operations of existing restaurants;

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System-wide sales-total restaurant sales volume for all Company-owned and franchise restaurants and, in historical periods, unconsolidated joint venture restaurants, regardless of ownership, to interpret the overall health of our brands;

Adjusted restaurant-level operating margin, Adjusted income from operations, Adjusted net income and Adjusted diluted earnings per share-non-GAAP financial measures utilized to evaluate our operating performance, and for which definitions, usefulness and reconciliations are described in more detail in the "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section below; and

Customer satisfaction scores-measurement of our customers' experiences in a variety of key attributes.

## Selected Operating Data

The table below presents the number of our restaurants in operation at the end of the periods indicated:

| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2015 | 2014 |

Number of restaurants (at end of the period):
U.S.

Outback Steakhouse
Company-owned 649650
Franchised 105104
Total 754
Carrabba's Italian Grill
Company-owned 244
Franchised $\quad 2 \quad 1$
Total 246
241
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Bonefish Grill } \\ \text { Company-owned } & 204 & 192\end{array}$
Franchised 5
Total 209197
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Fleming's Prime Steakhouse \& Wine Bar } & 66\end{array}$
Roy's (1)
Company-owned - 20
International
Outback Steakhouse
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Company-owned - South Korea } & 75 & 108\end{array}$
Company-owned - Brazil (2) 64
Company-owned - Other 1012
Franchised 57
Total 222
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { System-wide total } & 1,581\end{array}$

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| Results of Operations |  |  |  |  |
| The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the percentages of certain items in our Consolidated |  |  |  |  |
| Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income in relation to Total revenues or Restaurant sales, as indicated: THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |  |  |  |
|  | MAR |  | MAR |  |
| Revenues |  |  |  |  |
| Restaurant sales | 99.4 | \% |  | \% |
| Other revenues | 0.6 |  | 0.6 |  |
| Total revenues | 100.0 |  | 100.0 |  |
| Costs and expenses |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of sales (1) | 32.4 |  | 32.5 |  |
| Labor and other related (1) | 27.1 |  | 27.1 |  |
| Other restaurant operating (1) | 22.1 |  | 22.3 |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3.9 |  | 4.0 |  |
| General and administrative | 6.1 |  | 6.4 |  |
| Provision for impaired assets and restaurant closings | 0.8 |  | 0.5 |  |
| Total costs and expenses | 91.9 |  | 92.2 |  |
| Income from operations | 8.1 |  | 7.8 |  |
| Other expense, net | (0.1 |  | (*) |  |
| Interest expense, net | (1.1 |  | (1.4 | ) |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 6.9 |  | 6.4 |  |
| Provision for income taxes | 1.7 |  | 1.6 |  |
| Net income | 5.2 |  | 4.8 |  |
| Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | 0.2 |  | 0.2 |  |
| Net income attributable to Bloomin' Brands | 5.0 |  | 4.6 | \% |

(1) As a percentage of Restaurant sales.
*Less than $1 / 10^{\text {th }}$ of one percent of Total revenues.

## RESTAURANT SALES

Following is a summary of the change in restaurant sales for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 as compared to last year:

| (dollars in millions) | THIRTEEN |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | WEEKS |
| For the period ended March 30, 2014 | ENDED |
| Change from: | $\$ 1,150.5$ |
| Restaurant openings | 38.6 |
| Comparable restaurant sales | 37.2 |
| Change in fiscal year | 24.3 |
| Restaurant closings | $(29.8$ |
| Divestiture of Roy's | $(13.6$ |

Divestiture of Roy's (13.6

| Effect of foreign currency translation | $(12.4$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| For the period ended March 29, 2015 | $\$ 1,194.8$ |

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The increase in Restaurant sales in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 was primarily attributable to: (i) the opening of 86 new restaurants not included in our comparable restaurant sales base, (ii) an increase in comparable restaurant sales at our existing restaurants and (iii) two additional operating days during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 due to a change in our fiscal year-end in 2014. The increase in restaurant sales was partially offset by: (i) the closing of 73 restaurants since December 31, 2013, (iii) the sale of 20 Roy's restaurants and (iii) the effect of foreign currency translation, primarily due to the depreciation of the Brazilian Real.

Comparable Restaurant Sales and Menu Price Increases (Decreases)
Following is a summary of comparable restaurant sales and general menu price increases:

| THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |
| 2015 | 2014 |

Comparable restaurant sales (stores open 18 months or more) (1) (2):
U.S.

| Outback Steakhouse | 5.0 | $\%$ | 0.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Carrabba's Italian Grill | 1.9 | $\%$ | $\%$ |
| Bonefish Grill | 0.9 | $\%$ | $(1.8$ |
| Fleming's Prime Steakhouse \& Wine Bar | 3.0 | $\%$ | $) \%$ |
| Combined U.S. | 3.6 | $\%-$ | $\%$ |
| International |  |  | $\%$ |
| Outback Steakhouse - South Korea | $(3.0$ | $) \%(18.8$ | $) \%$ |
| Outback Steakhouse - Brazil | 6.2 | $\% \quad 6.8$ | $\%$ |

Year over year percentage change:
Menu price increases (decreases) (3):
U.S.

| Outback Steakhouse | 3.6 | $\%$ | 2.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Carrabba's Italian Grill | 2.2 | $\%$ | $\%$ |
| Bonefish Grill | 2.1 | $\%$ | 2.5 |
| Fleming's Prime Steakhouse \& Wine Bar | 2.6 | $\%$ | $\% .4$ |
| International |  |  | $\%$ |
| Outback Steakhouse - South Korea | 2.1 | $\%(0.1$ | $\%$ |
| Outback Steakhouse - Brazil | 6.1 | $\%$ | 6.6 | Comparable restaurant sales exclude the effect of fluctuations in foreign currency rates. Relocated international (1) restaurants closed more than 30 days and relocated U.S. restaurants closed more than 60 days are excluded from comparable restaurant sales until at least 18 months after reopening.

