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## U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

For the quarterly period ended June 28, 2014

OR

**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 001-35258

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# DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

20-4145825  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

130 Royall Street  
Canton, Massachusetts 02021  
(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

(781) 737-3000  
(Registrants' telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has (1) 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  NO

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  NO

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller Reporting Company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

As of August 1, 2014, 104,844,641 shares of common stock of the registrant were outstanding.

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DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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**Part I. Financial Information**  
**Item 1. Financial Statements**

**DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
**(In thousands, except share data)**  
**(Unaudited)**

	June 28, 2014	December 28, 2013
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 176,381	256,933
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,068 and \$2,599 as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively	54,979	47,162
Notes and other receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,448 and \$659 as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively	13,579	32,603
Deferred income taxes, net	46,284	46,461
Restricted assets of advertising funds	35,142	31,493
Prepaid income taxes	8,351	25,699
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	21,479	21,409
Total current assets	356,195	461,760
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$100,475 and \$105,834 as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively	178,361	182,858
Equity method investments	175,677	170,644
Goodwill	890,362	891,598
Other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$210,745 and \$200,248 as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively	1,439,101	1,452,205
Other assets	64,795	75,625
Total assets	\$ 3,104,491	3,234,690
<b>Liabilities, Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests, and Stockholders' Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ —	5,000
Capital lease obligations	480	432
Accounts payable	12,535	12,445
Liabilities of advertising funds	41,312	49,077
Deferred income	30,623	28,426
Other current liabilities	186,930	248,918
Total current liabilities	271,880	344,298
Long-term debt, net	1,808,679	1,818,609
Capital lease obligations	7,042	6,996
Unfavorable operating leases acquired	15,752	16,834
Deferred income	13,758	11,135
Deferred income taxes, net	550,541	561,714
Other long-term liabilities	66,614	62,816
Total long-term liabilities	2,462,386	2,478,104
Commitments and contingencies (note 10)		
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	6,044	4,930
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 25,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding at June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively	—	—
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 475,000,000 shares authorized; 106,601,169 issued and 105,601,169 outstanding at June 28, 2014; 106,876,919 shares issued and 106,646,219 shares outstanding at December 28, 2013	106	107
Additional paid-in capital	1,153,690	1,196,426
Treasury stock, at cost	(44,587)	(10,773)
Accumulated deficit	(747,352)	(779,741)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	2,324	1,339
Total stockholders' equity	364,181	407,358
Total liabilities, redeemable noncontrolling interests, and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,104,491	3,234,690

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

**DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(In thousands, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Franchise fees and royalty income	\$ 122,267	112,794	228,979	216,559
Rental income	25,633	25,055	48,080	47,487
Sales of ice cream products	32,044	32,809	60,715	56,389
Sales at company-owned restaurants	4,736	6,240	11,052	12,011
Other revenues	6,228	5,590	14,030	11,900
Total revenues	190,908	182,488	362,856	344,346
<b>Operating costs and expenses:</b>				
Occupancy expenses—franchised restaurants	13,560	12,820	26,572	25,596
Cost of ice cream products	22,995	24,302	42,743	40,288
Company-owned restaurant expenses	4,904	5,940	11,267	11,595
General and administrative expenses, net	56,381	62,978	116,095	118,555
Depreciation	4,930	5,522	9,843	11,370
Amortization of other intangible assets	6,384	6,565	12,789	13,147
Long-lived asset impairment charges	523	107	646	355
Total operating costs and expenses	109,677	118,234	219,955	220,906
Net income of equity method investments	4,048	4,782	7,148	7,869
Other operating income, net	2,278	7,769	6,605	8,955
Operating income	87,557	76,805	156,654	140,264
<b>Other income (expense), net:</b>				
Interest income	69	91	138	205
Interest expense	(16,823)	(19,886)	(34,764)	(40,718)
Loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions	—	—	(13,735)	(5,018)
Other losses, net	(113)	(813)	(86)	(1,203)
Total other expense, net	(16,867)	(20,608)	(48,447)	(46,734)
Income before income taxes	70,690	56,197	108,207	93,530
Provision for income taxes	24,719	15,487	39,408	29,159
Net income including noncontrolling interests	45,971	40,710	68,799	64,371
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	(220)	(102)	(348)	(239)
Net income attributable to Dunkin' Brands	\$ 46,191	40,812	69,147	64,610
<b>Earnings per share:</b>				
Common—basic	\$ 0.44	0.38	0.65	0.61
Common—diluted	0.43	0.38	0.64	0.60
Cash dividends declared per common share	0.23	0.19	0.46	0.38

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

**DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**  
**(In thousands)**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Net income including noncontrolling interests	\$ 45,971	40,710	68,799	64,371
Other comprehensive income (loss), net:				
Effect of foreign currency translation, net of deferred tax expense (benefit) of \$(136) and \$240 for the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, and \$177 and \$374 for the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively	2,231	(5,898)	3,522	(16,703)
Unrealized gains (losses) on interest rate swaps, net of deferred tax expense (benefit) of \$(1,610) and \$5,737 for the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, and \$(2,067) and \$6,299 for the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively	(2,357)	8,437	(3,058)	9,216
Other, net	(137)	99	521	119
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net	(263)	2,638	985	(7,368)
Comprehensive income including noncontrolling interests	45,708	43,348	69,784	57,003
Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	(220)	(102)	(348)	(239)
Comprehensive income attributable to Dunkin' Brands	<u>\$ 45,928</u>	<u>43,450</u>	<u>70,132</u>	<u>57,242</u>

*See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.*

**DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income including noncontrolling interests	\$ 68,799	64,371
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Depreciation and amortization	22,632	24,517
Amortization of deferred financing costs and original issue discount	2,010	2,473
Loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions	13,735	5,018
Deferred income taxes	(9,303)	(5,812)
Provision for (recovery of) bad debt	839	(186)
Share-based compensation expense	4,926	3,661
Net income of equity method investments	(7,148)	(7,869)
Dividends received from equity method investments	5,825	5,527
Gain on sale of joint venture	—	(6,984)
Gain on sale of real estate and company-owned restaurants	(6,442)	(772)
Other, net	(914)	(651)
<b>Change in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		
Accounts, notes, and other receivables, net	10,650	(4,969)
Other current assets	454	1,012
Accounts payable	(716)	(158)
Other current liabilities	(61,083)	(63,358)
Liabilities of advertising funds, net	(10,938)	(1,043)
Income taxes payable, net	17,522	(5,935)
Deferred income	4,820	(958)
Other, net	4,003	1,673
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>59,671</u>	<u>9,557</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Additions to property and equipment	(10,556)	(12,507)
Proceeds from sale of real estate and company-owned restaurants	12,761	—
Proceeds from sale of joint venture	—	7,200
Other, net	(1,520)	(1,522)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>685</u>	<u>(6,829)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Repayment of long-term debt	(15,000)	(19,157)
Payment of deferred financing and other debt-related costs	(8,977)	(6,157)
Dividends paid on common stock	(48,759)	(40,450)
Repurchases of common stock	(81,046)	(16,756)
Exercise of stock options	4,293	4,642
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	7,821	—
Other, net	718	(208)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(140,950)</u>	<u>(78,086)</u>
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	42	(261)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(80,552)</u>	<u>(75,619)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	256,933	252,618
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 176,381</u>	<u>176,999</u>
<b>Supplemental cash flow information:</b>		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 24,068	41,732
Cash paid for interest	32,859	49,804
<b>Noncash investing activities:</b>		
Property and equipment included in accounts payable and other current liabilities	1,622	1,890
Purchase of leaseholds in exchange for capital lease obligations	294	173

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

**DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**(Unaudited)**

**(1) Description of Business and Organization**

Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. ("DBGI"), together with its consolidated subsidiaries, is one of the world's leading franchisors of restaurants serving coffee and baked goods, as well as ice cream, within the quick service restaurant segment of the restaurant industry. We develop, franchise, and license a system of both traditional and nontraditional quick service restaurants and, in limited circumstances, own and operate individual locations. Through our Dunkin' Donuts brand, we develop and franchise restaurants featuring coffee, donuts, bagels, breakfast sandwiches, and related products. Through our Baskin-Robbins brand, we develop and franchise restaurants featuring ice cream, frozen beverages, and related products. Additionally, we distribute Baskin-Robbins ice cream products to Baskin-Robbins franchisees and licensees in certain international markets.

Throughout these unaudited consolidated financial statements, "Dunkin' Brands," "the Company," "we," "us," "our," and "management" refer to DBGI and its consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole.

**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***(a) Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements***

The consolidated balance sheet as of June 28, 2014, the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, and the consolidated statements of cash flows for the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, are unaudited.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of DBGI and its consolidated subsidiaries and have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") for complete financial statements. All significant transactions and balances between subsidiaries and affiliates have been eliminated in consolidation. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of such financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been recorded. Such adjustments consisted only of normal recurring items. These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2013, included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

***(b) Fiscal Year***

The Company operates and reports financial information on a 52- or 53-week year on a 13-week quarter basis with the fiscal year ending on the last Saturday in December and fiscal quarters ending on the 13th Saturday of each quarter (or 14th Saturday when applicable with respect to the fourth fiscal quarter). The data periods contained within our three- and six-month periods ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013 reflect the results of operations for the 13-week and 26-week periods ended on those dates. Operating results for the three- and six-month periods ended June 28, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending December 27, 2014.

***(c) Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

Financial assets and liabilities are categorized, based on the inputs to the valuation technique, into a three-level fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to the quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities and lowest priority to unobservable inputs. Observable market data, when available, is required to be used in making fair value measurements. When inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the level within which the fair value measurement is categorized is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	June 28, 2014			December 28, 2013		
	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Total	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Total
<b>Assets:</b>						
Mutual funds	\$ —	—	—	1,012	—	1,012
Interest rate swaps	—	5,083	5,083	—	10,221	10,221
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>5,083</b>	<b>5,083</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>10,221</b>	<b>11,233</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Deferred compensation liabilities	\$ —	7,996	7,996	—	7,181	7,181
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>7,996</b>	<b>7,996</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7,181</b>	<b>7,181</b>

The deferred compensation liabilities primarily relate to the Dunkin' Brands, Inc. Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan ("NQDC Plan"), which allows for pre-tax salary deferrals for certain qualifying individuals. Changes in the fair value of the deferred compensation liabilities are derived using quoted prices in active markets of the asset selections made by the participants. The deferred compensation liabilities are classified within Level 2, as defined under U.S. GAAP, because their inputs are derived principally from observable market data by correlation to hypothetical investments. The Company holds assets, which may include mutual funds, to partially offset the Company's liabilities under certain benefit plans. The changes in the fair value of any mutual funds held are derived using quoted prices in active markets for the specific funds. As such, the mutual funds are classified within Level 1, as defined under U.S. GAAP.

The Company uses readily available market data to value its interest rate swaps, such as interest rate curves and discount factors. Additionally, the fair value of derivatives includes consideration of credit risk in the valuation. The Company uses a potential future exposure model to estimate this credit valuation adjustment ("CVA"). The inputs to the CVA are largely based on observable market data, with the exception of certain assumptions regarding credit worthiness which make the CVA a Level 3 input, as defined under U.S. GAAP. As the magnitude of the CVA is not a significant component of the fair value of the interest rate swaps as of June 28, 2014, it is not considered a significant input and the derivatives are classified as Level 2.

The carrying value and estimated fair value of long-term debt as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013 were as follows (in thousands):

	June 28, 2014		December 28, 2013	
	Carrying Value	Estimated fair value	Carrying Value	Estimated fair value
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Term loans	\$ 1,808,679	1,807,405	1,823,609	1,836,212

The estimated fair value of our term loans is estimated based on current bid prices for our term loans. Judgment is required to develop these estimates. As such, our term loans are classified within Level 2, as defined under U.S. GAAP.

**(d) Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

The Company uses derivative instruments to hedge interest rate risks. These derivative contracts are entered into with financial institutions. The Company does not use derivative instruments for trading purposes and we have procedures in place to monitor and control their use.

We record all derivative instruments on our consolidated balance sheets at fair value. For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative instruments is reported as other comprehensive income (loss) and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. Any ineffective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative instrument for a cash flow hedge is recorded in the consolidated statements of operations immediately. Cash flows associated with the Company's interest rate swap agreements are classified as cash flows from operating activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows which is consistent with the classification of cash flows of the underlying hedged item. See note 5 for a discussion of the Company's use of derivative instruments, management of credit risk inherent in derivative instruments, and fair value information.



