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# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 10-Q

# x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 27, 2011

OR

# 0 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number 000-50972

# Texas Roadhouse, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) **20-1083890** (IRS Employer Identification Number)

#### 6040 Dutchmans Lane, Suite 200

Louisville, Kentucky 40205

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

#### (502) 426-9984

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether 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 Regulations S-T 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. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x

Non-accelerated filer o

Accelerated filer o

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.

The number of shares of common stock outstanding were 69,066,286 on October 26, 2011.

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#### PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### ITEM 1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Texas Roadhouse, Inc. and Subsidiaries

**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets** 

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

Assets	Sept	ember 27, 2011	ber 28, 2010
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	55,673	\$ 82,215
Receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$44 at September 27, 2011 and			
\$222 at December 28, 2010		12,187	12,563
Inventories, net		8,678	9,197
Prepaid income taxes			375
Prepaid expenses		4,534	7,204
Deferred tax assets		3,217	2,368
Total current assets		84,289	113,922
Property and equipment, net		479,167	458,983
Goodwill		111,785	111,785
Intangible assets, net		9,311	10,118
Other assets		11,431	7,993
Total assets	\$	695,983	\$ 702,801
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity			
Current liabilities:			
Current maturities of long-term debt and obligations under capital leases	\$	296	\$ 274
Accounts payable		26,136	26,864
Deferred revenue gift cards/certificates		15,850	39,165
Accrued wages		22,707	21,050
Income tax payable		1,208	
Accrued taxes and licenses		12,707	12,318
Dividends payable		5,613	
Other accrued liabilities		16,371	12,387
Total current liabilities		100,888	112,058
Long-term debt and obligations under capital leases, excluding current maturities		51,681	51,906
Stock option and other deposits		4,378	4,052
Deferred rent		16,342	14,457
Deferred tax liabilities		7,817	8,444
Fair value of derivative financial instruments		4,571	2,178
Other liabilities		11,338	10,324
Total liabilities		197,015	203,419
Texas Roadhouse, Inc. and subsidiaries stockholders equity:			
Preferred stock (\$0.001 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued or			
outstanding)			

Common stock, (\$0.001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 70,012,385 and 72,222,991 shares issued and outstanding at September 27, 2011 and December 28, 2010,

respectively)	70	72
Additional paid in capital	216,146	250,874
Retained earnings	281,663	247,008
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,807)	(1,338)
Total Texas Roadhouse, Inc. and subsidiaries stockholders equity	495,072	496,616
Noncontrolling interests	3,896	2,766
Total equity	498,968	499,382
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 695,983 \$	702,801

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### Texas Roadhouse, Inc. and Subsidiaries

#### **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income**

#### (in thousands, except per share data)

#### (unaudited)

	13 Weeks Ended			39 Weeks Ended				
	Se	ptember 27, 2011		September 28, 2010		September 27, 2011		September 28, 2010
Revenue:								
Restaurant sales	\$	266,874	\$	243,405	\$	825,283	\$	753,582
Franchise royalties and fees		2,379		2,208		7,327		6,817
Total revenue		269,253		245,613		832,610		760,399
Costs and expenses:								
Restaurant operating costs:								
Cost of sales		88,944		79,101		274,751		244,560
Labor		78,919		71,835		244,551		221,241
Rent		5,796		5,329		17,153		15,886
Other operating		45,112		43,476		136,331		128,841
Pre-opening		3,327		2,150		7,413		4,562
Depreciation and amortization		10,571		10,262		31,724		30,861
Impairment and closures		13		44		59		302
General and administrative		13,499		11,968		43,599		39,263
Total costs and expenses		246,181		224,165		755,581		685,516
Income from operations		23,072		21,448		77,029		74,883
Interest expense, net		669		644		1,776		2,078
Equity income from investments in		,				-,		_,
unconsolidated affiliates		(71)		(155)		(271)		(355)
Income before taxes		22,474		20,959		75,524		73,160
Provision for income taxes		6,058		6,478		21,934		23,133
Net income including noncontrolling interests	\$	16,416	\$	14,481	\$	53,590	\$	50,027
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling	Ψ	10,110	Ψ	1,,,01	Ψ	00,000	Ψ	00,027
interests		618		529		1,923		1,798
Net income attributable to Texas								
Roadhouse, Inc. and subsidiaries	\$	15,798	\$	13,952	\$	51,667	\$	48,229
Net income per common share attributable to								
Texas Roadhouse, Inc. and subsidiaries: Basic	\$	0.22	\$	0.19	\$	0.72	\$	0.68
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Diluted	\$	0.22	\$	0.19	\$	0.71	\$	0.66
Weighted-average shares outstanding:								
Basic		70,800		71,660		71,370		71,273

Diluted	72,186	73,002	72,903	72,727
Cash dividends declared per share	\$ 0.08	\$ \$	0.24	\$

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### Texas Roadhouse, Inc. and Subsidiaries

#### Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders Equity and Comprehensive Loss

(in thousands, except share data)