Due to our conversion to a 52-53 week fiscal year in 2014, there were two more days in the thirteen weeks ended (2)March 29, 2015 as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014. These additional days increased total revenues by $\$ 24.3$ million and have been excluded from our comparable restaurant sales calculation.
(3)The stated menu price changes exclude the impact of product mix shifts to new menu offerings.

Our comparable restaurant sales represent the growth from restaurants opened 18 months or more. For the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015, combined U.S. comparable restaurant sales increased due to increases in general menu prices, product mix and traffic. Customer traffic increases were driven primarily by lunch expansion, remodels and

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Comparable restaurant sales for South Korea decreased for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 due to decreases in traffic, offset by increases from product mix and general menu prices. For the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015, comparable restaurant sales for Brazil increased due to increases in general menu prices and traffic, offset by decreases from product mix.
Average Restaurant Unit Volumes and Operating Weeks
Following is a summary of the average restaurant unit volumes and operating weeks:

| THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |
| 2015 | 2014 |

Average restaurant unit volumes (weekly):
U.S.

| Outback Steakhouse | $\$ 71,644$ | $\$ 67,721$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Carrabba's Italian Grill | $\$ 62,912$ | $\$ 61,363$ |
| Bonefish Grill | $\$ 64,709$ | $\$ 65,277$ |
| Fleming's Prime Steakhouse \& Wine Bar | $\$ 88,865$ | $\$ 86,776$ |
| International | $\$ 49,773$ | $\$ 48,102$ |
| Outback Steakhouse - South Korea (1) | $\$ 97,749$ | $\$ 111,261$ |
| Outback Steakhouse - Brazil (2) |  |  |
| Operating weeks: | 8,433 | 8,373 |
| U.S. | 3,162 | 3,055 |
| Outback Steakhouse | 2,637 | 2,427 |
| Carrabba's Italian Grill | 858 | 837 |
| Bonefish Grill | 1,007 | 1,386 |
| Fleming's Prime Steakhouse \& Wine Bar | 823 | 638 |
| International |  |  |
| Outback Steakhouse - South Korea |  |  |
| Outback Steakhouse - Brazil |  |  |

(1) Translated at an average exchange rate of 1,099.20 and 1,069.41 for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 and ${ }^{(1)}$ March 30, 2014, respectively.
(2) Translated at an average exchange rate of 2.69 and 2.37 for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 and
${ }^{2}$ March 30, 2014, respectively.

## COSTS AND EXPENSES

Cost of sales

|  | THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |  |  |
| (dollars in millions) | 2015 | 2014 | Change |  |
| Cost of sales | $\$ 387.5$ | $\$ 373.6$ |  |  |
| \% of Restaurant sales | 32.4 | $\%$ | 32.5 | $\%$ |
|  |  |  | $(0.1$ | $) \%$ |

Cost of sales, consisting of food and beverage costs, decreased as a percentage of Restaurant sales in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014. The decrease as a percentage
of Restaurant sales was primarily due to: (i) $1.0 \%$ from the impact of certain cost savings initiatives and (ii) $0.5 \%$ from menu price increases. These decreases were partially offset by increases as a percentage of Restaurant sales due to: (i) $1.3 \%$ higher commodity costs, primarily beef and seafood, and (ii) $0.1 \%$ from product mix.

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Labor and other related expenses
(dollars in millions)
Labor and other related
\% of Restaurant sales

| THIRTEEN | WEEKS ENDED |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |  |  |  |
| Change |  |  |  |  |
| 2015 |  | 2014 |  |  |
| $\$ 324.0$ | $\$ 311.4$ |  |  |  |
| 27.1 | $\%$ | 27.1 | $\%$ | - |

Labor and other related expenses include all direct and indirect labor costs incurred in operations, including distribution expense to managing partners, costs related to deferred compensation plans and other incentive compensation expenses. Labor and other related expenses was flat as a percentage of Restaurant sales in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014. Decreases as a percentage of Restaurant sales were primarily attributable to the following: (i) $0.7 \%$ higher U.S. average unit volumes and (ii) $0.4 \%$ from the impact of certain cost savings initiatives. These decreases were offset by increases as a percentage of Restaurant sales primarily attributable to: (i) $0.8 \%$ of higher kitchen and service labor costs due to higher wage rates and lunch expansion across certain concepts, (ii) $0.2 \%$ due to higher health insurance and workers' compensation expense and (iii) $0.1 \%$ of higher field management bonuses based on individual restaurant performance.

Other restaurant operating expenses
(dollars in millions)
Other restaurant operating
$\%$ of Restaurant sales


Other restaurant operating expenses include certain unit-level operating costs such as operating supplies, rent, repairs and maintenance, advertising expenses, utilities, pre-opening costs and other occupancy costs. The decrease as a percentage of Restaurant sales in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014 was primarily due to: (i) $0.7 \%$ higher U.S. average unit volumes, (ii) $0.4 \%$ decrease in marketing due to timing of expense and lower television advertising and (iii) $0.2 \%$ from the impact of certain cost savings initiatives. The decreases were partially offset by increases as a percentage of Restaurant sales primarily due to: (i) $0.3 \%$ due to higher restaurant occupancy costs related to rent escalations from existing leases and the write-off of deferred rent liabilities, (ii) $0.2 \%$ increase in operating supplies primarily due to new menu items, (iii) $0.2 \%$ from the timing of repairs and maintenance, (iv) $0.2 \%$ increase in general liability insurance expense and (v) $0.1 \%$ of lunch rollout expense.