**(e) Concentration of Credit Risk**

The Company is subject to credit risk through its accounts receivable consisting primarily of amounts due from franchisees and licensees for franchise fees, royalty income, and sales of ice cream products. In addition, we have note and lease receivables from certain of our franchisees and licensees. The financial condition of these franchisees and licensees is largely dependent upon the underlying business trends of our brands and market conditions within the quick service restaurant industry. This concentration of credit risk is mitigated, in part, by the large number of franchisees and licensees of each brand and the short-term nature of the franchise and license fee and lease receivables. At June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, one master licensee, including its majority-owned subsidiaries, accounted for approximately 26% and 17%, respectively, of total accounts and notes receivable, which was primarily due to the timing of orders and shipments of ice cream to the master licensee. For the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, one master licensee, including its majority-owned subsidiaries, accounted for approximately 10% and 11% of total revenues, respectively. No individual franchisee or master licensee accounted for more than 10% of total revenues for the three or six months ended June 29, 2013.

**(f) Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued new guidance for revenue recognition related to contracts with customers, except for contracts within the scope of other standards, which supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance. The new guidance provides a single framework in which revenue is required to be recognized to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration to which a company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This guidance is effective for the Company in fiscal year 2017 and early adoption is not permitted. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this new standard will have on the Company's accounting policies, consolidated financial statements, and related disclosures.

In July 2013, the FASB issued new guidance which requires presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit as a reduction of a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward, except in certain circumstances. This guidance was adopted by the Company in fiscal year 2014. The adoption of this guidance did not have any impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**(g) Reclassifications**

The Company has revised the presentation of certain income generating transactions that historically were recorded within general and administrative expenses, net in the consolidated statements of operations. Income from these transactions totaling \$785 thousand and \$2.0 million have been reclassified into other operating income, net, for the three and six months ended June 29, 2013, respectively, in the consolidated statements of operations to conform to the current year presentation. There was no impact to total revenues, operating income, income before income taxes, or net income as a result of these reclassifications.

The Company has also revised the presentation of certain asset captions within the consolidated balance sheets to conform to the current period presentation, including combining 'assets held for sale' with 'prepaid expense and other current assets' and combining 'restricted cash' with 'other assets'. The revisions had no impact on total current assets or total assets.

Additionally, the Company has revised the presentation of certain captions for the six months ended June 29, 2013 within the consolidated statements of cash flows to conform to the current period presentation. The revisions had no impact on net cash provided by operating, provided by or used in investing, or used in financing activities.

**(h) Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date these consolidated financial statements were filed.

**(3) Franchise Fees and Royalty Income**

Franchise fees and royalty income consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Royalty income	\$ 112,732	106,254	211,331	199,476
Initial franchise fees and renewal income	9,535	6,540	17,648	17,083
Total franchise fees and royalty income	\$ 122,267	112,794	228,979	216,559

The changes in franchised and company-owned points of distribution were as follows:

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
<b>Systemwide Points of Distribution:</b>				
Franchised points of distribution in operation—beginning of period	18,218	17,446	18,122	17,333
Franchised points of distribution—opened	315	300	581	544
Franchised points of distribution—closed	(167)	(149)	(337)	(280)
Net transfers from company-owned points of distribution	10	—	10	—
Franchised points of distribution in operation—end of period	18,376	17,597	18,376	17,597
Company-owned points of distribution—end of period	29	30	29	30
Total systemwide points of distribution—end of period	18,405	17,627	18,405	17,627

During fiscal year 2013, the Company performed an internal review of international franchised points of distribution, and determined that certain franchises opened and closed had not been accurately reported in prior years. As such, the points of distribution information for the three and six months ended June 29, 2013 has been adjusted to reflect the results of this internal review. The adjustments to the prior years were not material, and had no impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations. Franchised points of distribution in operation—beginning of period and franchised points of distribution in operation—end of period were reduced by 91 for the three and six months ended June 29, 2013.

#### (4) Debt

In February 2014, Dunkin' Brands, Inc. ("DBI"), a subsidiary of DBGI, amended its senior credit facility, resulting in a reduction of interest rates. The senior credit facility now consists of \$1.38 billion in term loans due February 2021 ("2021 Term Loans"), \$450.0 million in term loans due September 2017 ("2017 Term Loans"), and a \$100.0 million revolving credit facility that matures in February 2019.

The 2021 Term Loans bear interest at a rate per annum equal to an applicable margin plus, at our option, either (1) a base rate determined by reference to the highest of (a) the Federal Funds rate plus 0.5%, (b) the prime rate, (c) LIBOR plus 1.0%, and (d) 1.75% or (2) LIBOR provided that LIBOR shall not be lower than 0.75%. The applicable margin under the term loan facility is 1.50% for loans based upon the base rate and 2.50% for loans based upon LIBOR.

The 2017 Term Loans bear interest at a rate per annum equal to an applicable margin plus, at our option, either (1) a base rate determined by reference to the highest of (a) the Federal Funds rate plus 0.5%, (b) the prime rate, and (c) LIBOR plus 1.0%, or (2) LIBOR. The applicable margin under the term loan facility is 1.50% for loans based upon the base rate and 2.50% for loans based upon LIBOR.

The effective interest rate for the term loans, including the amortization of original issue discount and deferred financing costs, was 3.5% and 2.8% for the 2021 Term Loans and 2017 Term Loans, respectively, at June 28, 2014.

Subsequent to the amendment, borrowings under the revolving credit facility bear interest at a rate per annum equal to an applicable margin plus, at our option, either (1) a base rate determined by reference to the highest of (a) the Federal Funds rate plus 0.5%, (b) the prime rate, and (c) LIBOR plus 1.0%, or (2) LIBOR. The applicable margin under the revolving credit facility is 1.25% for loans based upon the base rate and 2.25% for loans based upon LIBOR. In addition, we are required to pay a 0.5% commitment fee per annum on the unused portion of the revolver and a fee for letter of credit amounts outstanding of 2.25%.

In connection with the amendment, certain lenders, holding \$684.7 million of term loans, exited the term loan lending syndicate. The principal of the exiting lenders was replaced with additional loans from both existing and new lenders. As a result, during the first quarter of 2014, the Company recorded a loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions of \$13.7 million, including \$10.5 million related to the write-off of original issuance discount and deferred financing costs and \$3.2 million of fees paid to third parties. The amended term loans were issued with an original issue discount of 0.25%, or \$4.6 million, which was recorded as a reduction to long-term debt. Total debt issuance costs incurred and capitalized in connection with this amendment were \$1.2 million.

In February 2013, the Company amended its senior credit facility, resulting in a reduction of interest rates and an extension of the maturity dates for both the term loans and the revolving credit facility. As a result of the amendment, the Company recorded a loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions of \$5.0 million during the first quarter of 2013, including \$3.9 million related to the write-off of original issuance discount and deferred financing costs and \$1.1 million of fees paid to third

parties. The amended term loans were issued with an original issue discount of 0.25%, or \$4.6 million, which was recorded as a reduction to long-term debt. Principal payments are required to be made on the 2017 Term Loans equal to \$4.5 million per calendar year, payable in quarterly installments beginning June 2014 through June 2017. Principal payments are required to be made on the 2021 Term Loans equal to approximately \$13.8 million per calendar year, payable in quarterly installments beginning June 2015 through December 2020. The final scheduled principal payments on the outstanding borrowings under the 2017 Term Loans and 2021 Term Loans are due in September 2017 and February 2021, respectively. Additionally, following the end of each fiscal year, the Company is required to prepay an amount equal to 25% of excess cash flow (as defined in the senior credit facility) for such fiscal year. If DBI's leverage ratio, which is a measure of DBI's outstanding debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, adjusted for certain items (as specified in the senior credit facility), is no greater than 4.75x, no excess cash flow payments are required. If DBI's leverage ratio is greater than 5.50x, the Company is required to prepay an amount equal to 50% of excess cash flow. Considering the voluntary prepayments made, no additional principal payments are required in the next twelve months as of June 28, 2014, though the Company may elect to make voluntary prepayments. Other events and transactions, such as certain asset sales and incurrence of debt, may trigger additional mandatory prepayments.

#### (5) Derivative Instruments and Hedging Transactions

The Company is exposed to global market risks, including the effect of changes in interest rates, and may use derivative instruments to mitigate the impact of these changes. The Company does not use derivatives with a level of complexity or with a risk higher than the exposures to be hedged and does not hold or issue derivatives for trading purposes. The Company's hedging instruments consist solely of interest rate swaps at June 28, 2014. The Company's risk management objective and strategy with respect to the interest rate swaps is to limit the Company's exposure to increased interest rates on its variable rate debt by reducing the potential variability in cash flow requirements relating to interest payments on a portion of its outstanding debt. The Company documents its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking hedging transactions, as well as all relationships between hedging instruments and hedged items.

In September 2012, the Company entered into variable-to-fixed interest rate swap agreements with three counterparties to hedge the risk of increases in cash flows (interest payments) attributable to increases in three-month LIBOR above the designated benchmark interest rate being hedged, through November 2017. Interest is settled quarterly on a net basis with each counterparty. The swaps have been designated as hedging instruments and are classified as cash flow hedges. They are recognized on the Company's consolidated balance sheets at fair value and classified based on the instruments' maturity dates. Changes in the fair value measurements of the derivative instruments are reflected as other comprehensive income (loss), or current earnings if there is ineffectiveness of the derivative instruments during the period.

As a result of the February 2014 amendment to the senior credit facility, the Company amended the interest rate swap agreements to align the embedded floors with the amended term loans. As a result of the amendments to the interest rate swap agreements, the Company will be required to make quarterly payments on the notional amount at a fixed average interest rate of approximately 1.22%. In exchange, the Company will receive interest on the notional amount at a variable rate based on three-month LIBOR spot rate, subject to a floor of 0.75%, resulting in a total interest rate of approximately 3.72% on the hedged amount when considering the applicable margin in effect at June 28, 2014. There was no change to the term and the notional amount of the term loan borrowings being hedged of \$900.0 million.

As a result of the amendment to the interest rate swaps, the Company does not expect the hedging relationship to have a material amount of ineffectiveness. During the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, there was no ineffectiveness of the interest rate swaps, and therefore, ineffectiveness had no impact on the consolidated statements of operations. As of the date of the amendment, a cumulative unrealized gain of \$5.8 million was recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, which will be amortized on a straight-line basis to interest expense in the consolidated statements of operations through the maturity date.

The fair values of derivatives instruments consisted of the following (in thousands):

	June 28, 2014	December 28, 2013	Consolidated Balance Sheet Classification
Interest rate swaps	\$ 5,083	10,221	Other assets
Total fair values of derivative instruments	\$ 5,083	10,221	

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The tables below summarize the effects of derivative instruments on the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, and June 29, 2013 (in thousands):

**Three months ended June 28, 2014**

<b>Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments</b>	<b>Amount of gain (loss) recognized in other comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>Amount of net gain (loss) reclassified into earnings<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Consolidated statement of operations classification</b>	<b>Total effect on other comprehensive income (loss)</b>
Interest rate swaps	\$ (5,138)	(1,171)	Interest expense	\$ (3,967)
Income tax effect	2,090	480	Provision for income taxes	1,610
Net of income taxes	\$ (3,048)	(691)		\$ (2,357)

**Three months ended June 29, 2013**

<b>Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments</b>	<b>Amount of gain (loss) recognized in other comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>Amount of net gain (loss) reclassified into earnings</b>	<b>Consolidated statement of operations classification</b>	<b>Total effect on other comprehensive income (loss)</b>
Interest rate swaps	\$ 13,328	(846)	Interest expense	\$ 14,174
Income tax effect	(5,395)	342	Provision for income taxes	(5,737)
Net of income taxes	\$ 7,933	(504)		\$ 8,437

**Six months ended June 28, 2014**

<b>Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments</b>	<b>Amount of gain (loss) recognized in other comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>Amount of net gain (loss) reclassified into earnings<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Consolidated statement of operations classification</b>	<b>Total effect on other comprehensive income (loss)</b>
Interest rate swaps	\$ (7,173)	(2,048)	Interest expense	\$ (5,125)
Income tax effect	2,893	826	Provision for income taxes	2,067
Net of income taxes	\$ (4,280)	(1,222)		\$ (3,058)

**Six months ended June 29, 2013**

<b>Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments</b>	<b>Amount of gain (loss) recognized in other comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>Amount of net gain (loss) reclassified into earnings</b>	<b>Consolidated statement of operations classification</b>	<b>Total effect on other comprehensive income (loss)</b>
Interest rate swaps	\$ 13,823	(1,692)	Interest expense	\$ 15,515
Income tax effect	(5,602)	697	Provision for income taxes	(6,299)
Net of income taxes	\$ 8,221	(995)		\$ 9,216

(1) The total net gain (loss) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income into interest expense in the consolidated statements of operations includes the straight-line amortization of the unrealized gain that remained in accumulated other comprehensive income as of the date of the amendment.

As of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, \$1.1 million and \$836 thousand, respectively, of interest expense related to interest rate swaps is accrued in other current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets. During the next twelve months, the Company estimates that \$4.2 million will be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income as an increase to interest expense based on current projections of LIBOR.

The Company is exposed to credit-related losses in the event of non-performance by the counterparties to its hedging instruments. To mitigate counterparty credit risk, the Company only enters into contracts with major financial institutions based upon their credit ratings and other factors, and continually assesses the creditworthiness of its counterparties. At June 28, 2014, all of the counterparties to the interest rate swaps had investment grade ratings. To date, all counterparties have performed in accordance with their contractual obligations.