#### (unaudited)

	Shares	Par Value	Paid in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Texas Roadhouse, Inc. and Subsidiaries	Noncontrolling Interests	Total
Balance, December 28, 2010	72,222,991	\$ 72 \$	\$ 250,874	\$ 247,008	\$ (1,338)	\$ 496,616	\$ 2,766 \$	499,382
Comprehensive income: Unrealized loss on derivatives, net								
of tax of \$0.9 million					(1,469)	(1,469)		(1,469)
Net income				51,667		51,667	1,923	53,590
Total comprehensive income						50,198	1,923	52,121
Distributions to noncontrolling interests							(1,756)	(1,756)
Minority interest contribution							963	963
Minority interest liquidation								
adjustments			(29)	(11.200)	、 、	(29)		(29)
Dividends paid (\$0.16 per share) Dividends declared (\$0.08 per				(11,399)	)	(11,399)		(11,399)
share)				(5,613)	)	(5,613)		(5,613)
Shares issued under stock option plan including tax effects	412,502	1	6,486	(0,000)	,	6,487		6,487
Repurchase of shares of common stock	(3,003,400)	(3)	(46,445)			(46,448)	1	(46,448)
Settlement of restricted stock units, net of tax	380,292		(2,891)			(2,891)		(2,891)
Share-based compensation	566,272		8,151			8,151		8,151
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Balance, September 27, 2011	70,012,385	\$ 70 \$	5 216,146	\$ 281,663	\$ (2,807)	\$ 495,072	\$ 3,896 \$	498,968

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### Texas Roadhouse, Inc. and Subsidiaries

#### **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

#### (in thousands)

#### (unaudited)

	39 Weeks Ended			
	September 27, 2011	Se	eptember 28, 2010	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income including noncontrolling interests	\$ 53,590	\$	50,027	
Depreciation and amortization	31,724		30,861	
Deferred income taxes	(553)		1,109	
Loss on disposition of assets	1,530		1,036	
Impairment and closures			141	
Equity income from investments in unconsolidated affiliates	(271)		(355)	
Distributions received from investments in unconsolidated affiliates	261		299	
Provision for doubtful accounts	178		(656)	
Share-based compensation expense	8,151		5,705	
Changes in operating working capital:				
Receivables	198		941	
Inventories	519		455	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,670		1,042	
Other assets	(3,457)		(760)	
Accounts payable	(728)		(3,285)	
Deferred revenue gift cards/certificates	(23,315)		(19,832)	
Accrued wages	1,657		478	
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	(1,994)		(2,326)	
Prepaid income taxes and income taxes payable	3,577		976	
Accrued taxes and licenses	389		3,619	
Other accrued liabilities	3,984		1,011	
Deferred rent	1,885		1,745	
Other liabilities	1,014		2,071	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 81,009	\$	74,302	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Capital expenditures property and equipment	(51,839)		(31,598)	
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment, including insurance proceeds	171		175	
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (51,668)	\$	(31,423)	
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Repayments of revolving credit facility, net			(39,000)	
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates			(28)	
Distributions to noncontrolling interest holders	(1,756)		(1,674)	
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	1,994		2,326	
Repayments of stock option and other deposits	(911)		(694)	
Proceeds from stock option and other deposits	1,237		947	
Repurchase shares of common stock	(46,445)			
Settlement of restricted stock units, net of tax	(2,891)		(2,229)	
Principal payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations	(203)		(182)	

Proceeds from exercise of stock options	4,491	6,222
Dividends paid to stockholders	(11,399)	
Net cash used in financing activities	\$ (55,883)	\$ (34,312)
Net (decrease)increase in cash and cash equivalents	(26,542)	8,567
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of period	82,215	46,858
Cash and cash equivalents end of period	\$ 55,673	\$ 55,425
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 1,718	\$ 2,035
Income taxes, net of refunds	\$ 18,908	\$ 21,048

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### Texas Roadhouse, Inc. and Subsidiaries

#### Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

#### (Tabular dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

#### 1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Texas Roadhouse, Inc. (the Company , we and/or our ), our wholly-owned subsidiaries and subsidiaries in which we own more than 50 percent interest, as of and for the 13 and 39 weeks ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010. Our wholly-owned subsidiaries include: Texas Roadhouse Holdings LLC (Holdings), Texas Roadhouse Development Corporation (TRDC), Texas Roadhouse Management Corp. (Management Corp.) and Aspen Creek, LLC (Aspen Creek). We and our subsidiaries operate restaurants under the names Texas Roadhouse and Aspen Creek. Holdings also provides supervisory and administrative services for certain other franchise and license restaurants. TRDC sells franchise rights and collects the franchise royalties and fees. Management Corp. provides management services to the Company, Holdings, Aspen Creek and certain other license and franchise restaurants. All material balances and transactions between the consolidated entities have been eliminated.

As of September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010, we owned 5.0% to 10.0% equity interest in 22 and 21franchise restaurants, respectively. While we exercise significant control over these franchise restaurants, we do not consolidate their financial position, results of operations or cash flows as it is immaterial to our consolidated financial position, results of operations and/or cash flows. Our investment in these unconsolidated affiliates is included in Other assets in our condensed consolidated balance sheets and we record our percentage share of net income earned by these unconsolidated affiliates on our condensed consolidated statements of income under Equity income from investments in unconsolidated affiliates.

We have made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements and the reporting of revenue and expenses during the period to prepare these condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ). Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the carrying amount of property and equipment, goodwill, obligations related to insurance reserves, income taxes and share-based compensation expense. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly our financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GAAP, except that certain information and footnotes have been condensed or omitted pursuant to rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Operating results for the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2011 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 27, 2011. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2010.

Our significant interim accounting policies include the recognition of income taxes using an estimated annual effective tax rate.

#### (2) Share-based Compensation

We may grant incentive and non-qualified stock options to purchase shares of common stock, stock bonus awards (restricted stock unit awards (RSUs)) and restricted stock awards under the Texas Roadhouse, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (the Plan). Beginning in 2008, we changed the method by which we provide share-based compensation to our employees by eliminating stock option grants and, instead, granting RSUs as a form of share-based compensation. An RSU is the conditional right to receive one share of common stock upon satisfaction of the vesting requirement.