Depreciation and amortization
(dollars in millions)
Depreciation and amortization
\% of Total revenues

| THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |  |  |
| Change |  |  |  |
| 2015 | 2014 |  |  |
| $\$ 46.5$ | $\$ 46.2$ |  |  |
| 3.9 | $\%$ | 4.0 | $\%$ |

Depreciation and amortization expense decreased as a percentage of Total revenues in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014. The decrease as a percentage of Total revenues was primarily due to less depreciation for certain information technology assets that fully depreciated in the fourth quarter of 2014 and lower depreciation for South Korea assets due to impairments related to the International Restaurant Closure Initiative. These decreases were partially offset by increases as a percentage of Total revenues primarily due to additional depreciation expense related to the opening of new restaurants and the remodel of existing restaurants.

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## General and administrative

General and administrative expense includes salaries and benefits, management incentive programs, related payroll tax and benefits, other employee-related costs and professional services. Following is a summary of the changes in general and administrative expenses:

|  | THIRTEEN |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | WEEKS |
|  | ENDED |
| (dollars in millions) | MARCH 29, |
| For the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014 | 2015 |
| Change from: | $\$ 74.1$ |
| Compensation, benefits and payroll tax | $(2.3$ |
| Employee stock-based compensation | 1.0 |
| Other | 0.4 |
| For thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 | $\$ 73.2$ |

Employee stock-based compensation $\$ 73.2$

During the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015, general and administrative expense decreased primarily from the following items:
Employee compensation, benefits and payroll tax was lower primarily due to our organizational realignment in the second half of fiscal 2014; and
Employee stock-based compensation increased due to additional grants.
Provision for impaired assets and restaurant closings
(dollars in millions)
Provision for impaired assets and restaurant closings

| THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, MARCH 30,  <br> 2015 2014 Change <br> $\$ 9.1$ $\$ 6.1$ $\$ 3.0$ |  |

In fiscal 2014, we decided to close 36 underperforming international locations, primarily in South Korea. In connection with the International Restaurant Closure Initiative, we incurred pre-tax restaurant closing costs of approximately $\$ 6.4$ million during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015. As a result of the International Restaurant Closure Initiative, we expect to incur additional pre-tax restaurant closing costs of approximately $\$ 1.0$ million to $\$ 2.0$ million, including costs associated with lease obligations and employee terminations, through the third quarter of 2015.

In the fourth quarter of 2013, we completed an assessment of our domestic restaurant base and decided to close 22 underperforming domestic locations. Approximately $\$ 1.3$ million and $\$ 4.9$ million of pre-tax restaurant closing costs were incurred during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 and March 30, 2014, respectively, in connection with the Domestic Restaurant Closure Initiative.

Restaurant impairment charges resulted from the carrying value of a restaurant's assets exceeding its estimated fair market value, primarily due to locations identified for relocation.

See Note 2 - Impairments, Disposals and Exit Costs of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

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Income from operations
(dollars in millions)
Income from operations
$\%$ of Total revenues

| THIRTEEN | WEEKS ENDED |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |  |  |
| Change |  |  |  |
| 2015 |  | 2014 |  |
| $\$ 97.7$ | $\$ 90.0$ | $\$ 7.7$ |  |
| 8.1 | $\%$ | 7.8 | $\%$ |

The increase in income from operations generated in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014 was primarily due to an increase in operating margin at the restaurant-level and lower general and administrative expense, partially offset by higher restaurant closing costs from our International Restaurant Closure Initiative.

Interest expense, net
(dollars in millions)
Interest expense, net

| THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |  |
| 2015 | 2014 | Change |
| $\$ 13.2$ | $\$ 16.6$ | $\$(3.4)$ |

The decrease in net interest expense in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014 was primarily attributable to the refinancing of the Senior Secured Credit Facilities in May 2014 and the repayment of long-term debt during fiscal year 2014.

Provision for income taxes

|  | THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, | Change |  |  |
| Effective income tax rate | 2015 | 2014 |  |  |
|  | 25.5 | $\%$ | 24.8 | $\%$ |

The increase in the effective income tax rate was due to a change in the blend of taxable income across our U.S. and international subsidiaries.

## SEGMENT PERFORMANCE

During the first quarter of 2015, we recast our segment reporting to reflect two reporting segments, U.S. and International, which matches changes made in how we manage our business, review operating performance and allocate resources. Our U.S. segment includes all brands operating in the U.S. while brands operating outside the U.S. are included in the International segment. All prior period information was recast to reflect this change.

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Our reporting segments are organized based on restaurant concept and geographic location. Resources are allocated and performance is assessed by our CEO, whom we have determined to be our Chief Operating Decision Maker. We have two reporting segments: U.S. and International. Following is a summary of reporting segments:

| SEGMENT | CONCEPT | GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Outback Steakhouse |  |
| U.S. | Carrabba's Italian Grill | United States of America, including |
|  | Bonefish Grill | Puerto Rico |
| Fleming's Prime Steakhouse \& Wine Bar |  |  |
| International | Outback Steakhouse (1) | South Korea, Brazil, Hong Kong, China |
|  | Carrabba's Italian Grill (Abbraccio) | Brazil |

(1) Includes international franchise locations in 18 countries and Guam.

Revenues for all segments include only transactions with customers and include no intersegment revenues. Excluded from net income from operations for U.S. and International are legal and certain corporate costs not directly related to the performance of the segments, interest and other expenses related to our credit agreements and derivative instruments, certain stock-based compensation expenses, certain insurance expenses managed centrally and certain bonus expense.