The Company has agreements with each of its derivative counterparties that contain a provision whereby if the Company defaults on any of its indebtedness, including default where repayment of the indebtedness has not been accelerated by the lender, then the Company could also be declared in default on its derivative obligations. As of June 28, 2014, the Company has not posted any collateral related to these agreements. The Company holds one derivative instrument with each of its derivative

counterparties, each of which is settled net with the respective counterparties in accordance with the swap agreements. There is no offsetting of these financial instruments on the consolidated balance sheets. As of June 28, 2014, the termination value of derivatives is a net asset position of \$4.0 million, which includes accrued interest but excludes any adjustment for nonperformance risk, related to these agreements.

#### (6) Other Current Liabilities

Other current liabilities consisted of the following (in thousands):

	June 28, 2014	December 28, 2013
Gift card/certificate liability	\$ 99,386	139,721
Gift card breakage liability	11,551	14,093
Accrued salary and benefits	17,490	26,713
Accrued legal liabilities (see note 10(c))	26,085	26,633
Accrued interest	10,015	9,999
Accrued professional costs	2,942	2,938
Other	19,461	28,821
Total other current liabilities	<u>\$ 186,930</u>	<u>248,918</u>

The decrease in the gift card/certificate liability is driven primarily by the seasonality of our gift card program. The decrease in accrued salary and benefits is primarily due to bonus payments made during the first quarter of 2014 related to fiscal year 2013.

#### (7) Segment Information

The Company is strategically aligned into two global brands, Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins, which are further segregated between U.S. operations and international operations. As such, the Company has determined that it has four operating segments, which are its reportable segments: Dunkin' Donuts U.S., Dunkin' Donuts International, Baskin-Robbins U.S., and Baskin-Robbins International. Dunkin' Donuts U.S., Baskin-Robbins U.S., and Dunkin' Donuts International primarily derive their revenues through royalty income, franchise fees, and rental income. Dunkin' Donuts U.S. also derives revenue through retail sales at company-owned restaurants. Baskin-Robbins U.S. also derives revenue through license fees from a third-party license agreement. Baskin-Robbins International primarily derives its revenues from the sales of ice cream products, as well as royalty income, franchise fees, and license fees. The operating results of each segment are regularly reviewed and evaluated separately by the Company's senior management, which includes, but is not limited to, the chief executive officer. Senior management primarily evaluates the performance of its segments and allocates resources to them based on operating income adjusted for amortization of intangible assets, long-lived asset impairment charges, and other infrequent or unusual charges, and does not reflect the allocation of any corporate charges. This profitability measure is referred to as segment profit. When senior management reviews a balance sheet, it is at a consolidated level. The accounting policies applicable to each segment are consistent with those used in the consolidated financial statements.

Prior to fiscal year 2014, the segment profit measure used by the Company to assess the performance of and allocate resources to each reportable segment was based on earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, impairment charges, loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions, and other gains and losses, and did not reflect the allocation of any corporate charges. Accordingly, the primary change from the historical segment profit measure is the inclusion of depreciation expense. Beginning in fiscal year 2014, the segment profit measure was revised to the adjusted operating income measure described above to better align the segments with our consolidated performance measures and incentive targets. The segment profit amounts presented below for the three and six months ended June 29, 2013 have been adjusted to reflect this change to the measurement of segment profit to ensure comparability.

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Revenues for all operating segments include only transactions with unaffiliated customers and include no intersegment revenues. Revenues reported as “Other” include revenue earned through arrangements with third parties in which our brand names are used and revenue generated from online training programs for franchisees that are not allocated to a specific segment. Revenues by segment were as follows (in thousands):

	Revenues			
	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Dunkin’ Donuts U.S.	\$ 136,450	128,672	261,669	\$ 248,306
Dunkin’ Donuts International	4,521	3,931	8,806	8,554
Baskin-Robbins U.S.	12,952	12,489	22,073	22,101
Baskin-Robbins International	33,631	34,917	63,642	60,345
Total reportable segment revenues	187,554	180,009	356,190	339,306
Other	3,354	2,479	6,666	5,040
Total revenues	\$ 190,908	182,488	362,856	344,346

Expenses included in “Corporate” in the segment profit table below include corporate overhead costs, such as payroll and related benefit costs and professional services. The “Operating income adjustments excluded from reportable segments” amounts for the three and six months ended June 29, 2013 below include the \$7.5 million charge related to the third-party product volume guarantee (see note 10(a)). Segment profit by segment was as follows (in thousands):

	Segment profit			
	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Dunkin’ Donuts U.S.	\$ 100,981	91,302	190,813	174,857
Dunkin’ Donuts International	3,015	1,581	5,872	4,133
Baskin-Robbins U.S.	9,315	7,856	14,183	13,449
Baskin-Robbins International	11,724	19,411	21,223	28,709
Total reportable segments	125,035	120,150	232,091	221,148
Corporate	(30,871)	(28,982)	(62,302)	(59,294)
Interest expense, net	(16,754)	(19,795)	(34,626)	(40,513)
Amortization of other intangible assets	(6,384)	(6,565)	(12,789)	(13,147)
Long-lived asset impairment charges	(523)	(107)	(646)	(355)
Loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions	—	—	(13,735)	(5,018)
Other losses, net	(113)	(813)	(86)	(1,203)
Operating income adjustments excluded from reportable segments	300	(7,691)	300	(8,088)
Income before income taxes	\$ 70,690	56,197	108,207	93,530

Net income of equity method investments is included in segment profit for the Dunkin’ Donuts International and Baskin-Robbins International reportable segments. Income included in “Other” in the table below represents the reduction of depreciation and amortization expense reported by BR Korea Co., Ltd. (“BR Korea”) as the Company recorded an impairment charge in fiscal year 2011 related to the underlying long-lived assets of BR Korea. Net income of equity method investments by reportable segment was as follows (in thousands):

	Net income of equity method investments			
	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Dunkin’ Donuts International	\$ 672	368	976	254
Baskin-Robbins International	3,019	4,126	5,477	6,664
Total reportable segments	3,691	4,494	6,453	6,918
Other	357	288	695	951
Total net income of equity method investments	\$ 4,048	4,782	\$ 7,148	7,869

**(8) Stockholders' Equity and Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests**

The changes in total stockholders' equity and redeemable noncontrolling interests were as follows (in thousands):

	Total stockholders' equity	Redeemable noncontrolling interests
Balance at December 28, 2013	\$ 407,358	4,930
Net income	69,147	(348)
Other comprehensive income	985	—
Dividends paid on common stock	(48,759)	—
Exercise of stock options	4,293	—
Repurchases of common stock	(81,046)	—
Share-based compensation expense	4,926	—
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	7,821	—
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	—	1,462
Other, net	(544)	—
Balance at June 28, 2014	\$ 364,181	6,044

**(a) Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests**

As of June 28, 2014, the consolidated balance sheets included \$2.7 million of cash and cash equivalents and \$9.1 million of property and equipment, net, for the partnership entity with the noncontrolling owners, which may be used only to settle obligations of the partnership.

**(b) Treasury Stock**

During the six months ended June 28, 2014, the Company repurchased a total of 1,772,205 shares of common stock at a weighted average price per share of \$45.72 from existing stockholders. The Company accounts for treasury stock under the cost method, and as such recorded an increase in common treasury stock of \$81.0 million during the six months ended June 28, 2014, based on the fair market value of the shares on the date of repurchase and direct costs incurred. In May 2014, the Company retired 1,002,905 shares of treasury stock, resulting in decreases in treasury stock and additional paid-in capital of \$47.2 million and \$10.8 million, respectively, and an increase in accumulated deficit of \$36.4 million.

**(c) Equity Incentive Plans**

During the six months ended June 28, 2014, the Company granted options to purchase 1,406,308 shares of common stock and 27,096 restricted stock awards ("RSAs") to certain employees, and 74,299 restricted stock units ("RSUs") to certain employees and members of our board of directors. The stock options generally vest in equal annual amounts over an approximately four-year period subsequent to the grant date, and have a maximum contractual term of seven years. The stock options were granted with an exercise price of \$51.67 per share and have a weighted average grant-date fair value of \$10.65 per share. The RSUs granted to employees and members of our board of directors vest over a three-year period and a one-year period, respectively, subsequent to the grant date. The RSUs have a weighted average grant-date fair value of \$47.72 per share. The RSAs vest in full on July 31, 2016, and have a grant-date fair value of \$51.67 per share.

In addition, the Company granted 150,000 performance-based RSAs during the first quarter of fiscal year 2014. These performance-based RSAs are eligible to vest on December 31, 2018, subject to a market vesting condition linked to the level of total shareholder return received by the Company's shareholders during the performance period measured against the median total shareholder return of the companies in the S&P 500 Composite Index. The performance-based RSAs were valued based on a Monte Carlo simulation model to reflect the impact of the total shareholder return market condition, resulting in a grant-date fair value of \$37.94 per share.

Total compensation expense related to all share-based awards was \$3.1 million and \$2.0 million for the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, and \$4.9 million and \$3.7 million for the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, and is included in general and administrative expenses, net in the consolidated statements of operations.

**(d) Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income**

The changes in the components of accumulated other comprehensive income were as follows (in thousands):

	Effect of foreign currency translation	Unrealized gains (losses) on interest rate swaps	Unrealized gain (loss) on pension plan	Other	Accumulated other comprehensive income
Balance at December 28, 2013	\$ 5	6,085	(3,098)	(1,653)	1,339
Other comprehensive income (loss)	3,522	(3,058)	35	486	985
Balance at June 28, 2014	\$ 3,527	3,027	(3,063)	(1,167)	2,324

**(e) Dividends**

The Company paid quarterly dividends of \$0.23 per share of common stock on March 19, 2014 and June 4, 2014, totaling approximately \$24.5 million and \$24.2 million, respectively. On July 24, 2014, we announced that our board of directors approved the next quarterly dividend of \$0.23 per share of common stock payable September 3, 2014 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on August 25, 2014.

**(9) Earnings per Share**

The computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share is as follows (in thousands, except share and per share amounts):

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Net income attributable to Dunkin' Brands—basic and diluted	\$ 46,191	40,812	69,147	64,610
Weighted average number of common shares:				
Common—basic	105,914,402	106,485,078	106,208,129	106,365,758
Common—diluted	107,186,360	108,211,994	107,583,260	108,185,485
Earnings per common share:				
Common—basic	\$ 0.44	0.38	0.65	0.61
Common—diluted	0.43	0.38	0.64	0.60

The weighted average number of common shares in the common diluted earnings per share calculation includes the dilutive effect of 1,271,958 and 1,726,916 equity awards for the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, and includes the dilutive effect of 1,375,131 and 1,819,727 equity awards for the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, using the treasury stock method. The weighted average number of common shares in the common diluted earnings per share calculation for all periods excludes all performance-based equity awards outstanding for which the performance criteria were not yet met as of the fiscal period end. As of June 28, 2014, there were 150,000 restricted shares that were performance-based and for which the performance criteria were not yet met. As of June 29, 2013, there were no equity awards that were performance-based and for which the performance criteria was not yet met. Additionally, the weighted average number of common shares in the common diluted earnings per share calculation excludes 1,445,128 and 1,376,193 equity awards for the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, and 1,470,672 and 1,571,791 equity awards for the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, as they would be antidilutive.



## **(10) Commitments and Contingencies**

### **(a) Guarantees**

#### **Financial Guarantees**

The Company has established agreements with certain financial institutions whereby the Company's franchisees can obtain financing with terms of approximately 3 to 10 years for various business purposes. Substantially all loan proceeds are used by the franchisees to finance store improvements, new store development, new central production locations, equipment purchases, related business acquisition costs, working capital, and other costs. In limited instances, the Company guarantees a portion of the payments and commitments of the franchisees, which is collateralized by the store equipment owned by the franchisee. Under the terms of the agreements, in the event that all outstanding borrowings come due simultaneously, the Company would be contingently liable for \$2.9 million and \$3.0 million at June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively. At June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, there were no amounts under such guarantees that were due.

#### **Supply Chain Guarantees**

In 2012, the Company entered into a third-party guarantee with a distribution facility of franchisee products that guarantees franchisees would sell a certain volume of cooler beverages each year over a 4-year period. During the second quarter of fiscal year 2013, the Company determined that the franchisees will not achieve the required sales volume, and therefore, the Company accrued the maximum guarantee under the agreement of \$7.5 million, which is included in other current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets as of December 28, 2013. The Company made the full required guarantee payment during the first quarter of 2014. No additional guarantee payments will be required under the agreement.