The following table summarizes the share-based compensation recorded in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of income:

	13 Weeks Ended					39 Weeks Ended			
		ember 27, 2011		ember 28, 2010	Sep	2011 tember 27,	Sep	tember 28, 2010	
Labor expense	\$	1,000	\$	876	\$	2,934	\$	2,479	
General and administrative expense		1,418		1,093		5,217		3,226	
Total share-based compensation expense	\$	2,418	\$	1,969	\$	8,151	\$	5,705	

A summary of share-based compensation activity by type of grant as of September 27, 2011 and changes during the period then ended is presented below.

#### Summary Details for Plan Share Options

	Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at December 28, 2010	3,996,512	\$ 11.87		
Granted				
Forfeited	(17,714)	15.50		
Exercised	(412,502)	10.89		
Outstanding at September 27, 2011	3,566,296	\$ 11.96	3.89	\$ 9,896
Exercisable at September 27, 2011	3,510,267	\$ 11.94	3.85	\$ 9,828

No stock options were granted during the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2011.

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010 was \$0.4 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010 was \$2.6 million and \$7.2 million, respectively. As of September 27, 2011, with respect to unvested stock options, there was an immaterial amount of unrecognized compensation cost that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of less than a year. The total grant date fair value of stock options vested for both 13 week periods ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010 was \$0.1 million. The total grant date fair value of stock options vested for the 39 week periods ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010 was \$0.5 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

#### Summary Details for RSUs

	Shares	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at December 28, 2010	1,205,410 \$	11.71
Granted	676,852	16.55
Forfeited	(140,859)	16.39
Vested	(557,677)	11.86
Outstanding at September 27, 2011	1,183,726 \$	13.67

As of September 27, 2011, with respect to unvested RSUs, there was \$8.1 million of unrecognized compensation cost that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.4 years. The vesting terms of the RSUs range from 1.0 to 5.0 years. The total grant date fair value of RSUs vested for the 13 week periods ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010 was \$1.9 million and \$1.2 million,

respectively. The total grant date fair value of RSUs vested for the 39 week periods ended September 27, 2011 and September 27, 2010 was \$7.4 million and \$5.4 million, respectively.

#### (3) Long-term Debt and Obligations Under Capital Leases

Long-term debt and obligations under capital leases consisted of the following:

	Sept	ember 27, 2011	I	December 28, 2010
Installment loans, due 2011 2020	\$	1,727	\$	1,865
Obligations under capital leases		250		315
Revolver		50,000		50,000
		51,977		52,180
Less current maturities		296		274
	\$	51,681	\$	51,906

The weighted-average interest rate for installment loans outstanding at September 27, 2011 and December 28, 2010 was 10.57% and 10.58%, respectively. The debt is secured by certain land and buildings.

On August 12, 2011, we entered into a new \$200.0 million five-year revolving credit facility with a syndicate of commercial lenders led by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., PNC Bank, National Association, and Wells Fargo, National Association. This facility replaces our previous five-year revolving credit facility. The new facility expires on August 11, 2016. The terms of the facility require us to pay interest on outstanding borrowings at London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus a margin of 0.875% to 1.875%, depending on our leverage ratio, or the Alternate Base Rate, which is the higher of the issuing bank s prime lending rate, the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50% or the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate for a one month interest period on such day plus 1.0%. We are also required to pay a commitment fee of 0.150% to 0.350% per year on any unused portion of the facility, depending on our leverage ratio. The weighted-average interest rate for the revolver at both September 27, 2011 and December 28, 2010 was 4.09% and 3.59%, respectively, including interest rate swaps. At September 27, 2011, we had \$50.0 million outstanding under the credit facility and \$146.2 million of availability, net of \$3.8 million of outstanding letters of credit.

The lenders obligation to extend credit under the facility depends on us maintaining certain financial covenants, including a minimum consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio of 2.00 to 1.00 and a maximum consolidated leverage ratio of 3.00 to 1.00. The credit facility permits us to incur additional secured or unsecured indebtedness outside the facility, except for the incurrence of secured indebtedness that in the aggregate exceeds 20% of our consolidated tangible net worth or circumstances where the incurrence of secured or unsecured indebtedness would prevent us from complying with our financial covenants. We were in compliance with all covenants as of September 27, 2011.

#### (4) Derivative and Hedging Activities

We enter into derivative instruments for risk management purposes only, including derivatives designated as hedging instruments under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 815, *Derivatives and Hedging* (ASC 815). We use interest rate-related derivative instruments to manage our exposure to fluctuations of interest rates. By using these instruments, we expose ourselves, from time to time, to credit risk and market risk. Credit risk is the failure of the counterparty to perform under the terms of the derivative contract. When the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, the counterparty owes us, which creates credit risk for us. We minimize the credit risk by entering into transactions with high-quality counterparties whose credit rating is evaluated on a quarterly basis. Our counterparty in the interest rate swaps is JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Market risk is the adverse effect on the value of a financial instrument that results from a change in interest rates, commodity prices or the market price of our common stock. We minimize market risk by establishing and monitoring parameters that limit the types and degree of market risk that may be taken.

Interest Rate Swaps

On October 22, 2008, we entered into an interest rate swap, starting on November 7, 2008, with a notional amount of \$25.0 million to hedge a portion of the cash flows of our variable rate credit facility. We have designated the interest rate swap as a cash flow hedge of our exposure to variability in future cash flows attributable to interest payments on a \$25.0 million tranche of floating rate debt borrowed under our revolving credit facility. Under the terms of the swap, we pay a fixed rate of 3.83% on the \$25.0 million notional amount and receive payments from the counterparty based on the 1-month LIBOR rate for a term ending on November 7, 2015, effectively resulting in a fixed rate LIBOR component of the \$25.0 million notional amount.