Following is a reconciliation of segment income from operations to the consolidated operating results:

| (dollars in thousands) | THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MARCH 29, } \\ & 2015 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MARCH 30, } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ |
| Segment income from operations |  |  |
| U.S. | \$ 127,408 | \$ 106,901 |
| International | 8,879 | 16,225 |
| Total segment income from operations | 136,287 | 123,126 |
| Unallocated corporate operating expense - Cost of sales, Labor and other related and Other restaurant operating | (288 | ) 4,594 |
| Unallocated corporate operating expense - Depreciation and amortization and General and administrative | (38,298 | ) $(37,694$ |
| Unallocated corporate operating expense | (38,586 | ) $(33,100$ |
| Total income from operations | 97,701 | 90,026 |
| Other expense, net | (1,147 | ) (164 |
| Interest expense, net | (13,198 | ) $(16,598$ |
| Income before provision for income taxes | \$83,356 | \$73,264 |
| U.S. Segment |  |  |
|  | THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |
| (dollars in thousands) | MARCH 29, 2015 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MARCH 30, } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ |
| Revenues |  |  |
| Restaurant Sales | \$ 1,056,104 | \$ 1,004,875 |
| Other Revenues | 5,910 | 5,751 |
| Total revenues | \$ 1,062,014 | \$1,010,626 |


| Restaurant-level operating margin | 17.9 | $\%$ | 17.4 | $\%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Income from operations | $\$ 127,408$ | $\$ 106,901$ |  |  |
| Operating income margin | 12.0 | $\%$ | 10.6 | $\%$ |

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Restaurant sales
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THIRTEEN
(dollars in millions)
WEEKS
ENDED
For the period ended March 30, 2014 ..... \$1,004.9
Change from:
Comparable restaurant sales ..... 33.8
Change in fiscal year ..... 22.8
Restaurant openings ..... 17.0
Divestiture of Roy's ..... (13.6
Restaurant closings ..... (8.8)
For the period ended March 29, 2015 ..... \$1,056.1

The increase in U.S. Restaurant sales in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 was primarily attributable to: (i) an increase in comparable restaurant sales at our existing restaurants, (ii) two additional operating days during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 due to a change in our fiscal year-end in 2014 and (iii) the opening of 52 new restaurants not included in our comparable restaurant sales base. The increase in U.S. Restaurant sales was partially offset by the sale of 20 Roy's restaurants in January 2015 and the closing of 25 restaurants since December 31, 2013.

Restaurant-level operating margin
The increase in U.S. restaurant-level operating margin in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015, was primarily due to higher average unit volumes and the impact of certain cost saving initiatives. This increase was partially offset by commodity and labor inflation.

Income from operations
The increase in U.S. income from operations generated in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014 was primarily due to higher restaurant-level operating margin and a decrease in restaurant closing costs related to the Domestic Restaurant Closure Initiative and lower General and administrative expense. General and administrative expense for the U.S. segment decreased primarily due to: (i) lower compensation and benefits driven by our organizational realignment in the second half of fiscal 2014, (ii) higher severance in the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014 due to the Domestic Restaurant Closure Initiative and (iii) lower professional fees. The decrease in General and administrative expense was partially offset by higher employee stock-based compensation due to new grants.

International Segment
(dollars in thousands)
Revenues
Restaurant sales

| THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, <br> 2015 |
| 2014 |  |
| $\$ 138,706$ | $\$ 145,650$ |

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| Other revenues | 1,339 |  | 1,583 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total revenues | $\$ 140,045$ | $\$ 147,233$ |  |
| Restaurant-level operating margin | 21.7 | $\%$ | 20.0 |
| Income from operations | $\$ 8,879$ | $\$ 16,225$ | $\%$ |
| Operating income margin | 6.3 | $\%$ | 11.0 |

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Restaurant sales
Following is a summary of the changes in International segment restaurant sales for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015:

|  | THIRTEEN |
| :--- | :--- |
| (dollars in millions) | WEEKS |
|  | ENDED |
| For the period ended March 30, 2014 | $\$ 145.7$ |
| Change from: | $(21.0$ |
| Restaurant closings | $(12.4$ |
| Effect of foreign currency translation | 21.5 |
| Restaurant openings | 3.4 |
| Comparable restaurant sales | 1.5 |
| Change in fiscal year | $\$ 138.7$ |

The decrease in Restaurant sales in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 was primarily attributable to: (i) the closing of 48 restaurants since December 31, 2013, (ii) the effect of foreign currency translation of the Brazil Real relative to the U.S. dollar and (iii) lower comparable restaurant sales in South Korea. The decrease in restaurant sales was partially offset by: (i) the opening of 34 new restaurants not included in our comparable restaurant sales base, (ii) an increase in comparable restaurant sales in Brazil and (iii) two additional operating days during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 due to a change in our fiscal year-end in 2014.

Restaurant-level operating margin
The increase in International restaurant-level operating margin in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014 was primarily due to the opening of new restaurants. This increase was partially offset by commodity and labor inflation.

Income from operations
The decrease in International income from operations in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014 was primarily due to restaurant closing costs and higher general and administrative expense related to the International Restaurant Closure Initiative, partially offset by higher restaurant-level operating margin.

## Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to the results provided in accordance with U.S. GAAP, we provide non-GAAP measures which present operating results on an adjusted basis. These are supplemental measures of performance that are not required by or presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP and include the following: (i) system-wide sales, (ii) Adjusted restaurant-level operating margins, (iii) Adjusted income from operations and the corresponding margins, (iv) Adjusted net income and (v) Adjusted diluted earnings per share.

Although we believe these non-GAAP measures enhance investors' understanding of our business and performance, these non-GAAP financial measures are not intended to replace accompanying U.S. GAAP financial measures. These metrics are not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.