The Company entered into a third-party guarantee with a distribution facility that guarantees franchisees will purchase a certain volume of product over a 10-year period. As product is purchased by the Company's franchisees over the term of the agreement, the amount of the guarantee is reduced. As of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, the Company was contingently liable for \$5.0 million and \$5.7 million, respectively, under this guarantee. Additionally, the Company has various supply chain contracts that generally provide for purchase commitments or exclusivity, the majority of which result in the Company being contingently liable upon early termination of the agreement or engaging with another supplier. As of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, the Company was contingently liable under such supply chain agreements for approximately \$46.7 million and \$52.6 million, respectively. The Company assesses the risk of performing under each of these guarantees on a quarterly basis, and, based on various factors including internal forecasts, prior history, and ability to extend contract terms, we have not recorded any liabilities related to these commitments as of June 28, 2014.

#### **Lease Guarantees**

As a result of assigning our interest in obligations under property leases as a condition of the refranchising of certain restaurants and the guarantee of certain other leases, we are contingently liable on certain lease agreements. These leases have varying terms, the latest of which expires in 2024. As of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, the potential amount of undiscounted payments the Company could be required to make in the event of nonpayment by the primary lessee was \$6.5 million and \$6.4 million, respectively. Our franchisees are the primary lessees under the majority of these leases. The Company generally has cross-default provisions with these franchisees that would put them in default of their franchise agreement in the event of nonpayment under the lease. We believe these cross-default provisions significantly reduce the risk that we will be required to make payments under these leases. Accordingly, we do not believe it is probable that the Company will be required to make payments under such leases, and we have not recorded a liability for such contingent liabilities.

### **(b) Letters of Credit**

At June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, the Company had standby letters of credit outstanding for a total of \$2.5 million and \$3.0 million, respectively. There were no amounts drawn down on these letters of credit.

### **(c) Legal Matters**

In May 2003, a group of Dunkin' Donuts franchisees from Quebec, Canada filed a lawsuit against the Company on a variety of claims, based on events which primarily occurred 10 to 15 years ago, including but not limited to, alleging that the Company breached its franchise agreements and provided inadequate management and support to Dunkin' Donuts franchisees in Quebec (the "Bertico litigation"). On June 22, 2012, the Quebec Superior Court found for the plaintiffs and issued a judgment against the Company in the amount of approximately C\$16.4 million (approximately \$15.9 million), plus costs and interest, representing loss in value of the franchises and lost profits. As of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, the Company has recorded an estimated liability of \$25.1 million which includes interest that continues to accrue on the judgment amount and

the impact of foreign exchange. The Company strongly disagrees with the decision reached by the Court and believes the damages awarded were unwarranted. As such, the Company is vigorously appealing the decision.

The Company is engaged in several matters of litigation arising in the ordinary course of its business as a franchisor. Such matters include disputes related to compliance with the terms of franchise and development agreements, including claims or threats of claims of breach of contract, negligence, and other alleged violations by the Company. At June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, contingent liabilities, excluding the Bertico litigation, totaling \$1.0 million and \$1.5 million, were included in other current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets to reflect the Company's estimate of the potential loss which may be incurred in connection with these matters. While the Company intends to vigorously defend its positions against all claims in these lawsuits and disputes, it is reasonably possible that the losses in connection with all matters could increase by up to an additional \$12.0 million based on the outcome of ongoing litigation or negotiations.

## **(11) Related-Party Transactions**

### ***(a) Advertising Funds***

At June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, the Company had a net payable of \$6.2 million and \$17.6 million, respectively, to the various advertising funds.

To cover administrative expenses of the advertising funds, the Company charges each advertising fund a management fee for items such as facilities, accounting services, information technology, data processing, product development, legal, administrative support services, and other operating expenses, as well as share-based compensation expense for employees that provide services directly to the advertising funds. Management fees totaled \$1.9 million and \$1.4 million for the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, and \$3.7 million and \$2.9 million for the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, and are reflected in the consolidated statements of operations as a reduction in general and administrative expenses, net.

The Company made discretionary contributions to certain advertising funds for the purpose of supplementing national and regional advertising in certain markets of \$192 thousand during the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 and \$56 thousand and \$1.1 million during the three and six months ended June 29, 2013, respectively, which are included in general and administrative expenses, net in the consolidated statements of operations. Additionally, the Company made net contributions to the advertising funds based on retail sales as owner and operator of company-owned restaurants of \$186 thousand and \$257 thousand during the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, and \$450 thousand and \$493 thousand during the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, which are included in company-owned restaurant expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. The Company also funded initiatives that benefit the gift card program of \$1.2 million and \$2.9 million during the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, and \$3.2 million during the three and six months ended June 29, 2013, which were recorded as reductions to the gift card breakage liability included within other current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.

### ***(b) Equity Method Investments***

The Company recognized royalty income from its equity method investees as follows (in thousands):

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
B-R 31 Ice Cream Co., Ltd.	\$ 533	602	844	1,004
BR Korea Co., Ltd.	1,178	1,019	2,225	2,029
Coffee Alliance, S.L. ("Coffee Alliance")	17	32	17	130
	<u>\$ 1,728</u>	<u>1,653</u>	<u>3,086</u>	<u>3,163</u>

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At June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, the Company had \$1.4 million of royalties receivable from its equity method investees, which were recorded in accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts, in the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company made net payments to its joint ventures totaling approximately \$778 thousand and \$1.1 million during the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, and \$1.3 million and \$2.1 million during the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, primarily for the purchase of ice cream products and incentive payments.

During the three and six months ended June 29, 2013, the Company made additional loans of \$899 thousand and \$1.6 million, respectively, to our Spain joint venture, Coffee Alliance. As of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, the Company had \$2.7 million of notes receivable from Coffee Alliance, of which \$2.5 million and \$2.7 million was reserved as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively.

The Company recognized sales of ice cream products of \$1.9 million and \$2.6 million during the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, and \$3.0 million and \$2.6 million during the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, in the consolidated statements of operations from the sale of ice cream products to Palm Oasis Ventures Pty. Ltd. ("Australia JV"), of which the Company owns a 20 percent equity interest. As of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, the Company had \$2.3 million and \$733 thousand, respectively, of net receivables from the Australia JV, consisting of accounts receivable and notes and other receivables, net of other current liabilities.

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

### Forward-Looking Statements

*Certain statements contained herein are not based on historical fact and are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the applicable securities laws and regulations. Generally, these statements can be identified by the use of words such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "feel," "forecast," "intend," "may," "plan," "potential," "project," "should," "would," and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. These forward-looking statements include all matters that are not historical facts. 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. These risk and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: the ongoing level of profitability of franchisees and licensees; our franchisees' and licensees' ability to sustain same store sales growth; successful westward expansion; changes in working relationships with our franchisees and licensees and the actions of our franchisees and licensees; our master franchisees' relationships with sub-franchisees; the strength of our brand in the markets in which we compete; changes in competition within the quick service restaurant segment of the food industry; changes in consumer behavior resulting from changes in technologies or alternative methods of delivery; economic and political conditions in the countries where we operate; our substantial indebtedness; our ability to protect our intellectual property rights; consumer preferences, spending patterns and demographic trends; the impact of seasonal changes, including weather effects, on our business; the success of our growth strategy and international development; changes in commodity and food prices, particularly coffee, dairy products and sugar, and other operating costs; shortages of coffee; failure of our network and information technology systems; interruptions or shortages in the supply of products to our franchisees and licensees; the impact of food borne-illness or food safety issues or adverse public or media opinions regarding the health effects of consuming our products; our ability to collect royalty payments from our franchisees and licensees; uncertainties relating to litigation; the ability of our franchisees and licensees to open new restaurants and keep existing restaurants in operation; our ability to retain key personnel; any inability to protect consumer credit card data and catastrophic events.*

*Forward-looking statements reflect management's analysis as of the date of this quarterly report. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations are more fully described in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including under the section headed "Risk Factors" in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K. Except as required by applicable law, we do not undertake to publicly update or revise any of these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.*

### Introduction and Overview

We are one of the world's leading franchisors of quick service restaurants ("QSRs") serving hot and cold coffee and baked goods, as well as hard serve ice cream. We franchise restaurants under our Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins brands. With over 18,400 points of distribution in 56 countries, we believe that our portfolio has strong brand awareness in our key markets. QSR is a restaurant format characterized by counter or drive-thru ordering and limited or no table service. As of June 28, 2014, Dunkin' Donuts had 10,993 global points of distribution with restaurants in 40 U.S. states and the District of Columbia and in 33 foreign countries. Baskin-Robbins had 7,412 global points of distribution as of the same date, with restaurants in 42 U.S. states and the District of Columbia and in 47 foreign countries.

We are organized into four reporting segments: Dunkin' Donuts U.S., Dunkin' Donuts International, Baskin-Robbins U.S., and Baskin-Robbins International. We generate revenue from five primary sources: (i) royalty income and franchise fees associated with franchised restaurants, (ii) rental income from restaurant properties that we lease or sublease to franchisees, (iii) sales of ice cream products to franchisees in certain international markets, (iv) retail store revenue at our company-owned restaurants, and (v) other income including fees for the licensing of our brands for products sold in non-franchised outlets, the licensing of the right to manufacture Baskin-Robbins ice cream sold to U.S. franchisees, refranchising gains, transfer fees from franchisees, and online training fees.

Franchisees fund the vast majority of the cost of new restaurant development. As a result, we are able to grow our system with lower capital requirements than many of our competitors. With only 29 company-owned points of distribution as of June 28, 2014, we are less affected by store-level costs, profitability, and fluctuations in commodity costs than many other QSR operators.

Our franchisees fund substantially all of the advertising that supports both brands. Those advertising funds also fund the cost of our marketing, research, and innovation personnel. Royalty payments and advertising fund contributions typically are made on a weekly basis for restaurants in the U.S., which limits our working capital needs. For the six months ended June 28, 2014, franchisee contributions to the U.S. advertising funds were \$182.8 million.

We operate and report financial information on a 52- or 53-week year on a 13-week quarter basis with the fiscal year ending on the last Saturday in December and fiscal quarters ending on the 13th Saturday of each quarter (or 14th Saturday when applicable with respect to the fourth fiscal quarter). The data periods contained within the three- and six-month periods ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013 reflect the results of operations for the 13-week and 26-week periods ended on those dates. Operating results for the three- and six-month periods ended June 28, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending December 27, 2014.

### Selected Operating and Financial Highlights

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Franchisee-reported sales (in millions):				
Dunkin' Donuts U.S.	\$ 1,813.2	1,704.5	3,428.1	3,230.5
Dunkin' Donuts International	176.7	170.8	345.4	338.8
Baskin-Robbins U.S.	169.1	161.9	278.9	269.5
Baskin-Robbins International	377.3	360.4	659.4	645.2
Total franchisee-reported sales <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 2,536.4	2,397.6	4,711.8	4,484.0
Systemwide sales growth	5.7 %	5.5 %	5.0 %	5.4 %
Comparable store sales growth (decline):				
Dunkin' Donuts U.S.	1.8 %	4.0 %	1.5 %	2.9 %
Dunkin' Donuts International	(3.1)%	(1.7)%	(2.7)%	(0.1)%
Baskin-Robbins U.S.	4.2 %	1.6 %	2.6 %	(0.9)%
Baskin-Robbins International	(1.6)%	2.6 %	(0.3)%	3.3 %
Financial data (in thousands):				
Total revenues	\$ 190,908	182,488	362,856	344,346
Operating income	87,557	76,805	156,654	140,264
Adjusted operating income	94,164	91,168	169,789	161,854
Net income attributable to Dunkin' Brands	46,191	40,812	69,147	64,610
Adjusted net income	50,155	43,881	85,783	75,026

(a) Totals may not recalculate due to rounding.

Our financial results are largely driven by changes in systemwide sales, which include sales by all points of distribution, whether owned by Dunkin' Brands or by our franchisees and licensees. While we do not record sales by franchisees or licensees as revenue, we believe that this information is important in obtaining an understanding of our financial performance. We believe systemwide sales growth and franchisee-reported sales information aids in understanding how we derive royalty revenue, assists readers in evaluating our performance relative to competitors, and indicates the strength of our franchised brands. Comparable store sales growth represents the growth in average weekly sales for restaurants that have been open at least 54 weeks that have reported sales in the current and comparable prior year week.

Overall growth in systemwide sales of 5.7% and 5.0% for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, over the same periods in the prior year resulted from the following:

- Dunkin' Donuts U.S. systemwide sales growth of 6.3% and 6.1% for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, as a result of 374 net new restaurants opened since June 29, 2013 and comparable store sales growth of 1.8% and 1.5%, respectively, driven by higher traffic and increased average ticket resulting from guests purchasing more items per transaction and positive mix as guests purchased more premium-priced items. Growth was driven by beverages, breakfast sandwiches, and donuts.
- Dunkin' Donuts International systemwide sales growth of 3.5% and 1.9% for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, driven primarily by sales growth in the Middle East, Germany, Spain, and India due to net new units and comparable store sales growth, offset by a decline in South Korea. Dunkin' Donuts International comparable store sales declined 3.1% and 2.7% for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, driven primarily by a decline in South Korea, offset by growth in the Middle East.
- Baskin-Robbins U.S. systemwide sales growth of 4.5% and 3.6% for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, resulting primarily from comparable store sales growth of 4.2% and 2.6%, respectively, driven by increased sales of cups and cones, cakes, beverages, as well as the launch of online cake ordering.