On January 7, 2009, we entered into an interest rate swap, starting on February 7, 2009, with a notional amount of \$25.0 million to hedge a portion of the cash flows of our variable rate credit facility. We have designated the interest rate swap as a cash flow hedge of our exposure to variability in future cash flows attributable to interest payments on a \$25.0 million tranche of floating rate debt borrowed under our revolving credit facility. Under the terms of the swap, we pay a fixed rate of 2.34% on the \$25.0 million notional amount and receive payments from the counterparty based on the 1-month LIBOR rate for a term ending on January 7, 2016, effectively resulting in a fixed rate LIBOR component of the \$25.0 million notional amount.

We entered into the above interest rate swaps with the objective of eliminating the variability of our interest cost that arises because of changes in the variable interest rate for the designated interest payments. Changes in the fair value of the interest rate swap will be reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income. We will reclassify any gain or loss from accumulated other comprehensive income ( AOCI ), net of tax, on our consolidated balance sheet to interest expense on our consolidated statement of income when the interest rate swap expires or at the time we choose to terminate the swap. See note 9 for fair value discussion of these interest rate swaps.

The following table summarizes the fair value and presentation in the condensed consolidated balance sheets for derivatives designated as hedging instruments under FASB ASC 815:

	Balance	Deriva	tive Assets		<b>Derivative Liabilities</b>			
	Sheet Location	September 27, 2011	December 28, 2010	Sep	tember 27, 2011	Dec	cember 28, 2010	
Derivative Contracts Designated as Hedging Instruments under ASC 815	(1)							
Interest rate swaps		\$	\$	\$	4,571	\$	2,178	
Total Derivative Contracts		\$	\$	\$	4,571	\$	2,178	

(1) Derivative assets and liabilities are included in fair value of derivative financial instruments on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The following table summarizes the effect of derivative instruments on the condensed consolidated statements of income for the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010:

	Amount of Recognize (effective 2011	d in A	OCI	Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI to Income	Recl	ount of Gain (Loss) lassified from AOCI Income (effective portion) 11 2010	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income (ineffective portion)	Recogn	t of Gain (Loss) ized in Income ctive portion) 2010
Interest rate									
swaps	\$ 1,469	\$	(2,700)		\$	\$		\$	\$

#### (5) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

#### Fair Value Measures and Disclosures

(Accounting Standards Update ( ASU ) 2010-06)

In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-06 which amends Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) topic 820, *Fair Value Measures and Disclosures*. ASU No. 2010-06 amends the ASC to require disclosure of transfer into and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements, and also requires more detailed disclosure about the activity within Level 3 fair value measurements. The changes as a result of this update are effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009 (our 2010 fiscal year), except for requirements related to Level 3 disclosures, which are effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010 (our 2011 fiscal year). The guidance requires new disclosures only, and will have no impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### **Comprehensive Income**

(ASU 2011-05)

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-05, *Presentation of Comprehensive Income*. ASU 2011-05 eliminates the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders equity, which is our current presentation, and also requires presentation of reclassification adjustments from other comprehensive income to net income on the face of the financial statements. ASU 2011-05 is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011 (our 2012 fiscal year). The adoption of ASU 2011-05 will have no impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows, though it will change our financial statement presentation.

Goodwill

(ASU 2011-08)

In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-08, *Intangibles Goodwill and Other, Testing Goodwill for Impairment.* ASU 2011-08 permits companies to make a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value before applying the two-step goodwill impairment test model that is currently in place. If it is determined through the qualitative assessment that a reporting unit s fair value is more likely than not less than its carrying value, the two-step impairment test would still be required. ASU 2011-08 is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for the fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011 (our 2012 fiscal year) with early adoption permitted. The adoption of ASU 2011-08 is not expected to have an impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### (6) Commitments and Contingencies

The estimated cost of completing capital project commitments at September 27, 2011 and December 28, 2010 was approximately \$77.6 million and \$52.8 million, respectively.

We entered into real estate lease agreements for franchise restaurants located in Everett, MA, Longmont, CO, Montgomeryville, PA, Fargo, ND and Logan, UT before granting franchise rights for those restaurants. We have subsequently assigned the leases to the franchisees, but remain contingently liable if a franchisee defaults under the terms of a lease. The Longmont lease was assigned in October 2003 and expires in May 2014, the Everett lease was assigned in September 2002 and expires in February 2018, the Montgomeryville lease was assigned in October 2001, the Fargo lease was assigned in February 2006 and expires in July 2016 and the Logan lease was assigned in January 2009 and expires in August 2019. As the fair value of the guarantees is not considered significant, no liability has been recorded. As discussed in note 7, the Everett, MA, Longmont, CO, and Fargo, ND restaurants are owned, in whole or part, by certain of our officers, directors or 5% shareholders.

We currently buy most of our beef from three suppliers. Although there are a limited number of beef suppliers, management believes that other suppliers could provide a similar product on comparable terms. A change in suppliers, however, could cause supply shortages and a possible loss of sales, which would affect operating results adversely. We have no material minimum purchase commitments with our vendors that extend beyond a year.