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System-Wide Sales
System-wide sales is a non-GAAP financial measure that includes sales of all restaurants operating under our brand names, whether we own them or not. Management uses this information to make decisions about future plans for the development of additional restaurants and new concepts, as well as evaluation of current operations. System-wide sales comprise sales of Company-owned and franchised restaurants. Following is a summary of sales of Company-owned restaurants:

COMPANY-OWNED RESTAURANT SALES ( dollars in millions)
THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED

Outback Steakhouse
U.S. \$604
\$567
International
Brazil $\quad 81 \quad 71$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { South Korea } & 50 & 67\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Other } & 8 & 8\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Total } & 743 & 713\end{array}$
Carrabba's Italian Grill $199 \quad 187$
Bonefish Grill $171 \quad 158$
Fleming's Prime Steakhouse \& Wine Bar 76
Other 60
Total Company-owned restaurant sales $\quad \$ 1,195 \quad \$ 1,151$
The following table provides a summary of sales of franchised restaurants, which are not included in our consolidated financial results, and our income from the royalties and/or service fees that franchisees pay us based generally on a percentage of sales. The following table does not represent our sales and is presented only as an indicator of changes in the restaurant system, which management believes is important information regarding the health of our restaurant concepts and in determining our royalties and/or service fees.

FRANCHISE SALES (dollars in millions) (1)

| THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, <br> 2015 | MARCH 30, <br>  <br> 2014 |
| $\$ 88$ | $\$ 84$ |
| 29 | 29 |
| 117 | 113 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 4 |
| $\$ 121$ | $\$ 118$ |
| $\$ 5$ | $\$ 5$ |

Outback Steakhouse
U.S. \$88 \$84

International 29
Total 117
Carrabba's Italian Grill $\quad 1 \quad 1$
Bonefish Grill $\quad 3$
Total franchise sales (1) \$121 \$118
Income from franchise sales (2) \$5 \$5

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## Other Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The following information provides a reconciliation of a non-GAAP financial measure to the most comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. The use of other non-GAAP financial measures permits investors to assess the operating performance of our business relative to our performance based on U.S. GAAP results and relative to other companies within the restaurant industry by isolating the effects of certain items that vary from period to period without correlation to core operating performance or that vary widely among similar companies. However, our inclusion of these adjusted measures should not be construed as an indication that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or infrequent items or that the items for which we have made adjustments are unusual or infrequent. We believe that the disclosure of these non-GAAP measures is useful to investors as they form the basis for how our management team and Board of Directors evaluate our operating performance, allocate resources and establish employee incentive plans.

Adjusted restaurant-level operating margin
Restaurant-level operating margin is calculated as Restaurant sales after deduction of the main restaurant-level operating costs, which includes Cost of sales, Labor and other related and Other restaurant operating. The following table shows the percentages of certain operating cost financial statement line items in relation to Restaurant sales:

## THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED

MARCH 29, 2015

|  | U.S. GAAP |  | ADJUSTED <br> (1) |  | U.S. GAAP |  | ADJUSTED <br> (2) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Restaurant sales | 100.0 | \% | 100.0 | \% | 100.0 | \% | 100.0 | \% |
| Cost of sales | 32.4 | \% | 32.4 | \% | 32.5 | \% | 32.5 | \% |
| Labor and other related | 27.1 | \% | 27.1 | \% | 27.1 | \% | 27.1 | \% |
| Other restaurant operating | 22.1 | \% | 22.1 | \% | 22.3 | \% | 22.5 | \% |
| Restaurant-level operating | 18.4 | \% | 18.3 | \% | 18.2 | \% | 18.0 | \% |

(1) offset by $\$ 0.1$ million of non-cash intangible amortization recorded as a result of the acquisition of our Brazil operations. All adjustments were recorded in Other restaurant operating.
Includes adjustments related to the write-off of deferred rent liabilities of $\$ 2.1$ million associated with the
(2)
recorded as a result of the acquisition of our Brazil operations. All adjustments were recorded in Other restaurant operating.

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Adjusted income from operations, Adjusted net income and Adjusted diluted earnings per share
THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED
(dollars in thousands)
Income from operations
Operating income margi
Adjustments:
Restaurant impairments and closing costs (1)
MARCH 29, MARCH 30,
20152014
\$97,701 \$90,026
8.1 \% 7.8 \%

Purchased intangibles amortization (2)
Restaurant relocations and related costs (3)
8,870
4,929

Transaction-related expenses (4)
Total income from operations adjustments
Adjusted income from operations
Adjusted operating income margin
Net income attributable to Bloomin' Brands
1,283
1,458
1,169
$275 \quad 1,118$
11,597 7,505
\$109,298 \$97,531
9.1 \% 8.4

Adjustments:
Income from operations adjustments
Loss on disposal of business (5)
Total adjustments, before income taxes
Adjustment to provision for income taxes (6)
Net adjustments
Adjusted net income
\$60,588
\$53,733

Diluted earnings per share
Adjusted diluted earnings per share
11,597 7,505
-
1,151
-
12,748 7,505
(3,627 ) (2,695

Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding
9,121 4,810
\$69,709 \$58,543

Dilut weighted average comm shares outstanding
$\$ 0.47 \quad \$ 0.42$
$\$ 0.54 \quad \$ 0.46$
128,759
127,851 Represents expenses incurred in the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 for the International and Domestic
(1) Restaurant Closure Initiatives and expenses incurred for the Domestic Restaurant Closure Initiative during the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014.
(2) Represents non-cash intangible amortization recorded as a result of the acquisition of our Brazil operations. Represents asset impairment charges and accelerated depreciation incurred in connection with our relocation ${ }^{(3)}$ program.
(4) Relates primarily to costs incurred with the secondary offerings of our common stock in March 2015 and March 2014, respectively, and other transaction costs.
(5) Represents loss on sale of the Roy's business.