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- Baskin-Robbins International systemwide sales growth of 4.7% and 2.2% for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, driven by sales growth in South Korea and the Middle East. Baskin-Robbins International comparable store sales declined 1.6% and 0.3% for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, driven by a decline in Japan, offset by growth in South Korea and the Middle East.

Changes in systemwide sales are impacted, in part, by changes in the number of points of distribution. Points of distribution and net openings as of and for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013 were as follows:

	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Points of distribution, at period end <sup>(a)</sup> :		
Dunkin' Donuts U.S.	7,821	7,447
Dunkin' Donuts International	3,172	3,070
Baskin-Robbins U.S.	2,480	2,470
Baskin-Robbins International	4,932	4,640
Consolidated global points of distribution	<u>18,405</u>	<u>17,627</u>

(a) Prior year points of distribution have been adjusted to reflect the results of an internal point of distribution count audit.

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Net openings (closings), during the period:				
Dunkin' Donuts U.S.	75	63	144	141
Dunkin' Donuts International	17	33	(9)	27
Baskin-Robbins U.S.	12	5	13	7
Baskin-Robbins International	47	50	99	84
Consolidated global net openings	<u>151</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>259</u>

The increases in total revenues of \$8.4 million, or 4.6%, and \$18.5 million, or 5.4%, for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, resulted primarily from increased franchise fees and royalty income of \$9.5 million and \$12.4 million, respectively. Also contributing to revenue growth in the six month period was an increase in sale of ice cream products of \$4.3 million.

Operating income for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 increased \$10.8 million, or 14.0%, and \$16.4 million, or 11.7%, respectively, from the comparable periods of the prior year primarily as a result of increases in franchise fees and royalty income and a gain recognized in connection with the sale of all company-owned restaurants in the Atlanta market. Additionally, the prior year period included a \$7.5 million charge related to a third-party product volume guarantee and a \$7.0 million gain related to the sale of 80 percent of our Baskin-Robbins Australia business. Also contributing to the growth in operating income for the six month period were gains recognized in connection with the sale of real estate, offset by a reduction in breakage income on gift cards.

Adjusted operating income increased \$3.0 million, or 3.3%, and \$7.9 million, or 4.9%, for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, primarily as a result of the increases in franchise fees and royalty income and the gain on sale of company-owned restaurants in Atlanta, offset by the gain from sale of the Baskin-Robbins Australia business recognized in the prior year period. Also contributing to the growth in operating income for the six month period were gains recognized in connection with the sale of real estate, offset by a reduction in breakage income on gift cards.

Net income increased \$5.4 million for the three months ended June 28, 2014 primarily as a result of a \$10.8 million increase in operating income and a \$3.1 million decrease in interest expense, offset by a \$9.2 million increase in tax expense. Net income increased \$4.5 million for the six months ended June 28, 2014 primarily as a result of a \$16.4 million increase in operating income and a \$6.0 million decrease in interest expense, offset by a \$10.2 million increase in tax expense and a loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions of \$13.7 million compared to a \$5.0 million loss in the prior year period.

Adjusted net income increased \$6.3 million and \$10.8 million for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, primarily as a result of the increases in adjusted operating income of \$3.0 million and \$7.9 million, respectively, and decreases in interest expense, offset by increases in income tax expense.

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Adjusted operating income and adjusted net income are non-GAAP measures reflecting operating income and net income adjusted for amortization of intangible assets, long-lived asset impairment charges, and other infrequent or unusual charges, net of the tax impact of such adjustments in the case of adjusted net income. The Company uses adjusted operating income and adjusted net income as key performance measures for the purpose of evaluating performance internally. We also believe adjusted operating income and adjusted net income provide our investors with useful information regarding our historical operating results. These non-GAAP measurements are not intended to replace the presentation of our financial results in accordance with GAAP. Use of the terms adjusted operating income and adjusted net income may differ from similar measures reported by other companies.

Adjusted operating income and adjusted net income are reconciled from operating income and net income determined under GAAP as follows:

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
	(In thousands)			
Operating income	\$ 87,557	76,805	156,654	140,264
Adjustments:				
Amortization of other intangible assets	6,384	6,565	12,789	13,147
Long-lived asset impairment charges	523	107	646	355
Third-party product volume guarantee	(300)	7,500	(300)	7,500
Peterborough plant closure costs <sup>(a)</sup>	—	191	—	588
Adjusted operating income	\$ 94,164	91,168	169,789	161,854
Net income attributable to Dunkin' Brands	\$ 46,191	40,812	69,147	64,610
Adjustments:				
Amortization of other intangible assets	6,384	6,565	12,789	13,147
Long-lived asset impairment charges	523	107	646	355
Third-party product volume guarantee	(300)	7,500	(300)	7,500
Peterborough plant closure costs <sup>(a)</sup>	—	191	—	588
Loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions	—	—	13,735	5,018
Tax impact of adjustments <sup>(b)</sup>	(2,643)	(5,745)	(10,748)	(10,643)
Income tax audit settlements <sup>(c)</sup>	—	(8,417)	—	(8,417)
State tax apportionment <sup>(d)</sup>	—	2,868	514	2,868
Adjusted net income	\$ 50,155	43,881	85,783	75,026

- (a) For the three and six months ended June 29, 2013, the adjustments represent transition-related general and administrative costs incurred related to the closure of the Baskin-Robbins ice cream manufacturing plant in Peterborough, Canada, such as information technology integration, project management, and transportation costs.
- (b) Tax impact of adjustments calculated at a 40% effective tax rate.
- (c) Represents income tax benefits resulting from the resolution of historical tax positions settled during the period.
- (d) Primarily represents deferred tax expense recognized due to an increase in our overall state tax rate resulting from a shift in estimated apportionment of income within state jurisdictions.

**Earnings per share**

Earnings per share and diluted adjusted earnings per share were as follows:

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Earnings per share:				
Common—basic	\$ 0.44	0.38	0.65	0.61
Common—diluted	0.43	0.38	0.64	0.60
Diluted adjusted earnings per share	0.47	0.41	0.80	0.69

Diluted adjusted earnings per share is calculated using adjusted net income, as defined above, and diluted weighted average shares outstanding. Diluted adjusted earnings per share is not a presentation made in accordance with GAAP, and our use of the

term diluted adjusted earnings per share may vary from similar measures reported by others in our industry due to the potential differences in the method of calculation. Diluted adjusted earnings per share should not be considered as an alternative to earnings per share derived in accordance with GAAP. Diluted adjusted earnings per share has important limitations as an analytical tool and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because of these limitations, we rely primarily on our GAAP results. However, we believe that presenting diluted adjusted earnings per share is appropriate to provide investors with useful information regarding our historical operating results.

The following table sets forth the computation of diluted adjusted earnings per share:

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
(In thousands, except share and per share data)				
Adjusted net income	\$ 50,155	43,881	85,783	\$ 75,026
Weighted average number of common shares—diluted	107,186,360	108,211,994	107,583,260	108,185,485
Diluted adjusted earnings per share	\$ 0.47	0.41	0.80	\$ 0.69

## Results of operations

### Consolidated results of operations

	Three months ended				Six months ended			
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)		June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)	
			\$	%			\$	%
(In thousands, except percentages)								
Franchise fees and royalty income	\$ 122,267	112,794	9,473	8.4 %	\$ 228,979	216,559	12,420	5.7 %
Rental income	25,633	25,055	578	2.3 %	48,080	47,487	593	1.2 %
Sales of ice cream products	32,044	32,809	(765)	(2.3)%	60,715	56,389	4,326	7.7 %
Sales at company-owned restaurants	4,736	6,240	(1,504)	(24.1)%	11,052	12,011	(959)	(8.0)%
Other revenues	6,228	5,590	638	11.4 %	14,030	11,900	2,130	17.9 %
Total revenues	\$ 190,908	182,488	8,420	4.6 %	\$ 362,856	344,346	18,510	5.4 %

Total revenues for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 increased \$8.4 million, or 4.6%, and \$18.5 million, or 5.4%, respectively. The increase in total revenues was driven by increases in franchise fees and royalty income of \$9.5 million and \$12.4 million for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, primarily as a result of Dunkin' Donuts U.S. systemwide sales growth and additional franchise fees resulting from incremental gross development and the timing of franchise renewals. Offsetting the increases in franchise fees and royalty income were declines in sales at company-owned restaurants of \$1.5 million and \$1.0 million for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, as a result of a net decrease in the number of company-owned restaurants operating during the respective periods, primarily in the Atlanta market. Also contributing to the increase in revenues for the six month period was an increase in sales of ice cream products of \$4.3 million, or 7.7%, primarily due to an increase in sales to the Middle East offset by a decrease in sales to our Australian joint venture, as well as an increase in other revenues of \$2.1 million driven primarily by gains from refranchising transactions.



	Three months ended				Six months ended			
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)		June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)	
			\$	%			\$	%
(In thousands, except percentages)								
Occupancy expenses—franchised restaurants	\$ 13,560	12,820	740	5.8 %	\$ 26,572	25,596	976	3.8 %
Cost of ice cream products	22,995	24,302	(1,307)	(5.4)%	42,743	40,288	2,455	6.1 %
Company-owned restaurant expenses	4,904	5,940	(1,036)	(17.4)%	11,267	11,595	(328)	(2.8)%
General and administrative expenses, net	56,381	62,978	(6,597)	(10.5)%	116,095	118,555	(2,460)	(2.1)%
Depreciation and amortization	11,314	12,087	(773)	(6.4)%	22,632	24,517	(1,885)	(7.7)%
Long-lived asset impairment charges	523	107	416	388.8 %	646	355	291	82.0 %
Total operating costs and expenses	\$ 109,677	118,234	(8,557)	(7.2)%	\$ 219,955	220,906	(951)	(0.4)%
Net income of equity method investments	4,048	4,782	(734)	(15.3)%	7,148	7,869	(721)	(9.2)%
Other operating income	2,278	7,769	(5,491)	(70.7)%	6,605	8,955	(2,350)	(26.2)%
Operating income	\$ 87,557	76,805	10,752	14.0 %	\$ 156,654	140,264	16,390	11.7 %

Occupancy expenses for franchised restaurants for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 increased from the prior year periods due primarily to the impact of lease terminations.

Net margin on ice cream products for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 increased from the prior year periods to approximately \$9.0 million and \$18.0 million, respectively. The three and six month periods were favorably impacted by Australia inventory write-offs recorded in the prior year periods, while the increase for the six month period was also driven by an increase in sales volume, offset by an increase in commodity costs.

Company-owned restaurant expenses for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 decreased \$1.0 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, primarily as a result of a net decrease in the number of company-owned restaurants operating during the respective periods, primarily in the Atlanta market.

General and administrative expenses for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 decreased \$6.6 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, from the prior year periods due primarily to a \$7.5 million charge recorded in the prior year periods related to a third-party product volume guarantee. Offsetting this decrease for the three and six month periods were decreases of \$2.7 million and \$4.1 million, respectively, in breakage income recognized primarily on Dunkin' Donuts gift cards. The balance of the fluctuation in general and administrative expenses is due primarily to prior year investments in advertising and other brand-building activities, settlement of litigation, bad debt, and personnel and travel costs.

As a result of the closure of our ice cream manufacturing plant in fiscal year 2012, the Company expects to incur additional costs of approximately \$3 million to \$4 million primarily related to the settlement of our Canadian pension plan upon final government approval, which will likely be obtained in 2014.

Depreciation and amortization for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 decreased \$0.8 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, from the prior year driven by assets becoming fully depreciated and assets being written-off upon disposal, as well as a reduction of depreciation on leasehold improvements at the Company's corporate headquarters due to the extension of the related lease term.

Long-lived asset impairment charges for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 increased \$0.4 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, driven by the timing of lease terminations in the ordinary course, which results in the write-off of favorable lease intangible assets and leasehold improvements.

Net income of equity method investments for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 decreased \$0.7 million from each of the prior year periods driven by losses from our Japan joint venture, offset by an increase in income from our Korea joint venture and losses incurred by our Spain joint venture in the prior year periods.

Other operating income of \$2.3 million for the three months ended June 28, 2014 includes a gain recognized in connection with the sale of the company-owned restaurants in the Atlanta market. Additionally, other operating income of \$6.6 million for the six months ended June 28, 2014 includes gains recognized in connection with the sale of real estate. Other operating income of

\$7.8 million for the three months ended June 29, 2013 is due primarily to gains recognized on the sale of 80 percent of our Baskin-Robbins Australia business and the sale of real estate. Additionally, other operating income of \$9.0 million for the six months ended June 29, 2013 includes income recognized upon receipt of insurance proceeds related to Hurricane Sandy.