On September 30, 2011, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) filed a lawsuit titled *Equal Employment Opportunity Commission v. Texas Roadhouse, Inc., Texas Roadhouse Holdings LLC, Texas Roadhouse Management Corp.* in the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, Civil Action Number 1:11-cv-11732. The complaint alleges that we engaged in a pattern and practice of age discrimination in hiring for certain restaurant positions in violation of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The complaint alleges that applicants over the age of 40 were denied employment in our restaurants in bartender, host, server and server assistant positions due to their age. The EEOC is seeking injunctive relief, remedial actions, payment of damages to the applicants and costs. We believe we have meritorious defenses to the claims made by the EEOC, and we intend to vigorously defend against them. Based on the preliminary status of this matter, we cannot estimate the possible amount or range of loss, if any, associated with this matter.

On January 19, 2011, a civil case styled as a class action complaint titled *Jenna Crenshaw, Andrew Brickley, et al, and all others similarly situated v. Texas Roadhouse, Inc., Texas Roadhouse Holdings, LLC, Texas Roadhouse of Everett, LLC and Texas Roadhouse Management Corp., d/b/a Texas Roadhouse ( Crenshaw )* was filed. The complaint was subsequently amended to add additional plaintiffs. The complaint is pending in the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, Civil Action Number 1:11-cv-10549. The complaint alleges a failure to comply with Massachusetts labor laws, specifically that we improperly shared pooled tips with ineligible employees in all of our restaurants in Massachusetts. Currently, we operate nine restaurants in the state. We have filed an answer denying all material allegations and are in the early phases of discovery.

We believe that we have meritorious defenses to the claims made in the Crenshaw case, and we intend to vigorously defend against them, including plaintiffs efforts to certify a class action. Based on the preliminary status of this matter, we cannot estimate the possible amount or range of loss, if any, associated with this matter. However, if the court imposes statutory penalties, including restitution of the difference between the tip credit wage and minimum wage, restitution of tips, treble damages and attorneys fees, then the case could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operation or cash flows. We are involved in various other claims and legal actions arising in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### (7) Related Party Transactions

The Longview, Texas restaurant, which was acquired by us in connection with the completion of our initial public offering, leases the land and restaurant building from an entity controlled by Steven L. Ortiz, our Chief Operating Officer. The lease term is 15 years and will terminate in November 2014. The lease can be renewed for two additional terms of five years each. Rent is approximately \$19,000 per month. The lease can be terminated if the tenant fails to pay the rent on a timely basis, fails to maintain the insurance specified in the lease, fails to maintain the building or property or becomes insolvent. Total rent payments were approximately \$55,000 for each of the 13 week periods ending September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010. For each of the 39 week periods ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010, rent payments were \$0.2 million.

The Bossier City, Louisiana restaurant, of which Steven L. Ortiz beneficially owns 66.0% and we own 5.0%, leases the land and building from an entity owned by Mr. Ortiz. The lease term is 15 years and will terminate on March 31, 2020. Rent is approximately \$16,600 per month and escalates 10% each five year period during the term. The next rent escalation is in the second quarter of 2015. The lease can be terminated if the tenant fails to pay rent on a timely basis, fails to maintain insurance, abandons the property or becomes insolvent. Total rent payments were approximately \$50,000 for each of the 13 week periods ended September 27, 2011 and

September 28, 2010. For each of the 39 week periods ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010, rent payments were \$0.1 million.

We have 15 franchise and license restaurants owned, in whole or part, by certain of our officers, directors or 5% shareholders at September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010. These entities paid us fees of approximately \$0.5 million during both of the 13 week periods ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010, respectively. For both of the 39 week periods ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010, respectively. For both of the 39 week periods ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010, these entities paid us fees of \$1.6 million. As disclosed in note 6, we are contingently liable on leases which are related to three of these restaurants.

On August 17, 2011, we entered into an agreement with G.J. Hart, our former President and Chief Executive Officer, whereby Mr. Hart will provide consulting services to us from August 17, 2011 through January 2, 2012. In consideration of the services to be performed by Mr. Hart, our Board of Directors accelerated the vesting of a grant of 60,000 restricted stock units from January 7, 2012 to January 2, 2012. The agreement also provides for partial payment of health insurance premiums through December 31, 2011.

#### (8) Earnings Per Share

The share and net income per share data for all periods presented are based on the historical weighted-average shares outstanding. The diluted earnings per share calculations show the effect of the weighted-average stock options, RSUs and restricted stock awards outstanding from our equity incentive plan as discussed in note 2.

The following table summarizes the options and nonvested stock that were outstanding but not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because their inclusion would have had an anti-dilutive effect:

	13 Weeks	Ended	39 Weel	ks Ended
	September 27, 2011	September 28, 2010	September 27, 2011	September 28, 2010
Options	842,303	2,175,208	309,254	2,188,869
Nonvested stock		7,957	47	1,713
Total	842,303	2,183,165	309,301	2,190,582

The following table sets forth the calculation of weighted-average shares outstanding (in thousands) as presented in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of income:

	13 Weeks Ended				39 Weeks	ed		
	September 27, 2011		September 28, 2010		September 27, 2011		September 28, 2010	
\$	15,798	\$ 13,952		\$ 51,667		\$	48,229	

Net income attributable to Texas Roadhouse, Inc. and subsidiaries				
Basic EPS:				
Weighted-average common				
shares outstanding	70,800	71,660	71,370	71,273
Basic EPS	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.68
Diluted EPS:				
Weighted-average common				
shares outstanding	70,800	71,660	71,370	71,273
Dilutive effect of stock options				
and restricted stock	1,386	1,342	1,533	1,454
Shares diluted	72,186	73,002	72,903	72,727
Diluted EPS	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.66

#### (9) Fair Value Measurement

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820), establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. ASC 820 establishes a three-level hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs in measuring fair value. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability on the measurement date.