Income tax effect of adjustments for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 and March 30, 2014, respectively,
(6) are calculated based on the statutory rate applicable to jurisdictions in which the above non-GAAP adjustments relate.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

## LIQUIDITY

Our liquidity sources consist of cash flow from our operations, cash and cash equivalents and credit capacity under our credit facilities. We expect to use cash primarily for general operating expenses, principal and interest payments on our debt, the development of new restaurants and new markets, share repurchases and dividend payments, remodeling or relocating older restaurants, obligations related to our deferred compensation plans and investments in technology.

We believe that our expected liquidity sources are adequate to fund our anticipated cash usages, as described above, for the next 12 months. However, our ability to continue to meet these requirements and obligations will depend on,

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among other things, our ability to achieve anticipated levels of revenue and cash flow and our ability to manage costs and working capital successfully.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - As of March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014, we had $\$ 135.6$ million and $\$ 165.7$ million, respectively, in cash and cash equivalents, of which $\$ 79.2$ million and $\$ 89.7$ million, respectively, was held by foreign affiliates, a portion of which would be subject to additional taxes if repatriated to the United States. We consider the undistributed earnings related to our foreign affiliates as of March 29, 2015 to be permanently reinvested and are expected to continue to be permanently reinvested. Accordingly, no provision for United States income and additional foreign taxes has been recorded on aggregate undistributed earnings of $\$ 154.0$ million as of March 29, 2015. If we identify an exception to our reinvestment policy of undistributed earnings, additional tax liabilities will be recorded. The international jurisdictions in which we have significant cash do not have any known restrictions that would prohibit the repatriation of cash and cash equivalents.

During fiscal year 2014, we decided to close 36 underperforming international locations, primarily in South Korea. In connection with the International Restaurant Closure Initiative, we expect future cash expenditures of $\$ 7.0$ million to $\$ 10.0$ million, primarily related to lease liabilities, through August 2022. We believe our South Korea subsidiary has sufficient cash to meet these obligations and support ongoing operations.

Credit Facilities - Our credit facilities consist of the Senior Secured Credit Facility and the CMBS Loan. See Note 7 -Long-term Debt, Net of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for further information. Following is a summary of principal payments and debt issuance from December 31, 2013 to March 29, 2015:

> SENIOR SECURED CREDIT FACILITY (1)


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We continue to evaluate whether we will make further payments of our outstanding debt ahead of scheduled maturities. Following is a summary of our outstanding credit facilities as of March 29, 2015:

| (dollars in thousands) | INTEREST <br> RATE <br> MARCH 29, <br> 2015 | ORIGINAL <br> FACILITY |  | OUTSTANDING |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | PRINCIPAL MATURITY DATE | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MARCH 29, } \\ & 2015 \end{aligned}$ | DECEMBER 28 $2014$ |
| Term loan A, net of discount of $\$ 2.9$ million (1) | 2.16 | \% | \$300,000 | May 2019 | \$288,750 | \$ 296,250 |
| Term loan B, net of discount of $\$ 10.0$ million | 3.50 | \% | 225,000 | October 2019 | 215,000 | 225,000 |
| Revolving credit facility (1) (2) | 2.16 | \% | 600,000 | May 2019 | 341,000 | 325,000 |
| Total Senior Secured Credit Facility |  |  | 1,125,000 |  | 844,750 | 846,250 |
| First mortgage loan (1) | 4.09 | \% | 324,800 | April 2017 | 297,649 | 299,765 |
| First mezzanine loan | 9.00 | \% | 87,600 | April 2017 | 84,836 | 85,127 |
| Second mezzanine loan | 11.25 | \% | 87,600 | April 2017 | 85,863 | 86,067 |
| Total 2012 CMBS loan |  |  | 500,000 |  | 468,348 | 470,959 |
| Total credit facilities |  |  | \$1,625,000 |  | \$1,313,098 | \$ 1,317,209 |

(1)Represents the weighted-average interest rate for the respective period.
(2)Includes $\$ 6.0$ million of borrowings on the swing line loan sub-facilities at an interest rate of $4.25 \%$.

As of March 29, 2015, we had $\$ 229.4$ million in available unused borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility, net of letters of credit of $\$ 29.6$ million. On March 31, 2015, we amended our credit agreement to effect an increase of our existing revolving credit facility in order to fully pay down our existing Term Loan B on April 2, 2015. See Note 15 - Subsequent Events for details regarding this amendment.

The Amended Credit Agreement contains mandatory prepayment requirements for Term loan A and Term loan B. We are required to prepay outstanding amounts under our term loans with $50 \%$ of our annual excess cash flow, as defined in the Amended Credit Agreement. The amount of outstanding term loans required to be prepaid may vary based on our leverage ratio and year-end results. Other than the required minimum amortization premiums of $\$ 15.0$ million, we do not anticipate any other payments will be required through March 27, 2016.

The 2012 CMBS Loan requires annual amortization payments ranging from approximately $\$ 10.5$ million to $\$ 11.1$ million, payable in scheduled monthly installments through March 2017, with the remaining balance due upon maturity in April 2017.

Our Amended Credit Agreement and 2012 CMBS Loan contain various financial and non-financial covenants. A violation of these covenants could negatively impact our liquidity by restricting our ability to borrow under the revolving credit facility and cause an acceleration of the amounts due under the credit facilities. See our Annual Report on Form 10-K for further information about our debt covenants.

As of March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014, we were in compliance with these debt covenants.