	Three months ended				Six months ended			
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)		June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)	
			\$	%			\$	%
(In thousands, except percentages)								
Interest expense, net	\$ 16,754	19,795	(3,041)	(15.4)%	\$ 34,626	40,513	(5,887)	(14.5)%
Loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions	—	—	—	n/m	13,735	5,018	8,717	173.7 %
Other losses, net	113	813	(700)	(86.1)%	86	1,203	(1,117)	(92.9)%
Total other expense	\$ 16,867	20,608	(3,741)	(18.2)%	\$ 48,447	46,734	1,713	3.7 %

The decrease in net interest expense for the three months ended June 28, 2014 resulted primarily from the refinancing transaction that occurred in February 2014, which resulted in a decrease in the weighted average interest rate on the term loans compared to the prior year period. Also contributing to the decrease in interest expense was a decrease in amortization of capitalized debt issuance costs and original issue discount as a result of the refinancing transaction. Additionally, net interest expense for the six month period was favorably impacted by a decrease in the weighted average interest rate and a decrease in amortization as a result of the refinancing transaction that occurred in February 2013. Considering the February 2014 refinancing, we expect interest expense to be approximately \$70 million in fiscal year 2014.

The loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions for the six months ended June 28, 2014 of \$13.7 million resulted from the February 2014 refinancing transaction. The loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions for the six months ended June 29, 2013 of \$5.0 million resulted from the February 2013 refinancing transaction.

The fluctuation in other losses, net, for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 resulted primarily from larger foreign exchange losses in the prior year periods due to fluctuations in the U.S. dollar against the Australian dollar.

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
	(\$ in thousands, except percentages)			
Income before income taxes	\$ 70,690	56,197	108,207	93,530
Provision for income taxes	24,719	15,487	39,408	29,159
Effective tax rate	35.0%	27.6%	36.4%	31.2%

The increase in the effective tax rate for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 resulted primarily from the reversal of approximately \$8.4 million of reserves in the prior year for uncertain tax positions for which settlement with taxing authorities was reached during those periods. These favorable tax benefits in the prior year were offset by an incremental \$2.9 million of tax expense incurred during the three months ended June 29, 2013 primarily as a result of an increase in our overall state tax rate due to a shift in estimated apportionment of income within state jurisdictions. The effective tax rate for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 was also favorably impacted by a reduction in our overall state tax rate due to enacted tax rate changes in certain state jurisdictions.

### Operating segments

We operate four reportable operating segments: Dunkin' Donuts U.S., Dunkin' Donuts International, Baskin-Robbins U.S., and Baskin-Robbins International. We evaluate the performance of our segments and allocate resources to them based on operating income adjusted for amortization of intangible assets, long-lived asset impairment charges, and other infrequent or unusual charges, and does not reflect the allocation of any corporate charges. This profitability measure is referred to as segment profit. Segment profit for the Dunkin' Donuts International and Baskin-Robbins International segments includes net income of equity method investments.

Prior to fiscal year 2014, the segment profit measure used by the Company to assess the performance of and allocate resources to each reportable segment was based on earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, impairment charges, loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions, and other gains and losses, and did not reflect the allocation of any corporate charges. Accordingly, the primary change from the historical segment profit measure is the inclusion of depreciation expense. Beginning in fiscal year 2014, the segment profit measure was revised to the adjusted operating income measure

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described above to better align the segments with our consolidated performance measures and incentive targets. The segment profit amounts presented below for the three and six months ended June 29, 2013 have been adjusted to reflect this change to the measurement of segment profit to ensure comparability.

For reconciliations to total revenues and income before income taxes, see note 7 to the consolidated financial statements included herein. Revenues for all segments include only transactions with unaffiliated customers and include no intersegment revenues. Revenues not included in segment revenues include revenue earned through arrangements with third parties in which our brand names are used and revenue generated from online training programs for franchisees that are not allocated to a specific segment.

*Dunkin' Donuts U.S.*

	Three months ended				Six months ended			
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)		June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)	
			\$	%			\$	%
(In thousands, except percentages)								
Royalty income	\$ 98,250	91,954	6,296	6.8 %	\$ 185,887	174,036	11,851	6.8 %
Franchise fees	8,430	5,694	2,736	48.1 %	15,430	15,066	364	2.4 %
Rental income	24,611	24,042	569	2.4 %	46,057	45,351	706	1.6 %
Sales at company-owned restaurants	4,736	6,240	(1,504)	(24.1)%	11,052	12,011	(959)	(8.0)%
Other revenues	423	742	(319)	(43.0)%	3,243	1,842	1,401	76.1 %
Total revenues	\$ 136,450	128,672	7,778	6.0 %	\$ 261,669	248,306	13,363	5.4 %
Segment profit	\$ 100,981	91,302	9,679	10.6 %	\$ 190,813	174,857	15,956	9.1 %

The increase in Dunkin' Donuts U.S. revenues for the three months ended June 28, 2014 was driven primarily by an increase in royalty income of \$6.3 million as a result of an increase in systemwide sales, and an increase in franchise fees of \$2.7 million due primarily to timing of franchise renewals and an increase in development year-over-year. The increases were offset by a decline in sales at company-owned restaurants of \$1.5 million due to a net decrease in the number of company-owned restaurants operating during the period, primarily in the Atlanta market.

The increase in Dunkin' Donuts U.S. revenues for the six months ended June 28, 2014 was driven primarily by an increase in royalty income of \$11.9 million as a result of an increase in systemwide sales, and an increase in other revenues of \$1.4 million driven by gains from franchising transactions. The increases were offset by a decline in sales at company-owned restaurants of \$1.0 million due to a net decrease in the number of company-owned restaurants operating during the period, primarily in the Atlanta market.

The increase in Dunkin' Donuts U.S. segment profit for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 of \$9.7 million and \$16.0 million, respectively, was driven primarily by revenue growth, as well as income recognized in connection with the sale of the company-owned restaurants in Atlanta. The increase in segment profit for the six months ended June 28, 2014 was also driven by gains on the sale of real estate, partially offset by incremental reserves on outstanding receivables and an increase in personnel costs as a result of continued investments in our Dunkin' Donuts U.S. contiguous growth strategy.

*Dunkin' Donuts International*

	Three months ended				Six months ended			
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)		June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)	
			\$	%			\$	%
(In thousands, except percentages)								
Royalty income	\$ 3,859	3,535	324	9.2%	\$ 7,554	7,028	526	7.5%
Franchise fees	635	342	293	85.7%	1,194	1,047	147	14.0%
Rental income	49	31	18	58.1%	84	59	25	42.4%
Other revenues	(22)	23	(45)	n/m	(26)	420	(446)	n/m
Total revenues	\$ 4,521	3,931	590	15.0%	\$ 8,806	8,554	252	2.9%
Segment profit	\$ 3,015	1,581	1,434	90.7%	\$ 5,872	4,133	1,739	42.1%

Dunkin' Donuts International revenues for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 increased by \$0.6 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, due primarily to increases in royalty income of \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, due to

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increases in systemwide sales. Additionally, franchise fees increased \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million for the three and six month periods, respectively, driven by openings in new international markets. The increase in revenues for the six month period was offset by a decline in other revenues of \$0.4 million driven by a decrease in transfer fees.

Segment profit for Dunkin' Donuts International increased \$1.4 million and \$1.7 million for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, primarily due to revenue growth and a reduction in expenses due to investments in marketing in the prior year. Also contributing to the increase in segment profit was a partial recovery of a previously-reserved note receivable related to our Spain joint venture, as well as losses incurred from our Spain joint venture in the prior year period. The increase in income for the six month period was also impacted by an unfavorable adjustment of \$0.3 million in the prior year period related to differences between local accounting principles applied by our South Korea joint venture and U.S. GAAP.

*Baskin-Robbins U.S.*

	Three months ended				Six months ended			
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)		June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)	
			\$	%			\$	%
(In thousands, except percentages)								
Royalty income	\$ 8,410	8,174	236	2.9 %	\$ 13,934	13,556	378	2.8 %
Franchise fees	222	203	19	9.4 %	397	472	(75)	(15.9)%
Rental income	814	820	(6)	(0.7)%	1,640	1,752	(112)	(6.4)%
Sales of ice cream products	1,104	1,087	17	1.6 %	2,040	2,048	(8)	(0.4)%
Other revenues	2,402	2,205	197	8.9 %	4,062	4,273	(211)	(4.9)%
Total revenues	\$ 12,952	12,489	463	3.7 %	\$ 22,073	22,101	(28)	(0.1)%
Segment profit	\$ 9,315	7,856	1,459	18.6 %	\$ 14,183	13,449	734	5.5 %

Revenues for Baskin-Robbins U.S. for the three months ended June 28, 2014 increased \$0.5 million to \$13.0 million due primarily to increases in royalty income driven by an increase in systemwide sales, and other revenues. Revenues for the six months ended June 28, 2014 remained consistent with the prior year period, as an increase in royalty income of \$0.4 million was offset by declines in other revenues, rental income, and franchise fees.

Baskin-Robbins U.S. segment profit increased \$1.5 million to \$9.3 million and \$0.7 million to \$14.2 million for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, primarily due to a reduction in expenses driven by reduced personnel costs, as well as investments in advertising and other brand-building activities in the prior year periods.

*Baskin-Robbins International*

	Three months ended				Six months ended			
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)		June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	Increase (Decrease)	
			\$	%			\$	%
(In thousands, except percentages)								
Royalty income	\$ 2,213	2,591	(378)	(14.6)%	\$ 3,956	4,856	(900)	(18.5)%
Franchise fees	248	301	(53)	(17.6)%	627	498	129	25.9 %
Rental income	139	142	(3)	(2.1)%	257	288	(31)	(10.8)%
Sales of ice cream products	30,902	31,722	(820)	(2.6)%	58,580	54,341	4,239	7.8 %
Other revenues	129	161	(32)	(19.9)%	222	362	(140)	(38.7)%
Total revenues	\$ 33,631	34,917	(1,286)	(3.7)%	\$ 63,642	60,345	3,297	5.5 %
Segment profit	\$ 11,724	19,411	(7,687)	(39.6)%	\$ 21,223	28,709	(7,486)	(26.1)%

Baskin-Robbins International revenues decreased \$1.3 million for the three months ended June 28, 2014 driven by a decline in sales of ice cream products of \$0.8 million due primarily to sales of ice cream products to our Australian joint venture in the prior year period in conjunction with the sale of 80 percent of our Baskin-Robbins Australia business, offset by an increase in sales to the Middle East, as well as a decline in royalty income. Baskin-Robbins International revenues increased \$3.3 million to \$63.6 million for the six months ended June 28, 2014 primarily as a result of a \$4.2 million increase in sales of ice cream products due to strong sales to the Middle East, offset by a decrease in sales to our Australian joint venture. The increase in sales of ice cream products was offset by a decline in royalty income of \$0.9 million.

Baskin-Robbins International segment profit decreased \$7.7 million and \$7.5 million for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, due primarily to a \$7.0 million gain recognized on the sale of the Baskin-Robbins Australia business in the prior year period and a decrease in income from our Japan joint venture, offset by an increase in ice cream margin. The ice cream margin for the three and six month periods as compared to the prior year periods was favorably impacted by Australia inventory write-offs recorded in the prior year period, while the increase for the six month period was also driven by an increase in sales volume, offset by an increase in commodity costs.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of June 28, 2014, we held \$176.4 million of cash and cash equivalents, which included \$99.1 million of cash held for advertising funds and reserved for gift card/certificate programs. Cash reserved for gift card/certificate programs also includes cash that will be used to fund initiatives from the gift card breakage liability (see note 6 to the consolidated financial statements included herein). In addition, as of June 28, 2014, we had a borrowing capacity of \$97.5 million under our \$100.0 million revolving credit facility. During the six months ended June 28, 2014, net cash provided by operating activities was \$59.7 million, as compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$9.6 million for the six months ended June 29, 2013. Net cash provided by operating activities for the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013 includes decreases of \$28.4 million and \$33.2 million, respectively, in cash held for advertising funds and reserved for gift card/certificate programs, which were primarily driven by seasonality of our gift card program. Excluding cash held for advertising funds and reserved for gift card/certificate programs, we generated \$88.7 million and used \$35.9 million of free cash flow during the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively.

The increase in free cash flow was due primarily to a favorable impact of changes in operating assets and liabilities, driven by a delay in cash collections of accounts receivable as a result of a change in shipping terms related to ice cream shipments to certain international markets that unfavorably impacted the prior year period, as well as the favorable impact of timing of tax and interest payments, offset by the payment of a third-party product volume guarantee. Additional drivers of the increase in free cash flow include proceeds from the sale of real estate and company-owned restaurants, as well as an increase in pre-tax income, offset by proceeds received in the prior year from the Australia sale.

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure reflecting net cash provided by operating and investing activities, excluding the impact of changes in cash held for advertising funds and reserved for gift card/certificate programs. The Company uses free cash flow as a key performance measure for the purpose of evaluating performance internally and our ability to generate cash. We also believe free cash flow provides our investors with useful information regarding our historical cash flow results. This non-GAAP measurement is not intended to replace the presentation of our financial results in accordance with GAAP. Use of the term free cash flow may differ from similar measures reported by other companies.