Level 1	Inputs based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.
Level 2	Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the assets, either directly or indirectly.
Level 3	Inputs that are unobservable for the asset.

There were no transfers among levels within the fair value hierarchy during the 13 and 39 week periods ended September 27, 2011.

The following table presents the fair values for our financial assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis:

	Level	Value Measurements nber 27, 2011	ember 28, 2010
Interest rate swaps	2	\$ (4,571)	\$ (2,178)
Deferred compensation plan - assets	1	6,714	5,475
Deferred compensation plan -			
liabilities	1	(6,679)	(5,469)
Total		\$ (4,536)	\$ (2,172)

The fair value of our interest rate swaps were determined based on the present value of expected future cash flows considering the risks involved, including nonperformance risk, and using discount rates appropriate for the duration. See note 4 for discussion of our interest rate swaps.

The Second Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan of Texas Roadhouse Management Corp., as amended, (the Deferred Compensation Plan ) is a nonqualified deferred compensation plan which allows highly compensated employees to defer receipt of a portion of their compensation and contribute such amounts to one or more investment funds held in a rabbi trust. We report the accounts of the rabbi trust in our condensed consolidated financial statements. These investments are considered trading securities and are reported at fair value based on third-party broker statements. The realized and unrealized holding gains and losses related to these investments, as well as the offsetting compensation expense, are recorded in general and administrative expense on the condensed consolidated statements of income.

The following table presents the fair values for our financial assets and liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis:

	Fair Value Measurements								
	Level	Septem	ber 27, 2011	Decem	ber 28, 2010				
Long-lived assets held for									
sale	2	\$	1,598	\$	1,598				
Long-lived assets held for									
use	2		1,031		1,117				
Goodwill	3		1,830		1,830				
Total		\$	4,459	\$	4,545				
Long-lived assets held for use Goodwill	2		1,031 1,830		1,1 1,8				

Long-lived assets held for sale include land and building and are valued using Level 2 inputs, primarily an independent third party appraisal. These assets are included in Property and equipment in our condensed consolidated balance sheets as we do not expect to sell these assets in the next 12 months. Costs to market and/or sell the assets are factored into the estimates of fair value.

Long-lived assets held for use include building, equipment and furniture and fixtures and are valued using Level 2 inputs, primarily independent third party appraisals. These assets are included in Property and equipment in our condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Goodwill in the table above relates to three underperforming restaurants in which the carrying value of the associated goodwill was reduced to fair value, based on their historical results and anticipated future trends of operations.

At September 27, 2011 and December 28, 2010, the fair value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximated their carrying value based on the short-term nature of these instruments. The fair value of our long-term debt is estimated based on the current rates offered to us for instruments of similar terms and maturities. The carrying amounts and related estimated fair values for our debt are as follows:

		Septembe	er 27, 2	2011	Decembe	r 28, 2	2010
	Ca	rrying			Carrying		
	A	mount		Fair Value	Amount		Fair Value
Installment loans	\$	1,727	\$	2,115	\$ 1,865	\$	2,324
Revolver		50,000		50,000	50,000		50,000

#### (10) Stock Repurchase Program

On February 17, 2011, our Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program under which it authorized us to repurchase up to \$50.0 million of our common stock. On August 18, 2011, our Board of Directors approved a \$50.0 million increase in our stock repurchase program. Any repurchases will be made through open market transactions. The timing and the amount of any repurchases will be determined by management under parameters established by our Board of Directors, based on its evaluation of our stock price, market conditions and other corporate considerations.

For the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2011, we paid approximately \$21.2 million to repurchase 1,503,400 shares of our common stock. For the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2011, we paid approximately \$46.4 million to repurchase 3,003,400 shares of our common stock.



#### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

This report contains forward-looking statements based on our current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, management s beliefs, and certain assumptions made by us. Words such as anticipates, expects, intends, plans. believes, estimates, may, will and variations of these words or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. seeks. In addition, any statements that refer to expectations, projections or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking statements. Such statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, our actual results could differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. The section entitled Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2010, and in our other Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, discusses some of the important risk factors that may affect our business, results of operations, or financial condition. You should carefully consider those risks, in addition to the other information in this report, and in our other filings with the SEC, before deciding to invest in our company or to maintain or increase your investment. We undertake no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason. The information contained in this Form 10-Q is not a complete description of our business or the risks associated with an investment in our common stock. We urge you to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by us in this report and in our other reports filed with the SEC that discuss our business in greater detail and advise interested parties of certain risks, uncertainties and other factors that may affect our business, results of operations or financial condition.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Texas Roadhouse is a growing, moderately priced, full-service restaurant chain. Our founder, chairman and chief executive officer, W. Kent Taylor, started the business in 1993. Our mission statement is Legendary Food, Legendary Service®. Our operating strategy is designed to position each of our restaurants as the local hometown destination for a broad segment of consumers seeking high quality, affordable meals served with friendly, attentive service. As of September 27, 2011, there were 356 restaurants operating in 46 states and one foreign country, including:

• 284 company restaurants, of which 273 were wholly-owned and 11 were majority-owned. The results of operations of company restaurants are included in our condensed consolidated statements of income. The portion of income attributable to minority interests in company restaurants that are not wholly-owned is reflected in the line item entitled Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in our condensed consolidated statements of income.