Cash Flow Hedges of Interest Rate Risk - In September 2014, we entered into variable-to-fixed interest rate swap agreements with eight counterparties to hedge a portion of the cash flows of our variable rate debt. The swap agreements have an aggregate notional amount of $\$ 400.0$ million, a forward start date of June 30,2015 , and mature on May 16, 2019. Under the terms of the swap agreements, we will pay a weighted-average fixed rate of $2.02 \%$ on the $\$ 400.0$ million notional amount and receive payments from the counterparty based on the 30-day LIBOR rate. See Note 10 - Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

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## SUMMARY OF CASH FLOWS

The following table presents a summary of our cash flows provided by (used in) operating, investing and financing activities for the periods indicated:
(dollars in thousands)
Net cash provided by operating activities
Net cash used in investing activities
Net cash used in financing activities
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents

| THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |  |
| 2015 | 2014 |  |
| $\$ 95,962$ | $\$ 39,827$ |  |
| $(39,478$ | $)$ | $(41,755$ |
| $(85,764$ | $)$ | $(33,954$ |
| $(816$ | $)$ | $(1,385$ |
| $\$(30,096$ | $)$ | $\$(37,267$ |$)$

Operating activities - Net cash provided by operating activities increased during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015, as compared to the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014 primarily due to: (i) timing of collections of gift card receivables, (ii) lower income tax payments and (iii) lower cash interest payments. These increases were partially offset by: (i) timing of payments on accounts payable, (ii) increased purchases of inventory and (iii) an increase in the redemption of gift cards.

Investing activities
(dollars in thousands)
Capital expenditures
Purchases of life insurance policies
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired
Proceeds from sale of a business
Proceeds received from life insurance policies
Proceeds from disposal of property, fixtures and equipment
THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED
MARCH 29, MARCH 30, 20152014
\$(47,672 ) \$(39,313
(2,103 ) (520 )

Net change in restricted cash, net
(3,063

Net cash used in investing activities

7,798
1,592
627
$647 \quad 105$
260
\$(39,478 ) \$(41,755 )

Net cash used in investing activities for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 consisted primarily of capital expenditures and net cash paid for life insurance policies partially offset by proceeds from the sale of Roy's. Net cash used in investing activities for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014 consisted primarily of capital expenditures and net cash paid to acquire certain franchise restaurants.

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Financing activities
(dollars in thousands)
Repayments of debt
Repurchase of common stock
Cash dividends paid on common stock
Purchase of limited partnership interests
Repayments of partner deposits and accrued partner obligations
Distributions to noncontrolling interests
Proceeds from borrowings
Proceeds from exercise of stock options, net of shares withheld for employee taxes

| THIRTEEN |  | WEEKS ENDED |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MARCH 29, | MARCH 30, |  |
| 2015 | 2014 |  |
| $\$(136,104$ | $)$ | $\$(14,578$ |
| $(70,234$ | $)$ | $(481$ |
| $(7,423$ | $)$ |  |
| - | $(17,211$ | $)$ |
| $(6,000$ | $)$ | $(7,388$ |
| $(1,336$ | $)$ | $(1,167$ |
| 131,000 | - | $)$ |
| 3,206 | 5,650 |  |
| 1,127 | 1,221 |  |
| $\$(85,764$ | $)$ | $\$(33,954$ |$)$

Net cash used in financing activities for the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 was primarily attributable to the following: (i) repayments of borrowings on revolving credit facilities and voluntary prepayments, (ii) the repurchase of common stock, (iii) payment of cash dividends on our common stock and (iv) repayments of partner deposits and accrued partner obligations. Net cash used in financing activities was partially offset by proceeds from revolving credit facilities and proceeds from the exercise of stock options.

Net cash used in financing activities for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2014 was primarily attributable to the following: (i) the purchase of outstanding limited partnership interests in certain restaurants, (ii) repayments of long-term debt and (iii) repayments of partner deposits and accrued partner obligations. This was partially offset by the receipt of proceeds from the exercise of stock options.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION

Following is a summary of our current assets, current liabilities and working capital:

| MARCH 29, | DECEMBER 28, |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2015 | 2014 |
| $\$ 484,335$ | $\$ 600,551$ |
| 735,463 | 840,110 |
| $\$(251,128$ | $) \$(239,559 \quad)$ |

Working capital (deficit) totaled (\$251.1) million and (\$239.6) million as of March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014, respectively, and included Unearned revenue from unredeemed gift cards of $\$ 272.1$ million and $\$ 376.7$ million as of March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014, respectively. We have, and in the future may continue to have, negative working capital balances (as is common for many restaurant companies). We operate successfully with negative working capital because cash collected on restaurant sales is typically received before payment is due on our current liabilities, and our inventory turnover rates require relatively low investment in inventories. Additionally, ongoing cash flows from restaurant operations and gift card sales are used to service debt obligations and to make capital expenditures.

## Deferred Compensation Programs

The deferred compensation obligation due managing and chef partners was $\$ 155.3$ million and $\$ 155.6$ million at March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014, respectively. We invest in various corporate-owned life insurance policies, which are held within an irrevocable grantor or "rabbi" trust account for settlement of our obligations under the deferred

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compensation plans. The rabbi trust is funded through our voluntary contributions. The unfunded obligation for managing and chef partners' deferred compensation is $\$ 80.0$ million at March 29, 2015.

We use capital to fund the deferred compensation plans and currently expect annual cash funding of $\$ 18.0$ million to $\$ 22.0$ million. Actual funding of the deferred compensation obligations and future funding requirements may vary significantly depending on the actual performance compared to targets, timing of deferred payments of partner contracts, forfeiture rates, number of partner participants, growth of partner investments and our funding strategy.

## DIVIDENDS AND SHARE REPURCHASES

In December 2014, the Board of Directors adopted a dividend policy under which it intends to declare quarterly cash dividends on shares of our common stock. On February 12, 2015, the Board of Directors declared our first quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 0.06$ per share, which was paid on March 18, 2015. On April 29, 2015, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 0.06$ per share, payable on May 27,2015 to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 15, 2015. Future dividend payments are dependent on our earnings, financial condition, capital expenditure requirements and other factors that our Board of Directors considers relevant.