Free cash flow is reconciled from net cash provided by operating activities determined under GAAP as follows (in thousands):

	Six months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 59,671	9,557
Plus: Decrease in cash held for advertising funds and reserved for gift card/certificate programs	28,384	33,173
Less: Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	685	(6,829)
Free cash flow, excluding cash held for advertising funds and gift card/certificate programs	\$ 88,740	35,901

Net cash provided by operating activities of \$59.7 million during the six months ended June 28, 2014 was driven primarily by net income of \$68.8 million, increased by a loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions of \$13.7 million, depreciation and amortization of \$22.6 million, and dividends received from equity method investments of \$5.8 million, offset by \$35.3 million of changes in operating assets and liabilities and \$16.0 million of other net non-cash reconciling adjustments. The \$35.3 million of changes in operating assets and liabilities was primarily driven by the seasonality of our gift card program, the timing of tax and interest payments, and the payment of a third-party vendor guarantee. During the six months ended June 28, 2014, we received proceeds from the sale of real estate and company-owned restaurants of \$12.8 million and invested \$10.6 million in capital additions to property and equipment. Net cash used in financing activities was \$141.0 million during the six months ended June 28, 2014, driven primarily by repurchases of common stock of \$81.0 million, dividend payments of \$48.8 million, repayment of long-term debt of \$15.0 million, and payment of deferred financing and other debt-related costs of \$9.0 million in connection with the amendment of our senior credit facility in February 2014, offset by excess tax benefits of \$7.8 million realized from the exercise of stock options and proceeds from the exercise of stock options of \$4.3 million.

Our senior credit facility is guaranteed by certain of Dunkin' Brands, Inc.'s wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries and includes term loan and revolving credit facilities. The original aggregate borrowings available under the senior credit facility are approximately \$2.00 billion, consisting of a fully-drawn approximately \$1.90 billion term loan facility and an undrawn \$100.0 million revolving credit facility. As of June 28, 2014, there was \$1.82 billion of total principal outstanding on the term loans, while there was \$97.5 million in available borrowings under the revolving credit facility as \$2.5 million of letters of credit were outstanding.

In February 2014, we amended the senior credit facility to reduce the applicable interest rates. The senior credit facility now consists of \$1.38 billion in term loans due February 2021 ("2021 Term Loans"), \$450.0 million in term loans due September 2017 ("2017 Term Loans"), and a \$100.0 million revolving credit facility due February 2019. Pursuant to the February 2014 amendment to the senior credit facility, principal payments are required to be made on the 2017 Term Loans equal to \$4.5 million per calendar year, payable in quarterly installments beginning June 2014 through June 2017. Pursuant to the February 2014 amendment to the senior credit facility, principal payments are required to be made on the 2021 Term Loans equal to approximately \$13.8 million per calendar year, payable in quarterly installments beginning June 2015 through December 2020. The final scheduled principal payments on the outstanding borrowings under the 2017 Term Loans and 2021 Term Loans are due in September 2017 and February 2021, respectively. Additionally, following the end of each fiscal year, the Company is required to prepay an amount equal to 25% of excess cash flow (as defined in the senior credit facility) for such fiscal year. If DBI's leverage ratio, which is a measure of DBI's outstanding debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, adjusted for certain items (as specified in the credit facility), is no greater than 4.75x, no excess cash flow payments are required. The Company intends to make quarterly payments of \$5.0 million. As of June 28, 2014, \$1.38 billion and \$445.0 million of principal was outstanding under the 2021 Term Loans and 2017 Term Loans, respectively.

As a result of the February 2014 amendment to the senior credit facility, the 2021 Term Loans bear interest at a rate per annum equal to an applicable margin plus, at our option, either (1) a base rate determined by reference to the highest of (a) the Federal Funds rate plus 0.5%, (b) the prime rate, (c) LIBOR plus 1.0%, and (d) 1.75% or (2) LIBOR provided that LIBOR shall not be lower than 0.75%. The applicable margin under the term loan facility is 1.50% for loans based upon the base rate and 2.50% for loans based upon LIBOR.

As a result of the February 2014 amendment to the senior credit facility, the 2017 Term Loans bear interest at a rate per annum equal to an applicable margin plus, at our option, either (1) a base rate determined by reference to the highest of (a) the Federal Funds rate plus 0.5%, (b) the prime rate, and (c) LIBOR plus 1.0%, or (2) LIBOR. The applicable margin under the term loan facility is 1.50% for loans based upon the base rate and 2.50% for loans based upon LIBOR.

As a result of the February 2014 amendment to the senior credit facility, borrowings under the revolving credit facility bear interest at a rate per annum equal to an applicable margin plus, at our option, either (1) a base rate determined by reference to the highest of (a) the Federal Funds rate plus 0.5%, (b) the prime rate, and (c) LIBOR plus 1.0%, or (2) LIBOR. The applicable margin under the revolving credit facility is 1.25% for loans based upon the base rate and 2.25% for loans based upon LIBOR. In addition, we are required to pay a 0.5% commitment fee per annum on the unused portion of the revolver and a fee for letter of credit amounts outstanding of 2.25%.

As a result of the February 2014 amendment to the senior credit facility, we amended our variable-to-fixed interest rate swap agreements which hedge the floating interest rate on \$900.0 million notional amount of our outstanding term loan borrowings. The amendments aligned the embedded floors of the interest rate swaps with the amended term loans. As a result of the amendments to the interest rate swap agreements, we will be required to make quarterly payments on the notional amount at a fixed average interest rate of approximately 1.22%. In exchange, we will receive interest on the notional amount at a variable rate based on three-month LIBOR spot rate, subject to a 0.75% floor. There was no change to the notional amount of the term loan borrowings being hedged.

The senior credit facility requires us to comply on a quarterly basis with certain financial covenants, including a maximum ratio (the "leverage ratio") of debt to adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("adjusted EBITDA") and a minimum ratio (the "interest coverage ratio") of adjusted EBITDA to interest expense, each of which becomes more restrictive over time. For the second quarter of fiscal year 2014, the terms of the senior credit facility require that we maintain a leverage ratio of no more than 7.75 to 1.00 and a minimum interest coverage ratio of 1.70 to 1.00. The leverage ratio financial covenant will become more restrictive over time and will require us to maintain a leverage ratio of no more than 6.25 to 1.00 by the second quarter of fiscal year 2017. The interest coverage ratio financial covenant will also become more restrictive over time and will require us to maintain an interest coverage ratio of no less than 1.95 to 1.00 by the second quarter of fiscal year 2017. Failure to comply with either of these covenants would result in an event of default under our senior credit facility unless waived by our senior credit facility lenders. An event of default under our senior credit facility can result in the acceleration of our indebtedness under the facility. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure used to determine our compliance with certain covenants contained in our senior credit facility, including our leverage ratio. Adjusted EBITDA is defined in our senior credit facility as net income/(loss) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, and impairment of long-lived assets, as adjusted for the items summarized in the table below. Adjusted EBITDA is not a presentation made in accordance with GAAP,

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and our use of the term adjusted EBITDA varies from others in our industry due to the potential inconsistencies in the method of calculation and differences due to items subject to interpretation. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to net income, operating income or any other performance measures derived in accordance with GAAP, as a measure of operating performance, or as an alternative to cash flows as a measure of liquidity. Adjusted EBITDA has important limitations as an analytical tool and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because of these limitations we rely primarily on our GAAP results. However, we believe that presenting adjusted EBITDA is appropriate to provide additional information to investors to demonstrate compliance with our financing covenants. As of June 28, 2014, we were in compliance with our senior credit facility financial covenants, including a leverage ratio of 4.51 to 1.00 and an interest coverage ratio of 5.49 to 1.00, which were calculated for the twelve months ended June 28, 2014 based upon adjusted EBITDA, as provided for under the terms of our senior credit facility.

The following is a reconciliation of our net income to such adjusted EBITDA for the twelve months ended June 28, 2014 (in thousands):

	<b>Twelve months ended June 28, 2014</b>
Net income including noncontrolling interests	\$ 150,732
Interest expense	74,281
Income tax expense	82,033
Depreciation and amortization	47,481
Impairment charges	1,727
EBITDA	356,254
Adjustments:	
Non-cash adjustments <sup>(a)</sup>	10,405
Loss on debt extinguishment and refinancing transactions <sup>(b)</sup>	13,735
Other <sup>(c)</sup>	4,001
Total adjustments	28,141
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 384,395

(a) Represents non-cash adjustments, including stock compensation expense, legal reserves, and other non-cash gains and losses.

(b) Represents transaction costs associated with the refinancing and repayment of long-term debt, including fees paid to third parties and the write-off of deferred financing costs and original issue discount.

(c) Represents costs and fees associated with various franchisee-related investments, bank fees, severance, as well as the net impact of other insignificant adjustments.

Based upon our current level of operations and anticipated growth, we believe that the cash generated from our operations and amounts available under our revolving credit facility will be adequate to meet our anticipated debt service requirements, capital expenditures and working capital needs for at least the next twelve months. We believe that we will be able to meet these obligations even if we experience no growth in sales or profits. There can be no assurance, however, that our business will generate sufficient cash flows from operations or that future borrowings will be available under our revolving credit facility or otherwise to enable us to service our indebtedness, including our senior secured credit facility, or to make anticipated capital expenditures. Our future operating performance and our ability to service, extend or refinance the senior secured credit facility will be subject to future economic conditions and to financial, business and other factors, many of which are beyond our control.

#### Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued new guidance for revenue recognition related to contracts with customers, except for contracts within the scope of other standards, which supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance. The new guidance provides a single framework in which revenue is required to be recognized to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration to which a company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This guidance is effective for the Company in fiscal year 2017 and early adoption is not permitted. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this new standard will have on the Company's accounting policies, consolidated financial statements, and related disclosures.

In July 2013, the FASB issued new guidance which requires presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit as a reduction of a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward, except in certain

circumstances. This guidance was adopted by the Company in fiscal year 2014. The adoption of this guidance did not have any impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

There have been no material changes in the foreign exchange or interest rate risks discussed in Part II, Item 7A "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2013.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of June 28, 2014. The term "disclosure controls and procedures," as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of June 28, 2014, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

During the quarterly period ended June 28, 2014, there were no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.



**Part II. Other Information****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

In May 2003, a group of Dunkin' Donuts franchisees from Quebec, Canada filed a lawsuit against the Company on a variety of claims, based on events which primarily occurred 10 to 15 years ago, including but not limited to, alleging that the Company breached its franchise agreements and provided inadequate management and support to Dunkin' Donuts franchisees in Quebec (the "Bertico litigation"). On June 22, 2012, the Quebec Superior Court found for the plaintiffs and issued a judgment against the Company in the amount of approximately C\$16.4 million (approximately \$15.9 million), plus costs and interest, representing loss in value of the franchises and lost profits. As of June 28, 2014, the Company has recorded an estimated liability of \$25.1 million, which includes interest that continues to accrue on the judgment amount and the impact of foreign exchange. The Company strongly disagrees with the decision reached by the Court and believes the damages awarded were unwarranted. As such, the Company is vigorously appealing the decision.

In addition, the Company is engaged in several matters of litigation arising in the ordinary course of its business as a franchisor. Such matters include disputes related to compliance with the terms of franchise and development agreements, including claims or threats of claims of breach of contract, negligence, and other alleged violations by the Company.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

There have been no material changes from the risk factors disclosed in Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2013.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

The following table contains information regarding purchases of our common stock made during the quarter ended June 28, 2014 by or on behalf of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. or any "affiliated purchaser," as defined by Rule 10b-18(a)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Period	Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities			
	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs <sup>(a)</sup>	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(a)</sup>
03/30/2014 - 04/26/2014	260,000	\$ 47.92	260,000	\$ 110,591,422
04/27/2014 - 05/31/2014	1,000,000	44.58	1,000,000	66,014,547
06/01/2014 - 06/28/2014	—	—	—	66,014,547
Total	1,260,000	\$ 45.27	1,260,000	

<sup>(a)</sup> On February 4, 2014, our board of directors approved a share repurchase program of up to \$125 million of outstanding shares of our common stock. Under the program, purchases may be made in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions from time to time subject to market conditions. This repurchase authorization expires two years from the date of approval.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not Applicable.

**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

(a) Exhibits:

- 10.1 Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. Annual Management Incentive Plan
- 31.1 Principal Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 as Adopted Pursuant to the Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Principal Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 as Adopted Pursuant to the Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Principal Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Principal Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- Ex. 101.INS\* XBRL Instance Document
- Ex. 101.SCH\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
- Ex. 101.CAL\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
- Ex. 101.LAB\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
- Ex. 101.PRE\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
- Ex. 101.DEF\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document

\* In accordance with Regulation S-T, the XBRL-related information in Exhibit 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q shall be deemed to be "furnished" and not "filed."