• 72 franchise restaurants, of which 69 were franchise restaurants and three were license restaurants. We have a 5.0% to 10.0% ownership interest in 22 franchise restaurants. The income derived from our minority interests in these franchise restaurants is reported in the line item entitled Equity income from investments in unconsolidated affiliates in our condensed consolidated statements of income. Additionally, we provide various management services to these franchise restaurants, as well as seven additional franchise restaurants in which we have no ownership interest.

We have contractual arrangements which grant us the right to acquire at pre-determined valuation formulas (i) the remaining equity interests in nine of the 11 majority-owned company restaurants, and (ii) 65 of the franchise restaurants.

#### **Presentation of Financial and Operating Data**

Throughout this report, the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010 are referred to as Q3 2011 and Q3 2010, respectively, and the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010 are referred to as 2011 YTD and 2010 YTD.

#### Long-term Strategies to Grow Earnings Per Share and Create Shareholder Value

Our long-term strategies with respect to increasing net income and earnings per share, along with creating shareholder value, include the following:

*Expanding Our Restaurant Base.* We will continue to evaluate opportunities to develop Texas Roadhouse restaurants in existing and new domestic and international markets. Domestically, we will remain focused primarily on mid-sized markets where we believe a significant demand for our restaurants exists because of population size, income levels, the presence of shopping and entertainment centers and a significant employment base. Our ability to expand our restaurant base is influenced by many factors beyond our control and therefore we may not be able to achieve our anticipated growth.

We may, at our discretion, add franchise restaurants, domestically and/or internationally, primarily with franchisees who have demonstrated prior success with the Texas Roadhouse or other restaurant concepts and in markets in which the franchisee demonstrates superior knowledge of the demographics and restaurant operating conditions. In conjunction with this strategy, we signed our first international franchise agreement on April 26, 2010 for the development of Texas Roadhouse restaurants in eight countries in the Middle East over the next ten years, the first of which opened in August 2011. Additionally, in 2010, we entered into a joint venture agreement with a casual dining restaurant operator in China for the minority ownership in three non-Texas Roadhouse restaurants, one of which opened in the second quarter of 2011. We may also look to acquire franchise restaurants under terms favorable to us and our stockholders. Additionally, from time to time, we may evaluate potential mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures or other strategic initiatives to acquire or develop additional concepts. Of the 284 restaurants we owned and operated at September 27, 2011, 281 operated as Texas Roadhouse restaurants, while three operated under the name of Aspen Creek. All of our planned restaurant growth in 2011 will be Texas Roadhouse restaurants. We currently plan to open at least 25 restaurants in 2012, all of which will be Texas Roadhouse restaurants.

*Maintaining and/or Improving Restaurant Level Profitability.* We plan to maintain, or possibly increase, restaurant level profitability through a combination of increased comparable restaurant sales and operating cost management. In Q3 2011, our average unit volumes and comparable restaurant sales increased 3.9% and 4.0%, respectively. In 2011 YTD, our average unit volumes and comparable restaurant sales increased 4.7% and 4.4%, respectively. The growth in these measures was primarily due to higher guest traffic counts and increases in menu pricing taken throughout 2011. We believe the increase in guest traffic counts is due to our continued focus on encouraging repeat visits by our guests by not sacrificing any operational standards relating to our quality of food and service. We also continue to drive various localized marketing programs in order to attract new guests and increase the frequency of visits of our existing guests. While we have increased menu prices approximately 2% in 2011, we have been conservative with menu price increases in the past. Although this may create a challenge in terms of maintaining and/or increasing restaurant margins in

any given year, depending on the level of inflation we experience, we believe that it is important to remain conservative with menu price increases for the long term success of the business.

*Leveraging Our Scalable Infrastructure.* To support our growth, we continue to make investments in our infrastructure. Over the past several years, we have made significant investments in our infrastructure, including information systems, real estate, human resources, legal, marketing and operations. Historically, general and administrative costs have increased at a slower growth rate than our revenue. Whether we are able to leverage our infrastructure in the future will depend, in part, on our new restaurant openings and our comparable restaurant sales growth rate going forward.

*Returning Capital to Shareholders.* We continue to look at opportunities to return capital to our shareholders, including through repurchases of common stock and payment of dividends. On February 17, 2011, our Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program under which it authorized us to repurchase up to \$50.0 million of our common stock. On August 18, 2011, our Board of Directors approved a \$50.0 million increase in our stock repurchase program. Any repurchases will be made through open market transactions. As of September 27, 2011, \$53.6 million remains authorized for repurchase.

On August 18, 2011, our Board of Directors authorized the payment of our third quarterly cash dividend of \$0.08 per share of common stock. This payment was distributed on September 30, 2011, to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 14, 2011. The declaration and payment of cash dividends on our common stock is at the discretion of our Board of Directors, and any decision to declare a dividend will be based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, earnings, financial condition, applicable covenants under our credit facility and other contractual restrictions, or other factors deemed relevant.

#### Key Measures We Use to Evaluate Our Company

Key measures we use to evaluate and assess our business include the following:

*Number of Restaurant Openings*. Number of restaurant openings reflects the number of restaurants opened during a particular fiscal period. For company restaurant openings we incur pre-opening costs, which are defined below, before the restaurant opens. Typically new restaurants open with an initial start-up period of higher than normalized sales volumes, which decrease to a steady level approximately three to six months after opening. However, although sales volumes are generally higher, so are initial costs, resulting in restaurant operating margins that are generally lower during the start-up period of operation and increase to a steady level approximately three to six months after opening.