In December 2014, our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program under which we were authorized to repurchase up to $\$ 100.0$ million of our outstanding common stock. The authorization will expire on June 12, 2016. As of March 29, 2015, $\$ 70.0$ million of outstanding stock had been repurchased under the program in connection with the secondary public offering by Bain Capital.

Recently Issued Financial Accounting Standards
For a description of recently issued Financial Accounting Standards, see Note 1 - Description of the Business and Basis of Presentation of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk
We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates, changes in foreign currency exchange rates and changes in commodity prices. We believe that there have been no material changes in our market risk since December 28, 2014, except as set forth below. For further information on market risk, refer to Part II, Item 7A., "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk," in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2014 (the "2014 Form 10-K").

Foreign Currency Exchange Risk
We are subject to foreign currency exchange risk for our restaurants operating in foreign countries. Our exposures to foreign currency exchange risk are primarily related to fluctuations in the Brazil Real and the South Korea Won relative to the U.S. dollar. Our operations in other markets consist of Company-owned restaurants on a smaller scale than the markets identified above and franchised locations, from which we collect royalties in local currency. If foreign currency exchange rates depreciate in the countries in which we operate, we may experience declines in our operating results. For the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015, a $10 \%$ change in average foreign currency rates against the U.S. dollar would have increased or decreased our Total revenues and Net income for our consolidated foreign entities by $\$ 15.4$ million and $\$ 0.2$ million, respectively. Currently, we do not enter into currency forward exchange or option contracts to hedge foreign currency exposures.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures
Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We have established and maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. We carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial and Administrative Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 29, 2015.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting
There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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## PART II: OTHER INFORMATION

## Item 1. Legal Proceedings

For a description of our legal proceedings, see Note 13 - Commitments and Contingencies, of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Item 1A. Risk Factors
In addition to the other information discussed in this report, please consider the factors described in Part I, Item 1A., "Risk Factors" in our 2014 Form 10-K which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. There have not been any material changes to the risk factors described in our 2014 Form 10-K, but these are not the only risks facing our Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may adversely affect our business, financial condition or operating results.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds
There were no sales of equity securities during the first quarter of 2015 that were not registered under the Securities Act of 1933.

The following table provides information regarding our purchases of common stock during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015:

| REPORTING PERIOD | TOTAL <br> NUMBER OF <br> SHARES <br> PURCHASED <br> (1) | AVERAGE PRICE PAID PER SHARE | TOTAL <br> NUMBER OF <br> SHARES <br> PURCHASED AS <br> PART OF <br> PUBLICLY <br> ANNOUNCED <br> PLANS OR <br> PROGRAMS | APPROXIMATE DOLLAR VALUE OF SHARES THAT MAY YET BE PURCHASED UNDER THE PLANS OR PROGRAMS |
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|  |  |  |  |  |
| December 29, 2014 through January 25, 2015 | - | \$- | - | \$ 100,000,000 |
| January 26, 2015 through February 22, 2015 | - | \$- | - | \$100,000,000 |
| February 23, 2015 through March 29, 2015 | 2,771,793 | \$25.37 | 2,759,164 | \$30,000,000 |
| Total | 2,771,793 |  | 2,759,164 |  |

The Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of $\$ 100.0$ million of our outstanding common stock as announced publicly in our press release issued on December 16, 2014. This authorization will expire on June 12,
(1) 2016. Common stock purchased during the thirteen weeks ended March 29, 2015 represented shares repurchased under this program as part of the secondary public offering by Bain Capital and 12,629 shares withheld for tax payments due upon the vesting of employee restricted stock awards.

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Item 6. Exhibits

## EXHIBIT NUMBER <br> DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS

Fourth Amendment to Credit Agreement and Incremental Amendment dated as of March 31, 2015, among OSI Restaurant 10.1 Partners, LLC, OSI Holdco, Inc., the Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto, the lenders party thereto, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent
31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Certification of Chief Financial and Administrative Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C.
32.1 Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of $2002^{1}$

Certification of Chief Financial and Administrative Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of $2002^{1}$
101.INS XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

## FILINGS REFERENCED FOR INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

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${ }^{1}$ These certifications are not deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. These certifications will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates them by reference.

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## 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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 5, 2015
BLOOMIN' BRANDS, INC.
(Registrant)
By: /s/ David J. Deno
David J. Deno
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)
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[^0]:    (1) Adjustments to facility closure and other costs represent changes in sublease assumptions and the impact of lease ${ }^{1)}$ settlements on the Company's remaining lease obligations.
    (2) As of March 29, 2015, the Company had exit-related accruals of $\$ 4.3$ million recorded in Accrued and other ${ }^{2}$ current liabilities and $\$ 7.8$ million recorded in Other long-term liabilities, net.

[^1]:    (1) Carrying value approximates fair value with all assets measured using Level 2 inputs. A third-party market appraisal (Level 2) and a purchase contract (Level 2) were used to estimate the fair value.

[^2]:    (1)On January 26, 2015, we sold our Roy's business.
    (2) The restaurant counts for Brazil are reported as of February 2015 and 2014, respectively, to correspond with the
    ${ }^{(2)}$ balance sheet dates of this subsidiary.

[^3]:    (1) Franchise sales are not included in Total revenues in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and
    ${ }^{(1)}$ Comprehensive Income.
    Represents the franchise royalty and the portion of total income related to restaurant operations included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income in Other revenues.

[^4]:    (1) $\$ 700.0$ million relates to the refinancing of our Senior Secured Credit Facility, which did not increase total indebtedness.