**SIGNATURES**

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.

**DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.**

Date: August 6, 2014

By:

/s/ Nigel Travis

Nigel Travis,  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

**DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.**  
**ANNUAL MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE PLAN**

This Annual Management Incentive Plan (the "Plan") has been established to advance the interest of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. (the "Company") by providing for the grant of Awards to eligible employees of the Company and its Affiliates. The Plan is intended to comply with the requirements for tax deductibility imposed by Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder ("Section 162(m)"), to the extent applicable.

## **I. ADMINISTRATION**

The Plan will be administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Committee"). The Committee shall have the authority to interpret the Plan, and any interpretation or decision by the Committee with regard to any questions arising under the Plan shall be final and conclusive on all parties. In the case of any Award (as defined in Section III below) intended to qualify as exempt performance-based compensation under Section 162(m), as determined by the Committee (a "Section 162(m) Award"), (i) if any member of the Compensation Committee is not an "outside director" for purposes of such exemption, the "Committee" for purposes of the Plan will consist of a subcommittee consisting solely of those Committee members who are "outside directors" for such purposes (and, where applicable, references in the Plan to the Committee shall be deemed to be references to such subcommittee), (ii) the Committee will exercise its discretion consistent with qualifying the Award for that exemption and (iii) the Committee may delegate to other persons administrative functions that do not involve discretion. In the case of Awards other than Section 162(m) Awards, the Committee may delegate to other persons such duties, powers and responsibilities as it deems appropriate. To the extent of any such delegation, references herein to the "Committee" shall be deemed to refer to the person or persons to whom such authority has been delegated.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY; PARTICIPANTS**

Executive officers and other key employees of the Company and its Affiliates shall be eligible to participate in the Plan. An "Affiliate" means any corporation or other entity that stands in a relationship to the Company that would result in the Company and such corporation or other entity being treated as one employer under Section 414(b) or Section 414(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Committee shall select, from among those eligible, the persons who shall from time to time participate in the Plan (each, a "Participant"). Participation with respect to one Award under the Plan shall not entitle a Participant to participate with respect to a subsequent Award or Awards, if any.

## **III. GRANT OF AWARDS**

The term "Award" as used in the Plan means an award opportunity that is granted to a Participant with respect to a specified performance period consisting of the Company's fiscal year or such other period as the Committee may determine (such period, the "Performance Period"). A Participant who is granted an Award shall be entitled to a payment, if any, under the Award only if all conditions to payment have been satisfied in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the Award. By accepting (or, under such rules as the Committee may prescribe, being deemed to have accepted) an Award, the Participant agrees (or will be deemed to have agreed) to the terms of the Award and the Plan. Except as otherwise specified by the Committee in connection with the grant of an Award, the Performance Period applicable to Awards under the Plan shall be the fiscal year of the Company. The Committee shall select the Participants, if any, who are to receive Awards for a Performance Period and, in the case of each Award, shall establish the following:

- (a) the Performance Criteria (as defined in Section IV below) applicable to the Award;
- (b) the amount or amounts that will be payable (subject to adjustment in accordance with Section V) if the Performance Criteria are achieved; and
- (c) such other terms and conditions as the Committee deems appropriate with respect to the Award.

For Section 162(m) Awards, (i) such terms shall be established by the Committee not later than (A) the ninetieth (90th) day after the beginning of the Performance Period, in the case of a Performance Period of 360 days or longer, or (B) the end of the period constituting the first quarter of the Performance Period, in the case of a Performance Period of less than 360 days, and (ii) once the Committee has established the terms of such Award in accordance with the foregoing, it shall not thereafter adjust such terms, except to reduce payments, if any, under the Award in accordance with Section V or as otherwise permitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 162(m).

## **IV. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

As used in the Plan, the term “Performance Criteria” means specified criteria, other than the mere continuation of employment or the mere passage of time, the satisfaction of which is a condition for the vesting, payment or full enjoyment of an Award, including, for the avoidance of doubt, any individual performance factors. A Performance Criterion and any targets with respect thereto determined by the Committee need not be based upon an increase, a positive or improved result or avoidance of loss and may be applied to the Participant individually, or to a business unit or division or the Company as a whole. For Section 162(m) Awards, a Performance Criterion will mean an objectively determinable measure or objectively determinable measures of performance relating to any or any combination of the following (measured either absolutely or by reference to an index or indices or the performance of one or more companies and determined either on a consolidated basis or, as the context permits, on a divisional, subsidiary, line of business, project or geographical basis or in combinations thereof): net sales; system-wide sales; comparable store sales; revenue; revenue growth or product revenue growth; operating income (before or after taxes); pre- or after-tax income or loss (before or after allocation of corporate overhead and bonus); earnings or loss per share; net income or loss (before or after taxes); adjusted operating income; adjusted net income; adjusted earnings per share; channel revenue; channel revenue growth; franchising commitments; manufacturing profit; manufacturing profit margin; store closures; return on equity; total stockholder return; return on assets or net assets; appreciation in and/or maintenance of the price of the shares or any other publicly-traded securities of the Company; market share; gross profits; earnings or losses (including earnings or losses before taxes, before interest and taxes, or before interest, taxes, depreciation and/or amortization); economic value-added models or equivalent metrics; comparisons with various stock market indices; reductions in costs; cash flow or cash flow per share (before or after dividends); return on capital (including return on total capital or return on invested capital); cash flow return on investment; improvement in or attainment of expense levels or working capital levels, including cash, inventory and accounts receivable; operating margin; gross margin; year-end cash; cash margin; debt reduction; stockholders equity; operating efficiencies; market share; customer satisfaction; customer growth; employee satisfaction; supply chain achievements (including establishing relationships with manufacturers or suppliers of component materials and manufacturers of the Company’s products); points of distribution; gross or net store openings; new store first year sales; co-development, co-marketing, profit sharing, joint venture or other similar arrangements; financial ratios, including those measuring liquidity, activity, profitability or leverage; cost of capital or assets under management; financing and other capital raising transactions (including sales of the Company’s equity or debt securities; factoring transactions; sales or licenses of the Company’s assets, including its intellectual property, whether in a particular jurisdiction or territory or globally; or through partnering transactions); implementation, completion or attainment of measurable objectives with respect to research, development, manufacturing, commercialization, products or projects, production volume levels, acquisitions and divestitures; factoring transactions; and recruiting and maintaining personnel. Provided that the Committee has specified at least one Performance Criterion under this Section IV intended to qualify the Award as performance-based under Section 162(m), the Committee may specify other performance goals or criteria (whether or not noted in this Section IV) as a basis for its exercise of negative discretion with respect to the Award. To the extent consistent with the requirements of Section 162(m), the Committee may establish that, in the case of any Section 162(m) Award, one or more of the Performance Criteria applicable to such Award will be adjusted in an objectively determinable manner to reflect events (for example, the impact of charges for restructurings, discontinued operations, mergers, acquisitions, extraordinary items, and other unusual or non-recurring items, and the cumulative effects of tax or accounting changes, each as defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles) occurring during the Performance Period that affect the applicable Performance Criterion or Criteria.

## **V. CERTIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE; AMOUNT PAYABLE UNDER AWARDS**

As soon as practicable after the close of a Performance Period, the Committee shall determine whether and to what extent, if at all, the Performance Criterion or Criteria applicable to each Award granted for the Performance Period have been satisfied and, in the case of Section 162(m) Awards, shall take such steps as are sufficient to satisfy the certification requirement under Section 162(m) as to such performance results. The Committee shall then determine the actual payment, if any, under each Award. No amount may be paid under any Section 162(m) Award unless such certification requirement has been satisfied as set forth above, except as provided by the Committee consistent with the requirements of Section 162(m). The Committee may, in its sole and absolute discretion and with or without specifying its reasons for doing so, after determining the amount that would otherwise be payable under any Award for a Performance Period, reduce (including to zero) the actual payment, if any, to be made under such Award or, in the case of Awards other than Section 162(m) Awards, otherwise adjust the amount payable under such Award. The Committee may exercise the discretion described in the immediately preceding sentence either in individual cases or in ways that affect more than one Participant. In each case the Committee’s discretionary determination, which may affect different Awards differently, will be binding on all parties.

## **VI. PAYMENT UNDER AWARDS**

The Committee shall determine the payment dates for Awards under the Plan. Except as otherwise determined by the Committee, no payment shall be made under an Award unless the Participant’s employment with the Company or its Affiliates continues through the date such Award is paid. Payments hereunder are intended to fall under the short-term deferral exception to Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder (“Section 409A”), and shall be construed and administered accordingly. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) if the Award letter or other documentation establishing the Award provides a specified and objectively determinable payment date or schedule that satisfies the requirements of Section 409A, payment under an Award may be made in accordance with such date or schedule, and (ii) the Committee may, but need not, permit a Participant to defer payment of an

Award (pursuant to the Amended and Restated Dunkin' Brands, Inc. Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan, as further amended from time to time, or otherwise) beyond the date that the Award would otherwise be payable, provided that any such deferral shall be made in accordance with and subject to the applicable requirements of Section 409A, and that any amount so deferred with respect to a Section 162(m) Award shall be adjusted for notional interest or other notional earnings in a manner consistent with (as determined by the Committee) the requirements of Section 162(m).

## **VII. PAYMENT LIMITS**

The maximum amount payable to any participant for any fiscal year of the Company under Section 162(m) Awards will be \$10 million, which limitation, with respect to any such Awards for which payment is deferred in accordance with Section VI above, shall be applied without regard to such deferral.

## **VIII. TAX WITHHOLDING; LIMITATION ON LIABILITY**

All payments under the Plan shall be subject to reduction for applicable tax and other legally or contractually required withholdings.

Neither the Company nor any Affiliate, nor the Administrator, nor any person acting on behalf of the Company, any Affiliate, or the Administrator, will be liable for any adverse tax or other consequences to any Participant or to the estate or beneficiary of any Participant or to any other holder of an Award that may arise or otherwise be asserted with respect to an Award, including, but not limited to, by reason of the application of Section X below or any acceleration of income or any additional tax (including any interest and penalties) asserted by reason of the failure of an Award to satisfy the requirements of Section 409A or by reason of Section 4999 of the Code.

## **IX. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION**

The Committee may amend the Plan at any time and from time to time; provided, that, with respect to Section 162(m) Awards, no amendment for which Section 162(m) would require shareholder approval in order to preserve the eligibility of such Awards as exempt performance-based compensation shall be effective unless approved by the shareholders of the Company in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 162(m). The Committee may at any time terminate the Plan.

## **X. MISCELLANEOUS**

(a) Awards held by a Participant are subject to forfeiture, termination and rescission, and a Participant will be obligated to return to the Company payments received with respect to Awards, in each case (i) to the extent provided by the Committee in connection with (A) a breach by the Participant of an Award agreement or the Plan, or any non-competition, non-solicitation, confidentiality or similar covenant or agreement or (B) an overpayment to the Participant of incentive compensation due to inaccurate financial data, (ii) in accordance with any applicable Company clawback or recoupment policy, as such policy may be amended and in effect from time to time, or (iii) as otherwise required by law, regulation or applicable stock exchange listing standards, including, without limitation, Section 10D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Each Participant, by accepting an Award pursuant to the Plan, agrees to return the full amount required under this Section X(a) at such time and in such manner as the Committee shall determine in its sole discretion and consistent with applicable law.

(b) No person shall have any claim or right to be granted an Award, nor shall the selection for participation in the Plan for any Performance Period be construed as giving a Participant the right to be retained in the employ or service of the Company or its Affiliates for that Performance Period or for any other period. The loss of an Award will not constitute an element of damages in the event of termination of employment for any reason, even if the termination is in violation of an obligation of the Company or any Affiliate to the Participant.

(c) In the case of any Section 162(m) Award, the Plan and such Award will be construed and administered to the maximum extent permitted by law in a manner consistent with qualifying the Award for the exemption for performance-based compensation under Section 162(m), notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in an Award, the Committee shall, in its sole discretion, determine the effect of a Covered Transaction (as defined in the Company's 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as it may be amended from time to time) on Awards under the Plan.

(e) The Plan shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without giving effect to any choice of law provisions that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of the Plan to the substantive laws of another jurisdiction. The Plan shall be effective for Performance Periods beginning on or after December 28, 2014 (to the extent the material terms hereof have been approved by the Company's shareholders prior to such date).



## CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

I, Nigel Travis, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

August 6, 2014

Date

/s/ Nigel Travis

Nigel Travis  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer



## CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

I, Paul Carbone, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

August 6, 2014

Date

/s/ Paul Carbone

Paul Carbone  
Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 28, 2014, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, Nigel Travis, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that based on my knowledge:

- 1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- 2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Nigel Travis

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Nigel Travis  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: August 6, 2014

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. and will be retained by Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 28, 2014, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, Paul Carbone, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that based on my knowledge:

- 1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- 2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Paul Carbone

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Paul Carbone  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August 6, 2014

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. and will be retained by Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