*Comparable Restaurant Sales Growth.* Comparable restaurant sales growth reflects the change in year-over-year sales for all company restaurants for the comparable restaurant base. We define the comparable restaurant base to include those restaurants open for a full 18 months before the beginning of the current interim period excluding restaurants closed during the period. Comparable restaurant sales growth can be impacted by changes in guest traffic counts or by changes in the per person average check amount. Menu price changes and the mix of menu items sold can affect the per person average check amount.

*Average Unit Volume.* Average unit volume represents the average annual restaurant sales for all company restaurants open for a full six months before the beginning of the period measured. Average unit volume excludes sales on restaurants closed during the period. Growth in average unit volumes in excess of comparable restaurant sales growth is generally an indication that newer restaurants are operating with sales levels in excess of the company average. Conversely, growth in average unit volumes less than growth in comparable restaurant sales growth is generally an indication that newer restaurant sales growth

Store Weeks. Store weeks represent the number of weeks that our company restaurants were open during the reporting period.

#### **Other Key Definitions**

*Restaurant Sales.* Restaurant sales include gross food and beverage sales, net of promotions and discounts, for all company-owned restaurants. Sales taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are accounted for on a net basis and therefore are excluded from restaurant sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income.

*Franchise Royalties and Fees.* Domestic franchisees typically pay a \$40,000 initial franchise fee for each new restaurant and a one-time fee payable for each renewal period equal to the greater of 30% of the then-current initial franchise fee or \$10,000 to \$15,000. Franchise royalties consist of royalties in an amount up to 4.0% of gross sales, as defined in our franchise agreement, paid to us by our domestic franchisees.

Restaurant Cost of Sales. Restaurant cost of sales consists of food and beverage costs.

*Restaurant Labor Expenses.* Restaurant labor expenses include all direct and indirect labor costs incurred in operations except for profit sharing incentive compensation expenses earned by our restaurant managers. These profit sharing expenses are reflected in restaurant other operating expenses. Restaurant labor expenses also include share-based compensation expense related to restaurant-

level employees.

*Restaurant Rent Expense.* Restaurant rent expense includes all rent associated with the leasing of real estate and includes base, percentage and straight-line rent expense.

*Restaurant Other Operating Expenses.* Restaurant other operating expenses consist of all other restaurant-level operating costs, the major components of which are utilities, supplies, advertising, repair and maintenance, property taxes, credit card fees and general liability insurance. Profit sharing allocations to managing partners and market partners are also included in restaurant other operating expenses.

*Pre-opening Expenses.* Pre-opening expenses, which are charged to operations as incurred, consist of expenses incurred before the opening of a new restaurant and are comprised principally of opening team and training salaries, travel expenses, rent, and food, beverage and other initial supplies and expenses.

Depreciation and Amortization Expenses. Depreciation and amortization expenses ( D&A ) includes the depreciation of fixed assets and amortization of intangibles with definite lives.

*Impairment and closure costs.* Impairment and closure costs include any impairment of long-lived assets, including goodwill, associated with restaurants where the carrying amount of the asset is not recoverable and exceeds the fair value of the asset and expenses associated with the closure of a restaurant. Closure costs also include any gains or losses associated with the sale of a closed restaurant and/or assets held for sale.

*General and Administrative Expenses.* General and administrative expenses (G&A) are comprised of expenses associated with corporate and administrative functions that support development and restaurant operations and provide an infrastructure to support future growth. Supervision and accounting fees received from certain franchise restaurants and license restaurants are offset against G&A. G&A also includes share-based compensation expense related to executive officers, support center employees and area managers, including market partners.

*Interest Expense, Net.* Interest expense includes the cost of our debt obligations including the amortization of loan fees, reduced by interest income and capitalized interest. Interest income includes earnings on cash and cash equivalents.

*Equity Income from Unconsolidated Affiliates.* As of September 27, 2011 and September 28, 2010, we owned a 5.0% to 10.0% equity interest in 22 franchise restaurants and 21 franchise restaurants, respectively. Equity income from unconsolidated affiliates represents our percentage share of net income earned by these unconsolidated affiliates.

Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests. Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests represents the portion of income attributable to the other owners of the majority-owned or controlled restaurants. Our consolidated subsidiaries at September 27, 2011 and

September 28, 2010 included 11 majority-owned restaurants, all of which were open.

*Managing Partners and Market Partners*. Managing partners are single unit operators who have primary responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the entire restaurant and are responsible for maintaining the standards of quality and performance we establish. Market partners, generally, have supervisory responsibilities for up to 10 to 13 restaurants. In addition to supervising the operations of our restaurants, they are also responsible for the hiring and development of each restaurant s management team and assist in the new restaurant site selection process.

#### **Results of Operations**

		13 Weeks	Ended		39 Weeks Ended						
	September 2	27, 2011	September 2	8, 2010	September 2	27, 2011	September 28, 2010				
(\$ in thousands)	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%			
Revenue:											
Restaurant sales	266,874	99.1	243,405	99.1	825,283	99.1	753,582	99.1			
Franchise royalties and fees	2,379	0.9	2,208	0.9	7,327	0.9	6,817	0.9			
Total revenue	269,253	100.0	245,613	100.0	832,610	100.0	760,399	100.0			
Costs and expenses:											
(As a percentage of restaurant											
sales)											
Restaurant operating costs:											
Cost of sales	88,944	33.3	79,101	32.5	274,751	33.3	244,560	32.5			
Labor	78,919	29.6	71,835	29.5	244,551	29.6	221,241	29.4			
Rent	5,796	2.2	5,329	2.2	17,153	2.1	15,886	2.1			
Other operating	45,112	16.9	43,476	17.9	136,331						